THE ANDREW MARION ROBERTS FAMILY



Pictured in front of Grandpa Roberts House in the 40's

Johnnie Mae Roberts Jackson, Dunn Roberts, Andrew M. Roberts, Edgar Roberts, Martha Ann (Mattie) Durrett Roberts, Grace A.Roberts Henderson, Brother Press probably already dead, brothers Elmer and Bob not in picture.

Andrew Marion Roberts' family

By his Great-Grandson
Albert Don Henderson

My Great Grandfather, Andrew Marion Roberts, came to Texas in a covered wagon in 1897 from Pulaski, Tennessee. Traveling with Grandpa Roberts was my Great Grandmother, Martha Ann Durrett Roberts, a 1 year baby, my Grandmother, Grace and the Roberts' brothers; Edgar(age 11), Elmer(age 9), Presley(age 7), and Dunn(age 4). According to my cousin Phyllis (Uncle Dunn's daughter) a wagon traveling with them that had a set of books and Uncle Dunn learned to spell E-N-C-Y-C-L-O-P-E-D-I-A. (Not bad for a 4 year old) Aunt Johnnie was born in Rio Vista or Melissa and I think Uncle Bob was born in Malakoff. Grandpa settled with his family in Rio Vista, near Cleburne, Texas and later lived in Melissa, which is located between Sherman and McKinney. In the early 1900's he bought 105 acres west of Malakoff, Texas; along what is now Star Harbor Road. Prior ownership of the 105 acres belonged to D.J. Payne. The deed was dated November 1904 and mailed to A.M. Roberts in Malakoff. The road was very difficult to travel because of much mud or sand. This road was the only way to travel to Corsicana and was the original highway 31. The lane on the west side of Grandpa's property went across Cedar Creek to Mabank. Grandpa built a house and a barn about 1904. He had crops of peanuts, cotton, and corn. He also raised chickens and hogs. He eventually built a smoke house, which is where he stored his pork. He was self-sufficient, growing everything he needed and living a very modest life style.



Picture to the left sometime in 1930 are the 5 Roberts brothers in front of Andrew and Martha Roberts home. Left to right are: Edgar, Elmer, Press, Dunn, and Bob

Pictured to the right circa late 1970's: My Grandmother (Grace Henderson), Aunt Lizzie Bell Rhodes Roberts (Uncle Dunn's wife), Aunt Johnnie Mae Roberts Jackson, Aunt Mildred Pettigrew Roberts





Pictured here is a Church of Christ group picture that was taken in front of the old Maudie Harrell building, East of the old Gentry building.Aunt Daisy Kirk Roberts is to the left. My Dad (Albert) is standing to the right. Grandpa Roberts is the one with the handle-bar Moustache.

Church was very important to the Roberts family and my Grandfather, Oscar Henderson, first came to Malakoff in about 1910 as a preacher. In 1911 he married my Grandmother, Grace Roberts. Times were hard, but since Grandpa grew all they needed to eat, they were always blessed with plenty. In the early days Grandma Roberts had a fancy horse and carriage that she used on Sunday afternoons. Grandma Roberts was a very gentle person, while Grandpa was known for his harshness. His favorite by word was "I-Gray" which he used to get Grand kids off his porch.



This is a picture of me (Albert Don Henderson) with Grandma and Grandpa in about 1944.

I can remember Grandpa catching a chicken with his walking cane and wringing its neck. Grandma prepared it for dinner. You cannot get fresher than that. Note: the smokehouse where Grandpa kept his pork.

One of Grandpa's favorite meals was possum and sweet potatoes. He would catch it and keep it under a tub for a while, feeding it good food. He also liked squirrel and he was an excellent shot with a rifle, so he had plenty. His favorite game to play at night was 42. This made his home a gathering place for family and friends. Grandpa was very frugal; no electricity, no running water, no

indoor toilet, no refrigerator. The only heat was supplied by a fireplace or a wood burning stove. Grandma used a wood stove to cook the meals. They had 2 mules that were used to plow and pull their wagon. Grandma made her own clothes and those for her kids with her foot pedal sewing machine. She also made her own soap out of hog grease and lye. Her washing was done outside on a rub board. They milked their own cow and churned their butter. Grandpa farmed from 1904 until Grandma passed away in 1946. He continued to farm until his death at home from internal injuries, Jan 9, 1949. Uncle Bob, the youngest Roberts Brother, died one month later, while plowing (Feb 16 1949).

Pictured are some of Grandma's Roberts' household tools. Her rub board, water bucket (like one she had, this one not hers), milk pitcher (came from Tennessee), Churn, Lamp, iron and coffee pot (this belonged to Grace and Oscar).



Last Name	First Name	Born	Birth place	Married	Died	Grand-children
Roberts	Andrew M.	April 12, 1859	Pulaski, Tenn.	Dec 14, 1884	Jan 9, 1949	
Roberts (Durrett)	Martha Ann (Mattie)	August 17, 1864	???		Oct. 28, 1946	
Andrew and Martha's Children	----------	--------	-------	-------	----------	
Roberts	Edgar Eirl	Sept 23, 1886	Pulaski	Daisy Kirk Died??	May 18, 1962	Lois, Mildred, Elizabeth
Roberts	William Elmer (Elmer)	Oct 16, 1888	Pulaski	Mildred Pettigrew Died: Nov 12, 1985	June 10, 1974	Elma Frances Died 6/20/2014 Married MK (Buddy) Miller, Died 11/27/85
Roberts	Presley Orgile (P.O.) Press	Dec 16, 1890	Pulaski	Hazel Wagner Died???	Oct 16, 1943	Jackie(stepson)
Roberts	Dunn Augusta	Sept 23, 1893	Pulaski	Lizzie Bell Rhodes Died Sept 13, 1980	Sept 6, 1977	Phyllis Rae, born Dec. 19, 1941
Roberts	Grace Aulyne	June 16, 1896	Pulaski, Tenn.	Oscar Henderson May 21, 1911	Mar 23, 1981	Albert, Died May 6, 1939 Preston- Died April 29, 1980 Martha, Died Oct 20, 1999
Roberts	Johnnie Mae	Oct 20, 1898	McKinney, Texas	James Robert Jackson, Feb 3, 1920	May 22, 1982	James, Edgar Owen, Charles, Gary Lee, Velma Grace, Jeannene
Roberts	Bobbie Lee	Dec 1, 1902	**Malakoff**	Blanche?? Note: I was told that Uncle Bob Married for a short while	Feb 16, 1949	

This is more Genealogy of Andrew Marion Roberts

Put together in April 23, 2014

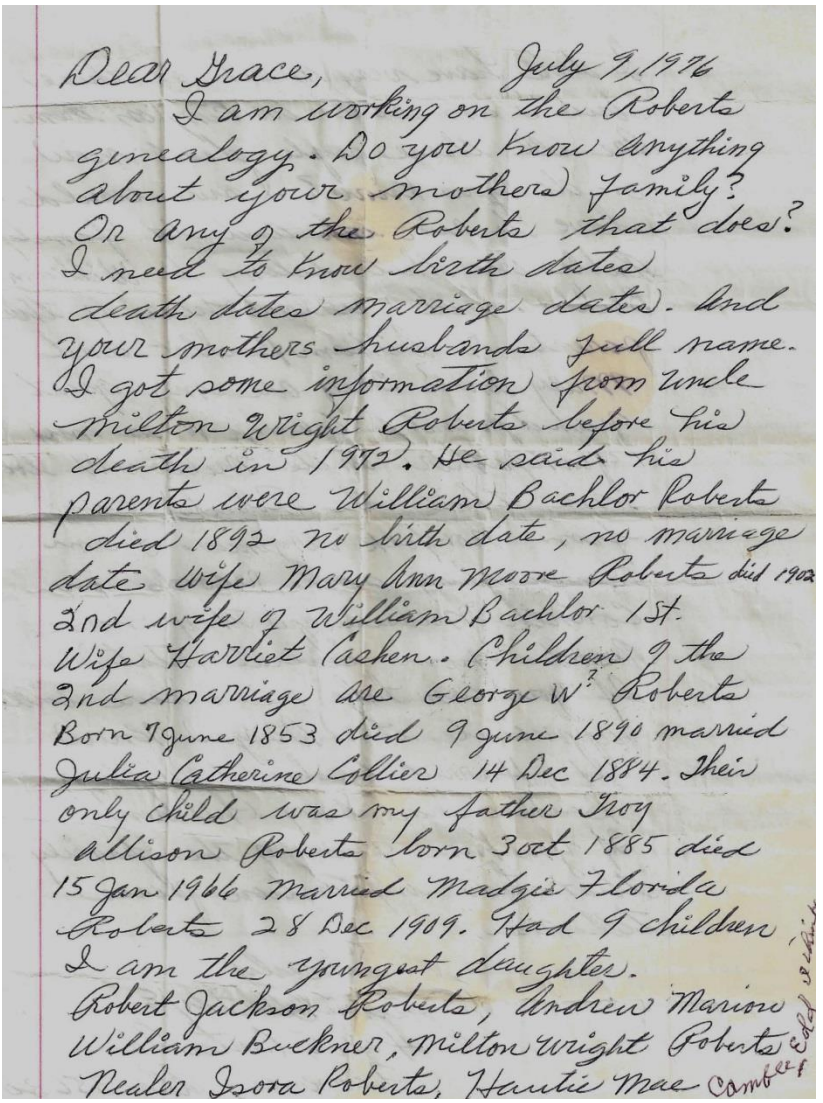
By his Great Grandson Albert (Don) Henderson

Please note: I have my Grandmother's (Grace Aulyne Roberts Henderson) bible record, a typed record by Martha Grace Henderson Farrell (daughter of Grace) and a letter written to Grace in 1976 by a Juanita Frye (a cousin who was living in Alabama at the time. I have sent an invite to the 2014 reunion after seeing on Goggle that her address was still good. Waiting on a reply.)

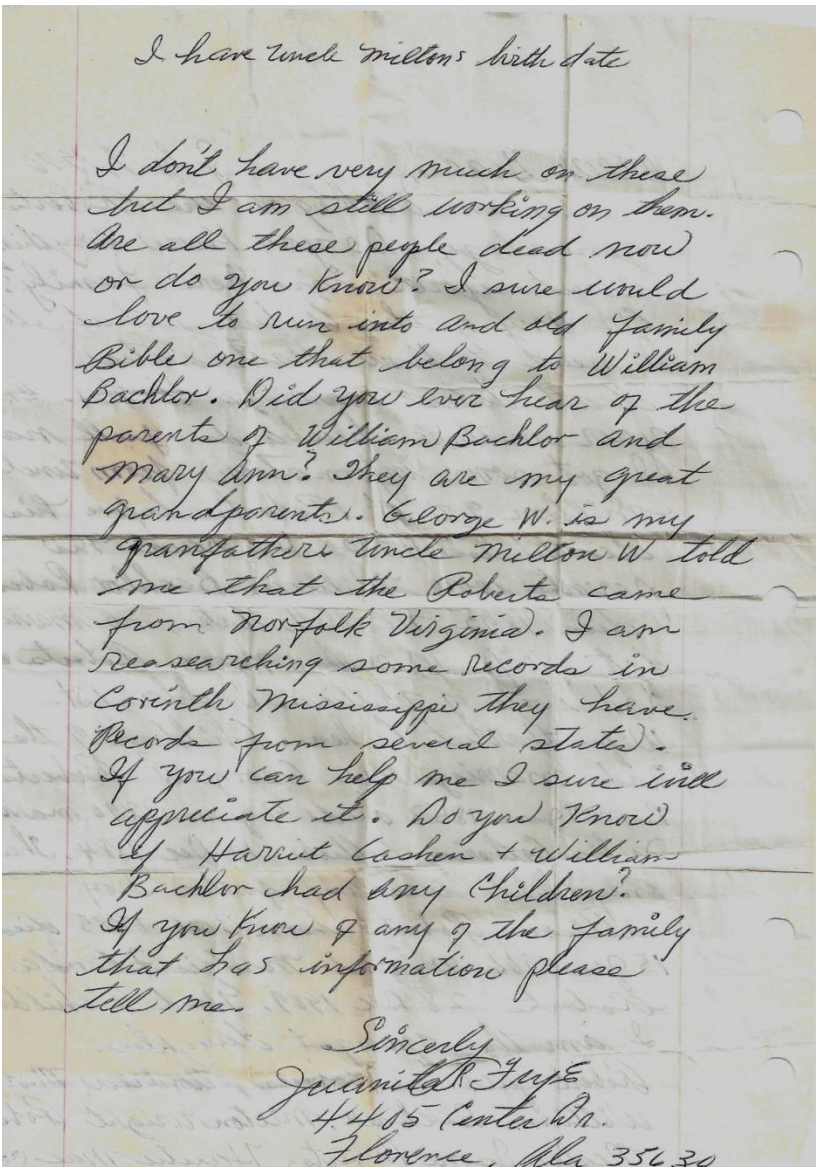
According to Juanita Frye she spoke with Uncle Milty (Milton Wright Roberts- Grandpa Roberts brother who passed away in 1972) I only recently re-read this letter that she wrote and I had forgotten about it. Aunt Martha sent me the letter in 1995 and I had put it away and forgotten about it. Recently when I re-read the letter I found something interesting. It seems that Grandpa's Father married a 2nd time. This Juanita was a descendant of the 2nd marriage. Never knew this.

Grandpa Andrew M. Roberts' parents:
William Bachlor (middle name added from the '76 letter) Roberts and here some more questions.
In Grandmother Grace's records, Grandpa Roberts Mother was Ann White Roberts, but in the letter from Juanita Frye, there is confusion. According to her letter, William Bachlor Roberts and Mary Ann Moore Roberts were the parents. The difference here is: Ann White vs. Mary Ann Moore?? Confusing. According to this letter, and apparently she had spoken with Grandpa Roberts brother, whom we called Uncle Milty and had garnered information from him. In the letter, Juanita states that William Bachlor Roberts was married to a 1st wife named Harriet Cashen. The 2nd marriage was to Our Great Great Grandmother, Mary Ann. George W.? Roberts was born June 7, 1853, died

June 9, 1890. George married Julia Catherine Collier, Dec 14, 1884. They had one child, Troy Allison Roberts, born Oct. 3, 1885 and died Jan 15, 1966. He married Madgis Florida Roberts Dec 28, 1909. I have read and reread the letter and am still confused.
Shown is the letter from Juanita Frye. See if you can figure it out?



Dear Grace, July 9, 1976
I am working on the Roberts genealogy. Do you know anything about your mothers family? Or any of the Roberts that does? I need to know birth dates death dates marriage dates. And your mothers husbands full name. I got some information from uncle Milton Wright Roberts before his death in 1972. He said his parents were William Bachlor Roberts died 1892 no birth date, no marriage date Wife Mary Ann Moore Roberts died 1902 2nd wife of William Bachlor 1st. Wife Harriet Tasken. Children of the 2nd marriage are George W.? Roberts Born 7 June 1853 died 9 June 1890 married Julia Catherine Collier 14 Dec 1884. Their only child was my father Troy allison Roberts born 3 Oct 1885 died 15 Jan 1966 married Madgis Florida Roberts 28 Dec 1909. Had 9 children I am the youngest daughter. Robert Jackson Roberts, Andrew Marion William Buckner, Milton Wright Roberts Nealer Isora Roberts, Hannie Mae Combs



I have uncle Millons birth date

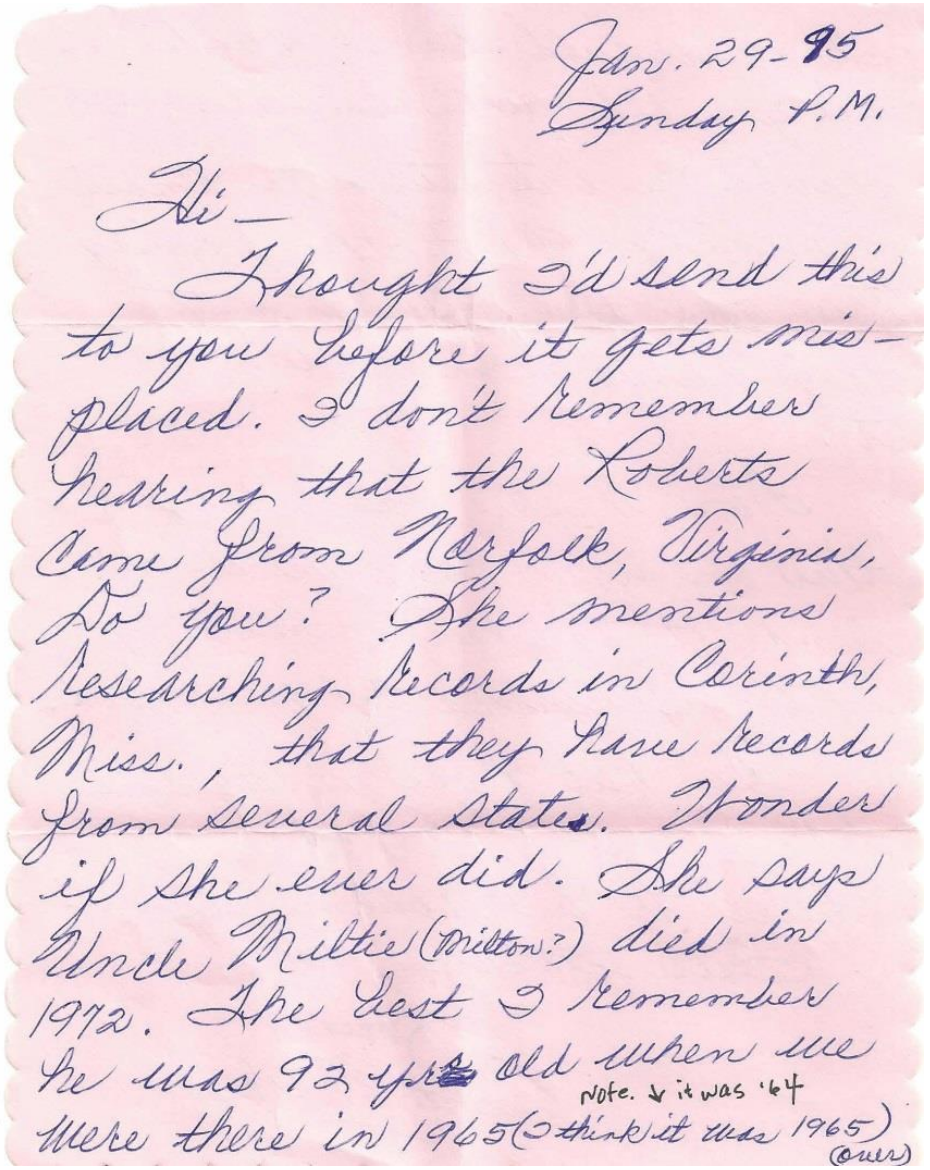
I don't have very much on these but I am still working on them. Are all these people dead now or do you know? I sure would love to run into and old family Bible one that belong to William Bachlor. Did you ever hear of the parents of William Bachlor and Mary Ann? They are my great grandparents. George W. is my grandfather uncle Millon W told me that the Roberts came from Norfolk Virginia. I am Reasearching some Records in Corinth Mississippi they have Records from several states. If you can help me I sure will appreciate it. Do you know if Harriet Cashen + William Bachlor had any Children? If you know of any of the family that has information please tell me.

Sincerly
Juanita R Frye
4485 Center Dr.
Florence, Ala 35630

April 16 (approximately) I sent an invite to the above address, asking if anyone would respond and tell me if any history was garnered by Juanita. According to Goggle, this was still a good address with the Frye's.

Note: On May 12, 2014 I received a surprise call from Wade Frye, son of Juanita. Juanita is now 86 and lives in an assisted living facility in Alabama

This is a letter that I received from Aunt Martha in 1995 Re: the Letter from Juanita Frye.



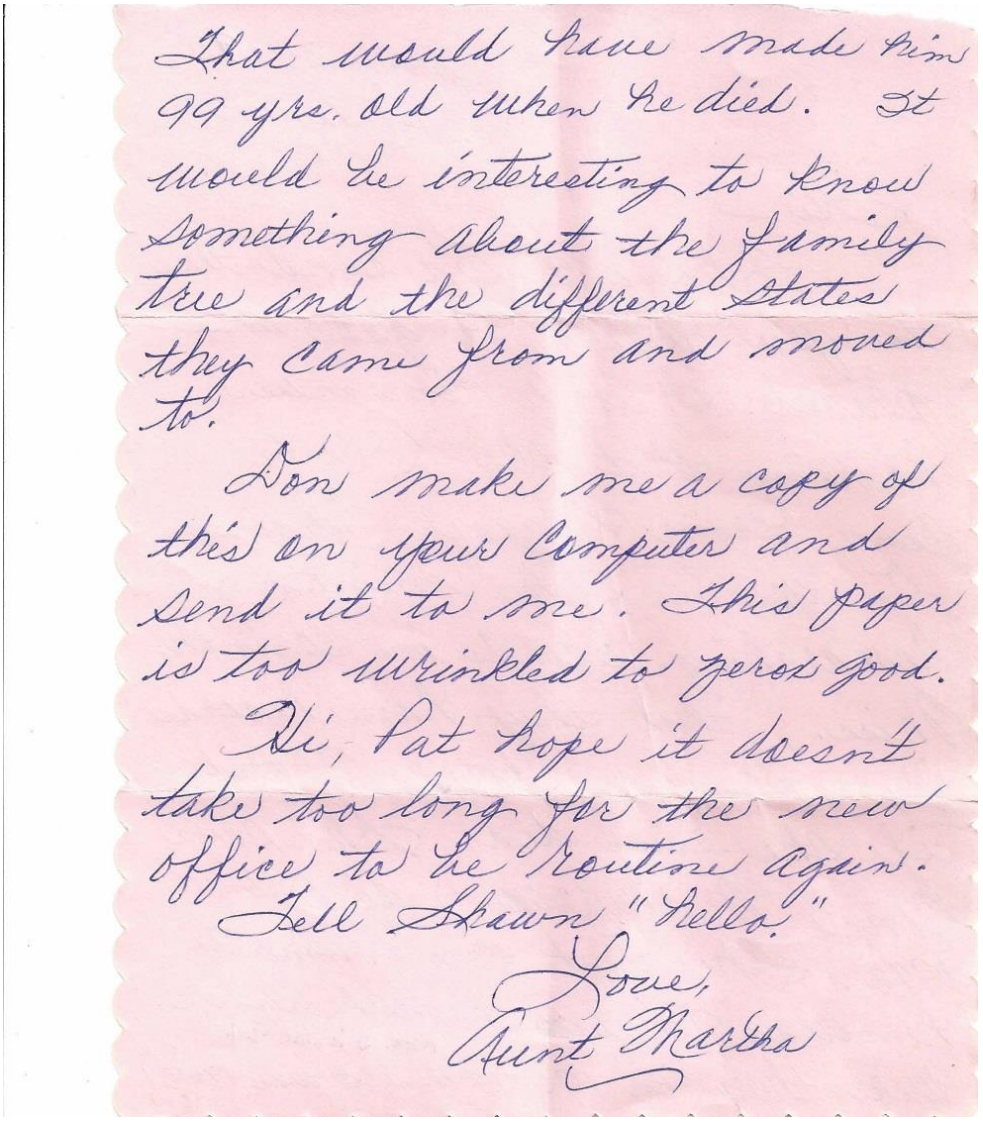
Jan. 29-95
Sunday P.M.

Hi—

I thought I'd send this to you before it gets misplaced. I don't Remember hearing that the Roberts came from Norfolk, Virginia, Do you? She mentions researching Records in Corinth, Miss., that they have Records from several States. Wonder if she ever did. She says Uncle Miltie (Milton?) died in 1972. The last I remember he was 92 yrs old when we were there in 1965 (I think it was 1965) Note. it was '64

(over)

Note: We made that trip in 1964, so Uncle Milty must have lived to 100.



That would have made him 99 yrs. old when he died. It would be interesting to know something about the family tree and the different States they came from and moved to.

Don make me a copy of this on your computer and send it to me. This paper is too wrinkled to zerox good.

Hi, Pat hope it doesn't take too long for the new office to be routine again.

Tell Shawn "Hello."

Love,
Aunt Martha

May 10, 2014. Pat, my wife, re-read the letter from Juanita Frye and she concluded (and I now conclude) that Grandpa Roberts' Mother was the 2nd wife of William Bachlor Roberts. According to Cousin Juanita, William B. Roberts was married to Harriet Cashen? before Mary Ann. No information about this marriage, but the Children of the 2nd marriage to Mary Ann were: (according to Juanita) George W. Roberts (Juanita's Great Grandfather), Robert Jackson Roberts, Andrew Marion (our Great Grandfather), William Buckner Roberts, Milton Wright Roberts, Nealer Isora Roberts, Hautie Mae (My Grandmother Grace noted on Juanita's letter that Hautie Mae married Edd Campbell?)

George W. Roberts married Julia Catherine Collier and they had one child, Troy Allison Roberts who married Madgie Florida Roberts and Juanita was the youngest daughter of 9 children. The invitation was sent to Juanita's old '76 address and lo and behold….I got that surprise call!! Wade Frye, son of Juanita, received a call from his son who now lives in Juanita's old home. His son told him that he thought he had received an important letter. What a delight it was to hear from Cousin Wade. He indicated that he might come to the reunion on May 24 and said he would send me some pictures. We exchanged emails and he did send several, one the same picture that I have of our Great-Great Grandmother, Mary Ann and one of Grandpa A.M. Roberts' sister Hautie. Another surprise came when Wade told me that he once lived in Spring and it was only a few miles from where we live. Small world!!

Taken from my Grandmother's bible 1/18/2013 by Albert (Don) Henderson Andrew M. Roberts was my Great Grandfather

NOTE: The red indicates additions to the information derived from Juanita Frye's letter

Andrew M. Roberts

His Brothers:

Buck **William Buckner**, George (Juanita's Grandfather), Milton Wright (Died in 1972)and Bob (Robert Jackson Roberts)

Sisters:

Hautie (Mae) Note: my Grandmother wrote that she married Ed Campbell, Neiller (Nealer Isora Roberts

Andrew's Dad was William Roberts and his Mother was Ann White Roberts (my Great-Great Grandparents)NOTE: According to Juanita Frye's notes, William Bachlor Roberts was married to Mary Ann Moore (not White) some controversy

NOTE In the letter written by Juanita Frye in 1976, George is Juanita's Grandfather. He was born June 7, 1853 and died June 9, 1890. He married Julia Catherine Collier, Dec 14, 1884. They had one child: Troy Allison Roberts, born Oct 3, 1885 and died Jan 15, 1966. He married Madgie Florida Roberts Dec. 28, 1909 and they had 9 children. Juanita was the youngest daughter

Great Grandmother

Martha Ann Durrett; her Dad was William (Billy) Durrett No mother listed in the Bible See other paper for more info

The typed paper loose in the Bible, shows her Mother to be V.A. Daughtry

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Note: on typed copy, Mary Lois Durrett born Dec 31, 1862 and died Jan 2, 1863 (which 150 years ago)

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Listed in bible

Martha Ann Durrett Roberts brothers

Rice*(Richard Rice)

John*

Sol(perhaps Soloman)*

Add(Atlantic on typed copy)*

Jesse M.*

Dunn born Jan 5, 1870

Cohn (Spelled Cone on other paper)*

Hicks(Henry)*

Sisters:Sarah, & Alice*

This is information typed by my Aunt Martha sometime in the late 50's or early 60's I would guess.

W.R. Durrett and V.A. Daughtry married June 30, 1859

Mary Lois Durrett born Dec 31, 1862, died Jan. 2, 1863
Martha Ann Amos Durrett Born Aug 17, 1864
Dunn Durrett born Jan. 5, 1870

W.R. Durrett and Charity V. White married Oct 14, 1874

John Durrett born July 25, 1875
Atlantic Durrett born Feb. 12, 1877
Richard Rice Durrett born Feb. 14, 1879
Cone Durrett born Aug 1, 1881
Alice Durrett born Dec 9, 1883
Henry Hicks Durrett born Dec 31, 1885
Solomon Durrett born March 13, 1888
Jessie M. Durrett born Dec 31, 1891

Martha Ann Durrett was married to Andrew Marion Roberts Dec 14, 1884

Sarah E. Durrett married Warren A. Harwell Feb. 16, 1890

Edgar Earl Roberts born Sept 23, 1886
William Elmer Roberts born Oct. 16, 1888
Presley Orgile Roberts born Dec 16, 1890
Dunn Augusta Roberts born Sept 23, 1893
Gracie Aulyne Roberts born June 16, 1896
Johnnie Mae Roberts born Oct 20, 1898
Bobbie Lee Roberts born Dec 1, 1902

Andrew Marion Roberts born April 12, 1859

Johnnie Mae Roberts married James Robert Jackson Feb 3, 1920

Velma Grace Jackson born Jan 8, 1921-----Malakoff
James Robert Jackson Jr. born July 18, 1922--Burk Burnett
Edgar Owen Jackson born Jan 25, 1924-Malakoff
Charles Marion Jackson born Nov. 28, 1925---Corsicana
Johnny Dean Jackson born March 3, 1927 died Aug, 1927---Malakoff
Billie Jeannene Jackson born Sept. 28, 1932 — Olney, Texas
Gary Lee Jackson bornAug 18, 1934 — Tyler, Texas

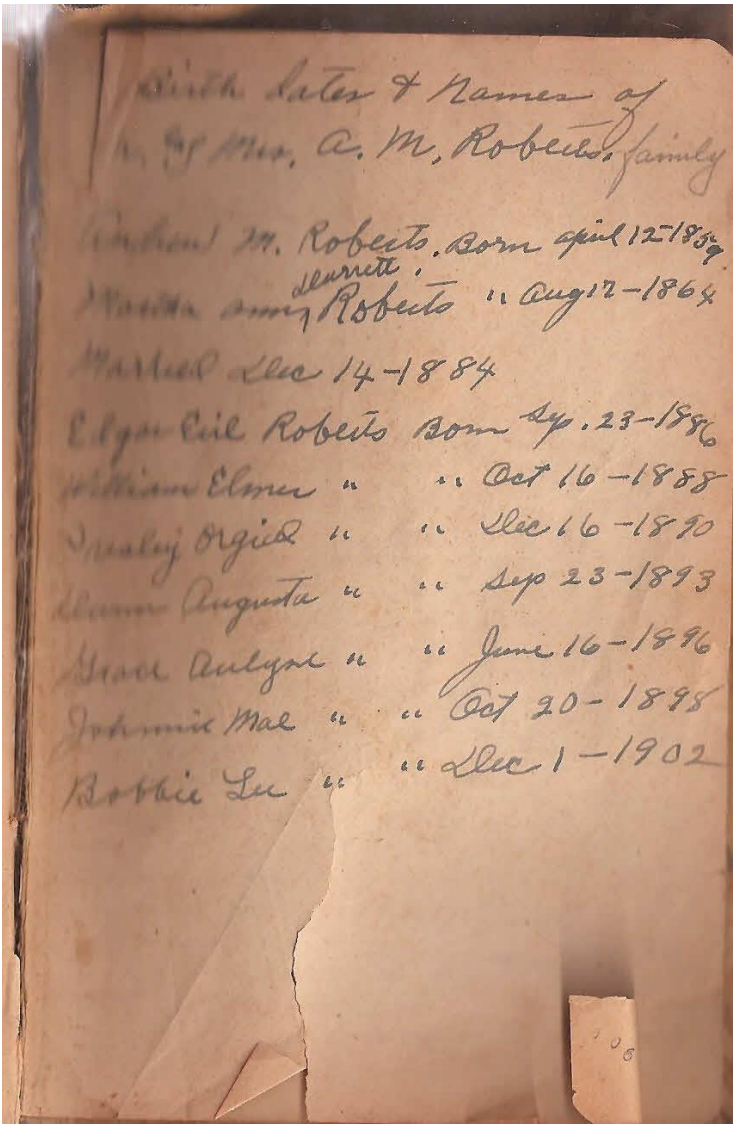
James Robert Jackson died Dec 1, 1939

Velma Grace Jackson married Edward Nunes Souza Feb 13, 1945
James Robert Jameson married Marie Batiesta 1946
Edgar Owen Jackson married Edna (Peggy) Jones
Charles Marion Jackson Married Leona Emily Richter April 1, 1951
Billie Jeannene Jackson married Darvin Leroy Grade
Gary Lee Jackson married Elizabeth

NOTE: Error in name of James Robert Jackson. Should be James Robert Jackson, not Jameson

It is interesting to note that Grandpa Roberts had 5 sons and none had sons. Uncle Edgar had 3 girls, Uncle Elmer 1 Girl, Uncle Dunn, 1 girl, Uncle Press no children, and Uncle Bob, no children. Therefore the Andrew M. Roberts line of Roberts is interrupted.

Hand Written Notes in
My Grandmother Grace's Bible


Birth Dates & Names of
M. & Mrs. A. M. Roberts family

Andrew M. Roberts. Born April 12-1859.
Martha Amy Leverett Roberts " Aug 12-1864
Married Dec 14-1884
Edgar Eric Roberts Born Sep. 23-1886
William Elmer " " Oct 16-1888
Dealey Orgie " " Dec 16-1890
Lenna Augusta " " Sep 23-1893
Grace Aulgre " " June 16-1896
Johnnie Mae " " Oct 20-1898
Bobbie Lee " " Dec 1-1902

Uncle Milty was Grandpa Andrew Marion Roberts' youngest brother. In 1962 after I graduated from College, my Grandparents Oscar and Grace treated me to a trip to visit Henderson relatives in Mississippi and Roberts' kin in Pulaski. We went a second time with Aunt Martha, Trina and Sam in 1964. Uncle Milty was born in 1872 and died in 1972, making him near 100. When we visited him, he was quite spry and in 1962 very friendly and talkative, but not so in 1964. Aunt Martha thought it was because of the extra people there. I, being only 23 at the time, did not pay as much attention to the history as I should have. I remember that he had been Milk Man and delivered milk in Pulaski as one of his jobs. He stood tall and alert and had the same handle bar moustache like Grandpa Andrew. We went to Church (The Church of Christ was in walking distance from his home) with him and his wife (cannot remember her name) on a Wednesday night and Uncle Milty led singing. He was 90 years old when we were first there. He told us that the state was not going to issue him a driver's license because of his age, but he re-tested for the license and passed. He was in his 50's before he married and I remember that his wife and my Grandmother Grace were the same age. It was told to me when he was in his 50's he married her when she was only 18. Uncle Milty had no children and as far as I know the only brother with boys was George (Juanita's Frye Grandfather). I know nothing at this writing of any of A.M. Roberts brother's offspring.

Uncle Milty took us to some other relatives, but I don't remember who they were. He also took us to the site of the Roberts old barn which is where Grandpa Roberts and his brothers grew up.



Here is Uncle Milty in 1961 with his dogs.

Some pictures of the AM Roberts family



Figure 1Uncle Edgar, Uncle Elmer, Uncle Dunn, Grace, Johnnie Mae in 1960 in front of Grandpa's place



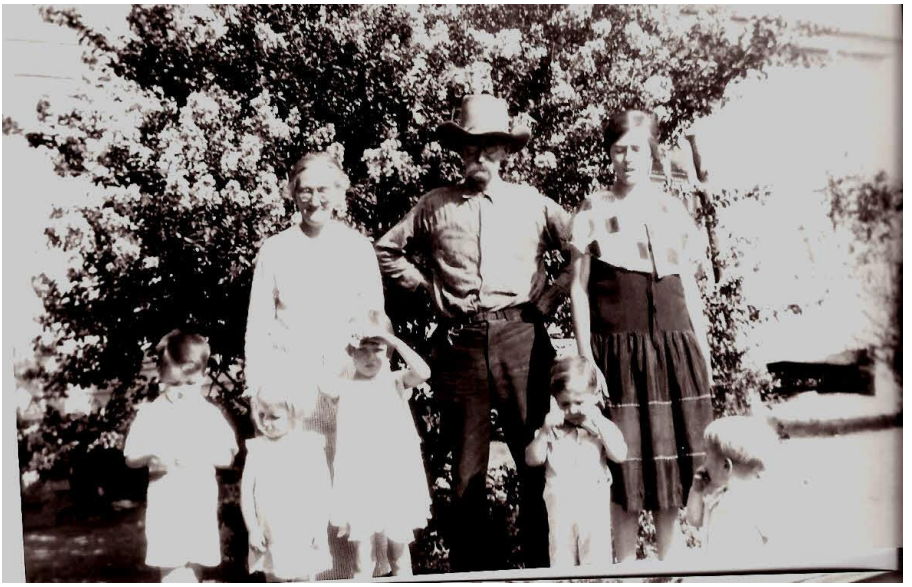
In Grandpa's front yard. 3rd from left (Grace Roberts Henderson), lady on right Maybe Aunt Hautie, 2nd from right is Grandma Roberts, and Grandpa Roberts. Man behind by car unknown. All others unknown. The woman to the right sure favors Grandma.



This appears to be same day as previous picture.
Left: Grandpa Roberts,
Grace Roberts Henderson with could be Martha Henderson Farrell, then Uncle Dunn, Unknown man holding a child, Aunt Hautie (Grandpa's Sister???), Grandma Roberts, At back unknown man.



Grandma Roberts, Grandpa and unknown Man



Grandma and Grandpa with Grand kids. Looks like Aunt Johnnie. Or my Grandmother Grace. They looked a lot alike at this age.



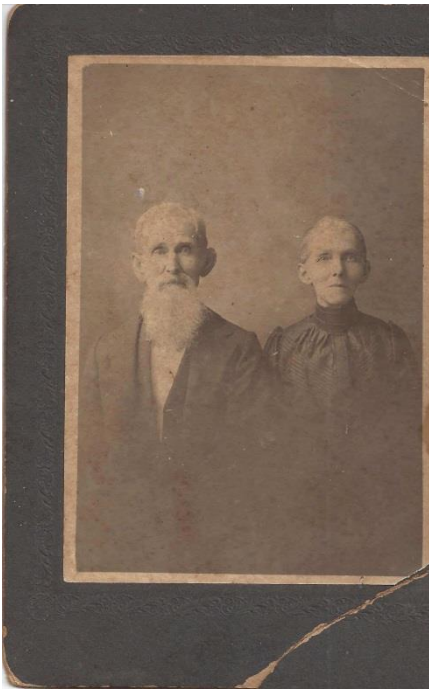
To right Grandpa and Grandma Roberts with unknown couple. Two girls hiding…Maybe Aunt Martha Henderson Farrell and Mildred or Lois Roberts??

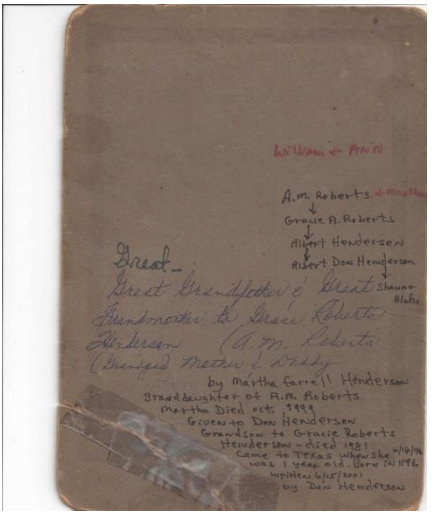


Grandma Roberts, Unknown, Grandpa Roberts



Unknown woman and Grandma Roberts





Grandpa Andrew Marion Roberts Grand Parents
Not sure of name.
Grace Roberts Henderson wrote on back, as did
Martha Henderson Farrell and Don Henderson
(me)
Still Researching some of this info.



Roberts Old Barn in Pulaski, Tennessee



Grandpa AM Roberts Mother, Mary Ann



Grandpa AM Roberts sitting on front porch with unknown.



At Grandpa Roberts home in Malakoff in the 40's
Uncle Dunn, Aunt Lizzie Bell, Grandpa, Gary Jackson, Uncle Edgar, Velma Grace, Aunt Johnnie, unknown dog

……..More about Grandpa Roberts

Grandpa's house was built in about 1904 on a 105 acre tract, along what is now star harbor road. The house as I remember it (reported by Don Henderson great grandson) was a frame house built on brick piers foundation, approximately 2 feet above ground. Behind Grandpa and the screen door was a dog trot that ran to the back of the house. Grandpa's bedroom was directly behind him and there was another bedroom behind Aunt Johnnie. The one behind Aunt Johnnie is the one that I remember staying in when Santa Claus visited me. Immediately behind Grandpa's bedroom was Grandma's kitchen, which had her wood cook stove, a dining table made of oak, a pie safe (which always had pies) and her flour box. Grandpa's room had the fireplace and the Chiffarobe (that had traveled with the group from Tennessee) and Grandpa and Grandma's bed. As told by my Aunt Martha, Grandpa kept (along with his clothes) a jar of Vicks and a pint of whiskey. Each night Grandpa would sniff the Vicks salve up his nose and take a swig of whiskey before retiring. I remember watching Grandpa

sit at the dining table and while having his breakfast, he would "saucer and blow" his coffee. This was accomplished by pouring the coffee into his saucer, blowing on it, and drinking out of the saucer. Of course I remember wanting Coffee too and Grandma fixed me Coffee. Many years later, my Grandmother told me that the coffee was about 90% milk and sugar. Down the hallway was a Coolerator, in which Grandma kept her milk and butter. At the back was a screened in porch and on the screened in porch was a pink chest of drawers, used to house Grandma's silverware. Note: After Grandma, Grandpa, and Uncle Bob had passed away, my Grandmother stored the old Chest of Drawers in our barn in Malakoff. It set in the barn for 30 years until I moved it to my house In Spring in 1978. I used to browse and look at that old ugly pink piece and had observed how rats had been chewing on it. When I got the furniture I decided to strip it. When I did, lo and behold; beautiful wood appeared. It has been suggested that the wood is apple, but I have never confirmed this. Uncle Edgar first built this for Grandma, who knows when. Know I use it as my personal dresser.

More Pictures



Julie Collier Roberts (Married to George one of Grandpa A.M. Roberts Brother)and Hautie Mae, Grandpa A.M Roberts' sister. Aunt Hautie lived in Dallas and married Ed Campbell

Picture provided by George Roberts Great Grandson, Wade Frye



Figure 2Troy and Madgie Roberts; Juanita Fyre's parents

Figure 3Troy Roberts, son of George; father of Juanita Frye



Figure 4Baby Picture of Troy



Cousins in 1960 Carol Miller Hudson, Jimmie Miller, Jackie Souza Richards, Suzanne Bradley

More A.M. Roberts Great Gand kids In Front of Granpa's home.

The History of Great Grandma Roberts

Great Grandmother Martha Ann Amos Durrett was born August 17, 1864. Her Dad was W.R. (William Billy) Durrett and her mother was V.A. Daughtry

The typed paper, loose in the Bible, shows her Mother to be V.A. Daughtry.

Note: in the typed copy it read Martha Ann Amos Durrett; I never noticed the Amos before.

- Note: on typed copy,
- Grandma infant sister Mary Lois Durrett born Dec 31, 1862 and died Jan 2, 1863
  (150 years ago)



- Brother: Dunn Durrett, born Jan 5, 1870 this picture taken from a tin type.

Apparently something must have happened to W.R. Durrett's first wife and he remarried to Charity V. White in 1874, the last child born to V.A. Daughtry (Grandma Roberts' Mother) was Dunn Durrett, born Jan 5, 1870, so Grandma's Mother either died or something happened **because Billy Durrett married Charity V. White Oct 14, 1874.**

Listed in bible

Grandma Roberts' siblings **by Mother Charity V. White**

- Rice*(Richard Rice)
- John*
- Sol(perhaps Solomon)
- Add(Atlantic on typed copy)
- Jesse M.*
- Dunn (I assume this was the brother of the first marriage)
- Cohn (Spelled Cone on other paper)
- Hicks(Henry)
  Sisters:
- Sarah E., & Alice
  NOTE: ACCORDING TO GRANDMOTHER'S RECORDS, Sarah married Warren A. Harwell, Feb 16, 1890

There are several letters (these may be copied later) that were written by Aunt Sarah to Grandma when Aunt Sarah lived in Texas. Most of these letters were written in 1917 during WWI, when everyone was concerned about the war and their children who were drafted into service. Uncle Dunn and Uncle Elmer both were serving.

Grandma was a large-boned lady and compared to Grandpa she was on the plump side. (Grandpa was 5'8" and 130. I knew this because I read it on an insurance application). I can still see her in always wearing an apron and sometimes a bonnet. According my Grandmother Grace, Grandma did the garden for the family. This was located on the west side of the house and it where she grew tomatoes, and other veggie for the family. This was in addition to her regular chores of cooking for the men while they were in the fields. In addition to this she churned the butter, washed the clothes on her rub board outside. She ironed the clothes with an iron that she heated in the fireplace and she made the kids clothes on her peddle sewing machine. One of the great memories that I have of her was at an Easter when she hid eggs for me. Some of the eggs included a dime wedged into the hard-boiled egg. I think she also milked the cow and kept the fresh milk in the coolerator. I remember that sometimes the mild tasted bitter, which I was told it, was from the cows eating bitter weed. Grandpa tried to eradicate the bitter weed, but with no luck. Now the "bitter weed" is on the endangered plant list!!

In the early days it was told that Grandma had a surrey that she would ride on Sunday afternoon to visit the sick in the area. My Grandmother said it was a pretty fancy rig. Grandma kids all called her Mamma and they called Grandpa "Poppa". She was known to her friends as Mattie. Mattie was a very gentle lady with a kind heart. She was a good seamstress and taught my Grandmother and Aunt Johnnie how to sew.



Among things that were saved are these half dimes. Grandma put this on the wrists of her babies. There are two sets like this and the half dimes are 1833 and 1853.

When the Roberts first came to Texas the live in Rio Vista for a short while and this must have been where Grandma had her picture taken. This picture is a Tin Type and scratched on the back in says Mrs. A.M. Roberts Rio Vista



This is William (Bill) Durrett, Grandma's father

This is Grandma Martha (Mattie) Durrett Roberts circa 1897-1904?





The Grace Roberts Henderson Family
By her Grandson Albert (Don) Henderson

Grace Henderson, my Grandmother, was born Gracie Aulyn Roberts, June 16, 1896 in Pulaski, Tennessee. She came to Texas in a covered wagon with her father, mother and brothers 1897. My Grandmother married Oscar Henderson, May 21, 1911.Grace was 15. and Oscar was 25. My Granddad, Oscar, came from Mississippi to Malakoff as a Church of Christ preacher around 1910. He knew the bible so well in his early days he would ask someone to quote a scripture and he would quote the one before and the one after. My Grandparents had three children: Albert Curling Henderson (born July 5, 1912 and killed in a car accident, May 6, 1939.) Lewis Preston Henderson (Born December 3, 1914; died April 29, 1980 in Abernathy, Texas) Martha Grace Henderson (Born September 18, 1924 and died, Oct 20, 1999. My Grandmother Grace and Oscar spent time in Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas. My Dad was already 12 and Uncle Preston 10 when Aunt Martha was born. My grandparents had begun their married life in Malakoff, moved away for a while and then returned to Malakoff in the early 1920's. In 1917 Oscar, Grace, Albert and Preston lived near Holly Springs, Mississippi with my Grandfather's father: Lewis Jerome Henderson. Later they moved to Heber Springs, Arkansas where my Grandfather, Oscar bought a "sight-unseen" piece of land for farming. It turned out to be too rocky for farming. In the early 1920's my Grandmother went to Beauty school in Dallas and obtained her Beauty Operator's license. She had the first Beauty Operator's license in Henderson County and the first beauty shop. This was during the time the coal mines were open in Malakoff. My Dad, Albert,



may have been the first male beauty operator in Henderson County. He fixed hair for the Mexicans in their community. My Grandfather, Oscar, continued as a farmer/preacher and anything else to make money. In the late 20's and early 30's times began to get really tough. I guess everything had not yet gone totally bad for Malakoff in 1929, because my Grandmother had an ad in the Malakoff News advertising for permanent hair waves. These were the ones that were called "spirals". Along about this time, according to my Grandmother, they could barely pay the rent and keep food on the table. She said all they had sometimes was flour and water. No one had any money and she was getting things like quilts, hams, chicken or eggs to fix someone's hair. During this period of time my father, Albert, was trying to earn money painting signs for people. He started with the sign painting for my Grandmother's beauty shop, which she called, LaGrace. It was located across from the old rock elementary school. My Dad was also a wood carver, He would get apple crate boxes from the store and using a pocket knife he created some pretty artistic items. I still have several in my home in Spring, Texas. One is a bathing beauty in a swim suit; another a Model T ford and a Franklin D. Roosevelt portrait.

Grace and Oscar in 1961 in front of their house on Cross Roads drive celebrating their





50th wedding anniversary



Martha, Preston, Oscar, Grace at 50th



This scrapbook was given to my Grandmother, Grace Henderson, by Fay Riddlespurger Lewis in 1939. Grace's scrapbook contains names of many of the early Malakoff women who signed when they had beauty work done. They came from Malakoff, Athens, Trinidad, Corsicanna, Mabank, Cross Roads, Cayuga and some out of state to get their hair fixed. My Grandmother even gave Bonnie Parker (she did not know it was Bonnie at the time) a permanent. (in fact Bonnie died with the new permanent)

In 1937 my Dad, Albert, married my Mother, Glady Rogers (Tom Roger's daughter). Sept 6, 1938, Albert Don Henderson was born (that's me). Being a new father and husband my Dad decided to get better work in Houston. In 1938 my Dad took a job with Hightower Termite control and lived in the Heights near downtown Houston. The plan was for my mother to stay in Malakoff until he was established and then my Mother and I were going to move to Houston to be with my Dad. I have a series of romantic letters that my Dad and Mom wrote back and worth to each other while he was in the Heights. My Mother and I finally moved to the Heights to be with my Dad. May 6, 1939 marks the time when all of our lives changed. We were going back to Malakoff for a visit and my Dad was killed in car accident out of Willis, Texas on highway 75. God decided that I needed to be with my Grandparents. My grief-stricken Mom decided to leave me with Oscar and Grace and so began my new life. At the time of the accident, Oscar was holding a gospel meeting out of state and communication being what it was, he was not notified of the accident until 2 days later. My Aunt Martha, being 14 years old when I was born, became more like a sister/mother to me. After the wreck we moved to Mergergal, Texas near Olney; then we moved to Abernathy, Texas and from there we moved to Ciril, Okalahoma. .At each place, my Grandmother had a beauty shop and Grandad

was the Church of Christ minister.I remember the first spanking that I ever got. (I can still feel it) I kneeled on my Grandmother's new leather chair and using a single edge razor, I cut a nice 2 inch slit.I began school in Abernathy and then we moved to Ciril, Okalahoma. I completed the 2nd half of the first grade in Ciril.In 1946, when Grandma Roberts became ill, we moved back to Malakoff. We lived in a very small house on the West side of Grandpa's. We had to haul our water, use a wood burning stove, and had no indoor facilities nor electrity. While we lived there, I began the 2nd grade in Malakoff and graduated from high school in 1957. Across the street from Grandpa Roberts was where the I. V. Shelton's lived (this was along what is now Star Harbor Road) and we all walked to school together up that muddy or sandy road to get to the old rock elementary school. Later we moved next door to Charlie Day on Cross Roads drive and my Grandmother had the first house that she was not renting (one she could actually call home). My Grandfather took a preaching job in Arizona, and he stayed 2 years, until we paid for the house. On this half acre, my Grandfather raised figs, peaches, tomatoes, squash, peas, beans, grapes and many other things in this garden. (enough for everyone in town practically) By this time he was semi-retired and he devoted practically full time to gardening and his other love; writing. My Grandmother continued to have a beauty shop in our home. We were surrounded by wonderful neighbors. My great friend, Eddie Nokes and his family lived next door, the Dodson's across the street. Other neighbors were: Miss Willie West, the Allens, the Days, LeLaBell Dodson, Mrs. Reese, Mrs Clay, and down the road the Shelton's. Eddie, Royce and I often roamed the entire Walnut Creek bottom from sunup to sundown. I was always surround by books that my Grandfather had and they were in the Henderson family bookcase, which Grandad had shipped from Mississippi in 1954. We had no car, so we walked everywhere. No indoor facilities until I was in high school. Our lives centered around Church and school. My Grandparents were able to see me graduate from Lamar Tech and Texas A&M. Oscar passed away in 1970 and Grace in 1981.



Oscar, Grace, Gladys, Don at Don's Graduation in August of 1962 from Lamar Tech in Beaumont, Texas



Figure 5Aunt Martha, Uncle Preston, Granddad Oscar, Grandmother Grace in Front yard in Malakoff



Figure 6Aunt Johnnie, A. Martha, Mommie



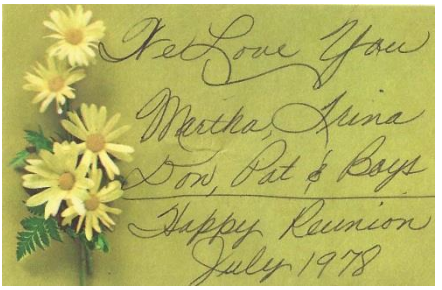


Figure 7Grace, Aunt Lizzie, A. Johnnie, A. Mildred 1978



Mrs. Oscar Henderson, retired beauty shop owner - operator, exhibits a linen and crocheted tablecloth, one of numerous items she had on display at the Senior Citizens Fair in Athens on Friday, May 29. Mrs. Henderson had one of the largest exhibits of the show.

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Senior Citizens Fair Draws Entries From Area Residents

Many area residents displayed their talents and versatility at the Senior Citizens Fair held in the ballroom of the Student Union Building of Henderson County Junior College in Athens on Friday, May 29.

H. H. Saunders of Trinidad, retired employee of Texas Power and Light, and winner of many awards at state fairs, had quite an exhibit of his handiwork which included such items as cross stitch tablecloths, quilt, framed embroidered pictures and needlepoint pieces.

Among the entries and outstanding exhibits from Malakoff, were those of Mrs. Grace Henderson, Mrs. Jessie Thomas, and Mrs. R. H. Richardson.

From Cedar Lake Nursing Home were entries of Mrs. Lela Reese, Arthur Rozell, Mrs. Elsie Bonner, Mrs. Leona Bradley, Mrs. Necie Mayhew, Mrs. Laura Jones, Mrs. Zelma Kuykendall, and Mrs. Zadie Vogel.

The show was sponsored by the Henderson County Committee on Aging and the Henderson County Agricultural Extension Service, and was for the purpose of displaying talents of older generation.

Approximately 40 entries were on exhibit which included ceramics, canned products, fine arts, household articles, antiques, hobby collections, collectors items, and fancy hand work of various kinds. No articles were judged, and no prizes awarded; however, exhibitors weree eal were allowed to sell his merchandise if he so desired.

Blue ribbons were awarded booths which were visited throughout the day by many interested in viewing the beautiful and original hand work.

Organ music was provided by the Tyler Piano Company, and a number of Senior Citizens gathered round in groups to sing their favorite songs of yesteryear.

An enjoyable time was had by all, and the prevailing conversations were of new and different items to be made for the Fair of '71.

The Builders Class of United Methodist Church held their monthly luncheon in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday of last week. Nine members were present and one visitor, Mrs. Wayne Cannon. The group was led in invocation by Mrs. W. W. Hardt prior to the enjoyment of a delicious covered dish lunch.

Grace, my Grandmother, continued to do her handiwork after Granddaddy had passed away.



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AN OLD FASHIONED Quilting Bee was held Friday at the home of Mrs. Wynelle Garrison. After a salad luncheon, the eight women practiced their quilting stitches. Other quilting projects are planned for future meetings. Seated left to right above, Grace Souza, Johnnie Mae Jackson, Jean Purselley, Lavoe Butler, and Mattie Baker. Standing, left to right, Cindy Brooks, Wynelle Garrison, and Grace Henderson.

The Johnnie Mae Roberts Jackson Family
By her Great Nephew,
Albert Don Henderson

Aunt Johnnie was born Oct. 20 1898 in McKinney, Texas and passed away 7:15 a.m.,May 22, 1982 at the age of 83.. Her parents were Andrew and Martha Roberts and she came with them to Malakoff in the early 1900's. She married James Robert Jackson Feb 3, 1920. Uncle Jim Jackson died, Dec 1, 1939 and left Aunt Johnnie in Malakoff with young children still living at home. Because Aunt Johnnie was a very strong Christian lady with lots of determination she managed to raise all of her kids by herself. Uncle Jim had been gassed during WW I and never really recovered from it. Aunt Johnnie never received much help from our government, but relied upon her own ingenuity to survive. She continued to live in Malakoff on the street we all called clay hill because of the muddy road. She passed away in May of 1982, spending the last 40+ years in Malakoff. During this time she earned her living as a seamstress.

Her children were:

- Velma Grace Jackson, born Jan 8, 1921 in Malakoff and lived there her entire life. She married Edward Nunes Souza Feb 13, 1945 and they had three children; Jill, Jackie, Chip Souza. They lived across the street from the old high school, now the junior high. Velma passed away Feb 14, 2006
- James Robert Jackson- born July 18, 1922 in Burk Burnett. Married Marie Batiesta 1946. Lived in Chicago. Died in the 1980's while visiting in Malakoff
- Edgar Owen Jackson- born Jan 25, 1924; married Edna (Peggy) Jones E.O. died in 2007.

- Charles Marion Jackson- born Nov. 28, 1925 in Corsicana married Leona Emily Richter, April 1, 1951, 2 children. Charles passed away in late 2013.
- Billie (Jeannene) Jackson, born Sept 28, 1932 in Olney, Texas. Married Darin Leroy (Dick) Grade
- Gary Lee Jackson- born Aug 18, 1934 in Tyler, Texas. Married Elizabeth, died approximately 2005.
- Johnny Dean Jackson- born March 3, 1927, died Aug, 1927 in Malakoff



Figure 8Grandma Roberts, Edgar Owen Jackson, Charles, A. Johnnie, A. Mildred, Uncle Elmer, James Jackson, Jeannene, Don



Figure 9Gary, A. Johnnie, Jeannene, Gladys, Don, Uncle Preston





The Jackson Brothers served in WWII



Eddie Souza, Velma Grace Jackson Souza's husband also served



Edgar Owens, James, Velma Grace, Charles, A. Johnnie, Gary, Jeannene



Figure 10James Jackson, Grace Henderson, Don Henderson at Grandpa Roberts in about 1943

Figure 11In Front of Aunt Johnnie's house in 1972





Figure 12Aunt Johnnie Mae Jackson and Grace Henderson (sisters) in front of Aunt Johnnie's house in 1972



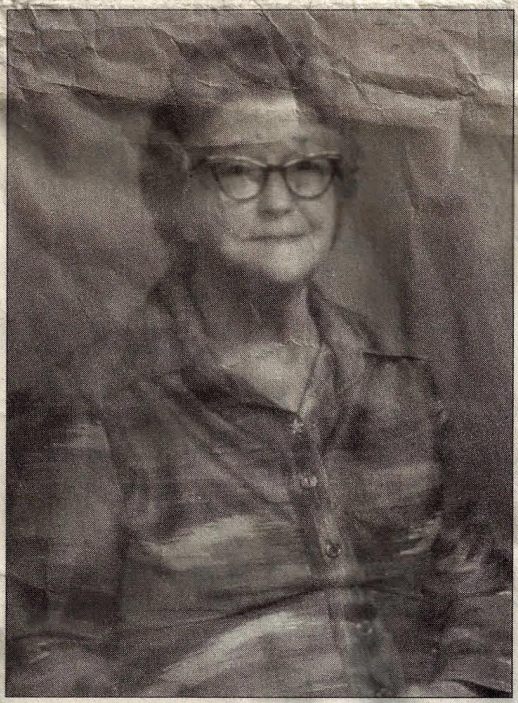
Aunt Johnnie, Aunt Martha at Edgar Owens House in 1980

Figure 13Poem dedicated to her Grandmother Johnnie Mae Roberts Jackson, Mother's day 2010 by Jill Souza Davis

In memory of Johnnie Mae Jackson

Dear Mama,

This poem for Mama,
whom we all loved so
much
For all of us she had that
special touch
There are so many good
memories of her
Sometimes even a smell
or word sends her mind
A stir
Back then at her house
we all had such good times
Kids now a days would
think we were out of our
minds
We helped her pluck the
chickens and wash clothes
In an old black pot
I can remember the little
sweat beads on her face
Because it was so hot
Do you remember in the
spring and summer, too?
Her flower beds were
full of roses, zinnias and
Gardenias, just to name a
few
Oh! And who could ever
forget those smells coming
From her kitchen of cof-



fee brewing and those
Big fat biscuits
Mama could crotchet,
quilt and sew.
Everything she made for
us, she made with love you
know
Mama had a deep faith in
God and was a Christian
lady
She would study her
Bible and read from it
daily
On Sunday when mama
went to church, she had her
Favorite place to sit
Right now when I hear
Amazing Grace I can see
Her look at mother and
grin, that I will never for-
get
I could probably write
forever and ever
Because there are so
many sweet and wonderful
Things of mama to re-
member
Mama is gone now and
heaven is her home
For there she walks on
streets of gold and
Sings "When I Walk That
Last Mile Alone"
To end this poem on a
happy note
Thank you Mama for all
the memories
Of which I wrote.

Love, Jill

Figure 14Mother's day salute to Velma Grace Jackson Souza, Mother's Day, 2010 by her Children, Jill, Jackie and Chip



In honor of Grace Souza

Mother you always took time to give a
Cheerful word or smile
You seem to make the worst of days
Somehow worthwhile
We'll never forget the holidays
Good food and laughter
Making everything and all of us
Special, you were the master
For every time you took the time
To show how much you cared, thank
You mother for your love that we
All could share
God gave you the gift of kindness, patience
Giving and love
Now your in your heavenly home above
Boxes of pictures, beautiful lace on
That old pillowcase
Thank you for all the precious
Memories you gave us "Amazing Grace"

Love: Jackie, Chip, Jill

The Family of Edgar Eirl Roberts
By Albert Don Henderson his great nephew

Uncle Edgar was born in Pulaski, Tennessee, Sept 23, 1886 and died May 18, 1962. He lived his entire life in Malakoff, after traveling to Texas in a covered wagon with his family in 1897. He married Daisy Kirk and had 3 daughters, Lois, Mildred, and Elizabeth. Edgar was a cabinet maker and a carpenter by trade. He was a deacon in the Malakoff Church of Christ and lived most of his life in a small frame house on Grandpa's Roberts' property. The little frame house was approximately one city block from Grandpa's house and near his small home was the little pond where we went "Craw-Daddin".



Aunt Daisy, Elma Frances, Velma Grace, Grace in 1960

Aunt Daisy was a very kind and gentle person and good wife and mother. She was a stocky figure and Uncle Edgar was skinny, they were opposites in structure, but alike in their kindness.

In his early days he contracted tuberculosis and was sick much of his life. When Uncle Edgar passed away he and Aunt Daisy lived in a rented room from Le La Bell Dodson. During this time, I was within walking distance of Uncle Edgar and Aunt Daisy and

would often visit them, mainly to borrow the shotgun that he kept, which belonged to Grandpa Roberts. It was a 12 gauge and lever action, which I had never seen before on a shot gun. I believe Uncle Dunn got this gun after Uncle Edgar passed away.



Uncle Edgar was tall and skinny, with a great wit. My Grandmother Grace's name was Gracie Aulyn Roberts and Uncle Edgar joked and called her All-Lean.

Uncle Edgar- pictured with his parents Andrew and Martha (Mattie) Roberts and one of his daughters, probably Lois.

Elizabeth, the youngest, married Melvin Lusk, and they had no children; Mildred married Sammy Johnson, and they had no children Lois married Merle Bradley From Trinidad and they had one daughter, Suzanne.

I always called Elizabeth, Lib and we used to play together. Lib was about 5 years older than I. She and Jeannene used to fight over who would play with me and when I was little it used to drive me crazy. Jeannene especially, who always wanted to kiss and hug me. Lib was the preferred playmate at the time because she didn't try to hug and kiss me. We would play on Grandpa's wagon, which was parked under a big tree out front or swing in the swing, which had a big rope and a wooden seat. The big tree was a Black Walnut, which was huge. This is where Grandpa got his Black Walnut hulls for using to fish with. Grandpa would place the hulls in a toe sack and when placed in water it gave off a chemical that would deprive the fish of Oxygen (I learned this in later years) When they came to the surface, seeking oxygen, Grandpa would grab them.

Lib and I had another favorite game and that was to lick the cow's salt lick. It seems as if maybe Uncle Edgar and Aunt Daisy may have been living in the big house now that Grandpa and Uncle Bob had both passed away. We always snacked on cheese and crackers. Remembering back at the small house, Lib had cut out paper dolls from the Sears Catalog. She played with the paper dolls that she made. Lib also had a record player that she played with.

Lois went to west Texas and worked with my Grandmother in her beauty shop when we lived in Megargel. This may have been when Aunt Johnnie and her family lived in Burkburnett.



Grandpa, Uncle Edgar, Elizabeth, and Uncle Bob



Figure 15Mildred and Lois Roberts 1935

The Family of William (Elmer) Roberts
By Great Nephew, Albert (Don) Henderson

Uncle Elmer Roberts came to Texas with the Roberts family in 1897 and settled in Rio Vista, Melissa and then in Malakoff. In 1917 he was drafted and served in France during WW I. He later operated his store in downtown Malakoff in the old Gentry Building, where he sold dry goods, groceries and feed. Uncle Elmer married Mildred Pettigrew and they had one Daughter, Elma Frances- born: April 4, 1921. Elma Francis graduated from North Texas State University and married M.K. (Buddy) Miller whose family owned the Athens Pottery. Buddy was the owner and operator for many years. Uncle Elmer was an active member of the Malakoff Church of Christ. He and Aunt Mildred gave Oscar, Grace and Don rides to church when the only other way they had was to walk. In his early days, Uncle Elmer played on several semi-pro baseball teams. Uncle Elmer was born Oct. 16, 1888 and passed away June 10, 1974. Aunt Mildred passed away in November 12, 1985. Two weeks later, Buddy Miller (husband of Elma Frances) passed away.



Elmer Roberts and wife
Mildred in front of his store.
Note old Hotel in background.



Uncle Elmer in front of store in 1960

Elma Francis Roberts married M.K Miller and they have three children:
Mac Kendree Miller III- born Nov. 2, 1942
Carol Frances Miller Hudson- born Dec. 2, 1944
James Roberts Miller- born Dec. 29, 1953

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ELMER ROBERTS;
Served in France WW I

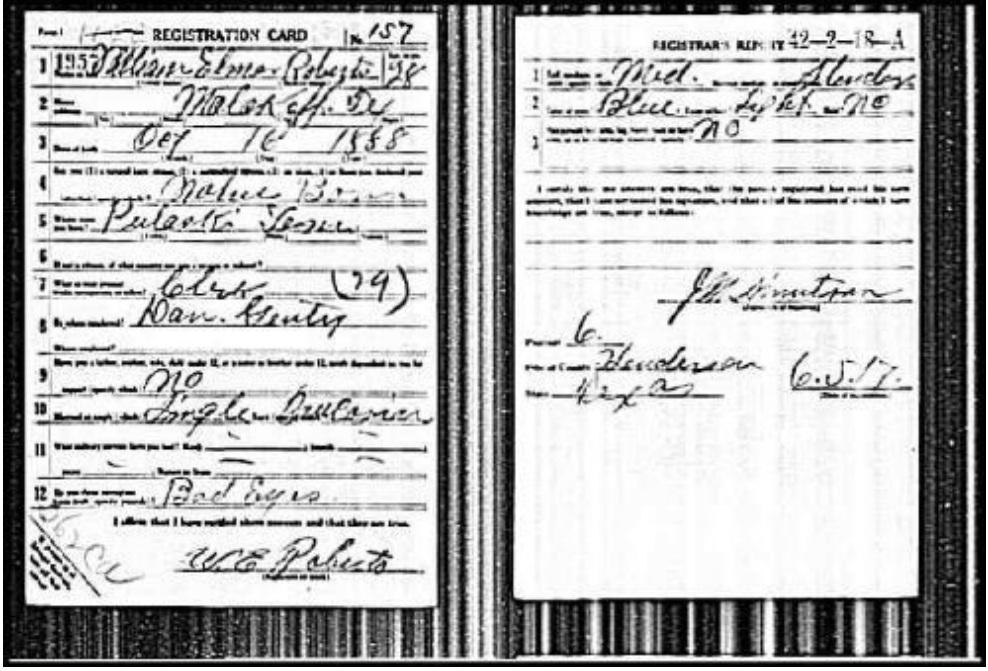
My Great Uncle Elmer was drafted in 1917. Elmer Roberts was the son of Andrew and Martha Roberts. Uncle Elmer's Grandson sent me a picture of Uncle Elmer in uniform, as well as a copy of his commission as corporal. Also included is a copy of his draft notice. He was drafted in 1917 and the note written on the draft notice was "BAD EYES "Uncle Elmer served on the battlefield against the Germans in France. He once told me that he was on the battlefield and they came and told him that he was ordered to clean up and he was going on leave to Paris. He cleaned up and dressed and was told he would see a stage play. He was excited until he found out that the play was about.....WAR!!

Camp Travis Texas Where Uncle Elmer trained with the 359th Infantry. Camp Travis was ready for occupation, August 25, 1917 and Uncle Elmer was commissioned as Corporal, March 28th, 1918 and it was signed April 15, 1918. (Tax Day??) by W.A. Cavanaugh, Lt Colonel After this is when he served in France. Uncle Elmer's Grandson sent me a copy of his commission as corporal.

Some interesting facts that are seen in this special commission are:

- Uncle Elmer was in the 359th Infantry of the National Army of the United States. This must have been what the National Guard was called back then.
- Uncle Elmer was commissioned as Corporal It was signed by W.A. Cavanaugh, the fifteenth of April in the year of our lord one thousand hundred and eighteen. (Showing, again that the United States used the Lord, God's name on official documents)




REGISTRATION CARD No. 157

1 1955 William Elmer Roberts 38

2 Walcott Jeff. Dr

3 Oct 16 1888

4 Robert Green

5 Pulaski Texas

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7 Clerk (79)

8 Dan. Trinity

9 No

10 Single Caucasian

11

12 Bad Eyes

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

W. E. Roberts

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1 Med. Slender

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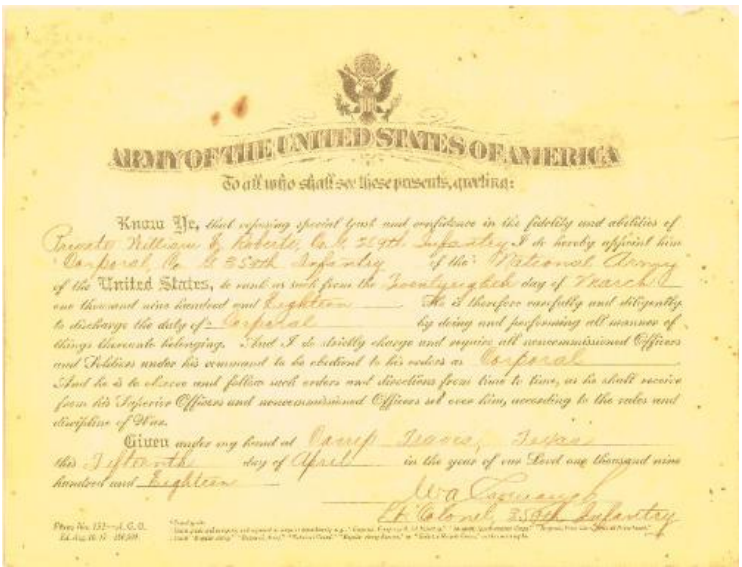
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Precinct 6.

City or County Henderson 6.S.T.

State Texas

Uncle Elmer's Draft Notice


ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the fidelity and abilities of Roberts William E. Co. L 359th Infantry I do hereby appoint him Corporal Co. L 359th Infantry of the National Army of the United States, to rank as such from the twenty-eighth day of March one thousand nine hundred and Eighteen. He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Corporal by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And I do strictly charge and require all noncommissioned Officers and Soldiers under his command to be obedient to his orders as Corporal. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time, as he shall receive from his Superior Officers and noncommissioned Officers set over him, according to the rules and discipline of War.

Given under my hand at Camp Travis, Texas this Fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and Eighteen

Wm Cameron
Lt Colonel 359th Infantry

Form No. 132—A. G. O.
U. S. A. H. S. 1918

Uncle Elmer commissioned as Corporal

Uncle Elmer’s Store

One of my earliest memories comes from downtown Malakoff. I was about 5 years Old. This would place the time in the early 40's. My Grandmother and I traveled on a train from somewhere west of Malakoff. We likely boarded in Olney, Texas, which was the biggest town close to where we were living at the time. I am fairly certain that it was near Christmas time and we were coming to visit my Great Grandfather and Grandmother, Andrew and Martha Roberts. Immediately after stepping off the train, I saw my cousin, Gary Jackson, standing at the front of Uncle Elmer's store. Gary was popping fireworks; evidence that it was near Christmas. Uncle Elmer's store was at the corner of the street that ran north/south, on the southeast side of Malakoff's downtown, near the railroad tracks. The depot was just South of Uncle Elmer's store, as well as a small brick hotel on the south side of the tracks. In those days, the only time we had apples was at Christmas time and I can still remember the smell of those apples in Uncle Elmer's store. He sold them for 10 cents each and they were individually wrapped with a special paper. No other smell was like this unless it was Christmas morning when Santa came. When we walked into his store, I immediately smelled those apples and thought of Santa. How was Santa going to find me in Malakoff, way out in the country at Grandpa Roberts? My Grandmother assured me that he would find me, but I was still very concerned. Looking back, I suspicion that this is where Santa found his apples to use Christmas Eve night; which must have been coming soon. Uncle Elmer's store seemed huge to me. He had glassed in cabinets with curved glass, so that he could display certain tempting ware for small boys. I was always drawn to

those little cylindrical boxes containing peanuts with the promise of prizes of nickels, dimes or even quarters being inside. I suppose this was one of the earliest forms of gambling for me. For a nickel you got a box of peanuts and a chance to win some big money!! Back then a nickel was a nickel and would buy some good treats. Peanut patties and other candies also were there as a temptation. The other thing I remember from Uncle Elmer's store was his potbellied stove, stoked with wood that stood toward the middle of the store. It was cold this day and it felt good to back up to this warm stove. My Grandmother (Uncle Elmer's sister) spied what she was interested in. Uncle Elmer always kept a round wooden box on top of his counter. Underneath was Rat Cheese, as my Grandmother described it. For a dime Uncle Elmer would slice off you a big piece of cheese and supply you with some crackers to satisfy your hunger. Grandmother loved rat cheese, and so did I. The store was lined with shelves containing canned goods and toward the middle-right; there were bolts of cloth, which could be unrolled and cut for the women to make dresses. In the back of the store was the feed store part, which had a loading and unloading dock on the south side of the building. Outside, along that same east/west street was the Harrell Hotel (owned by Maude Harrell a dwarf) as described by my Grandmother. In the front, where Gary was popping firecrackers, is where Uncle Elmer kept his sack of feed for display. This old store had everything from groceries to livestock feed and was appropriately called a General Merchandise Store. Downtown Malakoff was very active this day. Across the street I saw people going and coming from the Post Office, I remember seeing at least 2 drugstores, one on

each side of the street. Cars lined street and were parked at an angle. Back, farther north, on the west side of the street was Kirby's Grocery and Dry goods. My Grandmother walked me down to this store where we found it crowded with shoppers. I saw apples and oranges and nuts and other goodies that I hoped Santa would bring, but I was missing that concentrated smell of those apples as provided by my Uncle's store, which I can still smell today!!.....

By the way, Santa did find me that night!!!

Figure 16Aunt Lizzie and Uncle Dun 1962

Dunn Auguste Roberts was born Sept. 23, 1893 in Pulaski, Tennessee and traveled with his family (A.M. Roberts) to Texas in 1897. He had the exact birthday of his brother Edgar, who was born 5 years earlier. Like his brother Elmer, he served in the military during WW I. He later married Lizzie Bell Rhoads and eventually they moved to Minden, La., where their daughter, Phyllis still lives with her husband in Uncle Dunn home. Uncle Dunn's was a bus driver and retired during the 80's. He passed away sometime in the 80's. In 1962 and 1964 we visited Uncle Dunn and Aunt Lizzie Bell in Minden, La. I graduated from Lamar in August of 1962, bought a new car to begin my teaching job in Houston and My Grandparents, Oscar and Grace Henderson treated us to a trip to visit Uncle Dunn in Minden, Henderson kin in Mississippi, and Roberts's kin in Pulaski, Tenn. Again in 1964, my Aunt Martha treated us to another trip to the same places.

Figure 17Aunt Lizzie and Uncle Dunn 1962





Figure 18In Front of Uncle Dunn's and Aunt Lizzie Bell home in Minden, La, 1962 during our visit.



Oscar, Don, Grace, Uncle Dunn

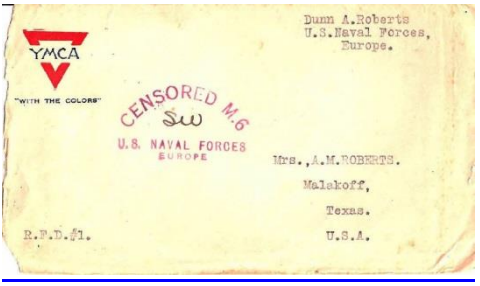


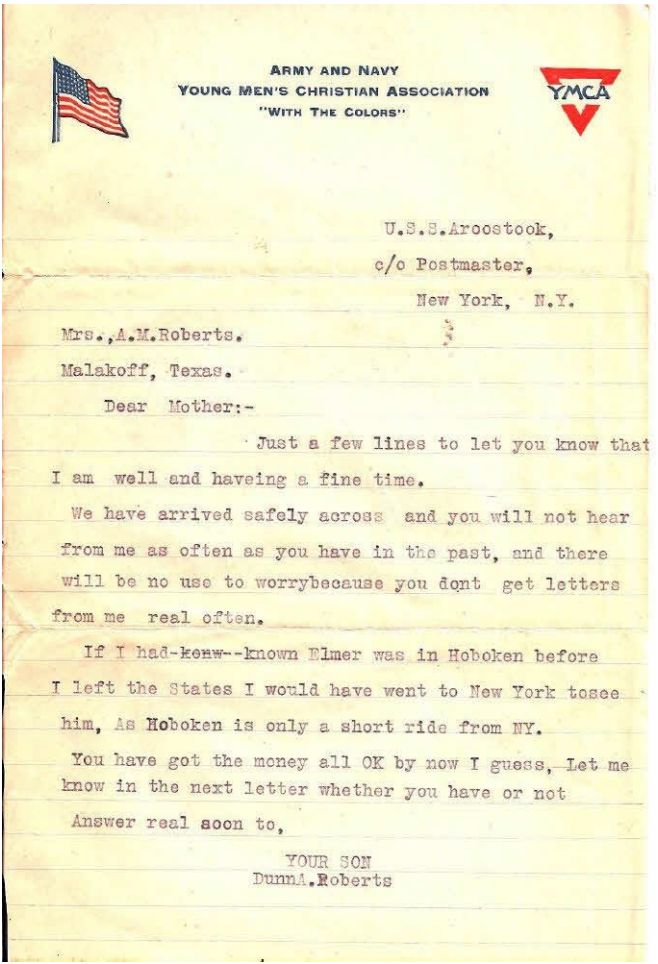
Uncle Dunn in 1964

Dunn Roberts Letters to his Mother

Uncle Dunn Served in WW I

RETURN TO UNCLE DUNN MAIN PAGE
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ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"

YMCA

U.S.S.Aroostook,
c/o Postmaster,
New York, N.Y.

Mrs.,A.M.Roberts.
Malakoff, Texas.

Dear Mother:-

Just a few lines to let you know that I am well and haveing a fine time.

We have arrived safely across and you will not hear from me as often as you have in the past, and there will be no use to worrybecause you dont get letters from me real often.

If I had-knew--known Elmer was in Hoboken before I left the States I would have went to New York tosee him, As Hoboken is only a short ride from NY.

You have got the money all OK by now I guess, Let me know in the next letter whether you have or not

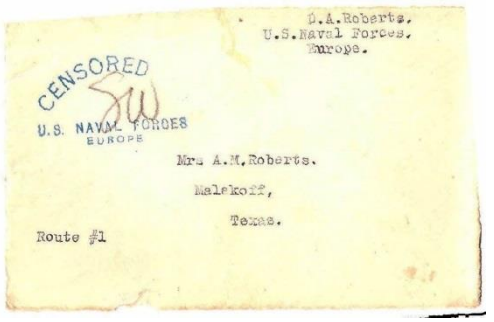
Answer real soon to,

YOUR SON
DunnA.Roberts

contents of Letter 1: Several things interest me about these letters to Grandma Roberts. Uncle Dunn seems to be either, one very happy over there, or he is putting up a brave front. Note: "I am having a fine time" He says "I arrived safely across" and guess he means they crossed the Atlantic and is somewhere in France. Apparently he went to Hoboken, New Jersey before being dispatched to somewhere in France. He mentions that he would have visited with Elmer if he had known he was in New York. He seemed to be in good shape with money.

Note the letterhead has the U.S. Flag at the left and YMCA on the right. Center is Army and Navy Young Men's Christian Association. Would that be legal today, given some of the political correctness.

2nd letter to Grandma from Uncle Dunn



U.S.S.Aroostook.
U.S.Naval Forces,Europe.
c/o Postmaster, N.Y.
Sept.,6 1918.

Mrs A.M.Roberts.
Malakoff, Texas.

Dear Mother:-

I received your letter yesturday, And was glad to hear from you.

This leaves me well and haveing a fine time I have been ashore here several times and it is a great place to enjoy life.

I am sorry to hear that crops are short,I guess you can get along all right so long as the fruit is all turning out as good as you say?

I would like to be there to help gather some of the fruit? But I guess it is about all gathered by now . How much corn does Edgar think he will make? I hope the crops turn out better then you think they are.

Speaking of Pettiegrews I had a letter from Mildred the other day she told me more news then I had got from Mkff ever since I have been in the navy, She said that Mr Dan had put up a big building and several little things like that which you had never mentioned .

I guess it is getting hot there if it is 103 in the shade, I dont know what I would do if I was there beleive me it dont get hot here,

Some nights I think I will freeze. but I am use to it noww and I never as much as get a cold.

I can not send you any souvenirs from France now for I lost all I had from France before I left the San Diego they got misplaced before I got transfured and I never could find them.

But I have some from Scotland I think I will send home as soon as I reach the States, I can not send them from here.

If you have enough of the alotment money left you can buy a colt, or a calf or something so I will have something to show for my last4 years for I dont intend to be an old bachlor allof my life.

Just buy any thing that will make more money by the time I get payed off

The Contents of Letter 2

The Roberts had some sort of fruit, but I don't know what unless it was pear and persimmons. This is all that I remember. Uncle Dunn lost some souvenirs from France, so he must have been in France prior to Sept 6, 1918. He says he had them before he left San Diego. He has souvenirs from Scotland.
Dan Gentry had just put up a big building. Aunt Mildred had written him about this. Of course at this time Uncle Dunn and Uncle Elmer were both single. Later of course, Uncle Elmer married Mildred.
He tells Grandma to use some of his allotment check to buy a colt or a calf, so he will have something to show for, for his last 4 years. Buy anything that will make money. He does not intend to remain a bachelor all of his life and he did not. He married Aunt Lizzie Bell.

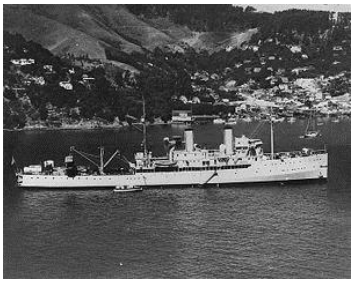
Note that Uncle Dunn typed these letters. Link to 1st Letter
http://blakehart.com/images/DunnRoberts/UncleDunnLetter1.pdf

2nd letter: Link to 2nd Letter
http://blakehart.com/images/DunnRoberts/UncleDunnLetter2.pdf

U.S.S. Aroostook,
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Aroostook_%28CM-3%29

U.S. Naval Forces, Europe; As best I can tell, Uncle Dunn was on board this
ship. If you click on the link you can learn more about the ship.
USS *Aroostook* (CM-3)
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
For other ships of the same name, see USS Aroostook.

The **USS *Aroostook* (ID-1256/CM-3/AK-44)** was the Eastern Steamship Company's *Bunker Hill* converted for planting the World War I North Sea Mine Barrage.



USS *Aroostook* in harbor

Career	
Name:	USS *Aroostook*
Launched:	26 March 1907, as SS *Bunker Hill*
Acquired:	12 November 1917
Commissioned:	7 December 1917
General characteristics	
Type:	Minelayer
Displacement:	3,800 long tons (3,900 t)
Length:	395 ft. (120 m)

Some Early Pictures of Uncle Dunn



The Lucas family lived across the street from Grandpa Roberts. Located what later became Dr. Kilman's property. Jap Lucas, brother to Mary later was a state Rep and had a Hardware store in Athens. Miss Mary as we called her was a good friend who later helped my Grandmother Grace get started as a beauty operator.

Uncle Dunn with Mary Lucas

Early Uncle Dunn with Unknown



The History of Presley Orgile Roberts

By his Great Nephew, Albert (Don) Henderson

If I ever met Uncle Press, I don't remember it. In 1943, when I was 5 years old and living with my Grandparents in Megargel, Texas, I remember Uncle Press died. The only thing I remember was that I had to stay with someone else while my Grandmother went to Ardmore, Oklahoma for the funeral. Afterward on occasion I heard my Grandmother talk about certain things. My Grandmother always suspicioned that his wife, Hazel, did something to him. My Grandmother did not trust her. His wife, Hazel, had a son Jackie, that would later become an heir to part of the Roberts' farm. When Grandpa died, he had left a will with Uncle Elmer. Uncle Elmer kept the will in his safe and he did not share its contents when the land was being divided. In the will, according to my Grandmother, Grandpa had excluded Jackie from any ownership. Uncle Elmer apparently believed that this was not right; therefore he chose to hide the will's contents. When Edgar Owen Jackson decided to get the land surveyed and divided, Jackie was one of the heirs. Buddy Miller (Elma Frances's husband) was also a supporter of Jackie and I believe he had spoken with him. The 105 acres of land was divided in the late 1970's and it was divided between, Uncle Elmer, Uncle Edgar, Uncle Dunn, Aunt Johnnie, my Grandmother Grace, and Jackie. I believe Uncle Elmer bought Uncle Edgar's part previously and Edgar Owen bought Aunt Johnnie's part. Anyway, anytime there is property to be divided, there is always controversy.

Uncle Press was a bus driver and lived in Ardmore, Oklahoma at the time of his death. He was only 52. I don't have a lot of information about Uncle Press, but I


POST CARD

CORRESPONDENCE HERE

From Presley Roberts.

NAME AND ADDRESS HERE

Gracie Roberts,

Malakoff

Route 1

Box 5

Texas

do have a postcard that he sent to my Grandmother; addressed to Gracie Roberts. Since it was addressed to Gracie Roberts, I would assume that it was before she and Granddad were married. In this case it would place the date at least prior to 1911.

Uncle Press signed the card P.O. for Pressley Orgile. The picture on the postcard must be Uncle Press.





This is a good picture showing all of the brothers in 1930 in front of Grandpa's house. After reviewing other photos I can conclude that Uncle Press was wearing the regular tie and Uncle Elmer, the Bow tie. In this picture: Edgar, Elmer, Press, Dunn, Bob

In this picture Uncle Press, Grandmother Grace,
Uncle Edgar, Uncle Bob and Aunt Martha

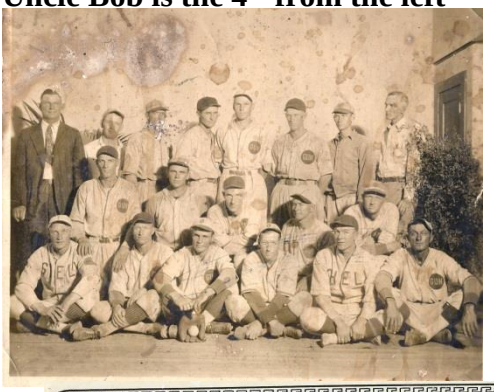


Bobbie Lee Roberts

By his great Nephew, Albert Don Henderson

Bobby Lee Roberts was born in Texas, Dec 1, 1902. His parents were Andrew and Martha Robert they came to Texas in 1897. It is unknown whether he was born in Malakoff because it is unclear exactly when the Roberts came to Malakoff. Uncle Bob spent time in the service during WW II and then returned to Malakoff, where he continued to farm with Grandpa Roberts. He was married for a short while to Blanche? And had no children. Uncle Bob played for a semi pro baseball team and was also a Texas League Umpire at one time. He passed away while plowing, Feb 16, 1949.

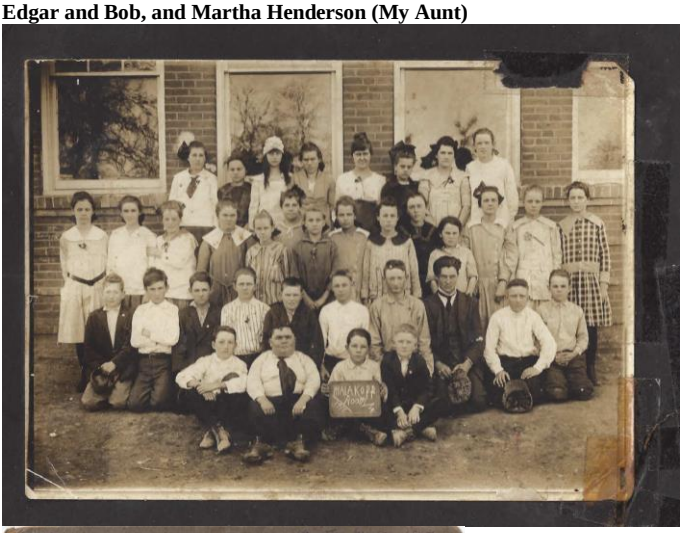
Uncle Bob is the 4th from the left

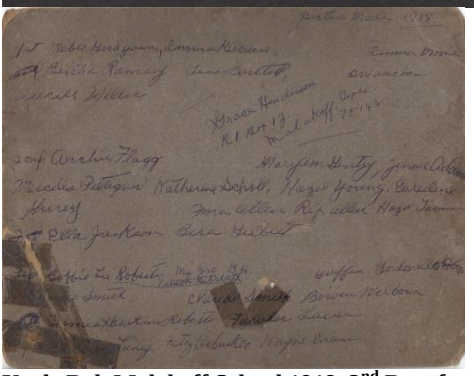




Uncle Press, Uncle Dunn, and Bob

Edgar and Bob, and Martha Henderson (My Aunt)





Uncle Bob Malakoff School 1918, 2nd Row from Front, 1st Left is Uncle Bob



Uncle Bob was in the service during WW II
Nothing is known about the time or place.
The Roberts brothers, Uncle Bob to Right



This picture was taken in front of Grace and Oscar's home on Crossroads drive. To left, unknown child, Grandpa, Uncle Edgar, Elizabeth (Uncle Edgar's Daughter), Uncle Bob. Approximately 1948?

I remember a few things about Uncle Bob, although I was only 8 years old when he died. My Grandmother, Grace, was always concerned with Uncle Bob. Uncle Bob was a problem drinker and my Grandmother was often trying to get him to go to church. I don't remember him going with us, although he might have. The day he died, we were contacted and since our house was several miles away from Grandpa's, the usual way to get there was to walk. I am sure that we did not take this choice. On different occasions my Grandmother had hired what she called a Jitney (or taxi). As I remember, his name was Knight. Anyway, this must have been the way we got there. The one thing that I do remember is that we walked to where he had died. It was at night and I guess the justice of peace was there to officially declare his death. I remember walking across a plowed field and people holding lanterns there. Uncle Edgar was the one who had first found him, when he didn't come in for supper. Uncle Edgar, Aunt Daisy and Elizabeth, lived down the way in the small house near Grandpa Roberts. Apparently, Uncle Bob was plowing the field to get ready for spring planting of some kind. Grandpa Roberts had passed away only a short time before. According to my Grandmother, they said Uncle Bob died of a heart Attack. Uncle Edgar told us that he had been napping that afternoon and had dreamed that Bob was calling him and had dreamed that Uncle Bob had died. His death probably happened earlier in the afternoon.

Several years before there are a few things that I remember about Uncle Bob. He shot a robin and Grandma cooked it. (Did you know that Robins are edible?) Another time I remember Uncle Bob climbing the China Berry tree

beside Grandpa's house to fetch some eggs that a hen had laid. She was roosting in that tree and I can still picture my Grandmother standing under that tree with her apron poised to catch the eggs one at a time as Uncle Bob dropped them. There must have been at least 6 or 7 eggs, as I remember Grandmother catching and resetting to get another.

A story was told about Uncle Bob when he was about five. He came running in the house shouting, "Come see, there's wagon running down the road with NO HORSES!!!" It was his first time to see a car.

I remember that the room in which Uncle Bob stayed was the front room on the SE side of the house; and I remember seeing a window open where there was a radio. The radio was powered by a huge battery because Grandpa had no electricity.