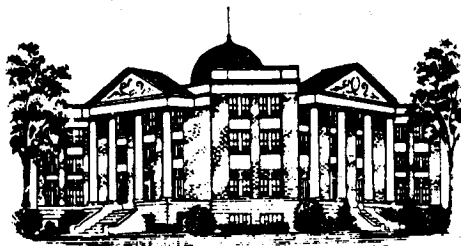


# FAMILY HISTORIES of HENDERSON COUNTY TEXAS 1846-1981

A Collection of Family  
Sketches and Biographies of the  
People of Henderson County



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Mississippi Division. He married Lillie  
and second to Neva Nell Jer-

Curtis was born Nov. 18, 1899;  
North Texas State University;  
teacher in LaRue for twenty years;  
employed as clerk to Orange, in May 16,  
married Earle Sanders Fox on Nov. 6  
(born Oct. 4, 1896 in Fairmont,  
Virginia); served in Royal Air Force  
WWI; died March 15, 1952 in  
and buried in LaRue.

Mae Curtis was born 1902 and  
died 1932.

Robert Curtis died in infancy.  
Robert Curtis (Bob) born August 3,  
attended Lon Morris College,  
Gainesville; married Josephine John-  
son, Virginia Strohe Mouthe.

Lucille Curtis born October 18,  
attended Lon Morris College and  
Texas State University; taught  
two years; married Clarence Wil-  
son (born Feb. 20, 1908 in Grant,  
Iowa) died July 21, 1954) married  
1932.

children are: Carl Curtis Tidgren,  
born 17, 1934; graduate of Simpson  
College, Iowa; married James Elaine Ack-  
ers, 1958, Atlantic, Iowa, also  
graduate of Simpson College.

children are Jo Beth Tidgren,  
born 12, 1971; Curtis Earl Tidgren,  
born 1, 1974 and died April 8, 1974.  
Joe Tidgren born June 5, 1939,  
graduate of Simpson College and University  
married Sharon Rose McElmeal  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1962;

children are Robin Jo Tidgren,  
born 12, 1963 in Shenandoah, Iowa;  
Curtis Earl Tidgren born Dec. 27, 1964, in  
Shenandoah, Iowa; Taylor Matthew Tid-  
gren Dec. 25, 1969 in Red Oak Iowa.  
Patricia Fox

## JOHN R. HOBBS

John R. Hobbs (22 Jan. 1840-10 Aug.  
1900) probably did not live in Henderson  
for too many years. Leaving his  
home in Virginia when a very young man, he  
never returned, never settling in one  
place for very long. We do not know  
what led him to Texas, as his immediate  
family remained in Virginia. Perhaps it  
was the destruction caused by the Civil

War. He married Mattie Eleete Warner (30  
Sept. 1850-18 Sept. 1894), daughter of  
Joseph Warner and Annie Eliza  
Warner. Family tradition says they were  
in Crockett, Houston County,  
Georgia about 1869, although no record  
exists. Their third child, my grand-  
father, was born in Anderson County,  
Georgia, 1874. John and his family were in  
Texas in 1880. It is not  
known when they came to Henderson  
County but it is believed they were there  
in the 1880s. John was a farm laborer,

probably explaining his moving so often.

John R. Hobbs was the son of Alexan-  
der Hobbs and Sarina Livesay of Sussex  
County, Virginia. John is buried beside his  
wife, Mattie, and two sons in the Old  
Meridith Camp Ground Cemetery near  
Athens. The children of John and Mattie  
are: Alice (b. ca 1870), John (b. 1871),  
Joseph Alexander (12 May 1874-13 Jan.  
1927), Sarah Addie (b. ca 1878) married  
#1 — Mr. Keeble, #2 — Sol Smith, Irene  
(b. 1880), G.O. (22 Jul. 1886-28 Dec.  
1893), Edward (b. 1887), and Willie (22  
Feb. 1891-8 Apr. 1891).

John and Mattie's son, Joseph Alexan-  
der married Ellor Sensibough (17 Dec.  
1878-14 Mar. 1900). Three children were  
born to this marriage before Ellor's death  
in 1900. They were an infant son, born  
and died 1895, Martha Ada (Hobbs)  
Glenn (b. 17 Nov. 1896, lives in Keller,  
Texas), and Robert Edward (1898-1899).  
Ellor and her two sons are buried at  
Meridith Cemetery. Joseph married Ira  
Mae Glassco of Bedford, Tarrant County,  
Texas 13, Feb. 1902. Their children are:  
Edna Mae (born and died 1903, Athens,  
Texas), Joseph Hubert (1904-1918),  
Clarence Elmer (1906-1906), Mattie  
Adeline (Hobbs) Kirk (born 1907, lives in  
Garland, Texas), Eula Mable (Hobbs)  
Anderson (born 1909, lives in Dallas, Tex-  
as), Thelma Ledora (Hobbs) Shockley  
(born 1911, lives in Carrollton, Texas),  
Goldie Ellen (Hobbs) Rogers (born 1913,  
lives in Fort Worth, Texas), Neita (Hobbs)  
Hall (born 1915, lives in Mexia, Texas),  
William Edward (1918-1977) and Marvin  
T. (born 1920, lives Mexia, Texas).

This history of John R. Hobbs is brief,  
but he left his mark in his many descend-  
ants. It is hoped that we may reach some  
of these descendants through this histo-  
ry and may be able to put together the  
story of his life and his ancestors. *Written  
by: Patricia Hall Howard*

## GREEN AND RHODA HUGHES BARTON FAMILY

Green (born 1825-died 1883) was one  
of nine children born to Issac and Nancy  
Snow Barton while they lived in Jefferson  
County, Alabama. Issac was a wheelwright and  
Baptist preacher. The family were in Sar-  
epta, Mississippi by 1840. While here six  
of the children married. Green married  
Rhoda Hughes. He taught school here.

July 1856 the Bartons loaded their  
wagons and started for Texas. They set-  
tled on North Cedar Creek in Trinity  
County. Green and five of his brothers  
served in the Confederate Army from  
here. Green and Rhoda moved to  
Leagueville near his brother Jermiah Bar-  
ton. Green and Rhoda had six children.

Issac Frank (born 1852-died 1926)  
married Sylvany (Betty) Laymance Pan-



Green and Rhoda Barton

ther (born 1858-died 1938). Frank  
farmed on Betty's daddy's place until  
1895. He purchased 48 acres land from  
M.A. Echols for one dollar-fifty cents an  
acre. Frank farmed and repaired wagons.  
They lived here until their deaths. They  
had seven children; Mamie married Mars-  
den Cotten. He farmed and was Justice of  
the Peace for many years. They had two  
sons, Grady and Hershall. Ida Bell mar-  
ried Frank McLean, they had Joe, Elmer  
Theola, Chester Lee, Saint and C.N.;  
Ruby married Henry Parker, they had  
Jackie Dee and Dottie. Henry farmed and  
did carpenter work.

Ethel married Grady Worsham, and  
had Cecil, JoZell and Zeffie. Grady farmed  
and did contracting for Hawn Lumber Co.  
A son, Jesse married Bertha Day. They  
had Isaac and Annie Mae. Jesse farmed  
on his daddy's place.

Green's other children were Sarah  
(1855-1934) married Russell Dupree,  
they lived in Louisiana; William (1857-  
1931) married Julia Grissom, they  
farmed in Henderson County, later lived  
in Sabine Parish Louisiana. Eli (1863-  
1891) married Masinia Laymance; Hen-  
drix (Tobe) 1865-1948) married Phoebe  
Barden, he farmed near Opelika. He gave  
the land for the church at Bartons Chap-  
el. Curt (1870-1954) married Tommy  
Panther. Curt farmed and was Justice of  
the Peace 1896-1905.

Green, Frank and Betty; Eli and Sinia;  
Curt and Tommy are buried at League-  
ville. Rhoda (born 1830-died 1885) is  
buried at Rock Hill. She was living with  
Frank and Betty while they farmed here.  
Ethel Barton Worsham

## JERRY DEAN AND MARY JULIA CORRY KING

Jerry Dean King and Mary Julia Corry  
married on July 18, 1955, in Ardmore,  
Oklahoma. Jerry was the son of George  
Smith King and Edna Saunders King.

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