

PORTER HILL

EDWARD PORTER - BORN IN ENGLAND IN 1600, SAILED FROM BRISTOL ENGLAND WITH CAPT. CLEMENT CHAPMAN ON THE SHIP CONSTANCE, HEADED FOR THE COAST OF VIRGINIA, LANDED IN THE INDIAN DISTRICT OF CHICKACOAN, WHICH LATER WAS DIVIDED UP INTO THE COUNTIES OF NORTHUMBERLAND, WESTMORELAND AND LANCASTER COUNTIES, ARRIVING OCTOBER 24, 1635, AT THE AGE OF 35 YEARS.

EDWARD PORTER MARRIED MARY ? . THEY LIVED IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY VIRGINIA, WHERE THEY HAD SONS NAMED: ROBERT, JACOB, EDWARD, THOMAS AND FRANCIS.

IN THE SPRING OF 1658, THOMAS PORTER CAME TO LANCASTER COUNTY. AFTER HE WAS THERE FOR A WHILE, THOMAS PORTER AND ANTHONY HAYES GOT A GRANT OF 1,000 ACRES OF LAND FOR TRANSPORTING TWENTY PERSONS TO RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY. THIS LAND WAS LOCATED BETWEEN THE POTOMACK AND RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY IN THE NORTHERN NECK REGION OF VIRGINIA, ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1658.

AMONG THE TWENTY PERSONS THAT WERE TRANSPORTED, WAS A GIRL BY THE NAME OF ELIZABETH WOOD, WHO THOMAS PORTER LATER MARRIED. THEY HAD CHILDREN NAMED: ANN, ELIZABETH, WILLIAM AND PETER (TWINS), BORN MAY 28, 1693, AND JOHN, BORN JUNE 23, 1695.

IN THIS AREA, AT THAT TIME THERE WAS NOTHING BUT FORESTED WILDERNESS. NO ROADS OF ANY KIND, ONLY TRAILS MADE BY INDIANS AND WILD ANIMALS. INTERSECTED AS IT WAS BY RIVERS AND STREAMS, WHICH BECAME THE EARLY HIGHWAYS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PEOPLE AND PRODUCTS. FISH, OYSTERS AND CRABS WERE PLENTIFUL. LUMBER WAS AVAILABLE EVERYWHERE - TOBACCO WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT CROP AS IT WAS USED AS MONEY.

JOHN PORTER OF LANCASTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MARRIED SARAH SANDERS, THE DAUGHTER OF CAPT. EDWARD SANDERS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY VIRGINIA. THEY HAD SONS NAMED: EDWARD SANDERS PORTER, JOHN PORTER AND SAMUEL PORTER.

"ON FRIDAY" 8 OF APRIL, 1737, JOHN PORTER AND HIS WIFE, SARAH, CAME INTO COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR DEED OF LEASE AND RELEASE TO THOMAS EDWARDS "GENT" FOR AND CONCERNING 62 ACRES OF LAND IN WICOCOMOC PARISH IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER. LAND THAT SARAH HAD INHERITED FROM HER FATHER, CAPT. EDWARD SANDERS. SARAH, HAVING FIRST BEEN PRIVATELY EXAMINED AS THE LAW DIRECTS, WHICH DEED WAS ADMITTED TO RECORD.

AFTER THE SALE OF THIS PROPERTY, JOHN AND SARAH MOVED TO CHRIST CHURCH PARISH, WHERE ROBERT "KING" CARTER BUILT THE FAMOUS CHRIST CHURCH IN 1732. THIS CHURCH STILL STANDS AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER. THIS IS WHERE THE PORTERS WENT TO CHURCH, AND PAID THEIR TYTHES ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE FAMILY. BUT, FRANCIS PORTER AND HIS WIFE, MARGARETT, FORGOT TO PAY THEIR TYTHES ONE YEAR AND WERE FINED 312 POUNDS OF TOBACCO.

ON JUNE 10, 1737, JOHN PORTER OF CHRIST CHURCH PARISH, LANCASTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, WENT BEFORE THE COURT AND FILED A PETITION TO BE EXCUSED FROM PAYING ANY LEVY FOR HIS SON, EDWARD SANDERS PORTER OF CHRIST CHURCH PARISH IN THIS COUNTY DURING THE TIME HIS SON REMAINS BLIND.

JOHN PORTER OF CHRIST CHURCH PARISH, LANCASTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, JUNE 12, 1741, WAS EXCUSED FROM PAYING ANY LEVY FOR HIS SON, JOHN PORTER, WHO WAS BLIND FOR THE FUTURE:

I DID NOT FIND ANY INDICATION AS TO WHAT CAUSED THE BLINDNESS, BUT I AM SURE THAT BOTH RECOVERED, BOTH MARRIED AND HAD LARGE FAMILIES AND LIVED A LONG LIFE FOR THAT TIME.

SARAH SANDERS PORTER DIED IN LANCASTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, NOVEMBER 17, 1752. THE SANDERS FAMILY WAS IN VIRGINIA IN THE EARLY 1630'S.

DR. EDWARD SANDERS WAS BORN IN 1621 IN ENGLAND, AND HE WAS SARAH SANDERS GRANDFATHER. HE WAS SENT BACK TO ENGLAND TO STUDY TO BE A DOCTOR AND RETURNED TO VIRGINIA AS A "CHIRURGEON" (SURGEON). AFTER HE WAS BACK FOR AWHILE, HE MARRIED MARY, THE WIDOW OF JOHN HUDNALL, IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN ABOUT 1660. THEY HAD TWO SONS, EBENEZER AND EDWARD. EDWARD BECAME THE CAPTAIN OF HIS OWN SHIP, AND TRADED THROUGHOUT THE CARIBBEAN. DR. SANDERS DIED IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA, JUNE 17, 1672.

CAPT. EDWARD SANDERS MARRIED ELIZABETH ? . THEY HAD FIVE CHILDREN - SARAH MARRIED JOHN PORTER, JOSHEN MARRIED JOHN FRAME, ELIZABETH MARRIED JOHN REEVES, AND LETITIA MARRIED ALEXANDER LOVE. THEY LIVED ON WHAT AT THAT TIME WAS CALLED "CHERRY POINT NECK" IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA. ONE MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT THAT UP AND DOWN THIS COAST THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A BUNCH OF LOG CABINS OR SHACKS, BUT THERE WAS NOT. ONLY THE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, LIKE THE COURT HOUSE AND JAIL WERE BUILT OF HEWN SQUARE LOGS. THE HOUSES WERE BUILT OUT OF LUMBER THAT WAS RIVED OUT SQUARE LOGS WITH A FROW AND WOODEN MALL. THEY DIDN'T ONLY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE INDIANS AND WILD BEASTS, THEY ALSO HAD PIRATES, AT THAT TIME, THAT PREYED UP AND DOWN THAT COAST.

DR. EDWARD SANDERS AND HIS WIFE MARY OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA WERE WITNESSES IN THE "COAL-NEAL WITCHCRAFT CAST OF 1671".

"MARY, THE WIFE OF DR. EDWARD SANDERS MAKETH OATH THAT THE MUNDAY AFTER THE TWELFTH DAY, MR. EDWARD COLE CAME TO THE HOUSE OF SAID SANDERS, THIS DEPONT ASK THE SAID COLE HOW HIS WIFE DID? HE REPLIED THAT SHE WAS DEAD AND YOUR DEPONT SAID SHE WAS SORRY FOR THAT AND THE SAID COLE REPLIED AGAIN "THAT SHE WAS NOT DEAD BUT BEWITCHED" AND GRANNY NEAL WAS THE WOMAN HE DID SUSPECT, AND FURTHER SAYTH NOT.

MR. COLE WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE WOMAN, IF SHE COULD CAST A SPELL ON HIS WIFE, SHE MIGHT HARM HIS CHILDREN OR HIS HOME. IN THOSE DAYS EVERY HOUSE HAD A HORSE SHOE HANDING UP OVER THE FRONT DOOR TO KEEP OUT EVIL SPIRITS AND WITCHES. MR COLE WAS NO EXCEPTION. HE THOUGHT IF HE COULD GET THIS WOMAN TO COME OVER AND VISIT HIS WIFE AND WALK THROUGH THE DOOR WITH THE HORSE SHOE OVER IT, IT WOULD PROVE WHETHER SHE WAS A WITCH OR A LADY. SHE WAS CONTACTED AND SHE AGREED TO COME TO VISIT MRS. COLE.

MR. COLE, TO BE SURE, WENT AND GOT ANOTHER HORSE SHOE, AND PUT IT UP OVER THE FRONT DOOR. WHEN GRANNY NEAL ARRIVED SHE BRUSHED RIGHT ON THROUGH THE DOOR, AND LIT A CANDLE THAT SMELLED UP THE ROOM ALL OVER, THEN GOT DOWN ON HER KNEES AND PRAYED SO LOUD AND LONG, THAT IT LEFT NO DOUBT IN MR. COLE'S MIND THAT SHE WAS A LADY. THEN HE WENT BEFORE THE COURT AND MADE A STATEMENT "I EDWARD COLE, DOE ACKNOWLEDGE YT VE WORDS WHICH I DID SPEAK CONCERNING MRS. NEAL AS TENDING TO DEFAME HER WITH THE ASPERSION OF BEING A WITCH, WAS PASIONATLY SPOKEN." APRIL YE 11, 1671, SIGNED - EDWARD COLE.

JOHN PORTER DIED IN LANCASTER COUNTY VIRGINIA IN 1756. HIS WIFE SARAH, AND SON, JOHN HAD DIED EARLIER LEAVING SONS EDWARD SANDERS PORTER AND SAMUEL PORTER.

EDWARD SANDERS PORTER HAD MARRIED ? AND HAD FIVE BOYS AND SEVERAL GIRLS. THE SONS WERE LANCELOT, HANCOCK, JEDITHAN, EPPAPHEDITUS AND CALVIN. THEY WERE ALL BORN IN LANCASTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

AFTER JOHN PORTER'S DEATH, HIS SONS, EDWARD SANDERS PORTER AND HIS FAMILY AND HIS BROTHER SAMUEL SOLD THEIR PROPERTY AND LEFT VIRGINIA. BY 1768, HAD SETTLED IN THE 96TH DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

EDWARD SANDERS PORTER SETTLED IN A BIG BEND OF THE BROAD RIVER, WHICH LATER BECAME KNOWN AS PART OF UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. SAMUEL SETTLED ACROSS THE RIVER THAT LATER BECAME PART OF YORK COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. ABOUT TEN MILES FROM WHERE THE SIMPSONS AND MILLERS SETTLED IN 1791, AND ABOUT THREE MILES FROM THE TOWN OF UNION, THE COUNTY SEAT OF UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

HANCOCK PORTER AND HIS BROTHER LANCELOT PORTER ENLISTED IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR ABOUT 1776, BOTH WERE IN THE CALVERY, AND ACCORDING TO RECORDS, GAVE VERY GOOD ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES. THEY FOUGHT WITH CONL. BRANDON'S ARMY UNDER CAPT. JOSEPH JOLLY. CAPT. JOSEPH JOLLY WAS KILLED IN A BATTLE AROUND THE TOWN OF UNION, SOUTH CAROLINA. HANCOCK PORTER SAID IN HIS RECORD THAT HE FOUGHT ONE TURN FOR HIS BROTHER LANCELOT. HANCOCK LIVED TO BE ABOUT 100 YEARS OLD, DYING IN UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

IN NEXT LINE OF DIRECT DESCENT, WAS JEDITHAN PORTER, BORN IN LANCASTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN ABOUT 1755. HE MARRIED RHODA ?, IN UNION, SOUTH CAROLINA. THEY HAD CHILDREN NAMED OMIA, NANCY, EDWARD, ELISHA P., CIER, JOHN, JEDITHAN, HANCOCK, RUSSEL, LOTTY AND LISHE. THEY ALL STAYED THERE IN UNION COUNTY ALL THEIR LIVES. JEDITHAN DIED IN 1805.

ELISHA P. MARRIED ? STARK, THE DAUGHTER OF JOHN STARK IN UNION, SOUTH CAROLINA. THEY HAD CHILDREN NAMED - RUSSEL (BORN 1800), EPP (BORN 1805), JOHN (BORN 1807), HANCOCK (BORN 1810) AND TWO GIRLS PRIOR TO 1818, STARK (BORN 1818). ALL OF THE CHILDREN WAS BORN IN UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

CAPT. JOSEPH JOLLY HAD A SON NAMED JOSEPH, AND HE HAD A SON NAMED JOSEPH JO LY AND HE MARRIED CLORISA ?, THEY HAD SEVERAL GIRLS.

RUSSELL PORTER MARRIED MARY JOLLY IN UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO ISSUE.

AFTER RUSSELL MARRIED MARTY, JOSEPH JOLLY AND HIS FAMILY AND RUSSELL AND MARY MOVED TO SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA AROUND 1835. AFTER THEY HAD LIVED AROUND THIS LITTLE TOWN OF COLUMBIANA, (THE COUNTY SEAT) ABOUT 15 MILES BACK IN THE COUNTRY FROM ANY MAIN HIGHWAY FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS, HANCOCK PORTER CAME TO SHELBY COUNTY AND MARRIED LETICIA JOLLY. IN THE MEANTIME BACK IN SOUTH CAROLINA, STARK PORTER HAD MARRIED SARAH ANN AND HAD THREE CHILDREN. HE TOO, DECIDED TO MOVE TO SHELBY COUNTY. HE ARRIVED IN COLUMBIA, ALABAMA IN 1844. THEY ALL LIVED NEAR EACH OTHER OUTSIDE COLUMBIANA ON A FARM UNTIL ABOUT 1854., WHEN JOSEPH JOLLY DIED. AFTER HIS DEATH, HIS PROPERTY WAS SOLD AND DIVIDED UP AMONG HIS CHILDREN. RUSSELL AND MARY STAYED IN COLUMBIANA AND ADOPTED TWO CHILDREN. THEY WERE THE CHILDREN OF MARY'S BROTHER WILLIAM JOLLY AND SARAH GRADY.

SOON AFTER JOSEPH JOLLY'S DEATH, STARK PORTER AND HIS FAMILY AND HIS BROTHER HANCOCK PORTER AND HIS FAMILY LEFT ALABAMA. THEY WENT THROUGHT MISSISSIPPI STOPPING FOR A FEW DAYS FOR STARKS WIFE SARAH ANN TO HAVE A BABY, BORN IN 1855. THEY CONTINUED ON THEIR JOURNEY ARRIVING IN WINNSBORO, FRANKLIN PARISH, LOUISIANA IN 1856.

FRANKLIN PARISH, FORMED IN 1843, WAS A WILDERNESS AREA, FULL OF LAKES, SWAMPS, CREEKS AND RIVERS. ON THE SITE WHERE THE COURT HOUSE STANDS TODAY, THERE IS A SIGN WHICH SAYS " THIS COURTHOUSE WAS BUILD ON THE CAMPGROUND WHERE THE EARLY SETTLERS CAME TO HUNT BEAR."

HANCOCK AND HIS FAMILY SETTLED ON A FARM AROUND MANGHAM, LOUISIANA, ABOUT THREE MILES FROM WINNSBORO, THEY HAD SEVEN CHILDREN - NANCY (BORN 1839), JOSEPH (BORN 1842), CLORISA (BORN 1843), MARY C. (BORN 1845) ZAC TAYLOR (BORN 1846) SARAH J. (BORN 1848, JEDITHAN "GIDION" (BORN 1851), DAVID H. (BORN IN 1856) ALL WERE BORN IN SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA, EXCEPT DAVID, WHO WAS BORN IN FRANKLIN PARISH, LOUISIANA.

NANCY PORTER MARRIED CHARLES RILEY ON MAY 29, 1856. MARY C. PORTER MARRIED ANDREW HINDMAN ON DECEMBER 19, 1865. SARAH J PORTER DIED AT AN EARLY AGE. JEDITHAN "GIDION" MARRIED AMANDA JOHNSON ON DECEMBER 25, 1871. HANCOCK PORTER DIED IN FRANKLIN PARISH LOUISIANA.

STARK PORTER AND HIS FAMILY SETTLED IN THE TOWN OF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA. STARK HAD A GROCERY STORE ON PINE STREET, JUST BEHIND THE COURTHOUSE. THEY HAD SEVEN CHILDREN: HEZEKIAH (BORN IN UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN 1838) MARRIED AMANDA ? , IN FRANKLIN PARISH IN 1859. RARDON (BORN IN UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA IN 1841). JOHN EBIZAND (BORN IN UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA IN 1843). STARK (BORN IN SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA IN 1845). MARY E. (BORN IN SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA IN 1847). JOHN BAXTER (BORN IN SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA IN 1848). DAVID (BORN IN MISSISSIPPI IN 1855) .

STARK PORTER DIED IN WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA IN 1859. IN LOOKING THROUGH HIS INVENTORY OF HIS ESTATE, WE FOUND A RECEIPT FOR \$15.00 FOR MAKING HIM A CASKET. HIS WIFE SARAH ANN, AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY MOVED IN WITH HER SON HEZEKIAH FOR AWHILE, THEN MOVED TO WINFIELD, WINN PARISH, LOUISIANA, WHERE LOTS OF HIS DECENDENTS STILL LIVE.

RARDEN PORTER AND HIS BROTHER IBZAND, SONS OF STARK PORTER, BOTH ENLISTED IN THE CIVIL WAR IN WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA ON AUGUST 8, 1861..RARDEN WAS 20½ YEARS OLD. HE WAS A PRIVATE IN COMPANY C. 4th BATTALION IN LOUISIANA INFANTRY. HE WAS WOUNDED ON JUNE 16, 1862, AND WAS HOSPITALIZED IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA. HE RETURNED TO DUTY AND WAS CAPTURED NEAR CHICAMAUGA, GEORGIA, ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1863.- HE WAS SENT TO MILITARY PRISON IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY ON OCTOBER 1, 1863, THEN TO CAMP DOUGLAS, ILLINOIS, WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL THE WAR WAS OVER. HE WAS SENT TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WHERE HE WAS DISCHARGED ON MAY 23, 1865.

AFTER THE CIVIL WAR, LOTS OF MEN RETURNING FOUND NOTHING TO RETURN TO. THE YANKIES SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN A LITTLE WORSE THROUGH THIS PART OF LOUISIANA. THEY HAD TAKEN ALL THEIR FOOD, HORSES, COWS, AND HOGS. WITHIN A FEW YEARS THE CARPETBAGGERS TOOK THEIR HOME AND LAND FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES. I THINK THIS IS WHAT RARDEN PORTER FOUND WHEN HE RETURNED TO MANGHAN, LOUISIANA. THE STORY GOES THAT HE WALKED ALL THE WAY FROM MANGHAN, LOUISIANA TO LEON COUNTY, TEXAS, WHERE HE WENT TO WORK ON A FARM FOR MR. WILLIAM BENARD RIGBY AND HIS WIFE, MARY ODEN RIGBY, NEAR THE TOWN OF LEONA, TEXAS.

WILLIAM AND MARY RIGBY HAD SIX CHILDREN, FOUR WERE GIRLS AND TWO BOYS. RARDEN FELL IN LOVE AND MARRIED THE RIGBY'S THIRD DAUGHTER, SUSANNA "SUSIE" REBECCA RIGBY, IN APPROXIMATELY 1867 or 1868. AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE, THEY KEPT FARMING AROUND LEONA, TEXAS, AND HAD SEVEN CHILDREN.

(1) SARAH ELIZABETH "SALLIE" PORTER (BORN DECEMBER 17, 1868). MARRIED ROE DEZELLE, SHE DIED ON JUNE 16, 1917, AND IS BURIED IN THE CEMETARY IN CENTERVILLE, TEXAS. THEY HAD TEN CHILDREN: MARY REBECCA (BORN 1884, DIED 1980), MABLE EDITH AND AN UN-NAMED TWIN GIRL (BORN 1887). MABLE EDITH DIED IN 1901. LYDIA ESTELLE, (BORN 1889, DIED 1918), JOHN BAXTER (BORN 1891, DIED 1907), SELINA ELIZABETH "BABE" (BORN 1893), LENA EDAN (BORN 1895, DIED 1970), JAMES TRAVIS (BORN 1897, DIED 1898), ROE ERNEST (BORN 1899, DIED 1952), EULA ELBERTA (BORN 1904, DIED 1906).

(2) NANNIE A. PORTER, (BORN NOVEMBER 24, 1870), MARRIED ROBERT "BOB" CRAIG ON DECEMBER 24, 1885, DIED JUNE 11, 1942, AND IS BURIED AT ST. PAUL'S CEMETARY, MIDLOTHIAN, TEXAS. THEIR CHILDREN WERE: CHARLES V. (BORN 1887, DIED IN FRANCE IN 1918), ALBERT P. (BORN 1888, DIED 1963), MILTON (BORN 1890, DIED 1932), M. NETTIE (BORN 1892, DIED 1952), DAVID EARL (BORN 1894, DIED IN 1918, AT GREAT LAKES NAVAL BASE), ARNOLD (BORN 1895, DIED 1968), NEIL, SON OF WILLIAM STARK PORTER -ADOPTED- NEIL PORTER CRAIG (BORN 1903).

101 WILLIAM STARK PORTER WAS BORN IN LEON COUNTY, TEXAS ON DECEMBER 25, 1872, HE DIED ON MARCH 1, 1954, AND WAS BURIED IN LEONA CEMETARY, LEONA, TEXAS. HE FIRST MARRIED MARGARET MC NEIL, AND WAS LATER MARRIED TO DORA PARKER. THERE WERE NO CHILDREN FROM HIS MARRIAGE WITH DORA PARKER. THERE WERE THREE CHILDREN BORN OF HIS MARRIAGE WITH MARGARET MC NEIL: LILBURN IBZAN WAS BORN IN 1898, AND DIED IN 1936. INEZ ESTER WAS BORN IN 1901, AND DIED IN 1970. LELLAND NEIL WAS BORN IN 1903, HE WAS ADOPTED BY HIS AUNT MANNIE AND UNCLE BOB AND WAS RENAMED NEIL PORTER CRAIG.

(4) IBZAN PORTER WAS BORN DECEMBER 14, 1874 IN LEON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND DIED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1955, HE WAS BURIED IN CENTERVILLE CEMETARY IN CENTERVILLE, TEXAS. IBZAN PORTER MARRIED JIMMIE IRA PROCTOR (FIRST WIFE) ON JANUARY 19, 1898. CHILDREN BORN OF THAT MARRIAGE WERE: WILLIAM BERTRAM, BORN 1899; MYRA OPAL, BORN FEBRUARY, 1902, AND DIED IN NOVEMBER, 1902; RAYMOND OSBORN WAS BORN IN 1904. IBZAN PORTER MARRIED HIS SECOND WIFE, ON FEBRUARY 16, 1908, ESTELLE SIMPSON (BORN SEPTEMBER 23, 1892, DIED SEPTEMBER 21, 1955, (THE DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM ANDERSON AND GERTRUDE EVANS SIMPSON) CHILDREN WERE: LOUISE (BORN 1911), AND MADIE (BORN 1914).

(5) MARTHA SELINA PORTER, BORN JULY 18 1874, DIED IN 1934 AND WAS BURIED IN REST HAVEN CEMETARY IN HOUSTON TEXAS. SHE MARRIED REEVES ATKINSON. CHILDREN BORN OF THEIR MARRIAGE WERE: JOHN TRUMAN (BORN 1901) WILLIAM COLEMAN "PETE", ESTELLE, ELOUISE AND ROBBIE.

(6) JOHN B. PORTER WAS BORN DECEMBER 8, 1879 HE DIED NOVEMBER 12, 1881 AND WAS BURIED IN LEONA CEMETARY, LEONA TEXAS.

(7) MARY SUSIE PORTER WAS BORN JANUARY 10, 1882 AND DIED JULY 2, 1950 SHE WAS BURIED IN CENTERVILLE CEMETARY IN CENTERVILLE TEXAS. MARY SUSIE PORTER MARRIED WILLIAM PRICE ON DECEMBER 6, 1899. THEY HAD THREE CHILDREN: LUCILLE (BORN 1900), VERNON PORTER (BORN 1902, DIED 1919), WILLIAM FRANK (BORN 1904). MARY SUSIE PORTER MARRIED HER SECOND HUSBAND, BOB NEYLAND ON DECEMBER 24, 1908, TOGETHER THEY HAD FOUR CHILDREN: RUBY LEE, EULA MAE, JAMES RARDEN AND JOHN LEWIS.

RARDEN PORTER SOLD HIS LAND NEAR LEONA, TEXAS AROUND 1884, AND MOVED TO CENTERVILLE. HE BOUGHT SEVERAL PLATS OF LAND ON THE ROAD FROM CENTERVILLE TO REDLAND. HERE IS WHERE HIS CHILDREN GREW UP AND GOT MARRIED. SEVERAL GRANDCHILDREN WERE BORN HERE AS WELL. RARDEN HAD LIVED ON REDLAND FOR SEVERAL YEARS WHEN SOUSANNA "SUSIE" DIED, LEAVING SEVERAL MINOR CHILDREN. LATER RARDEN MARRIED MARY WELCH (BORN MARCH 16, 1850), AND SHE HELPED RAISE THE CHILDREN. IT IS SAID THAT THERE NEVER WAS A BETTER MOTHER OR GRANDMOTHER TO A BUNCH OF KIDS THAN MARY.

IBZAN, OR "IBB" AS HE WAS LATER CALLED, AND JIMMIE PROCTOR LIVED ABOUT TWO MILES NORTH OF THE REDLAND STORE. ALL THREE OF THEIR CHILDREN WERE BORN THERE, AND JIMMIE PROCTOR DIED THERE ON AUGUST 14, 1904. IBB PORTER MARRIED ESTELLE SIMPSON ON FEBRUARY 16, 1908. THEY LIVED IN CENTERVILLE WHERE IBB OWNED A LIVERY STABLE. THEIR DAUGHTER, LOUISE WAS BORN ON MAY 29, 1911. BUSINESS WAS GOOD IN CENTERVILLE AND IBB PURCHASED A 100 ACRE TRACT OF LAND ABOUT TWO MILES WEST OF CENTERVILLE ON A HILL FROM E. R. WARD ON OCTOBER 13, 1911. HE PAID \$827.00, FOR THIS TRACT OF LAND. IBB DECIDED TO GO ON ANOTHER BUSINESS ADVENTURE TO NEW MEXICO, SO IBB AND ESTELLE AND THEIR TWO BOYS, AGE NINE AND FIVE YEARS, AND THEIR BABY GIRL, ABOUT SIX MONTHS OLD, WENT TO NEW MEXICO. AFTER THEY WERE THERE FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS, THINGS DID NOT TURN OUT WELL, SO THEY DECIDED TO GO BACK HOME. IN ESTELLE'S MOTHER'S BIBLE THERE IS A LITTLE NOTE ON A PIECE - OF PAPER THAT SAYS; "TAKEING THE TRAIN FROM NEW MEXICO, JULY 7, 1912, SIGNED - ESTELLE. AFTER ARRIVING BACK IN LEON COUNTY, THEY DECIDED TO BUILD A HOUSE ON TOP OF A HILL ON THIS 100 ACRE TRACT OF LAND THEY HAD PURCHASED BEFORE THEY LEFT, THUS, WE HAVE PORTER HILL! THERE THEY HAD ANOTHER GIRL, MADIE, BORN JANUARY 2, 1914.

RARDEN PORTER AND HIS WIFE MARY LIVED IN A HOUSE ON THE WEST SIDE, AT THE FOOT OF THE HILL. WHILE RARDEN WAS VISITING HIS DAUGHTER, NANIE IN MARQUEZ, TEXAS, HE FELL ILL WITH NEPHRITIS AND DIED IN 1913.

IBB PORTER AND ESTELLE LIVED ON TOP OF THIS HILL FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THEN DECIDED TO MOVE TO TEAGUE, TEXAS, AND GO INTO BUSINESS THERE. SO, IBB, ESTELLE, BERT, RAYMOND, LOUISE, MADIE AND MARY ("GRANDMOTHER"), MOVED TO TEAGUE TEXAS. "PORTER HILL" WAS SOLD AND LATER BOUGHT BY MR. ENNIS NEYLAND (WHERE HIS DAUGHTER THELMA NOW LIVES).

MARY WELCH PORTER DIED IN TEAGUE, TEXAS ON DECEMBER 7, 1929, AND IS BURIED IN CENTERVILLE CEMETARY.

BURT PORTER NOW LIVES IN WACO, TEXAS.

RAYMOND PORTER NOW LIVES IN FT. WORTH, TEXAS.

MADIE PORTER BOWERS STILL LIVES IN TEAGUE, TEXAS, NOT FAR FROM WHERE THEIR OLD HOME WAS.

LOUISE PORTER ZODA LIVES NOW IN HOBBS, NEW MEXICO.

SOMETIME AFTER RARDEN HAD MOVED TO CENTERVILLE, TEXAS IN 1884, HE WROTE HIS FIRST COUSIN, JOSEPH PORTER, (THE SON OF HANCOCK PORTER), WHO STILL LIVES IN LOUISIANA, A LETTER. HE TOLD HIM ABOUT HOW MUCH HE LIKED LEON COUNTY, TEXAS AND WHAT FERTILE LAND IT WAS AND URGED HIM TO COME TO TEXAS.

JOSEPH PORTER HAD SERVED IN THE CIVIL WAR TOO. HE ENLISTED IN FRANKLIN PARISH, LOUISIANA ON MARCH 1, 1862, HE WAS A PRIVATE IN COMPANY "E", EIGHTH LOUISIANA INFANTRY. HE GOT SICK AND WAS IN THE HOSPITAL AT FORDONVILLE FROM JULY 25, TO NOVEMBER, 1862. HE RECOVERED AND WENT BACK INTO ACTION, AND WAS TAKEN PRISONER IN RAPPAHANNOCK, VIRGINIA, ON NOVEMBER 7, 1863. IRONICALLY, THE SAME SPOT WHERE HIS ANCESTORS HAD LANDED 228 YEARS BEFORE. HOWEVER, I AM SURE HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. HE WAS SENT TO LOOKOUT, MARYLAND, AND WAS EXCHANGED IN CITY POINT, VIRGINIA, ON MARCH 15, 1864, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD. HE RETURNED TO FRANKLIN PARISH, LOUISIANA, WHERE HE MARRIED MATTIE ? AND HAD FOUR CHILDREN BORN THERE. JOSEPH PORTER WAS AN OLDER BROTHER OF GIDEON PORTER.

GIDEON PORTER, THE SON OF HANCOCK PORTER, WAS BORN IN SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA IN 1851. HE MARRIED AMANDA JOHNSON ON DECEMBER 25, 1871, IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, LOUISIANA. THEY HAD TWO BOYS, HENRY JACKSON PORTER (BORN JANUARY 20, 1876), AND JOHN PORTER (BORN NOVEMBER 28, 1877). AMANDA PORTER DIED ON JANUARY 10, 1878, AND GIDEON PORTER DIED ON MARCH 15, 1878.

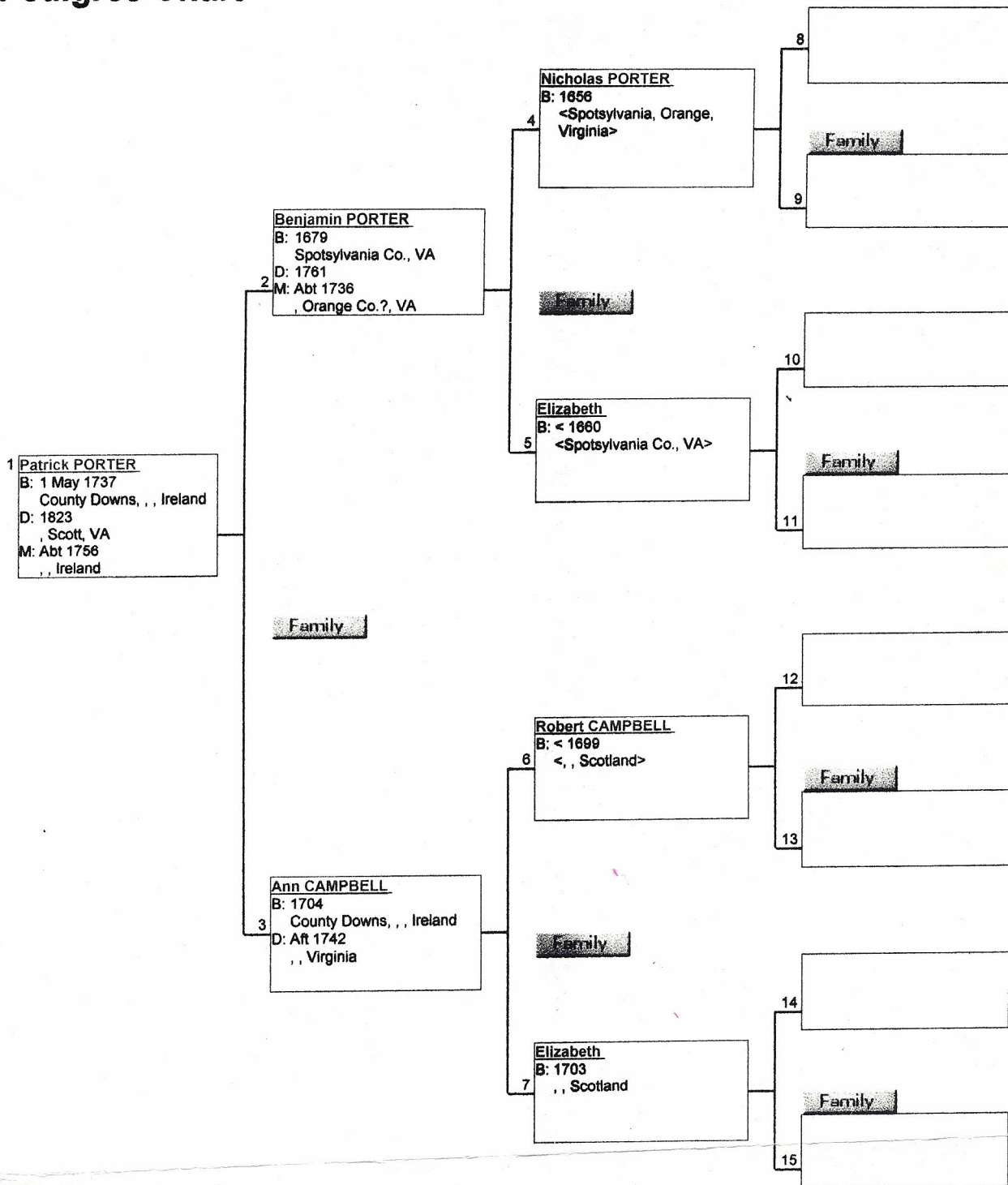
AMELIA JOHNSON, THE GRANDMOTHER OF HENRY AND JOHN PORTER, WENT TO COURT IN FRANKLIN PARISH, LOUISIANA, ASKING TO BE MADE TUTRIX OF THE TWO MINOR CHILDREN OF GIDEON AND AMANDA PORTER. DAVID H. PORTER, THE BROTHER OF GIDEON, ASKED TO BE MADE CO-TUTOR. SO, WAS GRANTED ON APRIL 20, 1878. IN 1880, THE CHILDREN WERE LIVING IN THE HOUSE WITH DAVID H. PORTER AND HE WAS SINGLE. SOON AFTERWARDS, THE CHILDREN, HENRY AND JOHN PORTER WERE PASSED TO JOSEPH PORTER, WHO RAISED THEM.

IN EARLY 1891, JOSEPH PORTER SOLD HIS PROPERTY IN FRANKLIN PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND MOVED TO LEON COUNTY, TEXAS. HE BROUGHT WITH HIM MATTIE, HIS WIFE, TWO OLDER SONS, TWO YOUNGER CHILDREN, CHESTER AND MATTIE PORTER AND HENRY AND JOHN, THE ORPHANS OF GIDEON PORTER.

IT WAS HARD TO FIND ANYONE THAT HAD KNOWN HENRY AND JOHN PORTER, BUT ONE DAY IN CENTERVILLE, I SAW A MAN STANDING IN FRONT OF THE SULLIVAN DRUG STORE THAT I KNEW, AND I KNEW THAT HE HAD LIVED ON REDLAND ALL OF HIS LIFE. I THOUGHT HE VERY LIKELY COULD HELP. THIS MAN WAS JAMES V. DEZELL. I ASKED

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Mr. John Porter

Edward Sanders Porter P

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Jeditha Porter?

Grand mother was Elizabeth Porter Owen

P.S. I meant to tell you about the house your father Tom O'Neal built for Granddad Herren. It still stands but is now falling down. The front porch fell off just this summer. After Dad died (1934) Mom, Bud (Clinton) & I moved back to the farm into the house again after just seven years in town. I was a Senior in High School & I travelled back to town in a Model A Ford for a year. Those seven years we lived in town was a long time to me. Mama lived there until she married in 1941. Then the house went down fast. We were all born in it and we ~~have~~ ^{had} the best well of water for miles around. Grandfather Herren lived east of us about one mile. It was a beautiful house with a pretty fence, painted white with red ^{roof} ~~top~~; all the houses on Granddad's places were white with red ~~top~~ roofs. This farm or ranch house is about 9½ miles NW of Haskell, really the best farmland in Haskell County. Any of it would sell for \$500 acre if you could buy it, but it won't sell for even more ^{because} ~~because~~ ^{keeping it.} -D-

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE PREPARED AND APPROVED AS REQUIRED BY THE LAW PRINTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE

1. PLACE OF BIRTH STATE OF TEXAS		TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH		#315
COUNTY OF <u>Navarro</u>		Rural Route		
CITY OR PRECINCT NO. <u>Emhouse</u>		Give Street and Number or Name of Institution		
2. FULL NAME OF CHILD <u>William Causby O'Neal</u>				
3. Sex Male	4. Twin, Triplet, Other --	5. Number, In Order of Birth --	6. Legitimate? Yes	7. Date of Birth September 16, 1915
FATHER			MOTHER	
8. Full Name John Thomas O'Neal			14. Full Maiden Name Nannie Ophelia Owen	
9. Residence At Time of This Birth Emhouse, Texas			15. Residence At Time of This Birth Emhouse, Texas	
10. Color Or Race White			16. Color or Race White	17. Age at Time of This Birth 40 Years
11. Age At Time of This Birth 47 Years			18. Birthplace (State or Country) Mississippi	
12. Birthplace (State or Country) Georgia			19. Trade, Profession or Kind of Work Done Housewife	
13A. Trade, Profession or Kind of Work Done Farmer, Carpenter			19A. Trade, Profession or Kind of Work Done "	
13B. Industry or Business in Which Engaged Cotton Buyer			19B. Industry or Business in Which Engaged "	
20. Number of Children Born to this Mother, Including this Birth Nine			21. Number of Children Born to this Mother, and Now Living Seven	
I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD WHO WAS EXHIBITED BORN ALIVE AT 6 P. M. ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.				
22. Signature Mrs. Nannie O. O'Neal			Address Emhouse, Texas	

AFFIDAVIT A

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Navarro

BEFORE ME ON THIS DAY APPEARED Mrs. Nannie O. O'Neal
KNOWN TO ME TO BE THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THE CERTIFICATE ATTACHED HERETO, WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT THE FACTS STATED IN THE FOREGOING BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF William Causby O'Neal ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF ~~HER~~ ^{HER} KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND THAT ~~SHE~~ ^{SHE} WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THE FACTS AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT.

SIGNED: Mrs. Nannie O. O'Neal

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS 27 DAY OF January, 1942

R. R. Owen

(SEAL) NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR Navarro COUNTY, TEXAS.

AFFIDAVIT B

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Navarro

BEFORE ME ON THIS DAY APPEARED W. C. Bristow, M. D.
KNOWN TO ME TO BE THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS AFFIDAVIT, WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT THE FACTS STATED IN THE FOREGOING BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF William Causby O'Neal ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF ~~HER~~ ^{HIS} KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND THAT ~~SHE~~ ^{HE} IS ACQUAINTED WITH THE FACTS AND THAT ~~SHE~~ ^{HE} IS NOT RELATED TO THE INDIVIDUAL BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE.

SIGNED: W. C. Bristow, M. D.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS 27 DAY OF January, 1942

R. R. Owen

(SEAL) NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR Navarro COUNTY, TEXAS.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Navarro

THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF William Causby O'Neal ATTACHED HERETO, WAS SUBMITTED TO THIS COURT, AS PROVIDED FOR IN H. B. NO. 614, 46TH LEG., R. S. 1919.

IT IS THE ORDER OF THIS COURT THAT THIS RECORD ~~BE ACCEPTED~~ ^{BE ACCEPTED} BY THE STATE REGISTRAR FOR FILING IN THE STATE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

SIGNED: E. D. McCormick CO. JUDGE

DATE January 31st, 1942. OF Navarro COUNTY