

Marriages + Children

- 1) George G. Owen — Myrtle Bunch
Clara Belle, Nellie, Clyde D, George W.,
Bob B, Sam P., Nancy, Ruth, Alvin, Dixie D.
1. Nellie — O. L. Etkins
Florence Pauline; O. L. Jr.
2. Clyde D. — Ethel Montgomery
Mary Lynn — Susan Virginia
3. George W. — Ruby Johnson
George W. Jr.
4. Bob B. — Mary Falk
Barbara — Dorothy
5. Sam P. — Willie Mae Allen
No Children
6. Nancy — Charles Johnson
Nancy Jane — Charles Leslie
7. Ruth — Svirint Kurling
Robert Owen Kurling.
8. Alvin A. — Eric Nell Ward
Frances Karen — Robert Alvin
9. Dixie }
10. Clara Belle } never married

(Over)

Ap. 15 1865
Mar. 7 1943

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ~~HENDERSON~~ ^{RUSK}

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Laura R. Richards, to me well known and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the daughter of Maggie Mae (Kate) Owen Richards, whose parents were George Washington Owen and Susan Anna Herren; that she holds in her possession certain documents given to her by Maggie Mae (Kate) Owen Richards as set forth following:

"George Washington Owen was born on the 8th of October in the year 1846. Susan Anna Herrin was born on the 5th of February in the year 1848.

G. W. Owen and Susan Anna Herren were married on the 27th day of January in the year 1864".

The following record is a copy of the original parole issued to Geo. Owen following the Civil War:

"No. Jackson Mip. May 13th 1865

Prvt. Geo Owen of "B" Company, Bradford's Scouts & Guards C.S.A., residing in Hinds Co. Mip, having been, with the approval of the proper authorities, paroled, is permitted to return to his home, not to be disturbed by the United States Authorities, so long as he observes his parole and the laws in force where he may reside.

By order of
Major Gen'l E.R.S.CANBY, U.S.A.

Colonel and provost Marshal General
Dept. Miss."

Affiant further states that she is unable to read the name of the Colonel and Provost Marshal, General Dept Miss., also the number at the top of the Parole. The parole is printed on paper like the old-time receipts and is lined like notebook paper.

Affiant also has in her possession the following record issued by the Adjutant General's office concerning the military service of George Ow

"WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
STATEMENT OF THE MILITARY SERVICE OF

"2114500

George Owen

private, Company B, Bradford's Corps of Scouts and Guards
Confederate States Army

(continued next page)

"The records of this office show that George Owen was enlisted November 17, 1864, at Brandon, Mississippi, as a private of Company B, Bradford's Corps of Scouts and Guards, Confederate States Army; that he surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama, May 4, 1865, and that he was paroled at Jackson, Mississippi, May 13, 1865."

"Official statement furnished to Hon. R. R. Owen, County Judge, Navarro County, Corsicana, Texas, January 20, 1914.

"By authority of the Secretary of War:

" J.H. McRae
Adjutant General"

Affiant further states that Nannie Ophelia Owen O'Neal was also a daughter of George Washington Owen and Susan Anne Herren.

Witness my hand this 15 day of July, 1964.

Laura R. Richards
Laura R. Richards

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME by the said Laura R. Richards on this the 15 day of July, 1964.

JOE WILLIAMSON, NOTARY PUBLIC
IN AND FOR RUSK COUNTY, TEXAS

Joe Williamson
Notary Public, Henderson County, Texas

1404 South Main Street
Henderson, Texas 75652
July 3, 1978

Dear Peggy,

Thank you for the notarized copy of the letter. Several years ago you had sent us a copy, but I needed the notarized copy for the story I am doing. Please let me know how much it cost.

Next Saturday I am going to Utica, Mississippi. I will stay with our distant relatives there. On Sunday I will attend a Herren family reunion. The rest of the time, Vickie Montgomery, a distant cousin, and I will go various places working on family history. We had met Vickie when we were there in 1971. She was about fourteen then. Now she is very interested in the family history. Her grandfather, R.D. Herren-a man I love dearly- is a great grandson of Rev. Stephen Herren. His grandfather was Richard Herren, half-brother of our 2nd great grandfather, Garrett Herren. His mother, who died when he was only eight, was Alice Owen.

Bill may have given you some of the following:

Nancy Allen(wife of Great Great Grandfather Garrett Herren and mother of Great Grandmother Susan Herren Owen) was the daughter of Johnson Allen and Patience Simmons. According to Annette Herren Hughes of Leland, Miss., "My grandmother Herren was Rebecca Elizabeth Allen and she had a sister Nancy Allen. My great grandmother was Patience Simmons and she married my great grandfather Johnson Allen on Nov. 29, 1826."

Annette's grandfather was David Herren, brother of Garrett Herren.

According to information Annette sent me from an old Bible, Johnson Allen was born May 16, 1804 and Patience Simmons July 18, 1809. Nancy Allen was born Sept. 24, 1827.(Garrett and Nancy both died many years before 1880--more on that in a later letter; but recently I found the David Herren family on the 1880 Census. According to it Rebecca Elizabeth's parents were both born in Tenn.

Also from the old Bible: "Our Father Stephen Herren deceased this life April 1, A D 1868 age 86 years old"

There is much more information and copies I want

to send you but I am pressed for time this week before the trip. I also help at Poovey's Studio where I have been studying photography for five years. Photography, teaching, and family history occupy much time. After returning from Miss. I will send you more information.

According to some information Bill gave me from his chart, Rev. Stephen Herren's father was Jacob Herring, Ellen Herren's parents were Capt. James Middleton and Mary Nixon, and Gadi Owen's grandparents were John Owen and Rachel. I would very much like to know the records from which this information was obtained. I have enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

I don't know this -

I don't know this I think!

As I said before, I look forward to sending you information and corresponding with you. There are various stories, estate settlements, and deeds you will find interesting if you do not already have them.

Sincerely,

Betty

*book rec.
Miss. daughters
& their ancestors.*

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Tuesday, May 24, 1977

Peggy, Dahling:

When your Little "Muddah" called yesterday morning I had (just a few minutes prior) received a call to come AT ONCE to the courthouse to report in the County Criminal Court all this week and, in my haste and frustration, told her so, then attempted to give her the information you sought in your telephonic call last Sunday. Think my obvious "exasperation" to get going to the courthouse kind of threw Ora for a loop (and off balance), (she probably thinking I didn't want to converse with her), and feeling now, and fearing too, that she didn't quite understand me, ('cause I don't talk too plain, and she seemed to have some difficulty writing the information down), am taking the liberty of writing, sending the information, so I'll know you'd have it FOR SURE, and in ample time.

Knew all my life that Mama's birthdate was April 15th, for we always celebrated it, but when you called for the Year, it sort of stymied me, or else I had a mental block, and momentarily couldn't even think of my own name. Nevertheless, she was born in 1869, (April 15th), and she and my Father were married (at the home of her parents) on August 5th, 1886, by "Reverend Milbourn, (some of Claude Milbourn's clan, I guess). Always was told that my Mother was only sixteen when she and Papa wed, and checking the Family Bible and doing a little bit of mathematical calculating, find such statement to be truly confirmed.

What I'm about to say doesn't pertain to what you're writing and/or what you are thinking, but I'm going to throw it in for good measure, just the same. My Dad, re-

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portedly, was from Georgia, but if he had any relatives, viz., brothers or sisters, aunts or uncles or cousins, - or anybody else, - E V E R, - - no one ever heard the likes of it. Many times I heard him remark that, "When my Ole Mammie died, my old stepdaddy built a pine box and buried her in it", -- no telling where, - - but, I think, at Canton, Texas, in Van Zandt County, -- burying her like, I imagine, someone of today (NOT US) would have an animalistic funeral. Don't know "neither" what year that was, and doubt if he remembered, for, after all, he couldn't read nor write, -- couldn't even sign his name, in fact, - - - - - but was a damn good trader and could make money like a Jew, - - and how in the world he ever managed to make a living for (and raise) twelve kids and bury two more in infancy, is beyond my comprehension!

Incidentally, I wasn't overly fond of my Father during the greater part of his lifetime, due to the fact, I guess, that he loved to "Hit the Bottle", and, then, I thought such carryings on were a disgrace, especially when I felt that he should put that much money on an education for us (but he thought an education made damn fools out of people, and made train and bank robbers out of them, too), but after I went to work and found out that most people "Hit the bottle", not only the men, but the women, too, and the latter also smoke cigarettes (which I deplore) and wear britches (and "cuss" too), (and then wonder where "Chivalry" went), makes me wish I could put my arm around his (my Dad's) neck and tell him what a wonderful man he was. But, of course, it's everlastingly too late to do anything about that now, so I'll just have to live with it. Hope God'll forgive me for my dereliction, for He (only) knows that my Father needed Love, -- but flat didn't get it, - - from many, -- to say the least.

There've been so many unpleasant happenings in my

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immediate family of late it's almost impossible to carry all the times and dates in my head, and looking back in retrospect it seems like a dream. Poor Nettie passed away on October 26th last year, and Mary followed her in death on February 8th this year, so it kind of shakes a body up when so many of the relatives pass away in such close and rapid proximity, -- especially your sisters, -- when, in fact, the only sister that had ever died during my lifetime theretofore was a little baby sister back when I was too small to enter the public schools (if and whenever I did), and being of such tender age, death meant little or no significance to me (I guess), but as we grow older, such things manifest themselves in much more significant and important ways, and weigh MUCH MORE heavily on our minds. Course, however, as we grow older, we learn to accept the inevitable (as we know we should, and must), and I often (jokingly) remark, when I become so overwhelmed with transcript work (as of right now), with all the mowing and hoeing to keep this place up, and going to the grocery stores, paying the high prices we have to pay for pinto beans, sowbelly, cornbread and coffee, -- especially coffee, - TWO POUNDS of Folgers Regular Grind, (for we do perk ours) at \$8.57, -- plus the few aches and pains (ALL OVER) nearly every morning early until I have my first cup of coffee, -- I wonder if death wouldn't be a pleasure and a blessing - and might even relish it! However, don't mean to say I'm ready for it, or that I'm inviting it or hurrying it up in any respect, but on the contrary I'm living it up, enjoying all my "CRUD", and having "nearly as much" fun as the "Niggers" (and I'm not prejudiced toward them, either), -- most all of whom, as you probably know already, are drawing government checks free of charge for nothing, and "Don't have to hit a lick at a snake", -- especially if it's for the whitefolk.

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So, my Sister, Normaree, and I spend most every Sunday afternoon visiting cemeteries, - not only Oakwood (where our parents and many of our relatives and friends are buried), but we also visit the Zions Rest Cemetery, where Mary is buried, thence east from Corsicana over to Petty's Chapel (a pretty little cemetery, and well kept, too), where Nettie lies buried, (along with her husband). Oftentimes, too, we go to the Hamilton Cemetery where Peggy's (my Peggy) parents are buried, along with some of her aunts and uncles and cousins, and many of our friends. I think Hamilton is a beautiful cemetery and, being the product of many sophisticates (likeunto the Late John Carpenter, whose funeral I attended along with the late Jim Sewell), as well as many of "The First Families" here, and some more of the richfolks, naturally it is a well-kept cemetery, and a huge one at that. Know you've been there many times?

Pardon me for more of the personal reference, but Mary would have been Ninety had she lived until the Twelfth of September this year; Nettie was past eighty-five, having been born January 27, 1891, so you can readily see that they both were "Living on borrowed time", so to speak, having, many years long since, out-lived their (and our) promise of "Three Score and Ten Years", but, being the selfish people that we all are, we're never ready to "Give them up".

If at any time I could render a helping hand to your Mom, or come to her aid and/or rescue and/or assistance in any respect, I'd be glad to, if and when apprised of the desire and need therefor. Imagine she, like me, is as independent as a hog on ice and had rather be shot at sunrise than to have to impose on or

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solicit help from anyone, but unless I'm committed to a deposition-reporting assignment at that hour, or have a day's reportorial services in the courthouse, am free to come and go as I choose. Naturally, I can always turn loose my transcript work and take off for awhile, unless the attorneys are meeting a deadline to the courts and are, in turn, pressing me for their work, in which event I might have to "Toe the mark" a little closer, or "Keep my shoulder to the wheel" a little harder. But this doesn't happen too often.

Incidentally, (my) Miss Peggy and I were discussing your family last evening and she commented on how pretty your Mother was, whereupon I remarked that, "And she's always been just as good as she's pretty", -- so, - -

Naturally, even if it wasn't kinfolks, I'd wanna render aid if and when the necessity presented itself, and would break my neck getting the job done.

I crave your forgiveness for this long "Tirade". Really didn't mean to prolong this thing and become so haranguing, but when I get started, (and I'm hard to get started at anything), am like a cheap two-bit victrola equipped with a dull needle playing a "scratchy, cracked record, - - just never know when to stop!!

Yours, lovingly,


(Leroy Barlow)

P. S. Whatcha got Walter doing these days? I send my regards, tell'em! LB

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Birth: Oct. 8, 1846
Death: Aug. 6, 1912

Husband of Susan Anna (Herren) Owen; Son of Gadi Owen & Elizabeth (Porter) Owen

Family links:

Spouse:
Susan Anna Herren Owen (1848 - 1929)*

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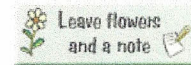


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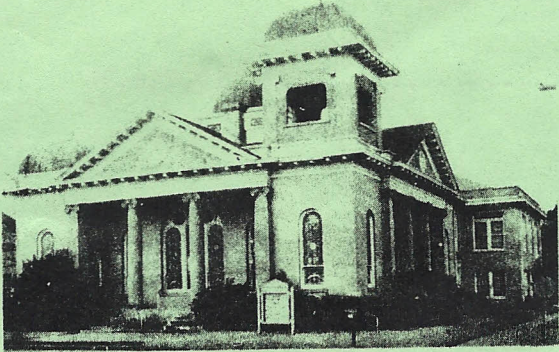


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MEMBER PROFILE - MRS. ORA GRACEY RICHARDSON

Mrs. Ora Gracey Richardson, a Disciples member for approximately 35 years, came to Navarro County in 1918 when her widowed mother married Mr. J. W. Sharpley. Ora married Mrs. George R. O'Neal in 1922, in Emhouse, where their children, Peggy and George were born.

An energetic and industrious mother and homemaker, she has at one time or another served the public in the Emhouse post office, as a salesperson for Marks Bros, (formerly on Beaton Street), a nursing home matron, a nurse, a church nursery attendant, and a baby sitter.

After the death of her second husband, Mr. R. C. Richardson, Ora joined the staff at Juliette Fowler Homes, in Dallas. She served there for nearly eight years.

In 1959, she moved from Dallas back to Corsicana, where she lived with her daughter and family, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Farmer and Susan, for a while. During that time, she moved her church membership to First Christian.

On her 90th birthday, last August 10, Mrs. Richardson's whole family surprised her with a birthday dinner and party at her son's home near Clifton, Texas. She now resides at Twilight Home.
