

*Thompson Family Cemetery*

*History and Profiles*

**By Frances Colwell**



## Preface

These Profiles have been prepared to record the history as we know it of the individuals buried in what is now called the **Thompson Family Cemetery**, 6500 block of White Settlement Road.

*Special Thanks* to Jack Thompson, the only descendant of this Thompson family I know, for his cooperation in providing family photos and family history for this volume. Without his assistance and that of his wife, Evelyn, this work would not be as comprehensive as it is. They reside in Lincoln, Arkansas.

Newspaper articles have been copied verbatim even though inaccuracies exist in them. Such as -- one newspaper article stated that Mrs. Jeanette B. Thompson was in her nineties whereas we know she passed away at 80 years of age.

Other inaccuracies may exist although all means possible were taken to record accurate data.

May you have as much pleasure reading this volume as I have had in preparing it.

Frances Colwell

The cover photo was taken inside the **Thompson Family Cemetery** and shows the tombstones of members of the Thompson family.

The former **Potishman home** is shown in the background at 6530 White Settlement Road.

This turreted stone mansion was built in 1936 for Leo Potishman (1896-1981), a Fort Worth businessman and philanthropist. Potishman was a successful entrepreneur whose early investments in the Burkburnett and Ranger oil fields gave him sufficient capital to enter the grain business. He was the owner and president of the Transit Grain Company and founder of Vit-A-Way.

There are Leo Potishman Foundations at Texas Christian University and at the University of Minnesota, School of Public Health. He also was a long time benefactor of Tarleton State University.

The property surrounding the **Thompson Family Cemetery** was purchased by the federal government in the 1950s, and the former Potishman home is currently used as the clubhouse for the Hawkes Creek Golf Course at Naval Air Station - Fort Worth - Joint Reserve Base (formerly Carswell Air Force Base).

This photo was taken by Frances Colwell on September 25, 2006.

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# History of Thompson Family Cemetery

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The first burial at this site on White Settlement Road six miles west of the Tarrant County Courthouse on the H. J. Thompson ranch was that of 51-year old **Henry J. Thompson** in August 1883. Henry J. and Jeanette B. Thompson had moved their family from Jacksboro to this part of Tarrant County and built a new home in 1873 on the 2,000 acres of land he owned in Tarrant County. It was built on the current site of Shady Oaks Country Club, 320 Roaring Springs Road. He enjoyed his new home for only ten years when he died in 1883.

Thompson was a Real Estate Broker in Jacksboro, and records reveal he purchased this particular 320-acre tract from Baldwin L. Samuels on August 28, 1869. He also owned 2,000 acres in Parker County plus additional acreage in Jack County.

The second known burial at this site was that of Eppie Latimer York in 1885. Her burial site is immediately south of and adjacent to the Thompson Family Cemetery.

On March 12, 1932, A. Stewart of Bradley, Arkansas, deeded this small cemetery (consisting of .55 acres), now called the **Thompson Family Cemetery**, to these members of the Thompson Family:

<u>Names on Deed</u>	<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Year of Death</u>
*T. T. Thompson	Thompson Thomas Thompson	1/2	1878	?? 1951 <i>Grandmother</i>
*Mary E. Farmer	Mary Eva (Tchudy) Thompson Farmer (Mrs. Eugene Ward Farmer)	1/6	1874	1945 <i>Tomb -</i>
*Cherokee Farmer	Martha Cherokee Thompson Farmer (Mrs. James David Farmer)	1/6	1861	1940 <i>on wood</i>
**Mrs. Dolly Street	Dolly Thompson Street (Mrs. George Roy Street)	1/30	1891	1980
**B. L. Thompson	Benjamin Louis Thompson	1/30	1897	1979
**Florence Thompson	Florence Thompson	1/30	1893	1975
**Robert Thompson	Robert H. Thompson	1/30	1899	1978
**Marvin Thompson	Marvin Stuart Thompson	1/30	1910	1978

\* Children of Henry J. and Jeanette B. Thompson

\*\* Children of H. L. (Harris Louis) Thompson and Lizzie Tinsley Thompson

**Known Burials** were made in this order:

1. 1883	Henry J. Thompson	7. 1919	Grace C. Farmer
2. 1885	Eppie Latimer York	8. 1922	H. L. Thompson
3. 1-9-1907	Charlie Thompson	9. 1926	Jeanette B. Thompson
4. Oct. 1907	Fred Farmer Thompson	10. 1929	Turner T. Thompson
5. 1910	Eugene W. Farmer	11. 1933	Mary M. (Aunt Mirt) Campbell
6. 1914	James C. Thompson	12. 1938	Lizzie Thompson
		13. 1945	Mary E. Farmer



Two bases with missing tombstones remain in place in the main part of the cemetery -- one is that of Turner T. Thompson and the other one is unknown. In the large area on the east, there are two missing tombstones with the bases still in place. Records do not reveal the identity of these graves.

In the spring of 1940, Fort Worth Mayor Amon G. Carter began a movement to attract new manufacturing facilities to the area as American industrial concerns were in the midst of a defense-era expansion at the request of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Major Reuben H. Fleet (1887-1975) was the founder and president of Consolidated Aircraft Corporation at that time.

Inasmuch as Amon Carter knew that Consolidated was interested in an inland site to build an aircraft plant and Major Reuben Fleet was president of that Corporation, Carter invited Major Fleet to Fort Worth to see the suggested site they were promoting for a large aircraft facility. Major Fleet came, and history tells us that Amon Carter (and others) took Major Fleet out on Lake Worth in a large party boat, "*wined him and dined him*" -- and the Fort Worth location was approved for the 10-feet-larger-than-any-other aircraft plant in the world (at that time)!

On January 3, 1941, after several weeks of negotiations between the War Department, Major Reuben H. Fleet and Fort Worth Mayor Amon G. Carter, plans were announced for a new assembly plant in Fort Worth. The federal government bought the land near the small private cemetery, and the aviation industry began with a bomber assembly plant on government land in Fort Worth.

The groundbreaking ceremony (led by Mayor Amon G. Carter and Major Fleet) was held April 18, 1941, for the government-owned plant.

"The main plant, with 4.9 million square feet under roof and an assembly bay that stretches for nearly a mile, is the largest unobstructed indoor area in the world. It's as long as 12 city blocks and as high as a six-story apartment building. When completed, the Fort Worth facility was the largest air-conditioned building in the world." That was from a statement in 1982 entitled, "*The B-24 Liberator really started it all.*"

Work was stepped up after December 7, 1941 -- when Pearl Harbor was attacked.

On February 7, 1942, a \$6.5 million Air Force expansion was added to the government-owned facility.

"The first *B-24 Liberator* from the Fort Worth plant was accepted by the Air Force three months ahead of schedule in May 1942. An amazing feat, considering that the Bomber Plant had just been completed and skilled labor was difficult to find." This facility has been in continuous operation since that time.

On August 21, 1942, Tarrant Airdrome was activated adjacent to the aircraft assembly installation.

In May 1943, it was renamed Fort Worth Army Air Field.

In January 1948, there were three name changes --

On January 2, 1948, it was named Fort Worth Air Field.

On January 19, 1948, it was renamed Griffiss Air Force Base.

On January 30, 1948, it was renamed Carswell Air Force Base in honor of a local Medal of Honor recipient -- Major Horace S. Carswell, Jr. That name was kept for about 45 years.

In 1953 and 1954, the runway was lengthened and widened, and it was at that time that White Settlement Road was closed just west of the small private cemetery -- virtually isolating the then thriving City of White Settlement whose main thoroughfare -- White Settlement Road -- had led from Fort Worth to Weatherford for almost 100 years.

This pioneer cemetery was maintained by Carswell Air Force Base personnel during the years of its possession there, however when the base changed to Naval Air Station - Fort Worth - Joint Reserve Base, maintenance of the small cemetery was discontinued. That maintenance was taken over by the White Settlement Historical Society in September 2003, and continues at this time.

See the **Air Force Memorial -- Washington, D. C. - Oct. 2006** story near the back of this book.

The federal government still recognizes deed ownership assigned in 1932 to the property now called the Thompson Family Cemetery.

It is evident that the survey of the Thompson Family Cemetery made by Frances Allen in 1979 consisted of data from the existing tombstones. Only one tombstone has been taken since that time -- that of Turner T. Thompson -- and its base still remains in place.

In an article in the July/August 1992 edition of **AURA**, a magazine for Fort Worth and Tarrant County, John Paschal wrote about cemeteries in an article entitled "***Gone but Not Forgotten.***"

He lists Fort Worth's prominent cemeteries then lists "Other notable Fort Worth cemeteries." Among those listed is --

#### **"Thompson Family Cemetery**

"B-52s roar overhead. Tee shots sound off from the adjacent 10<sup>th</sup> tee box at Carswell Air Force Base Golf Course. It all makes for a bizarre backdrop to this small, well-kept family cemetery just off White Settlement Road, where 14 members of the pioneer Thompson family are buried. Descendants still live in Fort Worth."

Of those 14 members of the Thompson family and friends, only 13 of them are known at this time.

Of course, that golf course is now known as the Hawkes Creek Golf Course.

If anyone reading this has knowledge of others buried there, we would like to hear from you. My phone number on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006, is 817-246-1155.

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**Thompson Family Cemetery**  
**6500 Block White Settlement Road**  
**Naval Air Station - Fort Worth - Joint Reserve Base**  
**(formerly Carswell Air Force Base)**

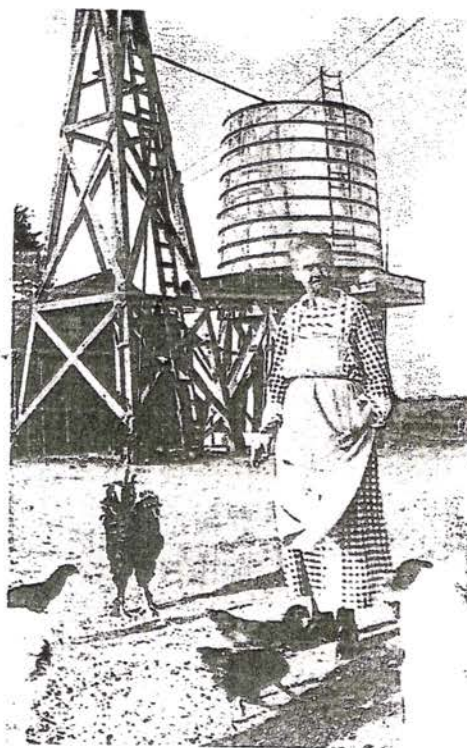
<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Campbell, Mary M. (Aunt Mirt)	July 12, 1853	Apr. 13, 1933	
Farmer, Grace C.	1902	1919	
Farmer, Eugene W.	1868	1910	Masonic Emblem
Farmer, Mary E.	1874	1945	
Thompson, Charlie	June 23, 1882	Jan. 9, 1907	Assassinated 1-9-07
Thompson, Fred Farmer	Jan. 14, 1907	Oct. 1907	9 months of age
Thompson, H. L.	Apr. 11, 1867	Jan. 23, 1922	Masonic Emblem <i>A friend of man</i>
Thompson, Henry J.	Aug. 5, 1832	Aug. 26, 1883	Masonic Emblem
Thompson, James C.	Oct. 18, 1903	Dec. 27, 1914	Son of C. & E. P. Thompson
Thompson, Jeanette B.	Feb. 16, 1846	May 2, 1926	Wife of H. J. Thompson
Thompson, Lizzie	Dec. 3, 1869	Jan. 6, 1938	Wife of H. L. Thompson
Thompson, Turner T.	1909	1929	20 years of age
York, Eppie Latimer	1862	1885	Tombstone is missing Buried in small fenced area

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**Campbell, Mary M.**  
*Aunt Mirt*  
**July 12, 1853 – April 13, 1933**



**"Aunt Mirt"**  
**Miss Mary M. Campbell**  
**stands behind**  
**Jeanette Bowen Ham Thompson**



**"Aunt Mirt"**  
**Mary M. Campbell**  
**(Lived with the H. J. Thompsons)**





Aunt Mirt (right) with  
Mrs. Henry J. (Jeanette)  
Thompson in 1922.

Photo courtesy  
Ken Banner  
Palo Cedro, California



**Grace C. Farmer**  
**1902 -- 1919**



Grace C. Farmer was born in 1902, the daughter of Mary Eva Thompson Farmer (1874 - 1945) and Eugene Ward Farmer (1868 - 1910) and granddaughter of Henry Jack Thompson (1832 - 1883) and Jeanette Bowen Ham Thompson (1846 - 1926) and Elijah Ward Farmer (1831-1915) and Amanda Dean Farmer (1836-1880).

Grace's father died in 1910 when she was only 8 years old, and Grace died at 17 years of age in 1919. They were both buried in Thompson Family Cemetery.

Grace lived nine years after her father's death, and she and her mother became very close until her untimely death in 1919.

Grace's grandmother, Jeanette Bowen Ham Thompson (mother of Mary Eva (Tchudy) Thompson Farmer), was a great source of comfort during these times of sorrow until her death in 1926.



**Eugene Ward Farmer (1868 - 1910)**  
**and**  
**Mary Eva (Tchudy) Thompson Farmer**  
**28 July 1874 -- 24 April 1945**

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**Eugene W. Farmer and Mary Eva Thompson Farmer**

**Eugene Ward Farmer** was the son of Elijah Ward Farmer (1831 - 1915) and (second wife) Amanda Dean (1836 - 1880) and was born in 1868 in Texas.

**Mary Eva Thompson** was the daughter of Henry Jack Thompson (1832-1883) and Jeanette Bowen Ham Thompson (1846-1926) and was born on 28 July 1874 in Tarrant County, Texas.

Eugene Ward Farmer and Mary Eva Thompson were married on 18 Oct. 1894 in Tarrant Co., Texas. He was 26 and she was 20 years of age.

Mary Eva's father, Henry Jack Thompson, had passed away on 26 Aug. 1883 when she was only 9 years old.

Eugene Ward Farmer and Mary Eva Thompson Farmer had this one daughter: Grace E. Farmer was born in 1902 in Tarrant Co., Texas, after her parents had been married for 8 years.

Eugene Ward Farmer passed away in 1910 at 42 years of age and was buried in Thompson Family Cemetery. His tombstone shows a Masonic emblem.

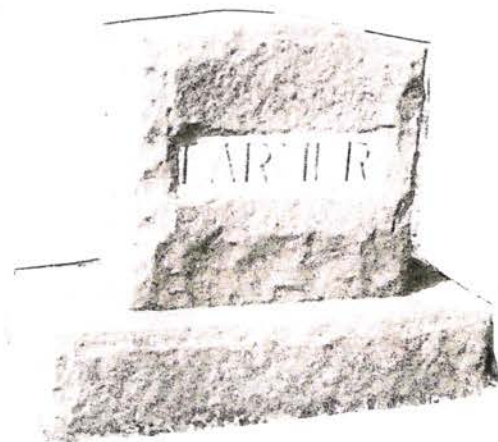
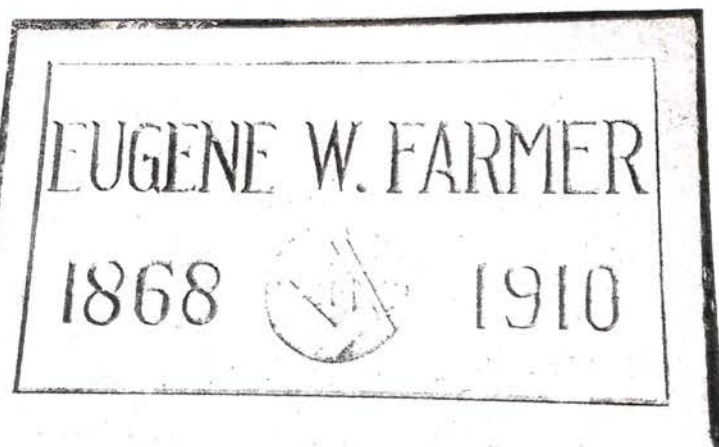
Grace died in 1919 nine years after her father (Eugene Ward Farmer) passed away in 1910. She was 17 years of age when she died and was buried beside her father in Thompson Family Cemetery.

Note: The tombstone reads Grace C. Farmer.

With the deaths of her husband and daughter, Mary Eva (Tchudy) Farmer was alone. History tells us that Tchudy's mother, Jeanette Thompson, was a great comfort to her during this time of loss in her life.

Mary Eva Thompson Farmer died on 24 April 1945 (a widow for 35 years) and was buried beside her husband and daughter in Thompson Family Cemetery -- *the last burial in that pioneer cemetery six miles west of Fort Worth.*

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**Thompson, Charlie**  
**Born June 23, 1882**  
**Assassinated January 9, 1907**



**Charlie Thompson**  
**in an undated photo with his mother and siblings**  
**(shown elsewhere in this book).**

**Charlie Thompson** was the son of Henry Jack Thompson and Jeanette Bowen Ham Thompson. He was born in Tarrant County on June 23, 1882, and was just 14 months old when his father died on August 26, 1883.

Charlie Thompson married E. P. and had two children: James C. Thompson -- who was born 18 Oct 1903, and was only three years old when his father (Charlie) was assassinated on January 7, 1907; nothing is known about the other child.

Included herewith is a copy of a 2004 newspaper article regarding Charlie's assassination.

Charlie Thompson was laid to rest near his father's grave in what is now called the **Thompson Family Cemetery**.

I ran my fingers over the inscription chiseled on the 5-foot granite obelisk, but one angry word brimming with a furious frustration and a family's fierce love, has haunted me for years.

**"Charlie Thompson  
June 23, 1882  
Assassinated  
Jan. 9, 1907"**

I had never seen the word "assassinated" on a tombstone before, but from the moment I touched the rough granite, I knew that one day I'd have to learn more about Charlie Thompson and how he died.

And so on a recent morning, I set out to unearth what I could about this man who was born 121 years ago -- and who perished violently before his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, leaving behind a wife, two small children, a widowed mother and a larger grieving family.

I know who pulled the trigger and the jury's verdict, but I don't know why the two men fought. I don't know what hateful words passed between them or what Thompson said when he realized he would die, or how his wife learned the news, or what she told their children.

I don't know if the killer cried when he realized what he had done or staggered back in disbelief or simply lowered his hand, numb and staring -- certain that he was justified.

I tried to find the families -- searched Internet records, chased down false leads, talked with local historians, even ran a note in my newspaper column -- but every effort failed.

The court file held only a stack of brittle subpoenas. There was no transcript -- not a scrap about the trial proceedings or the evidence. Only two men know the truth about what really happened that evening -- and both of them are dead.

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In 1907, Charlie Thompson lived in Rosen Heights, a new and thriving section of north Fort Worth, a township chartered in 1902 at the urging of the big meatpackers that dominated the Stockyards district.

In only a couple of years, the population there swelled from a few hundred to more than 5,000, and the city fathers had adopted a series of resolutions that made some of the old-timers chafe.

Horses couldn't be hitched on Main Street any longer -- or left unhitched on side streets or alleys -- and the tent towns that had sprung up to house those who couldn't find any other shelter had been outlawed and squatters fined.

A few years earlier, Thompson's brother-in-law -- north Fort Worth's first mayor, J. D. Farmer -- had been given a handsome gavel embellished with silver bands and he'd pounded in ordinances that prohibited slingshots, Roman candles and other fireworks on certain streets. By 1907, the city had hired extra police for the Stock Show.



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## A stone unturned

Story by Mary Rogers  
Star-Telegram Staff Writer



Charlie Thompson's tombstone, second from left, is a 5-foot granite obelisk that stands in a family plot on land that was once part of Naval Air Station Fort Worth. He is buried between his son and his parents.

*In a tiny west-side cemetery, a search into the mystery behind a murder is sparked by a single word on a long-forgotten marker: 'Assassinated'*

A number of years ago, I found a tiny cemetery on Fort Worth's west side. That was before there was a "No Trespassing" sign on the gate or a vigilant caretaker to keep a watchful eye on the place. I remember ambling among the gravestones and the spring flowers, never expecting that the inscription on one marker would stop me.



Charlie  
Thompson  
June 23, 1882  
Assassinated  
Jan. 8, 1907



It was still a raw and compulsive age, but one that was being tamed. Almost everyone believed that the packing plants were places where an ambitious man might make a mark for himself. There were plenty of stories about men who'd done just that, starting at the bottom as a clerk and ending on top in a position of responsibility and respect.

Maybe Thompson had such plans. He'd landed a job at Swift & Co. as a "cattle driver" and often rode the streetcar to work.

C. H. Boyd was a "motorman" on the streetcar line. He was about a year older than Thompson and single.

Old newspaper accounts record that on the morning Thompson died, he and Boyd had words. The streetcar conductor said that Thompson marched purposefully up the car from the rear and demanded that the driver, Boyd, "step outside." Boyd refused, saying he "had nothing against" Thompson and didn't "have time to leave the car." Boyd started the engine.

Thompson was outraged and said he'd "fix" Boyd then and there, though newspaper accounts don't record what happened next. But the conductor said he saw Thompson again that evening when Thompson boarded the car with two other men.

He rode to the end of the line, where Boyd finished his shift. The two were seen shaking hands in what appeared to be a gesture of good will. Boyd and Thompson then got off the streetcar together on Columbus Avenue.

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Boyd and Thompson walked side by side into the fading January light.

Suddenly shots rang out, and Thompson fell dead behind a neighborhood grocery store, one slug from a .41-caliber Colt through his neck, another through the top of his nose. His hat was still on his head, and he had \$2.50, tobacco, some "cuff buttons" and a handkerchief in his pockets. In his left hand was a newly sharpened "spring-back" knife with a 4-inch blade.

A deputy sheriff heard the shots and ran to the scene. Boyd surrendered and was jailed, but the next morning he made the \$5,000 bail.

Two different grand juries convened. The first didn't find enough evidence to send the case to trial, but according to newspaper accounts, a second grand jury indicted Boyd "only upon the defendant's own request." There are no records to indicate why. According to newspaper reports, Boyd pleaded self-defense and was tried in November 1909.

A jury was seated in just one hour -- a record time. Only one potential juror was dismissed because he couldn't conscientiously impose the death sentence.

More than one reporter noted that the "courtroom was packed," and one observed that "many women" were there. The families of both men were in attendance, watching and listening as the evidence was presented.

The trial lasted two days, and, according to one news report, "it was feared that a mistrial would result," but a verdict of "not guilty" was returned and an emotional Boyd shook hands with each juror.

He was suddenly completely free to live the life he might have lost.

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Charlie Thompson had already been dead two years when the jury foreman read the verdict, but Boyd lived another 54 years -- long enough to marry and raise a family of three, long enough to rock his grandchildren -- long enough to build a life.

As a young man he became a sales representative for the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., the forerunner of the A & P grocery chain. According to old city directories, he stayed with the company for years, occasionally moving to newer and larger residences over time.

But city directories don't tell enough about the man. Did he like chocolate cake or red plum jam? Did he like to read? Did he keep a journal or smoke a pipe or go to Mass each Sunday? Did he ever talk about that January evening in 1907? Did he count himself lucky?

He was 81 when he died in 1963 at his ranch in Hico. His funeral was held at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth, and he was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery. The single grave marker notes only his birth and death dates -- nothing more.

Standing in the dappled shade of the live oak that shelters his last resting place, I think about these two men. I wonder what the fight was about and know that no prideful thing was worth the price they paid.

I wonder what Charlie Thompson's last words were and if C. H. Boyd remembered them until he died.

I think about that single moment in time when Boyd pulled the trigger that sent Charlie Thompson to his grave and the Thompson family into a ferocious grieving and a savage anger that is etched in stone forevermore.

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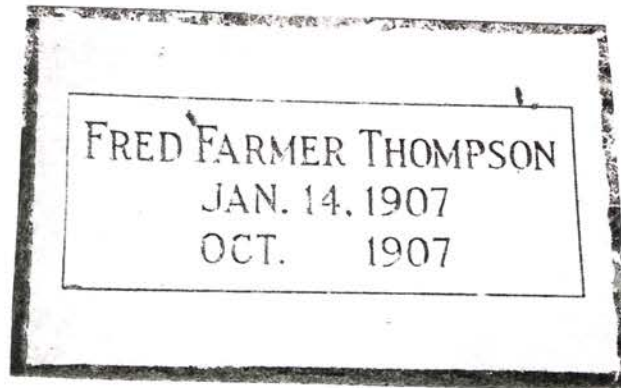
*Comments on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006:*

*Jack Thompson, a cousin of Charlie Thompson and one of my friends who live in Lincoln, Arkansas, and provide historical data, photos and valuable inspiration, was born 30 years after this "incident" occurred and said to me, "The family didn't talk about it." Therefore I will say no more.*

**Frances Colwell**



**Thompson, Fred Farmer**  
**January 14, 1907 -- October 1907**  
*Died at 9 months of age*



The parentage of **Fred Farmer Thompson** is unknown.

## **Harris Louis Thompson**



**April 11, 1867 -- January 23, 1922**

**Harris Louis "Luke" Thompson**, son of Henry Jack Thompson and Jeanette Bowen Ham Thompson, was born in Jacksboro, Jack County, Texas, on April 11, 1867. They moved to Tarrant County in 1873 when Luke was six years old.

Harris Louis Thompson married Lizzie Tinsley on September 17, 1890. He was 23, and she was 20 when they married. Lizzie was born December 3, 1869, in Kentucky and was the daughter of David Robert Tinsley and Victoria Anne Redford Tinsley.



Their children were:

	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Spouse</u>
Dollie Belle Thompson	August 11, 1891	August 22, 1980	George Roy Street
Florence Thompson	June 25, 1893	May 14, 1975	Never married
Benjamin Louis Thompson	Sept. 25, 1897	July 15, 1979	Never married
Robert H. Thompson	Aug. 21, 1899	June 18, 1978	Mary Burney
Marvin Stuart Thompson	Oct. 17, 1910	Jan. 11, 1978	Loraine Kimball

Harris Louis Thompson passed away on January 23, 1922, at age 54 and was laid to rest in the Thompson Family Cemetery on White Settlement Road six miles west of the Tarrant County Courthouse. His father, Henry Jack Thompson, had been the first burial there in 1883. Both men had been members of the Masonic Lodge.

(*Special Thanks* to Jack Thompson, Lincoln, Arkansas, grandson of Harris Louis Thompson, who provided information for this profile.)



**Harris Louis Thompson**  
**April 11, 1867 -- January 23, 1922**  
*A Friend of Man*

**A Memorial Tribute to  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Thompson**

whose son and daughter-in-law  
**-- Jack and Evelyn Thompson of Lincoln, Arkansas --**  
have provided immensely important family photos and family history  
for these *Thompson Family Cemetery Profiles*.



Memorial Tribute prepared on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2006 in Memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Thompson.

*Frances Colwell*  
Frances Colwell, author of  
*Thompson Family Cemetery Profiles*



**In Memory of  
Robert H. Thompson  
1899 - 1979**



**Father of Jack Thompson and Bobbie Jean Thompson  
and son of H. L. (Luke) and Lizzie Tinsley Thompson**



Florence Thompson (1893-1975)

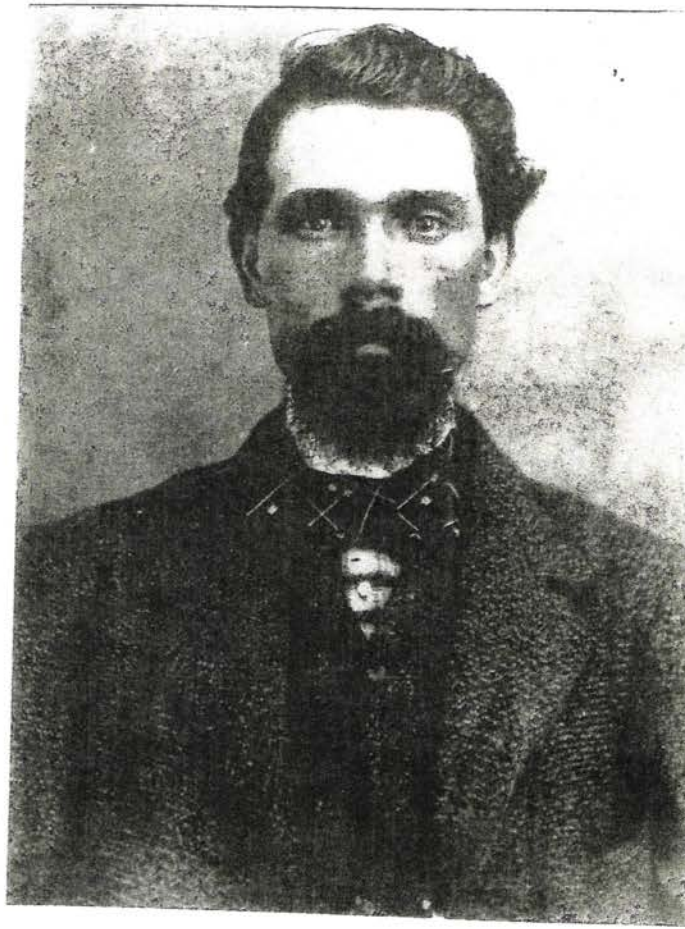
Louis Thompson (1897-1979)

Dollie Thompson Street (1891-1980)

Adult children of Harris Louis Thompson and Lizzie Tinsley Thompson.  
Undated photo provided by Ruby Tinsley Alliston on August 26, 2006.



**Henry Jack Thompson**  
**August 5, 1832 -- August 26, 1883**



**Henry Jack Thompson** was born on August 5, 1832, in Bradley County, Tennessee, the son of Robert Harris Thompson (born in 1805 in North Carolina) and Martha Jack (born in Bradley Co., Tenn.). They all came to Texas from Tennessee in 1859 when **Henry Jack Thompson** was 27 years of age and settled at Veal Station, Parker County, Texas.

Soon thereafter they moved to Fort Richardson (Jacksboro) Texas. Henry Jack Thompson was already a Captain in the Tennessee Militia and the U. S. Army, and he received his Commission as Captain of the Texas Rangers in 1861. He had served in the Union Army in the Civil War.

Fort Richardson had been established at Jacksboro after the close of the Civil War, and Captain Thompson served as a contractor for purchasing and hauling supplies to the fort.

In the meantime, Berry Lewis Ham and his wife, Dorcas Matilda Ham, moved their family of eight children (six girls and two boys) to Jack County in 1853 or 1854. Both Berry Lewis Ham and Dorcas Matilda Ham had been born in Ellis County near Ennis. They grew up there, were married, and had eight children.

One of their children was Jeanette Bowen Ham, born in Ellis County, Texas, on 16 Feb. 1846.

Henry Jack Thompson married Jeanette Bowen Ham in 1861 in Jack County. She was 15 years of age, and Henry Jack was 29 years old.

They had these children while living in Fort Richardson, Jacksboro, Texas:

Martha Cherokee Thompson was born on 28 Dec. 1861. (She married James David Farmer in Tarrant Co. He was the son of Elijah Ward Farmer and Sarah "Sallie" Jackson. He was born 25 June 1858 and died 24 January 1942.) Martha Cherokee Thompson Farmer died May 12, 1940, at age 78. They were both buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas.

Harris Louis (Luke) Thompson was born on 11 April 1867. He married Lizzie Tinsley in Tarrant Co. He died 23 Jan 1922, she died 6 Jan 1938, and both were buried in Thompson Family Cemetery.

Alva Amber (Al) Thompson (male) was born 18 June 1872. (He married Ada Myrtle Farmer in Tarrant Co. on July 5, 1894. She was the daughter of Elijah Ward Farmer and Amanda Dean and was born in July 1878 in Tarrant Co.) Alva Amber Thompson died 1 Mar 1940.

Mark F. Thompson died at 9 years of age although history does not tell us the location of his birth.

In 1873, Henry Jack Thompson and Jeanette Bowen Ham Thompson moved their family to White Settlement, Tarrant County, Texas. He owned more than 2,000 acres of land in Parker County, at least 2,000 acres of land in Tarrant County and additional land in Jack County. His land in Tarrant County extended from the West Fork of the Trinity River to Weatherford Road taking in the present Westover Hills and Ridglea Additions.

Their home, built in 1873 with lumber hauled by ox-cart from as far away as Shreveport, Louisiana, was one of the most outstanding landmarks in Tarrant County. This home was sold by the Thompson family, after the mother's death, to the late Harold V. Johnson who remodeled it and made it his home. Later it was bought by Amon Carter. The house, a colonial type with detached kitchen in the manner of plantation home of the period, was a fabulous home. (See photos included herewith.) It is now the site of Shady Oaks Country Club.

This was the home of the Thompson family for nearly seventy years and was destroyed by fire on 6 Dec. 1947.



Children of Henry Jack Thompson and Jeanette Bowen Ham Thompson, after they moved to Tarrant County, Texas, were --

Mary Eva (Tchude) Thompson was born on 28 July 1874. (She married Eugene Ward Farmer on Oct. 18, 1894. He was the son of Elijah Ward Farmer and Amanda Dean and was born in 1868.)

Thompson Thomas (Tom) Thompson was born in 1878. (He married Minnie M. Mock.)

Charlie Thompson was born on 23 June 1882. His father, Henry J. Thompson died 26 Aug. 1883, when Charlie was only 14 months old. (He married E. P. but was assassinated on 9 Jan. 1907. He was buried near his father in Thompson Family Cemetery.)

Their son, James C. Thompson, was born Oct. 18, 1903, and was only three years old when his father was assassinated. James C. Thompson died Dec. 27, 1914, at 11 years of age and was buried near his father in Thompson Family Cemetery.

Quoting from **Echoes of Yesterday**, a History of White Settlement Schools, by Betty McCrary Dickey, is as follows --

"A group of interested parents from White Settlement met in July of 1877 and formed a joint stock company named **Trinity Academy Company**, to operate as a private school. Identified as a subscription association, those wishing to participate subscribed more than \$700.00. Provisions stated that the company, consisting of more than fifty men, would own the title, the land on which the schoolhouse would be built, and that the disposition and management of the property would be solely vested in the joint group of investors or its authorized agent. Those in agreement signed the document and paid a minimum of ten dollars per share of stock. The first shareholder to sign with a subscription of \$100.00 was Captain H. J. Thompson."

Henry Jack Thompson was a distinguished gentleman, a Civil War Veteran, a Mason and a Texas Ranger. See his Eulogy included herewith.

Captain Henry Jack Thompson was an influential landowner who gave William Terry Allen authorization to bury his 21-year-old wife, Sarah Fannie Grant Allen, mother of two boys, in a private burial site where lush green grass was bordered by majestic oak trees in a dazzling ray of sunshine. She died on April 5, 1870.

Captain Henry J. Thompson died 13 years later on August 26, 1883, at 51 years of age and was the first person buried in a lush green field that is now called **Thompson Family Cemetery** on White Settlement Road six miles west of the Tarrant County Courthouse surrounded by Naval Air Station - Fort Worth - Joint Reserve Base (formerly Carswell Air Force Base).

Captain Henry J. Thompson's outstanding legacy survives through the naming of these two pioneer cemeteries -- **Thompson Family Cemetery** and the **Thompson Public Cemetery**. (See map included herewith for the location of these two cemeteries.)

**STATE OF TENNESSEE.**

To all who shall see these Presents---Greeting:

**KNOW YE,** That we do commission *H. S. Thompson* of the County of *Bradley* a *1<sup>st</sup> Major* - in the *144<sup>th</sup>* Regiment of Militia of this State, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of said Office agreeably to Law and the Rules and Regulations of Military Discipline, with all the Powers, Privileges and Emoluments thereunto of right appertaining. And he is hereby required to obey all his superior Officers' lawful orders and commands, and all Officers and Privates under his command are to be obedient to him as aforesaid.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed.

Witness, **WILLIAM TROUSDALE**, Esquire,  
our Governor and Commander-in-Chief at Nashville,  
the *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 1851

**By the Governor:**

*W. B. Hains* Secretary of State.

*W. Trousdale*

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Tennessee, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office in the Militia of Tennessee, as prescribed by law to the best of my abilities.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

the *20* of *August* 1851

*H. S. Thompson*





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**CAPITAL STOCK, - - - - - \$50,000.**

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**REFERENCES.**—Hughes, Couts & Co., Weatherford, Texas; Pollard, Ball & Roach, Weatherford, Texas; Hendricks & Smith, Fort Worth, Texas; J. P. Dumas, Sherman, Texas; Raymond & Whitis, Austin, Texas; Cites & Wood, Decatur, Texas.

Jacksboro, Texas, 187

*McLunnys Co*  
*has land on north creek*  
*leased Jan 15 to 1876 \$1000 ac*  
*" " " " " 1200 ac*  
*" April 12 " " 1000 ac*  
*grant term Mar 3 " 5000 ac*  
*paying land April 12 " 600 ac*  
*Standard Lumberment Aug 3 1876 5000 ac*  
  
*By Grain turned in by*  
*Standard to amount \$400 ac*  
*month #1876*  
*amount paid by McLunny*  
*to grant was \$110—*

# Eulogy for Capt. H. J. Thompson

Written by A Friend and Copied from a newspaper article  
August 1883

## In Memoriam

The immortal Humbolt declared "the universe is governed by law" and in a knowledge of this fact alone man finds consolation whilst undergoing the pains and penalties of some of the ministrations of universal and inexorable law. To die, to pass away, and to fade out of the sight of our fellows, is one of the laws of man's constitution, and in obedience to this law, sooner or later, we shall all be gathered in the grave with the dead, and those surviving us shall suffer the sorrows of this separation as we now mourn the loss of our dearest friend, of whom we wish to say a few words in this article.

Our friend, Capt. H. J. Thompson, whose demise has spread such universal sorrow over our community, and whose going out from our midst has left us like a ship at sea without sail or rudder, deserves more than a brief mention through the press of the country. Not that any commendatory words of ours can add aught to his manly character and noble life but with the hope that some day may be inspired by his lofty bearing to emulate his virtues and imitate his example.

As a man he was strictly a philanthropist of the broadest views; there was no condition in life his pity and charity did not reach; none so fallen he would not lift up. He was one of those rare characters that every man could approach, and in whose counsels was wisdom, fearless in the defense of a principle, he would have sacrificed his life in defense of his manhood; zealous of his honor and integrity, he was ever ready to defend that of his fellows from the calamity of their enemies. He was a man who never breathed a slander or uttered a sentence derogatory to the character of any one. Those he could not uplift, he scorned to tear down. He was one of those characters that has left the world better by having lived in it.

As a citizen, he commanded the respect of the entire county, and but for his delicate health, none had been better fitted to lead a successful political campaign than he; as a friend he was tried and true under all circumstances, sacrificing his own comfort and convenience for the good of his friends. As a husband and father, he was kind and indulgent to a fault. Idolatrous in his love of wife and children, he felt the responsibilities of life more forcibly than most men, and his great care was bountifully to provide for them, and his useful life has been crowned with success, and besides leaving his family a handsome estate, he has left them a legacy in the way of a noble character and spotless reputation, worth more than all the gold of Orphir or the silver of Peru.

Should there be any one so unkind as to indulge in criticisms of any of the acts and doings of this deceased nobleman, we beg them....*illegible*.....into a solemn examination of ourselves, and see who is without faults and let him cast the first stone. Faults, as he perhaps may have had, but for each fault of his, he had a hundred virtues. Did he err in some things? For each error of his, he corrected a thousand mistakes for others. Did he do one an injury? For each one injured by him, he helped and blessed a thousand. Did he oppress one? For each individual oppressed by him, he loosed the fetters of fifty, and it is the proudest legacy



left by this great and good man by his sad and sorely bereaved family.

Who could ask a sweeter epitaph than this: "He died the brave friend of all mankind."

We ask all who knew the subject of this sketch, and who, for any cause whatever, may feel to differ with us in the sentiments of these lines, to spread around the memory of the dead, the broad mantle of their Christian charities, and feel assured that in that glorious *future* to which we hasten, we shall meet him and all amends shall be honorably made.

In behalf of his bereft wife and children, I would ask that God who "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" to bear gently with them in their affliction, and comfort them with the knowledge that through the vale He is watching and guarding them, and will be through life.

A Friend

Copy provided by Jack Thompson, Lincoln, Arkansas,  
who is the great-grandson of Capt. H. J. Thompson.

Copied by Frances Colwell on August 17, 2006, for the  
*Thompson Family Cemetery Profiles*.

***Note: This was the gentleman who gave the land for the Thompson Public Cemetery in 1870. Although he did not move here until 1873, he was a Real Estate Broker in Jack County and purchased land in this area prior to 1873. Regarding the land where the Thompson Public Cemetery is located, Thompson purchased that property (included in a 320-acre tract) from Baldwin L. Samuels on August 28, 1869.***

Frances Colwell

*Commercial Review*  
*March 9, 1877*

*A Model Plantation*

It is 1,200 acres in extent and is located six miles up the West Fork of the Trinity. This splendid estate lies in the bottoms and along the slope to the West of the river and embodies some of the loveliest landscapes I have seen in the South. It is finely fenced and in a high state of cultivation. The green wheat fields in the bottoms, the undulating pastures along the slopes and the grand parks of live oak, in the midst of which is the beautiful half-gothic mansion house make up a picture of rural beauty and comfort which a baron might covet.

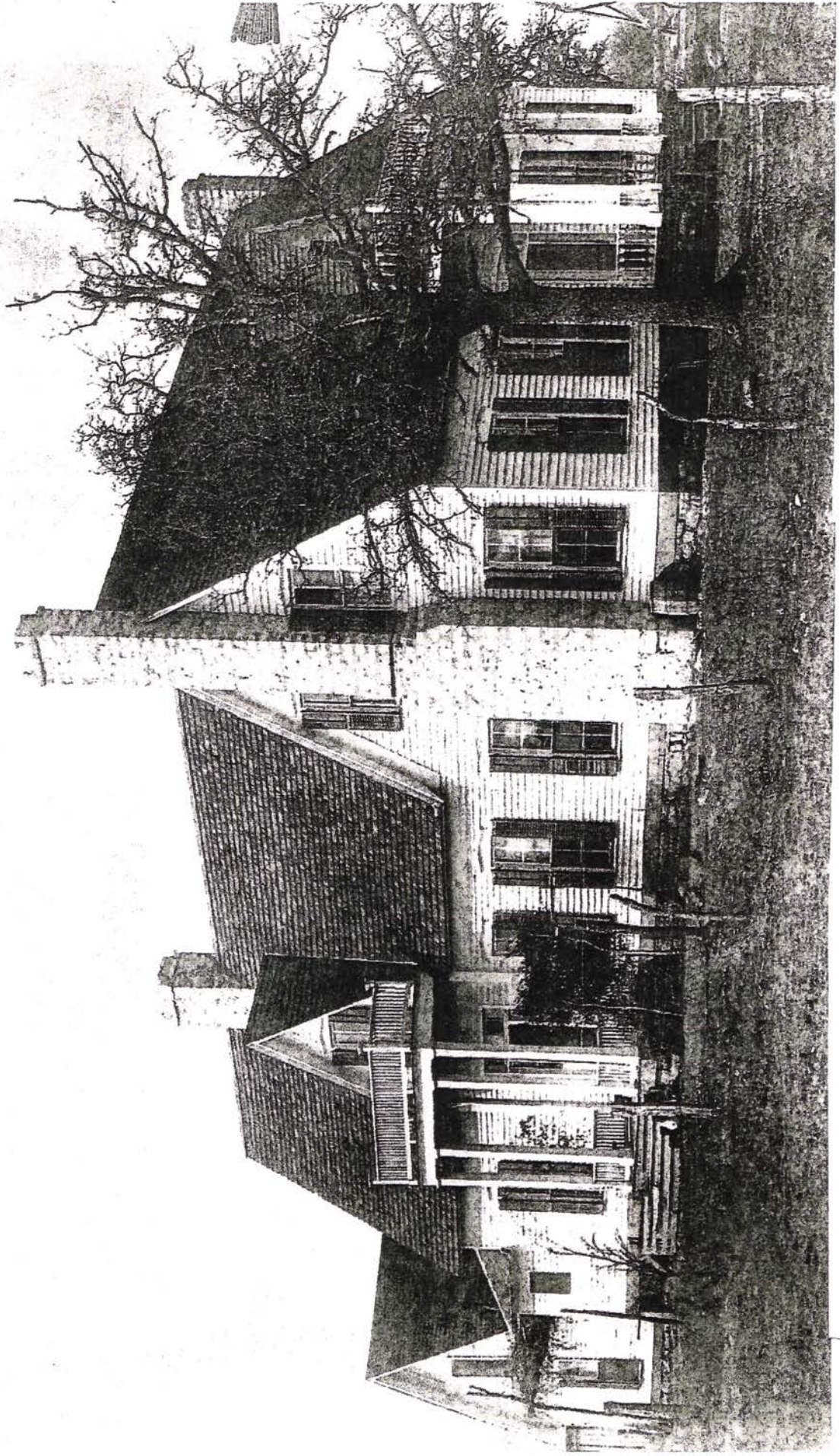
Col. Henry Thompson, an old Tennessean, came this way on a summer evening, asked for a nights entertainment and being denied, registered in his heart a vow to own the estate. He kept his pledge by subsequent purchase, laid out and perfected the plantation, and built an elegant home from which he dispenses a hospitality which his guests are never likely to forget. He is a gentleman of simple tastes and habits, lives in close sympathy with nature and is one of her noblemen.

I hold in memory, the charming day at the Thompson farm, envy the great hearted owner the pleasure of his quiet and philosophical life here and hope to sit in the shadows of these grand live oaks in one of the happy future summer days. With these notes of land and land men, I come to a .....

*The conclusion of the article was not available.*

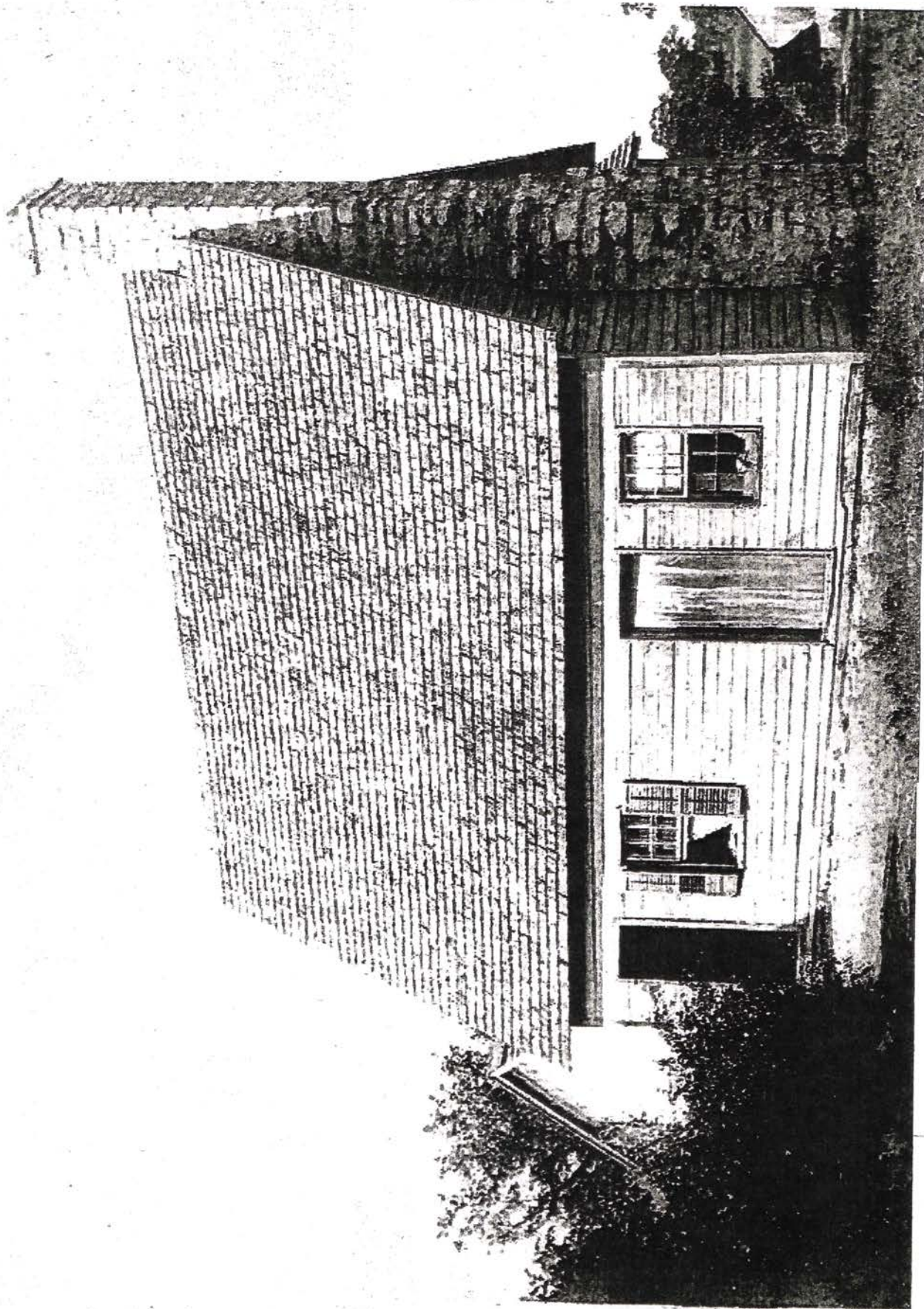
*The article was sent by Jack Thompson, Lincoln, Arkansas, and copied by Frances Colwell on August 27, 2006.*





The home of Captain and Mrs. H. J. Thompson and their family, built in 1873 on 2,000 acres of land owned by them in Tarrant County. It was built on the current site of Shady Oaks Country Club and was the home of the Thompson family for nearly 70 years. It was destroyed by fire in December 1947.

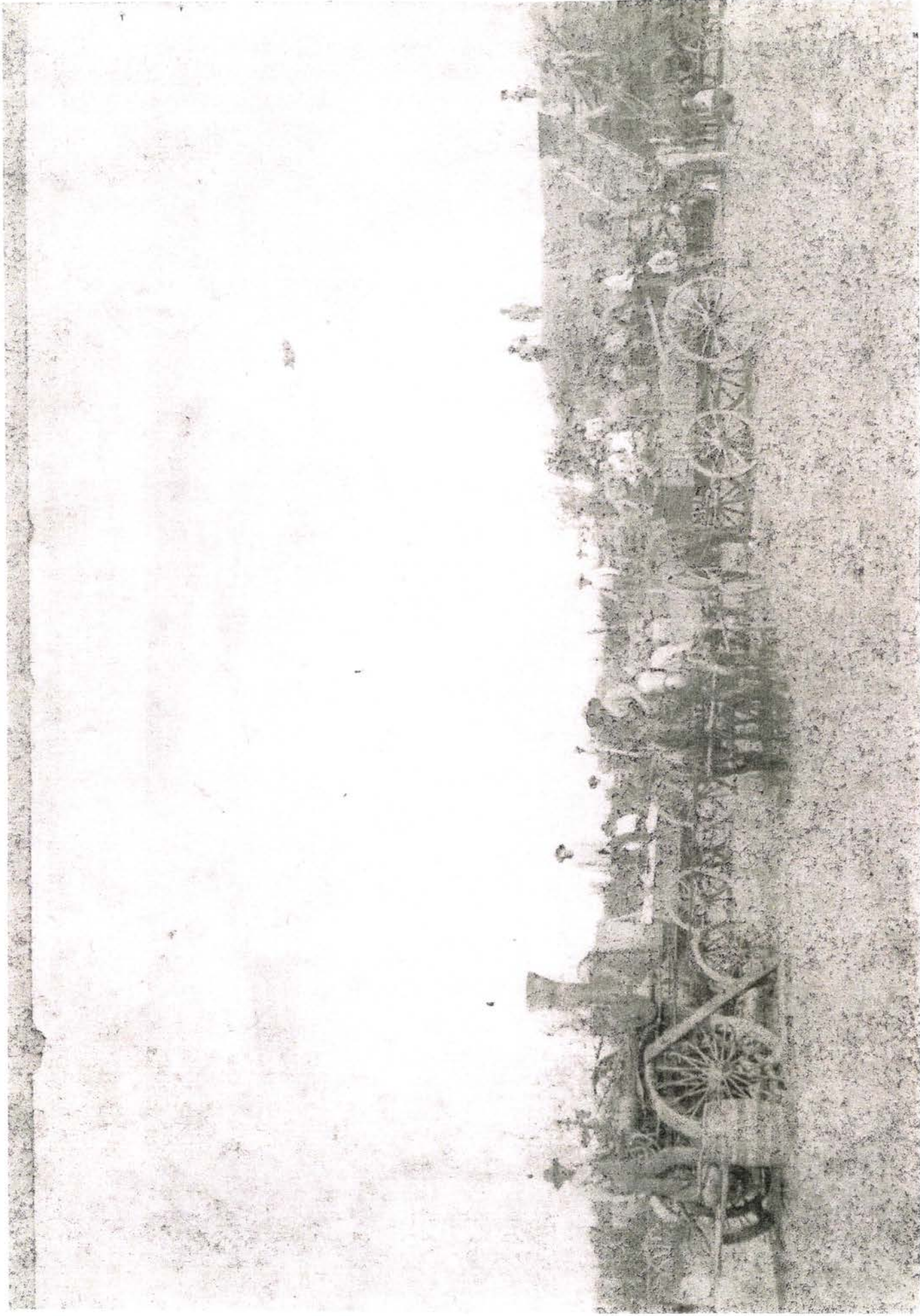




This is the separate kitchen for the home of Captain and Mrs. H. J. Thompson.

(Photos courtesy Jack Thompson, great-grandson of Captain and Mrs. H. J. Thompson.)





A Grain Harvest Scene on the H. J. Thompson farm in Tarrant County in the early 1900s. The man in the center wagon is H. L. (Luke) Thompson, grandfather of Jack Thompson who provided this photo for this work.



## Henry J. Thompson Obituary

Captain Henry J. Thompson, deceased, was born in Tennessee on August 5, 1832, and died at his home in Tarrant County, Texas, on August 26, 1883.

In 1859 at the age of 27 years, he accompanied his parents to Texas and located at Veal Station.

In the summer of 1861, he was Captain of a Company of Rangers and in the fall of that same year, he moved to Jacksboro and took charge of a cattle ranch belonging to his father-in-law, he having married soon after his location in Texas. He continued in the cattle business there until 1863. In April of that year, he raised a Company of 100 men and went North from here directing his course west into New Mexico, where his men scattered, thence north through Colorado and on to Kansas, and thence to Missouri.

He traveled about considerably freighting some in Utah, and finally located at Emporia, Kansas, where he engaged in merchandising.

In Texas he was known as a Union man, was accused of abetting the Union Army, and a warrant was issued for his arrest, dead or alive. The Confederate soldiers even came to his house to make the arrest. He met them at the gate, took the warrant to read, and while he was reading it, a posse of his own men who were stationed in a small house nearby, came up and surrounded and captured the officers holding them prisoners and taking them nearly to Mexico before releasing them.

It was at this time that Captain Thompson and his men went North, and in their long journey, they came near starving, being for five days without anything to eat.

At the close of the war, he met one of his brothers who had served three years in the Confederate Army and together they went to St. Joseph, Missouri, and Council Bluff, Arkansas, where they bought up a lot of horses, which they brought to Texas. In the meantime they fell in with five men who had been in the Captain's company and the seven journeyed South together.

They had some trouble with the Indians and on one occasion were captured and held for 24 hours by the red men. At another time, they were pursued for 60 miles by the hostile Indians but made good their escape. Although the war had ended, the Captain and his men found, upon their arrival in Texas, that the trouble was not over, and for a number of years, he felt that his life was in constant danger.

Long before he died, however, he won the confidence of the people about him and was at peace with all mankind. On one occasion, while attending a sale of Government wagons soon after his return, at Weatherford, a man drew a pistol on the Captain and would have killed him had it not been for the latter's brother, who in turn shot the would be murderer.

At this sale, he purchased a number of wagons and for some time thereafter was engaged in contract work for the Government, supplying grain and hay for the stock at Fort Richardson, and in this way made money. Then for one year, he superintended the Government mills on Big Sandy. After that, he spent one year in Jacksboro.



He had bought a section of land in Tarrant County, and in 1873 moved to that place and commenced farming. From time to time he added to his original tract until he became the owner of 2,000 acres in Parker County, 2,000 acres in Tarrant County, and land in Jack and other counties.

After settling on his farm, he became greatly interested in raising stock, and at the time of his death had a herd of choice cattle.

His father, Robert H. Thompson, was a native of Tennessee and was a prominent farmer. He died in Parker County in 1862. Grandfather Thompson was a soldier in the Revolution. The only survivor of Robert H. Thompson is Alva J. Thompson, a resident of Parker County.

Mrs. Jeanette B. Thompson, the widow of this brave frontiersman, was born in Robertson County, Texas, on February 16, 1846, daughter of Berry L. Ham, and when six months old was taken by her parents to Navarro County, where her father opened up a farm. He served through the Texas war of 1836, and had bought land claims in different counties of the State. He came to Texas in the first place with Ben McCullough and was one of Deaf Smith's men. He was on picket at the time of the battle of San Jacinto.

At the time Cynthia Ann Parker was taken captive, Mr. Ham was near Parker's fort, and was one of the men who went on the raid after her and her captors. Indeed, he was a pioneer of pioneers, was in many Indian fights, had large cattle interests, was well known and highly respected by all the early settlers. In one fight he had with the Indians, he received a wound, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. At the time of his death in November, 1879, at the age of 68 years, his residence was in Ennis, Ellis County. His family consisted of nine children, viz: Jane, Martha, A. L., Jeanette B., Elizabeth, Virginia, Eva, J. L., and Lycurgus L. Ham.

Mrs. Henry J. Thompson is the mother of seven children, namely: Cherokee, wife of J. D. Farmer of Fort Worth, H. Luke, a farmer of Tarrant County, Mark F., who died at the age of nine years, Alva A., a stockman of Parker County, Mary E. (better known as "Tchudy"), Thompson T., and Charley.

Mrs. Thompson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Both her father and husband were Royal Arch Masons.

Copied by Frances Colwell on September 23, 2006,  
from a copy of this article provided by Jack Thompson,  
Lincoln, Arkansas, great-grandson of Captain and Mrs.  
Henry J. Thompson.

## ***Fort Worth Star-Telegram***

**From an undated photocopy**

**Circa 1928**

### **Henry Thompson, Pioneer, to be Honored in Highway Naming**

Back in 1848 to 1850, Henry Thompson broke the trail between Fort Worth and Fort Richardson, an outpost of civilization which later became Jacksboro. He hauled supplies between Jefferson, in East Texas, to Fort Richardson, by ox team and, under contract with the Government, built the fort.

But there was some misunderstanding about the contract, and Thompson never received pay from the Government. Now, 75 years later, he is to be honored for his pioneering, a movement having been started in Tarrant and Jack Counties to name the newly proposed highway from Fort Worth to Jacksboro as "Thompson Highway."

Jack County already has voted a bond issue of \$400,000 and is at work upon the road, with the State aid amounting to \$800,000, a fund sufficient to provide one of the best hard surfaced roads in Texas.

The road, it is proposed, will run from here to Springtown, Poolville and Jacksboro, crossing a part of Parker County. Jack County will extend the highway to Young County and citizens are asking that these counties assist in connecting the historic route. It is the hope of Jack County that this road some day shall lead westward as far as Roswell, New Mexico.

Thompson in the early days passed through many adventures in fetching supplies from East Texas, fighting Indians being all in the day's work. His home was in Tarrant County, and his widow, Mrs. Jeanette Thompson, still resides there, near White Settlement. She now is in her nineties. Her husband has been dead 45 years.

The ruins of old Fort Richardson at Jacksboro may still be seen. There was little difference then between Fort Worth and Fort Richardson. Both had their garrison of soldiers and a few white settlers, none of whom ever dreamed of Fort Worth becoming a city of 175,000. But it was due to the efforts of the early trail blazers like Thompson that gave Texas its start. Thompson is said to have had \$100,000 due from the Government.

The proposed highway leads through a fertile, well developed section, which has much scenic value.

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**Thompson, Henry Jack**  
**August 5, 1832 -- August 26, 1883**  
*First Burial at this Site now called*  
**Thompson Family Cemetery**



**Died at 51 years of age and was buried  
on their homeplace.**

*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*  
Undated article  
**Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Thompson's  
Golden Wedding Anniversary**



MR. AND MRS. T. T.  
THOMPSON.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Thompson, 1802 NW 20<sup>th</sup>, Fort Worth, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently, were born and reared in Tarrant County and are members of families which played important parts in the early development of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Thompson, the former Miss Minnie M. Mock, was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mock, who came to Texas from Kentucky in the 1870's. Her father, who was educated at Center College, Danville, Kentucky, bought property seven miles north of Fort Worth, where the family lived until 1906.

The Mock family then moved to Arlington Heights and purchased property near the site of the present Arlington Heights High School. Mr. Mock was a member of the Tarrant County Commissioners Court for several years, and during which time he helped select the cornerstone for the present court house. His name is inscribed on the cornerstone, which was laid in 1895. Mrs. Thompson recalls details of the cornerstone laying which she attended.

Thompson's father, the late Capt. H. L. Thompson, came with his parents from Tennessee in 1859 and located at Veal's Station. In the summer of 1861, he was made captain of a company of Texas Rangers. After Fort Richardson was established at Jacksboro, after the close of the Civil War, he served as a contractor for purchasing and hauling supplies to the fort.

In 1873, Captain Thompson moved to White Settlement in Tarrant County. He owned more than 2,000 acres in Parker and Tarrant County, and additional land in Jack County. His original 2,000 acres in Tarrant County extended from the West Fork of the Trinity to the Weatherford Road, taking in the present Westover Hills and Ridglea Additions. His home, built in 1873 with lumber hauled by oxen teams from East Texas, was one of Tarrant County's oldest landmarks when it was destroyed by fire in December 1947. It had been sold by the Thompson family, after the mother's death, to the late Harold V. Johnson, who remodeled it and made it his home. It later was bought by Amon Carter. The house, a colonial type, with detached kitchen in the manner of plantation houses of its period, was the home of the Thompson family for nearly 70 years.



Captain Thompson, who was active in civic development in the area, made the first \$100 contribution to the first school at White Settlement. He died in 1883.

T. T. Thompson, who was 74 in March, 1952, was engaged in the cattle business for 20 years after his marriage, then engaged in street and road construction in Fort Worth, Houston and in the Panhandle. He retired in 1937.

The Thompsons have three children and four grandchildren. Their children are: Mmes. Glenn Earp of Bayside, D. E. Hoover of Harwood and Harry K. Westerman of Fort Worth.

Copied from a newspaper article provided by Jack and Evelyn Thompson, Lincoln, Arkansas. Jack is the great-grandson of Captain and Mrs. Henry J. Thompson.

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August 26, 2006

***Fort Worth Star-Telegram***  
***From an undated photocopy***  
***Circa 1953***

**Lost on Weatherford Street**

**Watch Bought As Gift in 1904  
Recovered After Half Century**

A tiny watch -- running just 49 years behind time -- turned out to be a timely item in a prospective horse trade here Saturday.

O. F. Umphrey offered the watch to Clay Mock of White Settlement as part payment in a horse sale.

Mock pushed the stem, looked in the back and saw a familiar name.

"That's my sister's name," said Mock, who has lived in the neighborhood 65 years. "That watch belonged to her."

Sure enough, it was his sister's name, "Minnie Thompson."

Mock went to his sister's home at 1802 N. W. 20<sup>th</sup> and showed her and her husband the watch.

Her husband, Tom T. Thompson, recognized it. He had bought the gold timepiece as a gift for his wife in 1904.

Thompson remembered that he lost the watch at the old "Dugan Wagon Yard" on Weatherford as he picked up his buggy.

"I guess it caught on the harness and dropped to the floor," Mock surmised.

Mrs. Thompson said she never had seen the watch before and didn't recall hearing about the lost present, but "that is my name and I guess it is my watch."

Umphrey, who lives on Silver Creek Road, said he bought the watch in 1950 while serving as an instructor at a GI watch repair school here.

"A fellow needed some money and I bought it from him," Umphrey said. "It was in real good condition and still is."

The horse deal wasn't completed, but chances are good that it will be. Mock says he plans to give the watch to Mrs. Thompson.

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**Thompson, James C.**  
**Son of C. & E. P. Thompson**  
**Oct. 18, 1903 -- Dec. 27, 1914**  
*Died at 11 years of age*



**James C. Thompson** was the son of Charlie and E. P. Thompson and the grandson of Henry Jack Thompson and Jeanette Thompson. He was born on Oct. 18, 1903, and was only three years old when his father was assassinated on January 9, 1907.

James C. Thompson died at 11 years of age on December 27, 1914, and was buried near his father in what is now called **Thompson Family Cemetery**, six miles west of the Tarrant County Courthouse on White Settlement Road.



These photos show the back of the **James C. Thompson** tombstone.

The lower part of the tombstone was broken off at some time.

A portion of the inscription remaining is as follows:

*"We shall find our missing loved ones,  
In our Father's mansion fair....."*

These photos were taken on Sept. 25, 2006.



**Thompson, Jeanette Bowen Ham**  
**February 16, 1846 -- May 2, 1926**  
*Wife of Henry Jack Thompson*

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**Jeanette Bowen Ham** was born in Ellis County, Texas, on Feb. 16, 1846, the daughter of Berry Lewis Ham and Dorcas Matilda Bowen Ham.

Both Berry Lewis Ham and Dorcas Matilda Bowen were born in Ellis County, near Ennis, Texas. They grew up, were married in Milam County, Texas, on June 26, 1838, and were the parents of eight children, six girls and two boys. Their children were --

Evie Ham	married John Simpson
Jeanette Ham	married Captain Henry Jack Thompson
Elizabeth Ham	married Jim Jones
Martha Ham	married J. W. Bailey
Jane Ham	married Wyatt

Children of Henry Jack Thompson and Jeanette Thompson, after they moved to Tarrant County were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Mary Eva Thompson (Called "Tchude")	28 July 1874	Eugene Ward Farmer	24 Apr 1945
Thompson Thomas Thompson (Called Tom)	1878	Minnie M. Mock	
Charlie Thompson	23 June 1882	E. P.	9 Jan 1907

Henry Jack Thompson died 26 Aug 1883 at 51 years of age and was buried on their home place as the first burial in a private location now called the **Thompson Family Cemetery**.

Their home built in 1873 was the home of the Thompson family for nearly seventy years and was destroyed by fire on December 6, 1947. That was the site where Shady Oaks Country Club is now located.

Photos of the home are included herewith and made a part hereof. They entertained lavishly, and friends came for miles to enjoy their hospitality.

Also included herewith is a copy of a Friendship Quilt Block containing the signature of J. B. Thompson -- Jeanette Bowen Thompson. This is a Quilt Block with embroidered signatures of Friends of the White Settlement Baptist Church of which Harris Louis Thompson, Lizzie Tinsley Thompson and other members of their family were members.

These Friendship Quilt Blocks were given to Mrs. Wayne Alliston as a Going Away Gift in 1917 when her husband, Rev. Wayne Alliston, resigned as Pastor. These Friendship Quilt Blocks were preserved by Wiley T. Alliston (their son) and his wife, Ruby Tinsley Alliston.

Jeanette Bowen Ham Thompson passed away on May 2, 1926, and was laid to rest beside her husband, Henry Jack Thompson, on their homestead in the private cemetery that is now known as the **Thompson Family Cemetery**.

Jeanette Thompson was a much loved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt who lived to be 80 years of age. History tells us that friends cherished her company and enjoyed being with her. A copy of her obituary is included herewith. She was a remarkable and much loved individual.

Frances Colwell  
September 18, 2006



Virginia Ham	married Arch Pascall
Jim Ham	married Carrie Farrer
Abner Lewis Ham	married (1st) Cherokee Wilson, (2nd) Mary Susan Bryant

In 1853 or 1854, they moved to Jack County. The Homestead Law of 1854 was passed in Texas, declaring all unsettled land to be a part of the public domain and open for preemption settlement. In 1854, the first permanent settlers reached this section.

Berry Lewis Ham was among the first Jack County settlers. He made a location in 1854 eight miles west of the present town of Jacksboro and moved his family from Ellis County to Jack County in 1855. Jeanette Ham was 9 years old in 1855.

Berry Lewis Ham was among the first commissioners who bargained for the Jack County Court House, a crude building with a buffalo hide for the door. He was also among the number voting in the first Jack County election in 1857.

The Butterfield Overland mail route's first stop was at Ham Springs, located near the Ham residence and on Ham land. All eight children grew up in Jack County, married and reared their families in Jack County.

A number of negro slaves were living in Jack County before their freedom was proclaimed in 1863. Berry Lewis Ham owned one of these slaves, a woman about 25 years of age. She was furnished a log cabin room a few feet from the house. She helped with the raising of the Ham children and was a highly regarded person.

Jeanette Ham married Henry Jack Thompson, son of Robert Harris Thompson and Martha Jack, in 1861 in Jack County. She was 15 years of age and Henry Jack Thompson was 29 years of age when they were married.

They had these children while living in Fort Richardson, Jacksboro, Texas:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Martha Cherokee Thompson	28 Dec. 1861	James David Farmer	12 May 1940
Harris Louis Thompson	11 Apr 1867	Lizzie Tinsley	23 Jan 1922
Alva Amber (Al) Thompson	18 June 1872	Ada Myrtle Farmer	1 Mar 1940
Mark F. Thompson	Died at 9 years of age.		

In 1873, Henry Jack Thompson and Jeanette Thompson moved their family to White Settlement, Tarrant County, Texas. He owned more than 2,000 acres of land in Parker County, at least 2,000 acres of land in Tarrant County and additional land in Jack County.

Their home, built in 1873 with lumber hauled by ox-cart from as far away as Shreveport, Louisiana, was one of the most beautiful homes in Tarrant County.





Jeanette B. Thompson, Lizzie Tinsley Thompson, (unknown), Benjamin Louis Thompson, Martha Cherokee Thompson Farmer (with daughter standing in front), Florence Thompson, James David Farmer (husband of Martha Cherokee Thompson Farmer), Robert H. Thompson and Harris Louis (Luke) Thompson in undated photo courtesy Jack Thomas Thompson of Lincoln, Arkansas, especially for these Profiles.





These Friendship Quilt Blocks contain the embroidered signatures of friends of the White Settlement Baptist Church and were given to Mrs. Wayne Alliston as a Going Away Gift in 1917 when her husband, Rev. Wayne Alliston, resigned as Pastor while attending the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

These Friendship Quilt Blocks were preserved by and given to the White Settlement Historical Museum by Wiley T. Alliston (their son) and his wife, Ruby Tinsley Alliston, on Saturday, August 26, 2006.

Historical writer Frances Colwell witnessed this unique presentation and received copies of quilt blocks signed by some pioneers buried in Thompson Family Cemetery and profiled in her new book, *Thompson Family Cemetery History and Profiles*.







**Tarrant Pioneer Buried**  
**Fort Worth Star-Telegram**  
**May 1926**

**Lived 50 Years on Homestead**



**Mrs. Jeanette B. Thompson, pioneer settler in the White Settlement district, who was buried Monday afternoon.**

**Mrs. Jeanette B. Thompson**, 80, for more than 50 years a resident on the old Thompson ranch, a few miles west of Fort Worth on the White Settlement Road, was buried in the private family cemetery on the homestead Monday afternoon. Rev. J. K. Thompson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated.

Mrs. Thompson died at midnight Saturday. She moved with her husband, Capt. Henry J. Thompson, to Tarrant County from Jack County in 1861. *{Correction: This should have read 1873.}* They settled on the place where they lived the rest of their days.

Captain Thompson at one time owned practically all of what is now the White Settlement district. It was the first part of the county to be settled, being called White Settlement because of the number of white people who established themselves there.







**Thompson, Jeanette Bowen**  
**February 16, 1846 -- May 2, 1926**  
*Wife of Henry Jack Thompson*



**Died at 80 years of age and was buried in what  
is now called Thompson Family Cemetery.**

**Lizzie Tinsley Thompson**  
**Wife of Harris Louis Thompson**



**December 2, 1869 -- January 6, 1938**

**Lizzie Tinsley** was the daughter of David Robert Tinsley and Victoria Anne Redford Tinsley. She was born December 3, 1869, in Kentucky and came to Texas with her family in the early 1880s when she was eleven years of age.

Lizzie Tinsley married Harris Louis Thompson on September 17, 1890, in Tarrant County, Texas. He was the son of Henry Jack Thompson and Jeanette Bowen Ham Thompson. He was 23 and she was 20 when they married.

Their children were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Spouse</u>
Dollie Belle Thompson	Aug. 11, 1891	August 22, 1980	George Roy Street
Florence Thompson	Jaune 25, 1893	May 14, 1975	Never married
Benjamin Louis Thompson	Sept. 25, 1897	July 15, 1979	Never married
Robert H. Thompson	Aug. 21, 1899	June 18, 1978	Mary Burney
Marvin Stuart Thompson	Oct. 17, 1910	Jan. 11, 1978	Loraine Kimball



Lizzie Thompson died on January 6, 1938, at 68 years of age, and was buried beside her husband, Harris Louis Thompson, in what is now called the Thompson Family Cemetery. He had died on January 23, 1922, at age 54.

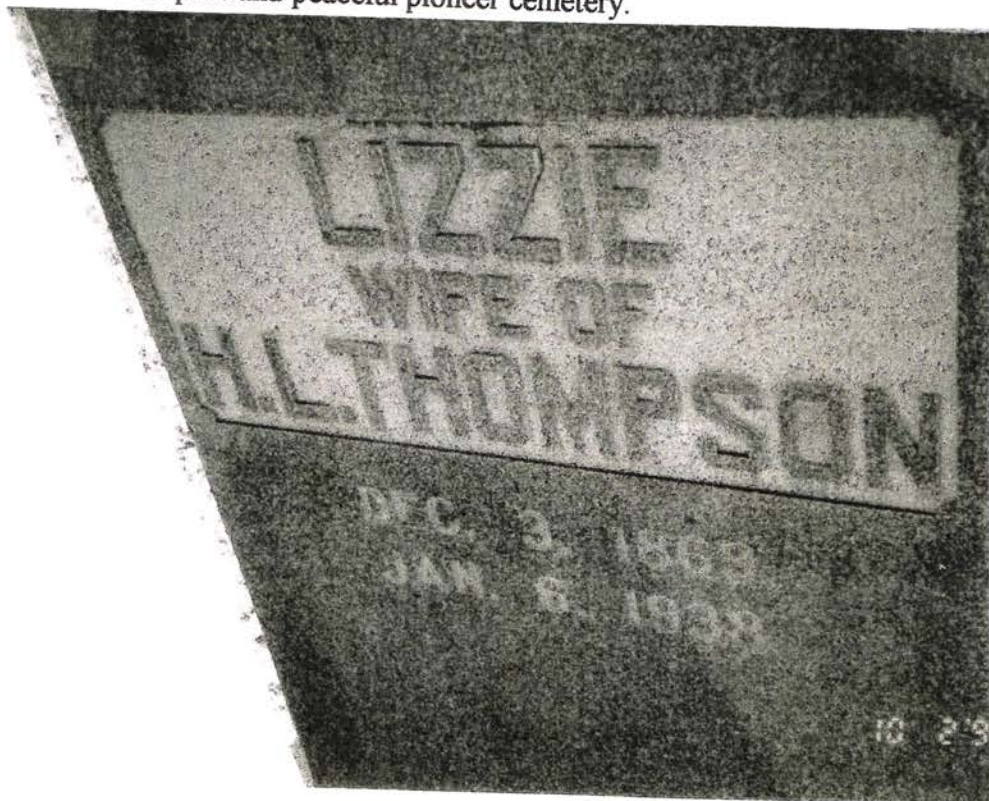
Her obituary in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* (of January 7, 1938) reads as follows:

*"Thompson, Mrs. Lizzie, 68, died at her home at Hodge Station Thursday. Resident of Fort Worth 58 years. Survived by two daughters, Mrs. Roy Street, Palestine, and Miss Florence Thompson, Fort Worth; three sons, B. L. Thompson, Fort Worth, R. H. Thompson, Aledo, and Marvin S. Thompson, Weatherford, and one grandson. Funeral today at 3 p.m. at White Settlement Baptist Church, burial in the Thompson Cemetery at White Settlement.*

*"Pallbearers, H. P. Whitfield, Rollie Tinsley, L. P. Tannahill, Floyd Tinsley, J. T. Wheeler and Jake Street. Funeral in charge of Lucas Riverside Funeral Home."*

Note: Bobbie Jean Thompson should have been listed as granddaughter. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Thompson.

The graves of **Harris Louis Thompson** and **Lizzie Tinsley Thompson** are located on White Settlement Road in **Thompson Family Cemetery** near the golf course in **Naval Air Station - Fort Worth (Joint Reserve Base)** -- formerly Carswell Air Force Base -- where the winds grow stronger, the dry leaves swirl and blow and snuggle softly on the ground at this quiet and peaceful pioneer cemetery.







Lizzie Tinsley Thompson {Mrs. Harris Louis (Luke) Thompson}  
holds her granddaughter, Bobbie Jean Thompson, 6 month old  
daughter of Robert H. Thompson and Mary Burney Thompson  
in a photo taken in 1934.

*Special Thanks to Jack Thompson (brother of Bobbie Jean Thompson)  
who provided this photograph for this work.*





**Adult Children of Harris Louis (Luke) Thompson and Lizzie Tinsley Thompson:  
L to R: Marvin Stuart Thompson, Dollie Thompson Street, Florence Thompson,  
Robert H. Thompson and Benjamin Louis Thompson  
(Photo probably taken in the early 1950s.)**



Mary Burney Thompson and Robert H. Thompson (Circa 1960),  
parents of Jack Thomas Thompson and Bobbie Jean Thompson.



Jack Thomas Thompson and Bobbie Jean Thompson Soules, only grandchildren  
of Harris Louis (Luke) Thompson and Lizzie Tinsley Thompson.



**These are the only grandchildren and great-grandchildren  
of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Louis (Luke) Thompson:**

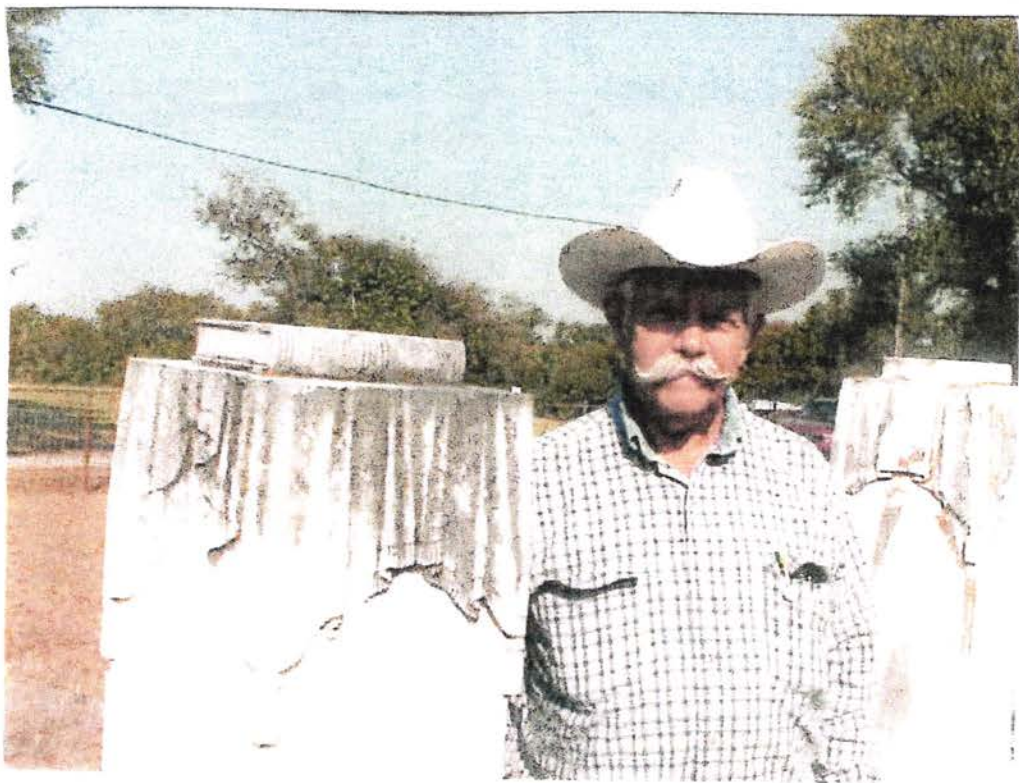


Standing, L to R: James Robert (Jim Bob) Thompson,  
Jack Thomas Thompson, Russell Allen Thompson,  
Seated: Evelyn Marie Wright Thompson and  
Phyllis Ann (Pat) Thompson Ford



L to R: Timothy Mark Soules, Bobbie Jean Thompson Soules,  
Marion Lloyd Soules and Stephen Michael Soules





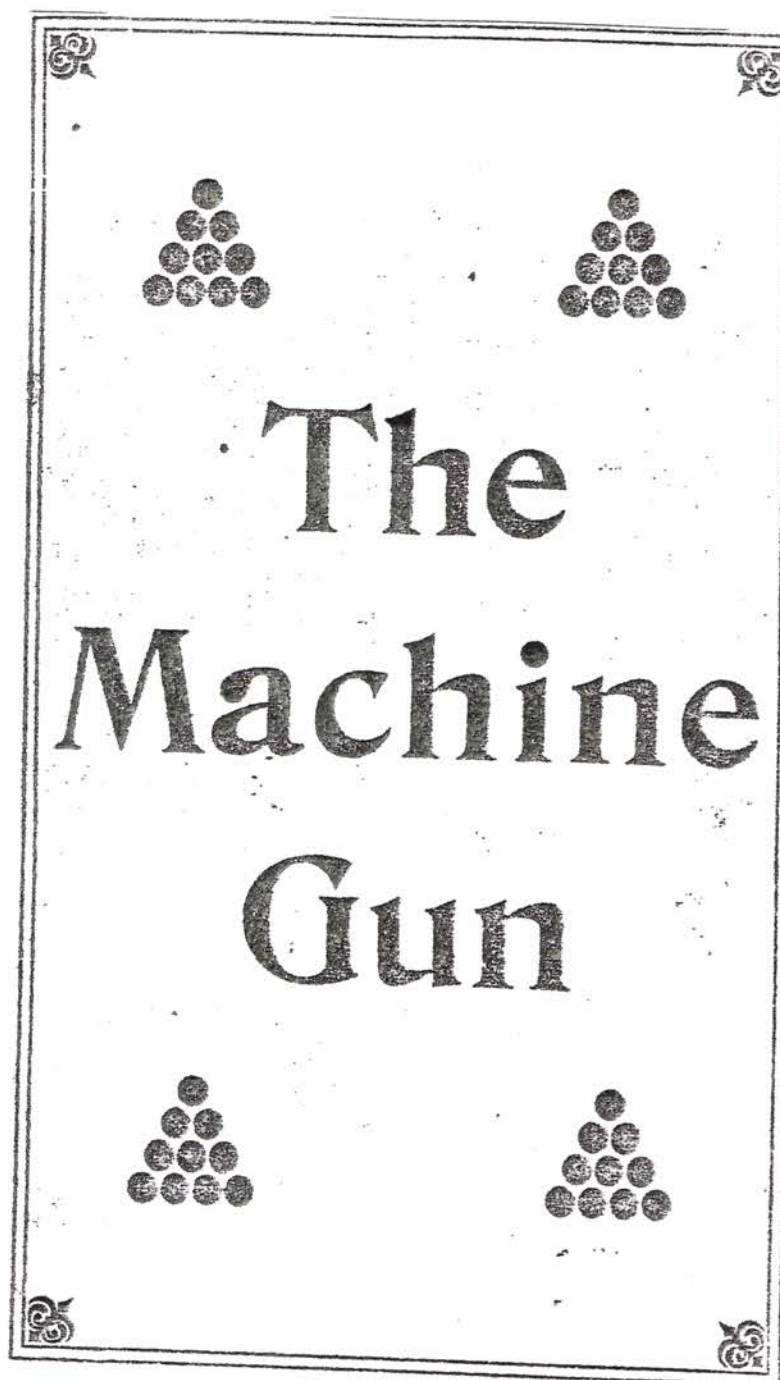
Upper photo: **Jack Thompson** between the tombs of his great-grandparents, H. J. Thompson and Jeanette B. Thompson, in Thompson Family Cemetery.

Lower photo: **Evelyn and Jack Thompson**, who reside in Lincoln, Arkansas, at the Thompson Family Cemetery on White Settlement Road.

Photos by Frances Colwell on October 12, 2005.



Thompson, Turner T.  
1909 -- 1929



TURNER THOMPSON.

"He has a reserve of mental power that he is seldom forced to use."

GLEN GRANT.

"When I play, I don't have time to work."

JACK HAYNES.

Give him a start, and he will move the world.

The "Wabash Cannon Ball" deserves to be remembered as long as there is a school at White Settlement. It is a grand old song and it is to be hoped that the members of the 1918 classes will climb on the Cannon Ball whenever they have a case of the blues.

Records do not show the parentage of Turner T. Thompson, and this photo from the *1918 White Settlement School Year Book* was the only photo available for these *Profiles*. Dottie Waggoman gave this copy of the *1918 Year Book* to Frances Colwell many years ago. (September 22, 2006)

**York, Eppie Latimer**  
**1862 -- 1885**  
*Buried in small fenced area*  
*Second burial at this site*





## Thompson Family Cemetery



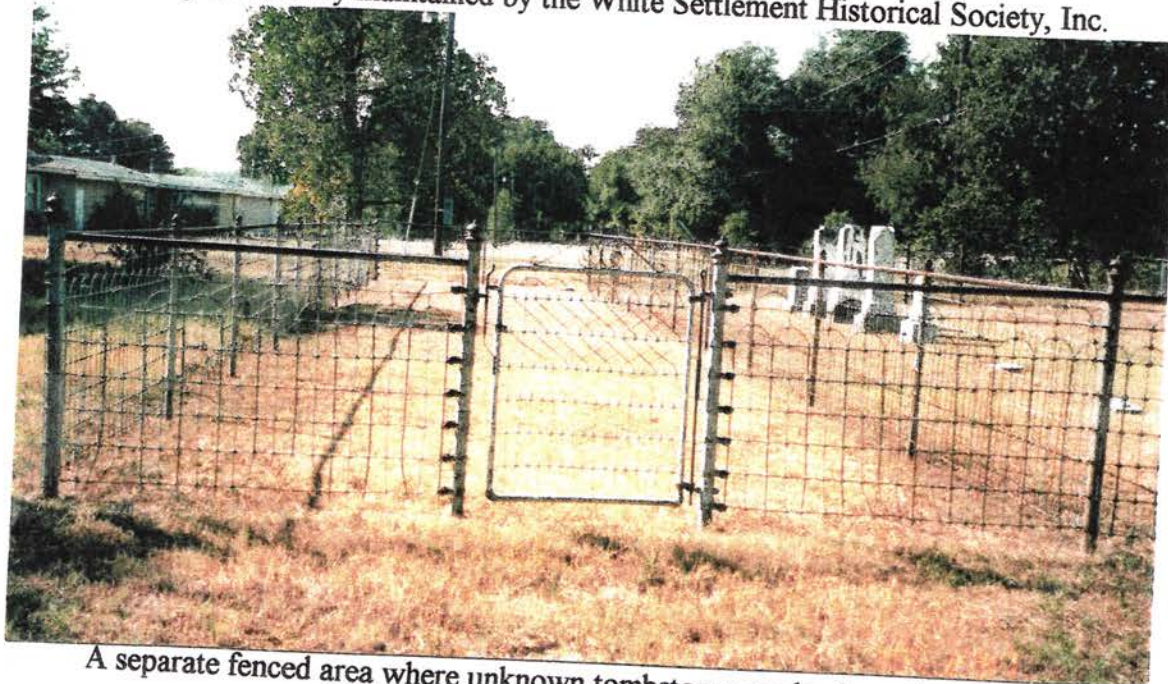
Larger fenced area where Thompsons, Farmers and Campbell are buried.

### Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey of White Settlement, Westworth Village and River Oaks

#### "Thompson Family Cemetery c. 1883 - 1945

This small, neatly kept cemetery contains thirteen recorded graves. The earliest tombstone is that of Captain Henry J. Thompson (1832-1883) who settled in the area in 1873. The other graves are those of his family, including daughters, their husbands and children and two family friends. In 1932, individual sections were deeded to eight members of the Thompson Family whose heirs' title is recognized by the U. S. Government which purchased the surrounding land."

This pioneer cemetery is currently maintained by the White Settlement Historical Society, Inc.



A separate fenced area where unknown tombstones are broken off and missing.  
Photos by Frances Colwell on October 2, 1997.





Thompson Family Cemetery



The former Potishman home, 6530 White Settlement Road,  
Clubhouse for Hawkes Creek Golf Course  
Photos by Frances Colwell on September 25, 2006



## Thompson Family Cemetery

### (Deeds to Cemetery Lots)

The private (family) cemetery appears in a Deed on Page 18, Vol. 1165, Tarrant County Deed Records dated March 12, 1932.

Out of the C. Connelly Survey, 4 miles no. 79 degrees west of Court House.

Out of a total of .55 acres, a 66 ft. by 75 ft. area was deeded by A. Stewart of Bradley, Arkansas, to these individuals:

T. T. Thompson	1/2
Mary E. Farmer	1/6
Cherokee Farmer	1/6
Mrs. Dolly Street	1/30
B. L. Thompson	1/30
Florence Thompson	1/30
Robert Thompson	1/30
Marvin Thompson	1/30

Start west line of C. Connelly Survey 913 V south of a stone at N W corner at White Settlement Road; south with west line of C. Connelly Survey 57-1/4 V to a stake at the N W corner of Thompson Family Cemetery; north 86-1/2 east with the north line of said cemetery 157 V to stake at White Settlement Road.

Copied by Frances Allen in January 1976

Recopied by Frances Colwell on October 8, 2005  
Updated by Frances Colwell on September 22, 2006.

# Thompson Family Cemetery.

SCALE 1 INCH = 10 FT. COMPILED BY

Brookes Baker  
COUNTY SURVEYOR.

18 1/2 in.

Farmer, Eugene E  
1868-1900

Farmer, Mary E  
1874-1945

Farmer, George  
1902-1919

Thompson  
James C

Thompson  
Fred

Thompson, H. L.  
April 1, 1867 -  
Nov 23, 1922

Thompson, Lizzie  
Dec 3, 1869 -  
June 6, 1938

Thompson, Henry  
Aug 5, 1835 -  
Aug 26, 1883

Thompson, B  
Jennett  
Feb 10, 1840 -  
Aug 2, 1924

Thompson, Charles  
June 23, 1822 -  
Assn. Sec. of  
Dec 9, 1907

Campbell, Mary  
(Aunt M. J.)  
July 12, 1823 -  
April 13, 1933  
(Chico K. Co.)



3/4 in. W. Line C. Centrally  
Survey 8048, 8050, N. of the J. M. Cannon

A-9-B23



# Fort Worth

North



Naval Air Station -  
Fort Worth -  
Joint Reserve Base  
(formerly  
Carswell  
Air  
Force  
Base)

White Settlement Road

Thompson  
Family  
Cemetery

Roaring Springs Road

Hwy. 183 - Altamere

Thompson  
Public  
Cemetery

Map showing the location of **Thompson Family Cemetery**  
as well as the location of **Thompson Public Cemetery**.

*Not to scale.*

## Air Force Memorial

October 2006



The three stainless steel spires of the Air Force Memorial reach almost 300 feet above a promontory overlooking the nation's capital.

MCT/CHUCK KENNEDY

The U. S. Air Force has been an integral property owner adjacent to the Thompson Family Cemetery, and as the new Memorial for the U. S. Air Force has just been dedicated in Washington, D. C., the writer is including parts of articles from the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* explaining the significance of that new Memorial.



## **Fort Worth Star-Telegram**

October 14, 2006

### **Memorial recognizes contributions of Fort Worth, other communities to military aviation, officials say**

By Dave Montgomery, *Star-Telegram* Washington Bureau

When President Bush dedicates a \$30 million memorial to the Air Force today, the tribute will likely stir memories and emotions more than 1,000 miles away in Fort Worth, where air power has been deeply ingrained in the city's culture for much of its history.

As home to an enormous aircraft plant and a succession of bases, Fort Worth has helped shape the nation's flying forces from World War I to the current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. Thousands of Air Force retirees make Fort Worth their home.

At a mile-long plant near the base, Lockheed Martin employees work on the Air Force's two latest fighters -- the F-22 Raptor and the F-35 Lightning II. Officially known as **Air Force Plant Four**, the aircraft factory opened in 1942 and has produced more than 8,000 warplanes, from the fabled B-24 bomber of World War II to the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

The **United States Air Force Memorial**, a cluster of three stainless steel spires on a promontory overlooking the Pentagon, recognizes the contributions of Fort Worth and thousands of other communities that played major roles in the evolution of military aviation since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Air Force Association officials say.

The memorial honors not only the Air Force, which officially became a separate service in 1947, but predecessor organizations dating back to 1907, just three years after the first flight by the Wright brothers.

Fort Worth and neighboring communities have been along for much of the journey, North Texas military historians say. Fort Worth has always had an aviation focus since the very beginning.

The city's patriarchal booster, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* publisher Amon Carter, helped land **Air Force Plant Four**, reputedly insisting that it be a few feet longer than a mile to make sure it would be longer than plants in other cities.

Throughout the Cold War, Fort Worth earned a national reputation as a bastion of the defense establishment. In a speech at the Hotel Texas in Fort Worth, less than four hours before he was assassinated in Dallas, President Kennedy described the city's military growth from its days as a frontier fort. Fort Worth's products and military manpower, he said, "provide us with a sense of security."

### **HOLDING HIGH A TORCH FOR THE U. S. AIR FORCE** **Fort Worth Star-Telegram - October 15, 2006**

Of all the branches of our military, the Air Force has been the only one without any monument in our nation's capital.

Not any more. After a nearly 15-year effort, a new Air Force Memorial was dedicated Saturday in our nation's capital.

On a hilltop overlooking the Pentagon, in view of the gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery, a short distance from where Orville Wright made the first flight of a military aircraft, the new memorial stands as a symbol of sacrifice and service for generations to come.

The memorial has been called a modern miracle of design and engineering. The centerpiece comprises three stainless-steel spires that soar 270 feet into the air -- like a bomb-burst formation -- designed to represent the core values of the Air Force: integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all that we do. They also represent the Air Force's total force: active, Guard and Reserve, which are all vital to completing the mission.

And set in stone at the memorial's base is the Air Force star, long emblazoned on its aircraft and present on the chevron of every enlisted member of the Air Force.

The Air Force Memorial says, on behalf of a grateful nation to the millions of men and women who have worn the uniform of the Air Force or its predecessor organizations:

We honor your service.

We celebrate your bravery.

And we will never forget the role you played in defending freedom.

With this memorial, we will make sure that the brave history of the U. S. Air Force will never be forgotten.

*Ross Perot, Jr. of Westlake is the chairman of the board of trustees of the Air Force Memorial.*

Copied by Frances Colwell  
on October 19, 2006 for the  
**Thompson Family Cemetery**  
**History and Profiles.**



## AIR FORCE MEMORIAL

# Soaring tribute

STAR-TELEGRAM

### WASHINGTON

After a 15-year campaign by Air Force veterans and their supporters, the U.S. Air Force Memorial will be dedicated today in a ceremony headlined by President Bush.

North Texas developer Ross Perot Jr. spearheaded the project as chairman of the Air Force Memorial Foundation. The memorial offers some Texas touches, most notably depictions of Fort Worth-made F-16s etched into a lighted Glass Contemplation Wall.

STAFF WRITER DAVE MONTGOMERY  
REPORTS / 21A

America's newest national monument features three soaring stainless steel spires — the tallest one almost a football field high at 270 feet.

Stiffs and boxes are stacked in the lower part of the top third of each spire.

A double-walled box houses a 1-ton stainless-steel-covered lead ball.

As wind tips a spire, the ball rolls into padded walls, displacing wind energy and preventing destructive oscillations.

The lower two-thirds of each spire is filled with reinforced concrete.

Stainless steel skin



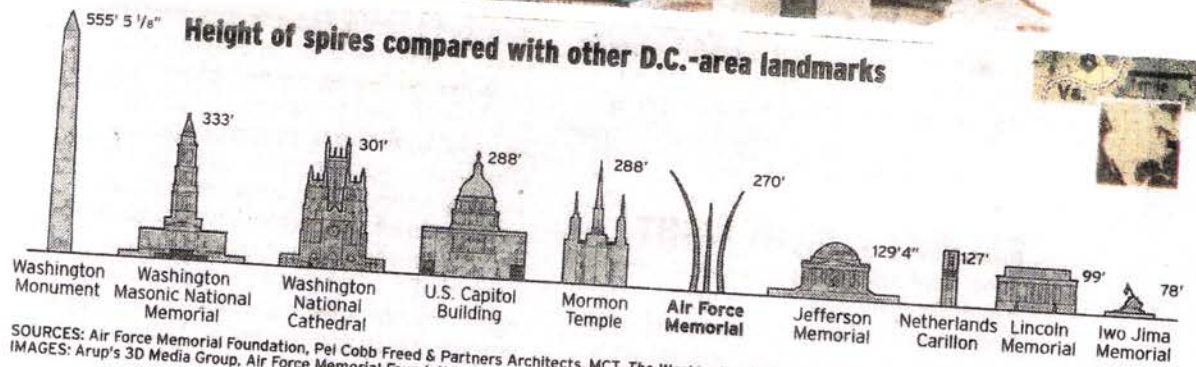
Inspiration was drawn from the contrails of a Thunderbird "bomb burst" maneuver

The three stainless steel spires represent the Air Force's three core values

- Integrity first
- Service before self
- Excellence in all that is done

They also represent the Air Force's three components

- Active duty
- Guard
- Reserve forces





## *Reflections regarding the Thompson Family Cemetery*

Maintaining a well-kept cemetery throughout the years honors those buried there as well as their ancestors and descendants.

The solitude of this quiet pioneer cemetery rekindles history teachings of long ago when the casket was being brought to the burial site in a wagon pulled by a team of horses as their hooves crunch rocks along the road and wagon wheels crush rocks along the lonely roadway to this lovely secluded spot -- the final resting place for these family members.

As the crisp breeze blows around the marble tombstones in the radiant sunshine and sunbeams glisten with colors of the rainbow as they reflect off of the magnificent monuments, it is pleasing to take a few quiet moments to reminisce and honor the lives of the individuals buried there. And reflect on the persistence and perseverance required to make their outstanding accomplishments possible.

It has been a joy for me to prepare this volume regarding known burials in the *Thompson Family Cemetery* --

The first one was *Henry J. Thompson in 1883*, while the last one was his daughter, *Mary Eva (Tchudy) Thompson Farmer, in 1945* -- a span of 62 years. On this date in October, 2006, the final known burial was 61 years ago!

*Special Thanks* to Jack and Evelyn Thompson (Lincoln, Arkansas) for their valuable assistance and input in the preparation of this work.

Frances Colwell  
October 30, 2006



## About the Author



Bill and Frances Colwell

Frances Colwell graduated from Gainesville High School in 1942 and Draughn's Business College in Dallas. A native Texan, she began her business career as a stenographer in U. S. Civil Service at Camp Howze, Gainesville, Texas, during World War II, worked as an accountant at the **Coca-Cola** Bottling Co., in Gainesville then moved to Borger, Texas, with her parents. She was employed as secretary at B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co. and U. S. Rubber Co. before marrying Bill Colwell, fresh out of the U. S. Marine Corps at the end of World War II, in Borger, Texas, in 1946.

In 1957, they (with their two small daughters) moved to White Settlement, Texas, where they still reside. Frances served as bookkeeper for their business (B & F Garage, Body Shop, Service Station and Parts Store) until she was appointed as White Settlement City Secretary in 1961 and retained that position until her retirement in 1996 - 35 years later.

Frances Colwell was one of the founders of the **White Settlement Historical Society, Inc.** along with Frances Allen and Clara Head and specializes in historical research.

This book, *Thompson Family Cemetery History and Profiles*, has required interesting research as so little was known of this small, pioneer cemetery. Other books prepared by Frances Colwell are:

*Civil War Veterans*

*Honoring White Settlement Firefighters*

*White Settlement Volunteer Fire Dept.*

*White Settlement Cemetery*

*Thompson Public Cemetery Profiles*

*History of the Allen Log Cabin*

*History of Early Members & Special Events*

*of the First Baptist Church of White Settlement*

With the encouragement of her husband, Frances Colwell continues her historical research into the *History of the Judd Street Cemetery* as well as Profiles of the *Tannahill Cemetery* and the *Isbell Cemetery*.

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