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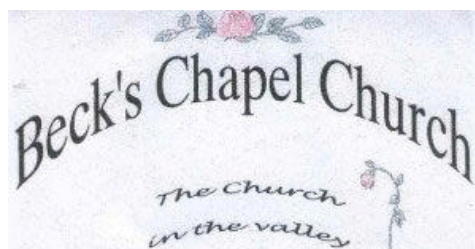
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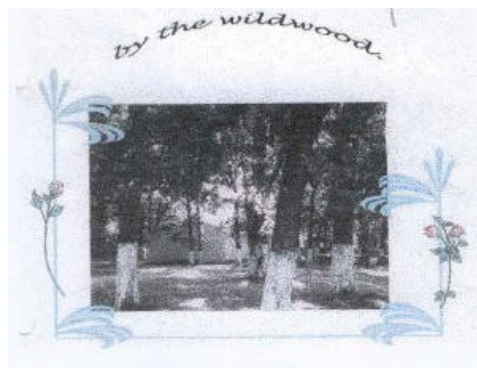
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Beck's Chapel Cemetery	
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MEMOIRS OF THE BECK'S CHAPEL COMMUNITY AND CEMETERY

I was born in Cross Roads to George and Edith Rainwater 7-15-1931. They were natives of Beck Chapel area,, both got all their formal education at Beck's Chapel school. Uncle "Tab Carrigan " said Daddy was a good student if "ole Doon" didn't tree before class. If he did that was a day for hunting I remember the grave yard workings, brush arbor meetings and church services and a time when all comunity actives centered around the church.

I have wanted to write this essay for many years but I put it off untill I am the old folks and I may not can do justice to the history of this community, but I have a lot of help from the people and I am grateful.

by Albert "Dumplies" Rainwater

Row 1 Plot 7

Alva Hester Carrigan

6-20-1907-----1-19-1998

Born in Coleman Co. to John T. and Viola "Rosie " Baker Hester.
Married Albert Carrigan had one child Nava Jo.

I remember her as a plain spoken woman.I used to spend nights with them. I loved to bring in the stove wood because I had a little red wagon to haul it in.

Last night Nava Jo called to tell me Aunt Alva had died. Aunt Alva had not slept well last night and was going to rest while Nava Jo went to town. When Jo got back Aunt Alva was gone, when she found her she had picked about a half gallon of berries and was laying in the berry vines. She had died instantly, maybe it was God Grace that she went liked she lived, in a hurry and working.

Row 1 Plot 8

Albert "Tab" Carrigan

9-15-1889-----1-11-1988

This was my mother's brother, a good man with lots of friends. He helped lots of people that no one knew about. Uncle Tab loved to hunt, play dominoes and just visit with people. To tell of the good times I have had with Uncle Tab would a book with in it's self.

Row 1 Plot 10

Unknown

Believed to be the grave of Charity Palmer born 1884 married John Leach 7-7-1860. An aunt to Henry, Pat, Homer and Florence Palmer [Calloway.] I can remember the grave, but not the name. Billy Jo Palmer Gartside has a record of this Great-great aunt being buried in Beck's Chapel but I can't remember any other place it could be.

Row 1 Plot 12

Fred L. Carrigan

7-1-1883-----4-27-19

Uncle Fred was my mother's brother. I remember him well, but I don't remember a lot about him. He was a quite person, didn't laugh a lot but he was not unfriendly. He never married, worked farm labor all his life. He died in Brownfield, Texas after a short illness. It hurt my mother because she couldn't get to him before he died.

Row 1 Plot 13

Mary A. Bell

11-20-1847-----9-25-1922

My mother's grandmother, I don't know a lot to write about her. Her maiden name was Bryant, she married a man named Stephens (may be misspelled). My grandmother was born. The story I was told was Grandma Bell said she would not live with a man that hit her, Grandpa hit her playfully with his hat and she divorced him. Later she married George Donald Bell, Three children was Borne to this marriage Hattie, Nettie and Joe.

Row 1 Plot 14

Georgie Ann Stephens Chaney Carrigan

8-6-1865-----8-25-1927

By all accounts my grand mother was a very strict woman, showing very little affection to any one maybe being widowed twice at an early age made her have a dark out look on life. She first married Bill Chaney, had several children but only Ida lived to be grown. Bill died somewhere around 1890 and is buried in Post Oak Cemetery. Ida married Lige Willis and moved to Oklahoma and is buried at Rush Springs, Oklahoma. Georgie Ann married L.C. Carrigan in 1894. There were four children born to this union Willie Cole, Leeanna (died in infancy), Albert and Edith. Carrigan died in Houston Co. 1906 and is buried in the Mount Pisqa Cemetery.

Row 1 Plot 15

Edith Lucille Carrigan Rainwater

9-6-1902-----2-1-1977

My mother was a strict, loving woman. She lived most of her life in the Beck's Chapel - Cross Roads area. She was a Member of the Cross Roads Methodist Church, served as secretary, teacher for about 40 years and was an active member for 47. I have been told that in her younger days she was a very happy person, loved to dance and have fellowship with people. she lived a very simple life and never complained. she was always hungry for education. when I got into High School I had to bring my literature book home with me every night. It hurt the most to see a brilliant mind go to a vegetable.

She married George Rainwater had three children Alvis, Deen (Tody) and Albert (Dumplings).

Row 1 Plot 16

George Harvey Rainwater

10-19-1894-----12-28-1984

Tribute to a soldier

by Rev. W.A. Newman Jr.

George and his loving wife Edith Carrigan Rainwater had three children Alvis, Deen and Albert. George served in the U.S. Army during W. W. 1. During that war he saw extensive service during the battles in France. The action of that theater was a horrible experience both to the spirit of the men of both nations. Nations that are today because of such men. George suffered great agony of spirit his whole life over having been placed in such a time. Quite often men of love are asked to serve in

places where is not even though they themselves would not create state of inhumanity. A lesser man than George would feel no such agony. A man of caring can seldom see any reason for the unreasonable acts of war though he himself be called to do them. George was a good father, a reliable soldier, a man of peace with nature and his surroundings, a man who was never at peace with himself. George suffered a down cast spirit quite in opposition to those who never seem to be in poor spirits over anything. Perhaps we should remember Jesus words when we think of George "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"Mr. George " was my daddy and a lot could be said about him. He loved to hunt, fish which he done at every opportunity but there was always food on the table, it may have come from the cut-off, the woods or the garden but it taste good.

Daddy served in the army during the first world war. He served in several battles in France and he was a forward scout a lot of the time. George was in the assault force at the Muese Argonne. After he got old he told me about how after the battle, they picked up the dead and wounded American and the wounded Germans he could have walked across the battle field on dead bodies. this bothered him a lot and sometimes he would cry. he thing that bothers me most is daddy died at the V. A. hospital at Marlin, Texas alone.

By A.R.

Row 1 Plot 17

Elmadeen Lucille Rainwater King

4-12-26-----4-22-1993

"Tody"

Daughter of George and Edith Rainwater. Married Orven King a native of Morgan Co. Kentucky. There were five children born to them, Orvadeen, Gail Elaine, Fred Curtiss, Cole Brady and Terry Dale.

Tody was living in Kentucky one time and when I got in from school Moma was writing her a letter. She me to write her a few lines I set down and wrote Dear Nish (this what I called her). Nothing to do will write. Nothing to write will close. Love Dimples In a few days I got a letter from her telling me I wasn't so smart.

Row 1 Plot 18

Orven King

2-23-1921-----10-4-1990

Orven was born in Morgan Co, Kentucky. He was the son of a farmer-coal miner. Orven loved to hunt and fish, play cards and dominos.

Row 1 Plot 21

Sam Tom Tolbert

(Pat)

Small son of Charlie and Della Tolbert. This child was about two years old and choked to death on roasting ears of corn.

By: Era Tolbert Farmer

Row 1 Plot 22

Sarah A. (Laroue) Tolbert

Mother of Charlie and some more children but I don't know their names, except n Mrs. Nina Tolbert Rampy.

Row 1 Plot 23

Open

Row 1 Plots 24&25

Marked but unknown

Row 1 Plot 26

Willie E. Welch

8-18-1928-----6-21-1930

Small son of Bishop and Myrtle Welch.

Row 1 Plot 27
Open

Row 1 Plot 28 & 29
Marked but unknown
Believed to be smallchildren of W. F. and Mary E Welch

Row 1 Plot 30
Mary E. Welch
11-15-1858-----4-8-1923
Wife of W.F. Welch and mother of 13 children.

Row 1 Plot 31
W.F.Welch
4-20-1850-----12-22-1934
One of the older settlers of Beck's Chapel but I don't know when. He wrote for the Athens Review many years ago.

Row 1 Plot 32
John Wilson
1901-----1980
Born Jim Welch - joined the army before W.W.1 but deserted. Stayed out for a while and rejoined as John Wilson. When the army caught up with him he had to serve Jim Welch's term and he served through two wars with about 28 years service. I wish I knew more about his service record because he did a lot of service for his country.

Row 1 Plot 34
Infant Daughter of A.H. and Nora Askew

Row 1 Plot 36
Augustas H. Askew
1-16-1878----12-25 1948
Mr. & Mrs. Askew moved to the Beck's Chapel area in the 1920s .he farmed his place several years and moved to Cross Roads. He served as Justice of the Peace for some time. The "Judge" was liked and respected by every one. In his later years he rode a little sorrel mare that was barn soured meaning she would spin around with you to go back to the barn, but she would always meet a spur and turn and go on down the road. Mr. askew sang bass at church.

Row 1 Plot 37
Nora Askew
9-1-1877----2-15-1973
Mrs. Askew was a small woman, played the piano in church but her hands were too small to reach an octave.

Row 1 Plot 39
Mary Vina Beck Simmons
6-19-1889----7-16-74
My grandmother was loving called "Girllie". Nicknames was very popular back then. She was the daughter of Robert L. and JosephineBeck. She married Luke Simmons and they had two daughters Josie and Johnnie Lee. Josie was born-3-1909 and died 2-21-1910. She is buried at Willow Springs Cemetery.

Mary was a quite, meek, hard woker, with long black hair that was never cut. Her eyes were a vivid blue and her skin olive and flawless. She was always clean and neat, dressed simply and never wore any make-up. She didn't need any, she was beautiful just as she was. She had some Indian blood in her and it really showed up in her face, nose, cheek bones and hair. She had only one Sister, Julie Ann Beck Sparks. They were completely opposite. If you didn't know them, you wouldn't guess they were kin. Julie was small frame and fair, but they were so close and enjoyed each other.

When My grandmother went about her work I would follow where ever it led. Sometimes to the garden, to milk, the cows, feed the pigs or chickens She went about her chores quietly and with a sence of loyalty that spilled over

On her husband and family. She cooked in a simple way. I I especially remember her syrup cakes, grated and baked sweet potato pudding and the best of all, corn cut and scraped off the cob and baked in a cast iron skillet with lots of real homemade butter in it. As a grand mother, she passed with flying colors, always caring and doting on her five grandchildren.

By: Mary Frances Trammell Turlington - Granddaughter

ROW 1 PLOT 40
LUKE SIMMOMS

February 21, 1885-April 5, 1957

"Dad" Simmons as he was very affectionately called, was a tall, lean , man. He could hold his pipe in his mouth with only one tooth on the top. When he would draw on his pipe, his cheeks would sink in further than they normally were. He was of a reddish complexion, silver-gray hair, high cheek bones, bushy brows, light blue eyes, and could walk faster than anyone. How do I know all this? Because I loved this man and followed him around, running to keep up. He was a hard-working man, providing for his family. He taught me to work and to enjoy the outdoors. He taught me morals to live by and to have love and respect for my family. He worked from sunup til sundown five days each week, stopping only to eat lunch and then sit on the front porch, reared back in his chair and resting. Then back to the field again. He was not a great talker, but when he spoke he had something to say. He sat by the fireplace in the winter time, warming himself, listening to all those around him. That was a simple entertainment for him.

The clothes he wore were never fancy. Work clothes were old jeans, belt, kakhi shirt, white work sox, handkerchief, hat that looked battered and old "brogan" lace-up shoes. On Saturdays when the family would go into town to do the shopping, he would put on a newer kakhi shirt, a good clean dressier hat, "dress" pants, suspenders, same type of shoes and sox, only newer, and I almost forgot, he always carried his watch and chain, so he could tell what time to come home for dinner when he was in the field or what time to head back to the car in Athens in order to get every body rounded up and headed home.

My roots go deep in Becks Chapel and I can assuredly say that my granddaddy "Coot" Simmons played a big part in this. I shall always be grateful to my God for allowing me the privilege to have him in my life.

By Mary Frances Trammell Turlington - Granddaughter

Row 1 Plot 41
Josephine Anding Beck
10-14-1865-----1-29-1935

The daughter of Rance Anding. Married R. L. Beck and two children. One story I heard about was there was an old mule that had been in the family a long time, When the mule lost her teeth Mrs. Beck cooked biscuits for her.

Grandma Josie Anding Beck was a very petite and wonderful lady who had no fear of any thing. I remember one time I was at her home and a "begger" (we called them tramps back then" came to her gate. Grandma Josie saw hyim and told him not to come inside the yard, but she would rfix him something to eat, of course, Iwas scared to death, but she said"not to fear".

Row 1 Plot 42
Robert Lewis Beck
8-26-1867-----11-6-1925

I'll try to find out more about Mr. Beck.
My Grandfather, R. L. (Bob) Beck was the Justice of the Peace for many years.

by Josie Mae Penny - Granddaughter

Row 1 Plot 43
Julia Ann Beck Sparks
6-6-1894-----11-11-1962

My Mother Julie Ann and Mary "Aunt Girlie" were the only children of R.L. and Josie Beck. I have never known any two people who were closer than

those two sisters. They were never very far apart where one went the other went, and as far back as I can remember, or anyone can recall never had a cross word between them.

by Josie Mae Penny - Daughter

Row 1 Plot 44

Jordan Neal Sparks

1-22-1885-----8-31-1946

My Dad came to Texas from Irvine, Kentucky and never went back. He was a very hard working man who was very kind and big-hearted to every one. he was a very special Dad. He was a steward in the church for many years, had a saw mill on the Anding Branch at one time, and I spent a lot time fishing in that branch. He was a very special "Dad"

By: Josie Mae Penny - Daughter

Row 1 Plot 45

Robert Lewis Sparks

"Buster"

8-13-1913-----12-3-1977

Row 1 Plot 46

Lois Hickman Sparks

11-25-1917

Row 1 Plot 47

Sarah Katherine Sparks

5-30-1950-----12-20-1992

Row 1 Plot 48

Roy Dale Sparks

5-1-53

Row 1 Plot 49

Robert Lewis Sparks Jr.

"Bobby"

Row 1 Plot 52

Betty June Welch

8-6-1932-----10-3-1949

Betty June was the second child of Bishop and Myrtle Welch. Died young from a head disorder.

Row 1 Plot 53

Myrtle Matthews Welch

2-21-1905-----

Myrtle was the daughter of Frank and Flavie Mathews one of the older residents of Cross Roads.

Married Bishop Welch had four children, Willie Eugene, died as a child, Betty June and Kenneth Frank and Barbra.

Row 1 Plot 54

Bishop Pulley Welch

3-17-1899-----5-4-1981

Son of W.F. and Mary E. Welch. Married Myrtle Matthews four children was born to this union.

Row 1 Plot 57

Perry (Scoot) Trammell

Row 1 Plot 58

Johnnie Lee Simmons Trammell

7-2-1913-----2-20-1993

Johnnie Lee loved to talk, fish and to me she had the most beautiful slender hands. Her hair was black and her skin was fair. She and my Dad made a very good looking couple. The Lord blessed us when He gave us such great parents. Moma never had any lugerries in her life, only simple things, but she never complained. She did her

work with what she had. We kids always had three good meals a day, clean house to live in and starched and ironed clothes to wear. When we went into Athens, which was only one day each week, on Saturday, we kids were allowed to go to a movie while the grown-ups did their shopping. I remember being so proud of any new piece of clothing she bought for me . At the end of our trips when we started home , Moma made sure we had a treat of some sort, like a Grapette soda and a hamburger, or a sack of big delicious apples, or a bag of sweet grapes. Life was simple, but it was good.

by Mary Frances Trammell Turlington - Daughter

Row 1 Plot 59

Harold Alton Trammell

12-2-1911-----6-10-56

Harold was the son of Perry and Jake Trammell of the Rome community. He was a farmer and a rancher. At one time later in life he worked in Athens for Jack Trimble Tire Co. Then he operated a filling station. He married Johnnie Lee Simmons the daughter of Luke and Mary Simmons. They had five children Mary Frances, Perry Luke, Joan, Harold Jr. ,and Jerry. Harold and Johnnie Lee lived with her parents all of their married life. We kids called our parents "Jimmy and Pete " Until we were older then we called them Moma and Daddy.

Harold had gorgeous red wavy red hair and was a handsome man. he was a good father and working man. When the crops were laid by He would gather up all the family and head for Main Lake for an all day outing. We would fish, swim, and cook-out. It was devastating to loose my dad at such an early age.

By: Mary Frances Trammell Turlington - Daughter

Row 1 Plot 60

JoanTrammell Stinson

Row 1 Plot 61

Truman Stinson

Row 2 Plot 9

Fowler { Molly } Rhoads

9-25-1928-----11-24-1984

Row 2 Plot 10

Henry Rhoads

7-5-1875-----

Row 2 Plot 11

Pearl Rhoads

4-16-1885-----2-22-1938

Row 2 Plot 12

Morris Shepard Roads

Son of Henry and Pearl Rhoads.

Row 2 Plot 13

Josephine Rhoads

Daughter of Henry and Pearl Rhoads.

Row 2 Plot 14

Dora A. Rhoads

8-29-1913-----4-29-1915

Daughter of Henry and Pearl Rhoads.

Row 2 Plot 15

Elma Mae Rhoads

Daughter of Henry and Pearl Rhoads.

Row 2 Plot 16

Mary Lee Welch

11-5-1905-----9-18-1908

Daughter of Paul and Irene Welch.

Row 2 Plot 19
 Elvis Rhoads
 Son of Henry and Pearl Rhoads

Row 2 Plot 20
 Albert Rhoads
 Son of Pearl and Henry Rhoads

Row 2 Plot 21
 Andrew Ward
 8-13-1903-----

Row 2 Plot 22
 N. J. Ward
 6-12-1848-----11-25-1900
 Nancy Jane Sherwood married John Henry Ward and reared a large family in the Beck's Chapel community. Mrs. Ward was the first person buried in the cemetery.

Row 2 Plot 23
 John Henry Ward
 1847-----1941
 John Henry Ward's father was killed in the Civil War. His Mother moved the family to Texas in an ox wagon and Mr.Ward homesteaded the land that is still in the Ward family, owned by Morris Ward. After Mrs Ward died he moved to the Springfield era. Jack Ward bought all of the home place.

One of the older settlers of Beck's Chapel. Mr. Ward visted our home many times, He and his sister Sarah Jackson, but what I remember most is the way he took part of the camp and brush arbor meetings at the church.

A.R.
 Row 2 Plot 24
 Arthur William Ward
 " Boss "
 8-25-1885-----12-16-1980
 Arthur Ward was a member of the Cross Roads Methodist Church where I went to church. He played with me, but Moma said it was spoiling me. His daughter Dora said he gave me the name of Dumples, I don't know about that.

Row 2 Plot 27
 Marshall Ward
 1912-----1913

Row 2 Plot 29
 Willie Mozelle Carrigan
 1923-1929
 Daughter of Willie and Irmon Carrigan.

Row 2 Plot 30
 1899-----1926
 Iva Irmon Hurbrough Carrigan
 Wife of Willie Carrigan, mother of Pauline Farmer, Hazel Crist and Willie Mozell" little Bill". I was told that she was diabetic and they went to an ice cream supper. Aunt Irmon said she was going to eat some ice cream if it killed her and it did.

Row 2 Plot 31
 Willie Cole Carrigan
 7-1-1895----8-31-1975
 Willie married Iva Irmon Hurbrough, Had three children Pauline, Hazel and Willie Mozell. He was my mother's brother, a farmer constable, carpenter and a good man. He served in the army in 1918 finished his basic training at Ft. Sam Houston and was sent to Florida to be shipped to France when the war was over and they just sent him back home. I still have his army issued shaving kit.

After his wife Irmon died in 1926, he later married Ora Christ, the

daughter of George and Della Christ. They lived together the rest of his life.

Row 2 Plot 32
Margaret Ann Hurbrough
12-19- 1864-----2-14-48

Row 2 Plot 33
S. W. Hurbrough
Died 3-22-1913 Age 53 Years
Husband of Margaret Ann.

Row 2 Plot 34
Minnie Jock
Wife of T. O. Jock.

Row 2 Plot 35
Tommy Lee Jock
1-18-1917----4-20-1917

Row 2 Plot 36
Betty Jane Hurbrough
1-29-1929-----2-29-1929

Row 2 Plot 37
Infant

Row 2 Plot 38
Ell Hubrough
1893-----1937

Row 2 Plot 39
Odie Hubrough
Private U. S. Army
12-24-1896-----12-28-1974

Row 2 Plot 40
Sam H. Hurbrough
Cpl. 16 Armored Eng. Bn.
W. W. 2 and Korea
11-18-1926-----1-26-1962

Row 2 Plot 41
Irene Ward Welch
"Aunt Patsy"
1-12-1873-----4-6-1963
Wife of Paul Welch. Attended the Methodist Church in Cross Roads for many years, was a guest in our house many times. There were three children born to this marriage, Gladys, George and Mary Lee who died at the age of three.

Row 2 Plot 42
Paul Welch
9-19-1980-----10-3-1951
Son of W.F. and Mary Welch. Worked as ginner at Riddlesperger gin for years.

Row 2 Plot 43
Deloris Irene Snapp
1929-----1965
Daughter of Gladys Hanks. Raised in Houston and don't know much about her.

Row 2 Plot 44
Gladys P. Welch Hanks
1-19-1910-----12-17-1982
Daughter of Paul and Irene Welch.

Row 2 Plot 45
Velma Ward Whittenberg

4-15- 1915

Velma married Haskell Whittenberg reared two children. Up to this point has furnished all the Ward Information.

Row 2 Plot 46
 Kate Murray Ward
 7-8-1883-----2-27-1969
 Born Menervay Catherine Murray
 Married Jack Ward 11-5-1902

Mrs. Kate was a happy person, I have ate several meals at her house while making syrup at their mill. She seemed to always pay attention to the younger people. There were seven children born to this union.

Row 2 Plot 47
 A. J. Ward
 6-19-1881-----2-28-1966

This is a small part of history of my father, Andrew Jackson Ward, better kown as Jack or Papa. Papa was one of several children born to John Henry and Nancy Jane on June 19-1881. He was born and raised on the land homesteaded by John Henry Ward (Grandpa), which is about 1 mile east of Beck's Chapel.

My family has many connections with Beck's Chapel community. My Grand Mother, Nancy Jane Sherwood Ward was the first person burried in the Beck's Chapel Cementary in 1900. My father married my mother Menervay Catherine Murray on October 5-1902, in the Beck's Chapel Church. Their first child was still bornand is burried in the cementary. Six other children were born to this union: Watson 1905--1986, Mable 1907--1974, Ruby 1909--1996, William1911--, Velma 1915--,and Vera 1919--. After Marriage Jack and Kate moved to the homeplace, which Papa baught from his brothers and sisters,and livedthere the rest of their lives. They worked the land and establised as christian members of this community.

The children in this family were raised with christian teachings. Sunday was a day of rest with no work ever being done. The family shared many happy times together, working and playing side by side. Kate and Jack's home served as a place of shelter for many visiting ministers to the comunity.In later years, Papa served as the worship leader at church and he and Mama always enjoyed the annual clean-up day for the cementary. They spent many hours taking care of the sick and in turn, were always visted by many friends and neighbors. Thier lives demonstrated caring and giving in service to others and established an example for others to follow.

Papa died in 1966 and Mama died in 1969 and both are buried in Beck's Chapel Cementary, along with Mable, Ruby,and their husbands.

The descendents of this union are proud of the heritage left by these who have gone before and continue to maintain the Ward land chosen by Grandpa Ward.

Submitted by Velma Ward Whittenberg
 Daughter

Row 2 Plot 48
 Mable Ward Reeves

Row 2 Plot 49
 Homer Reeves

Row 2 Plot 50
 Ruby Ward Hines
 7-5-1909-----

Row 2 Plot 51
 Stonewall Jackson Hines
 2-22-1908-----2-8-1989

Row 2 Plot 52
 Margaret Wade Carrigan
 1-24-1919-----10-7-1992

Row 2 Plot 53
L. W. Carrigan
" Harry "
2-19-1912-----7-20-1984

Row 2 Plot 58
Mrs. Tom E. Connelly

Row 2 Plot 59
Tom E. Connelly

Row 3 Plot 20
Shirley Riddlesperger

Row 3 Plot 23
Samuel Horton Riddlesperger Jr.
12-25-1907-----2-19-1908

Row 3 Plot 24
Mattie Celia Riddlesperger Jr.
10-17-1903-----10-15-1904

Row 3 Plot 25
Vera Anna Riddlesperger
12-4-1892-----9-9-1905

Row 3 Plot 26
Carrie C. Riddlesperger
8-28-1867-----6-2-1936

Row 3 Plot 27
Samuel Horton Riddlesperger Sr.
8-8-1851-----1-28-1936

Row 3 Plot 29
Bulah Riddlesperger Moon
9-19-1879-----8-16-1966

Row 3 Plot 30
Allen Bond Moon
6-5-1884-----6-5-1940

Row 3 Plot 32
James Thomas Kelly
7-7-1926-----3-11-1927

Row 3 Plot 33
Willie A. Kelly
10-5-1901-----8-26-1990
Daughter of W. T. and Molly Williams.

Row 3 Plot 34
Harold A Kelly
2-17-1905-----5-6-1979
Husband of Willie A. Williams born in New York, New York.

Row 3 Plot 39
Jewell Helen Williams Melton
1911-----1978

Row 3 Plot 40
Molly H. Anding Williams
9-20-1879-----5-2-1922

Row 3 Plot 42
W. T. Williams
12-23-1870-----4-29-1928

Row 3 Plot 44
Florence Elizabeth Williams Willingham
1916

Row 3 Plot 45
Haskel Lloyd Willingham

Row 3 Plot 46
Florence Williams Willingham

Row 3 Plot 47
Willingham

Row 3 Plot 48
Willingham

Row 3 Plot 47
Willingham

Row 3 Plot 48
Willingham

Row 3 Plot 49
Willingham

Row 3 Plot 50
Nancy Horsley

Row 3 Plot 51
Clark Horsley

Row 3 Plot 52
Horsley

Row 3 Plot 68
Bethany Sparks Tanner
Daughter of J. N. and Julie Sparks.

Row 3 Plot 69
Tanner

Row 3 Plot 70
Tanner

Row 3 Plot 71
Tanner

Row 4 Plot 8
Mary Leona Henry
5-8-1873-----3-25-1954

Row 4 Plot 15
C. W. Steward
5-5-1858-----10-8-1916

Row 4 Plot 18
Mr. Patract

Row 4 Plot 21
Izora Jock Hester Watts

Row 4 Plot 22
Marvin Reese Hester

Row 4 Plot 23
Wayne Hester

Row 4 Plot 24
Hester

Row 4 Plot 25
Ray Hester

Row 4 Plot 26
Hester

Row 4 Plot 27
Buddie Doyce Rainwater
2-12-1931-----1-24-1933
Small child of E. R. and Alice Anding Rainwater

Row 4 Plot 28
Alice Fayrene Anding Rainwater
8-1-1910-----11-19-1965

Row 4 Plot 29
Euel Raymond Rainwater
3-16-1904-----6-5-1985

Row 4 Plot 31
Williams Enelems Crawford
"Chuck"
2-25-1922-----3-18-1995

"Chuck" Crawford was born 2-25-1922 to Hubert E. and Minerva Crawford in Hunt Co. He attended school in Quinlan and recieved three diplomas from Cross Roads Defence School. He was a Machinist and worked 50 years for Smallwood and Sons Machine Shop Chuck married Elwanda Anding. This marriage Of 53 years, Two children Calvis and Alvis. Two daughters-in-laws Sharen and Charlette, five grandchildren Brent Clay, Misti Dawn, Crissy Rene, Shanna Lorraine, Chet Alvis.

He was a member of the Rollings Hills Bapt. Ch. for 43 years.

Row 4 Plot 32
Eleanor Elwanda Anding Crawford
9-13-1922-----

Daughter of Bud and Lillie Anding. Married William " Chuck"
Crawford had two children in this union of 53 years.

Row 4 Plot 33
Lillie Mills Anding
2-25-1893-----6-22-1956

Row 4 Plot 34
Buddie Anding
9-29-1887-----8-15-1946

Row 4 Plot 35
R. B. Anding
1-3-1929-----3-4-1929
Son of Bud and Lilly Anding.

Row 4 Plot 36
Lela W. Anding
6-29-1926-----8-25-1940
Daughter of Bud and Lilly Anding

Row 4 Plot 37
Ellen J. Fuller Anding
2-26-1916-----9-8-1998

Row 4 Plot 38
Douglas B. Anding
8-9-1914-----10-11-1984

Row 4 Plot 39

Jerry D. Anding

Row 4 Plot 44
Augustine Anding Bell
1919-----1998

Row 4 Plot 45
Bervin Bell
3-31-1917----9-27-1998

Son of James Walter and Martha Simmons Bell. Bervin was a member of the Virginia Hills Baptist Church, American Quarterhorse Club and the Bassmaster's Associaton. Worked for the Koon Creek Club for 55 years.

Bervin married Augustine Anding the daughter of Bud and Lilly Mills Anding, there were three children born to this marriage, Janis, Ronnie, Jayna.

Row 4 Plot 47
Evelyn Anding Clayton

Row 4 Plot 48
Clayton

Row 4 Plot 49 Thruhg 58
B.R. Anding Family

Row 4 Plot 59
Bonnie Richardson Smith

Row 4 Plot 60
Boyce R. (Rance) Anding
8-20-1931-----any minute now

Row 4 Plot 61
Patricia Pollard

Row 4 Plot 62
Geraldine Pollard

Row 5 Plot 6
Artie Goodgame Coeey
11-28-1934-----

Row 5 Plot 7
Rev. A. J.Coeey
9-6-1925-----5-6-1976

Row 5 Plot 8
James A. Goodgame
10-19-1930-----11-30-1930

Row 5 Plot 9
Hubert R. Goodgame
1-25-1900-----7-1-1967

Row 5 Plot 10
Pairlee R. Trice Goodgame
1908-----1980

Row 5 Plot 11
Gilbert A. Trice
-----5-17-1964

Row 5 Plot 12

Elizabeth A. Trice
 -----6-6-1952 age 66 years 1 mo. 12 days

Row 5 Plot 13
 Rose Wilson

Row 5 Plot 14
 Fanny Farmer

Little is known about this man, he was working for the Doodle-Bug ranch. I was told he always carried a gun and whip. Mrs. Lilly Anding told this story: Bob Beck had a bull that would fight and he sold him to Mr. Smith who owned Doodle-Bug, when Fanny came after the bull he just opened the gate with them telling him that the bull would fight. when Fanny walked through the gate the bull lowered his head Fanny cut him on the nose, with the cracker on his whip the bull shook his head and Fanny struck him on the nose again making the same gash longer. The bull turned away from him and Fanny drove him home with no trouble. My daddy said he asked to be burried at Darbone a place in Anderson Co. in the Saddler's pasture.

A.R.

Row 5 Plot 18
 Unkown

Row 5 Plot 19
 Emma Jane Burns Walker
 1-11-1845-----1-20-1908

Row 5 Plot 20
 Charles F. Walker
 8-1-1847-----12-23-1903

Row 5 Plot 21
 Emma Swain

Row 5 Plot 22
 Lloyd Swain

Row 5 Plot 23
 Armanda Lee Morgan
 11-4-1887-----

Row 5 Plot 24
 Josie Mae Sparks Penny Whitman Penny

I , Josie Sparks Penny, like VelmaWhittenberg, can remember so many memories of Beck's Chapel. I was born to Julie Ann Beck Sparks and Jordan Neal Sparks. I had one brother, Robert Lewis Sparks, 8 years older than my self, and one sister, Bethany Sparks Tanner, twelve years younger. The place where I was born was very near the church and school. My Dad was a stewart in the Curch for many years, and we had the preachers in our home many times. I always felt that I was very lucky, fortunate little girl because I just about had two homes. my uncle Luke "Coot " Simmons and Aunt Mary "Girlie"was indeed my second home. Uncle Coot and Aunt Girlie had two Daughters. One expired before my time was burried at Willow Springs.Thier other daughter, Johnnie Lee Simmons Trammell and I were very close. Whenever she wanted to go somewhere, Uncle Coot and Aunt Girile would usually get me to go with her. She was eight years older than me Until her death we remained the best of friends. I was a very tomboyish type of girl who loved to ride horses, fish and hunt. Uncle Coot would let me ride to the pasture and help with the cows, He also had a mule named " Booger Red ".I remember the basketball court, the old dirt one. Alvis "Stump" Goodgame, Edward Powell, Watson Ward, Johnnie "Pat " Goodgame, Earnest Carrigan, Orval Anding, And others always playing so hard. This little church in the wild wood was very instrumental in my having faith in God. It will always be home to me. I remember stringing pop corn, making paper chains to trim our big cedar Christmas tree. the larger children in school would helpput tin candle

holders on the tree forlights, after all was done and before school was let out for the holidays, we would have a large community affair,with gifts, a school play, etc.

One thing can remember vividly was the old Jacket wood stove. Some one who was mischevious would drop a piece of crayola crayon on the heater and the smell would nearly take your breath away from fumes. Also I remember for punishment some would be put into the cloak room, stood in a corner and for severe punishment made to sit under the teacher's desk. Imagine that happening that happening today. I remember studying while one class was doing their oral work or tapping on the blackboard doing math. one chore everyone wanted to do was "dust the erasers" or get fire wood. any thing to get out of class work. Can't one relate to any more than that for "fond memories?" During our younger days, there were people traveling through the country side in wagons people called them "Gypsies" Once I recall, two bands of these Gypsies camped by the basketball court. We had a large peach tree across the road and they stripped about every peach from it. Then my Dad heard the chickens in our chicken house squaking. He got his old Twelve Gauge went out and caught them. My Dad gave them two hens and a dozen eggs told them by daylight to be out of sight. Sure enough by school time they were gone.

Row 5 Plot 25
Clifton A. Penny Sr.
6-11-1916-----4-1-1954

Row 5 Plot 26
Clifton A. Penny Jr.
3-7-1940-----1-3-1953

Row 5 Plot 27
Baby Girl Penny
Glenda Louise
11-24-1943-----11-24-1943

Row 5 Plot 28
Sandra Penny

Row 5 Plot 30
Mark Bates

Row 5 Plot 31
Arthur Forest Whitman
5-30-1926-----9-21-1972

Son of James Columbus and Iva Johnnie Adams Whitman. Forest and his wife Josie Mae played games once or twice a week with me and my wife for many years. Forest was the sixth child of the family, Frances married Ernest Arthus. James Talmadge (next plot). Frank Edwin 1-3-1922---april 11-1925 ,buried at Malakoff , City Cementary. Charles Russel 4-1-1923---2-11-1966 buried Malakoff, Married Julie Mae Vieregge Carter had one child. Charlie in the army during W. W. 2 1942--1945 he served in England, France, Germany and Belgium. He was in the tank battalion. Major battle was "The Battle Of The Bulge ". He fought in other engagements, but I don't remember them. One story I remember was a German fighter plane came over every evening strafing and they called him " old bed check Charlie". Gladys married my brother Alvis Rainwater. There five boys born to this union. Forest . Mattie Sue married Bobby G. Selmon. Martha Cleon married Daniel V. Cannon.

Row 5 Plot 32
James Talmadge Whitman
2-7-1920-----1-16-1997

Son of James C. and Iva Johnnie Adams Whitman. Served 30 years in Armed Forces.

A veteran of W. W. 11 and the Korean Conflict Master Sargent Whitman's career began at Fort Bliss, Texas in March 1942. He served Ireland, England and the continent of Europe and was a member of a Communications team with the 6th British Airborne which laid a

glider drop across the Rhine prior to the "Battle Of The Bulge ".
 Discharged to civilian life in 1945, he worked for the St. Southeastern
 Railroad, Texas Division, and operated a farm in the vicinity of
 Cross Roads Texas, But in 1952, He was recalled to active duty. Since
 then, Army duty has carried him to many parts of the world, from Turkey
 to the island of Okinawa. Before being assigned to Seneca in 1960 he
 was stationed at Sandia Base, New Mexico.

J. T. Retired from the service June 22, 1966 s on active reserve untill
 June, 22 1976, completing 30 years active service. J. T. was awarded the
 Bronze Star he landed by glider on the east bank of the Rhine north-east
 Of Wesel in enemy territory and while under intense enemy fire, assisted
 in setting up radio contact and maintained untill ground contact was
 established.

By Sue Selmon - Sister

Row 5 Plot 33
 Mary Timmons

Row 5 Plot 34
 Timmons

Row 5 Plot 35
 Timmons

Row 6 Plot 8
 Louise Carrigan
 Small daughter of Harry and Margaret Carrigan.

Row 6 Plot 9
 John Henry Carrigan
 2-7-1910-----11-16-1958
 Tec. 5 38 Staging Area Co. W.W. Two

Row 6 Plot 10
 Samuel W. Carrigan
 1-7-1876-----11-1-47

Row 6 Plot 11
 Mrs. Charles Bradley Carrigan

Row 6 Plot 12
 Gladys Weeks Carrigan

Row 6 Plot 13
 Earnest Carrigan
 1908-----1983

Row 6 Plot 17
 James W. Moon
 11-23-1886-----1-19-1913
 Camp 452 W. O. W.

Row 6 Plot 22
 Dorthy Riddlesperger Dickerson
 1899----1981

Dora Ward Riddlesperger
 1875-----1968
 "Aunt Dode"

Row 6 Plot 24
 J. D. W. Riddlesperger
 1867-----1903

Row 6 Plot 25
 Jake I. Walker
 12-14-1904-----12-14-1904

Row 6 Plot 26

Preston Walker
10-1-1903-----1-4-1904

Row 6 Plot 30
Luiza Wright
3-16-1891-----6-3-1926

Row 6 Plot 31
Donald A. Wright
4-8-1885-----7-16-1964

Row 6 Plot36
Mittie Anding Shelton
2-24-1882-----12-1-1959

My mother was` born in the Beck's Chapel community, the daughter of Rance Anding. One of Five girls and one son and Mary Clark The daughters were Jersha Anding Pierce , Josephine Anding Beck, Mollie Anding Williams, Mittie Anding Shelton, Lena Anding Barton and Bud Anding. Mittie married Sam Houston Shelton 1907. Three Daughters were born to this union. Mable Ann, Nubul, and Tennie Mae Shelton. Tennie Mae married Harris Ballow and there were three childern, two girles and one son. Harris is buried at Oaklawn In Athens and Tinnie Mae will be too.

From This Is My Life
By Tinnie Mae Shelton Ballow - Daughter

Row 6 Plot 37
Sam H. Shelton
10-10-1876-----8-8-1961

I knew Sam all my life, I was born in Cross Roads next door to him, but I never knew very much about him untill I started this book. Sam was probably one of the desendants from the oldest settlers in the country. Born to W. S. and Milinda Scott Shelton Only eleven years after the civil war and his father was killed when a limb fell from a tree he was resting under when Sam was only eight years old. W. S. Shelton served in Co. C. Sloan's Texas Rangers C.S.A. Saw a lot of action during the Civil War, to die peacefully resting under a shade tree only in 1884. The Scotts settled on land from the state.

Row 6 Plot 38
Mable Shelton Barton
1909-----1939

Oldest daughter of Sam and Mittie Shelton. Married Benton Barton. Died at an early age of leakage of the heart.

My oldest sister, Mable Ann, was beautiful, with olive skin, big brown eyes, and waist lenght, straight dark hair. I often wished I had been as pretty as she was, or as dutifuland as caring as my middle sister.

From This Is My Life by
Tinnie Mae Shelton Ballow

Row 6 Plot 39
Lee J. Mooney
9-15-1896-----1-20-1929
A flower that faded too soon
Erected by Stevie Crist

Row 6 Plot 51
Minnie Elizabeth Johntson
2-2-1891-----11-23-1981

Row 6 Plot 52
Mattie Fade Rachel
1-18-1914-----

Row 6 Plot 53
Hobert Rachel
3-10-1907-----2-9-1976

Row 6 Plot 54
Navada Mae Fade Thomas

Row 6 Plot 55
Elmer Clannon Thomas
7-24-1905-----2-3-1975

Row 7 Plot 9
Manley
-----\$-19-1967
Age 73 years

Row 7 Plot 11
Moser

Row 7 Plot 13
Minnie Leech
1878-----1928

Row 7 Plot 18
Paula B. Julian
5-14-1950-----1-14-1950
 Infant daughter of V. H. Jullian

Row 7 Plot 20
Minnie V. Moon
10-11-1879-----4-21-1957

Row 7 Plot 21
Rev. B. F. Moon
12-30-1868-----11-21-1930

Row 7 Plot 22
J. D. Arthus
Son of Jim Arthus

Row 7 Plot 23
Gordon R. Moon 1909-----2-25-1912
Son of B. F. Moon

Row 7 Plot 24
Unkown

Row 7 Plot 25
Unkown

Row 7 Plot 26
Bertha A. Jackson
6-26-1888-----10-31-1904
Daughter of D. A. and Sarah Jackson

Row 7 Plot 27
John L. Jackson 11-4-1893-----5-26-1910
Son of D.A. and Sarah Jackson

Row 7 Plot 28
Daniel A. Jackson
1-31-1848-----1-22-1928

Row 7 Plot 29
Sarah E. Ward Jackson
9-14-1859-----4-16-1941

Row 7 Plot 30
Bill Runnels

Row 7 Plot 31
Geneva Arthus

1928-----1932

Row 7 Plot 32
Leona Simmons Arthus
1909-1997

Row 7 Plot 33
Reagon Arthus
5-5-1908----3-29-1978

Row 7 Plot 35
Unkown

Row 7 Plot 36
Thelma Gladys Hurbrough Fade
5-12-1903-----9-9-1943

Row 7 Plot 37
Charlie B. Fade
3-24-1848-----7-19-1934

Row 7 Plot 38
Baby Fade

Row 7 Plot 39
Arthur Fade

Row 7 Plot 40
Willis Fade
11-15-1854-----1-1-1929

Row 7 Plot 41
Susie Fade
1-22-1868-----3-5-1926

Row 7 Plot 42
Alma K. Welch Fade
10-25-1896-----8-8-1992

Row 7 Plot 43
Joel F. Fade
6-1-1893-----2-24-1981

Row 7 Plot 44
Robert E. Evans
10-19-1927-----5-14-1977

Row 7 Plot 45
Betty Fade Evans Unmarked

Row 7 Plot 46
Jewel Majorie Fade Hardin
7-2-1919-----1-29-1990

Row 7 Plot 47
Garland P. Hardin
7-26-1912-----4-29-1982
Cpl. u. s. Army W. W. Two

Row 7 Plot 66
S. Gene Thomas
11-20-1933-----10-28-1989

Row 8 Plot 15
Ray Smith

Row 8 Plot 20
Rainwater

Row 8 Plot 21

Albert Cole Rainwater
 "Dumple"
 7-15-1931-----One of these days

Row 8 Plot 22
 Joe Nell Snowden Pennington
 2-16-1945-----3-17-1994

Row 8 Plot 23
 Jim T. Snowden
 4-15-1895----10-31-1960

Row 8 Plot 24
 Wofford Arthus

Row 8 Plot 25
 Ocie Sherman Rainwater
 1892-----1982

Row 8 Plot 26
 Maudie Pearl Simmons Rainwater
 1893-----1879

Row 8 Plot 27
 Baby Boy Rainwater

Row 8 Plot 28
 Myrtle Alford Rainwater

Row 8 Plot 30
 Albert Monroe Rainwater
 11-22-1857-----6-28-1909

Row 8 Plot 31
 Renia Nix Rainwater
 11-9-1867-----4-2-1947

My grandmother was a very stern unsmiling woman. I can't remember her showing any affection to any one, maybe it was the hardtimes of raising small children on her own, maybe it was her Indian blood or nature (one-fourth Chatow and one eight Cherokee). I am told her daddy was a cruel vindictive man, but she always had tea cakes in my life time. She lived with an "old maid daughter whom we called Auntie They lived off what they made picking , and hoeing cotten and a garden, sometimes she would season her boiled her vegetables with hickory and walnut goodies. Auntie died with a brain tumor at home a long agony. The sons and daughters- in- laws were wondering who would keep Grandma after Auntie died, but she was gathering eggs when a copper head bit her on the hand. Never would she call a doctor so she drank what whiskey she had and went to bed, and had a stroke a few days later and died. She was laying on a straw mattress, probaly about the same as she was born on. When I think back on my grandmother I wonder if I had of had as a hard life as she had how bitter would I have been.

by Albert Rainwater grandson

Row 8 Plot 32
 Hallie Pearl Rainwater
 11-3-1888-----4-19-1947

My Aunt Hallie was an old maid by choice because she had to take care of her mother. she had a dry sense of humor, she made bread from everlasting yeast, so don't run in the house or slam any doors. She Died with a brain tumor at home. It was hard to watch her waste away to nothing.

by A. R. nephew

Another thing that stands out in my memories is one of
Miss Hallie Rainwater, always walking, rain or shine to
church everytime the doors were open for church or
Sundayschool.

Josie May Sparks Penny

Row 8 Plot33
Margie E. Jackson Mills
1-16-1886-----7-21-1968

Row 8 Plot 34
Alonzo C. Mills
4-25-1882-----10-12-1957

Row 8 Plot 35
Ardis Mills
Son of Alonzo and Margie Mills

Row 8 Plot 36
Pauline Mills
4-4-1921-----5-7-1923

Row 8 Plot 37
Hazel F. Mills
1-1-1923-----11-7-1924
Daughted of A. C. and Margie Mills

Row 8 Plot 45
Marvin L. Hester
1936-----1996

Row 8 Plot 46
Odessa Jock
"Buddin"
6-3-1919-----12-19-1944

Row 8 Plot 47
Navada Hurbrough Jock
"Tuck"
19-2-1895-----11-20-1972

Row 8 Plot 48
Henry Jock
11-7-1872-----2-5-1960
Missed spelled on tombstone

Row 8 Plot 62
Carl Brian Bishop
Born and died 5-30-1971

Row 9 Plot 15
Mrs. Bilbro

Row 9 Plot 16
Clifton Thomas
1925-----1928

Row 9 Plot 18
Geneva Irene Pinrest

Row 9 Plot 19
Bennie Helen Anthony

Row 9 Plot 20
Jimmy Frances Snowden

Row 9 Plot 21
Mable Arthus Deuley

Row 9 Plot 22
Earnest Franklin Arthus
9-13-1939-----10-17-1941

Row 9 Plot 26
Nubel Drucilla Shelton Cannon
7-19-1811-----

Row 9 Plot 27
Kermit Leeroy Cannon
10-17-1910-----7-14-1989

Row 9 Plot 28
Ella Eugene Cannon
8-4-1893-----9-22-1974

Row 9 Plot 29
W. W. Cannon
6-11-1876-----9-9-1921

Row 9 Plot 30
W. Earnest Cannon
9-5-1901-----10-28-1972

Row 9 Plot 31
Vernie B. Cannon
5-9-1905-----

Row 9 Plot 33
Ronald Lynn Cannon
2-11-1954-----6-19-1976

Row 9 Plot 34
Mary Rozell Cannon
6-27-1931-----11-12-1998
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Rozell , married Bill Cannon.

Row 9 Plot 36
J. B. Mills
1856-----1933

Row 9 Plot 40
Boy Carrol
B&D 12-10-1918
Baby of Ponder and Christena Bomer Carrol.

Row 9 Plot 41
Christina Bomer Carrol
Died 12-10-1918
Married Ponder Carrol March 30-1918, but died of the flu
epidemic and child birth while her husband was service in
France during W. W. War 1.

Row 9 Plot 42
Baby Carrol
Stillborn baby of Ponder Carrol and second wife a Kenner.

Row 9 Plot 43
Martha Bomer

Row 9 Plot 44
J.C. Bomer

Row 9 Plot 51
Lacy Washington

Row 9 Plot 61
Ralph Lee Galespy

Row 9 Plot 62
Galespy

Row 9 Plot 63
Galespy

Row 9 Plot 64
Galespy

Row 9 Plot 65
Galespy

Row 10 Plot 15
Norma Jean Ward
7-7-1935-----5-6-1940

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Ward.

Row 10 Plot 16
A. J. Ward
6-19-1941-----5-26-1943

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Ward.

Row 10 Plot 17
Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Ward.

Row 10 Plot 18
Artie Hanna Ward
11-8-1915-----

Row 10 Plot 19
James William Ward
11-8-1911-----

Row 10 Plot 28
Derl Cannon

Row 10 Plot 29
Derl Cannon

Row 10 Plot 30
Foster Riddlesperger
6-24-1891-----12-22-1961

Foster Riddlesperger lived his entire life in Henderson Co, Beck's Chapel community. He was a God fearing man, hard working man who made his living by farming a small farm, ekeing a living for five children and two step-children. There was a saying that he thought twice before saying something then decided not to say it at all. He loved his church Beck's Chapel Methodist and after learning to play a pump organ through a correnspondince was the organ player for many, many years.

by Doris Riddlesperger Aaron

Row 10 Plot 31
Mattie Mae Fade Riddlesperger
8-19-1896-----4-13-1975

Mattie Riddlesperger was born in San Saba County and came to Henderspn Co. as a young girl. She was married to Wofford Arthus who Died leaving her with two small children (Mable and Eugene) to raise in a time when such a burdon was almost impossible. She later Married Foster Riddlesperger and together they had five living (one stillborn) children. She was a tipical house wife wife of the day, including raising a garden and helping in the field when needed and possible. She was a dedicated wife and mother with a ready smile and good sense of humor. She loved her church, where she taught Sunday School and cared for people in the community.

by Doris Riddlesperger Aaron

Row 10 Plot 32
Eugene F. Arthus

1951-----1952

Row 10 Plot 33
Katherine Arthus
1941-----1952

Row 10 Plot 35
Vera Lee Yarbrough Arthus
1923-----1952
Ricky Lee Arthus
1952

Eugene E. Arthus
1918----1952

Row 10 Plot 37
Foster A. Riddlesperger
2-20-1926-----11-29-1952

Foster Adrain Riddlesperger was the oldest son of Foster and Mattie Riddlesperger. He lived most of his life in the Beck's Chaprl Comunity, share cropped a few years before serving in the service during the Korean war. Shortly after getting out of the service he began working in Houston at the ship yard. One weekend as he and his half brother, Eugene Arthus and family were comming home for a visit they were in a tragic car wreck. Adrain, Eugene, his wife and three of their four children were killed.

by Doris Riddlesperger Aaron

Row 10 Plot 61
Ralph Lee Galespy

Row 10 Plot 62
Galespy

Row 10 Plot 63
Galespy

Row 10 Plot 64
Galespy

Row 10 Plot 65
Glaspy

Row 10 Plot 65
James Lee Glaspy
1917-----1989

Row 11 Plot 35
Margaret Strange

Row 11 Plot 36
Strange

Row11 Plot 37
Strange

Row 11 Plot 39
Mike Crist

Row 11 Plot 40
Mike Crist

Row 11 Plot 41
Lawrence Lee Crist
1928-----1996

Row 11 Plot 42
Lawrence Stephen Crist
PN3 U.S. Navy

10-5-1957-----4-4-1989

Row 11 Plot 43
Nellie Mooney Crist (McCreary)
7-16-1898-----4-5-1983

Row 11 Plot 44
Stephen Houston Crist
6-22-1895-----11-13-1945

Row 11 Plot 46
Michael Shane Crist
12-28-1973-----12-29-1973
Son of Tony and Charlette Crist. Died a few hours after
birth with a lung disorder.

Row 11 Plot 50
Hazel Lee Carrigan Crist
\$-30-1921-----4-20-1988

Row 11 Plot 51
William Maury Crist
7-14-1915-----

Row 11 Plot 60
Geoffrey Ian Geddie

Row 12 Plot 19
James Clinton Thornton
12-12-1922-----2-8-1991

RT 2 U.S. Navy
W.W. 2

Row 12 Plot 29
Ike Vernon Beck
1911-----1990

Row 12 Plot 32
Margaret Strange

Row 12 Plot 33
Strange

Row 12 Plot 34
Strange

Row 12 Plot 35
Strange

Row 12 Plot 36
Strange

Row 12 Plot 37
Strange

Row 12 Plot 38
Strange

Row 12 Plot 39
Strange

Row 12 Plot 40
Strange

Row 12 Plot 41

Row 12 Plot 44 Ring

Row 12 Plot 45

Willie Jo Welch Ring
5-16-1924-----

Row12 Plot 46
Sammie Ring
9-11-1923-----10-6-1983

Row 12 Plot 47
Hubert H. Welch
6-245-1914-----4-13-1994
PHM3 U. S. Navy W.W. 2

Row 12 Plot 48
Clyde Ennis Welch
1906-----1938

Row 12 Plot 49
Henry G. Welch
10-25-1875-----1-1-1957

Row 12 Plot 50
Eva Hubrough Welch
2-21-1887-----3-8-1969

Row 12 Plot 51
Lillian F. Welch Stockard
1-4-1909-----

Row 12 Plot 52
Johnnie F. Stockard
1-14-1916-----

Row 12 Plot 65
Craig Gartside

Row 12 Plot 66
Billie Jo Palmer Gartside

Row 12 Plot 67
Ruby Moon Palmer
11-15-1901-----4-9-1980

Row 12 Plot 68
John O. "Pat" Palmer
4-20-1896-----5-22-1963

Row 12 Plot 73
Don W. Estes
5-5-1930-----4-17-1992
CMCO U.S. Navy Vietnam

Row 14 Plot 33
Margaret Strange

Row 14 Plot 34
Strange

Row Plot 35
Strange

Row 14 Plot 36
Strange

Row 14 Plot 37
Strange

Row 14 Plot 38
Strange

Row 14 Plot 39

Strange

Row 14 Plot 40
Strange

Row 14 Plot 41

Row 14 Plot 48
Elizabeth A. Glasgow Arthus (Sketter)
7-27-1934-----

Row 14 Plot 49
Loy D. Arthus (Bub)
2-19-1935-----6-4-1992

Row 14 Plot 57
Effie E. Litchfield Moon
2-11-21-----

Row14 Plot 58
Wade W. Moon Sr.
10-10-1915-----10-12-1986
Pvt. U.S. Army W.W. 2

Row 14 Plot 59
Anne L. Moon
12-17-1908-----5-2-1986

Row 14 Plot 60
I. Ray Moon
5-15-1905-----9-21-1992

Sally Moon
6-24-1978-----

Row 14 Plot 65
Hortense Bell

Row 14 Plot 66
Foster R. Bell

Row 14 Plot 67
Lespie J. Bell

In his early years Lespie lived in areas around what is known as Sand Spring His parents, Thomas and Mattie Parker Bell, and several other family members rest in the Shelby Chapel Cementary.

Lespie served in the army during W. W. 1 and would occasionally talk about his training in San Antonia and traveling across the country on the troop train.

Farming was his life's work and he worked from dawn to dark. All his farm animals were tended with care and were gentle as pets. He was a gentle, good and kind man.

By Hortense Bell - Daughter

Row 14 Plot 68

Ruby Riddlesperger Bell

Lespie and Ruby Riddlesperger were both Henderson Co. natives. Ruby was a resident of the county her entire life and most of the time lived in the Beck's Chapel community where she was born to Sam and Carrie Walker Riddlesperger. They were married December 11,1919. In her younger years, Ruby was greatly impressed by a cousin who was a physician and developed a strong interest in medicine and tending the ill. She became a good practical nurse for many years was able to be of help to many families during serious illness. Ruby also active in the local church. She enjoyed singing the old hymns, was a Sunday School teacher and was active in the Ladies

Aid (now known as the United Methodist Women). Almost without fail when the doors were open for church and other community actives, Ruby, Lespie and the family was there.

Ruby pieced and quilted many quilts providing the coversto keep the family warm on cold winter nights. Her quilts were beautiful works of art as well as utilitarian. She enjoyed participating in quilting bees. She was a good seamstress and made most all of the family clothing, and sometimes helped neighbors with sewing. These things she needed to do always received first attention. However it was a real, special treat when she had an opportunity to do embroidery, crochet tatting patience was a characteristic. Once she selected the finest white flour sacks she had and by hand embroidery created beautiful eyelet material for blouses for her girls and, when she made a mistake, she didn't attempt to "gloss it over", she ripped out and did it again.

As all farm families those days, Ruby and Lespie had gardens each year to provide a large portion of their food. Come late fall, there were many, many beautiful jars of canned vegetables, fruits, jams and jellies. they all ways raised chickens and hogs also for family food and of course, and had milk cows. Always a topic of conversation in those days when families visited one another was whether they had any little chicks, calves, how the garden was doing.

Hortense Bell - Daughter

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Heather Lee Ann Walker

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Delores (Dinky) Simmons

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8-12-1917-----

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4-5-1913-----5-26-1994

Row 18 Plot 58
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Lola Shelton Casey Welch

Lola (Pete) Shelton was born to George and Viola Boyd Shelton. They were Farmers and lived in the Cross Roads era all their lives. Lola married Harold Casey, and three children Don, Lynn and Bill. Pete's family were some of the older settlers in the Cross Roads area.

Row 18 Plot 60
Robert E. Welch
9-22-1911-----5-26-1995

Son of Henry and Eva Ward Welch, born in the Beck' s Chapel area, farmed and worked in the oil-field, most of his young life. Joined the National Guard 8-2-1921, enlisted into the Army 10-15-1942 and was discharged 11-8 1945 at Fort Sam Houston. He was tank driver. A shell hit his tank and burst his ear drum. Battles and champains were Naples, Faggia, Rome, Anzio and North Africa.

Decorations and citations were E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal with four Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, Victories Ribbon,1 service stripe and 4 overseas bars.

Robert's parents were Henry and Eva Brooks Welch. They were farmers. Robert was raised around Beck's Chapel and Athens. Robert was married to Katherine Foster. They had one son Bobby Wayne, and divorced. Robert married Lola Shelton Casey 1-10-1956, no children in this union.

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