

T R A C I N G T H E I R F O O T S T E P S

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family doing well this New Year. I wish everyone peace, strength of purpose and prosperity.

THE FAMILY TREE

The family tree is progressing nicely. On my trip to Bonham in September, I was able to get new documents. I obtained about 40 original marriage licenses, probate documents, and land records. I confirmed information that I already had and learned new information. With these documents, I was able to get dates of death and learned of marriages that their living descendants did not know about. They were usually first marriages where the spouse died young. Of course, as always, there was also information that raised more questions.

I am continuing my search for the elusive Pomp. All the technique I used to find other folks has failed! The ever-elusive Pomp Favors is still my challenge. I will continue the search.

The Addition of Two New Trees

I have added two new trees on Ancestry.com. I have a new tree for the Harvey Family and one for my mother's family, the Gregg/Walker branch.

The Harvey connection to my family line is by marriage. In other marriage connections, I have not researched their entire line, but because there are so many Harveys married into our family, I did more research than usual. I am happy to copy the data and provide Family Tree Maker Software to anyone who is interested in taking over this tree. With the Family Tree Maker software, it allows you to compile and organize your information offline much like on ancestry.com. Please let me know if you are interested. I may eventually do the same with the Whiteside Family Tree.

The Gregg/Walker tree contains names and information of my mother's family.

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MY TRIP TO BONHAM TEXAS

I had a wonderful time during my trip to Bonham, Texas in September. I traveled with my aunt Glenestine and her two sons Lemmel and Vincent.

When we arrived on Sunday, we hit the ground running. We checked into our hotel and went directly to the Favors family homestead in Ivanhoe. A neighbor drove us from fence post to fence post. I finally saw the massive pecan trees that I have heard so much about. My aunt narrated the tour. She pointed out where the house and barn once stood and talked about the fields where they planted. We walked around where the stream once ran through the



property. I could image them playing, working and living on their land.

We later visited other sites where family members once lived. I visited the land that the elusive Pomp owned. Jay and Ward Favors and Eb Whitesides inherited the land after their mother Texanna died. We visited the site where the Bethlehem Baptist Church once stood, where Joe Pearl and Maynard Harvey lived and the site of the Elwood Store. Have you heard the story about Dead Man's Hollow? I

believe our families played a large role in the development of Bethlehem, Texas as far back as emancipation. I refer to it as Bethlehem and not Ivanhoe because Bethlehem was the black community within



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Ivanhoe. It centered around the Bethlehem Baptist Church (not to be mistaken for the Bethlehem Baptist Church



in Bonham). I hope to do some research and find out when the church was established. AMC Favors and Eb Whiteside were trustees on the deed. As a matter-of-fact, my father, Pompie Favors still owns the land where the church/school once stood.

I took the opportunity to visit the different historical museums and societies in Bonham. I was amazed see that there is “no” history of any contribution from the black community. With the exception of Charlie Christian, The museums I visited do not display any history or achievements of the black families in Bonham or the surrounding area. They acknowledge Charlie Christian because he played with the Bennie Goodman Band. He was quite

famous and is still of interest to Jazz enthusiasts.

For the last year, I had to convince, my friend, Susie Henderson (genealogist) that “The Harvey Slave Cemetery” was actually Bethlehem Cemetery. Once convinced she went to the historical society and had them acquiesce and change the reference on the website. Please take a minute and visit the <http://www.txfannin.org> website and the African American page there you will see a picture of AMC and Jimmie Favors, Lawrence and his sister Leanna Favors. .

Black Cemeteries

I visited Gates Hill and Bethlehem cemeteries while I was in Bonham. They are unkempt and in disrepair unlike the other cemeteries in the area. Headstones have been broken, by either time or vandalism. Bethlehem is overgrown with no fence in front or walking path. Many of the headstones are gone now and the graves remain unmarked.

I have been able to obtain death certificates for



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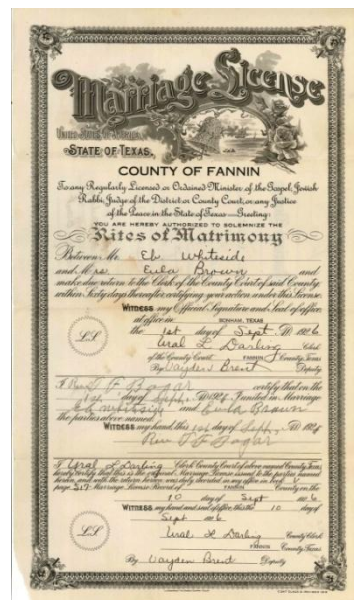
some of our family members that indicate where they are buried. Based on this information we are compiling a list of people that are buried in Bethlehem Cemetery. Of course, we may not find everyone, but it is a start. Once I verify that someone is buried there, I turn the information over to Suzie Henderson and she adds his or her name to the list on the Fannin County website. Her group has provided the GPS coordinates to the cemetery and posted them to the Fannin County website. They recently located a headstone along the side of the road. We believe it was taken from the Bethlehem Cemetery. I hope to retrieve it next spring and place it back in the cemetery. If you know of anyone that was buried in Bethlehem, please contact me with the information.



This headstone for Lizzie Jackson was been taken Bethlehem Cemetery by vandals and sits on the side of the road in Ivanhoe, a short distance from the cemetery.

RESEARCH AT THE COURTHOUSE

I spent much of the week at the courthouse. I had my head buried in books from 9:00 until 3:30 each day. It was great. I came home with 40 original marriage licenses. The oldest license dates back to 1870. I also found land records, probate records and death records. I was able to verify a date of death for Shepherd and Jennie Jackson. I found the information on Joe Thurman Whiteside and was able to find his death certificate. I did not have his name so I and could not find his death certificate. Once I found his name in the Death Record Book, I was able to find his information. This is a common occurrence in research. Often, family members didn't know the full name. Sometimes they only knew the nickname of a person. My father only knew his uncle Willie Jackson as "Uncle Bud."



I have posted the records that I obtained from Bonham on the website .

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OUR FAMILY CONTRIBUTION TO FANNIN COUNTY

I am not the first person to research the history of the African American community in Fannin County. I have been told that some very skilled genealogists have completed many years of research. Where is it? I am not sure.

It is up to us to compile the history and make it available to everyone. Many of you possess parts of our family history in one form or another. It might be a photo, a letter, a post card, a document, or a story. Some of you have even completed valuable research yourself. If you have information, please pass it along. If you have already completed research on your family line, please share what you have. Let us coordinate our efforts and work together to trace their footsteps and ensure that their voices are heard and their stories are told.

To see more on my trip to Bonham, Texas go to:

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Tracing Their Footsteps

👤 People	1371
📄 Records.....	1327
💬 Comments.....	36
📖 Stories	22
🎥 Video	2
🔊 Audio	0
📷 Photos	466

**Tracing Their Footsteps:
My Mother's Family**

👤 People	118
📄 Records.....	131
💬 Comments	0
📖 Stories	0
🎥 Video	0
🔊 Audio	0

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BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

1
James E. Freeman
Joyce Reynolds Hervey
2
Eugene Gary
Henry L. Whiteside
3
Patricia A. Yeager Scott
8
Jimmie E. Scott
11
William Forney
Reggie L. Green
Donetra M. Daniel
12
Allie V. Reynolds Phillips
14
Trenton E.D. Noland
15
Minnie Webber Holmes
Glenn D. Whiteside
18
Laverne Jackson Hill
20
Caprina D. Runnels
28
Murtu D. Patterson
29
Raymond Harvey
Claudia C. Favors
Abraham
20
Marjorie J. Gregg Jackson
Steven D. Runnels
24
Tony Andre Walzer

FEBRUARY

1
Arthur J. Chaffin
Minnie Harvey Coombs
2
Cheney C. Perry-Hill
Diane L. Watters Hunter
4
Michael Strayhand
5
Addele Jackson
Bateman
Vomastek Jackson
6
Caleb A. Hervey
Joycel L. Hervey
7
Timothy Gary
Deborah L. Morrow
11
Lewis Brooks
12
Marlyn J. Scott
13
Shawn Mikael Finnell
15
Orville D. Branch
Tina M. Harvey Powell
17
Wilbur F. Reynolds
19
Azalea J. Favors Doss
20
Shenee D. Brown
23
Ronald Strayhand
24
Gregory A. Washington
Donisha R. Daniel

26

Glenn E. Green
Joe I. Jackson
Sherri L. Mask
Fred H. Perryman

MARCH

2
Glenestine Favors Taylor
Ollie M. Runnels
3
Kenneth White
6
Shirley A. Hill Hughes
Leota Jackson Hannah
Wilburn EJ Young
7
Chet Tucker
8
Gregory C. Gray
10
Junell L. Gary
Gary A. Holmes
Crystal L. Whiteside
12
Joyce I. Aldrich Spencer
Jason D. Whiteside
13
William Jackson
Joe W. Scott Jr.
16
Princeton O. Ford
Darren J. Gray
17
Lanae C. Miller
18
Gerald C. Castle
19
Anita Reynolds Bear field

21

Dollie M. Harvey Mack
Sharon F. Scott
Roary A. Taylor

22

Edward William Waltzer
Jr.

23

Novella Jackson Adams

24

Lance G. Holmes

27

Shawn Phillips

30

Bonzella Whiteside

31

Charlette Strayhand Otero



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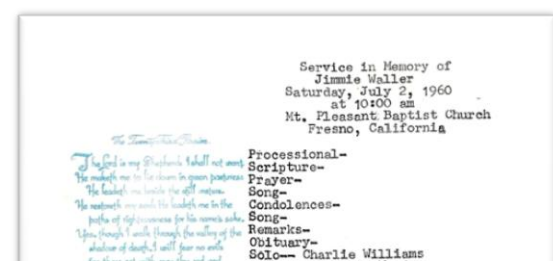
FAMILY MEMORABILIA

Wanted: Family photos and other memorabilia to share in the family album.



Theode Reynolds, Marjorie Gregg, Donna Favors, Rosie Mae Harvey, Beatrice Olivia Mask

Please submit your family stories, awards and other certificates... You can scan them into your computer and send them to me by email. Scanned photos or documents should be scanned at 1200 dpi or higher, color setting (even if they are black and white), saved as jpeg or tiff. This is a very high quality setting to allow for clear printing and resizing. Scan them one at a time into an individual file. Do not scan them into a word or adobe file. If you have more questions, please give me call before scanning. Debra Favors, 206-329-2548, email favorsdd@msn.com or tracingtheirfootsteps@live.com



1963 Funeral Program

Pct 48
REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1897 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER 1. NAME (Print) ORDER NUMBER
U. 3617 LAWRENCE FAVORS

2. PLACE OF BIRTH (Print) (Town, township, county, state, or other)
1819 WORMS HOUSTON HARRIS TEXAS

3. MARRIAGE ADDRESS
SOME

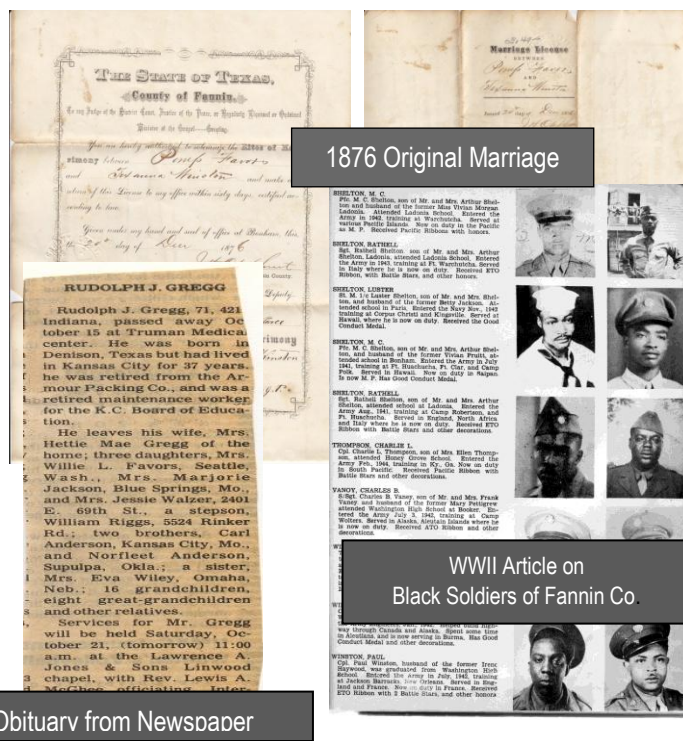
4. TITLED YES NO
BEACON 3-0347 JUNE 12 1896 TEXAS

5. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WAS ALWAYS KNOWN BY
JOHN MAE FAVORS 1819 WORM HOUSTON

6. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT ON RECORD
MR ADAMS FOREMAN H K M CO SAN JANCINTO

7. DRAFTED DEPT HOUSTON HARRIS TEXAS

WWII Draft Registration Card



1876 Original Marriage

Obituary from Newspaper

WWII Article on
Black Soldiers of Fannin Co.

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JACKSON – DUPREE FAMILY REUNION

“A family that prays together stays together”

June 16–19, 2011
Arlington, Texas

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for details and itinerary



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FAMILY CORNER

If you have news to share or want to make an announcement, send it to me at tracingtheirfootsteps@live.com or put it in the mail and it will appear in the next newsletter.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Please join me in congratulating Mary Favors on her recent marriage to Wade Pugh. They were united on November 12, 2010 in Moses Lake, Washington.

REACHING FOR THE STARS

We are all so proud of Shawn Mikael Finnell who recently earned her Master's Degree. She is moving toward a bright and prosperous future. Congratulations to Shawn, and kudos to her mother Sherry Robinson for doing such a great job.



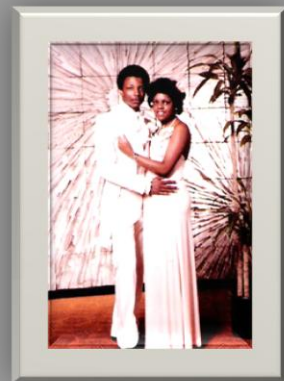
NEW PROMISE

Welcome Sharon Fowler Macpolin's new grandson to the family. He arrived just in time for Christmas.

London
Dec 17, 2010
7:30 a.m.
7lb 7oz
21 inches



Mystery Photo Identified!



Sherry Jackson and her prom date
Kansas City, MO
Year unknown

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FAMILY CORNER (CONTINUED)

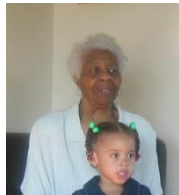
SUNSET

Many of our beloved family members have gone from us this past year. Please take a minute and give thanks for the gifts they brought to our lives.

George Mackie Perryman of Clarksville, Tennessee
May 26, 1940 - December 29, 2009



Edward W. Walzer, Sr of
Kansas City, Missouri
February 25, 1933
December 30, 2009



Willie Leola Favors of Seattle, Washington
February 22, 1926
June 1, 2010



Wilda Marie James of Los Angeles, California
January 27, 1951
June 8, 2010



Raymond Favors of Moses Lake, Washington
July 26, 1921
August 13, 2010



Tena Williams of Los Banos, California
July 2, 1956 - August 20, 2010

Jenny Walker of California
- November, 2010



Wilma Naomi Lumpkins of Omaha, Nebraska
June 16, 1930
November 11, 2010

Dora Mae Cubit of Victorville, California
July 19, 1935 - November 16, 2010



Jessie Mae Walzer of Kansas City, Missouri
July 24, 1935
December 9, 2010
