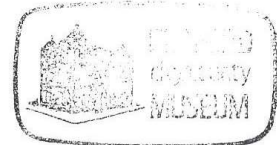


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A Bicentennial Tribute to My Ancestor

JAMES STIFF

Revolutionary War soldier, 1776-1780, who fought at the Battle of Germantown, wintered at Valley Forge, and who lived a long and prosperous life in Bedford County, Virginia.

Dedicated to my grandchildren

David Machon Stiff
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Preface

Research of the family of Stiff has been meager. Previous known efforts have been primarily directed to a particular line and upon that accomplishment, the effort concluded. Actually, that is all I have attempted, for the paternal direct line has been given particular attention. However, collateral lines which have been explored or which have been submitted by friends and relatives have been included for they make the story of this family clearer and more complete. To say the least, with this information, segments of Stiff genealogy will have been made available in printed form. There are other family members just as worthy as those mentioned. But with hundreds of Stiffs presently existing, only a few could be included.

Never is one's history complete, either past or present. Certainly these references are not infallible. This story represents one person's interpretation of the information resulting from the review of grants, deeds, wills, marriage and death records, many in early handwritten form, difficult to read or understand, and from which another's opinions could easily differ. Nevertheless, the ever-present thought during the hours spent assembling, compiling, and writing the data of this little publicized pioneer family has been that valuable information would be at hand for future family generations, and too, this might prove of assistance to others wishing to continue research of a most interesting family.

Why was this started in the first place? Perhaps it was a desire to meet a challenge. Perhaps it was an inspiration resulting from correspondence and discussions about the family with sundry members. Principally, however, it was an attempt to answer satisfactorily the question frequently asked by my three sons, "Who are the Stiffs?"

It was thought in the beginning that the very unusual nature of the name Stiff would make it easy to research. It is not as frequently mentioned in print as Smith and Brown. The spelling is simple. After twenty years of intermittent research, including the opportunities of exploring the southwestern section of England, the Diocesan Registry of Gloucester, the Society of Genealogists of London, and personal visits to the Library of Congress and the National Archives, Washington, D.C., genealogical societies, court houses and libraries in Virginia, Kentucky, and Texas, I discovered this to be no small task. The Stiffs were a prolific group and long-lived. Although the spelling of the surname differed in some cases, the principal difficulty arose in the area of given names. There were many Jameses, Jacobs, and Johns (the original of the latter so very elusive) that made generation separation difficult. If record corrections are discovered, I would welcome your advices. All will be properly noted and filed for future chroniclers.

The format selected for the following pages is somewhat that of a story, in hopes the factual information so necessary in genealogy recording will appear more interesting. Conditions existing at various times have been introduced permitting the transition of each migration to be better visualized. A special chapter has been devoted to anecdotes, newspaper clippings, letters, and the like, as it is felt that from such the family assumes a warmth and humaness not possible from statistics alone. These are the stories found in withering memories, much like the faded bloom of a flower awaiting the next gust of wind to scatter it in many directions to enrich the soil and entice another generation.

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The Surname Stiff

Have you ever wondered about your name, what it means, where it might have come from? Family names, or surnames, were not in general use in England until after the time of the Norman invasion in 1066. With the "population explosion" there were so many Johns and Williams and Samuels with nothing to distinguish between them that it became necessary for convenience to designate them in some manner, perhaps according to occupations, as John Farmer or John Cook, or simply as John's son (Johnson). Some names were derived from the place where a man lived, as Hill or Dale, and others were descriptive of his appearance or character. Sources were many, but there was once a reason for every name. In modern English the word "stiff" has become very narrow in meaning, but in Anglo-Saxon or middle English it connoted not only the idea of rigidity but of valor and strength as well. Thus as a name it probably referred to the qualities of its bearer, and to our early English ancestors a man called Stiff was doubtless one who was valiant or brave, or exhibited firmness of character.

Researching the origin of surnames involves several problems: finding the origin of the personal name upon which it is based; locating areas and recorded examples in which it appears; and perhaps most important of all, recognizing the variations in the spelling of the name.

The Stiff family is indeed fortunate to have had one of its members spend years of research posing all of the questions inherent in these problems and presenting some most interesting answers. W.P.W. Phillimore of England, although he changed his name from Stiff to that of his great grandmother, was so interested in his true name that he undoubtedly spent a great amount of time as well as money trying to find out as

much as he could about the name of Stiff. He has left to all Stiffs a true legacy in his book, "Collections Relating to the Family of Stiff," printed for private circulation in Stroud, Gloucestershire, England, in 1892.

The first evidence of any name approximating the form of Stiff that he finds is that of a Jutish chieftan called Stuf, and in a most interesting, scholarly, and logical manner he develops a possible connection between Stuf and Stiff. Stuf landed on the Isle of Wight in 514 and was the founder of a family which several centuries later occupied a very prominent position. A descendant was Queen Osburg, the mother of Alfred the Great, King of England about 850. It was said that she was noble, not only by disposition, but also by descent from the Goths and Jutes, being "of the race of Stuf and Wightgar." King Alfred was born at Wantage, in Berkshire, and place names in that area support the suggestion that a clan of Stifingas, descendants of Stuf, migrated northwards and lived thereabouts. What a remarkable coincidence to find the name Stiff existing in this part of the country for centuries. Using the assumption that many modern Englishmen derive their surnames from the ancient names in use before the Norman invasion, Phillimore makes it seem quite possible that the modern Stiffs may be directly descended from the Jutish chieftan Stuf.

It would seem a name consisting of only one syllable, like Stiff, would not permit much variation in form, and from the point of view of the genealogist that would be advantageous. Such an advantage, however, is evident only in current research, for from its early origin numerous variants have occurred. To attempt to trace the medieval history of a family such as the Stiffs (always few in number, leading uneventful lives, and rarely rising above the yeoman class) it is necessary to rely almost wholly upon early wills, deeds, and charters, assize rolls and subsidy rolls, and above all, manor rolls, which contain records of small landowners. Many of these records are sealed books, but from time to time some have become available, and it is from these, through his painstaking

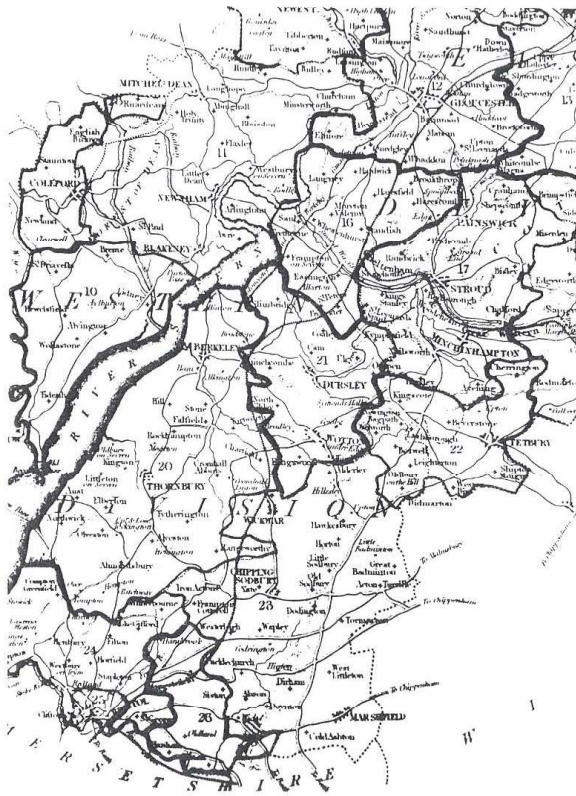
research, that Phillimore has developed the following information.

The surname Stiff is one of a group of three names which are probably identical in their origin: Stiff, Steff, and Staff. The first is the form most in use in the west of England, and the other two in eastern England. Steff is very rare and is apparently becoming extinct through absorption in the ranks of either the Stiffs or Staffs. There are other forms, no longer extant, depending upon the alteration in the vowel, the change of the "f" to "v" and the addition of the letter "t". That these variants are interchangeable forms, there is in most cases ample documentary evidence. They may be arranged in the following table —

Stuf and Stuph	Stefe	Stiff, Styffe,	Steff	Staff
Stive	Steeefe	and Stiffe	Steffe	
Stife		Stift, Stift		
Stief		Styffe and		
Styfe		Steyfte		

Most of these variants have been found in early wills and other records of Stiffs in Gloucestershire in the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries, and are interchangeable. That Stiff and Steff are identical is shown by the registers of St. Magnus, London Bridge, and the wills of Northamptonshire Stiffs and Steffs, and records relating to the Steffs and Stiffs of Drinkstone in Suffolk.

The two million population of England shown in 1086 in the Domesday Book of English lands was approximately one-thirteenth of a later 1881 census. If the various families of Staffs, Steffs, and Stiffs have increased at the normal ratio during that eight hundred years, their number in 1086 would have been about 150 persons, 10 Steffs, 60 Staffs, and about 80 Stiffs. This represents about ten original families bearing these names who could all well be descended from a single common ancestor living four or five hundred years earlier.



Early Map of Gloucestershire

CHAPTER II

England

There can be little doubt that the family of Stiff is indigenous to England for early records found and researched indicate that families of this name (or its variations) have been located and confined to an area about fifty miles wide, twenty-five on either side of a line drawn from Bristol on the west to Lowestoft on the east. Counties in which distinct and very localized settlements have existed from early times are Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Berkshire, Hampshire, Northampton, and Suffolk.

One of the earliest records of the surname Stiff is found in Wiltshire in the twelfth century. Humfrey Stive possessed a considerable holding of land in Swindon which his father had held before him in the days of King Henry (1100-1135), and there is a reference to the fee of Richard Stive in Swindon around 1220. In the following century among jurors summoned the names of Robert Stife and John Stife and Roger Stive appear. The Gloucestershire Stiffs appear at Hawkesbury as early as 1419, where they are frequently found in the register of that parish, and branches of this family have been located subsequently in numerous small villages close by. In Berkshire the name appears as early as 1584 and is associated with districts in mid-Berkshire around Lambourne, and on the southern edge of the county adjoining Hampshire, in the northern part of which county they appear as early as 1509. The subsidy rolls in Northamptonshire show a Robert Steffe at Norton in 1524. The will of Robert Styffe of Norton was proved 1548, and that of Richard Steffe of Norton in 1556. Suffolk has been the home of numerous Stiffs, whose early spelling of Steff has been almost wholly superseded by Stiff.

An overall picture of the localities of Stiffs in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries is given by the following chart:¹

Wiltshire	Stive	Swindon	1135
	Stife		1274
Gloucestershire	Stiff, Stefe and Stift	Hawkesbury, Cam, Dursley Iron Acton	from 1419
Hampshire and South Berks	Stiff	Silchester	1509
Mid-Berkshire	Steff or Stiff	Lambourne	1584
Northampton	Steff or Stiff	Woolpit	1529
		Drinkston	
	Staff	Tuddenham	1598

Of course, with the mobility of modern times, descendants of these early Stiffs are now scattered throughout England — and the world.

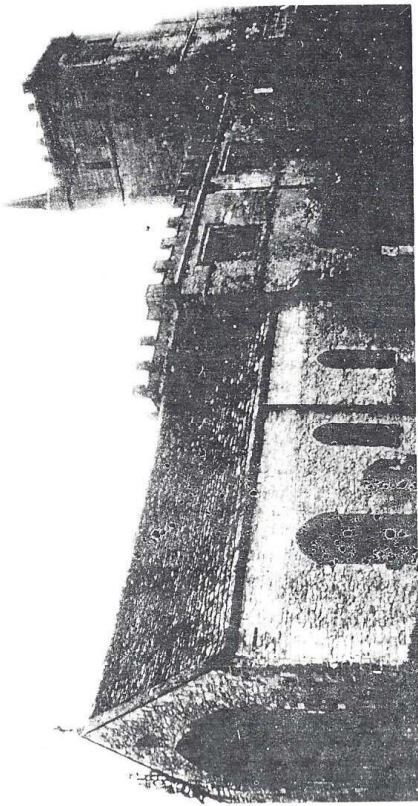
When I retired in 1973 we decided to take a European tour that would include a visit to England. How interesting, we thought, to take some extra time and see some of the localities in which these early ancestors had lived. Since Gloucestershire records seemed more complete and the old families of Stiffs more numerous than any of the other places, we allowed ourselves five days in which to visit and research this area. Five times five would have been too few! With a car and two young girls, one to drive and one to be our guide, we started out on a bright September morning to cover much of this beautiful countryside that had once been home to Stiff ancestry. Armed with map and research notes, we showed our guide where we would like to go, particularly to Hawkesbury Upton and the old church there, as well as Dursley and St. James Church. We were seldom on a main highway, but wound back and forth on country lanes through tiny villages, many with names included in our notes, and all representing a reminder of early Stiff settlements, situated in rural areas where the lives of the people were centered around their humble homes and churches. The principal occupation had been farming and sheep raising, and these rolling meadows, fallen stone fences, small farmhouses and cottages with thatched roofs that dotted this Cotswold area, were certainly indicative of how things must have been in an earlier time. We looked for a spot still known in the area as "Stiff's Close", but were unable to find it.

Hawkesbury Upton, however, was not difficult to find. It is today a small English village atop a hill from which can be seen in the meadow below the beautiful little church of Hawkesbury.

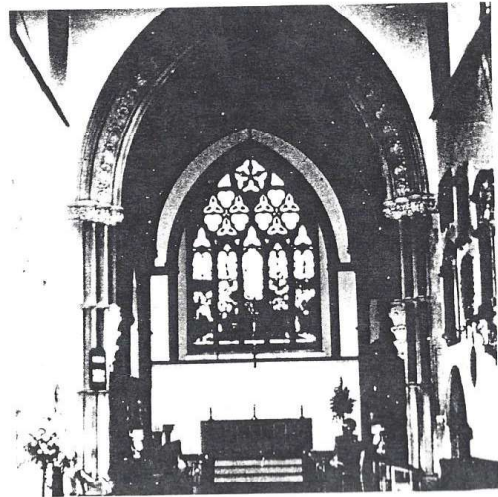
Perhaps no village church in England is of greater genealogical significance than this one, for it is certain that one existed here before the close of the seventh century. It is thought that the foundation of a wall discovered in a late restoration may well have been a part of the original church. Dedicated to the blessed Virgin, it was the mother church of an extensive parish about thirty-five miles in circumference, and was originally known as the mother of seven daughters, for that many district hamlets lay within its boundary: Hillesley, Tresham, Kilcot, Saddlewood, Hawkesbury Upton, Ingleston, and Little Badminton. (We were in or quite close to most of these during our drive.) The church is small, only about 130 feet long and 70 feet wide, including two porches. It is said that almost every style of building is exhibited, fragments of pre-Norman work with a Norman doorway, portions of the tower are Early English, and another part of the tower is of the Decorated Style. Some felt that the last restoration efforts in 1883 did little to enhance its appearance or value, but to us it was beautiful, and it was quite awe-inspiring to stand in the doorway and know that other Stiffs in generations past had entered here to worship. The enclosed graveyard that surrounds the church is the resting place of many Stiffs, but the inscriptions were worn and the day waning so we were unable to verify this. However, the Rev. J.W. Marchant, Vicar of Hawkesbury, arrived for evening services, and upon learning of our interest promised to go through some of the old church registers and see what information he could find.

Dursley, a much larger town than Hawkesbury Upton, is today a small industrial center. In earlier times it was a leading wool producing area of Western England. St. James' Church in the Market Square and the Georgian town house just opposite the Church's gate were of particular interest for we had been told that the building now occupied by Lloyd's Bank of London was formerly Eagle House, home of a Jacob Stiff in 1751, and that in the church was a coat-of-arms, a memorial plaque to Jacob's wife, Elizabeth, and himself. These we saw and here again felt a link with the past.

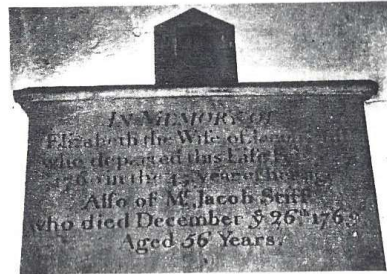
The remainder of our sojourn in Gloucestershire was spent doing research in the marvelous Library in the city of Gloucester, talking with people about the past, calling those with the name of Stiff still living in the locality, and enjoying being a part once again of life in this spot where there is an excellent chance our forefathers once lived.



Hawkesbury Church, Gloucestershire



Chancel, St. James Church, Dursley, England



Jacob Stiff Memorial Plaque, St. James Church

True, any definite link with the past remained elusive, but there was always the feeling that on the next page, or that with the next person we talked, a door would open and we would have our connection. To show how very tantalizing this research can be, follow a very complete pedigree for a family of Stiffs in Gloucestershire from before 1600. (Since I am interested in the Stiff name, I will give male descendants only.) These names and dates present the possibility that some member or members migrated to the New World in the 1600's. Also it gives a picture of one of the more prosperous Stiff families of this early time.

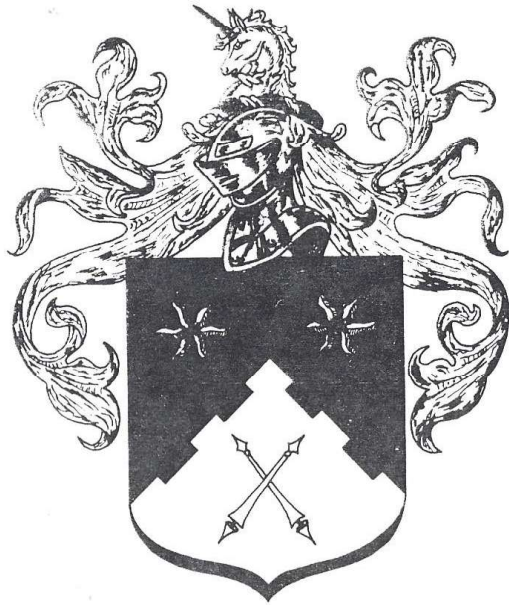
From the will of a Richard Stiff, proved in the Court of Canterbury in 1614, comes a great deal of information about this particular family. He was evidently a bachelor and the numerous bequests to his kinfolk indicate that he was well-to-do. His brother, Edmond Stiffe, is the ancestor of several distinct lines of the name. This chart follows one line, which might be called the Dursley branch where several lived during their most prosperous days and shows how closely the names resemble those to be found during the early settlement of Virginia, where a John and Thomas Stiff are known to be in the year 1684.

- I. Edmonde Stiffe, of Kilcot, Parish of Hawkesbury
Will proved 1593; wife Margery
 1. Richard — d. Hawkesbury 1620; wife Catherine
 2. John — of whom below (II)
 3. Anthony — of Kilcot, d. 1607
 4. Robert — of Oldbury, d. 1598; wife Margaret
Edmonde — Son
- II. John Stiffe (Styff) — Wotton-under-Edge, m. 1579
Elizabeth Seburne — d. 1605
 1. Edward — b. 1583 d. 1614
 2. Edmond
 3. Thomas — of whom below (III)
- III. Thomas Styffe — Wotton-under-Edge b. 1599
m. 1618 — Mary Parsons
 1. Daniel — b. 1627 — wife, Mary
(Son Thomas b. 1653)
 2. Jonathon — b. 1628
 3. Thomas — b. 1630 — wife, Mary
(Son Thomas — b. 1661)
 4. John — b. 1632
 5. Abraham — of whom below (IV)

- IV. Abraham Stiffe — b. 1638; became a cardmaker at Dursley.
Married three times: Anne Saunders, Edith Smith, Mary?
with Anne:
 1. John — b. 1663
 2. Thomas — b. 1664
 3. Samuel — b. 1670
 4. Abraham — b. 1672
 5. Isaac — b. 1674
 6. Jacob — of whom below (V)
- V. Jacob Stiff — of Dursley, cardmaker, b. 1679 — d. 1735 —
m. Elizabeth Webb. His tomb in Dursley churchyard
known to have existed, now destroyed.
 1. Jacob — of whom below (VI)
 2. Richard
 3. Edward
 4. William
 5. Thomas
- VI. Jacob Stiff — of Dursley, cardmaker, b. 1713²

This is the Jacob Stiff who is said to have built and resided at Eagle House in the marketplace of Dursley. The initials of himself and wife, with date of 1751, were at one time visible there and on the adjoining house. He was the bailiff of Dursley in 1740. In his will dated Nov. 21, 1759, he gave thirty pounds for the benefit of Dursley, the interest of which was to be distributed in the form of a dole of bread. He died in 1769 and was buried in St. James Church.

How similar the above names are to those of the Stiff lineage in Middlesex, Virginia which was largely populated with emigrants from the west of England. The name Jacob, distinctive enough to attract immediate attention, appears in both families at one and the same time. Coincidence? Perhaps, but the fact remains that family members did depart from this area and arrived on America's shores with the same given and surnames, with the same spelling, or its equivalent, and at a time corresponding to the generation involved.



Stiff

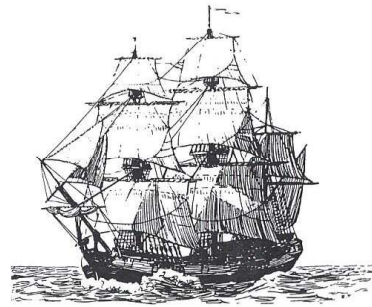
In "The General Armory of England, Scotland and Wales," by Sir Bernard Burk, dated 1884, under the heading "STIFF (Dursley, Co. Gloucester)" the following description is given: "Per chev. embattled sa. and ar. in chief two estoiles of the last, and in base as many tilting spears in saltire gu." It further states that these arms, described in Bigland's "Gloucestershire," appear on the mural monument A.D. 1760, of Jacob Stiff, Esq., of Eagle House, Dursley, a benefactor to the parish.

St. James Church in Dursley was visited in 1973, and the above described Coat-of-Arms was located on the right wall of the sanctuary with the following inscription:

"In memory of Elizabeth the wife of Jacob Stiff who departed this life February 25th '76 in the 45th year of her age. Also of Mr. Jacob Stiff who died December 26th 1769 age 56 years."

Photographs of this crest and the interior of the church were taken. The present existence in its almost original state, the benevolent nature of its donation, and the first known existence of a crest bearing the present spelling of the name STIFF justifies its credibility for the writer's adoption for that of his family. The basic design for the crest as furnished by the Heraldic House of Thomas Mullins, Dublin, Ireland, was designed from the Bigland description.

Chapter III

*The Westward Migration*

To better understand and appreciate the motivation behind certain members of the Stiff clan leaving their homes and families for a new and unknown life, one must raise history's curtain and review conditions existing in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries, not only of England, but of the European continent as well. Up to this time the ruling monarchs of England, Spain, Portugal and France, the countries possessing the great armadas, had participated in an era of discovery, and each had taken an active part in exploring the distant lands that lay beyond the Atlantic. The search was for a trade route to Asia, gold and other treasures, and each vied with the other in claiming territory in the new world. Little had been done toward settlement, for there was still meager knowledge of navigation and explorers experienced difficulty in securing grants from skeptical parliaments. Inducements had not become great enough for people to leave the known for the unknown on any permanent basis.

England's early claim to the new world territory rested on John Cabot's success in reaching the American mainland in 1497, but Spain practically held a monopoly in the Americas in the sixteenth century.

This all changed, however, in 1588 when England defeated the great Spanish Armada and became the mistress of the seas. In 1583 Sir Humphry Gilbert, who held a proprietary patent from Queen Elizabeth, had tried to establish a colony, but his efforts ended in failure and his death. His patent passed to Sir Walter Raleigh whose futile efforts from 1585 to 1591 bankrupted him. However, the region of his "Lost Colony" was claimed for England and named Virginia after Elizabeth, the Virgin Queen. This territory was a vast land extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, its southern limit where Charleston, S.C., is today, and the northern line through what is now Pennsylvania.

When King James ascended the throne in 1603, he approved a new attempt at settlement and granted a charter in 1606 that incorporated the London and Plymouth Companies and gave them the right to settle that part of the American coast known as Virginia. Before the signing of the charter the London Company offered to make each subscriber to its stock who paid 12 pounds and 10 shillings the "lord of 200 acres of land" which would be given "to him and his heirs forever." This alluring inducement enabled the company to finance a colonizing expedition, and it dispatched its first emigrants as soon as the charter received the royal signature. About 140 colonists set sail late in 1606 in three small ships, the *Sarah Constant*, the *Goodspeed*, and the *Discovery*, commanded by Captain Christopher Newport, and they disembarked May 13, 1607, on the Jamestown peninsula. This group was made largely of "gentlemen", unused to work, anxious to attain quick fortunes. They preferred hunting gold to planting corn, and had not Captain John Smith been successful in securing food from the Indians during their first winter, they might all have starved. Although ships bringing new immigrants and supplies arrived from time to time in the next few years, the struggle against disease, starvation and Indians was neverending. But as history accounts, they did survive, and perhaps their success was in a sense the result of failure. If these earliest colonists had discovered extremely profitable resources, the country might have been exploited and then forsaken. During the next several decades colonies sprang up all along the eastern seaboard as well as in the West Indies.

From 1600 to 1700 England, safe from conquest because of her naval supremacy, became a haven of refuge for those fleeing from the European continent's wars and political and religious strife. Centers of population became overcrowded, and England began to feel she had

more people than she could feed. Farmers were finding it more profitable to raise sheep than to farm. They enclosed their lands and drove many laborers to the cities, for a few sheep tenders did the work of many farm hands. Wars on the continent prevented customers from buying English cloth and other goods. With farm laborers and weavers out of work, artisans suffered, too, for fewer persons could buy their wares. England was full of discontent, hunger, poverty, and religious repression. And there was America — where fruits, vegetables, and tobacco grew abundantly, where streams were filled with fish and wild game was free, and where there was freedom to worship as one pleased. Here, at last, were the inducements necessary for colonization.

Desire to come to this new country was not enough, however. It took money to pay for passage and the poor and discontented could not afford it. Thus it was that a system of "indentured servitude" was developed. In some instances wealthy Englishmen would take and pay passage for their personal servants, but in most cases servants were shipped out by sea captains or agents who collected their fee from an employer in the colonies. The master would supply board, lodging, and clothes, teach the servant a trade, and give him land at the end of his term of service, which was usually from four to seven years. Many thousands of men and women, not all destitute, took advantage of this custom to transport themselves to a new way of life. Many suffered great hardships, but most endured their servitude to reap the rewards of land, seed, and tools with which to become landowners themselves. Later many bought servants of their own and became prosperous, and many became heads of families that now populate all parts of our land. Some rose to eminence and took part in government. Seven burgesses of an early Virginia assembly had been indentured servants, as had the maternal grandmother of Benjamin Franklin.

Since, as the research in England has shown, some of the Stiff families had by this time become prosperous merchants, it is possible that they could have arranged for their own passage, but it would be more logical to assume that they took advantage of this system of indentured servitude. In fact, in searching for names on shipping lists and making inquiries, it was learned from Noel Curren-Briggs, M.A., an historical research consultant of London, that he had two names of early immigrants named Stiff, and the following information was given:

From Port of Bristol to America:

- (1) March 7th, 1654/5, Henry Stiff of Fisherton, Wiltshire, labourer, a servant of William Cole of Bristol, merchant, for 5 years in Barbados.

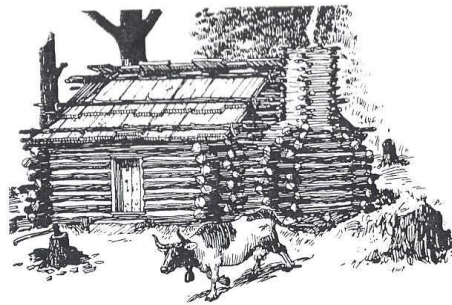
(2) December 16, 1666, Sarah Stiff, servant of John Richardson of Bristol, tailor, for 4 years in Barbados.

Further research revealed only one other of this name: November 10, 1690, Jonathon Stiffe, brother-in-law to John Godfrey (q.v.) to Jamaica 15/19³

Thus, from the three names found, two came as indentured servants, and they sailed from the port of Bristol, the debarkation point closest to their homes in southwest England.

It has been estimated that in an early 25 year period 10,000 English people sailed from the port of Bristol to take their part in colonizing Virginia, Maryland, and the New England States. Some went to the West Indies but the majority went to Virginia. Extensive research has been undertaken to locate additional Stiff names on shipping lists on either side of the Atlantic during these early years of colonization. Researchers continue to explore this phase of our country's history, and although documentary evidence is occasionally uncovered, there still remain many missing records and voids in both countries. Incomplete records result from a number of causes: loss of records at the source or destruction at sea due to shipwreck, willful omission on the part of a ship's captain for personal gain, failure to make proper entry from "waiting lists" when fulfillment unexpectedly occurred, or when death occurred during the hazardous journey. Lack of identification also becomes a factor as many shipping lists contain only the given names of an indentured servant with no clue to a surname. This information, of course, can never be recovered, but it is hoped that additional records which do exist may eventually come to light.

CHAPTER IV

*Virginia — Middlesex County*

After a very dreary beginning at Jamestown in 1607, the Colony of Virginia grew quite steadily. From a population of 210 in 1610, it rapidly increased to about 70,000 in 1700. At what point in time the first Stiffs arrived must be conjecture. As shown in the previous chapter, there was the indentured servant, Henry Stiff, in Barbados in 1654, but the first mention of the name Stiff in Virginia that has been found at this time is in the description of a land patent granted to William Hunt, March 21, 1665, in which his land is described as "adjoining to John Stiff's patent previously granted."

It would be appropriate to digress here and consider again the variations in the spelling of the name Stiff. It appears in early Virginia records as Stiffe, Stiff, and Stith, seemingly dependent upon the recorder's interpretation. It seems safe to assume that Stiffe and Stiff are one and the same, but that Stiff and Stith are interchangeable cannot be assumed so readily, as will be seen when the aforementioned land patent to John Stiff is studied.

The land patent granted July 29, 1664, for 550 acres on the north side of the James River in Charles City County is to John Stith, and it

is possible to trace his descendants for several generations. His grandson was Rev. William Stith, born 1689, who wrote the celebrated "History of Virginia" and was President of William and Mary College. There is no doubt that this was a very prominent family, and how easy it would be for a county clerk to record Stiff as Stith, or, if he did not know the name, Stith could certainly sound to him like Stiff!

Handed down in our own family is the following story, very interesting, but one which research has not verified. During the early days in Virginia a Stith was expecting a consignment of negro slaves and had given a considerable deposit as "earnest money". When the slaves arrived it was discovered that the invoice was made out in the name of Stiff in lieu of Stith. In order not to complicated matters, the receipt was signed 'Stiff', and the story says the Stiff name was used from then on.

It is not necessary, however, to rely upon the Stiths for the appearance of the family STIFF in early Virginia history, for in the Parish Register, 1653-1812, of Christ Church, Middlesex County, there is recorded under the date Feb. 4, 1684, the marriage of Thomas Stiff to Sarah Salter, and there appears thereafter numerous entries from which it is possible to trace this family for well over a hundred years. The Middlesex County Court House also has well preserved records from which to add to and embellish the meager story of births, deaths, and marriages as revealed by the parish register.

In 1694 there was entered for probate a will which stated "John Stiff late of this county saith that Mrs. Vallott should have all the estate he had, for the good of her and her children," and signed by Ann Vallott. Was this the same John Stith-Stiff in Charles City County in 1665? Perhaps not. Was he Thomas Stiff's father or, perhaps, brother? That question so far has not been answered.

Christ Church Register records the birth of Jacob Stiff, son of Thomas and Sarah Stiff, as being January 11, 1685. A later record is of Nicholas Stiff, born to Thomas and Elizabeth Stiff, baptised June 17, 1694, with another entry showing his death in 1698. The baptism of James Stiff, Thomas and Elizabeth's son, is recorded as January 13, 1702. These entries indicate that Sarah, Thomas' first wife, died and that he married a second time.

The nuncupative will of Thomas Stiff, recorded on April 3, 1710, is quite interesting, and adds additional information about him and his family. It reads:

"Jacob Stiffe, Your most humble petitioner, most humbly shewith

that for as much as he is constituted and appointed sole total executor for the estate of Thomas Stiffe, his father lately deceased. This therefore most humbly to implore your worship to grant that an inventory be taken of the above said estate and brought to an appraisement forthwith according to law and humbly prayeth. Thomas Stiffe did say first that he gave to Thomas Walker five head of cattle cows and heifers and his riding horse he also gave to his daughter Elizabeth a mare with fold the above said fold to his son James and all thereof of his estate to be equally divided amongst his four children namely —

Jacob Stiffe, Constant Olphin, James Stiffe, and Elizabeth Stiffe, his son Jacob he made Executor and required him to take care of his two young children: Testis:

Thomas Machen
John Anderson."

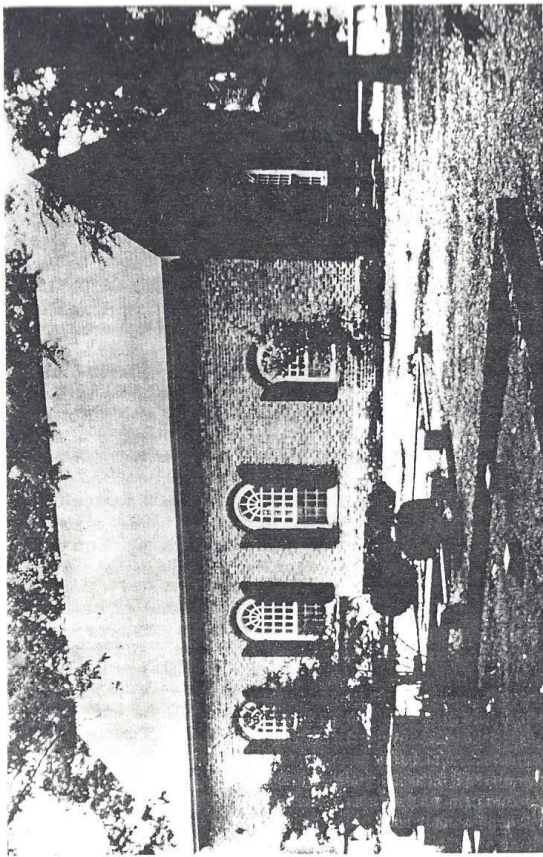
The Thomas Walker referred to in the above will was undoubtedly Thomas' step-son, son of his second wife, who must have been a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker. This was deduced from the fact that in a will probated in 1721, Thomas Walker bequeathed all he had in the world to his brother, James Stiff.

From this above information it is possible to make the following chart to show the beginning of the Stiff lineage in America:

Thomas Stiff m. Sarah Salter
Issue
Jacob Stiff
Constantine Stiff (Olphin)
Thomas Stiff m. Elizabeth Walker
Issue
Nicholas Stiff
Elizabeth Stiff
James Stiff

Another interesting reference to Thomas Stiff is to be found in a listing of Middlesex County Militia for the year 1687. His name was on a list stating "the Court judges a number of persons capable to serve and finde themselves with armes."⁵

When this colonial family arrived in Virginia or under what conditions can probably not be ascertained. However, during the middle years of 1600 small farms were profitable, wages for labor were four and five times those paid in England, and the colony was a veritable land of



Christ Church, Sabuda, Virginia

opportunity for the poor and middleclass. The system assured each settler land, and this also applied to indentured servants and apprentices upon completion of their period of service. So, no matter what the beginning, by the late 1600's Thomas Stiff had made a place in the New World and was well on the way to becoming a prosperous land owner in the County of Middlesex, Virginia.

Middlesex County for many miles forms the western boundary of the Rappahannock River that flows into Chesapeake Bay and then to the Atlantic. Its fertile soil and gently rolling terrain offered excellent farming opportunities and no doubt reminded these settlers somewhat of their homes in England. Not far from the river is Christ Church, whose Registry and Vestry Book are the source of much of this early research. This church was established in 1666 and the building finished within six months. This building was used until 1712, when a new church was ordered built of brick. The present building occupies the identical ground of the original 1666 church, for when the new church was ordered built, directions were given also for an "arbor" in which services might be held during construction. During the Revolutionary period the Church went into a state of disrepair. By 1840 the roof had fallen in, the woodwork had rotted and a large tree had grown in the center aisle. In that year the building was restored and has continued in use until the present time, with further renovation being undertaken in 1920. There are seven graves under the floor of the church, with aisle flagstones now commemorating those early colonists. The parish is most fortunate to have historic records in the form of two printed volumes, "The Vestry Book of Christ Church, 1663-1767", and the "Parish Register 1653-1812", from which much of this information has been obtained. The graveyard surrounding the church contains many table tombs of historic interest. In early days, notices of Royal Proclamations and new laws were posted on the doors of the church and read from the pulpit and were the subject of much discussion in the church yard. It has been said that during the years just before the Revolution, resistance to England was begun in the vestries and spread to the churchyard, and it is easy to imagine these Stiff ancestors joining with their neighbors to decide upon what measures were to be taken.

From Thomas Stiff's first marriage, and that of his first son, Jacob, to Elizabeth Clarke, it is possible to trace without interruption ten generations bearing the Stiff name. For many years most of these remained in the Middlesex area and became prominent landowners and members of the community. This line has been separately traced and charted and is referred to as the Middlesex Stiffs.

While there is no record of the marriage of James Stiff, (the son of Thomas and his second wife, Elizabeth Walker), the birth of a daughter to James and Edy Stiff is recorded in 1728, and elsewhere in Virginia Marriage lists was found a record of the marriage of James Stiff to Edith Dudley in 1724. Presumably these are the same Stiffs. There are no further records of this family to be found in Middlesex, and as this was a country "on the move", it can be assumed that he and his family moved westward. It is unfortunate that records from the counties where some trace of him might be found have been lost or destroyed, but when records from Revolutionary War files, pinpoint a John Stiff in Cumberland County, Virginia, around 1758, and further research reveals that he had sons named James, John and that "distinctive" Jacob, the feeling that this connection is legitimate becomes very strong.

CHAPTER V

*Virginia — Bedford County*

In the twenty-five year period from 1725 to 1750 the most important development in Virginia was the westward migration into the Piedmont, across the Blue Ridge and into the Shenandoah Valley. Here the farms were smaller and the slaves fewer, but the newly cleared acres provided bountiful crops. Settlers were attracted from many places; they were land-hungry pioneers who worked their own farms, and their very nature introduced a new, aggressive, and democratic element. Their sons made some of the finest soldiers of the Revolution.

It would not be difficult to imagine that James Stiff and his wife joined in this westward movement, had more children, perhaps one named John during the 1730's who would have been the right age to have had a son in Cumberland County in the late 50's. Until additional information is uncovered, however, this has to remain speculation.

There are other possibilities as to the beginning of this Bedford line of Stiffs. They could be descendants of the John Stith of Charles City County, giving credence to the aforementioned story of the change in spelling of the name. Another possibility is that they might have been related to a family living in New Jersey who had sons during the

Revolutionary War period. Since there is no evidence to bear out either of these assumptions, it is most logical to connect the Bedford Stiffs with those in Middlesex, particularly in view of the fact the name Jacob appears in both.

Irrespective of any prior relationship, it is possible to start with John Stiff of Cumberland County, Virginia, about 1758, follow him to Bedford County, and chart his lineage without interruption through eight generations.

Bedford County was formed from Lunenburg and Albemarle counties in 1753, and records from its earliest days still exist. Sometimes these records raise almost as many questions as they answer, but that is what makes research so challenging. In this Bedford family of Stiffs there are too many Johns that have not yet been completely identified, but from county records on James, together with his Revolutionary War files, it is possible to piece together a complete life from birth to death.

To begin this Bedford story, numerous family accounts indicate that John Stiff was the father of two sons, James and John, and that shortly after James' birth about 1758, the family moved to Bedford County. As young men of 17 or 18, both James and John enlisted in the army in 1776. John was taken prisoner in 1777 and placed on board a prison ship where he died. Whether he was married is doubtful, however there is an entry that shows he was on leave for a short time due to a sick child. If there was a wife or child they must have died, for in later years the court finds that "John Stiff is a nephew and one of the heirs at law of John Stiff, Sr., decd., late a soldier in Lee's Legion of the Virginia Line in the Continental Establishment."⁶

Early marriage records in this county indicate that the father John had at least three other children, Sarah, who married Samuel Warner in 1778, Jacob, who married Rhoda Scott in 1787, and Jesse, who married Amey Williams in 1786.

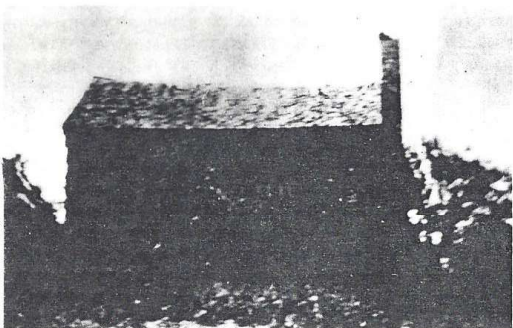
There is no record of James' marriage to Molly Lewis, but throughout his long life, her name as Mary appears with his on many deeds for land transactions. It is from his pension application made in 1833, that much is learned of his life during his service in the Revolutionary War. In the application he states that he 'thinks' he is about 76 years old, but has no record of his birth date. He does state with certainty, however, that he was born in the County of Cumberland and moved to Bedford at an early age and lived there ever since. He enlisted for a period of two years in February 1776, served in Capt.

Harry Terrell's Company in the 5th Virginia Regiment, (also designated as Capt. Wm. Fowler's Co.), took part in the battle of Germantown in Colonel Josiah Parker's Regiment, wintered at Valley Forge and was discharged in February of 1778. He was drafted in 1780 and served three months in Capt. Thomas Leftwich's Company. His pension was allowed February 21, 1833. Between his military enlistments, he married Mary (Molly) Lewis in Bedford in 1778 or 1779.

After James' death in 1837, Molly applied for a widow's pension in 1839. To prove her legal marriage a number of affidavits were necessary as there was no record of the marriage in existence. She was at this time about 79, "old and infirm, and her memory not retentive of facts which transpired so long ago." There were additional affidavits signed by her son John, a brother-in-law, Thomas Brown, and his daughter, Martha B. Bowyer. From these statements comes much of the information concerning their early issue. Additional information has been added from the court records of the county, cemetery markers, and family information from continuing lines.

The children of James and Molly Stiff who lived to attain maturity as ascertained from the above numerous sources are as follows:

1. Sally — may have died in infancy or may have been the sister referred to by John in 1839 affidavit as having taken the family Bible when she moved to Kentucky many years ago.
2. William Burrell — married Sarah Wray in 1801, went to Kentucky about 1812.
3. John — married Bathsheba Stone in 1809. Filed for a bounty warrant in 1828 as an heir of John Stiff. Court finds him a nephew of John Stiff, Sr., Rev. War Soldier, in 1829. He was still in Bedford at the time his mother applied for her pension in 1839. May have gone to Kentucky after that time.
4. Richard — married Katy Adkerson. Probably went to Kentucky about 1812 with his brother William Burrell. They are both located in Breckenridge County in 1814.
5. Henry — married Eney C. Huddleston and remained in Bedford.
6. Nancy — married J.W.S. Bondurant and was mentioned in her mother's will.
7. Lewis — married Polly Miller. Came to Texas to join brother Jesse about 1848, after his mother's death.
8. Jesse — married Polly Feazle — was in Texas in 1835.
9. James — no information.
10. Polly — married Vinson Nelson in 1818.



James Stiff's Early Home, Thaxton, Virginia



James Stiff's Revolutionary War Marker

State of Virginia,
Bedford County } J.

I John Stiff of Bedford County, Virginia, a son of the late James Stiff of said county, and Molly Stiff, widow of said James Stiff, and now an applicant for a pension - certify that some years ago, he copied from the family register of said James and Molly Stiff, the ages of all the children of said James and Molly Stiff, in a ciphered book, which is now destroyed - that before its destruction he copied his own age into his family Bible, not before him, and which register is as follows - "John Stiff was born May the 18th 1786" - that he is the fourth child of said James and Molly Stiff - that the original Register of the family, was carried many years ago, by his sister to the state of Kentucky, and what has become of it, he does not know - but preserves it in the possession of his sister. He also states that he recollects, when an elder brother and sister, and himself were baptized by the late Rev. James Munro of the Presbyterian Church, of which his father and mother were members - He was baptized not very long after his parents joined the church - If the Rev. Mr. Munro kept a register of baptisms, he understands it is probable it was burnt with his house, some years before his death.

John Stiff
Subscribed and sworn to before me the said Edmund A. Humphreys
a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, by John
Stiff, whom I hereby certify to be a man of respectable charac-
ter and amiable conduct - Given under my hand this 16. day
of November 1839 -

Edmund A. Humphreys J.P.

Affidavit of John Stiff

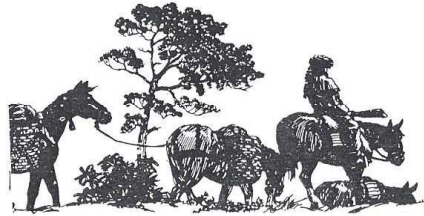
After serving his country in the Revolutionary War, James Stiff acquired land near Thaxton Switch and settled into the life of a frontier farmer. Thaxton is in the northwest part of the county where the country is mountainous. Taylors Mountain and Cobbs Mountain are a short distance to the north, in the same direction about ten miles away, the Blue Ridge begins with the Peaks of Otter. Part of the old house built by James Stiff in 1780 was still standing in 1932. After a long life together, they were both buried near this old homestead.

Although many of these Bedford Stiff families moved on to other areas, several of them remained thereabouts, and in 1924 the descendants of John Wesley Stiff, a grandson of Henry and great grandson of James, started the tradition of holding a family picnic each year on the fourth Sunday in July. In 1964 I was privileged to attend the 41st gathering. They had never missed a year and fortunately it had never rained. There were about a hundred and fifty members of this Stiff family present, with an additional fifty guests. A wonderful feeling of family loyalties was evident as well as gracious hospitality, and a joyful approach to living in this beautiful countryside which had been home to Stiffs for so many years.

Concerning the descendants of James' brothers, Jesse and Jacob, there is practically no information on Jesse (not to be confused with James' son Jesse.) His name is on the tax rolls for a couple of years, 1788 and 1789, and nothing further appears about him in Bedford County. Jacob's name is listed on the tax rolls in 1787 and continues until 1821. A second Jacob appears in 1807, presumably a son, and continues for the same period of time. Court House records of marriages list marriages for four daughters of Jacob: Betsy to Corbin Chick in 1803; Polly to Rueben Parker, 1807; Lucinda to John S. Burnett, 1815; and Sally Stiff to Luceon Goodwin in 1820. On the 1830 Tennessee Census Jacob, his wife and a son are listed as living in McMinn County, as are the Goodwins. Research about families of Stiffs in Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia shows them to be descendants of this Jacob and Rhoda Stiff. Edward Stiff who wrote "The Texan Emigrant" is one of their sons.

From the early 1800's until 1850 descendants of the Bedford Stiffs continued a westward migration. By 1850 these families were well established in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Texas.

CHAPTER VI

*Kentucky*

Kentucky was originally part of Virginia with the Allegheny Mountains presenting a formidable barrier to this vast region bounded on the west by the great Mississippi River and on the north by the Ohio. It was a dense wilderness, difficult to penetrate, that went unsettled until after the American War of Independence. The fine grazing blue grass and numerous salt licks made it a refuge for the buffalo, deer, bear, and wild game of all kinds. It was inhabited only by these animals, for the Indians, who had first claim on the area, as a rule did not live there but set aside this 'paradise' as their "happy hunting grounds". They called this land KAN-TEN-TAH-TEH, an Indian name meaning "land of tomorrow".

Eastern land companies sent Thomas Walker in 1750 to explore the Cumberland Gap region and the following year Christopher Gist went up the Ohio River as far as Louisville. The Indians certainly did not want anyone to encroach upon their territory, and the threat of the coming of the white man was strong enough to unite the various tribes, usually at war with one another, into a 'Confederation of the Six Nations', to do battle with the white man's hunting and war parties

which were intent upon the slaughter of both animal and foe. The land became for the Indian, the "dark and bloody ground."

In 1769 woodsmen from North Carolina led by Daniel Boone came looking for land, and several settlements were made with much sacrifice of lives. In 1775 Boone brought his family and blazed the famous Wilderness Trail through Cumberland Gap to Boonesboro. In 1792 Kentucky became the 15th state admitted to the Union. The fertile soil and deep shade of this region produced a luxuriant growth of grass so dark in color that it reflected a distinct bluish tinge, from which the State received its nickname, "Blue Grass State." Its mild winters, splendid pasturage, and abundant water made it particularly attractive to pioneers seeking a new home.

That it attracted some of the Bedford Stiffs is evident from a review of the personal tax rolls. William Stiff's name disappears from the Bedford County tax list in 1812 and appears on that of Breckenridge County, Kentucky, in 1814. Richard and James Stiff's names appear a year later, and a sister moved to Kentucky about this time, although her name has not been ascertained. Of course, by this time the State was no longer a wilderness. Numerous routes had been opened, but it was still a strenuous journey. Perhaps these families traveled through the Cumberland Gap and overland, but more than likely they made the journey part way by the Ohio River, as it and its tributaries were navigable all the way to their headrights. Breckenridge County borders the Ohio, and Stiff land was situated only a few miles from its banks. Although not in the heart of the Blue Grass region, this was still excellent country not only for farming but raising of cattle and fine horses. A later chapter tells of one of the early great horse races in Texas between Monmouth, a Kentucky bred horsebrought to Texas by Harrison Stiff, and Steel Dust, another Kentucky bred horse.

Here in Breckenridge County William Burrell Stiff and his wife, Sarah, raised their large family. Except for a few dates and marriages found in other sources, the following information came from an old family bible in the possession of Pauline Stiff Sewell, a descendant of James Burrell Stiff, son of William B. and Sarah. Here is a list of their children:

Catherine	5-12-1804
John	10-9-1806
Matilda	1-30-1809
Belinda	4-9-1811

Wm. H.	1-19-1814
Mary Jane	5-18-1816
Harrison	6-12-1818
Sarah	8-14-1820
Harriett	9-19-1823
David Sterling	12-3-1825
James Burrell	10-20-1827

As the years passed most of the children of William Burrell Stiff grew to maturity and began to acquire land and establish their own homesteads. The move to Kentucky had proven successful as deed books indicate they owned considerable acreage on the headwaters of Sugar Tree Run and Spring Creek in Breckenridge County. Other property belonging to his children was not far distant in Meade and Hardin Counties.

Knowing William Burrell Stiff's children's names has made tracing his family a much easier task, especially since a number of his children migrated to Texas and it has been possible to work backward as well as forward. William B. Stiff died March 9, 1840, and provided a will dated Nov. 9, 1837, bequeathing everything to his wife, Sarah, to be divided later among their children. A series of most interesting transactions took place, as deduced from court house records, during the period from 1852 until 1854. John Stiff and Ann, William Chappell and Catherine (Stiff), George H. Simmons and Belinda (Stiff), all in Meade County, sell their interest in their father's estate to James B. Stiff and David Stiff (whose residence was given as Collin County, Texas). Then they and the remainder of the family, Sarah, the mother, William H. and Margaret, his wife, Sarah S. Stiff, a sister, and Harrison sell 110 acres of land. David was attorney-in-fact for Harrison and signed for him. The conclusion to be drawn is that Harrison and David had been to Texas (David was listed on the 1850 Collin County Census) and decided they would make the move permanent and were getting their affairs in order. This conclusion is borne out by the fact that by 1854 the three brothers, sister Sarah, another sister, Harriett Stiff Shane, and a nephew, Edward Rollin Stiff, son of their brother William H., were all residing in Collin County.

Information obtained from several different sources, particularly from one extensive list of names furnished by Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Stiff of Union Star, Kentucky, shows that between the years 1815 and 1850 there were in the Breckenridge and Meade County area at least four or

five separate families of Stiffs. One was, of course, William Burrell Stiff, with several children migrating to Texas. A second William, of Meade County, married Rachel A. Webb. They were the parents of two known sons, William Webb and J.C. Stiff, who moved to Iowa. William Webb Stiff later settled in Collin County, Texas in 1883.

Another was James Stiff, father of one son, Nathaniel, whose descendants are later found in Missouri and Montana. Yet another was Henry Harrison Stiff who married Mary E. Parker in Bedford and whose son John was born there. They were the parents of four other sons, Thomas, Dick, Henry and Pete, who died young. Henry died in the army unmarried. Thomas married Ellen Bandy and of their six children, three were boys, Joe, Roy, Odie and three were girls, Maggie, Alma, and Iown. John Stiff married Sallie Brown and their children were Paul, Gene, Preston, Phillip, Ed, Myrtle, Madie, Belle, and three others. A family sketch of Phillip Henry Stiff is found in "Kentucky — A History of the State" by W. H. Perrin and published in 1886. This family is said to have moved to Bowling Green.

A fourth family was that of John Addie Stiff who married Mary A. Claycomb. Whether he was born in Bedford is not known. He was married about 1850 and his children were John Dave, James Madison, Henry Louis, Mary Alice, Millisia Jane, Wendeline B. and Lydia A. Quite a large family was born to John Dave Stiff and Mallissia Bellow, the names of some are Carlton, Millard, Johnny, Ida, Josephine, Annie, Mattie, and Stella. James Madison Stiff and Charlotte Noble were the parents of four sons, Don Hugh, William Hobert, Walter Owen, James Estle (the J.E. Stiff who sent the above listings) and one daughter, Jannie, who married Crease Knott. J.E. Stiff married Englebert Hardesty and they have two children, Estella, who married Robert L. Mattingly, and James Francis Stiff, who married Rebecca Ray. The Mattinglys have six sons and their home is in Rhodelia, Kentucky. James Francis and his wife have five children and live in Irvington, Kentucky.

Kentucky remains an important research area for many Stiff families, as it afforded a permanent home for some and a migration center for others.

CHAPTER VII



Texas

Through the years the progress of the Stiff migration continued. Colonization covered a vast territory, and the movement westward was a slow process, as author Dan Lacy so well describes in *The Birth of America*: "Restless movement was a pattern set by generations of men and women who crossed the Atlantic, followed the rivers of the new continent into the back country, pressed against the mountains, and flowed through the passes they found into the valley of the Mississippi. Ceaseless change, evolving newness are the oldest and most fixed elements in the American tradition."

As new territories were opened and settled, life assumed a relative security with a sense of comfort and ease. After a generation or two, however, there were always those who found it "crowded" and no longer the land of untold opportunity. Large farms, divided among many children did indeed become small, and with an increase in demand, land prices became high. Movement to a more distant place, especially once a homestead had been established, required courage and ambition, but the desire for land was strong and ever present. Free land to the west, despite dangers and hardships inherent in

obtaining it, was always beckoning the hardy and adventurous.

By about 1821 Texas became that beckoning land, uncivilized, unknown, but offering to those with vision, courage, and fortitude still another opportunity. From Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, and other places as well, came a new wave of pioneers.

Before 1821 Texas, under Spanish rule, was inhabited largely by various Indian tribes which, despite about twenty-five Spanish missions, Spain was unable to civilize. Neither was Spain successful in attracting settlers to this wild country. After Mexico gained its independence in 1821, the gate was swung open to American settlement for a short time but with disappointing results. However, a beginning had been made with the arrival of Stephen F. Austin, "the father of Texas", who brought a number of families with him. Settlement was slow, however, and when Texas became a republic in 1836, she owned 180 million acres of unoccupied territory, and immediately took steps to reward those already living in the new Republic and to encourage new settlement. A system of headright grants was established for the first group, and to secure new settlers large grants of land were made to immigration agents predicated upon their establishing colonies in Texas.

Most of the early settlement of Texas was in the south and central portions, but North Texas was not without some settlement. During the 1830's families began to find their way into the area south of the Red River. They came by various routes and various means of transportation. Most came overland in horse or mule drawn wagons, on horseback, and on foot, crossing into Texas at points along the Red River. Many came through the Indian Territory and entered at Preston, following a trail southward which later became known as Preston Road. Some came by water via the Mississippi by barge to the junction with Red River, up this stream and then overland into the area. This was known as Red River County until about 1837 or 1838 when Fannin and several other Counties were created by an act of Congress of the Republic of Texas. It was not until 1848 that Collin County with McKinney as the county seat was authorized.

At the early time when Red River and Fannin counties covered this large part of north Texas settlers erected forts, crudely built of

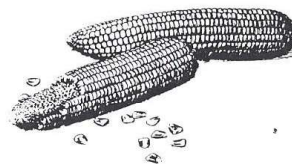
logs, throughout the area. Some of these were Fort Warren, Lyday, and English. Most of the families lived within the forts or just a short distance away. Life and property were secure only within gunshot of the forts, despite the precautions taken by the families and the ranger force, which consisted of men banded together to serve as lookouts and to warn of approaching danger, as well as to fight off attacks from the Indians.

In the *History of Fannin County, Texas*, by W. A. Carter, Judge J. P. Simpson described the conditions that existed at the time. "When we were at Fort English the citizens formed themselves into a company to work their little farms. Two men were detailed as guards, and stationed at each end of the field. All who were to work carried their guns to the center of the field and laid them down on the ground. Our holsters were kept swung to us. The guards would hide in some secret place and watch for the Indians — we trusting our lives to their vigilance and faithfulness. In this manner we prepared the land and planted our corn. When we had finished one field, we would collect our arms and implements and pass to another, where the same arrangement would be made as before, until all the crops of the neighborhood were planted. The same course was pursued in working the crops. A gracious Providence blessed us with bountiful crops, and in the fall we gathered and divided it, without regard to ownership of farms. The women and children during this time, remained at the fort under the care and protection of Judge English, who watched for Indians, and had they been attacked he would have defended them to the last, though it cost him his life."

The Indians and disease were perhaps the two greatest threats to these early settlers. Tribes living in and around this northern part of Texas supposedly were not hostile. Small bands of Delawares and Tonkawas lived nearby. Also present were the Caddos who preferred permanent settlements and depended upon agriculture for a livelihood. They grew corn, beans, tobacco, pumpkins, and had orchards of peach, plum, and fig trees. The crops they supplemented by hunting and fishing. Their clothing consisted of deerskin shirts and breechcloths and moccasins of deer and bison hides. From them the settlers learned much about surviving in their new home. To the west were the

Comanches, a fierce and warlike tribe, who roamed far and wide throughout this entire territory, a menace not only to the white man but to other Indian tribes as well. It was felt that the worst raids occurring in these early settlements could be blamed on the Comanches. To the settlers an Indian was an Indian and they never dared let down their guard. Many are the hair-raising stories left to posterity of Indian atrocities endured by these hardy souls who opened up this part of the state for future generations.

CHAPTER VIII

*Stiff Chapel*

The original migration points of Stiff families centered in three areas: Middlesex and Bedford counties in Virginia and Breckenridge County, Kentucky. Many remained in those spots after securing headrights and establishing their homes, but the more adventurous continued their search for a 'promised land'. Research clearly establishes that the above three counties served as a springboard from which these families departed in various directions, principally west, south, and southwest.

From Bedford County came Jesse Stiff and his family who were living in the north Texas area by 1835. Jesse, born in 1796, was the son of James Stiff, the Revolutionary War soldier, and the brother of William Burrell Stiff who had migrated to Kentucky about 1814. Jesse's marriage to Mary Feazle was recorded in Bedford in 1812. They were both about sixteen years old. His name was listed on the tax rolls of that county through 1819, so it is possible that he and his family left at that time and spent years in other localities before arriving in Texas, however no records have been located to suggest his whereabouts during the years prior to 1835. Undoubtedly there

tomahawk of the heartless redskin fell heavily upon the shoulders of this inexperienced youth; but responding manfully to this call, he became, along with Pleasant Wilson, one of the chief hunters and scouts of this pioneer settlement. In further service in defense of his home, he became a member of Captain Jesse Stiff's minute company of rangers, which was in the service of the Republic in 1842 and 1843, and as a sergeant of a company of sixteen men did valiant service of the Republic in 1842 and 1843, and as a sergeant of a company of sixteen men did valiant service on the frontier of Fannin County."

A few years later, on July 4, 1846, he and his son James attended a picnic at nearby Buckner. Andrew Stapp, a resident of Buckner, took this occasion to enlist Collin County's first soldiers. To quote from an account by Roy C. Hall, Collin County historian, "Mounting a stump, Stapp called the meeting to order and said, 'Men of Collin County, we are now a part of the great State of Texas and Texas is at war. The United States is at war with Mexico and needs soldiers. I am authorized by the Governor of the State to raise a company of volunteers here and now to march across the Rio Grande River. I want men, real men, to come into the store and put your names down as the first soldiers Collin County ever had. Who will be first?' In an hour sixty men had signed, including Jesse and James Stiff."

Before 1850 Jesse had prevailed upon a brother, Lewis, of Bedford, Virginia, and his family to join him in Texas. As an inducement he had offered his brother part of his land. It has been said that he was true to his promise and upon Lewis' arrival in 1849 he divided his headright with him, giving to Lewis all land on one side of Stiff Creek while retaining that on the other side for himself. The 1850 Collin County Census shows that Lewis' family consisted of his wife, Mary, sons James 22, Henry 17, Ben S. 7, and daughters Sarah 27, and Margaret 25. Listed with Jesse for that year were his wife, Mary, and John and Jesse Martin, his grandsons.

James Stiff died in 1847 while serving as a Texas Ranger under Stapp. Mary, Jesse's wife, died in 1864, and he shortly thereafter married Elizabeth Washburn, who bore him a son, Jesse Stiff, Jr. Elizabeth died in 1867. On Jesse's death August 15, 1874, at the age of 78, John Martin, one of his grandsons, was appointed ad-

ministrator for the estate which was divided between the two grandsons, John and Jesse Martin, and his minor son, Jesse, Jr.

When Jesse's son James died in 1847 he was buried not far from his father's cabin, and this spot became the Stiff Chapel Cemetery. An extremely interesting and informative account of this burying ground has been preserved in an old newspaper clipping from the McKinney Examiner, dated March 15, 1917, a copy of which I have included. The "Uncle Henry" referred to in that article enjoyed a good many more birthdays, and his picture and account of his ninetieth celebration has been furnished me by one of his grandchildren.

The Stiff Chapel Cemetery may be located on the east side of F.M. 1827 off Highway 24 north of McKinney, about one-eighth mile from the road just before passing over a bridge spanning Stiff Creek. On high ground surrounded by old elm and oak trees, although not maintained, it is in an excellent state of repair, considering that the first grave is more than a hundred and twenty-five years old. The tombstones give considerable information of this remarkable pioneer family. The following lists the Stiff markers.

Jesse Stiff Oct. 1796 — Aug. 15, 1874
 Mary (wife of Jesse) 1796 — May 1, 1864
 Elizabeth (wife of Jesse) — 1843 — Dec. 16, 1867

Louis Stiff Mar. 20, 1799 — Aug. 5, 1884
 Mary (wife of Louis) Nov. 10, 1801 — Oct. 11, 1872

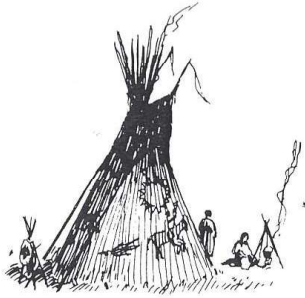
Henry Stiff 1833 — 1924
 Nancy (wife of Henry) 1838 — 1894
 William E. (son of H. & N.M.) 1875 — 1876

John L. Stiff July 21, 1812 — Sept. 26, 1861

Sally Stiff Mar. 10, 1821 — Mar. 6, 1904

William Henry Stiff Born in Bedford Co., Va.
 Died in Collin Co., Tex.

A descendant of Jesse Stiff has been most helpful in research on this Stiff Chapel family. Mrs. Catherine Martin Knowles of Houston,



Buckner

Another method used by the Republic of Texas to attract settlers was the granting of land to immigration agents, predicated upon their establishing colonies in Texas. In 1841 one such grant was made to W. S. Peters of Kentucky. Associated with him in this venture were eight men from Louisville and eleven Englishmen living in London. These men established an organization called the Texas Emigration and Land Company. The company was required to bring six hundred families into the area (to be known as Peters Colony) within three years. The head of the family was eligible for 640 acres and a single person 320 acres, with the company itself to receive one-half of each grant for their services, which were to consist of surveying and securing titles to the land, building cabins and furnishing the colonists with seed, powder and shot. The English stockholders did little to promote colonization so the Kentucky members acquired seven additional Louisville men and reorganized the company.

Although valid efforts were made to fulfill contracts, anticipated results did not occur. "The story of the Peters Colony is one of shattered dreams and broken promises, of intrigues on two continents and endless litigation, of Indian raids and massacres and hardships and dangers. It is also the story of courage and faith, of hard work and achievement, resulting in settling one of the most fertile sections of the State."¹² The publicity which this company gave to the colony was instrumental in bringing a number of settlers, and was in all probability responsible for calling attention to the opportunities which existed to those who would decide to come at some later date.

In 1842, shortly after Dr. Throckmorton had established his settlement, John (Jack) McGarrah came from Arkansas with his family and headrighted 640 acres three miles northwest of present McKinney and south of Throckmorton. The following year he built a log cabin on his claim and moved his family from the Throckmorton settlement. His two sons-in-law, Tola Dunn and George Herndon, settled near him, as did his twin brother, George. McGarrah's settlement became known as Buckner. During its first year other settlers came and additional cabins were built. Two wagon loads of merchandise and blacksmith tools were hauled in, a blacksmith shop was started and a small store opened in McGarrah's cabin. For about six years this was the only place within forty miles where any sort of merchandise could be bought.

Buckner and the McGarrahs occupy a unique place in Collin County history. They also play an important part in the history of my specific Stiff lineage. When Jack and Polly McGarrah came to Texas accompanying them was their three year old daughter, Mary Margaret, who was to marry Edward Rollin Stiff in 1856 and become the mother of fourteen Stiff children. Through her, to her children and grandchildren, have been handed down stories told by her mother of many of the trials of those early days. Those Indian raids came very close to home for the McGarrahs.

The Indians were a constant menace. This intrusion of their territory did not go unnoticed. In the summer of 1843 Indians attacked one of the cabins occupied by McGarrah and six other men. They were able to fight off the Indians during the day and managed to

escape in the dark of the night by going down a ravine southward. This time the Indians left without further incident, but at another time during the same year they were not so fortunate. As the settlers were busy constructing cabins, a Dr. Calder came by on horseback enroute to Fort English. After a brief stop and being assured that there had been no Indians in sight for days, he left, only to come running back a short time later closely followed by two Indians. Although in sight of the men, they were unable to reach him in time to save him from being killed and scalped. The Indians escaped, and it was discovered that others had been hiding in the tall grasses. Dr. Calder had killed one with his double barrel shot gun. This type of gun was not familiar to the savages who left it where it lay with one barrel still loaded. After this incident men from neighboring settlements joined together under Captain McGarrah to try to overtake this band of Indians, but were not able to do so.¹³

Whether or not Polly McGarrah ever had such a close call is not known, but a story recounted in Stambaugh's *History of Collin County* illustrates very vividly the heroic qualities of our pioneer women. To quote from Stambaugh about events which occurred just three miles south of Buckner:

"Just prior to November 1842 Wesley Clements, Samuel Young, and a man named Whisler, with their families, settled three miles north of McKinney on Honey Creek. Late in December Young went to Fort English in Fannin County to get supplies. On Christmas morning, while working the timber near their cabins, Clements and Whisler were attacked by Indians and the latter was instantly killed. Clements fled toward the cabins. His wife, hearing the commotion and seeing her fleeing husband, rushed to meet him with gun in hand. She was, however, too late. He was tomahawked and scalped within fifty yards of his home. With the aid of Mrs. Young, Mrs. Clements barred the door and kept the Indians away with the gun. In the meantime, Mrs. Whisler, who was at the branch, heard the firing and saw the Indians. She submerged herself in the stream, keeping only her nose above the water, until all was quiet. Believing that all members of her own settlement had been killed, she hurried down the creek toward Ft. English. To her the experience was particularly horrible, since her parents had previously been killed by Indians on the Brazos. Finding the East Fork too deep to ford, she continued on downstream until she reached a place shallow enough to permit her to cross. Again she returned to the road

leading across open prairie toward Ft. English. Her clothing was torn to shreds and her body bleeding. When two men in a wagon approached, she detoured around them. They called to her but she only quickened her pace, explaining that Indians had killed all in her settlement. When she refused their help, only running still faster, they concluded that she was deranged. Upon reaching Honey Creek, these men saw Mrs. Clements and Mrs. Young on the opposite bank. The stream was so swollen that the men were forced to fell trees to enable the women to cross. Then all returned to Ft. English. Clements and Whisler were buried in Throckmorton Cemetery."

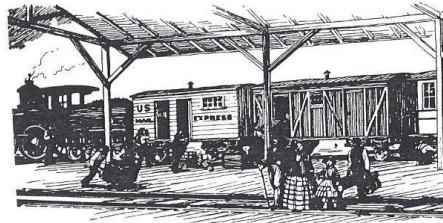
The Republic of Texas ceased to exist when annexed by the United States on December 29, 1845. When this happened the Texas Legislature immediately took steps to organize the state into counties. On April 3, 1846, an Act was signed by Governor J. P. Henderson creating Collin County. Part of Section 4 of this Act is as follows: "Be it further enacted that John McGarrah, J.C.M. Hodge, Thomas Rattan, Ashley McKinney and Pleasant Wilson be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, whose duty it shall be to find the center of said county, having due respect to the donations that may be offered by individuals for a townsite for the use of the county. The Commissioners shall then proceed to hold an election, and the place receiving the greatest number of votes shall be the county seat, and the place so elected shall be known and called by the name of Buckner....."

One can easily imagine the pleasure and encouragement of these early settlers with the passage of this Act. Visions of increased land values were in the minds of each, as this would be the county seat and the small community would become a city. No time was lost preparing for an election. Speeches were made, flags were raised, and one evening a gala dance took place. Land surveyors were not available and no one had any idea as to the location of the county boundary. Buckner was the only town of any size in the new county and in all likelihood it was within three miles of the center. Therefore, Buckner was promptly voted the County Seat. On August 1, 1846, John McGarrah donated fifty acres of his land for a townsite. The commissioners then laid the town off in lots of 80 feet square, with a public square in the center for a court house. On September 1 of that year lots were sold to the highest bidders, entirely on credit, and in

November the U.S. Postmaster established a postoffice at Buckner with John McGarrah as postmaster. Buckner was on its way!

Completely ignored was the Act's provision that a vote must be taken between two selected sites. Buckner's celebration was short lived, for after a year, when it became known that the commissioners had not complied with the law, the Legislature passed another act "establishing more permanently the seat of Justice in Collin County" and appointed five individuals to find the center of the county, to select two places within three miles of the center and then proceed to hold an election. The provisions of this Act were much the same as the original which had not been followed. When the survey of the county was made Buckner was not within three miles of the center and could not be considered. A location southeast of present McKinney and where McKinney now stands were the locations voted upon. Due to swollen creeks residents of the southeastern part of the county could not get to Buckner to vote, and the present site was chosen ten to one. On March 16, 1848, the Legislature passed an Act that changed the name of the county seat to McKinney, and in May the Post Office was relocated. People began to move from Buckner to the new townsite and Buckner once again became just a small trading post for the farmers of the area. Today there is nothing left to indicate where Old Buckner, as it is fondly referred to, was once located. One can only reminisce of its place in early Collin County history and accept the realization that it, like many early settlements, served as a useful refuge for the pioneers, but was bypassed in the advance of civilization.

CHAPTER X



McKinney

After McKinney was designated the county seat, one of Buckner's leading citizens, John L. Lovejoy, foresaw opportunity and decided to move his log cabin store. He hired two men with oxen to drag the one room building, which was about twelve by fifteen feet in size, over the prairie and place it on the northeast corner of the present square. Thus McKinney had its first store. When the Post Office was moved from Buckner it was located in Lovejoy's store and he became the first postmaster. Other stores of logs began to be built around a square, and in August of 1848 the people of Collin County came together and built a log cabin courthouse on the southwest corner. McKinney was now established!

During this era of Collin County history another Stiff family began its migration. Perhaps the glowing accounts given publicity by the Peters Colony Company in Kentucky was the motivation which led David Stiff of Breckenridge County of that state to come to this

area before 1850 to explore the possibilities and to determine its advantages. Apparently he liked what he found, for he returned to his home and during the next several years he and other members of the family came to make McKinney their permanent home.

As outlined in the chapter on the Kentucky Stiffs, courthouse records during this period indicate a settling of family affairs in preparation for this move to Texas. Records of land transactions, names on tax lists, and census records of Collin County all tend to substantiate this. David Stiff's name appears on the Collin County Census for 1850, but Harrison's (an older brother) remains on Breckenridge tax rolls through that year. In the June 1954 issue of *The Western Horseman* magazine there is an article which refers to Harrison's arrival in Collin County on Christmas Day, 1850. In 1851 Jesse Shain and his wife, Harriett (a sister of David and Harrison), arrived with their family. Shain and Harrison Stiff both bought land from Jesse Stiff in the Stiff Chapel area, however they did not settle there and soon sold the land and located in the developing town of McKinney. In 1854 a third brother, James Burrell, made the trip, bringing with him his young nephew, seventeen year old Edward Rollin Stiff, son of another brother, William Henry Stiff, who chose to remain in Kentucky at that time.

David married a daughter of John Lovejoy and was associated with him in various ventures. He was a County Clerk, a tax collector, and was postmaster in 1856. From a review of the 1860 Census it would appear that his wife died after the birth of a daughter, that he remarried and had a son by that date. However, he married a third time and it is this marriage and the issue therefrom that are contained in the genealogy records. Harrison and James Burrell both married after coming to Texas and their descendants are numerous.

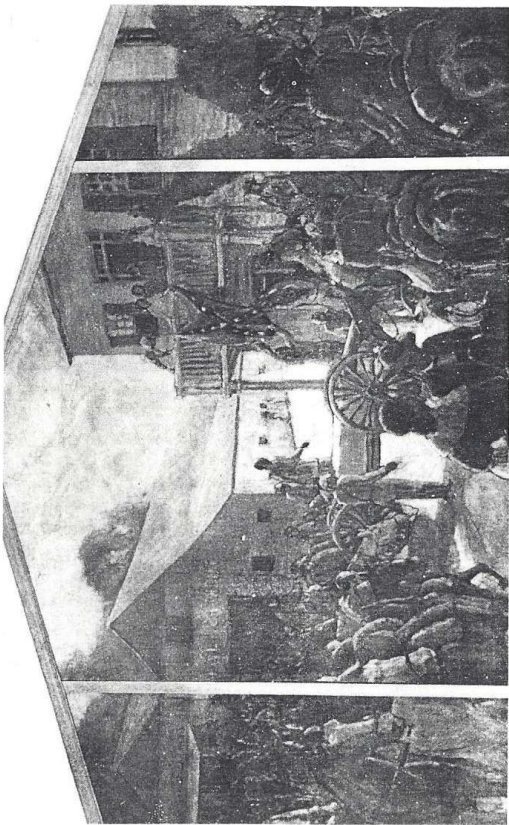
Edward Rollin Stiff became a farmer and rancher in the Buckner area. This is where he met and married Mary Margaret McGarrah. Her father, Jack McGarrah, went to California with a party during the Gold Rush in 1849 and died on the return trip. His estate was settled in 1854, dividing his extensive property (from his land grant from the Republic of Texas) between his wife and children. Thus Mary Margaret brought to her marriage a sizable farm, which Edward

Rollin added to and increased in the years to come. This valuable acreage still remains in the Stiff family.

Harrison's interests were varied. He was a lover of fine horses (see story "The Day Monmouth Bit the Dust" in Chapter "Hither and Yon"), and undoubtedly bred and traded quarter horses on his farm at New Hope near McKinney. His large two-story frame house served his family of eight children and offered a haven to some of his nieces and nephews, orphans of his sister Harriet Shain. It would appear from the 1870 census record that his aged mother Sarah was also a member of his household. All except one of his children lived to maturity in the McKinney area, married and started their families there, with his four sons, J.D., Roddy, Sterling, and Wallace, perpetuating the name of Stiff. Only J.D. continued to make McKinney his home. The rest moved to other areas of Texas, and today descendants with the Stiff name may be found as far away as California.

An interesting story concerning the given name "Sterling" has been related by a family member. It will be remembered that Harrison's nephew, Edward Rollin Stiff, had come to Texas with his uncle, had married and was establishing his family on his farm a short distance northwest of McKinney. In the spring of 1862 Ed met his uncle Harrison on the town square and was proudly announcing the birth of his first son. Harrison replied that he, too, had a new baby boy. Imagine their surprise upon discovering each had named their son Sterling Price Stiff! General Sterling Price had distinguished himself in the Mexican War, and been Governor of Missouri, and became even more famous as a leader of men during the Civil War. Undoubtedly, both of these men considered him a hero and his name a worthy one for their sons to carry through life. Too, it is quite possible that Harrison's brother David, whose middle name was Sterling, may have been an influence in their choice. It is most interesting that the name of Sterling is one which has endured in these families to present time.

McKinney and Collin County was a prosperous and growing area until Texas seceded from the Union and joined the Confederacy March 6, 1861. Texas was fortunate in that it was not overrun by hostile armies; although five attempts were made, all failed. But this should



Mural of Confederate Co. "I" Leaving McKinney

not be construed to mean that the local people did not suffer. Sorrow came to every family through the deaths of relatives and friends. The discouragement of men returning from the fighting and the uncertainty of the future had a depressing influence on everyone and everything. Practically every able-bodied man between the ages of seventeen and fifty was in the army, leaving only the aged, the women, and the slaves to keep things going on the homefront.

Edward R. Stiff's service in the Confederate Army was told me many years ago by Captain Roy F. Hall, McKinney historian now deceased. Said Captain Hall, "At the age of 26, Ed Stiff volunteered and joined Alf Johnson's company which was organized June 7, 1862, in McKinney following Johnson's visit to Missouri where he met Maj. Gen. Sterling Price, noted for his great leadership of men. General Price gave Johnson authority to organize this company upon his return to Texas. Company "I" was formed with the purpose of spying on the enemy. "I" Company departed from McKinney and enroute to Arkansas became attached to Martin's 15th Regiment. At Arkansas Post near the Arkansas River a fierce battle took place with the Union Army. Alf Johnson was wounded, captured, and died shortly thereafter. Of the one hundred and forty-four men of his regiment, only twenty-two were left. These went to Missouri and served under Gen. Sterling Price. The Company was disbanded at the end of the war and Edward Stiff, who had become a captain, returned home."

In 1934 a renowned McKinney artist, Frank Klepper, painted a large mural to hang on the north wall of the old Post Office in McKinney, depicting Company "I" leaving June 7, 1862. Edward Stiff is one of the group of soldiers standing in uniform before the Tucker Hotel and Livery Stable. Citizens are gathered to bid farewell and a small group of young ladies are unfolding a large Confederate flag from the balcony of the hotel. This mural presently hangs on the east wall of the new Post Office building.

The reconstruction years following the Civil War were difficult ones in Texas as elsewhere, years considered by some to be worse than the war itself. Collin County, however, was luckier than most other places. It was not bothered by the Union forces, and the freed slaves gave little trouble. In fact, most refused to leave their old homes and lived out their lives with their "families".

The men returning from the war began to rebuild their homes and their lives. Edward Rollin Stiff and Mary Margaret continued with their family and established a good life on the farm at Buckner, three miles northeast of McKinney. When the children reached school age they were sent to nearby country schools, and eventually the family moved to town, while retaining the farm and ranching activities for a livelihood. The frame home they built in McKinney about 1875 still stands at 513 N. Kentucky Street and is in an excellent state of preservation.

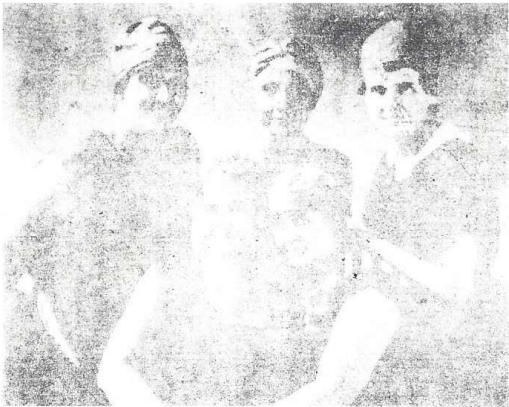
Although E. R. Stiff's mother and father are known to have been buried in 1879 in the Union Star Cemetery in Kentucky, the possibility that they may have resided in Collin County for a time came to light in checking the 1870 census where the names of W. H. Stiff, Margaret, and Junius (with ages which correspond to their known ages at the time) appear. Edward Rollin had a brother named Junius who died in 1871 and is buried in the McKinney Cemetery. The thought comes to mind that during or after the Civil War conditions in Kentucky might have been such that they felt the necessity of moving, came to Texas for a time, and then, after their son's death, returned to Kentucky to spend the rest of their days. That they might have come to Texas is certainly understandable, for here in McKinney were three brothers and their families, a sister's children, their son and grandchildren.

These various Stiff families were part of the backbone of the community, and each played its part in the rapid development which resulted from the coming of the railroad in 1872. As the sons of these early pioneers attained manhood they assumed their effective place in McKinney affairs. John D. Stiff, son of Harrison, owned the Stiff Dry Goods Company. His sign, together with that of Price Stiff Grocery were for many years landmarks on the Square.

An interesting and little known fact concerning E. R. Stiff was discovered during research of the family's land transactions. His name appeared in the Deed Index book with much frequency as the seller of various McKinney lots. The number assumed such proportion that the conclusion was made that he had gained control of the major portion of all the property in McKinney and would soon, if not

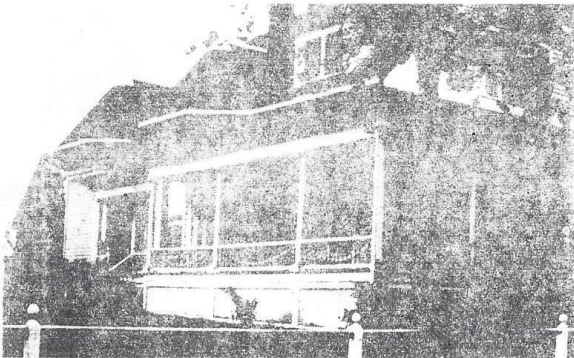


Capt. E.R. Stiff's McKinney Home



Some of the Stiff Girls

Clockwise: Top - Jessa, Middle - Edna, Bottom - Winnie, Maggie



Price and Cora Stiff's Home

already, be one of the largest real estate dealers in Texas! This thought was soon dismissed, however, for a deed was discovered dated May 10, 1871, whereby E.R. Stiff and several other men had purchased from Augustine Hayden a certain tract of land for the purpose of establishing a cemetery! This became known as Pecan Grove Cemetery and is the resting place for McKinney folk from that time to the present.

Edward Rollin and Mary Margaret Stiff were the parents of fourteen children, thirteen of whom lived to attain manhood and womanhood. There were six sons and eight daughters, one of whom died as a small child. All of the boys except one remained in McKinney for most of their life. Following his marriage to Edna Emberson in 1891. Glenn operated a dry goods store in Pilot Point, his wife's home, but after a few years he returned to McKinney to become a successful road builder, a director in the Central State Bank and McKinney Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Collin County Fair Association. When their mother died each of the children received a share of her interest in the family farm, and when Capt. Ed's health failed and no longer permitted his active management of this Buckner headright, Glenn and Edna Stiff purchased his portion and that of their brothers and sisters. The old Stiff farm has passed from Glenn to his daughter, Claude Stiff Purnell, and she has recently deed portions of it to her daughter, Edna Elizabeth Thedford, and grandson, William P. Thedford. From the interest Bill takes in his share of the farm it will very likely remain 'in the family' for some time to come.

Other sons of this large family followed various occupations. Clint pursued his ranching interests throughout his life and was also a manager in his cousin's store, the J.D. Stiff Dry Goods Store. Oll was interested in the Mississippi Dry Goods Store. Roll, the only one to leave McKinney, became a manufacturer's representative for a large textile company and moved to Dallas. Jack, the youngest, became an automobile dealer with the advent and popularity of motor vehicles. Each of the daughters married as the years passed and all except one moved to other localities. Ernie married L.L. Elliott, local manager of the J.T. Elliott Lumber Company, and remained in McKinney until her death.

Sterling Price Stiff was the oldest son of Edward Rollin Stiff and Mary Margaret McGarrah. He was born April 21, 1862, at old Buckner. He was named for Gen. Sterling Price, under whom his father was to serve later. He was only a few months old when his father joined the army to fight for the Confederacy. Much of Price's early youth was spent in the saddle as his father expected his oldest son to share the responsibility of raising large herds of cattle. Many are the tales of the cattle drives they took together, following the Chisholm Trail across rough and rugged country over rolling prairies and mountain passes until Abilene or Dodge City was reached. Months would pass before the contingent would return home. When the railroad finally came and cattle were shipped by that method Price and his brothers were old enough to take full responsibility for getting the cattle to market, and riding the caboose was a novel and interesting experience.

Although lacking by present day standards, Price did receive a good education. He first went to a one room school house in the nearby Hackbury community and was taught by Rev. R. C. Horn, who had a profound influence on this young man's life. (See Rev. Horn's tribute that follows.) After the family moved to McKinney he graduated from the public school there, and attended Add Ran College at Thorpe Springs. Add Ran later became Texas Christian University.

Upon the completion of his education, Price Stiff became associated with Jesse Shain, whose father, Thomas Shain, had married Harriett Stiff, and whose families had been very close. Thomas and Harriett had both died in 1860, leaving four children, two of whom (Jesse and Jim) lived for four years with an uncle, Burrell Stiff, and in 1865 Jesse went to live with another uncle, David Stiff. Jesse Shain's later story remains as an excellent example of one overcoming adversities. Found in "A History of Collin County, Texas" by J.L. & L.J. Stambaugh is this account:

"At the age of eighteen he began to trade in stock and real estate. He had great faith in real estate and continually bought and improved it, but never sold any of his holdings. Although only fifty-six years of age at his death, April 26, 1906, he was one of the wealthiest men in the county. His real estate consisted

of twenty-three brick business houses, twelve fine residence properties and several farms and ranches. For twenty years he had been a city official. He was an official in the Collin County National Bank, the Stiff Dry Goods Company, the Shain Packing Company, New Century Milling Company of Dallas and numerous other successful enterprises."

Jesse Shain's only son had died, and his affection was turned to several of his young Stiff cousins. He took Price into his grocery business first as a clerk and then as manager, and taught him much about the business. The two became associated in other business ventures as well as real estate. Price was later able to buy Jesse Shain's interest in the store and had his own very prosperous grocery business until just before his death, when illness forced him to sell. One venture of Price Stiff's was rather unusual and showed ingenuity and perspicacity. As in many small towns the business houses were built around a square, in the center of which was a courthouse. Much to the satisfaction of the citizenry, the streets around the courthouse had been paved with brick, thus eliminating deep ruts and mud. Merchants, customers, and especially courthouse patrons rejoiced when the paving was complete. But not for long. The following summer brought a severe drought, and the dust blowing in from the streets leading in to the square was so bad that the shops on the square often had to remain closed. Stiff had bought several teams of mules to increase his grocery sales by making afternoon deliveries. As the teams were free in the morning, he proposed to the city fathers that he water the square every morning during the summer by the use of tanks placed on the delivery wagons. He got the contract and for a number of years this venture was a profitable one for him and a great satisfaction to all concerned.

Price Stiff married Cora Golladay, 6-4-1890, who came from a family of merchants in Otterville, Missouri. They met while she was visiting her sister, Molly Williams, in McKinney. She proved a great asset to her husband due to her family's background in a similar business.

Price Stiff brought a number of innovations to his business which enjoyed a rapid growth helped in no small way by the periods of growth of the city. His extensive newspaper advertisements as "The

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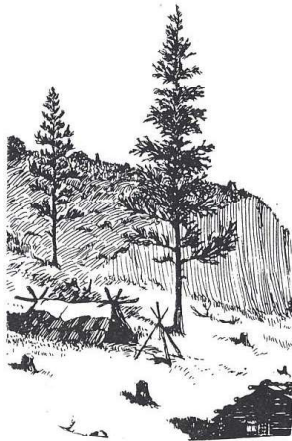
Thus we have followed one line of a family in "My Name is Stiff" that originated in England and after landing on the Virginia shores began a migration westward, endlessly at times, seeking a permanent headright. As the years passed and families grew, the quest of various members were cast in many directions, some touching our outermost shores. Each with the same purpose, each to face the same dangers and hardships, and each to withstand adversity and overcome misfortune. They, like thousands of other pioneer families, must be admired for their foresight and perseverance. Nor were their objectives entirely self-contained. An innermost desire must have prevailed that a reward would be left for those that follow. Perhaps too, they felt that they would leave a contribution toward civilization, however, small or great it may be, that would enrich a country that had first accepted them as immigrants.

Does our story end with Collin County? No more than if we had been that first generation to land upon American shores. Each succeeding generation fosters its own ambitions and visualizes horizons to be brighter in distant lands. Each will find a new adventure. This too will be pioneering. However, the passage of time can never erase the contributions of these early families. Their example is encased in memories that should withstand the years that lie ahead. Our very existence remains a living tribute.

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CHAPTER XII



Branches Cast Shadows

The branches of this family tree, nurtured by sturdy roots, spread wide. As seasons pass, each branch grows to develop its own destiny. Some remain hidden within the shadows of time. The existence of others, all intertwined in the past, have come into the light through the efforts of descendants. Several short histories follow with the wish that their heritage, too, may be preserved.

One Branch Goes South

One of the most interesting and colorful of the Stiff families is that of Jacob and Rhoda Scott Stiff. As you will recall from the chapter on Bedford, Virginia, Jacob, the son of John Stiff, was born

in the late 1760's and married Rhoda Scott March 27, 1787, with his brother James Stiff as surety. He was probably 21 at the time, as he did not have to have his father's consent, and also in this same year his name appears on the tax rolls for the first time. He raised a large family near the town of Liberty in Bedford County, where old deeds show him owning property on the north side of Goose Creek. Between 1820 and 1830 he and members of his family joined in the Stiff migration. That he chose a different route is evidence by the fact that in 1830, as shown by the census for that year, he and his family are living in McMinn County, Tennessee.

To trace this family further I am indebted to Mrs. Doris Coulter Hetzler of Kensington, Georgia, who has shared with me her genealogy expertise which she has devoted to research of this and other lines. The following is her account of this remarkable family.

The marriages of four daughters of Jacob Stiff are recorded in Bedford County, Virginia: Betsy to Corbin Chick, 12-24-1803; Polly to Reuben Parker, 10-26-1807; Lucinda to John S. Burnett, 9-11-1815; and Sally to Luceon Goodwin, 10-4-1820. Sally and Luceon Goodwin are listed on the 1830 census of Jefferson County, Tenn., and are living near her brother Thomas Stiff in Walker County, Georgia, on the 1850 census. Their mother Rhoda is living with Thomas also on the 1850 census, so Jacob must have died by this time.

Further information on the children of Jacob and Rhoda is found in Jefferson County, Tennessee, records. EDWARD STIFF married Maria Burnett, daughter of Mrs. Rhoda Burnett, 9-1-1824; NANCY STIFF married Edward Burns 11-10-1829; THOMAS STIFF married Elizabeth Hafley 11-15-1831; and from an account in "Old Cherokee Families" by Starr, it is related that WILLIAM H. STIFF married Rachael Jane Fields before the Cherokee Indian removal. The Fields were a prominent Cherokee family living near McMinn County. One daughter, Nannie Rhoda Stiff, is mentioned. Rachael Jane later married Henry H. Hickey and moved with her family during the Indian Removal. WILLIAM H. STIFF is also called "Buck" Stiff in Cherokee, Alabama, where he is listed on the 1850 census. According to the census he was born 1810 and his occupation "Gambler". He was living in the tavern of Wm. A. Shakelford, town of Centre, and

with him was his nephew Lafayette M. Stiff. In a collection of "Stiff Letters" there is one written by William H., dated Jan. 18 1859, in a beautiful handwriting, to his nieces in Lafayette, Georgia, telling them that he hopes to pay them a visit in the spring since there is now a stage from Centre to Lafayette that runs once a week. He also tells them of the Christmas balls in Centre but that he mostly watches now as he is getting too old to dance. William was still living in Centre at the time of his death in 1867. His obituary notice states that he was Court Clerk of Cherokee County and had never married. It also notes that he was born near Liberty, Virginia, under the Peaks of Otter and leaves bereaved widowed sisters.

THOMAS STIFF was born in 1797 in Bedford, where later letters state that he and his brothers received excellent educations. Evidently Thomas moved to Jefferson County, Tennessee, sometime after 1820 as he and Edward sell 100 acres of land there in 1828. His marriage in 1831 to Elizabeth Hafley in Calhoun, McMinn County, has been noted. The following facts are learned from Bounty Land and Pension WC298F filed by his widow later in Walker County, Georgia. He was 5'7 or 8" tall, had brown hair, grey eyes and fair complexion. He was a Hatter by trade but was postmaster at Dallas, Hamilton County, Tennessee, until 1844 when they moved to Lafayette, Georgia, where he was a grocer until his death July 22, 1852. His wife died in the late 1890's having lived most of the time with their only son, John Thomas Stiff and daughters, Minerva, Ellen and Jenny.

Minerva E. Stiff, daughter and oldest child of Thomas Stiff and Elizabeth Hafley, was born in Dallas, Tennessee, in 1838, and married John Knox Lazenby, son of Ross Lazenby and grandson of Henry Lazenby, Revolutionary soldier of Maryland, in Lafayette, Georgia. Their Bible, in the possession of their great granddaughter, Doris Hetzler, shows this marriage date to be Jan. 3, 1854. From letters in the family it would seem they had a store in Chattanooga about the time the Union soldiers were nearing Chattanooga, as she writes her mother in Lafayette about the wagons coming to move the merchandise and to please send a buggy for her to ride in with the babies. Their children were Arthur Leet (1854), Julia Emma (1856), Minnie Alice (1861), Willie E. (1864), and Mary Lizzie (1868). When Mary

Lizzie was 10 years old her mother and father were both dead and the children were cared for by the Stiff family. Mary Lizzie, who was Doris Hetzler's grandmother, married Henry J. Meyers 6-2-1889 in Walker Co., Georgia. Their three children were Cecil, Frank and Myrtle Ila. Myrtle Meyers married James W. Coulter in 1914 and they are the parents of Doris Ila Coulter Hetzler.

Ellen Stiff married William Lipscomb in Chattanooga in 1885 and moved to Nash, Texas. Jenny married Drury Andrew Fowler in 1880 in Chattanooga. Their children were Frank, Nellie and Drewry. Jenny as well as her daughter Nellie were school teachers. Ellen was also a school teacher and letters from her say that it was not always easy to obtain a school before the days of public education in Georgia. She usually boarded with families of her students.

JOHN THOMAS STIFF, son of Thomas and Elizabeth, was born 12-15-1839, at Dallas, Tenn. He served in the Confederate Army and married 4-3-1879 Elizabeth M. Griffin in Rossville, Ga. They lived in Chattanooga until about 1880 when they moved to Lookout Mountain. He died there March 14, 1894, and his widow continued to live there with their seven sons and two daughters. She died in 1938. John T. Stiff was in the mercantile business in Chattanooga and continued after moving to the Mountain to drive his buggy to his business in Chattanooga each day. Their children were Mary E., Thomas, Charles F., John, Richard, Emma, George, Cabell, and Joseph.

EDWARD DAVIS STIFF, a third son of Jacob and Rhoda Stiff, was born in the early 1800's near Liberty, Virginia. In 1824 in Jefferson Co., Tennessee, he married Maria Burnett. The Knoxville Register of June 4, 1824, has a large ad with a picture of a high top hat and tells of his location in Knoxville. It reads "Handsome Assortment of Hats of his own manufacture; consisting of 1st, 2nd, 3d. and 4th qualities, all of which he is determined to sell at reduced prices for cash. Cash will be given for Muskrat and good Otter skins." Another ad of the same year shows Edward Stiff in Dandridge, Tennessee. This would seem to establish the fact that he was a Hatter before becoming an editor of newspapers. In 1840 he published *Texas Emigrant*, a book about his travels in Texas during 1838 and 1839. By 1846 he had purchased a newspaper, the Messenger, in Cedar Bluff, Alabama.

From "A Short History of Cherokee, Alabama," by Hugh Cardon, published in 1936 in the Coosa River News, the following information has been obtained.

"The Messenger was purchased in 1846 by Edward Stiff, who later with his son, Lafayette M. Stiff, edited the "Sentinel". No editor has ever been more fearless or wielded as virile a pen as Stiff the Elder. He was a man of wide and various experiences, having edited papers in New York and Cincinnati, and written a book on his travels, called "The Texas Immigrant." His editorial frankness and biting condemnation of the habits and morals of some of his fellow citizens made his existence miserable and life a gamble with odds all against him. It seems that Hinton, a lawyer and former editor, had slain Sheriff Stallings, and then fled to Texas. Stiff accused a group of leading citizens of blocking the extradition of Hinton, among whom was the town's leading lawyer, Judge Mathew J. Turnley. Out of these charges and counter charges, Stiff was beset and beaten insensible, and survived only to be again attacked, but killed his assailant. As a result of these fiascos, Stiff was placed in jail at Ashville, one having never been built at Cedar Bluff. He later was released, journeyed to Cuba, and returned to Centre to live with his son, L.M. Stiff, who edited Centre's first paper, the "Coosa River Argus." Having been an advocate of the opening of the Coosa as a medium of transportation, since his removal to Cherokee County, Stiff requested shortly before his death that he be buried on the Coosa with his head facing the river, so that he could watch "the damned steamboats go by!" His people honored his request and he is buried at Garrett's Ferry, just below the resting place of Path Killer, the last King of the Cherokees. The Stiff family was directly connected with newspapers in Cherokee County from 1845 to 1925, or for a successive period of eighty years, Washington C. Stiff, the son of Lafayette M. Stiff, being the last of the family editors, the name dying with him."

This very colorful figure, after a most eventful life, died at his son's home in Centre about 1861.

Edward Stiff's two sons were Lafayette and Edward, Jr. Not too much is known about Edward Stiff, Jr., except that he was born in 1836, was a 2nd Lt. in the Confederate Army and was killed in 1864. He never married. Lafayette was born in 1826. He was a printer and legislator and public servant in Alabama. During his youth he served in the War with Mexico, but was discharged in order that he might be of assistance to his father at the time of his trial. He married Helena Jane Hale in 1851, and they were the parents of six children: Washington Clements, Maria Agnes, Laura Virginia, William Lafayette, Edward, and Rosa Lee. He died in 1890.

Another Southwestern Journey

This is the story of two descendants of one of the oldest Middlesex, Virginia, families migrating elsewhere. This time to Texas. Henry A. Stiff, Dallas, Texas, has furnished this information on his immediate family and also the wealth of information on the Stiffs of Middlesex County contained in Chart "E" later shown. It was Henry who many years ago first kindled my interest in genealogy and who has since provided valuable assistance through records resulting from his Virginia visits and research.

Hamilton Foster Stiff was born in Middlesex County, Virginia, on May 12, 1853. His father was Robert Stiff, one of twelve children born to William Nelson Stiff as verified from an old family bible now in the possession of Mrs. Charles F. Garber, King William County, Virginia. His mother was Amanda Foster Palmer, daughter of Henry C. Palmer, a prominent local planter. William Nelson Stiff operated a large plantation near Christ Church through the efforts of family members and numerous slaves. Hamilton Stiff was not quite eight years old when the Civil War began in 1861. Because of its location Middlesex County suffered gravely. The peninsula Campaign of 1862 was fought up and down the Rappahannock and across Middlesex County to Richmond. On May 5th of that year McClelland established a Union supply base at West Point, only 15 miles from the county seat at Saluda. General Lee cleared out the Union troops in the fall but the county was devastated, including the Stiff plantation. Very little data survived this period. Robert Stiff is believed to have died in the Confederate Army and his wife died soon after. Their two sons, Charles Taylor and William Hamilton, went to live with relatives in Saluda.

When Hamilton Foster was 19 and his brother 21 they decided to seek their fortunes in Texas and landed in Galveston in 1872. From an old diary belonging to Hamilton Foster it is learned that in 1876 they visited Saluda by way of New Orleans, Mobile, Montgomery, Atlanta, Richmond and West Point, returning to Galveston by way of Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Columbus and New Orleans. After their return Charles Taylor departed and

went to California. Hamilton remained in Galveston. His marriage to Emma M. Campbell in 1877 is recorded in the family Bible in the possession of a granddaughter, Mrs. E.B. Stewart, Plano, Texas. Henry Allen Stiff was born in 1878. Three years later his mother died and his father remarried in 1885 and moved to Dallas about 1888. In 1900 Hamilton Stiff died, and his son continued to live in the Dallas area, where he married Louisa M. Erben in 1910. Their four children, two sons and two daughters, as well as several grandchildren, continue to live in this vicinity.

Westward Ho

The westward movement of this family surpasses any of the Stiffs researched thus far. Originating in Bedford County, Virginia, emigrations followed to Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, and finally California. Many members chose to remain in Kentucky and Montana along the way. As is so often the case in such movements, family records many times become lost or destroyed, while members of the same family become separated and lose track of one another. I am told by Mrs. Jean Stiff Koliha of Stockton, California, who graciously contributed this, her family's history, that further research is being pursued.

It is believed that this lineage is connected with Bedford County, Virginia, possibly with John Stiff and his son, James, who were living in Bedford County in the late eighteenth century. This James Stiff was born May 1, 1793. Whether he was the son of James Stiff, Sr. has not been ascertained, but future research efforts possibly will more clearly define a relationship.

James Stiff married Sarah (probably named Hale) who was born December 12, 1796, in Virginia. A descendant of James Stiff says that it is her understanding from family stories that James Stiff came to Kentucky alone. This could have been an exploratory journey taken at the time the Kentucky territory proved so attractive for permanent homesites. Nevertheless, land deeds reveal James Stiff and wife, Sarah, owned considerable land in Breckenridge and Meade counties in Kentucky after 1815.

Beginning in 1813, the Breckenridge County Tax rolls show the names of Thomas Stiff (Stith) and Richard Stiff (Stith), followed in 1814 with William Stiff's name added. The names of Richard, William, and James Stiff appear with regularity from 1815 until 1823, after which time Richard's name is no longer listed. Although William Burrell Stiff did have brothers by these names, there is no conclusive proof that these were indeed brothers. By this time the families had increased and branched out to such an extent that it becomes quite difficult to distinguish relationships.

James and Sarah Stiff had one son, Nathaniel, born in 1814. His parents are buried in their family graveyard on Webster Road on their land situated in both Meade and Breckenridge counties. Nathaniel married Elizabeth Ann Robertson about 1835, and this union resulted in eight children, four sons and four daughters. Two of these sons, Levi and Jesse, after their marriages in Kentucky and following the Civil War, journeyed between the years 1870 and 1874 to Missouri and then to Montana, establishing their homes near Bozeman in Gallatin County and continuing with their agricultural pursuits. Levi had married Emeline Philpott in Kentucky in 1858, where most of their seven children were born. One son, Nathaniel McHenry Stiff, married Helen Estella Wise in 1896. They and their six children continued to reside in Bozeman, where both parents are buried.

Adrian Duncan Stiff, son of Nathaniel and Helen, married Althea Miller in 1905 and resumed the family's migration, this time to Oregon. It was in Columbia, Oregon, that Jean Helen Stiff, one of three children, was born on January 29, 1925. In 1946 she married Charles Koliha in Victoria, Canada. They now reside in Stockton, California, where they are both engaged in the teaching profession. They have two sons, David Lloyd and Bruce Nathan.

Stiffs at Lowry's Crossing

As did the Kentucky counties of Breckenridge and Meade, so did the county of Collin in Texas attract into its boundaries families with the name of Stiff. First, from Bedford, Virginia, between the years of 1835 and 1850, came brothers Jesse and Lewis Stiff. They gave their

name to a large are (the Stiff Chapel Community) several miles northeast of the town of McKinney. Other landmarks in that locality are Stiff Creek and Stiff Chapel Cemetery, and at one time Stiff Chapel School. A brother of those two, William Burrell Stiff, some thirteen years their senior, had married and moved from Bedford, Virginia, to Kentucky while the brothers were still young.

Contacts during those early days were difficult to maintain and even close family members were apt to grow apart, and yet between 1850 and 1854 Collin County attracted from Kentucky its second group of Stiffs, related to be sure, but separated by the distance of time and place. These Stiffs settled in the town of McKinney, owning and farming lands to the southwest and northwest of the fast-growing county seat, but it was within the town itself that Harrison, Dave, Burl, and Ed Stiff left their imprint.

Almost thirty years later, in 1883, the Collin County magnet attracted yet another family of this name, one William Webb Stiff, who came from Iowa. He had been born in Meade County, Kentucky, in 1850 to William Stiff and Rachel A. Webb Stiff, one of the several families of Stiff found in that area during the first half of the 1800's.

In 1870 he married Clarissa Thomas, and in 1881, together with a brother, J.C. Stiff, left Kentucky and settled in Iowa City, Iowa. In 1883 he came from Iowa to Texas, and whether by pure coincidence or not, settled in McKinney, first farming on land now well within the city limits, but finally buying his own one hundred acre farm at Lowry's Crossing near the Higgins Community in the southeast section of the county. Here he reared his large family, six of whom had been born prior to the move to Texas. Five of his ten children had died by 1905 and are buried in the Higgins Cemetery which was originally called Stiff Cemetery. When it was realized there was already the Stiff Chapel Cemetery not too far away the name was changed. Higgins Cemetery is still used as a burying ground for descendants of the William Webb Stiff family. From information furnished by Mrs. Forest Woods and Mrs. John Odle, both now living in McKinney, the following chart will serve to bring a small portion of this family up to date.

FIRST GENERATION

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|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1. William B. Stiff
(Lived in Meade Co., Ky.) | m. Rachel A. Webb
b. 1-15-1823 d. 8-30-1905 |
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SECOND GENERATION

(1) William Stiff & Rachel Webb

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| 2. J.C. (Clate) Stiff | (Moved from Ky. to Iowa City, Iowa) |
| 3. William Webb Stiff | m. Clarissa Thomas 2-16-1870 |
| b. 4-24-1850 (Ky.) d. 12-8-1931 (Tx.) | b. 11-27-1847 d. 1-29-1916 |

THIRD GENERATION

(3) Wm. Webb Stiff & Clarissa Thomas

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 4. Margaret (Maggie) Stiff
b. 1870 d. 1938 | m. Geo. B. Kindle 1889 |
| 5. Sidney Clate Stiff
b. 8-27-1872 d. 2-17-1953 (Ill.) | m. Louella Gooch 1902 |
| 6. Gordon Thomas Stiff
b. 1-13-1875 d. 9-20-1913 | m. Eliz. Ashby 1896 |
| 7. Mary A. Stiff
b. 9-5-1877 d. 7-20-1900 | |
| 8. William Matt Stiff
b. 9-23-1879 d. 1-1-1901 | |
| 9. Minnie Stiff
b. 9-7-1881 d. 5-3-1905 | |
| 10. Adrian Stiff
b. 10-26-1883 d. 1935 | m. Chas. P. Shell 1901 |
| 11. John Mc. Stiff
b. 2-15-1886 d. 1-8-1900 | |
| 12. George Stiff
b. 5-6-1888 d. 1-15-1913 | m. Maude Jones 1905 |
| 13. Infant Stiff
b. 8-5-1891 d. 8-8-1891 | |

FOURTH GENERATION

(4) Maggie Stiff & George B. Kindle

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 14. Delia Kindle | m. Martie Linderman |
| 15. Martin Kindle | m. Mertie McFarland |
| | Issue: 2 children |
| 16. Bessie Kindle (single) | |
| 17. Bertha Kindle | m. George Kennedy |
| 18. John Kindle | m. Helen |
| 19. Eleanor Kindle | m. Troy Cantrell |

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20. Margaret Kindle m. Les Benton
 21. Esther Kindle m. Dick Dickerson
 Issue: Patti Bess Dickerson
 22. Sallie Kindle m. Marion Thomas
 Issue: 1 son
 (5) Sidney Clate Stiff & Louella Gooch
 23. Eunice Stiff m. Edgar Stowell
 (6) Gordon Thomas Stiff & Eliz. Ashby
 24. Lena Mae Stiff m. John M. Odle
 Issue: Jeanette Gordon Odle
 Le Adrienne Odle
 25. Nina Marie Stiff m. William T. Allen
 26. Annie Maria Stiff m. Jim J. Odle
 Issue: Murial Virginia, Loren Ray, Jack Warren, Annette
 27. Sallie K. Stiff m. Ernest L. Brockman
 (10) Adrian Stiff & Chas P. Shell
 28. Naomi Shell m. Forest M. Woods
 Issue: Kenneth Woods
 29. Juanita Shell (deceased)
 (12) George Stiff & Maude Jones
 30. Audrey Beatrice Stiff
 b. 12-7-1908 d. 5-25-1910
 31. Bernece Stiff
 b. 4-14-1911 d. 7-31-1936
 32. Georgie Lee Stiff m. Angle
 Issue: 1 son

The McGarrah Family

It is appropriate to mention the family of McGarrah in the Stiff memoirs. Not only does the marriage of Edward Rollin Stiff to Mary Margaret McGarrah on the 23rd of Dec., 1855, tie these two families together, but both played an important part in the development and growth of Collin County. First records of the McGarrahs indicate their arrival in this area November 3, 1843, preceding the Stiff entry by several years.

Knowledge of this family's origin is limited. It begins with a George McGarrah who was the father of three known sons: William, John (Jack) and George, twins born March 8, 1804, at Caney Fork in Tennessee. The family lived in Missouri prior to migrating to

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Arkansas. John McGarrah married Mary Pauline Graham about 1820. Her birthplace is undetermined. One source says she was born in Missouri, another that she was born in Indian territory near Ft. Gibson in eastern Oklahoma. She was part Cherokee, and it is thought that her mother was a full-blood Cherokee. There is a story in the McGarrah family of an ancestor who was a Cherokee Indian who came from Georgia over the "Trail of Tears" to the Ozarks. John and Polly McGarrah had eleven children, the first born in 1821 in Arkansas.

These McGarrah brothers were among the early settlers of the western part of Arkansas and in 1828 helped in the initial organization of Washington County and Fayetteville. It is reported that William built the first frame house in Fayetteville. When Arkansas became a state in 1836 John McGarrah was elected to the State Legislature. The 1850 Census lists William and Elizabeth McGarrah and their children as living in Arkansas, and their descendants are still living there today.

During these years colonization of Texas was proceeding at a rapid pace. Texas became a Republic in 1836 and in 1841 the Congress of the Republic offered attractive inducements such as headrights to settlers, premiums and "land script" to individuals for establishing homesteads in the vast 180 million acres within its boundaries. The urge for adventure and the lure of reward tempted John and George McGarrah, and in 1843 they came to Texas. Accompanying John was his wife, two year old Mary Margaret and other unmarried children, as well as two married daughters and their husbands. They located on John's headright at Buckner in what was at that time Fannin County. In 1846, after Texas was admitted to the Union, Collin County was created out of this area by an Act of the Legislature, and McGarrah, along with other early settlers, was appointed a commissioner to find the geographical center of the County and select two sites to be voted upon for a county seat. Disregarding their instructions, these commissioners selected Buckner and John McGarrah donated fifty acres of land for a townsite. Lots were sold and a courthouse erected. John became the postmaster of the first Postoffice in Collin County in 1846. When it became generally known

that these men had not complied with the law in selecting Buckner, another act was passed by the Legislature in 1848, and this time a different site was selected to be called McKinney, and the postoffice (with a new postmaster) was moved from Buckner to the new location.

Gold was discovered in California in 1848 and by 1849 the "Gold Rush" was evident in all parts of the country. Collin County was no exception, and John and George McGarrah, together with several others, organized a large party to go to California. One report says the year was 1849, but the 1850 Collin County Census lists both George and John McGarrah, so it is presumed that perhaps they left in 1850 shortly after that census was taken. Some of George's family accompanied him, but John left his behind. The journey was both long and difficult. Wagons had to be repaired constantly, trails led over mountainous terrain, sandstorms were frequent, sickness was prevalent, and attacks by hostile Indians were an ever-present menace. Considerably less than a hundred of the original one hundred and fifty ever reached California. John McGarrah survived the overland trip, stayed only a short time and started home by another route, by boat to Panama and then up through Mexico. He was stricken by yellow fever and died in Sonora, Mexico. His wife, Mary Pauline McGarrah, was officially appointed guardian August 4, 1852, to provide for the following minor children: Randolph, Seborn, Conway, and Margaret, and on September 1, 1854, the estate of John McGarrah was divided in compliance with the wishes of his widow, Mary, who retained 54 1/2 acres of his 606 acres of land, with each of his children receiving their share. Thus when Mary Margaret McGarrah married Edward R. Stiff in 1855 she owned 115 acres of land in the Buckner community.

Four other McGarrah daughters had married and their husbands' names occur frequently in the early history of this area. Elizabeth and Cynthia married brothers, James and George Herndon; Sarah married Tola Dunn; and Eliza Jane married G. Alexander Foote.

Descendants of many of these McGarrahs are still found in Collin County and McKinney.

The Golladay Family

As the life blood of a tree is dependent upon branches, a family's continuation is dependent upon marriage. A new life is born to replace its elders and new strength arises like the life-giving sap that urges new branches to replace the fallen ones. If a monument could be made as tribute to each succeeding generation, it would signify one person — our mother! This section concerns the lineage of my mother, Cora Golladay, who married Price Stiff in 1890.

The surname Golladay is of French Huguenot ancestry and is the Americanization of the French name Gallaudet. No serious research has been done on this family, but it is believed that they first came to New York, that some migrated to Virginia and from there to Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, and finally Missouri. John Golladay was born in Virginia in 1805. He married Mary Bell and from this union there were three sons, Frank, George, and John Bailey. The family lived in Tennessee and Missouri and about 1850 settled in the vicinity of Otterville in Cooper County. Accounts differ as to where John B. Golladay was born. One says Calloway County, Missouri, another Tennessee, but both give his birth date as March 4, 1838. The small town of Otterville was established in 1857, thus the Golladays were some of its earliest residents. John B.'s father was the first to drive an omnibus (an old-fashioned four horse coach) into Boonville. An account of his mother's death is found in an old undated newspaper clipping which states that Mary Golladay died near Butler, Missouri, at the home of her son Frank, in the seventy-fourth year of her age, and that she was to be buried from the home of her son, J.B. Golladay of Otterville. On March 6, 1863, J.B. Golladay married Elvira Louise Bidstrup, daughter of Dr. Christian Bidstrup, one of the early physicians of the area. To them six children were born, three girls and three boys. By trade John Golladay was a painter and was considered one of the best in that part of the country. He was a member of the town council for five years, from 1875 to 1880, and during 1883 the townspeople recognized his popularity and ability by electing him their mayor. One son, Frank, died as a child. The other two sons, Jud and

Joe, grew to manhood and remained in Otterville. In 1902 Jud bought the mercantile store of a Mr. Homan for whom he had worked for a number of years. He established a prosperous business and became one of Otterville's leading citizens. His store was widely known throughout the area. Joe, his brother worked for him for many years. The three daughters married and moved away, Mollie and Cora to Texas and Ruth to St. Louis.

It is interesting to note that from the three sons of the first John Golladay there were only two male descendants, Jud and Joe Golladay, and that from these two only Joe had a son, John Golladay, now living in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Since he has no children, the name Golladay, as far as this particular family is concerned, is practically extinct.

A fact handed down from earlier generations is that there is a close relationship with one very illustrious bearer of the Gallaudet name, Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet. With a little effort it would probably not be too difficult to trace this relationship. He was born in Philadelphia December 10, 1787, graduated at Yale in 1805, studied theology at Andover, and was licensed to preach in 1814. The ministry was abandoned, however, when Gallaudet decided to devote his life to the education of deaf mutes. After studying in Europe, he returned to the United States and in 1816 established at Hartford, Connecticut, a school for the deaf, made possible by a land grant secured through the influence of Henry Clay. His school became a model for others later established throughout the country. Monuments, designed and sculptured by former pupils, have been erected in his honor and can be seen today in both Hartford and Washington, D.C.

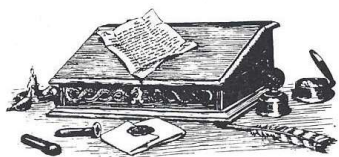
It would be challenging to learn more of the Bidstrup line, which joined that of the Golladays with the marriage of John B. Golladay and Elvira Louise Bidstrup. The correct spelling of the name Bidstrup is not known. It appears in many forms — Bidstrup — Bidstrip — Bidstrap — Bidstrop — and even Bidstraup! The only data available on this family is that contained in a special issue of the "Sedalia Democrat" published March 28, 1954, saluting Pettis County M.D.'s, which had the following tribute to Dr. Bidstrup: "With the forming of Pettis County from a portion of Saline and Cooper counties in 1833, the

first white doctor settled near Georgetown in the County of Pettis the same year. He was Dr. Christian E. Bidstrup, a native of Denmark, who practiced medicine some six or eight years and died at his brother's home near Clifton."

Elvira Louise was born in 1843 and there were other brothers and sisters, so it is assumed that Dr. Bidstrup probably practiced medicine longer than the time ascribed to him in the above article. Valuable manuscripts he brought from Denmark unfortunately were burned in the Boonville Courthouse fire.

A product of this union of John Bailey Golladay and Elvira Bidstrup was my mother, Cora Golladay. When she came to McKinney, Texas, to visit her sister, Mollie Williams, she met and married my father, Price Stiff, in 1890. Eighteen years were to pass before my arrival, but in the intervening years my mother and father reared and educated their nephew, Paul Bunnell, son of her widowed sister, Ruth. After I was born in 1908 Paul returned to Missouri to continue his education and to rejoin his mother who had remarried. My grandmother was still living in Otterville, as well as my two uncles and their families. Many are the memories I have of our visits with them and my cousins.

Otterville is remembered as a small rural community, its atmosphere always fresh and unpolluted. Those unpaved streets, bordered by overhanging branches of ageless oaks and elms, shady lanes leading off into who knows where, grandmother's house, the grape arbor in the backyard, roses growing on trellises and fences, the old well by the back door with its hand pump furnishing the only water source, all of these are still a vivid picture. The smell of fresh homemade bread even now conjures up memories of those meals Aunt Hallie would prepare! A table filled with sugar cured ham, chicken, garden vegetables, pies, cakes, jellies, pickles, and fresh berries! I remember, too, although outnumbered by my Missouri cousins, how staunchly I insisted that Texas was BEST. If only the hustle and bustle of present day living would pause and let us again enjoy the satisfactions of such an existence. May this and other Ottervilles ever remain in our midst.



Hither and Yon

During the passage of years in a family's history events occur that are desired to be remembered. Some may have been published, which gives to them some degree of significance. Others are simple stories, perhaps even fabrications, handed down from one generation to another. Regardless of the importance to society, each portrays a characterization of the individual — sometimes resulting in embarrassment! HITHER AND YON contains a few of these occurrences which may be of interest. Each are memories that might otherwise be forgotten.

Old Legends of Family Traits

How easy it is to overlook a family tale! This one was accidentally run across in some old files just before storing them where they would perhaps be forgotten. It concerns a letter written in 1944 by Ora P.S.W. Hamilton. Just who Ora was I am not certain, but her observations were about the Stiffs.

- (1) "never knew of an old maid or bachelor in my family line of Stiffs." And you know, in all these Stiffs I have researched this is generally true. They nearly all get married. Guess we just don't like solitude!

- (2) "Stiff sons had three to fifteen children. John Wesley had fifteen and twelve grew up and married." Of course, modern times has had its effect upon reducing family members, but her observation was well taken. James and Molly had ten children (all married); William Henry and Margaret Rollins had seven, all reported to have married. Edward Rollin and Mary Margaret had fourteen, all married except Lou who died in infancy. Other examples of collateral lines could be given. To say the least, they were prolific!
- 3) "All the girls, with two exceptions, had dark hair and eyes."
- (4) "Many members of the Stiff family were born without toenails on their little toes, a family trait which was often referred to, laughingly, as a sign of 'Blue Blood Line'."
- (5) "Stiff family custom is ham and oysters for breakfast on Christmas Day plus egg nog."
- (6) "Twins run in the family. Septimus had twin sons, Robert and Wilce. Two of his daughters had twin sons." In our particular line are four sets of twins: William and James, sons of Burl Stiff; Edgar and Earl Horn, sons of Eddie Stiff Horn; Burwell Y. and Robert Pogue, sons of John Wesley Stiff; and my own sons, James Price and Benjamin Smith!

The Old Rocking Chairs

On the front porch at 513 N. Kentucky Street (only a few short blocks from downtown McKinney) sat two rocking chairs — sort of a "his" and "hers". "His" belonged to Grandpa Stiff and "hers" to Grandma.

Grandma and Grandpa had moved to town from the farm and built a fine two story home to accommodate their large family of six boys and seven girls. Having this many daughters to help, Grandma has been described as being a guest in her own home, but even so, her chair on the front porch was not occupied with the same frequency as Grandpa's. From early in the morning until late in the evening he rocked back and forth, visited with everyone who chanced to pass this way during the day. If someone happened by about meal time an

invitation to "Come and eat" was sure to be extended by this portly gentleman, with little thought for those in the kitchen!

One thing he did not bother his family with, however, was running his errands. How often he was heard to say to some passerby, "Hey, son, come here." and then, "Go back to the kitchen and fetch me a cold drink of water." Or perhaps they were asked to bring in the meat which was delivered daily and placed on a post near the street. And, if they had the time, they were rewarded by tales of Indians, or the War, or early McKinney history, for he knew first hand of all of these.

The passage of time stilled the rocking of the old chairs, but today they occupy a hallowed spot on the front porch of a granddaughter, where each new generation can see them, sit in them, and be reminded of their heritage from days gone by.

The Day Monmouth Bit the Dust

The following account contains excerpts from an article by Wayne Gard which appeared in the June 1954 issue of "The Western Horseman" magazine.

"In Collin County, bordering Dallas County on the north, was the celebrated horse, Monmouth, a Kentucky short horse that had proved to be an unusual sprinter. The proud owner of Monmouth was Harrison Stiff.

"Stiff had grown up at Breckenridge, Kentucky. After a brother and a nephew had migrated to Texas and had sent back favorable reports, he decided to join them. He took with him his horse, which had won many races in Kentucky. Stiff travelled by river boat to Alexandria, Louisiana. There, in stepping off the boat, Monmouth was temporarily crippled. He limped some, but was able to walk to McKinney, the seat of Collin County. Stiff and his horse arrived there on Christmas Day, 1850.

"Within two years, in September, 1852, Stiff was married to Mary Ann Nelson. By that time, Monmouth was able to race again and was acquiring a local reputation. Stiff's bride disapproved of racing, but she was mollified to some degree when her husband brought home a whole fistful of gold pieces he had won on a race between Monmouth and a strongly-backed rival.

"To the south of Dallas in the Lancaster neighborhood was another Ken-

tucky bred quarterhorse, Steel Dust, whose owners had brought him from Illinois in 1844. He took readily to the tracks, and soon his speed gave him many partisans. The bay stallion's sight was poor. Perhaps that was what made him so nervous and hard to handle. At the start of a match, he would lunge and jump so violently that only an expert jockey could stick to him. Yet, he had startling speed in a short race. To those who saw him, he seemed to flash like lightning.

"The renown of Steel Dust spread to adjoining counties, and a clash between Steel Dust and Monmouth on the prairie turf was almost inevitable. A match was arranged to be held at McKinney in 1855, and the owners of both horses began intensive training. Young Henry Ellis, who was 13, was promised that he might ride Steel Dust. Henry had acquired most of his later height of six-foot-one, but he was so skinny that he had to weight himself down with a money belt filled with shot to meet the jockey weight requirement of the match.

"Henry practiced with Steel Dust every day on the track across the road from his home. But when his Baptist mother learned that the McKinney race was to be held on Sunday, she promptly banned him from riding. Henry was the most disappointed boy in the country, but he was unable to change his mother's mind. Chosen as Steel Dust's jockey for this and later races was a young Negro, Tom McKnight. To be sure that he would stick to the spirited stallion, Tom smeared Steel Dust's back and sides with blackstrap molasses.

"Even in that era of the log cabin and the oxcart, news of the impending race spread quickly by word of mouth. With Steel Dust and his owners on the road up to McKinney were enough neighbors and supporters to make a long road up to McKinney were enough neighbors and supporters to make a long big event on the Texas frontier. To allow people to make the trip, court was closed in Sherman and even in distant Jefferson. Sportsmen and political bigwigs came from many towns outside the county. Among the local ones on hand was J.W. Throckmorton, a rising politician who was on his way to the governorship. The ladies, who disdained the scrub races on the open prairie, came with their menfolk in large numbers, some bringing their Negro maids. The crowd of visitors became so large that the Foote House, headquarters for almost every political and social gathering in McKinney, was turned over to the women exclusively. The men were told to look for sleeping space in homes or in stores.

"C.A. Williams, deputy county clerk of Collin County, was among those who saw Steel Dust led into town. The visiting stallion was closely guarded by half a dozen men, who wouldn't let anyone else come near him. Collin County horsemen weren't much impressed with the appearance of Steel Dust. The 12-year-old bay seemed quiet, gentle, and lacking in energy. Probably he was weary from the long trip. A wit in the crowd asked the Dallas County men if they thought they could wake up their horse.

"Collin County people, ready to back their own Monmouth in any event,

were all the more eager to bet after they had seen Steel Dust. The visitors from the south readily took up all the wagers offered. When the McKinney men ran out of cash, they began offering ponies, saddles, and bridles. They hadn't the least doubt that Monmouth would win.

The McKinney race, for its day, was a show of luxury and pomp. Its preliminaries only whetted the interest of the spectators in the inter-county match. As the two horses leaped from their pole starting stalls, there no longer was any question of Steel Dust's waking up. Monmouth was fast, but Steel Dust outsped him to make an undisputed win. The visitors, as they turned triumphantly toward home, seemed to have taken about all the loose cash out of McKinney. Until they could sell their next crops, a lot of Collin County folks would have to use something else for money."

A Dismounted Inspection

Implications were made in previous chapters that family members, particularly the Kentucky Stiffs, not only owned and loved horses, but were good, if not excellent, horsemen. The following are excerpts from a letter dated December 21st, 1861, at the beginning of the Civil War, by a Private Henry Orr of the 12th Texas Cavalry Regiments located at Camp Parsons, Texas, and found in the book, "Campaigning with Parsons' Texas Cavalry Brigade, CSA", by John Q. Anderson. Irrespective of presently being unable to ascertain the exact lineage of Major Stiff, the following is noteworthy:

"We are having easy times since we came here. At Camp Hebert we devoted a good deal of time to drilling, but we have had only three regimental drills here. Col. Parsons took us up to Houston to make a 'magnificent display but made a sublime failure,' as Theo. Wallis's wife would say, in consequence of the rain interposing. On the 18th we had an inspection of our arms and horses by Major Stiff which was as follows: early in the morning we went on like we do on dress parade in a line of two files deep. The Colonel then commanded, "Company! Right wheel! Rear rank, open order! March!" which made a space of about forty yards between companies. The Captain then stepped twelve paces in front of his company on the right, the commissioned officers in a line on his left, non-commissioned officers four paces to the rear of the commissioned officers. The Colonel then escorted the Major up to the Captain, saluting him and then passing around his company with him; the privates, standing at shoulder-arms, threw out their guns and caught them in their left hands as he passed round. When he got around, we repaired to our quarters, and in fifteen minutes were

mounted and on regimental parade ground in line of battle. Maj. Stiff came out on Capt. Maddox's fine charger and accompanied by Maj. Rogers galloped down the line and back in the rear. About the time he got around, his horse became playful and skipped and charged about till at length the Major came down "kerflemus" to inspect the ground, and I guess he found it tolerable hard from the way he tore his fine pants and scratched up his face. However, he was not much hurt. The horse ran down to his stall and stopped; he was brought back but I assure you Maj. Stiff did not venture upon him again."

The Snake Story

In Stiff Chapel Cemetery there is a simple marker with the inscription "William Henry Stiff, Born in Bedford, Virginia, Died in Collin County" with no dates indicated. None of the descendants of the Stiff Chapel family were able to shed any light on who this might be. One day I received a letter from Mrs. Callie Truslow (now deceased) of Thaxton, Bedford County, Virginia. Along with much family information, she related this story, which in her own words, is as follows: "William Henry Stiff, oldest son of Burwell, moved from Bedford to Texas. In 1855 his father decided to sell out and also go to that State. He had a sale advertised, but while threshing wheat a snake bit him and the sale was put off. The next day a letter arrived saying his son was dead, had been dead for some months. The trip was given up and Burwell Stiff lived and died at the old home near Union Church."

Later I received a chart for Bedford Stiffs compiled by Howard O. Stiff of Huntington, West Virginia. This chart showed a Burwell Y. Stiff married Julia A. Taylor in 1833 and that their first child was William Henry Stiff, born 5-10-1834 and died 2-16-1855 in Texas.

Since William Henry is positively identified, one need only wonder why or with whom he came to Texas.

The Texan Emigrant

The Texan Emigrant by Col. Edward Stiff was originally published in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1840. It has long been considered by

collectors and librarians one of the most difficult Texas books to find. Indeed, the first copy I was able to locate was in the rare book section of the Southern Methodist University library. Fortunately it was reprinted in 1968 by the Texian Press, Waco, Texas, and I was able to secure a copy for my own library.

It was an intriguing book not only for its contents but because the author fits into the Bedford genealogy. He clearly stated that he was born near the Peaks of Otter in Bedford County, Virginia! Only recently have I been able to place him with any degree of accuracy as being Edward Davis Stiff, the son of Jacob and Rhoda Stiff, who came with them to Tennessee in the 1820's and married Maria Burnett in that state in 1824. My information on this colorful character comes from Mrs. Doriz Hetzler who has furnished considerable research on this branch of the Stiff family.

Edward Stiff spent nearly a year in Texas during 1838 and 1839 during which time he gathered the information for his book, which he sub-titles "A Condensed Statement of Interesting Events in Texas, from the First European Settlement in 1692, Down to the Year 1840". In reading between the lines it is possible to infer that he had a wife and children in Baltimore, and that for some reason he found it necessary to leave the country for a time. If this was an "involuntary exile" his book is proof positive that he did not waste his time. His style of writing is unusual. His vocabulary is inexhaustible, his sentence structure unending, his eloquence profound. As a guide designed to give information to those interested in making Texas their home it is above average for the time. His sympathies were not with those desiring independence from Mexico, and this colored his impressions of Texas which were both good and bad. Perhaps the following excerpts from his book will assist you in forming your own opinions of the man and the times.

"Leagues of land are spoken of in Texas as our eastern farmers would of acres, change hands with much less bargaining and apparent anxiety, and while such traffic has and will again enrich many, it will with the same certainty, if continued, impoverish the country at large, by drawing from productive labor a large mass of individuals, creating distinct interests and classes in society, and dooming a great many of the inhabitants to a life of dependence upon the lords of

the soil, who it is preposterous to suppose will not, as they do elsewhere, rule the actual producers with a rod of iron, and eventually make them anything but free or independent peasantry."

And again,

"Uncheering then as is the surface of many things in Texas, it is yet to be hoped that with the history of the world before them and the example of the United States always in view, the Texan Emigrants will ponder over the defects which exist in our social and political union and devise some remedy for those evils which are not so deeply rooted as to defy the strength of freemen when united for the humane purpose of meliorating the condition of mankind of whatever colour or nation they may be."

A Soldier's Letter to His Father

The following letter, written soon after he volunteered for the Mexican War, is from Lafayette M. Stiff to his father, Edward Stiff.

Vera Cruz, Mexico
Nov'r. 20, 1847

My Dear Father,

I have the pleasure of informing you that your last letter was duly rec'd and that it afforded me infinite gratification. The heavy load that has prayed upon my heart was partially relieved and I now feel more like a man and a soldier than I have since I entered the army. If I ever return home what a joyous occasion will our meeting be!

Since I wrote you last I have experienced the horrors of a terrible storm at sea. We embarked on board the barque Washington for Vera Cruz from Mobile, and were out of sight of land for seventeen days. Our course was uninterrupted until the night of the 15th inst. when we hove in sight of the famous "Castle of D'Ullos", and a sudden and severe "Norther" coming up, our craft was carried far out to sea again, where we had to battle with the merciless waves the following day. Such an awful time I never wish to witness again. All that could be heard was the deafening roar of the furious waves, which tossed our vessel high up on the raging spray, and then down, as it were, into the vortex of a hideous chasm. Yonder rolled a mountain wave and dashing against the barque, sent her reeling on her bulwarks, and in rushed the briny water, as though it were eager to overwhelm us forever. Simultaneous with this came a deafening crash, and piles of noble and beautiful horses lay strewed upon the deck, crushing each other with their weight. I stood upon the bow of the vessel and

gazed upon the awful scene, but not the slightest hope did I have of ever breathing the air of this singular land. I thought of my father and brother, and other relatives whom I held dear and felt if I could only see them once again that I could die without a shudder. But no, this could not be and I had nought but the sad prospect before me of being engulfed in the furious waves, far from home and kindred, and beyond the hope of aid. But with evening came a lull of the storm and the Captain of our vessel said he would land her in Vera Cruz or dash her to pieces upon the reefs. As providence graciously willed it, we again came in sight of the "Castle" and our craft gallantly rode the waters safe into the harbor. Twenty-one horses were lost in the storm, and among them my own — he was brave to the last, and swam to the shore and never yielded up his life until he had met his companions at the camp, 3 miles from the city. With a sad heart I looked upon the last struggles of my horse, for he had conveyed me from my home to the sunny shores of Mexico, there to breathe his last gasp. In his stead I now ride a Mexican pony which was captured by an American officer at the battle of Chapultepec and he seems to be as willing and ready for another charge as no doubt he was at that bloody siege.

"Vera Cruz is a strange place, and so are its inhabitants. The buildings are all alike, and when a man is in search of anything it puzzles him to determine one street from the other. The Mexicans are as black as Aesop, on an average, which surprised me much. I did not suppose them to be darker than the Indians of our country but if they only had the "kinks" they would compare well with the Negro. Such a chattering of tongues I never heard before, and "picayune" is about the extent of their English education. Any of them can say "picayune", but there they stop. If you wish to indulge the palate, and inquire the price of such an article, they will say "picayune", and if you ask them what it is, the only answer you get is "picayune". Their dress is singular and sometimes looks quite romantic, particularly on Sunday, when their clothes are clean.

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Henry C. Stiff of Montana

Included in information on Stiffs sent me by Jean Stiff Koliha of Stockton, California, is a most interesting article about Henry C. Stiff which appeared in a book of "Progressive Men of Montana" published about 1900 by A. W. Bower & Company, Chicago. His move to Missoula, Montana, was some fifteen or twenty years after Levi and Jesse Stiff established their homes near Bozeman, and Mrs. Koliha says she knows of no connection with her family. However, since so

much information is contained in the article, it seems quite proper to include excerpts with the hopes that it may at some future time assist in strengthening the lineage of the Virginia and Kentucky branches.

"HENRY C. STIFF. — Among the able representatives of the bar of Montana is the popular citizen of Missoula whose name initiates this review. Mr. Stiff is a native of Harrisburg, Saline County, Ill., born on November 9, 1858. His father, Nathaniel Stiff, was born in Kentucky, being a representative of a sterling old Virginia family of which members removed to Kentucky in the days of Daniel Boone, while other branches sent representatives into Missouri, Arkansas and Texas. Nathaniel Stiff removed to Illinois in 1825, one of the pioneer settlers of Saline County, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He served as a valiant soldier during the Mexican war under Capt. Michael Lawler....and had participated in the battle of Vera Cruz under the command of Gen. Winfield Scott. He died in Harrisburg, Ill., in 1872. The maiden name of his wife was Eliza J. Hamilton, and she was born in Wayne County, Ill., whither her father had removed from eastern Tennessee.

"On August 27, 1884, Mr. Stiff appeared before the appellate court at Mount Vernon, Ill., for examination for admittance to the bar, and he was licensed to practice on November 12th of the same year. After teaching school for another term, Mr. Stiff opened a law office at Harrisburg and was there engaged in legal practice until July, 1886, when President Cleveland conferred upon him the appointment of special pension examiner, his duties requiring his presence in Washington for a portion of the time and the remainder in the field.

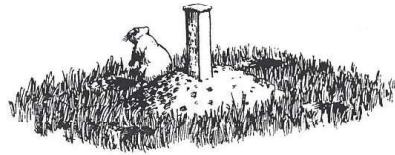
"Mr. Stiff left the government service in May, 1889, and came direct to Missoula. He forthwith opened an office and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession....In 1889 he was a member of the Sixth session of the Montana legislature, and had the distinction of being elected speaker of the house, proving an able and popular presiding officer.

"On June 1, 1887, at Smithland, Ky., Mr. Stiff was united in marriage to Miss Cora L. Compton, who was born in Illinois, the daughter of G.C. and Elizabeth A. Compton. Mr. and Mrs. Stiff have two children, Ralph and Edith."

My Name Is Stiff

Additional Notes

CHAPTER XIV

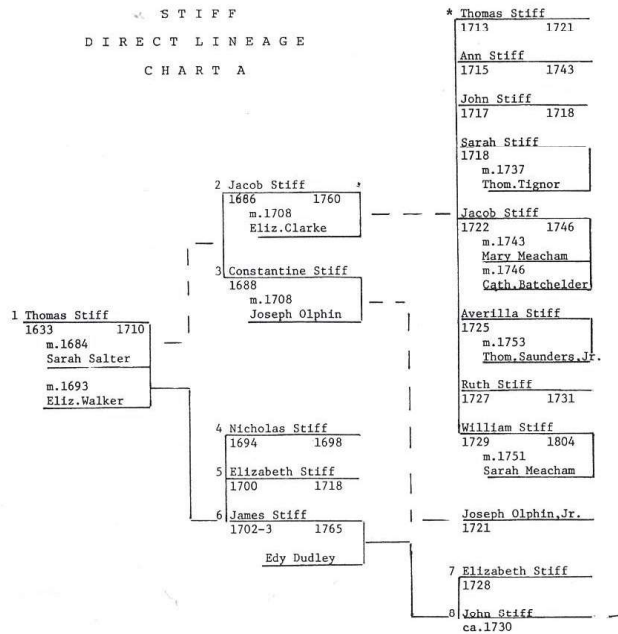


Reference Guide for Family Records

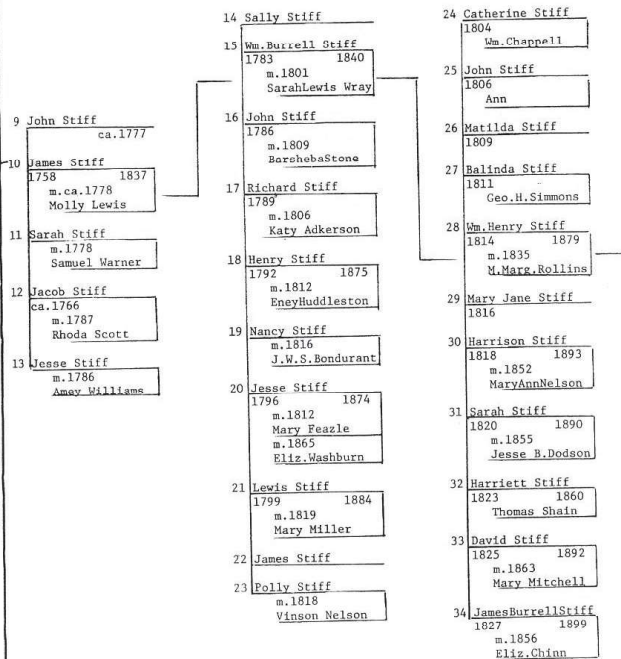
Family records of both direct (A) and collateral (B-H) lineages have been collected and this information included as an assistance to future researchers. When a collateral line branches from the master line reference notes are given when possible. Thus duplication of repeating the preceding master line is avoided and family continuance is still permitted.

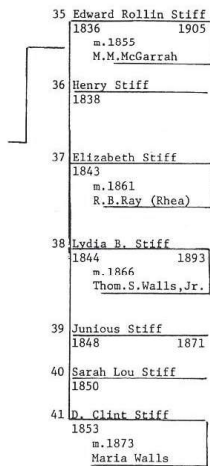
A number is given each name and names are separated by generations. Parents names, designated by number in parenthesis, corresponding with their previous listing, precede their respective issue. Supplemental notes have been inserted in many cases following each decedent.

STIFF
DIRECT LINEAGE
CHART A



* For continuation refer to Chart E.

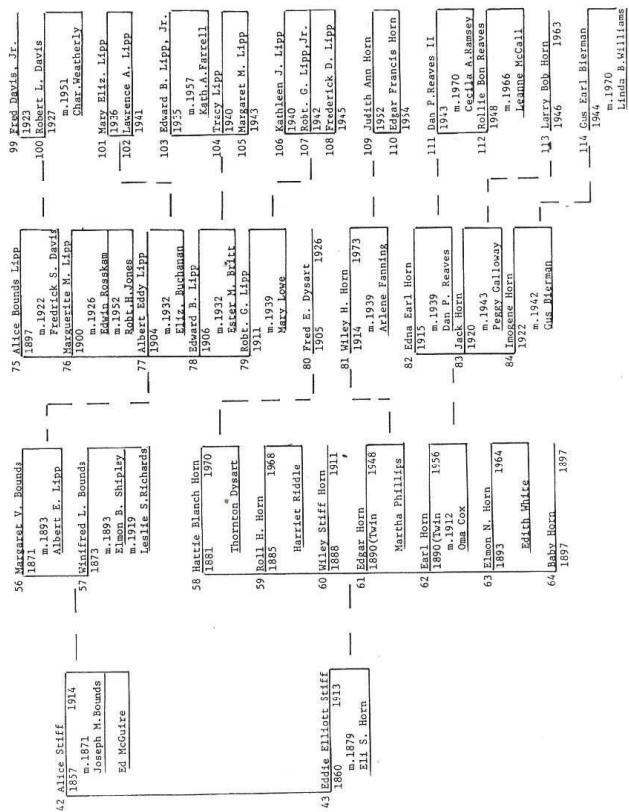




Issue of Edward Rollin Stiff listed in summary below.

Lineage Chart for each shown on following pages:

- 42. Alice Stiff
- 43. Eddie Elliott Stiff
- 44. Sterling Price Stiff
- 45. Clint Stiff
- 46. Glenn Stiff
- 47. Leva Stiff
- 48. Winifred J. Stiff
- 49. Oliver H. Stiff
- 50. Roll L. Stiff
- 51. Ernie Stiff
- 52. Sallie Stiff
- 53. Jessamine Stiff
- 54. Lou Stiff
- 55. Jack Stiff



44. Sterling Price Stiff
1862 m.1890
Cora Golladay

45. Clint Stiff
1864 m.1893
Lou Bradley
1866 m.1894
Belle Nixon Stiff

46. Clem Stiff
1866 m.1891
Ema Emberson

47. Leva Stiff
1867 m.1887
Mr. Malcolm Henry

48. David Golladay Stiff
1867 m.1902
Cora Golladay

49. Ray C. Stiff
1865 m.1912
Almanza Kerr
1866 m.1913
Margaret Stiff
1868 m.1898
E. G. Chapman

50. David Machon Stiff
1867 m.1907
Dar. P. Buggery
1868 m.1908
Grant Benjamin Stiff
1869 m.1909
Susan Botwell
1870 m.1910
James Price Stiff
1871 m.1911
Jan Gordon
1872 m.1912
Jane W. Hasley
1873 m.1913
Benny Stiff

51. David Machon Stiff
1867 m.1907
Dar. P. Buggery
1868 m.1908
Grant Benjamin Stiff
1869 m.1909
Susan Botwell
1870 m.1910
James Price Stiff
1871 m.1911
Jan Gordon
1872 m.1912
Jane W. Hasley
1873 m.1913
Benny Stiff

52. Roy C. Stiff, Jr.
1874 m.1942
Mildred Fryek
1875 m.1943
Lisson Kerr Stiff
1876 m.1944
Frances Ambiams
1877 m.1945
Clemm G. Stiff
1878 m.1946
Juanita Slinger

53. Elizabeth W. Stiff
1874 m.1914
William Theoford

54. John Field Stiff
1874 m.1914
Frances Ambiams
1875 m.1915
Clemm G. Stiff
1876 m.1916
Juanita Slinger

55. Clara M. Whiteam
1874 m.1914
Clarence Emmatt
1875 m.1915
Beats Budy
1876 m.1916
Jeann Strong Uffern

56. Virginia Texas Mitchell
1896 m.1945
Robt. V. Campbell

57. Thomas H. Stiff
1905 m.1930
Bliz Ann Reeves
1907 m.1937
Mary Frank Lewis

58. L. Lee Elliott, Jr.
1902 m.1925
Virginia Nansie

59. James S. Gillespie, Jr.
1913 m.1944
Mary Winston Howry

60. James S. Gillespie III
1913 m.1944
Mary Winston Howry

61. James S. Gillespie
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Mary Winston Howry

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99. James S. Gillespie
1913 m.1944
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100. James S. Gillespie
1913 m.1944
Mary Winston Howry

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Chart "A"

Direct Genealogical Line from Virginia to Texas

FIRST GENERATION

1. Thomas Stiff m. Sarah Salter 2-8-1684
 b. ca. 1663 m. Eliz. Walker ca. 1693
 d. 1710 (Place of birth not known. Lived and died in Middlesex Co., Va.)

SECOND GENERATION

- (1) Thomas Stiff & Sarah Salter m. Eliz. Clarke 7-5-1708
 2. Jacob Stiff b. 1-11-1686
 d. 1-15-1760 (Will recorded in Middlesex Co.)
 3. Constantine Stiff m. Joseph Alphin 4-28-1708
 b. 1688
 d. 1736

Issue: Joseph Alphin, Jr. b. 1721

(1) Thomas Stiff & Elizabeth Walker

4. Nicholas Stiff b. 7-8-1694
 d. 1698
 5. Elizabeth Stiff b. 1700
 d. 12-3-1718
 6. James Stiff m. Edy Dudley
 b. 1-13-1702/3

THIRD GENERATION

- (2) Jacob Stiff & Elizabeth Clarke
 (See Chart "E" for continuation)
 (6) James Stiff & Edy Dudley
 7. Elizabeth Stiff b. 1-4-1728
 8. John Stiff (?) b. ca. 1730
 (Believed to have been in Cumberland Co., Va. in 1758)

FOURTH GENERATION

(8) John Stiff & (?)

9. John Stiff b. (?) d. ca. 1778 (Died in Rev. War)
 10. James Stiff m. Molly (Mary) Lewis ca. 1780
 b. ca. 1758
 d. 5-19-1837
 (Born in Cumberland Co., Va. Moved to Bedford Co. at early age. Rev. War File W4344)
 11. Sarah H. Stiff m. Samuel Warner 4-25-1778
 12. Jacob Stiff m. Rhoda Scott 3-27-1787
 13. Jesse Stiff m. Amy Williams 10-9-1786

FIFTH GENERATION

(10) James Stiff & Molly Lewis

14. Sally Stiff (Went to Ky.)
 15. William Burrell Stiff m. Sarah Wray 9-11-1801
 b. 12-24-1783 b. 11-20-1783
 d. 3-9-1840
 (Went to Ky. ca. 1812. Will probated 1840 Breckenridge Co., Ky.)
 16. John Stiff m. Barsheba Stone 12-22-1809
 b. 5-18-1786
 17. Richard Stiff m. Katy Adkerson 12-13-1806
 b. 1789
 18. Henry Stiff m. Eny C. Huddleston 4-1-1812
 b. 4-25-1792 b. 1792
 d. 12-3-1875 d. 1875
 (Henry & Eny buried Thaxton, Va.)
 19. Nancy Stiff m. J.W.S. Bondurant 3-22-1816
 20. Jesse Stiff m. Mary (Polly) Feazle 4-24-1812
 b. Oct. 1796 b. 1796 - Va. d. 1864 - Tex.
 d. 8-15-1874 m. Eliz. Washburn ca. 1865
 b. 1843 d. 1867
 (Came to Texas ca. 1835)
 21. Lewis Stiff m. Mary (Polly) Miller 10-27-1819
 b. 3-20-1799 b. 1801 d. 1872
 d. 8-5-1884
 22. James Stiff (No data)
 23. Polly Stiff m. Vinson Nelson 1818

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SIXTH GENERATION

- (15) William Burrell Stiff & Sarah Wray
 24. Catherine Stiff m. Wm. Chappell
 b. 5-12-1804
 25. John Stiff m. Ann Martin
 b. 10-9-1806
 Issue: Wesley A. and Jesse F. Stiff
26. Matilda Stiff
 b. 1-30-1809
 27. Balinda Stiff m. Geo. H. Simmons
 b. 4-9-1811
 28. Wm. Henry Stiff m. M. Margaret Rollins 6-4-1835
 b. 1-19-1814 b. 9-9-1816
 d. 11-9-1879 d. 6-22-1879
 (Both buried in Union Star, Ky.)
29. Mary Jane Stiff
 b. 5-18-1816
 d. 7-8-1893
 30. Harrison Stiff m. Mary Ann Nelson 9-16-1852
 b. 6-12-1818 b. 1834 d. 1919
 d. 7-8-1893
 (Married & buried in McKinney, Tx.)
 31. Sarah Stiff m. Jesse B. Dodson 3-14-1855
 b. 8-14-1820
 d. 1890
 (Married in McKinney, Tx. Moved to Mo. then to
 Kan. buried Bourbon Co., Kansas.)
32. Harriett Stiff m. Thomas Shain
 b. 9-19-1823
 d. 1860
 33. David Stiff (Died in McKinney, Tx.)
 b. 12-3-1825 m. Leonah Lovejoy 3-20-1851
 d. 11-22-1892 m. Cornelia Jones 8-29-1857
 m. Mary E. Mitchell 1863
 34. Jas. Burl Stiff m. Eliz. Chinn 3-20-1856
 b. 10-20-1827 m. Eliz. Chinn 3-20-1856
 d. 10-8-1899 b. 1832 - N.C.
 d. 1916

(18) Henry Stiff & Eny Huddleston
 (See Chart "D" for continuation)

(20) Jesse Stiff & Mary Feazle
 (21) Lewis Stiff & Mary Miller
 (See Chart "C" for continuation)

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SEVENTH GENERATION

- (28) Wm. Henry Stiff & Margaret Rollins
 35. Edward Rollin Stiff m. Mary M. McGarrah 12-28-1855
 b. 5-16-1836 - Ky. b. 3-31-1841 - Ark.
 d. 4-20-1905 d. 12-25-1899
 (Came to Texas in 1854.
 Both buried in McKinney, Tx.)
36. Henry Stiff m. Mariah Bruner 3-2-1868
 b. 1838
 d. 1918
 Issue: Cora (m. Daily), Helm and T. A. Stiff
37. Elizabeth Stiff m. R. B. Rhea (Ray) 12-18-1861
 b. 1843
 38. Lydia B. Stiff m. Tho. S. Walls 12-25-1866
 b. 1-26-1844
 d. 1-19-1893 (Buried Union Star Cemetery, Ky.)
39. Junious Stiff
 b. 11-15-1848
 d. 2-20-1871 (Buried McKinney, Tx.)
40. Sarah Lou Stiff
 b. ca. 1850
 41. D. Clint Stiff m. Mariah Walls 1-15-1873
 b. 1-15-1853
 (Buried in Ky.)
- (30) Harrison Stiff & Mary Ann Nelson
 (32) Harriet Stiff & Thomas Shain
 (33) David Stiff & Marv E. Mitchell
 (34) Jas. Burl Stiff & Eliz. Chinn
 (See Chart "B" for continuation)

EIGHTH GENERATION

- (35) Edward Rollin Stiff & Mary Margaret McGarrah
 42. Alice A. Stiff m. J.M. Bounds ca. 1871
 b. 9-28-1857 m. Ed. McGuire
 d. 4-14-1914
 43. Eddie Elliott Stiff m. Eli S. Horn 2-26-1879
 b. 7-25-1860
 d. 12-18-1913
 44. Sterling Price Stiff m. Cora Golladay 6-4-1890
 b. 4-21-1862 b. 6-20-1866 - Mo.
 d. 9-6-1919 d. 8-15-1962
 (Married and buried in McKinney, Tex.)

45. Clint Stiff
b. 3-21-1864
d. 2-17-1917
46. Glenn Stiff
b. 3-18-1866
d. 7-8-1929
47. Leva Stiff
b. 9-1-1867
d. 3-19-1935
48. Winifred J. Stiff
b. 8-20-1869
d. 10-22-1944
49. Oliver H. Stiff
b. 2-11-1872
d. 6-12-1939
50. Roll L. Stiff
b. 5-23-1873
d. 7-22-1938
51. Ernie Stiff
b. 11-6-1874
d. 1937
52. Sallie Stiff
b. 4-18-1876
d. Nov. 1951
53. Jessamine Stiff
b. 2-2-1878
d. 2-2-1932
54. Lou Stiff
b. 10-26-1881
d. 3-25-1889
55. Jack Stiff
b. 7-13-1884
d. 7-4-1958
- m. Lou Bradley 1893
m. Belle Mixon Stiff 1905
- m. Edna Emberson 11-25-1891
- m. Malcolm Henry 10-13-1887
- m. M.R. Mitchell 6-30-1902
- m. Mary Emerson 1905
m. Margaret Thompson 11-1-1922
- m. Nell L.?
- m. L. Lee Elliott 5-11-1898
- m. Dr. J. A. Wall
- m. Jas. S. Gillespie
- m. Emma Lee Acuff 1913

NINTH GENERATION

- (42) Alice Stiff & Joseph M. Bounds
56. Margaret J. Bounds
b. 12-9-1871
57. Winifred L. Bounds
b. 11-18-1872
- m. Albert E. Lipp 4-13-1893
- m. E.A. Shipley 6-21-1893
m. L.S. Richards 2-5-1919
- (43) Eddie E. Stiff & Eli S. Horn
58. Hattie Blanch Horn
b. 10-18-1881
d. 2-10-1970
59. Roll H. Horn
b. 9-29-1885
d. 10-29-1968
60. Wiley Stiff Horn
b. 7-9-1888
d. 1911
61. Edgar Horn (twin)
b. 12-6-1890
d. 8-5-1948
62. Earl Horn (twin)
b. 12-6-1890
d. 6-10-1956
63. Elmon N. Horn
b. 7-6-1893
d. 1964
64. Baby Horn
b. 1-20-1897 d. 1-30-1897
- m. Thornton Dysart
- m. Harriet Riddle
- m. Martha Phillips
- m. Oma Cox 5-26-1912
- m. Edith White
- (44) Sterling Price Stiff & Cora Golladay
65. Judd Golladay Stiff
b. 7-27-1908
- m. Margaret M. Smith 12-23-1933
b. 11-28-1910 — Mexia, Tx.
- (45) Clint Stiff & Lou Bradley
66. Ray C. Stiff
b. 6-25-1895
67. Margaret Stiff
b. 5-25-1898
d. 1974
- m. Almanza Kerr 12-25-1912
- m. E.G. Chapman

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- (46) Glenn Stiff & Edna Emberson
 68. Claude Stiff m. Julius Purnell 12-14-1916
 b. 9-10-1892
- (47) Leva Stiff & Malcolm Henry
 69. Dana Texana Henry m. Wm. W. Whiteman 7-29-1912
 b. 9-1-1888
 d. 10-28-1951
- (48) Winifred J. Stiff & Morris R. Mitchell
 70. Virginia Texas Mitchell m. Robt. W. Campbell 6-9-1925
 b. 2-26-1906
 d. 3-13-1966
- (49) Oliver H. Stiff & Mary Emerson
 71. Thomas H. Stiff m. Ann Hammock 5-28-1930
 b. 10-10-1905
72. Edwin O. Stiff m. Mary F. Lewis 1-30-1937
 b. 12-4-1907
 d. 5-31-1959
- (51) Ernie Stiff & Landon Lee Elliott
 73. Landon Lee Elliott, Jr. m. Virginia Massie 12-31-1925
 b. 4-5-1902
 d. 12-7-1968
- (53) Jessamine Stiff & James S. Gillespie
 74. James Gillespie, Jr. m. Mary W. Powers
 b. 7-3-1915

TENTH GENERATION

- (56) Margaret Bounds & Albert Eddy Lipp
 75. Alice B. Lipp m. Frederick S. Davis 12-16-1922
 b. 6-23-1897
76. Marguerite M. Lipp m. Edwin Roskam 1-6-1926
 b. 10-2-1900
77. Albert E. Lipp m. Robt. H. Jones 4- -1952
 b. 6-2-1904
78. Edward B. Lipp m. Eliz. Buchanan 6-30-1932
 b. 5-5-1906
79. Robert G. Lipp m. Ester M. Britt 6-18-1932
 b. 7-25-1911
- m. Mary Lowe 7-4-1939

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- (58) Hattie Blanch Horn & Thornton Dysart
 80. Fred E. Dysart
 b. 8-7-1905 d. 1926
- (61) Edgar Horn & Martha Phillips
 81. Wiley H. Horn m. Arlene Fanning 8-24-1939
 b. 5-31-1914
- (62) Earl Horn & Oma Cox
 82. Edna Earl Horn m. Dan P. Reaves 6-2-1939
 b. 8-29-1915
83. Jack Horn m. Peggy Galloway 3-5-1943
 b. 2-2-1920
84. Imogene Horn m. Gus Bierman 5-9-1942
 b. 4-27-1922
- (65) Judd G. Stiff & Margaret Smith
 85. Judd Golladay Stiff, Jr. m. Dar P. Baggerly 4-8-1967
 b. 1-9-1940
86. Benjamin Smith Stiff m. Susan C. Bethell 6-21-1967
 b. 4-4-1943 (twin)
87. James Price Stiff m. Jan Gordon 5-9-1964
 b. 4-4-1943 (twin) m. Jane W. Tinsley 1-17-1970
- (66) Ray C. Stiff & Almanza Kerr
 88. Ray Stiff, Jr. m. Mildred Prymek 12-3-1942
 b. 7-17-1914
89. Lawson Kerr Stiff m. Frances A. Simms 10-15-1945
 b. 10-30-1916
90. Glenn Stiff m. Jaunita Singer
 b. 8-20-1922
- (67) Margaret Stiff & E.G. Chapman
 91. Craig Chapman
- (68) Claude Stiff & Julius Purnell
 92. Edna Elizabeth Purnell m. Thomas Wilkes 1941
 b. 2-2-1921 m. William Thedford 6-5-1949
- (69) Dana Texana Henry & Wm. W. Whiteman
 93. Wm. W. Whiteman, Jr. m. Clarene Dunnett 1948
 b. 9-22-1915 m. Anne Sears Busby 1962
 m. Jean Strong Uffen 1973

(70) Virginia Texas Mitchell & Robt. W. Campbell
 94. Winifred J. Campbell m. Dr. Jas. W. Tucker 1951
 b. 1-8-1928

(71) Thomas Henry Stiff & Ann Hammock
 95. Robert E. Stiff m. Eliz. Ann Reeves 1-21-1961
 b. 10-11-1931

(72) Edwin O. Stiff & Mary Frank Lewis
 96. Rita Mary Stiff m. Gary Hartley 1965

(74) James Gillespie & Mary Winston Powers
 97. James Gillespie, III
 b. 12-30-1944
 98. Marianne W. Gillespie
 b. 3-24-1946

ELEVENTH GENERATION

(75) Alice B. Lipp & Frederick S. Davis
 99. Fred Davis, Jr.
 b. 8-4-1923
 100. Robert L. Davis m. Charlotte Weatherly 1951
 b. 7-25-1927

(77) Albert E. Lipp & Elizabeth Buchanan
 101. Mary Elizabeth Lipp
 b. 6-19-1936
 102. Lawrence A. Lipp
 b. 1-5-1941

(78) Edward B. Lipp & Ester M. Britt
 103. Edward B. Lipp, Jr. m. Kathryn Farrell 6-14-1957
 b. 3-25-1935
 104. Tracy Lipp
 b. 3-11-1940
 105. Margaret M. Lipp
 b. 8-4-1943

(79) Robert G. Lipp & Mary Lowe
 106. Kathleen Lipp
 b. 5-17-1940

107. Robert G. Lipp, Jr.
 b. 6-24-1942
 108. Frederick D. Lipp
 b. 4-9-1945

(81) Wiley H. Horn & Arlene Fanning
 109. Judith Ann Horn m. G. F. Kinifong 7-5-1975
 b. 3-20-1962
 110. Edgar F. Horn
 b. 9-21-1954

(82) Edna Earl Horn & Dan P. Reaves
 111. Dan P. Reaves, II. m. C. Anne Ramsey 1-9-1970
 b. 9-17-1943
 112. Rollie Bon Reaves m. Leanne McCall 7-22-1966
 b. 1-1-1948

Issue: Rollie Bob Reaves b. 5-26-1967

(83) Jack Horn & Peggy Galloway
 113. Larry Bob Horn d. 5-26-1963
 b. 4-6-1946

(84) Imogene Horn & Gus Bierman
 114. Gus Earl Bierman m. Linda Williams 10-2-1970
 b. 4-8-1944

Issue: Amy Jean Bierman b. 1-22-1974

(85) Judd Stiff, Jr. & Darlene Baggerly
 115. David Machon Stiff
 b. 10-20-1967

(86) Benjamin S. Stiff & Susan Bethell
 116. Erica Susan Stiff
 b. 1-10-1974
 117. Grant Benjamin Stiff
 b. 7-27-1976

(87) James Price Stiff & Jane Tinsley

118. Sterling Scott Stiff
 b. 2-28-1972
 Sharra Jane Tinsley 11-1-1965

(88) Ray Stiff, Jr. & Mildred Prymek

119. Dennis Ray Stiff
 b. 10-11-1943
120. Bonny Stiff m. Lyman
 b. 1-14-1948

(89) Lawson K. Stiff & Frances Ann Simms

121. Lawson K. Stiff, Jr.
 b. 12-27-1950
122. Elizabeth W. Stiff,
 b. 7-20-1952
123. Ann C. Stiff
 b. 7-9-1954
124. John F. Stiff
 b. 7-31-1956

(90) Glenn G. Stiff & Juanita Singer

125. Glenn G. Stiff, Jr.
 b. 7-4-1951
126. Carolyn Stiff
 b. 7-1-1955

(92) Edna Eliz. Purnell & Wm. Thedford

127. William P. Thedford
 b. 2-23-1950

(93) William W. Whitemen & Clarene Dunnett

128. Dana C. Whiteman
 b. 11-20-1954
129. Wm. W. Whiteman, III
 b. 6-22-1957
130. Robert M. Whiteman
 b. 3-13-1959
131. Mary Pipes Whiteman
 b. 5-1-1960

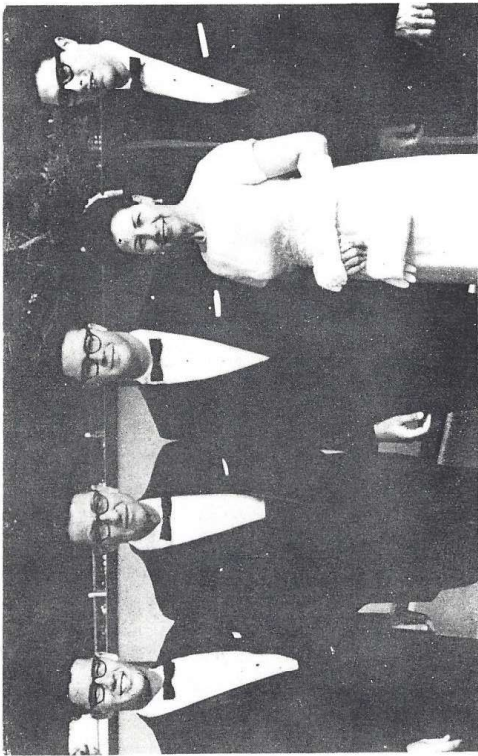
(93) Wm. W. Whitemen & Jean Uffen
 Adopted Jack D. Uffen Whiteman b. 8-24-1956
 Adopted Daniel D. Uffen Whiteman b. 8-16-1963

(94) Winifred J. Campbell & Dr. Jas. W. Tucker

132. Texas M. Tucker
 b. 10-29-1953
133. James W. Tucker, Jr.
 b. 12-10-1955

(95) Robt. Emerson Stiff & Eliz. Ann Reeves

134. Robert Reeves Stiff
 b. 10-14-1961
135. Amy Lee Stiff
 b. 4-3-1963



A Kansas Wedding
The Stiff Family at Ben's Wedding
Left to right: Judd, Jr., Judd, Sr., Ben, Margaret & Jim Stiff.

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Chart "B"
McKinney, Collin County, Texas
Continuation from Chart "A"

SEVENTH GENERATION

(30) Harrison Stiff & Mary Ann Nelson

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|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. John David Stiff | m. Blanch Duer 5-27-1885 |
| b. 10-3-1853 d. 1909 | |
| 2. Gerard Alexander (Roddy) Stiff | m. Belle Mixon 5-3-1883 |
| b. 9-23-1857 d. 11-29-1936 | m. Nora Elmore 3-15-1901 |
| 3. Ann Eliza Stiff | m. Ed Throckmorton 9-30-1877 |
| b. 11-23-1859 d. 1924 | |
| Issue: Fred, Harry, Bob, Hugh, and Bess Throckmorton | |
| 4. Alfred Sterling Price Stiff | m. Elizabeth Kendall 11-3-1886 |
| b. 2-25-1862 d. 8-12-1948 | |
| 5. Addie Stiff | m. Thomas Hogge 2-12-1885 |
| b. 8-18-1864 d. 1932 | |

Issue: Paul (1886) Charles, Harry (1890),
Esther Hogge (1896) m. Shirley Taylor

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| 6. Wallace Stiff | m. Lydia Bass 5-26-1890 |
| b. 7-24-1867 d. 2-23-1934 | |
| 7. Mark Stiff | |
| b. 6-6-1870 d. 5-30-1875 | |
| 8. Fanny Birdie Stiff | m. Will Duer 4-8-1896 |
| b. 11-3-1874 d. 10-31-1947 | |
| Issue: Mildred (1900), Thomas (1902), and Frances Duer | |

(32) Harriett Stiff & Thomas Shain

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| 9. Jesse Shain | m. Fannie Eubanks 1871 |
| b. 10-8-1849 d. 4-26-1906 | |
| Adopted Dau. Maggie m. Fletcher Pope | |
| 10. Jim Shain | |
| 11. J.D. Shain | m. John E. Howell |
| 12. Sarah Shain | |
| b. 10-4-1852 d. 7-13-1938 | |
| Issue: Walter, Frank and Fannie M. Howell | |

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- (33) David Sterling Stiff & Leonah Lovejoy
13. Sarah J. Stiff (1852 — ?)
(33) David S. Stiff & Cornelia F. Jones
14. John R. Stiff (1858-9 — ?)
(33) David S. Stiff & Mary E. Mitchell
- 15a. Blanch Stiff
b. 5-12-1865 d. ?
m. John W. Pershon 12-20-1883
- Issue: Wilhelmina Pershon m. Goodwin Graves
b. 2-18-1885
Joseph Buck Pershon
b. 2-18-1888
Lucille Ellen Pershon m. John Thunderburgh
b. 11-13-1890
Frank Albert Pershon
b. 7-10-1892
John Wm. Pershon m. Dona Snyder 6-27-1923
b. 5-25-1898
- 15b. Geneva Stiff
b. ca. 1867
m. W. P. Wood 1-22-1885
- 15c. Walter Stiff
b. 1870 d. 1875
- (34) James Burl Stiff & Elizabeth Chinn
Records show originally spelled "Burrell"
16. William D. Stiff
b. 12-13-1856 (twin) d. 3-15-1897
17. James E. Stiff
b. 12-13-1856 (twin) d. 12-1-1883
18. Houston Stiff
b. 9-21-1859 d. 11-12-1922
m. Eva Lou Nola
m. Daisy Clark 9-2-1885

EIGHTH GENERATION

- (1) John David Stiff & Blanch Duer
m. Adam Bond 9-12-1907
19. Edna Stiff
b. 4-24-1886 d. 1970
- Issue: J.D. Bond, Blanch Bond m. Glen Sportsman
20. Morris Stiff
b. 10-7-1853 d. 12-11-1967

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- (2) Gerard Stiff & Belle Mixon
21. John Stiff
b. 3-15-1886 d.
No issue
22. Josephine (Joe) Stiff
b. 10-8-1889 d.
m. Douglas Walker
No issue
- (2) Gerard Stiff & Nora Elmore
23. Anna Lucille Stiff (unmarried)
b. 2-4-1904
- (4) A.S.P. Stiff & Elizabeth Kendall
m. Clem Robinson
24. Anna Stiff
b. 10-3-1887
Issue: Roland Douglas, David Rex, and Mabel Elizabeth Robinson
25. Eva Mae Stiff
b. 12-30-1889 d. 1-20-1964
m. T. Everett Hardaway 6-7-1917
Issue: Alma Lou m. Daniel Perkins
Bettie Sue m. Floyd Bynum
26. James Harrison (Harry) Stiff
b. 2-22-1892 d. 12-28-1969
m. Elva Boone 11-8-1916
m. Eva Butler
27. Nellie Stiff
b. 2-7-1896
m. L.W. Coleman 6-11-1931
No issue
28. Gerard A. (Rod) Stiff
b. 4-12-1898 d. 3-24-1952
m. Annie Mae Curlee 11-3-1922
- (6) Wallace Stiff & Lydia Bas
m. Hugh L. Stewart 2-16-1914
29. Ruth Stiff
b. 2-17-1896
Issue: Dorothy Jean m. W. G. Schroeder
b. 10-1-1915
Elenor Ruth m. Nat Patton, Jr.
b. 3-23-1917
30. Guy Stiff
b. 4-8-1898 d. 1938
m. Deanna Bryant 10-5-1935
No issue
31. Pearl Stiff
b. 9-25-1899
m. Byron King
Issue: Garth King
32. Albert W. Stiff
b. 11-29-1902 d. 7-17-1903

33. Richard Harald Stiff (unmarried)
b. 10-30-1905 d. ?
34. Mary Lydia Stiff m. Joe Shelton
b. 12-27-1906
35. Gladys Stiff m. Joe Harrison
b. 1-19-1911

Issue: Tom and Joe Richard Harrison

36. Willie Stiff (18) Houston Stiff & Eva Nolan
m. Ellis Hardy 2-21-1911

Issue: Elizabeth Hardy

37. James Ellen Stiff (unmarried)
deceased
38. Varina Stiff m. E.P. LeBeau

Issue: E.P. LeBeau, Jr.
Varina LeBeau m. Joe T. Nelson

39. Elizabeth Stiff m. Claude Wood
No issue
40. Joe Shelby Stiff unmarried
(18) Houston Stiff & Daisy Clark

41. James Burl Stiff II m. Aline Owen
42. Pauline Eugenia Stiff m. Wm. Jesse Sewell

Issue: James Clark Sewell

NINTH GENERATION

- (26) Harrison Stiff & Elva Boone
43. James H. Stiff, Jr. m. Esther Lennen 7-12-1947
b. 8-3-1917

No issue

44. John Sterling Stiff m. Harriet Raschig 5-21-1946
b. 2-14-1921
45. Jack Ray Stiff m. Jeanne M. Young 3-29-1942
b. 3-7-1923 d. 8-7-1974

- (28) Gerard Stiff & Annie Mae Curlee
46. Robert Sterling Stiff m. Sue Johnson 8-21-1950
b. 4-2-1924
47. Ann Stiff m. Walter Hill
b. 6-14-1926

Issue: Loran, Andrea (m. Gary Keith)
and Rod Hill

(41) James Burl Stiff II & Aline Owen

48. Houston Stiff II
49. James Burl Stiff III

TENTH GENERATION

(44) John Sterling Stiff & Harriet Raschig

50. John Stiff, Jr.
b. 4-14-1949 d. 4-14-1949
51. Susan Stiff
b. 5-23-2950 d. 5-13-1951 m. Boni McGill 11-23-1973
52. Mark Stiff
b. 12-22-1953
53. Justin Scott Stiff
b. 6-13-1957

(45) Jack Ray Stiff & Jeanne Young

54. James Grant Stiff
b. 5-6-1947 d. 6-2-1947
55. Jack Ray Stiff, II m. Arlene Logan 6-7-1971
b. 4-6-1949
56. Jan Sterling Stiff m. Carol Arnhart 7-6-1974
b. 5-6-1953
57. Jon Edward Stiff
b. 3-5-1955
58. Jerry J. Stiff
b. 3-16-1957

(46) Robert Sterling Stiff & Sue Johnson

59. Carol Ann Stiff
b. 1-6-1958
60. Gary Allen Stiff
b. 3-8-1960

Lineage information for Harrison Stiff Family obtained with the helpful assistance of Mrs. L.W. Coleman (Nell Stiff), McKinney, Texas.

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Stiff Genealogy
Chart "C"
Stiff Chapel, Collin County, Texas

(Continuation from Chart "A")

SIXTH GENERATION

(20) Jesse Stiff & Mary Feazle

1. Rachel Stiff m. William Martin ca. 1840

b. ca. 1820 d. 1844 1844\$

2. James Stiff

b. 10-11-1828 d. 9-10-1847

(20) Jesse Stiff & Eliz. Washburn

3. Jesse Stiff, Jr.

b. ca. 1864/65

(21) Louis (Lewis) Stiff & Mary Miller

4. Henry Stiff m. Nancy Farley 9-20-1860

b. 11-17-1833 d. 9-21-1924 d. 9-21-1894

Other issue of Lewis & Mary Stiff as obtained from 1850 Collin County Census:
Sarah, Margaret, James and Ben S. Stiff.

SEVENTH GENERATION

(1) Rachael Stiff & William Martin

5. John Martin m. Emily C. Staughan 1-6-1859

b. 9-1-1841 d. 6-28-1920 b. 2-7-1840 d. 3-6-1917

6. Jesse Martin

b. 1844

(4) Henry Stiff & Nancy Farley

7. Mary L. Stiff m. Elisha Swain 7-24-1882

Issue: Charles, Joe, Wylie, Edison, Richard, Minnie Swain

8. Lizzie Stiff m. W.W. "Bud" Scott 10-11-1888

Issue: Lena Scott

9. Julie Stiff m. Will Braswell 10-27-1892

Issue: Edgar, Merritt, Joe, Mamie, Ann Braswell

10. Jessie Stiff m. G.J. Willcox 1898

Issue: George, Geneva, Marie, Ross Wilcox

11. James H. Stiff m. Lou Massie 12-17-1891

b. 1-22-1866 d. 8-24-1941

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12. Jennie Stiff m. John Jackson 12-22-1889

Issue: Liddle, Lete, Walter Jackson

13. John Thomas Stiff m. Mary Moreland 11-12-1893

b. 10-28-1869 d. 1-9-1923

EIGHTH GENERATION

(5) John Martin & Emily Straughan

14. William Henry Martin m. Sarah Frances Farley 7-22-1885

b. 1-22-1860 d. 7-23-1936 b. 12-3-1864 d. 5-1-1937

Other Issue of John & Emily Martin: Martha Elizabeth, Nell, Laura, James Edward, Alonzo Jordan, Jessie Florence, John A., Cora Alice, Lula and Eula (twins), Burl Lee, Merrill Eugene, Romie Ludwell, & Roberta Martin.

(11) James H. (Jim) Stiff & Lou Massie

15. Leva Stiff m. Jess C. Nichols 12-12-1912

b. 9-16-1892

Issue: J.C., Virginia Lee, Henry Lewis, Evelyn Lucile, and Jim Thomas Nichols

16. Jesse Stiff m. Tiscia Scalf 12-24-1938

b. 1897 d. 1973

No issue

17. Fred Stiff m. Artel George 2-13-1947

b. 6-13-1911

No issue

(13) John T. Stiff & Mary Moreland

18. James Henry Stiff m. Effie Dale 1-5-1914

b. 8-26-1894 d. 10-21-1968

No issue

19. Lee A. Stiff m. Alice Vermillion 12-10-1919

b. 12-4-1895

No issue

20. Willie Alice Stiff m. Bun Silas Pope 8-7-1916

b. 9-21-1897

Issue: Baby Pope, Oletha Pope

21. Roy Odus Stiff m. Wilma Vermillion 9-5-1918

b. 1-20-1899

22. Waymon Royce Stiff m. Velma Burnside 10-1-1921

b. 12-27-1900

23. Loveta Stiff m. Clyde Haven 10-26-1933

b. 12-17-1912

Issue: Jonnie Faye Haven (Young)

NINTH GENERATION

(14) William H. Martin & Sarah F. Farley

24. Jesse Eugene Martin m. Georgia Burton 9-30-1915

b. 7-28-1893 d. 8-23-1963

b. 3-29-1894

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Other Issue of Wm. & Sarah Martin: Robert E., John N., William A., Romie Lewis, Virgil Henry, Dollie Frances Martin.

- (21) Roy Odus Stiff & Wilma Vermillion
 25. Guynn Stiff m. Cora Mae Hutchison 8-4-1946
 b. 7-31-1921
26. Rynell Stiff m. Joe Novak
 Issue: Robert David, Daniel Allen, Timothy, Rebekah, and Elizabeth Novak
27. Roy Clint Stiff m. Barbara Alexander
- (22) Waymon Royce Stiff & Velma Burnside
 28. Harold Lloyd Stiff m. Hazel Betts 3-5-1947
 b. 11-22-1922
29. Charles Henry Stiff m. Billie Rawlings 12-29-1950
 b. 8-26-1928
30. Glen Dee Stiff m. F. Janette Duke 8-17-1963
 b. 6-21-1942

TENTH GENERATION

- (24) Jesse E. Martin & Georgia A. Burton
 31. Mary Catherine Martin m. William Roy Knowles 6-8-1952
 b. 11-30-1929
 Issue: Katherine Ann, William Roy, & Kenneth Burton Knowles
- (25) Guynn Stiff & Cora Mae Hutchison
 32. Norma Sharon Stiff m. Sissney
 33. Martha Jo Stiff m. Bartley
 34. Hubert Wayne Stiff
 35. Evelyn Kay Stiff m. Ince
- (27) Roy Clint Stiff & Barbara Alexander
 36. Kevin Clint Stiff
 37. Scott Odus Stiff
- (28) Harold L. Stiff & Hazel Betts
 38. Kenneth Lloyd Stiff m. Marsha Fitzsimmons 7-31-1971
 b. 12-8-1948
39. Dennise Marie Stiff
 b. 11-8-1951

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(29) Charles H. Stiff & Billie Rawlings

40. Charles Micheal Stiff
 b. 12-23-1951
41. Doris Endora Stiff
 b. 1-1-1957
- (30) Glen Dee Stiff & Jannette Duke
 42. Kerri Michele Stiff
 b. 6-26-1972

Ghart "C" information furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Stiff, McKinney, Texas, and Mrs. Catherine Martin Knowles, Houston, Texas.

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Stiff Genealogy
Chart "D"
Bedford County, Virginia
Continuation from Chart "A"

SIXTH GENERATION

- (18) Henry Stiff & Eny C. Huddleston
 1. Burwell Y. Stiff m. Julia A. Taylor 1833
 b. 11-19-1812 d. 8-26-1891
 2. Joseph Stiff
 b. 1818 d. 1827
 3. Benson Stiff m. William Bowling
 4. Abram Lewis Stiff m. Williams
 Captain 1st Va. Reserves CSA — Probably went to Mo.
 5. Sarah Lewis Stiff m. Robert Pogue
 b. 2-8-1833 d. 1852

SEVENTH GENERATION

(1) Burwell Young Stiff & Julia Ann Taylor

6. William Henry Stiff
 b. 5-10-1834 d. 2-16-1855 buried Stiff Chapel Cemetery, Collin Co., Tex.
 7. Price Hopkins Stiff m. Lizzie Lowe 1856
 b. 9-27-1835 d. 3-4-1881
 Issue: 2 sons and 8 daughters
 Lived in Giles County, Virginia.
 8. Abram B. Stiff m. Georgia Lipscomb 1860
 Issue: 2 sons & 2 daughters.
 Sheriff in Edgerton, Platte Co., Mo. after Civil War
 9. James Callahill Stiff m. Luticia Wade 1860
 b. 2-27-1837 d. 5-12-1917 Lived At Vinton, Va.
 10. Joel Wright Stiff
 b. 4-8-1840 d. 2-12-1857
 11. Septimus S. Stiff m. Mary Huddleston 1873
 b. 4-14-1843 d. 10-1-1919
 12. John Wesley Stiff m. Eliz. Pogue 1870
 b. 3-14-1846 d. 2-27-1933
 13. Charles Day Stiff m. Nanie Burnette 1870
 Mayor of Edgerton, Platte Co., Mo. after Civil War

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14. Robert Bennett Stiff m. Zada Graves 1875
 b. 1852
 Issue: 2 sons & 1 daughter
 A merchant and lived near Roanoke, Va. all his life.
 15. Mary Stiff m. Robert Holdren 1870
 b. 3-4-1850 d. 2-13-1934
 Large family. Lived in Bedford, Va.
 16. George Whitfield Stiff m. Lillian Hopkins 1875
 b. 6-20-1853 d. 2-9-1890 - 37
 Issue: 2 sons and 1 daughter. Resident of Roanoke, Va.
 17. Wilson Hewett Stiff m. Etta Farmer 1890
 b. 6-4-1855 d. 6-8-1916
 Issue: 5 or 6 children.
 Lived in Bedford near old Burrell Stiff home.
 Travelling salesman for Price Lucas Vinegar Co. & later a jewelry firm.
 18. Ann Henry Stiff m. Robert Pogue 1880
 b. 5-2-1860 d. 8-11-1922
 Issue: several children. Resided Bedford Co., Va.

EIGHTH GENERATION

(9) James C. Stiff & Lutician Wade

19. William H. Stiff m. Mollie C. Wigginton
 b. 1860 d. 1918
 20. James M. C. Stiff m. Sallie Sanderson
 b. 1862 d. 1920
 21. Mollie Stiff m. William Callahan
 22. Rosa Lee Stiff m. Robert Sheaf
 23. Anna C. Stiff m. Lee Craig
 b. 1868 d. 1944
 24. Charles S. Stiff m. Antha Brewer
 b. 1870 d. 1925
 25. Elkana W. Stiff m. Maggie Scott
 b. 1872, d. 1932
 26. Belle Stiff m. Fred Anderson
 b. 1874 d. 1952
 27. Isaac Stiff
 b. 1875 d. 1890
 28. Berta M. Stiff m. John Fuqua
 b. 1878 d. 1943
 29. Ballard O. Stiff m. Emma Woodhouse 1907
 b. 1880
 30. Lillian M. Stiff m. Jewett Craig

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(11) Septimus S. Stiff & Mary Huddleston

Soldier in Confederate Army — captured and a prisoner with brother John for about two years near New York. Had 5 sons and 5 daughters. Known issue:

31. Channing L. Stiff
32. Wilce Stiff (twin)
33. Robert Stiff (twin)
34. Josie Stiff Gillaspie

(12) John Wesley Stiff & Elizabeth Pogue

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| 35. MacHenry Stiff b. 1869 | m. Ossie Porter |
| 36. Sally Caloway Stiff b. 1870 | m. J. Tom Woods |
| 37. Julian Price Stiff b. 1872 | m. Carrie Franklin |
| 38. Ora Lena Stiff b. 1874 | m. Mosby R. Wigginton |
| 39. John Wesley Stiff, Jr. b. 1876 | m. Callie Holdren |
| 40. Bettie W. Stiff b. 1878 | m. Haney Scruggs |
| 41. Eddie Davis Stiff b. 1880 | m. Harry Huddleston |
| 42. Burwell Y. Stiff (twin) | |
| 43. Robert Pogue Stiff (twin) | |
| 44. Mildred B. Stiff b. 1883 | m. John J. Bower |
| 45. Julia Ann Stiff b. 1885 | m. Willie Dearing |
| 46. Bertha N. Stiff b. 1887 | m. Otto C. Collins |
| 47. George Whitfield Stiff b. 1890 | |
| 48. Ruth W. Stiff b. 1892 | m. Robert J. Wood |
| 49. Tom W. Stiff b. 1896 | |

NINTH GENERATION

(19) William H. Stiff & Mollie Wigginton

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 50. Howard O. Stiff | m. Gertrude Linton |
| 51. Eva L. Stiff | m. Virgil Holdren |

(24) Charles Septimus Stiff & Antha Brewer

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 52. Lora May Stiff | m. Frank Patterson |
| 53. James B. Stiff | m. Betty Crosby |
| 54. Harry Lee Stiff | m. Mildred Stout |
| 55. Hattie M. Stiff | |
| 56. Charles R. Stiff | |

(29) Ballard O. Stiff & Emma Woodhouse

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 57. Malcolm W. Stiff b. 1907 | m. Patricia Helm 1937 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
- Issue: Malcolm R. Stiff b. 1940

Stiff Genealogy
Chart "E"
Middlesex County, Virginia

FIRST GENERATION

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Thomas Stiff
b. 1663 d. 1710 | m. Sarah Salter 2-8-1684
m. Elizabeth Walker ca. 1693 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|

Place of birth not known.

Both marriages in Middlesex Co.

SECOND GENERATION

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|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (1) Thomas Stiff & Sarah Salter | m. Elizabeth Clarke 7-5-1708 |
| 2. Jacob Stiff
b. 1-11-1686 d. 1-15-1760 | Will recorded in Middlesex Co. |
| 3. Constantine Stiff
b. 1688 d. 1736 | m. Joseph Alphin 4-28-1708 |

Issue: Joseph Alphin, Jr.

(1) Thomas Stiff & Elizabeth Walker

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| 4. Nicholas Stiff
b. 1694 d. 1698 | |
| 5. Elizabeth Stiff
b. 1700 d. 1718 | m. Edy Dudley 1724 |
| 6. James Stiff
b. 1702 | |

THIRD GENERATION

(2) Jacob Stiff & Elizabeth Clarke

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|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7. Thomas Stiff
b. 4-12-1713 d. 7-4-1721 | |
| 8. Ann Stiff
b. 5-15-1715 d. 1743 | |
| 9. John Stiff
b. 4-2-1717 d. 1718 | |
| 10. Sarah Stiff
b. 12-15-1718 | m. Thomas Tignor 10-27-1737 |
| 11. Ruth Stiff
b. 9-6-1727 d. 10-2-1731 | |

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12. Jacob Stiff
b. 8-20-1722 d. 1746
m. Mary Meacham 9-7-1743
m. Catherine Batchelder 1746
13. Averilla Stitt
b. 1725 d. 1798
m. Thomas Saunders, Jr. 1753
14. William Stiff
b. 1-28-1729 d. 1804
m. Sarah Meacham 9-3-1751

(6) James Stiff & Edy Dudley

15. Elizabeth Stiff
b. 1728
16. John Stiff
b. ca. 1730

See Chart "A" for continuation

FOURTH GENERATION

(12) Jacob Stiff & Mary Meacham

17. John Stiff
m. Eliz. Miller 4-26-1787
18. Jacob Stiff
m. Jenny Smith 1775
19. James Stiff

(14) William Stiff & Sarah Meacham

20. James Stiff
b. 1754 d. 1790
m. Betty Blake 12-17-1774

Left Will dated 10-17-1789 Middlesex Co.

21. Thomas Stiff
b. 1755 d. 1821
m. Eliz. Davis 2-20-1796

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22. Sarah Stiff
b. 1760

23. Nancy Stiff
b. 1765
m. Peter Robinson 2-18-1796

Issue: Jacob, Peter B. & Wm. Robinson

24. William N. Stiff
b. 1-30-1770
m. Sarah Healy 1-28-1796

25. Jack Fern Stiff
b. 11-19-1776

FIFTH GENERATION

(18) Jacob Stiff & Jenny Smith

26. William Stiff
b. 1776
m. Polly Clark 1800

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- (20) James Stiff & Betty Blake
m. Susana Wood 1796
27. James Stiff
b. 4-3-1775 d. 1819
28. John Blake Stiff
b. 9-23-1776
m. Lucy Sible 1-3-1801
29. Elizabeth B. Stiff
b. 9-10-1778 d. 1862
m. Smith Bennett

Issue: William L. Bennett

30. Jacob Stiff
b. 1779

31. Molly Fern Stiff
b. 1781

32. William Stiff
b. 3-17-1783

33. Thomas Meacham Stiff
b. 6-7-1785
m. Judah Saunders 1807

(21) Thomas Stiff & Eliz. Davis

34. Mary C. Stiff
m. Chas. C. Wellford 3-18-1824

35. George S. Stiff

36. Elizabeth D. Stiff
m. Thomas Street 2-10-1829

37. Louisa S.M. Stiff

(24) Wm. N. Stiff & Sarah Healy

38. Thomas H. Stiff
b. 1797
m. Eliz. B. Bennett 9-7-1837

Issue: Frances S. Elizabeth b. 1842

39. James M. Stiff
b. 1798
m. Louisa Ward 1824

40. Mary Stiff
b. 1800

41. William Stiff
b. 1802 d. 1890

42. Edmund Stiff
b. 1805
m. Polly Humphries 8-3-1826

43. Robert Stiff
b. 1807
m. Amanda F. Palmer 1-19-1845

44. Walter Stiff
b. 1809 d. 1865

45. Lewis L. Stiff
b. 1811
m. Mary J. Wood 9-26-1838

46. George Stiff
b. 1813 d. 1836

47. Andrew Stiff m. Eliz. Barrick 12-31-1843
b. 1815
48. Sarah Stiff
b. 1819 d. 1842
49. Ben Stiff
b. 1819 d. 1842

SIXTH GENERATION

- (26) Wm. Stiff & Polly Clark
50. Mary Ann Stiff m. Geo. Bradley 1823
b. 1802
- (27) James Stiff & Susana Wood
51. James W. Stiff
b. 1799 d. 1834
52. Mary F. Stiff
b. 1804 d. 1812
53. Sarah W. Stiff m. Geo. B. Daniel 12-26-1831
b. 1810 d. 1837
54. John S. Stiff
b. 1812 d. 1845
55. Lucy A. Stiff
b. 1814 d. 1834
56. Elizabeth Stiff
b. 1816
57. Susana B. Stiff
b. 1817 d. 1833
- (39) James M. Stiff & Louisa Ward
58. S.L. Elizabeth Stiff m. Geo. Washington Payne 1846
b. 1826 d. 1890
Issue: John L., Mary L. Cornelia, Geo. W.
Ida C., Richard G., Thomas L., Andrew & Midora E. Payne
59. Louise Jane Stiff m. Thomas E. Payne 1846
b. 1828 d. 1888 m. Thatcher Rogers 1866
Issue: Richard W., Fred W., John T. & Ava C. Payne
Maude & Florence Rogers
60. James Hamden Stiff m. Mary Quesenbery 1855
b. 1831 d. 1900
61. Wm. Walter Stiff m. Sarah Quesenbery 1855
b. 1829 d. 1906
62. Andrew Stiff
b. 1832

- (41) William Stiff & m. Nancy Palmer 1860
63. William H. Stiff
b. 6-9-1842 d. 1890
64. Thomas J. Stiff m. Frances A. Eubanks 1874
b. 1844 d. 1911
- (43) Robert Stiff & Amanda F. Palmer
65. Charles Taylor Stiff
b. 1850
66. Hamilton Foster Stiff m. Emma M. Campbell 1877
b. 1853 d. 1900
- (47) Andrew Stiff & Elizabeth Barrick
67. Ocila A. Stiff
68. Herbert Stiff
69. Irving Stiff
70. Jene Stiff
71. Andrew Warren Stiff m. Emma J. Walker 1879

SEVENTH GENERATION

- (61) William W. Stiff & Sarah Quesenbery
72. Walter B. Stiff m. Corine V. Lane 1884
b. 1856 d. 1916
73. Frank W. Stiff m. Kate A. Street 1893
74. John Stiff
75. James Stiff
76. Catherine Stiff
77. Ruth Stiff
- (63) William H. Stiff & Nancy Palmer
78. Bert Stiff m. Adelaide Jackson
b. 1866
79. William Stiff m.
- Issue: John C. Stiff
(64) Thomas J. Stiff & Frances Eubanks
80. James W. Stiff m. Nellie K. Lawson 1908
b. 1874 d. 1945
81. Virgil Eubanks Stiff m. Eliz. Griffith
Issue: Elizabeth E. (C.J. Ferneyhough)

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82. Cornelia Ellen Stiff
 83. Mary Alice Stiff
 84. Thomas B. Stiff
 85. George Clinton Stiff
- m. M.A. Bristow
- Issue: Clinton Nelson Stiff
86. Ida Salome Stiff
- (66) Hamilton Foster Stiff & Emma Campbell
87. Henry A. Stiff
 b. 1878 d. 1943
 88. Thomas W. Stiff
 b. 1881 d. 1881
- m. Louisa M. Erben 1910
- (71) Andrew Warren Stiff & Emma J. Walker
89. Ashby Gordon Stiff
 b. 1893
- m. Mary E.L. Waring 1918

EIGHTH GENERATION

90. Earl B. Stiff
- (72) Walter B. Stiff & Corine V. Lane
- Issue: Robert S. Stiff
91. Charles L. Stiff
- Issue: Walter B. & Lawrence Stiff
92. Ina Stiff
93. Frank M. Stiff
 b. 1892 d. 1955
- m. Elizabeth Latane 1917
- (87) Henry A. Stiff & Louisa M. Erben
94. Henry A. Stiff
 b. 1912
 95. David C. Stiff
 b. 1914
 96. Catherine L. Stiff
 b. 1919
- m. Marie Fleming 1940
 m. Mary Waggner 1941
 m. E. B. Stewart 1940
- Issue: Caroline Stewart b. 1943
97. Alice M. Stiff
- Issue Randy, Dale, Debbie Raley
- m. D.L. Raley 1941
- (89) Asby Gordon Stiff & Mary Waring
98. Martha Olds Stiff
 b. 1921
- m. E.G. Mullins 1943

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99. Asby Gordon Stiff
 b. 1930

NINTH GENERATION

- (93) Frank M. Stiff & Elizabeth Latane
100. Elizabeth L. Stiff
 b. 1921
- m. James H. Whitt 1953
101. Frank M. Stiff
 b. 1918
- m. Wilma Willis 1950
- Issue: Frank W. & Catherine Stiff
102. William Latane Stiff
 b. 1928
- m. Elizabeth Winstead 1954
- Issue: Karen Elizabeth & Wm. Timothy Stiff
- (95) David C. Stiff & Mary Waggner
103. David C. Stiff, Jr.
 b. 1945
104. Patty Stiff
 b. 1949

Chart "E" records submitted by Henry A. Stiff, Dallas, Texas

My Name Is Stiff

Stiff Genealogy
 Chart "F"
 Kentucky to California

FIRST GENERATION

1. James Stiff m. Sarah Hale (?) ca. 1813
 b. 5-1-1793 d. 12-8-1869 d. 1-12-1863

(Both buried in family graveyard near Breckenridge-
 Meade County line in Ky.)

SECOND GENERATION

- (1) James Stiff & Sarah Hale
 2. Nathaniel Stiff m. Elizabeth Robertson ca. 1835
 b. 12-13-1814 d. 12-25-1893 d. 8-23-1868

(Both buried as above)

THIRD GENERATION

- (2) Nathaniel Stiff & Eliz. Robertson
 3. Levi Stiff m. Emeline Phillpot 12-30-1858
 b. 8-4-1837 d. 3-18-1900 d. 9-1-1913
 (Both born Meade Co., Ky., buried Bozeman, Montana)
 4. Jesse Stiff m. Martha E. Moorman 9-11-1862
 b. 12-18-1841 d. 11-9-1889
 (both born & buried as 3 above)
 5. Samuel Anderson Stiff m. Frances Gilpin
 b. 3-25-1843 d. 7-18-1910
 6. Sarah Stiff
 b. 10-2-1844 d. 11-26-1861
 7. Martha J. Stiff m. Frank Basham
 b. 1-17-1847 d. 5-25-1925
 8. Nancy E. Stiff m. Knott
 b. 7-19-1849 d. 8-12-1881
 9. Ellis Nathaniel Stiff m. Samantha R.....
 b. 11-9-1853 d. 3-16-1919
 10. Susan Ray Stiff m. Scott Knott
 b. 12-6-1856 d. 1-17-1925

¹Note: Nos. 4-9 inc. born Ky.

Nos. 5, 6, 8, & 10 buried in Ky.

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FOURTH GENERATION

(3) Levi Stiff & Emeline Phillpott

11. Samuel Walker Stiff
 b. 11-19-1859
 12. Sarah Sophornia Stiff
 b. 7-16-1861
 13. Ben Franklin Stiff
 b. 9-12-1863
 14. Mary Elizabeth Stiff m. Delbert Gray
 b. 9-27-1865
 15. Melvina Wilda Stiff
 b. 12-17-1867
 16. Nathaniel McHenry Stiff m. Helen E. Wise 12-24-1896
 b. 5-23-1870 d. 4-6-1944
 Note: Nos. 13-17 inc. all buried Bozeman, Montana.
 17. Noah Stiff m. Britain
 b. 10-21-1874

Both buried in California

FIFTH GENERATION

- (16) Nathaniel Stiff & Helen Wise
 18. Lloyd Nathaniel Stiff not married
 b. 8-20-1898 buried Butte, Montana
 19. Clella Estella Stiff m. Clarence M. Cox
 b. 7-31-1900
 20. Harland Levi Stiff m. Earline A. Townsend
 b. 4-9-1902
 21. Adrian Duncan Stiff m. Althea Miller 10-11-1923
 b. 3-25-1905 d. 1-26-1970
 Born Bozeman, Montana. Buried San Diego, California
 22. Bernice Loretta Stiff m. John Allen Perkins 6-15-1935
 b. 11-15-1907
 23. Lourine Helen Stiff m. Brown
 b. 8-2-1917 m. Elmer Cox

SIXTH GENERATION

- (21) Adrian Duncan Stiff & Althea Miller
 24. Jean Helen Stiff m. Charles Koliha 4-20-1946
 b. 1-29-1925
 Born St. Helens, Ore.; Married Victoria, Canada; Resides Stockton, Ca.

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| 25. Lois Althea Stiff | m. Russell E. Denman 2-9-1947 |
| b. 5-23-1926 d. 11-22-1975 | |
| 26. Gary Adrian Stiff | m. Emily Petrowsky 1951 |
| b. 11-25-1933 | m. Barbara Manual 1961 |
| | m. Judi Gabriel 1970 |

SEVENTH GENERATION

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (25) Jean Helen Stiff & Charles Koliha | |
| 27. David Lloyd Koliha | m. Marcia Jean Wilson 7-20-1972 |
| b. 8-29-1947 | |
| 28. Bruce Nathan Koliha | |
| b. 4-14-1952 | |

Chart "F" records submitted by Mrs. Jean Stiff Koliha, Stockton, Ca.

*Stiff Genealogy Chart G**McGarrah Genealogy*
Chart "G"

FIRST GENERATION

1. George McGarrah
Date and place of birth not known. Believed Tennessee.

SECOND GENERATION

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (1) George McGarrah & ? | m. Elizabeth Zachery |
| 2. William McGarrah | |
| b. 1800 | Remained in Arkansas |
| 3. John (Jack) McGarrah | m. Pauline Graham 1820 (Mo.) |
| b. 3-8-1804 (Tenn.) (twin) | (1/4 Cherokee Indian) |
| d. 1850/51 Sonora, Mexico | |
| 4. George McGarrah | m. ? |
| b. 3-8-1804 (twin) | d. 3-25-1838 |
| d. 7-3-1879 (Collin Co., Tx.) | m. Mrs. Sarah Ford 11-22-1841 |
| Buried in old McGarrah Cemetery | d. 12-26-1896 |

THIRD GENERATION

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|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (2) William McGarrah & Elizabeth Zachery | |
| 5. Sarah McGarrah | All remained in Arkansas |
| 6. Mathew McGarrah | No further information |
| 7. Elizabeth McGarrah | |
| 8. James McGarrah | |
| 9. Mary McGarrah | |
| (3) Jack McGarrah & Pauline Graham | |
| 10. Elizabeth McGarrah | m. James Herndon 10-25-1838 (Ark.) |
| b. 9-15-1821 | |
| 11. Sarah McGarrah | m. Tola Dunn |
| b. 1824 | |
| 12. Cynthia Ann McGarrah | m. George Herndon 4-6-1841 (Ark.) |
| b. 1826 d. 1913 | |
| 13. James C. McGarrah | |
| b. 1828 d. in infancy | |
| 14. Eliza Jane McGarrah | m. Dr. G.A. Foote 11-11-1847 |
| b. 1831 d. 1889 | |
| 15. Randolph M. McGarrah | m. Nancy A. King 3-15-1855 |
| b. 1833 | |

16. Seburn McGarrah
b. 1835
m. Mary Ann Wilson 6-11-1868
17. Conway McGarrah
b. 1838
m. Edward Rollin Stiff 12-23-1855
18. Mary Margaret McGarrah
b. 3-31-1841 d. 12-25-1899
(4) George McGarrah & 1st wife
m. Henry Ottenhausen 1867
19. Harriett McGarrah
b. 3-25-1838 d. 7-31-1930
Remained and died at old Buckner headright
20. Martha McGarrah
21. Merinda McGarrah
22. Louise McGarrah
23. James McGarrah
These children by first wife went to Calif.
and remained there. No further information.

FOURTH GENERATION

(10) Elizabeth & George Herndon

Married Fayetteville, Arkansas, before coming to Collin County.

Issue: Mary E. Herndon
John M. Herndon
George H. Herndon
Joshua D. Herndon
Virginia H. Herndon
James Herndon
Walker L. Herndon
Ellen N. Herndon
Harrison J. Herndon

(12) Cynthia Ann & George Herndon

George Herndon was born 2-2-1818 in Ky. Died 9-22-1902. Married in Fayetteville, Ark. Received 640 acres 6 miles west of McKinney as compensation for a year's service with the Texas Rangers protecting settlers from Indian raids.

Issue: Henry C. b. 1843 d. 1917
Thomas J.
James R. b. 1847 d. 1942
Albert H.

William
C.E.
Ben Z. b. 1881 d. 1928
George A. b. 1859 d. 1933
Mrs. H. C. Addison
Mrs. J. C. Montgomery
Mrs. G.I. Barlow
Mrs. H.E. Singleton
Mrs. Hattie Fields
Two who died young.

(14) Eliza Jane McGarrah & Dr. G.A. Foote

Issue: Edward
Ludwell
Henry S.
Mrs. Ella Rhea
Laurence A.
Mary E.

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Golladay Genealogy
Chart "H"

FIRST GENERATION

1. John W. Golladay m. Mary C. Bell
b. 1806 (Va.) d. age 74

SECOND GENERATION

- (1) John Golladay & Mary Bell
2. Frank Golladay m. Walker
Issue: None
3. George Golladay m. Harris
Issue: 2 or 3 daughters
4. John Bailey Golladay m. Elvira Bidstrup 3-6-1863
b. 3-4-1838 (Tenn.) b. 12-20-1843 (Mo.)
d. 12-13-1903 d. 4-24-1932

THIRD GENERATION

- (4) John Golladay & Elvira Bidstrup
5. Frank Golladay — no data
6. Mary B. (Mollie) Golladay m. N.M. Williams 12-23-1888
b. 11-29-1863 m. Lewis Ames 1-27-1903
d. 9-22-1913 Issue: None
7. Cora Golladay m. S. Price Stiff 6-4-1890
b. 6-20-1866 b. 4-21-1862
d. 8-15-1962 d. 9-6-1919
8. Ruth Golladay m. Will Bunnell 9-5-1888
b. 11-20-1869 m. Robt. T. Cecil 7-2; 1906
d. 4-5-1952
9. Jud Ernest Golladay m. Hallie Phillips 9-9-1907
b. 6-11-1872 b. 9-29-1883
d. 8-18-1959 d.
10. Joseph Golladay m. Flora Knaus 5-11-1904
b. 5-30-1876 b. 7-14-1874
d. 12-26-1947 d. 4-18-1947

FOURTH GENERATION

- (7) Cora Golladay & Price Stiff
11. Judd Golladay Stiff m. Margaret Smith 12-23-1933
b. 7-27-1908 b. 11-28-1910
d. 12-23-1933

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(8) Ruth Golladay & Will Bunnell

12. Paul Bunnell m. Lurline
b. 9-28-1893
d. 1-30-1970

(9) Jud Golladay & Hallie Phillips

13. Gwendolyn H. Golladay m. A.C. White 6-23-1948
b. 6-30-1909

Issue: None

14. Lady Jud Golladay m. Woodson Cockrill 11-24-1937
b. 12-23-1911

Issue: None

(10) Joseph Golladay & Flora Knaus

15. John Walter Golladay m. Eloise Wiley 1-10-1944
b. 8-16-1906

Issue: None

16. Dorothy L. Golladay m. Eugene Kleinpell 8-6-1931
b. 4-27-1908

Issue: None

FIFTH GENERATION

(11) Judd Stiff & Margaret Smith

17. Judd Golladay Stiff, Jr. m. Darlene Baggerly 4-8-1967
b. 1-9-1940 m. Mary Jane Spencer Knaus 6-2-1979
18. James Price Stiff m. Jan Gordon 5-9-1964
b. 4-4-1943 (twin) m. Jane Tinsley 1-17-1970
19. Benjamin Smith Stiff m. Susan Bethell 6-20-1967
b. 4-4-1943 (twin)

(12) Paul Bunnell & Lurline

20. Richard Bunnell m. Gwendolyn

SIXTH GENERATION

(17) Judd Stiff, Jr. & Darlene Baggerly

21. David Machon Stiff m. Judd Golladay Stiff, Jr.
b. 10-23-1967 p. 10-14-1930

(18) James P. Stiff & Jane Tinsley

22. Sterling Scott Stiff
b. 2-28-1972

My Name is Stiff

- (19) Ben S. Stiff & Susan Bethell
 23. Erica Susan Stiff
 b. 1-10-1974
 24. Grant Benjamin Stiff
 b. 7-27-1976
BARCLAY SHAW STIFF
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- (20) Richard Bunnell & Gwendolyn?
 25. Coleen Bunnell
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As outlined in the chapter on the Kentucky Stiffs, courthouse records during this period indicate a settling of family affairs in preparation for this move to Texas. Records of land transactions, names on tax lists, and census records of Collin County all tend to substantiate this. David Stiff's name appears on the Collin County Census for 1850, but Harrison's (an older brother) remains on Breckenridge tax rolls through that year. In the June 1954 issue of *The Western Horseman* magazine there is an article which refers to Harrison's arrival in Collin County on Christmas Day, 1850. In 1851 Jesse Shain and his wife, Harriett (a sister of David and Harrison), arrived with their family. Shain and Harrison Stiff both bought land from Jesse Stiff in the Stiff Chapel area, however they did not settle there and soon sold the land and located in the developing town of McKinney. In 1854 a third brother, James Burrell, made the trip, bringing with him his young nephew, seventeen year old Edward Rollin Stiff, son of another brother, William Henry Stiff, who chose to remain in Kentucky at that time.

David married a daughter of John Lovejoy and was associated with him in various ventures. He was a County Clerk, a tax collector, and was postmaster in 1856. From a review of the 1860 Census it would appear that his wife died after the birth of a daughter, that he remarried and had a son by that date. However, he married a third time and it is this marriage and the issue therefrom that are contained in the genealogy records. Harrison and James Burrell both married after coming to Texas and their descendants are numerous.

Edward Rollin Stiff became a farmer and rancher in the Buckner area. This is where he met and married Mary Margaret McGarrah. Her father, Jack McGarrah, went to California with a party during the Gold Rush in 1849 and died on the return trip. His estate was settled in 1854, dividing his extensive property (from his land grant from the Republic of Texas) between his wife and children. Thus Mary Margaret brought to her marriage a sizable farm, which Edward

Rollin added to and increased in the years to come. This valuable acreage still remains in the Stiff family.

Harrison's interests were varied. He was a lover of fine horses (see story "The Day Monmouth Bit the Dust" in Chapter "Hither and Yon"), and undoubtedly bred and traded quarter horses on his farm at New Hope near McKinney. His large two-story frame house served his family of eight children and offered a haven to some of his nieces and nephews, orphans of his sister Harriet Shain. It would appear from the 1870 census record that his aged mother Sarah was also a member of his household. All except one of his children lived to maturity in the McKinney area, married and started their families there, with his four sons, J.D., Roddy, Sterling, and Wallace, perpetuating the name of Stiff. Only J.D. continued to make McKinney his home. The rest moved to other areas of Texas, and today descendants with the Stiff name may be found as far away as California.

An interesting story concerning the given name "Sterling" has been related by a family member. It will be remembered that Harrison's nephew, Edward Rollin Stiff, had come to Texas with his uncle, had married and was establishing his family on his farm a short distance northwest of McKinney. In the spring of 1862 Ed met his uncle Harrison on the town square and was proudly announcing the birth of his first son. Harrison replied that he, too, had a new baby boy. Imagine their surprise upon discovering each had named their son Sterling Price Stiff! General Sterling Price had distinguished himself in the Mexican War, and been Governor of Missouri, and became even more famous as a leader of men during the Civil War. Undoubtedly, both of these men considered him a hero and his name a worthy one for their sons to carry through life. Too, it is quite possible that Harrison's brother David, whose middle name was Sterling, may have been an influence in their choice. It is most interesting that the name of Sterling is one which has endured in these families to present time.

McKinney and Collin County was a prosperous and growing area until Texas seceded from the Union and joined the Confederacy March 6, 1861. Texas was fortunate in that it was not overrun by hostile armies; although five attempts were made, all failed. But this should