

TRACING THEIR FOOTSTEPS

Our Texas Roots



January 13, 2014

2014 NEWSLETTER

TRACING THEIR FOOTSTEPS 2014

By Debra Favors

Happy New Year family members. I hope 2014 finds you and your families in good health and prosperity.

Our family tree is getting very full. With each new year, I have been blessed to become acquainted with more descendants of our family members. Everyone been so generous with sharing family information. Without you, our important history would be lost to us.

While a lot has been done, there is still more to do. I have traced our Winston branch to Bossier Parish Louisiana, our Favors branch has been traced to 1860 and I have found many of the lost. I have located descendants of Adelaide McVay, Ambus Reynolds, and Frank and Dora Whiteside and I am starting to collect information on our participation in the military. Hearing some of the stories about our ancestors makes me proud to share in this lineage.

In the upcoming months, I will research our connection to slave owners in Louisiana, Arkansas, Georgia and Mississippi. I would like to start phone interviews this year to get your stories on tape. I hope you will continue to share.

Every conversation has the potential to reveal a family connection or answer an age old question.

BRANCHES, TWIGS AND LEAVES

AA Families of Bonham TX

2888	people
477	photos

It was not until I decided to compile a Bonham Family Tree that I discovered the magnitude of our family connections. My first tree, Tracing Their Footsteps, only includes blood relatives. Spouses are included by not their siblings or other relatives. Once I created a tree that included blood relatives, their spouses with their siblings and parents, did those connections come into focus. Every time I find a new link I get distracted, excited and amazed.

With each new connection I have a new set of questions. If you are intrigued, go to the new tree in ancestry.com "AA Families of Bonham TX."

IN THE SPOT LIGHT



LB Whiteside & grandson, Kristopher VanBuren of Houston, Texas



STRENGTHENING FAMILY TIES

On August 2, 2013, the Favors families of Seattle, Washington had the first family reunion since 1983. It was held at the home of Mary and Wade Pugh in Moses Lake Washington. She lives right on the lake so it was a wonderful location. It was simple and impromptu, but it

went off without a hitch. We all came together for food, games and fellowship. We have decided to have a picnic every year. We have planned our next picnic for August 2, 2014. It will be held in Seattle and hosted by Debra Favors and her family. Everyone from our Texas Roots is invited to join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reynolds Family Reunion

Contact for Information:
Tony & Laura Jimerson
4317 Santa Rita
El Paso, TX 79902

Family Unity Picnic

Favors | Harvey | Jackson | Reynolds/Runnels | Winston | Whiteside

Hosted by the Favors Families in Seattle, Washington
August 2, 2014, Seattle, Washington
Contact Person: Debra Favors, 206-329-2548, tracingtheirfootsteps@live.com

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND

Bogus Whiteside

When Bogus Whiteside was born on January 5, 1888, in Fannin, Texas, his father, Frank, was 25 and his mother, Dora, was 19. He married Elizabeth B. Curry on December 24, 1911, in Ravenna, Texas. They had 13 children. After the death of Lizzie, he remarried Marcella. He died on December 7, 1967, in Midland, Texas, at the age of 79.

Ernest Abraham Pope

When Ernest Abraham Pope was born on February 23, 1885, in Ivanhoe, Texas, his father, Thornton, was 37 and his mother, Emma, was 34. He married Adelaide McVay on April 1, 1906, in Fannin, Texas. They had two children during their marriage. He died on January 29, 1951, in Quanah, Texas, at the age of 65.

LOST

Henry N. Winston and his twin brother Ervin were born on May 5, 1864, in Texas, their parents were Edmond and Celia. Ervin died in 1884 and is buried in Bethlehem Cemetery near Edmond Winston. Henry married Nancy Lofton on January 5, 1882, in Fannin, Texas. They had six children during their marriage. I have been unable to find any information about Henry and Nancy. Their children were Arthur, Joe, Eddie, Harry, Lomzo and Letha.

If anyone has any information, please contact me.

DNA PROJECT

Should we or shouldn't we? If you do not have a science background you need to research this question. There is more to this questions than meets the eye. Because of this there are limitations to how satisfied you will be with the results of your testing. It will determine who in your family should take the test, and what you are trying to find. Please follow the link above and watch the you tube video to help educate yourself on DNA. It is a very complicated subject (at least for me it is). I think this video does a good job of explaining how DNA actually works. If you have more information to share on this subject, go to www.facebook.com/tracingtheirfootsteps and post your comments.

THE BETHLEHEM CEMETERY ASSOCIATION (www.bethlehemca.homestead.com)

What's Happening

The Bethlehem Cemetery Association was established in 2011 to raise funds and organize the clean-up, restoration and perpetual care of the cemetery in Ivanhoe, Texas. Many of the burials are our ancestor. If you have read any articles about the condition of black cemeteries in Texas and other southern states, you would find that there is an urgency to preserve them or they will perish. The *Bethlehem Cemetery* is quickly being overtaken by brush and debris. For the past 60 years, there has been very little interest in preserving or acknowledging this cemetery. I am finding it challenging to gain any interest in preserving and honoring the resting place of our ancestors. Many of them were born slaves and deserve better. It seems they are no more important in death then they were in life. I hope you will step up and participate in acknowledging them and work with me on the preservation of this cemetery. ***If we don't care, who will?*** It is an important landmark to our history.

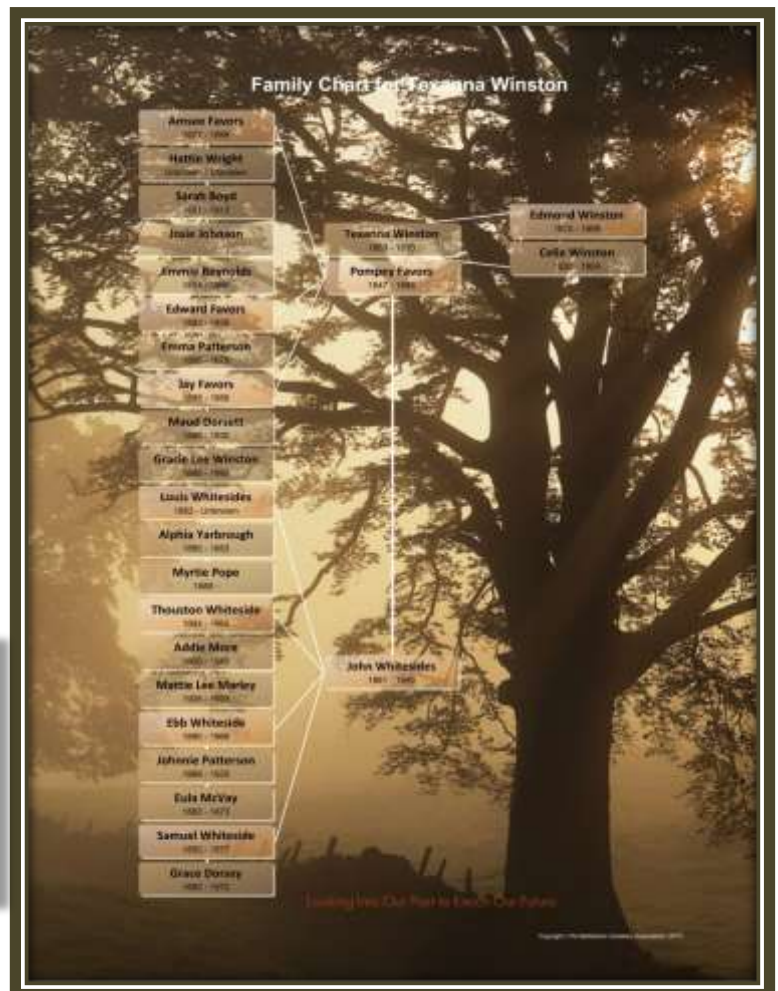
Fundraising

To-date, we have raised \$350.00, by selling genealogy booklets from the Winston and or Reynolds family tree, Reynolds family tree bookmarker and by taking donations at craft events. All proceeds from sales have gone to the association. The materials were donated. I hope you will support our efforts this year by making a purchase or by assisting in sales. If you are interested in participating in any of our fundraising events, please contact me at 206-329-2548 or favorsdd@msn.com. We could really use your help and support.

www.bethlehemca.homestead.com to learn more or contact me.

2014 Fundraising Calendar

- ☼ Customized Family Tree Charts - ongoing
- ☼ Natural Soap – February, while supplies last
- ☼ 2015 Calendars – Nov-Dec
- ☼ Membership Drive - Ongoing



Custom Family Tree Charts

These family tree charts are large oversized charts. They are printed on heavy high quality paper. They are sized based on the style and number of generations included on the chart.

This is a BCA Fundraiser
 All Proceeds Go To Bethlehem Cemetery Association
 Go to website:
www.bethlehemca.homestead.com



Chart: 3 5 generations - Chart 21 x 21

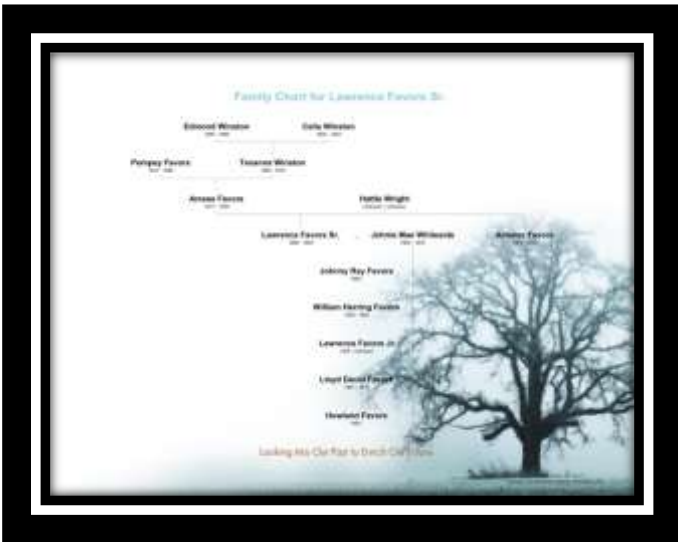


Chart: 1 5 generations - Chart 21 x 16

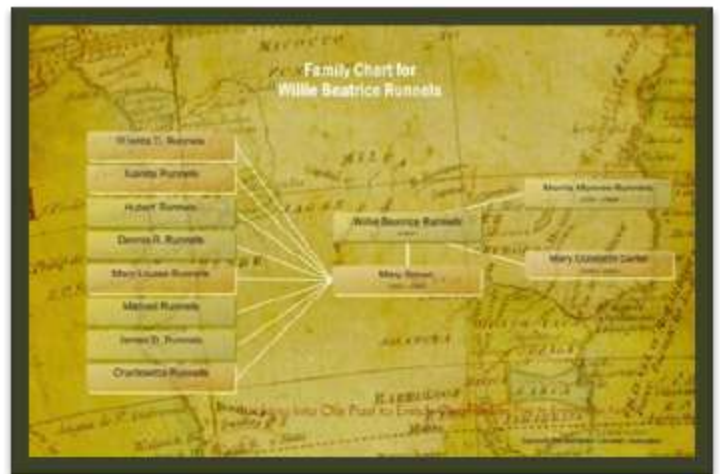


Chart: 2 3 generations Chart 16 x 10.5





Chart 4 5 generations - Chart: 16 x 21



Chart: 5 5 generations 32 x 10.5

2014 Prizes

Custom Family Tree Poster (\$50. Value)

Winston or Reynolds Family History Booklet (\$50.00 value)

2012 Reynolds Family Reunion Photo Booklet (\$45.00 value)

Family Heritage Calendar (\$30.00 Value)
(\$25.00)value)

2012 Reynolds Family Reunion DVD Slideshow (\$10.00)

WANT TO WIN?

Share your family stories, bios, and photos. Tracing Their Footsteps is still seeking family stories, old photos, letters, awards and more to share in our completed family album. In order to encourage participation, Tracing Their Footsteps will award prizes for your submissions. For every item you submit (story, photo, or other memorabilia) your name will be placed in a drawing to win a prize.

There are lots of ways to submit your items.

Stories

- Stories can be recorded directly to our ancestry.com tree from your pc camera as a video or audio.
- Stories can be typed on ancestry.com tree. (*contact me for instructions*)
- You can go to www.tracingtheirfootsteps.com and type your story and submit.
- Record your story on a digital recorder and send it to me in a mp3 file.

Photos and other documents

- Please scan and send copies of your photos to my email at tracingtheirfootsteps@live.com. Note: Please scan them at 300 dpi. If they are too large to send as an attachment, go to www.dropbox.com establish an account and send me a link to access the folder/document. It is free to us dropbox.com and it holds large files. **(please do not email photocopied photographs. They are usually not high enough quality to use)**

If you do not have access to a pc or scanner, go to a copy center and have them scan and email your submission. Kinkos, Federal Express Print Centers, most local mailing centers or your local copy center can help you with this at a minimal cost.

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Bethlehem Cemetery Association | www.bethlehemca.homestead.com