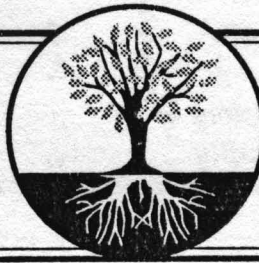


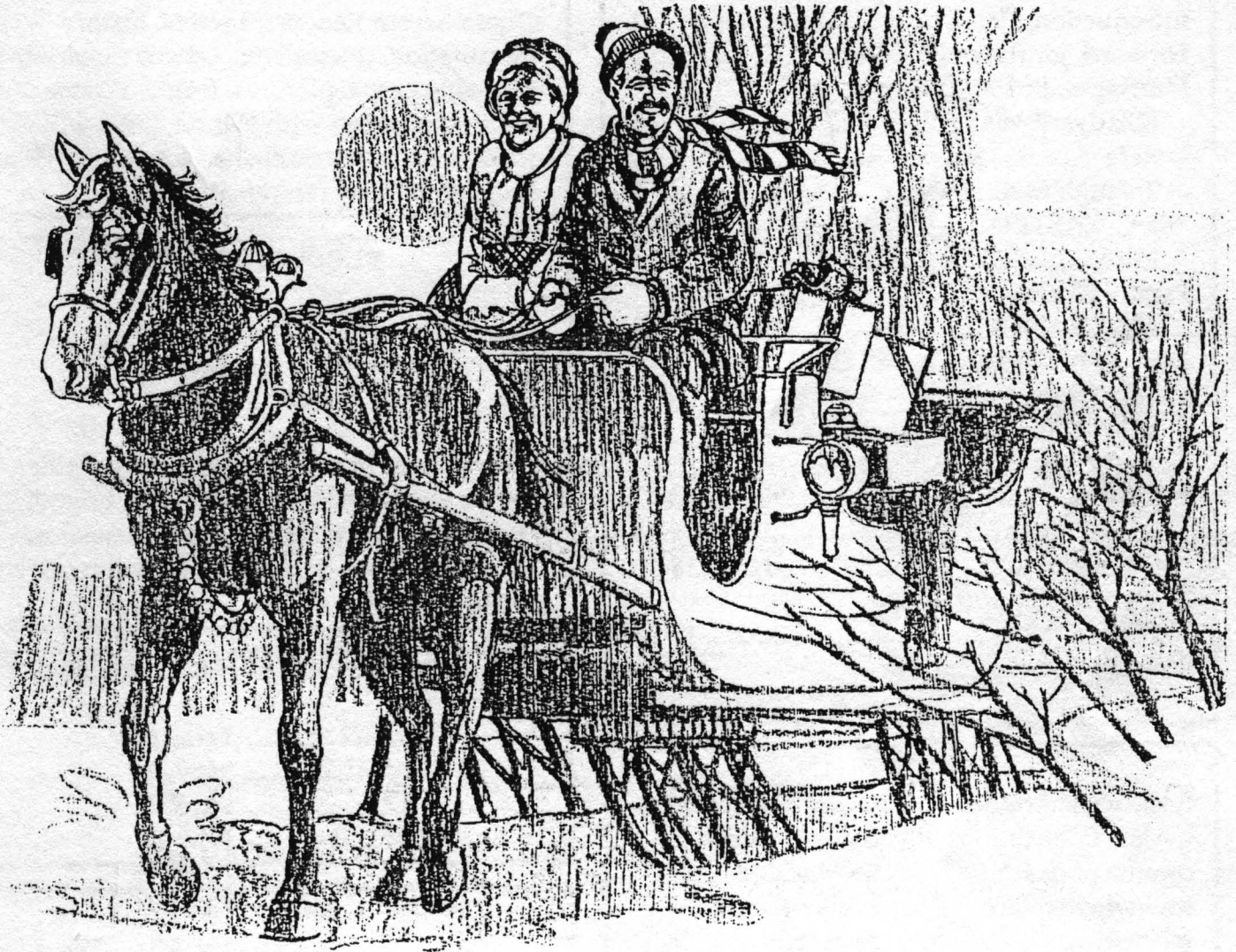
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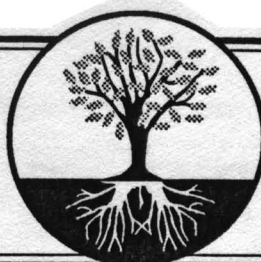


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Hello family & interested folks

— I'm Carol Sue **CORBETT ELLIS**, granddaughter (1st born) of Gladys **McILHANEY** and Harley **WARREN** and daughter (1st born) of Doris **WARREN GRIFFITH** and Paul Revere **CORBETT**. I will be continuing the family newsletters began by Willis **WOOD**. The newsletter went out to the families and friends over the past years and has contributed, along with all of your letters, to furthering family kinships and researching our heritages. Thank you Willis. I know that you will continue to contribute many articles on the family names you are working.

I hope the newsletter will strive to provide the opportunity to renew and meet new kinships, and to provide a forum for all to share and learn more about our heritage. The newsletter will contain good news and some sad news, but hopefully you can stay in touch and keep up with the families. The newsletter format will change with time but hopefully keep bringing you new learned morsels of knowledge about your families, past and present. Currently, this letter content will be made up with all related names within the family group or "umbrella" of the names of **McILHANEY (+var.)**, **WARREN**, **GIBSON**. I am a descendent of those names plus **CORBETT**, **HOLEMAN**, and married to an **ELLIS** (and I have an ancestor on my father's side with surname of **ELLIS**).

I welcome names, addresses, short letters or many pages. It will be great to have so much information that I may have to decide on how much to include in the newsletter. Whenever I can't use the whole material, I will insert a summary of the material. Of course whatever you send may wind up in the family book(s).

Uncle Hugh **McILHANEY** ("Mac" as many of you know him and son of Jim & Bettie **McILHANEY**) and I have recently renewed our kinship and many good things will surely come out of this and other reunions. We met again after many years at Grandmother **WARREN**'s funeral, Sept. 15, 1990. Even though it was a solemn day, I warmed to the reality that I was able to visit briefly with many **WARREN** and **McILHANEY** relatives. I saw so many faces that I knew in my youth and even though I could not remember the names with the faces at first, I was glad to see and visit with all. Many individuals have sent material to Hugh, one is his cousin, Patty **McILHANEY** Didio (?). Patty obtained copies of historical records while she was going to college in Mississippi. Tippah Co. Deeds recordings; Land Register in Pontotoc, MS (2/25/1841), and a copy of a statement (unsigned) written by a daughter? of W. J. G. **McIL-**

HANEY, telling of her parents/grandparents. The paper was numbered as typical of historical documents. Do not know where the document came from.

I have been interested in and have "dabbled" on and off in collecting ancestral information over 12 years. I had decided to compile a family book or books, first because family history is interesting and I want very much to contribute to preserving family histories. I talked with Uncle Hugh about my idea to publish a book or books on the families, I think he was excited about the possibility. After that meeting we had decided to publish a family book together. Everything that goes into this newsletter will probably end up in the book(s). Hugh, J. C. **EASTER** and I have been heavily corresponding, writing, researching missing links and history. (An article from Hugh and J. C. is included elsewhere.) He prompted me to volunteer to publish this newsletter, so here we are.

From the time my brother and sisters were born, we moved around just about every year. So we did not get a real chance to know all the families. Families are much closer when they communicate and see each other. I'm sure that we were not the only ones who have moved around. We know that although we saw a lot of the United States, we still missed out in other ways. My sister, Patricia **MISCZRUK**, brother Bill **CORBETT**, both live in Washington state, sister Diane **STRACK** lives in California, and mother lives in Rye, Texas. Our dad is in a hospital near Phoenix, AZ, with Alzheimer disease. I live in Tulsa with my husband, Ron (Ronald Wayne) **ELLIS**. He has 2 twin daughters, Shawn and Michelle (1964), one son, Chris (1963), none live in Tulsa. I have 2 daughters, Deronda Denise **BOSTON** (1963), Donna Danette **BOLEY** (1964), she and her husband Tom, have 2 daughters, and 1 son.

As you can see, I am not shy on writing. However, just a forewarning to you critics, I'm not an English major nor a writer, so please excuse me when you see a typo or grammatical error. I'm just family and an interested and motivated person. Sometimes I won't have time to proof or rewrite. Hopefully, the content is what counts. When Uncle Hugh first mentioned the newsletter I thought, what will I put in the first issue? Well, let's see... ?

It is with much love and respect that I dedicate the first new issue of *Country Ties* to the **McILHANEY**, **GIBSON** and **WARREN** family names. *Wish you all Good Health, Keep the Faith & Happy Researching!!!*
c.s.e.



In Memory Of

GLADYS VELMA McILHANEY WARREN (1904 - 1990)

Gladys was born at Waldo, Coryell Co., Texas to Bettie HARDIN and "Jim" James M. McILHANEY, on Aug. 20, 1904. (She was one of 12 children) Gladys was married at the age of 15, on 5/29/1920 to Harley Abijah WARREN (born May 24, 1901). (He was one of 11 children) Gladys was 17 years old and Harley was 20 years when their first child, Doris was born on April 10, 1922. Gladys Velma McILHANEY and Harley Abijah WARREN had 5 children: Doris Dorothy (Rye, TX), Helen Louise (Dickinson, TX), Eugene "Bud" (Port Allen), James Weldon (Livingston, TX), and Robert Joe (Buchanan, TX).

Gladys and Harley both worked hard long days on the Lorena farm bought from Harley's mother. Because of the times, (1940s) Gladys & Harley had grandchildren staying with them from time to time. The kids knew her as "Granny" (She always said she didn't like that name). After they sold the farm and moved to Kemah, TX, Granny found it hard to adjust and being away from all their familiar families, friends, and home. She had to find a new way of doing things, and adjust to living in a smaller home. In 1979, after moving to Buchanan Dam, TX, Harley passed away. After that, "Granny" was moved around a lot and lived near most of their children at one time or the other. Over the last two years, "Granny" had been at several nursing homes, hospitals, or homes of grandchildren. She became a member of the Roymayer Baptist Church. It was sad that with the moves she lost some of her treasured personal items here and there.

Gladys Velma WARREN passed away on Sept. 12, 1990. She developed cancer of the colon, along with recurring strokes. "Granny" WARREN, spent

her last few days and hours of her 86 years at a Webster nursing home. One of her daughters, Helen TUCKER and a daughter of Helen's, Rebecca "Becky", comforted her during those last few hours. Granny's other children and their families had been notified and were on their way. The funeral was held at the Wilkerson-Hatch Chapel in Waco, Sept. 15, at 1 p.m., Rev. David HARTWIG officiated (David is married to Marsha WARREN). There were over 100

family members and friends, McILHANEYs and WARRENs, in attendance at both services. Granny was laid to rest beside her husband, Harley Abijah WARREN, on September 15, 1990, a sunny Saturday, at 2 p.m., at the Chapel Hill Memorial Park Cemetery, Waco, TX.

She was survived by her two daughters and three sons; a sister, Fannie McILHANEY WARREN (1900) of McGregor, TX; two brothers, T. Hugh McILHANEY (1907) of Tatum, NM, and Guy McILHANEY, Sr. (1909) of Lorena, TX. In addition, I'd like to add there were all the caring wives, husbands, and others who felt as close to her as the "blood relative."



Gladys WARREN, 1988
Photo by Hugh McILHANEY

As of September 12, 1990, there were 19 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. The first born and oldest grandchild being Carol Sue CORBETT ELLIS, daughter of Doris. The last known, great-great grandchild to be born before her death, Thomas James BOLEY, Jr., 10/2/1989, grandchild of Carol Sue CORBETT ELLIS.

Thank You... To all the relatives who participated on such a short notice and worked to bring the families together under one roof for a dinner before the funeral. The dinner was held at the lovely home of Guinn and Norman TINDELL's. Norman's mother is Myra WARREN TINDELL, sister to Harley A. WARREN. And thank you to Eddie Jean and Robert J. WARREN for providing room for all the "kids" of Gladys & Harley.

LETTERS...

McILHANEY (McELHANEY, McILHANY, var.)

(T. Hugh McILHANEY has been researching the family surname and related family names for about 20 years and is a major contributor to us knowing about our family ancestry. We are all fortunate for his interest and persistence. The following are his *notes of research.*)

This is T. Hugh McILHANEY, the great grandson of James William and Jane GIBSON McILHANEY. The grandson of William James GIBSON McILHANEY and his wife Charlann Mollie Carter McILHANEY, the son of James M. (Jim) and Bettie Hardin McILHANEY.

I will try to give you the information that I have found on the genealogy work of the McILHANEY family that I'm working on now and related families.

I go by census records, land records, marriage records, and court records only. We know that from census records of 1850 and other documents that James William McILHANEY was born in the year of 1795. A letter from a child (unsigned) of James "Jim" McILHANEY, says that he came from Ireland when he was a young man. When and if he came to the states, I have not been able to furnish a date, nor where he landed, or if he came in a family group or by himself. All of the census records and currently researched records do not uncover any information about his early years nor his parents. He could have been born in this country but there are no records to show either way. He met and married MARY JANE GIBSON, maybe in Kentucky or Tennessee, no records are available.

The first date of record that I have on him is census 1830 with the spelling of McELHANEY (this spelling shows many times on many census and books, as my family in 1900-1910 census of Wilbrager Co., TX). The U.S. census record shows him to be married and to have three girls, one under five, two girls over five and under ten. One female between 20 and 30 years of age that age group would fit Jane GIBSON McILHANEY, his wife, as she shows to have been born approximately 1803 or 1804. The census records show one male between 30 and 40 years old, that would cover James William McILHANEY born in 1795. These census records are of the state of Tennessee and the county of Henderson. I believe him to have temporarily resided in Hender-

son Co. Tenn.

Now the old census records before 1850 only show head of family male or female or another person residing with them by another name. The records will have two lines for recording ages, one for male as follows: under five; 5-10; 10-20; 20-30; 30-40; and as needed. Then a line for females the same way. So a child could be from 1-5 (age) or other age group.

I will mention here... as the three females under ten do not match later census records. But of course children born in those years had a small chance of living and the records indicate that two of these girls did not survive (or could have possibly married with no records showing this). Later records show this family to have three girls born in Tennessee, but only one before 1830 census. If we could find records from a Bible or court house, then we would know something positive.

Now records of those early years of 1800 and up are very hard to find, as courthouses burned and storms blew away many courthouses. Henderson County (Tenn.) is one of those destroyed.

I believe that they stayed in Henderson County, Tennessee until approximately 1834. Then they came to Tippah County, Mississippi. They had three pieces of land of approximately 160 acres each that they had bought from the U.S. Government before Tippah County was formed, it was formed in 1836 and the County land records show this property was patented to James William McILHANEY before the county was formed. I have copies of two of the patents issued to the family. Also I have copies of deeds abstract where in later years James and Jane sold their property.

I will put down the age of the children in this family at this time. The year of 1850 the census shows James William at 55, Jane his wife at 46; daughters: Margaret 21, Catherine 20, Rebecca Jane 16, Minvera 13; sons: William James GIBSON McILHANEY 11, Randall M. 8, Henry Clay 6 years. So this is from census 1850 Tippah County, Mississippi and I am sure these dates are correct.

On the 1850 census of Tippah County, Mississippi shows a family by the name of James living as neighbors. The James family had several children. But one young man was named Jesse James. This young fellow became Catherine McILHANEY's husband between 1850 and 1853. (*No relation to notorious James*)

Also near neighbor were two families of GIBSON's. William C. GIBSON and wife, the other family was Mrs. Elizabeth GIBSON age 70, approxi-

mately and male (name unknown) GIBSON approximately 45 years old, I think is her son.

The McILHANEY family resided in Tippah County, Mississippi until the year 1853, then they sold the family homeplace for approximately \$1,400.00 and I expect other things. They received \$700.00 cash and balance due at the end of the year.

Now while I'm speaking about the Tippah County dealing of James and Jane I will bring up another matter for these three parcels of land. Early in time he sold one 160 acres of land to William GIBSON for the sum of ten dollars, who I am sure was his brother-in-law. I expect other items were also traded here. This land cost the sum of fifty cents per acre when he purchased it. They had sold one piece of property to (name unknown). So they had one tract of 160 acres plus 80 acres that they had came up with when they sold out to leave.

While we are on the Tippah County subject I will bring up the U.S. Census again, for the 1850 census is the first time they name all of the family and year and birth and the place of birth, a great help in doing this kind of work.

I will mention here that I have found out... When looking at census, when you find the persons you are looking for... back up on the census roll and look close at the families living near, as you will find a lot of times these same people will show with your party in later census, in different counties and states.

On the three pieces of land that James William McILHANEY had patents from the U.S. Government when Tippah County, Mississippi was formed in the year of 1836. James McElhaney was the way his name was spelled on the tax roll first year and on next two county tax rolls it shows him as John McILHANEY.

These patents from the U.S. Government, on three parcels of land that he had bought, spelled his name as James William McILHINEY. They had dropped out the A and replaced it with a I. Now to this day in Northern Ireland you will see it spelled that way. But you don't see it spelled as we spell it.

In February 1853 James and Jane sold the home place for \$1,400.00 money and possibly other material. They received the sum of \$700.00 in cash the balance of the \$1,400.00 due at the end of the year. Then they started on a long trip to Texas. At first they came to Dallas County, Texas, but didn't stay long, then on to Coryell County where they show up on a tax roll in 1854.

I will mention a short item here, it doesn't have anything to do with our families (*Just a bit of history of*

the times). But next to the deed to the Tippah county property shows a deed where a man sold two young colored boys approximately 16 years of age for more money than James W. got for a 160 acres parcel. The colored boys went for the sum of \$1,600.00 together, the land for \$1,400.00.

You know a trip from about 20 miles below the Tennessee line to Dallas today would be quite a trip, but think in those days. Wagons pulled by oxen or mules and horses, no bridges over creeks, rivers, mud at times boot top deep. While you are thinking, add another 100 miles from Dallas to Coryell County. They had what it took to make the best of hard times.

I believe that James W. and Jane had two of their son-in-laws along, but I am unable to prove it. But of the McILHANEYS, and E.P. GIBSON, also Jesse JAMES, all got patents of survey in the same year. E. P. GIBSON and Jesse JAMES had the following permit numbers. The GIBSON was across the road from the church yard and JAMES' was west from Coryell Cemetery. JAMES Grant #3 - 1715, GIBSON great #3 - 1714, MCILHANEY grant #1890.

James W. and Jane arrived in Coryell County I think late in 1853, and were allowed to pre-empt 320 acres of land out of Isaac Franks survey. The custom was to agree to purchase the land without a customary survey, agree to build and settle on the land, then to the pay the price that other land around yours sold for. This property is near the Coryell Church southeast from the Coryell Church, about 15 acres lay in McLennan County. Balance in Coryell County. James W. received a patent from the state of Texas signed by Governor E. M. PEASE on the 12th day of December, 1857. He didn't file his patent until November 25, 1874 (that was the habit those days). James W. filed for record November 25, A.D. 1874 at 2:00 pm, recorded the same day and hour by L. W. ALLEN, clerk of Coryell County Survey # 1090.

James W. and Mary Jane were charter members of the first Baptist Church in Coryell County. James served as a Deacon until his death.

The facts surrounding the death of James comes from my findings and records. My mother, Bettie HARDIN, told me about 70 years ago what the family told her when she married into the McILHANEY's. The area around Coryell Church was a prairie and did not have many trees nor any abundance of wood for building nor for wood for the stove. James had purchased the 320 acres because it was had Coryell Creek with wood and pasture. James was reported to have some scrub brush on an

area of the land and would often go stay off by himself in this area to stay and cut wood to bring back home. Coryell Creek crossed the land. James was drowned in the fall of 1869 while crossing the flooded Coryell Creek. It is believed that he drowned while crossing the creek while fetchin' some wood. (Some stories are around that James W. died while crossing Tonk Creek when he rode a horse on his way to Gatesville, TX. However Tonk Creek flows toward Middle Bosque, away from the direction from Mound, toward Crawford, and is not logical) In any event, his heavy clothing was thought to have prevented his saving himself—that and the cold. It is believed that his body was not found for 3 days and some 3 miles downstream near Mound, TX. Coryell Creek drains to Leon River. Perhaps we will never know just when he died, but his grave marker says 1869.

He is buried in the Coryell Cemetery, Coryell County, TX. The Coryell Church Cemetery grave marker reads Dec. 3, 1869 and about 74 years of age. I have checked with Henderson Co. Tenn. for marriage license, none on file for James W. and Jane. Carol Ellis and I have recently discussed the possibilities of finding them in Kentucky records, possibly Trigg Co.

Records from the Coryell Church show their daughters Margaret, Minerva, Rebecca, and Jane were charter members, also William James GIBSON McILHANEY. James William and Mary Jane McILHANEY had seven children: Margaret, Catherine, Rebecca Jane, Minerva Ann, William James GIBSON, Randle H., and Henry Clay. (*Their Lineage Chart follows the end of Letters.*)

T. Hugh MCILHANEY, 1990

Hugh McILHANEY has spent 20 years on researching, collecting and making notes on the McILHANEY and related families. The first newsletter to the family included the first paragraph from Hugh McILHANEY, which I will include for history's sake. W. WOOD wrote that a short time back the McILHANEY and related families met at the Western Sizzler in Lubbock, TX and the first newsletter was started.

"Mac" Hugh McILHANEY wrote: "I am working on the McILHANEY family from 1795 to my own family, James, Jane, W. J. G., Mollie. There are a lot of people that can trace their family to James and Jane

McILHANEY. Several families that I didn't know were kin until the last two years. James and Jane had four girls, three boys in 1850 Census, Margaret married William WIGGINS, had four descendants in 1892. Catherine married Jesse JAMES and had four children. You know about Rebecca GIBSON descendants. (See below...cse) Minerva married Isham A. JOHNSON and left two boys. All four girls were married by 1861, the boys didn't do so good. As two of them died in a prisoner of war camp. W.J.G. stayed three months in a hospital in Little Rock, AR, then was sent home. Will knock off, Mac."

Hugh (McILHANEY) and I have worked closely for some five or six years on the McILHANEY family. He and I have done some exhaustive work on this genealogy. The only child of James William (1795) and Jane McILHANEY we don't know the death date of, is Catherine (*who married a Jesse James*). We are getting close to knowing this also. Hugh is checking on records in Gatesville at this time. Let me tell you, no one I know of has more detailed information about the McILHANEY family than Hugh.

You see, my inspiration for doing genealogy work comes from the scripture in the book of Malachi, chapter 4, Verses 5 & 6.. Say "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."...

Billie TOLLETT really fired me up. In one of her first letters to me, she wrote, "family history has it that Henry Clay and Randle H. McILHANEY went off to the Civil War and no one ever heard from them again." Well, I had previously had some experience in the EASTER family with a similar circumstance and knew exactly where to check on these McILHANEY boys. Bingo, that's how we knew they were killed in the civil war. One thing led to another and Hugh and I got involved. I really desire to help him in his efforts to complete his book.

Through the years, at times when I seem to hit dead end roads, someone always seems to come to my aid. It is truly weird. Out of the blue someone writes or calls me. People I didn't even know existed.

(2nd letter included information on...) Minerva Ann McILHANEY who married Isham F. JOHNSON in 1861. Minerva was the fourth child of our Irish-American ancestor who was James William

McILHANEY (1795) and Mary Jane (GIBSON). Minerva and Isham had 2 children (William and Cicero) according to the Census of 1870 of Coryell co., Texas, Station Creek. The Mortality Schedule of the 1870 Census records the death of I. F.

JOHNSON. On this census Minerva is not listed. I assume that from the available records Minerva died between the year of 1865 or 1866 and at the other extreme, 1874. Hugh and I feel she died in 1869 (she had infant daughter who died in 1869 so she may have died in childbirth). No records, grave sites or etc. have been found. A brother is listed Henry JOHNSON. William (W. C.) was shown in 1900 Census of Coryell Co., Osage, TX, with wife Maggie ALLEN (m. 1/1/1887) having these children: King, Allen, Tull (Tuhl), Parker, Floy (daughter), Paul and Judson (brother Cicero). After Maggie died, W. C. married Mittie Nelms EDWARDS in 1927. *If you readers have any information that helps on Minerva's death date and place, please let us know...cse)*

(3rd letter included ...) Recently, I picked up some Historical Marker information located in the area where Mollie McILHANEY and family first located in Texas. You will notice that the years are around 1832 which was long before the James CARTER family settled near Webersville, Travis Co., Texas in 1851.

What we don't want to lose site of is, that Indians still roamed the land in 1851. In fact, those who were doing freighting in the early fifties, often had to fight off Indian raiders. the history books testify to this.

One living today, finds this hard to believe. Even I, living in 1990, visiting this area where the CARTER's settled, find it hard to believe that *only* 100 years ago plus a few years, all of these Indians roamed the land.

In your mind's eye, can you feel the hardships our forefather went through to pioneer our land? Traveling only a few miles per day in wagons? With young children? Many children were born in these wagons and on these trips. I can tell you, I have heard one of my grandmother's talk of the Indian raids when she was young. She was born in 1860 in East Texas. There are family stories of the McILHANEY's enduring Indian raids.

In the area where James CARTER and Salina Richardson CARTER settled in Travis Co., Texas, in 1851, parents of Mary Charlesann Elizabeth "Mollie" CARTER McILHANEY, is this memorial. "Marking the spot where Josiah Pugh Wilbarger of the Austin Colony was stabbed and scalped by the Indians in

1832 while locating lands for the Colonies. Born in Bourbon co., KY, Sept. 10, 1801, died in Bastrop Co., TX, April 11, 1845. A true pioneer and Patriot. We honor the spirit of sacrifice."

Also near the area is a marker to Reuben Hornsby (1793-1879).

J. C. EASTER

J. C. is grandson of Lula Belle McILHANEY (9/12/1870-7/25/1929) married to (3/10/1892) to James Monroe "Uncle Doc" SMITH (2/1/1892-7/4/1932). Lula Belle is daughter of William James GIBSON McILHANEY.

I have received several letters in the last few weeks since J. C. and I have become acquainted through our letter writing. It is very encouraging to know someone is interested and willing to take the time to write a letter, as well as recording and researching some of our history.

Thank you J. C. ...c.s.e.)

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Other folks whom I've heard have written Hugh, Billie TOLLETT, Patty McILHANEY. I know there are other names, but I don't have a list of them, so please forgive me for leaving your name out. But I look forward to hearing from you. I hope my "system" works out. I'll know who writes and sends what, so each letter/item is logged as to date, who sent what, etc. c.s.e.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

Received letter from the Central Texas Genealogical Society, Sue Keithley, Registration, on information they had or knew of. Annual Membership is \$10. c/o Waco-McLennan Co. Library, 1717 Austin Ave., Waco, TX 76701. She suggested reference material in *Coryell County Texas Families, 1854-1985*, published 1986, \$70, purchase from Coryell Gen. Soc.; also *History of The Lorena Texas Area 1854-1981*, by the Historical Committee of the Lorena Cemetery Assoc., published 1981.

Received material from Coryell Co. Genealogical Soc., Editor Dorothy Pruett, c/o Gatesville Public Library, 811 Main St., Gatesville, TX 76528.

These societies are very helpful in research and they also would like your support.

JAMES WILLIAM McILHANEY FAMILY CHART

JAMES WILLIAM McILHANEY

(b. 1795, *w.* Ireland; d. 12/3/1869, *bdw.* Coryell Co. Cemetery, Coryell Co., TX.)

m/ Mary Jane GIBSON (b. 3/10/1803, Kentucky; d. 12/18/1891, *w.* Coryell Co. Cemetery, Coryell Co., TX).

James William and Mary Jane GIBSON McILHANEY had 7 CHILDREN:

1) Margaret (b. 1/17/1829, Tenn; d. 5/15/1878; *bdw.* McLennan Cemetery, McLennan Co., TX); 2) Catherine (b. 1830, Tenn.; d. ?); 3) Rebecca Jane (b. 4/26/1834, Tenn; d. 7/28/1912, Hamilton Co., TX, *bdw.* Carlton, TX); 4) Minerva Ann (b. 1837, Miss, d. 1868, *w.* ?); 5) William James GIBSON (b. 5/8/1839, Tippah, Miss; d. 7/30/1904, Coryell Co., TX); 6) Randle H. (b. 1842; d. 4/24/1863, *w.* Camp Douglas, IL, *bdw.* Oakwood Cemetery, IL); and 7) Henry Clay (b. 1844, MS d. 7/1863, Little Rock, AR).

MARY JANE GIBSON McILHANEY

Mary Jane, wife of James W. McILHANEY, died December 18, 1891, age 88 years, 9 months, 8 days. She is then recorded from her date of death, that her date of birth is March 10, 1803, in Kentucky, assuming that her grave marker is correct. No records of her birth have been found. Jane is buried at Coryell Church Cemetery, Coryell Co., TX. Mary Jane's Parents; Father: Jesse GIBSON (b. 1777, *w.* Virginia; d. 10/1838, *w.* Livingston Co., Kentucky); Mother: *m.* 1799, *w.* Knoxville, Tennessee, Elizabeth PHARMLEY (b. 1783/84, *w.* So. Carolina; d. 2/7/1854, *w.* Hardeman Co., TN)

William James Gibson, Randle H., and Henry Clay McILHANEY were in the Confederate Army, with Randle and Henry Clay taken prisoners. I will be covering both of these boys in later newsletters, with copies of their Confederate papers and other interesting documents. The children of each generation will be covered with all of the available information. Something worth saving.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CERTIFICATE

No. 9706

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS *James McIlhiney of Lippah County, Mississippi*

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Pontotoc* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said

James McIlhiney

according to the provisions of

two several Treaties with the CHICKASAW INDIANS, dated October 20th 1832, and May 24th 1834, the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," and the several Acts of Congress

supplemental thereto, for the *North East quarter of Section Eleven, in Township Four, of Range Five, East, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Pontotoc, Mississippi, containing one hundred and fifty acres and twenty-nine hundredths (1/4), an Acre*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said *James McIlhiney*

NOW KNOW YE, That the

United States of America, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED**, and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT**, unto the said *James McIlhiney*

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *James McIlhiney*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, *Martin Van Buren*

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT**, and the **SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the *twenty-fifth* day of *February* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty-one* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the Sixty *fifth*.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

By

M. Van Buren

Sec'y.

H. M. Garland

Recorder of the General Land Office

(Document for James McILHINEY [McILHANEY], signed February 25, 1841)

This is all the information currently available to me ON THE BEGINNING OF THE WARREN LINEAGE and is far back as I can go. I began my search from the files of information from Nova Mae WARREN BLANTON (11/26/1902-1977?) I have spent numerous hours expanding the search, but do not have enough connecting ties to be factual. The Texas files contain a lot of information on the life of James Garfield WARREN, the beginning of Hewitt, TX, etc., which will be written about in future newsletters. If you want to see something in particular or have information, please write or call. c.s.e.

ABIJAH AND SARAH SHIELDS WARREN

Abijah WARREN (b. 1785, w. VA?; d. 1844, Athens County, OH
m. Sarah SHIELDS

Abijah & Sarah WARREN had 9 CHILDREN:

1. W. H., bw. FL ??; 2. A. B., bw. Leon, KS ??; 3. Cassie, bw. Leon, KS; 4. Jane, bw. Leon, KS; m. Robert Shields; 5. John Allison (b. 1832, w. VA; m., VA. Isabell Johnson (moved to TX, 1879); 6. Robert Shield, bw. FL; 7. P. Timothy (1825), bw. Arthur, IL; m. Mary; 8. M. H., bw. Arthur, IL; 9. J. J. , bw. Ritchell, MO.

JOHN ALLISON AND ISABELL JOHNSON WARREN

(1832- ,)

John Allison WARREN (b. 1832, w. VA.

m. Isabell JOHNSON (b. ?, w. VA. (moved to TX, 1879)

1. Ervin A. (Dexter, NM)? *I know of one child and have inquired of other descendants, no defintes yet. c.s.e.)*

P. TIMOTHY AND MARY WARREN

(? , -1914)

Timothy WARREN (b. , w. d. w. IL ?

m. Mary (b. 10/28/1826, w. d. 1914 (88+ yrs), bd.w. Arthur, IL.

Timothy & Mary had 5 ? CHILDREN: 1. Abijah, 2. John Allison; 3. Myra; 4. Mrs. W. H. JONES (m. Cisco, IL ??); 5. Mrs. C. F. JENNE (m. Crawfordsville, IN??)

Abijah WARREN (1785) was the great-great-great grandfather of WARREN's: Harley Abijah (1901), Nova Mae (1902), Herbert Weldon (1904), Clyde Pyeatt (1906), Hershal "Buster" (1908), Layton Marrs (1911), Elsie Elena (1913), Myra Cyrene (1916), Joseph Weldon (1918), Vera Maud "Sissy" (1921), James Floyd "Sonny" (1923).

A lot was written about the WARREN's after they arrived in McLennan Co., Texas, a little is written about Abijah (1853) and Ella Virginia WARREN in Illinois, but there is very little information known to me about the WARREN's in Virginia, Illinois and other beginnings. The father of Abijah (1853) was P. Timothy WARREN (1825). I will write more on the WARREN's in the next newsletter.

COUNTRY TIES NEED YOUR INFORMATION

If you have any information about any of the families aforementioned, please share. Thank you ... for all the families who will be reading future newsletters. I have tried to be faithful in retyping the spellings of names and places, because this is so important in preserving history and for genealogy working. When you see something that needs to be corrected, please send a copy of the document with the spelling you know to be correct. We will take a section of each generation and print in future newsletters. Some families had a lot of descendants.

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

I attended a seminar on November 10, 1990 on using maps in your research and shortcuts to finding your Civil War veteran. If any one wants a copy of the handouts, send a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) with .45 stamps. The handout included researching land office records and dealing with the National Archives for land and veteran records. I learned when requesting by mail to anyone or place (such as courthouses, historical societies, etc.), always send SASE. When requesting by mail to a newspaper office, send SASE and send a dollar for one clipping. If you are requesting a lot of information, send them a SASE with a note of request of how much they would charge.... In some states for copies of newspaper clippings, you may have to send a request to the State Historical Office, usually located in the state capitol. In some cases if you are repeatedly exchanging information with an individual, both of you are using postage so you usually don't send a SASE, but I usually will send at least some labels if I expect heavy corresponding. c.s.e.

RESEARCH

I realize there are people who may be reading this information for the first time and I sincerely hope you "cherish the information and the work" done by Hugh in getting the McILHANEY. I wish I could tell Aunt Nova thank you for the WARREN information and to say there some of us do care and we will carry on the quest.

I know that there has to be more "closet" researchers and "genies" (amateur genealogists). Those of you who have researched know the time and effort it goes into working your genealogy. I feel I have just begun in earnest and have "logged" just 10 hours a week at the library, @70 hours at the computer, entering all that I have, and @40 hours just

reading, figuring, writing, compiling, etc., etc., etc. I am getting to know the Tulsa Genealogy Library pretty good now, and have gone half way through the books on Kentucky (there are about 150 books). I have several more states to go through and this is just one surname. So far I have logged over 200 McILHANEY name variations, and the list is just beginning! (Send your lineage information too, I'd like to compile it on my computer) I have several more surnames to research! I know there are some of you who like Hugh, J. C. and other names I'm not knowledgeable about, that have spent many uncountable hours. I really appreciate you more now that I know more working genealogy. How about waking up in the middle of the night figuring what name goes where!

QUERIES ??????????

Every issue we will publish queries submitted from readers. If you need help, direction or information on a certain family name and would like to see if any person has information, send this in and it will be published in this section.

In addition if you have additional information, dates, places, stories about these ancestors, descendants or yourself, please write it down and send it in. We'd love to hear from you.

SUBMISSIONS We are indeed interested in you, your family, or information on any history related to your families era. Past and Present. We are interested in your stories, pictures, remembrances, maps, excerpts from books, names of books, excerpts from bibles, marriage licenses, births, deaths, corrections to published contents, everything that you want to add to the newsletters and/or the book. The goal is to share family information; to research our surnames; to learn of new family members and to remember our heritage. We will also accept and print inquiries on individuals. We don't promise to have the answers but we will reply to all inquiries. When sending anything, always include your source—such as newspaper, cemetery, family bible, as this is very important when it comes to preserving and/or resolving conflicting material on dates, places, etc. We all will appreciate all the information available.

To submit material, please attach your name, address, phone number, parents full names, dates, and number of items enclosed (if more than one). Always remember to date your material and letters.

you, please include SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) and label (with a Post-it, etc.). You are encouraged to please send updated information on: births, anniversaries, deaths, weddings, and changes of address. We always need verifications on dates. *c.s.e.*

Gift subscription certificates are available for sending to relatives, friends, historical centers, libraries, etc.

PROFIT?

I feel it necessary to make it clear, this newsletter is **not** for profit. A lot of folks besides myself have devoted a lot hours to find, copy, mail, etc. the family information to be reprinted in *Country Ties*. Hugh, I know, calls court houses, libraries, takes trips, all for the search of the elusive family name, and he very much enjoys sharing the results with all of you. It took a month of typing, writing, mailing, editing & remailing, to bring you this issue. Plus 7 hours of copying, labeling, stapling, and applying postage. It will take a lot of time and money to bring you the future issues. I don't mind telling you that I'm not minding the work, it is interesting, I've met a lot of new relatives, made new friends, and I've enriched my knowledge. Yes, in these ways I have profited, so has everyone else who dabbles and works on saving their family histories. *c.s.e.*

QUERIES?????????

1. The name of father and mother of James William **McILHANEY** (or **McELHANEY/McILHINEY**), born 1795?

2. The birth records of James William **McILHANEY**, U. S. or Ireland?

3. Did James William **McILHANEY** have brothers, sisters?

4. Where did Mary Jane marry James William, Kentucky or Tennessee?

5. Does anyone have any information to the whereabouts of the desc. of Catherine **McILHANEY** (Tenn), who married Jesse **JAMES**? They had girls who married into **GIVIOUS**, **POLSON**, **FOWLER**, & **PHILLIPS**.

6. We have very little information on Bettie **HARDIN**, b. 6/6/1870, wife of James M. **McILHANEY**, b. 2/14/1916, can anyone provide background material?

DOCUMENT SUPPORT

Each issue will include available supporting documents, they are both sources of history and facts surrounding the individual(s). Sometimes these documents will be maps, photo's, deeds, wills, marriage licenses, certificates, etc.

MAILING ADDRESSES

A list of all the names & addresses are currently in the computer, if you would like a copy of the whole list of 120+ names, please send a SASE with .45 for postage. Or if you want a listing for just the names within your state, send a SASE with .25 for postage.

Let me say, after February 1991, the postage rates will go up to .30 for one stamp. So send your requests in now.

SOME ADDRESSES YOU MAY WANT:

DOCUMENT ENCLOSURES

Document

One document was enclosed at this time due to shortage of postage funds until we get this thing going again.

Pg. 12, Doc. 1, James William **McILHANEY**, Contract for Land, Tippah Co., Miss. 1841.

Photo's

The photo's on the **McILHANEY** family were provided by T. Hugh **McILAHNEY**. The handwriting by Hugh, was left with each photo.

The photo's on the **WARREN** family were provided by Doris Dorothy **WARREN GRIFFITH**.

Pg. 17, William James Gibson **McILHANEY** & Family

Pg. 19 William James Gibson **McILHANEY** (W. J. G.) "Mollie & Family, Waldo, TX

Pg. 21 Abijah & Ella Virginia **GEYER WARREN**, Abijah, born to P. Timothy & Mary **WARREN**

Pg. 23 Mary Jane **GIBSON McILHANEY**
b. 1802/03, KY, d. 12/18/1891



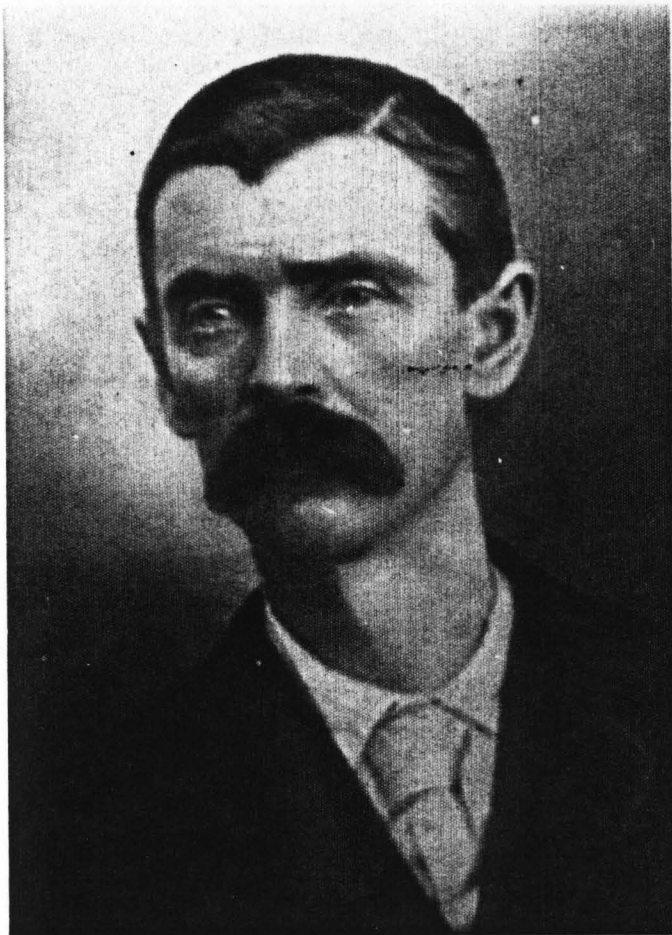
William James Gibson McIlhenny,
 wife Mollie
 (eldest - Jim absent) about 1885

Lula
 John
~~Oliver Lee~~
 Arthur
 Frank
 baby, Ethel

This is the picture that the
 Grand old lady was cut off



McShaney family at old home
 Place Waldo. sitting down W. J. G. Mollie by him
 Uncle John standing on porch Aunt Eva holding Eunice
 Uncle Oliver Lee back of chair, Aunt Lula with Ella & Essie
 Aunt Lula married Rev. Smith. She is J. E. Grand Mother
 Aunt Ollie, She is John's wife. With Joe, John & Bill
 Aunt Ethel holding Ruth who married Mack Elaris is



Abijah **WARREN** b. May 13, 1853
Zanesville, Ohio
d. Oct. 23, 1895
Buried Harris Creek Cemetery
McLennan Co., Texas



Ella Virginia **GEYER** b. June 8, 1915
58 years of age



Mary Jane GIBSON McILHANEY

b. 1802/03, KY, d. 12/18/1891

Wife of James William McILHANEY

b. 1795, d. 12/3/1869

boy is grandson, Frank B. McILHANEY, b. 10/29/1880?, d. 3/14/1962