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156.Aurin Goodgame⁵ Horn (Moses⁴, Moses³, William², Hypothetical¹) was born May 19, 1793 in Emanuel County, GA, and died August 9, 1857 in Magnolia Springs, Jasper County, TX. He married **(1) Sophia Dekle** March 6, 1816 in Burke County, GA, daughter of John Dekle and Sallie Grissom. She was born 1793 in Effingham County, GA, and died 1836 in Burke County, GA. He married **(2) Eleanor Dekle** Aft. 1836 in Burke County, GA, daughter of George Dekle and Nancy Rountree. She was born 1815, and died in Magnolia Springs, Jasper County, TX.

Notes for Aurin Goodgame Horn:

[An essay on the parentage of this man follows, several paragraphs below. Also see Notes to his father, Moses Horn]

Alanna Riley (Carter) is a fount of information on the descendants of this remarkable family. I have a large listing of this family in my papers, and the same will be available from Alanna, I am sure.

Correspondence from August, 1999:

Dear Dr. Horn,

My name is Alanna Riley. My mother is Melissa Horn. We are direct descendants of Aurin Goodgame Horn, who came to Texas from Georgia in the early 1840s. I am working on genealogy for my family, and would like to share information with you. Your website is wonderful.

Aurin Horn had over twenty children. He was my great-great-great-great grandfather. My parents and grandparents still live on the land that he homesteaded-a house still stands from that time period there. There are rather a lot of Horns and Horn descendants here- please contact me at any of the following addresses, as soon as possible, about sharing family information.

Thanks!

Alanna Riley

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1 August, 1999

The homestead is in Magnolia Springs-in fact, Aurin Horn named the community

after the Magnolia Springs area in Georgia, where he lived. He paid for his two thousand acres of land with 200 dollars in gold and three slaves. The land was part of a Spanish land grant at one time. My grandfather, Elvin Horn, still lives on it, as do my parents. When I was a child, a slave cabin that was built by Aurin Horn was still standing, however, it collapsed when

I was a teenager, before I got interested in this stuff. My grandpa's stories are what got me interested in history, and that's why I majored in in. I graduated from Texas A&M in '97, and I'm now at SFA, working on my master's. I am sending you the Horn information that I have. There is quite a lot of it! I have compiled it since my senior year in college, but unfortunately, lots of my relatives won't send back the information sheets! Needless to say, there are lots more of us than there are listed below. I hope to have most of them by the end of the year.

Alanna

The information about Aurin's family comes from his family Bible. Contained within, in Aurin's own handwriting, is the information on his parents and children. It says that his father was born in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. This is corroborated by census records, land records, and other family stories. Being a historian, I always verify!

I would be happy to send you this info on gedcom or FTM file.

If you have any other questions, feel free!

:) Alanna

Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2000 10:50 PM

Subject: Horn Family of Magnolia Springs, Texas: Aurin Goodgame Horn

Dear Bob,

wrote to you several times last year, and attempted to send you the information that I have on my great-great-great grandfather's family. In the process, my computer crashed, I became heavily involved in my thesis work,

and I became engaged and got married.

As you can see, it has been a hectic fall and spring!

Here is my family history, from Aurin Goodgame Horn onward. If this does not go through, I will snail-mail to you, if you will send the address to me.

Thanks!

Alanna Riley Carter

Magnolia Springs, Texas, and Orange, Texas

P.S.

Here is my marriage information-

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Alanna Michelle Riley, dau. of John Larry Riley and Melissa Ann Horn
born November 25, 1974, Galveston, Galveston County, Texas

James Samuel Carter III, son of James Samuel Carter, Jr and Carol Grace
Elliott

born July 12, 1962, Waycross, Pierce County, Georgia

Married March 31, 2000 at home of Robert and Terry Morgan, Jasper, Jasper
County, Texas, Mark Martin, officiant

5 May, 2001

Dear Bob,

Just wanted to tell you that I looked at your website, and I like seeing my Horns there! :) Hope that all the tons of information on my branch of the Horn family from lil' ol' Magnolia Springs was helpful-I couldn't find myself, but I know that I am there, since I saw it on the FTM search page! :) I can't wait to see your acknowledgement page, either--I read it today, and hope to be in illustrious company soon for my little contribution. I have photos for you that I need to email of Jefferson Davis Horn and Chesley Anderson Horn. Will try to do that as soon as possible. I've been after my grandfather to write down some stories, and have taken pictures of the old Horn homesteads that I will send if you want them.

And, just wanted to let you know that in July, we will add a new sprig to the tree-James Riley Carter is expected around July 19. We are quite excited! Attached are photos of Jefferson Davis Horn and Sarah Elizabeth Barclay Horn. The first was taken in the mid-30s, and the second at the 1900 Jasper County Fair, where they won the prize for having the largest family present. The eldest was married by then, and the youngest was only a few months old--there were seventeen of them, with no multiples. My grandfather says that Grandma Horn (Sallie) always told him that each of her babies could fit a silver dollar over their faces, and that they were put in shoeboxes when first born, because they were so small. . . I'm not sure of the veracity of that, but I do know that Grandma Horn was tiny, and none of her children were very tall. . . her grandchildren were, but not her children.

Thanks for all your help in tracing the earlier Horns, and I hope that I have been some help with your missing Horns. There are quite a lot of us running around this neck of the woods, after all!

:) Alanna Riley Carter

Orange, Texas

P.S. My brother in law is from Oak Ridge and Knoxville. Is that near your part of Tennessee? We're supposed to go there next summer.

Essay on a consideration of the parentage of this man, prepared 31 August, 2002, by R G Horn.

Speculations on "Moses Horn" as the parent of Aurin/Oran Goodgame Horn. My initial sources regarding the descendants of the Horn families of early North Carolina, particularly the Ray Horn book, the Jim Doyle FTM pedigree, and the David Price listing, did not provide substantial information about the life and fate of Moses Jr, the son of Moses Horn, Sr (1719-1782) and his wife, Mary (d1785), beyond the fact noted in the Ray Horn book, that Moses Jr was born about 1745 in Edgecombe County, NC.

The 1785 will of Mary Horn, widow of Moses Horn, Sr, indicates that Moses, Jr was among her survivors, and her bequest of "one negro ... and all my part of crop" as well as his proportionate share of her estate, to Moses Jr strongly

implies that he was still living in Edgecombe, with or near his mother in 1785. I have no clear indication of the facts of the later life of Moses Horn, Jr, although more recent information reported below describes circumstances which suggest strongly that this man, Moses, Jr, or possibly a son of his with the name Moses, i. e. "Moses III", may have relocated to Georgia after 1785. The clear indication that a Moses Horn, born in Edgecombe county, NC, was living in Georgia in the latter part of the 1700's, is provided by well established family lore, provided to me in 1999 by Alanna Riley Carter, living near Magnolia Springs, TX. Alanna's information clearly documents that her gggg-grandfather, Aurin Goodgame Horn (b: 19 May, 1793, in Emanuel County, GA, d: 9 August, 1857, in Magnolia Springs, Jasper County, TX), was the son of a Moses Horn, who was born in Edgecomb County, NC. Beyond the very specific indication of the above paternity of Aurin Goodgame Horn, recorded in a family bible, Alanna has little additional documented information about his parents and family. More recently (August 2002) Alanna has informed me that "family lore has it that Aurin's mother was Sally Goodgame, who was the daughter of an Indian trader, or who was possibly Indian herself".

I initially assumed it was quite likely that Aurin Goodgame Horn was the son of Moses Horn, Jr., and I speculated that he had emigrated to Georgia after the death of his parents in 1785. Until the last few days (August 2002) I had not considered the possibility that the father of "Aurin/Oran" (b 1793) might be the son of another Moses Horn, either Moses III or a son of another of Moses Sr.'s children who might have emigrated to this area of Georgia. Any such consideration is purely speculative at this point, but the fact that Moses Jr would have been 48 years old at the time of the birth of "Aurin/Oran" is clearly indicative that Moses Jr was quite far along in years to be having what appears to be a first child, furthermore leaving open the possibility that Moses Horn Jr was either the grandfather or a great uncle of "Aurin/Oran". That is, given the paucity of objective data,

after acknowledging that the name of his father was "Moses Horn", and that he was a descendant of the line of Moses Horn Sr (1719 - 1782), it appears that "Aurin/Oran" could well have been either 1) a grandson of Moses Sr, via Moses, Jr, or, 2) probably much less likely, that Aurin/Oran might have been a grandson of another child of Moses, Sr, who, like many others from Edgecomb, might have relocated to this area of Georgia in the late 1700's.

I will continue and extend this line of speculation, after describing information recently called to my attention concerning a "Moses Horn" in the area of Georgia south of Augusta, in the late 1700's and early 1800's.

In the summer of 2002, I have received from Don Allen of Lockhart, TX substantial information, obtained from old tax and estate records in Georgia, about a Moses Horn in Burke and Jefferson Counties in the 1790's and early 1800's. [The reader should be aware that Emanuel County, GA, the birthplace of Aurin G. Horn, is contiguous with and south of Burke County.]

Correspondence excerpted from Don Allen, following, is italicized, and my

commentary in interposed in a smaller font.:

----- Original Message -----

From: "Don Allen" <don_w_allen1@yahoo.com>

To: <drbhorn@mindspring.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 07, 2002 10:30 AM

Subject: Horns of Jefferson Co, GA

Mr. Horn

My name is Don Allen and I believe that I may descend from Moses Horn SR of Edgecombe Co, NC. A Samuel Cutchin is listed among the children of Moses Horn Sr (Maybe a son-in-law?) following the death of Moses Horn in 1783. I believe it had something to do with the division of Moses Horn's estate.

In 1797 a Samuel Scutchen is granted 100 and 200 ac of land in Burke Co, GA in Headright and Bounty Grants.

[It appears that Samuel Cutchin/Scutchens is the husband of Elizabeth Horn, daughter of Moses Horn, Sr.]

[The preceding information suggests that a son-in-law of Moses Horn, Sr obtained land in Burke County GA in 1797, and the following paragraph suggests that another Moses Horn, likely Moses, Jr., Mr. Scutchins' brother-in-law, settled Scutchins estate and assumed guardianship of Scutchins' children. (Since Moses Jr. would be 52 years old in 1797, the possibility should be considered that the Moses Horn in Georgia in this period might have been Moses III, a son of Moses Jr, or perhaps another grandson of Moses, Sr., having been given the patriarch's name.)

I have some of the tax records of Burke and Jefferson Co, GA for the late 1700's and early 1800's. In the

tax records for 1799 (According to the book "A Pryor Family Narrative" 1788) evidently Samuel Scutchin/Scrutchin is dead because a Moses Horn is listed as the administrator for Samuel Scrutchins estate.

For the years 1801 through 1804 Moses Horn is listed as the guardian of minor children Josiah (My ancestor), William, and Mary Scrutchin. By 1805 Josiah is listed by himself on the tax rolls indicating that he is now an adult. Moses Horn continues to be listed as the guardian of minor children William and Mary Scrutchin through 1807. After 1807, I cannot find any trace of William and Mary Scrutchin anywhere. By 1808 Josiah Scrutchin is back on the tax rolls owning land in Burke and Wilkinson Co, GA.

The information in the following paragraph describes a minor, Oran Horn Goodgame, who is of unclear relationship to the Moses Horn who died in 1808, but who required appointment of a guardian pursuant to the settlement of Moses Horn's estate. It is particularly challenging and interesting to ponder the relationship of this individual, named in these documents as Oran Horn

Goodgame to the Oran/Aurin Goodgame Horn, as noted in the beginning of this report, to be well documented as having been born in 1793 to Moses Horn, formerly of Edgecombe, NC.

In 1808 Moses dies because Mark Mason is appointed administrator of Moses

Horn estate. By 1809 Benjamin Davis is appointed administrator of Moses Horn estate and guardian of Orin H. Goodgame. By 1811 Oran H. Goodgame is identified as Oran Horn Goodgame. The last listing for Moses Horn is 1813 where Benjamin Davis is listed as the guardian for minor children Mary, Henry and Julia(?) Horn. There could have been more Horns listed but I did not copy the bottom of the page. Other Horns listed on the tax rolls over the years were Cullen, Joab, Henry, Margaret and Wiley, all in Jefferson Co, GA.

Don Allen

Lockhart, TX

Don Allen's information above clearly documents the presence of a Moses Horn, born in Edgecomb County, NC, in east-central Georgia, south of Augusta, in the late 1700's and early 1800's. It is in this time and place, in the late 1700's south of Augusta, GA, that Aurin Goodgame Horn of Magnolia Springs, Jasper County, TX reported that he was born to "Moses Horn of Edgecomb County, NC".

As indicated in the above discussion above, these independent facts place a Moses Horn "of Edgecomb" in the vicinity of east-central Georgia, in or near the counties of Burke, Jefferson, and Emanuel and thereabouts, in the several years before and after the birth of Aurin Goodgame Horn.

The most straightforward interpretation appears to be that Aurin Goodgame Horn was the son of Moses Horn, Jr, who was born in Edgecomb in about 1745, but given the age of Moses Jr when Aurin was born in 1793, it seems

reasonable to speculate that the Moses Horn in east-central Georgia at this time might have been Moses III, a son of Moses, Jr.

Further speculation is fueled by the intriguing observations reported by Don Allen above, that on the death of Moses Horn in Georgia in 1808, pursuant to the settlement of Moses' estate, a guardian is appointed for a minor child named "Oran Horn Goodgame" in 1809 and guardianship for three other minor children of Moses Horn is established in 1811, at which time "Oran Horn Goodgame" is no longer named in the proceedings. Recall that Aurin Goodgame Horn of Texas reports his birth year as 1793, making him 15 in 1808 and effectively an adult by 1811.

Given the conundrum of the use of the names Oran Horn Goodgame AND Aurin Goodgame Horn to apply to apparently the same individual, it is tempting to consider possible circumstances which may have led to such an ambiguity. Clearly insufficient information is presently available to resolve the obvious questions, but a speculative evaluation of the known circumstances may prime researchers to be alert to any new information which could ultimately clarify this paradox.

Putting aside the question of which Moses was the father of Aurin/Oran, it might be rewarding to ponder possible explanations the confusing use and reversal of the surnames, Horn and Goodgame in the early 1800's, for this man who regarded his father as Moses Horn and whose mother may have been named Sally Goodgame. Why would a child initially be referred to as Oran Horn

Goodgame and then have the name "adjusted" to Aurin/Oran Goodgame Horn? As a general matter, it is pertinent to note that in this period children were very frequently orphaned by the premature and early deaths of parents, and guardianships, both formal and informal, commonly by close relatives were commonplace. In the pre-revolutionary or colonial period, careful documentation and recording of legal matters, wills, deeds, court actions, provided rich resources for historical and genealogical review. After the Revolutionary War, and with the rapid migration to the west into much less "civilized" and more primitive situations, the historical record is much less rich in providing documentation of matters of this type. Breaks in documentation of the links of ancestral chains are very commonplace for a number of years after the Revolutionary War, as almost anyone with genealogical interests in this time and place can attest.

For the sake of clarity of discussion, and based on evidence presented above, let us assume the mother of the child had the name Sally Goodgame and the father was a Moses Horn. In this case, it appears that the child initially bore the surname of his mother, and the middle name of the man who was his guardian (or parent?). One might speculate that the child of Sally Goodgame was fathered out-of-wedlock by either Moses Horn, Jr, or possibly a son of Moses, Jr, followed by the "adoption" of the child by the Moses Horn who was to die in 1808. Various similar "non-traditional" marital arrangements might well be imagined which could lead to such a circumstance.

The facts reported above concerning the estate settlement of Moses Horn suggest that Oran was an older child, in contrast to the younger three children of Moses, namely, Mary, Henry, and Julia. The possibility occurs to me that the father, Moses Horn, allocated substantial assets to Oran prior to the father's death, leaving other assets to the younger children. In any case it is clear that Oran "married well", became well fixed as a young man, and wisely chose to relocate Texas where he was able to establish the nidus a family dynasty, with much land and other property. This outcome suggests to me that Oran was not only bright and ambitious, but that he was probably well equipped to succeed by his father, Moses.

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There are many stories in this world, and the plots of most of them are unknown. Perhaps such stories, as this might have been, account for much of the miracle of America for the last 500 years or so.

If this version is not the Truth, there are many others like it, even less credible and more dramatic, which, though true, will remain forever untold.

End of Essay of 31 August, 2002.

[MosesJrHorn.rtf]

Children of Aurin Horn and Sophia Dekle are:

- + 371 i. Chesley Anderson⁶ Horn, born March 3, 1824 in Burke County, GA; died February 4, 1865 in Sabine Pass, Jefferson County, TX.
- 372 ii. Sara Horn.
- + 373 iii. Weston Horn, born in Georgia.
- + 374 iv. Aurin Goodgame II Horn.
- + 375 v. Mary Ann Horn, born February 28, 1833 in Emmanuel County, GA; died January 24, 1916 in Magnolia Springs, Jasper County, TX.
- 376 vi. William L Horn. He married Nellie Snellers June 9, 1881 in Jasper County, TX.
- 377 vii. Elizabeth T. Horn.
- 378 viii. Alfred A. Horn.
- 379 ix. Tarsey Ann Horn. She married Thomas Holmes November 16, 1876 in Jasper County, TX.
- + 380 x. John A. M. Horn.

Children of Aurin Horn and Eleanor Dekle are:

- 381 i. Marion⁶ Horn.
- 382 ii. Henry Horn.
- 383 iii. Palmyra Horn.
- 384 iv. Thomas Horn.
- + 385 v. Elmer Horn.
- 386 vi. Joseph Jasper Horn; born 1847.
- 387 vii. Isaiah Horn.
- + 388 viii. Eli H. Horn.
- 389 ix. Ellen Horn. She married Joe Jackson January 15, 1880 in Jasper County, TX.
- + 390 x. Georgia Ann Horn.

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xi. Francis Horn.She married Neal R. Singletary.

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xii. Laura Horn.She married Vaughn Bean.

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