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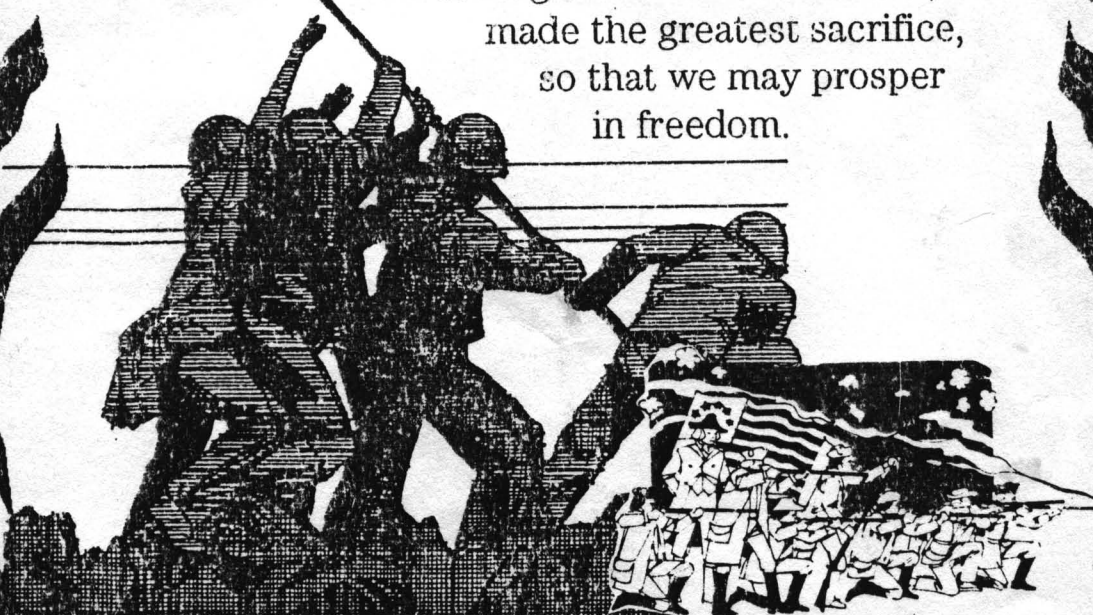
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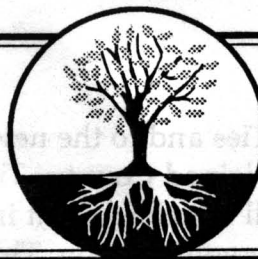
This Memorial Day and Independence Day, we join our good friends, neighbors and families in honoring all the Known and Unknown Heroes, past and present, who sacrificed their lives to help make this country great.

Our thanks and gratitude go to these courageous men and women, who made the greatest sacrifice, so that we may prosper in freedom.



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b=date of birth	dau=daughter
d=date of death	res=resided
bw=where, place	c=christening
wl=will	n=census
n=census	pn=pension
bp=baptized	bk=book

p=parent

desc=descendant

m=married to (m/1 first spouse date &
name, m/2 second...

Standard document typing, dates will be marked as (1863 or 5/10/1863) (month/day/year) Realizing that dates are recorded European 10 May 1863, the American is faster for typing. Information notes will be inserted for clarification, this will be noted with my initials. Example...

(Mary's maiden name was CARLTON. cse)

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Family of JESSE GIBSON (1777 VA)

JESSE GIBSON b. 1777 in Virginia, d. Oct 1838, Livingston Co., KY
m. 1799, near Knoxville, TN to Elizabeth **PARMLEY**. b. 1783 or 1784 in South Carolina, d. Feb. 7, 1854 in Hardeman Co., TN. Toon Hornsby Road about 2 miles from 4 on 18 behind Claude **WALTONS**'s home. Jesse and Elizabeth lived in Davidson Co., TN for a short time then immigrated to Livingston Co., KY where they had a 200 acre farm grant. After JESSE's death Elizabeth made her home with their son George and family in Hardeman Co., TN. Issue: William, George, Mary Jane, Ephrian Parmley, Henry B., Stephen, and Archibald.

- 1.. William **GIBSON** b. 1799/1800 in TN, m. Elizabeth b. 1825
 - 1A. Sarah b. 1838, Alabama
 - 1B. Martin b. 1846, Mississippi
2. George **GIBSON** b. Oct. 17, 1801, TN, m. Nancy b. KY
Children: 2A. Jesse b. 1832, 2C. James b. 1834, 2C. Stephen b. 1836,
2D. Mary b. 1838, 2E. George b. 1840, 2F. Sarah b. 1843,
2G. Samuel b. 1845, 2H. William b. 1847
3. Mary Jane b. 1802/03, KY, d. Oct. 18, 1891, in Coryell Co., TX, m. James **McILHANEY** in Tippah, MS, b. 1795, Ireland. d. Fall, 1872.
Children: See 1st Country Ties, **McILHANEY**
4. Ephrian Parmley **GIBSON** b. Sep 26, 1817, KY, d. Aug 8, 1907, Coryell Co., TX, m. Oct 19, 1851, TN, to niece Rebecca Jane **McILHANEY**, b. Apr 1833, MS, d. Jun 28, 1912, hamilton Co., TX, Coryell Cemetary. They were farmers in Coryell Co. Rebecca was a Charter Member of the first Baptist Church in Coryell Co., TX.
Children: 4A. James Henry b. May 17, 1852, TN, 4B. Mary Jane b. May 3, 1853, TN, d. Jun 25, 1928, 4C. George Franklin b. Dec 15, 1854, d. Apr 3, 1920, 4D. William Archibald b. Sep 13, 1856, d. Apr 3, 1964, 4E. Jesse Thomas b. Sep 19, 1869, TX, d. Jul 10, 1918, 4F. Elizabeth Ann b. Dec 6, 1860, TX, d. 1931, 4G. Randolph Hunter (Randall) b. Feb 22, 1863, TX, d. Sep 1, 1946, TX, 4H. John Parmley b. Jun 21, 1865, TX, d. Jun 7, 1948, TX, 4I. Marquis Lafayette "Fate" b. Aug 22, 1867, TX, d. Jun 17, 1942, TX,
5. Henry **GIBSON** b. 1819, KY, m. Sarah b. 1832, TN
Children: 5A. John b. 1848, 5B. Armoney b. 1849
6. Stephen **GIBSON** b. 1820, KY, m. Mary b. 1825, KY
Children: 6A. Nancy b. 1840, 6B. Mary b. 1842, 6C. George b. 1845, 6D. James b. 1847.
7. Archibald **GISON** b. 1822, KY, m. Jane b. 1821, KY
Children: 7A. Mary, 7B. Sarah, 7C. George, 7D. Ephrian

(Send in any corrections to Country Ties)

IN NAME ONLY

This area is for correspondence from cousins in name only. People to whom letters of inquiry have been written searching for information about kin, but response was not of kin (at this point) but may be a link at sometime in the future, or of some value to someone reading this.

May/15/1991...I was pleased to receive your letter about the McIlhaney family research. I am a descendant of Lillian McILHANEY m 1730 to John BOWEN, Chester, PA. I have corresponded with Donald SCHIMPE.. There is a lot of data about Lillian descendants under BOWEN in the LDS (Latter Day Saints) library but little about her ancesotrs. Volumes have also been written on the BOWENS. Lillian is also listed by the DAR as a Patriot which is unusual for the DAR(Daughters of the American Revolution).

I am please you are working on the McIlhaney family. I have wondered what happened to her brother Henry. All I have is that he moved to Augusta, Co., VA and had descendants. They could have gone to TN & TX. ..I am enclosing what I have on Lillian and Henry.

Henry McILHANEY, b. Ireland, m. Jane, d. Ireland, children: 1) Lillian McIlhaney, (m. John BOWEN 1730, PA), 2) Henry McIlhaney. Lily was 17 when family emigrated from Ireland to PA. Some land records with Bowen records with McIlhaney names, William, Franceis, Robert, John, and Mary. They may have been descendants of Henry McIlhaney. (James sent 4 pages of related information on Bowen. cse) Also indicated that Kay McElhaney Steenerson is researching McElhaney from Ireland - Joseph b. ? 1765 (PA-IA-AR)

Sincerely, James & Alma McKinney,

Feb/19/1991...Unable to locate any information on the McIlhaney family. However, we did locate information on Henry E. GIBSON.

Henry E. GIBSON, dates 5-9-1842, 3-29-1855, 6-11-1855, Deed BK-M. Also Nancy GIBSON to F. F. GIBSON, dated 8-9-1856.

Wanda H. THOMAS,

(I have records on Nancy m. George GIBSON b. Oct. 17, 1801 & Nancy GIBSON b. 1840, was daughter of Stephen b. 1820., if anyone is interested in a copy of Trigg info., send a SASE...cse)

Jan/2/991...Thank you for your complimentary copy of "Country Ties". I have read it from "river to river" but I can find absolutely no connection to my husband's (now deceased) family. I have my husband's family back from Liv. Co., KY--Caldwell Co, Christian Co., KY and then back to Augusta Co., VA, where Wm McELHANEY bought 400 acres of land Oct 17, 1765. This same Wm was a witness in Batitort Court Mar 18, 1873, again May 23, 1773. Batitort was the first Co. seat of the newly formed Ky. Co. (whole area of KY) by VA.

James McELHANEY was involved in a court action (Sproul Vs Bratton) in Aug 1762. I do not know if this is your James, but I doubt it. (Our James W. was born 1795, so not the same) I have perhaps all of the early TN Census records on the McElhaneys. I suspect that my husbands family are descended from the Patrick McELHANEY who is on the 1810 Census of Lincoln Co., KY--one of the three original counties that KY was divided into before becoming a state. Thank you again for the newsletter. Am looking forward to hearing from Mr. Hugh. Let's keep "diggin"

Sincerely, Ruth RAMAGE McELHANEY

Feb/4/1991...Reply on inquiry on McIlhenny. Attached is an information sheet containing the information I know about my ancestor Mary Jane (Joanna) McILHENNY. She had a sister Elizabeth who attended her marriage and served as a witness. Anything more about Elizabeth I do not know. I have just recently moved to Utah and am surely excited to be able to use the genealogical library here in Salt Lake City. If I run across any information that you might be able to use I will gladly forward it on to you. Thanks for your inquiry. Good luck in your search. Please let me know if you come across anything too.

Mary Jane (Joanna) McILHENNY b. 1836 County Donegal, Ireland, d. Kansas, m. 1864 PA John E. CHURCHILL b. 1833 Foxford Co. Mayo, Ireland, d. KS.

Father listed on death certificate as J. McILHENNY. Only known relative was a sister named Elizabeth.

Sincerely, Linda JONES BURCH

1/25/1991...Reply to inquiry. We thank you for your letter of January 15th. My great grandfather, Edmund McILHENNY, was born in Hagerstown, MD, 1815. He was the son of John who was the son of Robert, who was the son of Ezekiel. Ezekiel and 3 brothers emigrated to the U.S. from Ireland (they were Ulster Scots) in the 1600s. They first settled in PA and later moved to MD. My great grandfather, Edmund, came to New Orleans, LA in the 1830s and later started his business, the TABASCO® pepper sauce operation, here on Avery Island in 1868.

I've always been told that the reason there are so many spellings of the name McILHENNY is that when the little McILHENNY children went to school the teacher asked their name and its spelling. They replied, "It's McILHENNY, and we're here to learn how to spell it."

I'm sure that somewhere back in Ireland or perhaps even before, maybe in Scotland, we are all related.

We do appreciate hearing from you, and I hope the information will be of some use.

With best wishes.

Sincerely, Paul C. P. McILHENNY
Vice President

McILHENNY COMPANY, est. 1868
Avery Island, LA 70513

...I received some literature which I sent for from McILHENNY Co. They have a 200-acre Jungle Gardens (which a genealogical friend visited and says it is beautiful) established by E. A. McILHENNY, who was a noted naturalist and explorer. He cultivated his Gardens decades ago and in the late 19th century helped save the Snowy Egret from extinction. Now, some 20,000 Snowy Egrets and other water birds nest on the Island each year on specially-built, pier-like structures in a pond nicknamed "Bird City." Also at Avery Island (near Lafayette, LA) is a centuries old Buddha, and TABASCO Pepper Sauce Factory.

I certainly appreciate the time these folks took to reply to my inquiries and to send along some material. Some of this information may not connect a family today, or tomorrow, but they may somewhere down the road. It could help to a *non-family member* reading this. Thank you all for responding. Good luck in your 'diggin.'

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The information below and the next page is excerpted from A History of the Lorena, Texas Area, 1854-1881. This book is no longer available. The edition has been sold completely out.

Agnes Wills (Mrs. G. V. Wills)

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January 12, 1991

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G. W. McILHANEY, SR., FAMILY

G. W. McIlhaney and wife, Velma, moved to a farm near Lorena in 1945 from Houston. His wife died in 1972. They were the parents of four children: Louise, Norma, Betty and Guy W. Jr.

Louise married Clayton Amunson from Eddy in 1950. They have been living in the Lorena—Spring Valley area for about eighteen years. They have two children, Priscilla Ann and John. They are the owners of the Midway Florist and Midway Garden Center.

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Norma married Howard Downey in 1955. They live in Woodway and are the owners of a grocery store in Waco. Norma also works at the M & M Mars Candy Company. They have two daughters, Brenda and Susan.

Betty married Bill Maley of Fort Worth in 1958. Betty and Bill moved to Denton in 1961, after he was separated from the service. He was employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety for twenty-five years. Bill was called up again with the National Guard, so they moved to Ft. Polk, Louisiana. Between then and 1977 they lived in Denton, Centerville, Fort Worth, Palestine and Amarillo. Finally they returned to Lorena in 1977. They built a new home, back of the old homeplace, then tore the old home down.

Betty graduated from Lorena High School, as did Louise, Norma, and G.W. Betty is a member of the Lorena Ex-Students Association and attended the 1955 class reunion in 1980. She attended 4-C College, Amarillo College, and McLennan Community College in Waco. Betty is now working at M & M Mars Company and also in Real Estate Sales. She and Bill have two children attending Lorena School, Bill Jr., 15 years, and Darlene, 12 years. Guy W. McIlhaney Jr. (G. W.) married Joyce Roe of Crawford in 1962. He is a graduate of Texas A & M University and works with Soil Conservation. He and Joyce live in Madisonville, Texas. They have two children, Craig and Rex.

Guy McIlhaney, Sr. still lives on part of the land he bought in 1945. He is retired and does some farming.

FRANK MERRILL FAMILY

Frank Siegel Merrill (1862-1939) and Clara Merrill (1872-1962) moved to Lorena in 1904 to a farm owned by Horace Hooper, a good friend. Here the last four of their nine children were born. Later the family moved from the farm to town, where Frank was a night watchman. He also worked on the railroad and carried the mail from the depot to the post-office as each mail train came in. The nine children of the family were:

Laura Louverna (1892-1972), who married Homer Lawless, a farmer. Seven children were born to them: Tim, Zelda, Louise, Bea, Billy, Bobby and Weldon.

Frank, Jr. (1896-1898).

ABIJAH AND ELLA WARREN FAMILY

In about 1877, Abijah and Ella Virginia Geyer Warren came to the South Bosque area and bought half of a section of land (320 acres) for \$1.00 per acre by establishing fence lines and making improvements to enable them to live on the land and farm it. In 1882, they bought an additional half section of land. In March, 1894, one acre of the land was given to McLennan County for school purposes. The Warren School was built on the property and served the community for many years.

Abijah and Ella's children were:

Mary Martha "Mattie" who married Dave Young; James Garfield "Jim", who married Mattie Marrs; Rosetta Maud, who married Joe Marrs; Louise Florence, who married George Howard; Daisy Pearl, who married George Neal; Olpha, who married Ruby Connally; and Dolpha (twin to Olpha), who married Fannie McIlhaney.

Jim, Maud, Pearl and Dolpha continued to live in the area and reared their families in the Lorena-South Bosque area.

The children of Jim and Mattie were:

Harley A., married to Gladys McIlhaney (Harley is deceased); Nova, married to Sid T. Blanton (both deceased); Herbert W., married to Corine Day; Clyde P., married to Lottie Russell; H. Buster, married to Vera Maxwell; Layton M., married to Johnnie Miller (Layton is deceased); Elsie E., married to Conley Stanley (Conley is deceased); Myra C., married to Frank Tindell (Frank is deceased); Joe W., married to Ruth Schaeper; Vera Maud, married to James Lundy (James is deceased); and James Floyd "Sonny", married to Jo Frank Votaw.

The older children of Jim and Mattie attended South Bosque and Waco Schools. Buster, Layton, Elsie, Myra, Joe, Vera Maud and James graduated from Lorena School. Most of them continued to live in the Lorena area after their marriage.

Grandchildren of Jim and Mattie who attended Lorena

School were Weldon and Robert Joe (sons of Harley); Margaret Hyman (daughter of Herbert); Delores Haverland, Joyce Griffin and Elizabeth Peacock (daughters of Clyde); Kenneth (son of Buster); Melva Snody and Philip (children of Elsie); Norman, Dathene Crump, Martha Norcross, David and Edith Meador (children of Myra); Frank and James "Jim Bo" (sons of James).

Fifth generation children who attended Lorena School were Eris, Iris and Jerry Blanton (grandchildren of Nova and children of Howard); Vicki, Freddy Rhea and Suzanne Griffin (grandchildren of Clyde and children of Joyce); Mark and Steve Robinson and Matthew Peacock (grandsons of Clyde and sons of Elizabeth); Patti Sue Tindell Tate (granddaughter of Myra and daughter of Norman); Chris Anderson (grandson of Myra and son of Martha); Nathan Meador (grandson of Myra and son of Edith).

Herbert, Clyde, Elsie and Myra have great grandchildren. Myra's great grandson, Jason Tate, is in school at Lorena.

The children of Dolpha and Fannie Warren were Melvin; Virginia (married to Freddie Miller); Frances (married to Jack Chandler); and Marvin (married to Kay Morgan). They all attended Lorena School but only Melvin and Virginia graduated from there. Frances and Marvin completed Midway School after the family had moved to the Val Verde Area.

Only one of the children of Olpha and Ruby attended Lorena School, Adele (married to Jay Goode but she is now deceased). Olpha and Ruby moved from the Lorena area early in their married life.

CLEON KAY WARREN

The son of Cleon Warren of Hewitt and Agnes Hudson of Lorena, Cleon Kay Warren was born and reared at Meadowbrook Farms near Hewitt. After graduating from Lorena High School and the University of Texas, he was associated in the dairy business with his father and uncle, and later in the real estate business with his father.

He is married to the former Grace Collins of York, Pennsylvania. They have two children: Lee, born in 1964, and Ann, born in 1972.

J. Oran Hardin

T. H. McIlhaney
P.O. Box 707
Tatum, NM 88260

Jan. 7, 1991

Dear Mr. McIlhaney:

Welcome into the great Harden-in-ing Family Association! Your Great Grandfather William Hardin b. about 1811 in SC and m. Sarah English b. about the same time in SC is ancestor of perhaps a dozen of HFA Members! I had begun to hear from people who descended from several Hardins who lived in Tallapoosa County, AL (my wife's native county) before 1850. Later some of them moved to Tuscaloosa Co., AL, then into MS and on to TX.

Only Recently did a "lead" come showing the likelihood that William was son of Elijah Hardin born about 1768 NC (Rutherford Co. joining SC). Elijah was son of Jonathan Hardin born about 1740 perhaps in Orange Co., NC and "probably" son of Joseph Hardin who had a will in Orange Co. 1754. Then, we ask the question if the Joseph who had a will in Orange Co., NC 1754 was son of Benjamin Hardin who had a will 1734 in Surry Co., VA. If that was the case, then the descendants of Joseph and Jonathan, the so-called "Hickory Creek" Hardins of Rutherford Co., NC 1770 to now, are kin to the famous Col. Joseph Hardin for whom Hardin Co., TN is named and Great Grandfather of John Wesley Hardin the gunslinger of TX!

Information I have shows children of William and Sarah English Hardin as:

William	Hardin	b. 1811 in SC	m. Sarah English	b. 1811 SC and had 8 children:
Daniel Elijah Hardin	b. 9-27-1836*	Edgefield, SC	m. Lucinda Jane Pool	8-30-1855
Elizabeth Hardin	"	1839	Dadeville, AL,	Tallapoosa County
Wm. Henry Harrison	"	1840	"	
David Irvin	"	1845	"	
Thos. Jefferson	"	8-12-1848	Tuscaloosa County, AL	
Sarah Elizabeth	"	1852	"	
Benjamin Franklin	"	1855	"	Burried Modena Cem., Beasley, TX. See p. 60
Lucinda	"	1857	"	m. -- Grimes.

Note: Not sure of Wm's. middle name Adolphus.

Thomas Jefferson Hardin, younger brother of your William Henry Harrison Hardin, married Lucinda Catherine (Luddie) King in 1871 and had 12 children by 1800. Descendants of Thomas Jefferson Hardin (TJH) still live mostly in TX. They have had a reunion every July 4 since 1944. The best one of them to contact would be Flora Pillow, 204 West 5th. St., Smithville, TX 78957. She is still active member of HFA. Lost her husband a couple years ago. She is 77 I think. Got a Christmas Card from her the other day.

In 1985, Flora sent me hand written listings of descendants of TJH along with many pictures and I typed it up into a 70 page book and probably 50 of them were sent to TJH descendants. Can give you a copy if you want it. Let me know.

I am a native of Alabama and could be related to the Hickory Creek Hardins on back. Not sure who was parents of my GGG GF John R. Hardin 1729-1810. It has been written that he was a "cousin" of Col. Joseph Hardin 1734-1801.

In any event, its very good to hear from you. Notice your Wm. H.H. Hardin married Sara Kuykendall. That is most interesting because the probable "cousins" of the "Hickory Creek" Hardins represented by Col. Joseph Hardin called "Knob Creek" Hardins, were intermarried with Kuykendalls! Several Kuykendalls are in HFA! Knob Creek and Hickory Creek NC are close together in what is now Shelby Co., NC on the SC line near Kings Mountain, NC-SC. We had a HHH meeting at Kings Mt. last Sept. Am giving you a copy of the Dec. Newsletter showing and telling of that meeting on pages 151-153. If all I have told you above about the relationship of the Hickory and Knob Creek Hardins

are true, it is most exciting in that well over 100 HFA Members then would be of those two "sets"! Congratulations on your ripe age of 83. We have many members in Hfa in their 80s and some in 90s. I am a young 67! Look forward to hearing from you. First newsletter this year will be March.

Hardin Firm Friend, Oran *Oran*

COUSIN STUFF

Jan 26, 1991 ... I've been researching (off & on) for a little over 15 years on several lines on both sides of the family. I have a good bit on the Warren including photocopies of pictures of John Allison WARREN and his wife Isabel JOHNSON, and even of Abijah WARREN and Sarah SHIELDS and some of their children. The photocopies were sent to me by Clay WARREN of Sugarland, TX. He is a grandson of Cleon KEYS ("Kay") WARREN, one of John Allison WARREN's sons. I've also corresponded with others on various descendants of Abijah & Sarah WARREN, and I'm always looking for more "kin."

Since I don't know how much information you have, if you'll let me know, I'll send whatever I have that will fill in any gaps. I look forward to hearing from you!

Cathy WARREN

Cathy's father-Ervin Warren; grandfather-Earl Warren; g-grandfather-Ervin A. Warren; g-g-grandfather-John Allison WARREN & Isabell JOHNSON; John A. was brother to Timothy WARREN & Mary; John A. & Timothy were to born to ABIJAH & SARAH SHIELDS WARREN.

Abijah is my g-g-g-g-grandfather. What does that make Cathy & I? cse

Dec 10, 1990 ... The name of McILHENNY name is well known in Columbus. In fact a school was named McILHENNY and I have met many people who said they attended that school. It is not active at this time and has been turned into apartments. (Sam sent some info on the McILHENNY background) During WWII I was a roommate of the present Edmund McILHENNY of New Orleans and Avery Island. Edmund had an Aunt who spent a lot money, which they had, on researching the family, as Edmund said, all the way back to Ezekeal. She also told Ed that all McILHANEYS, McELHENNYs, McELHANEYS or however they spelled or misspelled the name were kin to each other. She or someone else published a book on the history which I have never seen nor do I know where to buy it but I have heard of it from two or three places or people.

I went to Mobile as I was told that most people in the South came in through that port of immigration. They had no record of a McILHANEY but said they only had records since a much later date (1900 I believe) but that other records would be in Atlanta. When I received the forms I found I did not have enough data to fill out the form for instance which port James McILHANEY came through, etc. (Sam forwarded on the forms and when I get narrow down port and get

more information, I will use them.) I doubt if any of this helps but thought you might like to know of these bits.

Sam F. McILHANEY

(Thank you Sam, as you can see elsewhere in the Ties that I have corresponded with Avery-McILHENNY. He could not offer any history on our family. cse)

Dec 12, 1990 ... Excerpts from lengthy and great letter. "My husband was diagnosed with cancer of the pancreas and liver in February and passed away on August 24th (Roylene sent along a copy of a tribute to Lawrence "Chan" Chandler which she authored for the McCamey News, Oct 10, 1990). I am Deputy Tax Collector at the Upton Co. Sheriff's Dept. and have 2 children living at home at this time trying to help out during all this....You know that my Dad, James Roy McILHANEY was the brother of Gladys, Hugh, Guy and Fannie, etc....At one time I was President of the McILHANEY Reunion, Louise DEERING was president of '90 and I heard that James Marvin WARREN was elected for '91....I enjoyed your newsletter very much and I certainly want to subscribe to it. I loved doing my "Reunion Book." This was something I did strictly because I wanted to and at my own expense. ...I did it out of love for the McILHANEY family and just wanted to do something "extra" for my year as President. I am sending you copies of pages out of my Grandmother McILHANEY's Bible. These are pages she had written in the Bible herself and I got some of my dates out of there and names. I am told that this was not her only Bible. This is one that was given to my Daddy before she passed away. After his death my Mother gave it to me and it is one of my most prized possessions.

Roylene McILHANEY CHANDLER

Several dated letters ... One letter pointed out some things to be corrected in Vol 1, Issue 1 Country Ties ... I don't know where the date of 1885 came from but if you will notice Ethyl is 2 or 3 years old in that big picture of WJGs family. She was not born in 1885 but in 1887, so the picture Hugh and I figured must have been made in 1890. Jane died the next year in 1891. I have wondered if they had that picture made in conjunction with the history they left for us that year now found in the Waco library. Perhaps they had hoped to get it printed in the book. I really wish I could own a copy of the book and I think Hugh ordered a copy of the reprint but had not received it still last summer. ... There was one more thing. Oh

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"ROOTS 'n KIN QUERIES"

This category is set aside for those who want a message to go to all readers asking for information or a lead on a missing link or relative. **Include:** Your name, address, telephone; the information you are seeking, full known name, any dates, locality, spouse, children, resided.

- Q?** Henry **McILHANEY**, brother to Lillian **McILHANEY**, who married John **BOWEN**. Henry had 5 children William, Francis, Robert, John, & Mary. I am a descendant of Lillian and would like to find some other of Henry's descendants. ... **J. R. McKINNEY**,
See "In Name Only"
- Q?** I descend from Margaret Ann **McELHANEY** b. 1783 Ireland, d. 1869 PA, m. Robert **THOMSON** b. 1759 Ireland, d. 1809 PA. Margaret's father possibly Capt. William **McELHANEY** b. ca 1750 Donegal, Ireland. Would like to exchange any information. ... **Mrs. VERL M. (HELEN) HOLDEN**,
- Q?** Need to find information leading to ancestry and descendants of Abijah **WARREN**, ca 1750-55, VA. Looking for 25 years. My G-G-grandfather was Valentine **WARREN**, 1810 Greene Co., PA, d. 1893, IA. ... **NEIL S. WARREN**,
- Q?** My g-grandmother was Sarah **WARREN**, b. 1814, KY, m. 1831, William Alexander **SNELLING**, Breckinridge Co., KY. 17 children born in Breckinridge and Meade Co's, KY. Been looking 25 years. Do not know parents of Sarah, just thought Abijah **WARREN** could be parent. It would seem that someone would know something about her, but I haven't been able to find anything. Would you have anything in your records about her? If so I would certainly appreciate hearing from you. ... **RALPH E. SNELLER**,

These folks really do care about finding their "roots" so if you have some information, take the time to sit down and write a note. They have taken the time to inquire and they would appreciate a response. How about it? Anybody have any information?

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More Cousin Stuff, from page 12

yes the spelling of Janes mothers maiden name. In the **GIBSON** history it is spelled **PARMLEY**. ... I recently joined the local genealogy group here and they showed us how to make an **AHNENTAFEL**. That is a list starting with yourself all the way back as far as you can go. You can skip those you do not know and still keep going if you know the others. I have gone back through 35 people to Jessie **GIBSON** and Elizabeth **PARMLEY**. I have 12 people missing out of that 35.

Billie **McILHANEY TOLLET**

(I'll include this at another time when I get it figured out for reprinting. cse)

have the answer on the **McILHANEYs**. Jim is the son of James Pilant **GIBSON**; grandson to John Parmley **GIBSON**; g-grandson Ephriam **PARMLEYGIBSON**; g-g-grandson Jessie **GIBSON**. If you get confused E. P. **GIBSON** married his niece Rebecca **McILHANEY**, daughter of James & Jane (**GIBSON**) **McILHANEY** in Tenn (I think) and then moved to Texas. I'll mail you an account of the **GIBSON** by separate cover.

Faye & Jim **GIBSON**

(I appreciate all the information that you shared with me and the Ties. cse)

Dec 1990 ... Enjoyed the mailout. Hope you can continue. I will have to go through some things. I have the will that Jesse **GIBSON** wrote in Kentucky and E. P. **GIBSONs** will. I don't