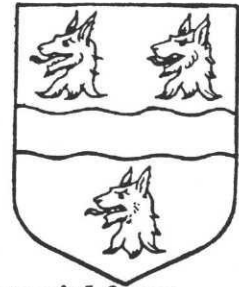


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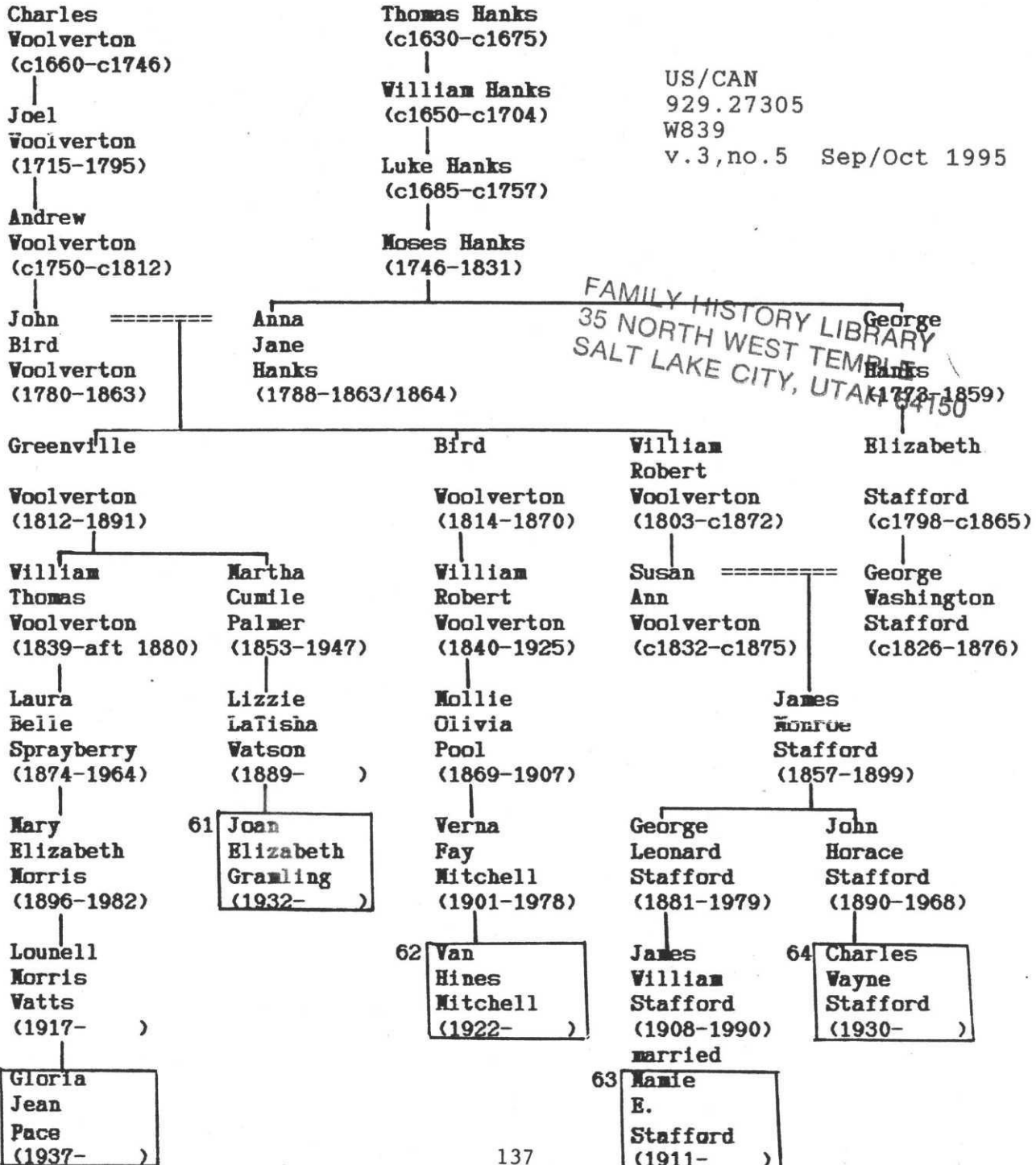
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Jean Pace is an avid genealogist who has been in contact with Bill Randolph, Bonnie Woolverton, Libby Gramling, Wayne Stafford, and others. She has been researching the John Bird Woolverton and Anna Jane (Hanks) Woolverton line.

Elizabeth "Libby" Grambling is another avid genealogist who has been in contact with Bill Randolph, Bonnie Woolverton, Wayne Stafford, and others. She has been trying to obtain membership in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the DAR. She would also like to find out more about her Guinn/Gwinn ancestry.

Libby recently obtained the family record pages taken from the Bible of Thornton Bird and Elizabeth Jane (Simms) Woolverton which were furnished by a descendant of that line. The earliest dates are the birthdates for John Bird Woolverton and Anna Jane (Hanks) Woolverton. In addition, she recently has obtained copies of the 1836 and 1837 tax lindex which shows that John Bird, Greenville, and other Woolvertons paid taxes for those years in Henderson County, Tennessee. And she has a picture of her great-grandparents, Greenville and Permelia (Guinn) Woolverton.

She is a retired education diagnostician. Her husband, Ozzie Elwood Gramling, Sr., is a retired elementary school principal. They are both very active in church, civic, and professional organizations. They currently own and operate Gramling Charolais Farms.

Van Hines Mitchell reports that he has been in and out of doctors' offices and hospitals since last September. In December his pulse rate dropped from about 100 to less than 40. In early May of this year he reported that he recently had a pacemaker installed, so he is back into working on genealogy.

He is currently working on a book on his Mitchell family which traces back to Morris Mitchell, a Revolutionary War soldier buried in the Mitchell's Campground Cemetery near Aldrich, Missouri, about 20 miles northwest of Springfield. I have been to this cemetery. It has a lot of old grave markers and a little church house and a historical marker denoting this as one of the early sites of Methodism in Southwest Missouri.

Van also descends from Isaac Garrison, another Revolutionary War soldier, who is buried in the Richwood Cemetery near Ozark, Missouri. As a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, last year on November 19, 1994, I

organized a grave marking ceremony for Isaac Garrison and read a historical sketch of his life. The SAR, DAR, and a number of descendants participated.

Mamie Stafford is the widow of James William Stafford. She has been researching the Hanks and Woolverton families for a number of years. She has a copy of They Passed This Way which has some valuable information on Moses Hanks and the Goads, Dodsons, Creels, and Hightowers who all lived near each other and intermarried in Richmond Co., VA, Pittsylvania Co., VA, and Maury Co., TN.

Wayne Stafford has been an avid genealogist for several years. He has recorded at least 5,000 Hanks, Woolverton, and Stafford descendants on computer and has been sharing information with Bill Randolph, Bonnie Woolverton, Bo Graham, and others. He uses the Brother's Keeper program.

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Sadly, I must report the deaths of two of our dear cousins. Audra Evelyn (Harris) Rogers, better known as "Evelyn," was born September 19, 1913 at Morris Chapel, Tennessee, the daughter of Bunyan Stephens Harris and his first wife, Minnie Lee Meek; granddaughter of William Ashley Harris and Sarah Agatha (Littlefield) Harris. She had suffered with heart problems for several years, but cancer was what took her. She passed away on Wednesday July 12, 1995 at Baptist Hospital in Memphis. The funeral was on Saturday, the 15th. She was buried at the Memory Gardens cemetery north of Adamsville, Tennessee, near where she lived. She was 81 years old. Her husband, Clyde Rogers, is in the nursing home at Adamsville. She is also survived by 5 children and their families. One son, Donald Rogers, who was a lawyer in Adamsville, preceded her in death.

Evelyn was the cousin whom I visited in 1978 and who first told me the story of Grandpa Luther Rice Littlefield's capture and escape during the Civil War. She, along with Cousin Scleeta Hudson, recounted this story again for me at a Harris Reunion in 1991 (*see newsletter p. 49*).

It was also reported that Erwin Wheeler, husband of subscriber Glenda (Tyson) Wheeler (*see lineage 26, p. 63*), passed away on Friday, August 11, 1995, at Seton Hospital, Austin, Texas, after a brief illness. The funeral was Monday, August 14th at Delhi Baptist Church, near Rosanky, Texas, where they lived. Burial was in the church cemetery. Erwin is survived by his wife, Glenda; their two sons, Larry and Mark Wheeler; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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OUR OLDEST COUSIN

To my knowledge, Lizzie (Palmer) Watson, mother of subscriber Libby Gramling, is our oldest living cousin. And I have found no record of any others of our Woolverton/Hanks

relatives who have reached the century mark. Lizzie's mind is very good, but her health is frail. She continues to talk lovingly of her family and enjoys visiting with her Woolverton relatives. She has quite a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Lizzie LaTisha (Palmer) Watson, was born December 31, 1889 at Gum Springs (Mt. Enterprise), Texas. She is the daughter of George Ezra Palmer and Martha Cumile (Woolverton) Palmer. She is now 105 years old, and if she makes it to the end of 1995, she will be 106.

From a write-up given at her 100th birthday, she shares that she attended a one-room school in Haltom, Texas for 2 years. Then for 6 years she walked 3 miles daily to attend school at Oak Flat. Next she moved in with her Uncle George and Aunt Savannah Burton and attended school at Carlisle for 2 years.

In about 1904 Lizzie was baptized in Mack Williams' creek and united with the Methodist Church.

On August 4, 1912 she married Robert Jefferson "Jay" Watson. Brother Perry was supposed to meet Lizzie and R. J. at 1 p.m. at the Palmer home to marry them. He never arrived, so they took off in the buggy to try to find him. They met him, and he married them in the buggy under a sweetgum tree halfway between John Moore's and Jess McClure's house. They made their home on a farm northeast of Mt. Enterprise. They raised 8 children: Marie Lillian, Robert Reagan, Gordon Roe, Susie Earnestine, Norma Jo, Billie Jean, Louneita, and Joan Elizabeth. Lizzie used to gather the children around the piano every Sunday afternoon, and she would play as they all sang.

After farming for 30 years, R. J. and Lizzie moved to town in about 1942 and enjoyed visiting with friends, neighbors, children and grandchildren for many years. Lizzie's husband, R. J., died of cancer and heart disease on December 28, 1969 after 57 years of marriage.

Lizzie remembers that as a child she played town ball, explored the countryside, and played with dolls. She adds that she wore long dresses and high-topped buttoned shoes, and she plaited her hair with ribbons. Furthermore, there was no electricity, and their first light was a snuff bottle with a wick.

Her philosophy of life is:

Be yourself.

Believe in yourself.

Love God, life, family, and friends.

Have faith in God.

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UPDATE ON FOUR WENT TO THE CIVIL WAR BOOK

Since the last issue was printed, I have been in touch with Lois E. Darroch, the author of Four Went to the Civil War. I made contact with her through the Ontario Historical

Society. She says that she has half of the Wolverton letters which she intends to deposit with the Ontario Archives in Toronto. The other half of the letters are in the possession of Goble descendants. Lois says she has a copy of the song, "Wolverton Mountain," on a record, but she did not know before where it was. She is glad to know that Woolverton Mountain is in Arkansas and that it was settled by our relatives.

The correct title for Lois Darroch's first book, according to the book jacket, is Robert Gourlay, Gadfly: Forerunner of the Rebellion in Upper Canada 1837. Published by Ampersand Press, Toronto, 1971. This is about an early Scottish reformer who came to Upper Canada in 1817 and was banished by the Family Compact in 1819 on pain of death. Her second book was Bright Land: A Warm Look at Arthur Lismer. Published by Merritt Publishing Co., Toronto, 1981. This book recounts the life of an artist who went from early water colors of the English countryside to the founding of the radical Canadian Group of Seven in the 1920s. Since Four Went to the Civil War was published in 1985, she has also published a fourth book.

McBain Publications has indeed gone out of business. Only a few copies of Four Went to the Civil War are left. They may be ordered from Lois E. Darroch. Contact her at: Ampersand Press, 2009-33 Elmhurst Ave., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2N 6G8. Ph. 416-221-3625. Hardcover numbered edition of 1000 is \$28.00 postpaid; paperback is \$15.00 postpaid.



CIVIL WAR COMMEMORATIVES

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Have you see seen the new Civil War commemorative stamps? Several Civil War generals and other well-known figures are included in the series. Also four well-known battlefields. A brief description or summary is included on the back of each stamp.

Our Hanks cousin, Abraham Lincoln, is featured on one of the stamps. The description on the back says: "16th U.S. President Abraham Lincoln 1809-1865 Illinois 'Rail Splitter' pursued war vigorously to restore the Union 'of ... by ... for the people.' Urged 'malice toward none.' Assassinated five days after Lee's surrender."

Another stamp features Shiloh Battlefield



which is on the county line between Hardin and McNairy County in Tennessee. It is just 9 miles southeast of Adamsville, Tennessee, where Woolvertons, Hankses, Littlefields, and Harrises all lived during the time of the Civil War. That stamp's description says: "Shiloh April 6-7, 1862 Confederates surprised Grant at Pittsburg Landing, TN, but lost General A. S. Johnston. Union counterattack at Shiloh Church forced Southerners to withdraw. Casualties: 13,050 Union, 10,700 Confederate."

These will surely be a collector's item. In addition, to receive a souvenir edition, hardcover Civil War tabletop book featuring exciting stories, colorful illustration and two full panes of these stamps, call 1-800-STAMP24 (1-800-782-6724) or send \$29.95 plus \$4.20 shipping and handling to: Civil War Book Offer, U.S. Postal Service, Post Office Box 419219, Kansas City, MO 64141-6219. Offer expires July 1, 1996.

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FROM OUR READERS

I really enjoyed the July-August Wolverton newsletter, one of the best in my opinion. I would like to correct slightly the biography of me. I'm a retired meat cutter, currently working at The Art Institute of Chicago with the Department of Protection Services. I'm mainly posted at the front entrance lobby greeting visitors and screening them for tickets, oversized parcels, bags, etc.

I was on vacation early this month. I drove down to Parke Co., Indiana, and visited the North Union Cemetery where many of the early Wolvertons are buried. It was in bad shape. Vandals have knocked over many of the old gravestones, including my gr-gr-grandfather, Sam Woolverton, and his brother Caleb. I talked to a man living nearby. He said they may try to set them upright eventually. That would be quite a job.

--John E. Wolverton, Chicago, Illinois

I went over to Kinkos and had my two years of Wolvertons Unlimited bound. Thank you for the very nice article about me and my family. Correction: I was married in 1951, not 1928. (I was born in 1928.)

--Kilburn D. Stoner, Sacramento, California

[Note: Kilburn Stoner married Lillen Norine Flynn on June 17, 1951 at Sacramento, California. See p. 126.--ed.]

I feel I must explain about missing the Marlow Reunion. I attended six reunions in as many weekends. It was the same thing every Sunday morning. Prepare 4 dishes to take for dinner and refresh memory on families attending. Didn't read my notice correctly. Got to Marlow on Sunday morning to find the place vacant. Was looking forward to seeing everyone.

[Note: the reunion ended on Saturday evening.--ed.]

We are all fine. I'm gathering info. perhaps to join DAR

on Lewis Bledsoe line. Wish I was closer to a big library. My Harris family is growing smaller.

--Peggy Williams, Verden, Oklahoma

I was so glad to get the writings you sent me. They are very interesting to read. So glad you are interested in this hunting up all our kin that we never knew about, and to think my grandmother or any of the family of their day never seemed to talk on their lost kin. It is amazing. And to know we yet have so many relatives I've never seen and won't ever, yet I feel so proud of all of them. And I wish it was possible that I could meet them. We also had some very smart relatives and do have. I feel very proud of each one of our kin near and far.

Scleeta (Walker) Hudson, Martin, Tennessee

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HARRIS REUNION AND BOOK UPDATE

Lewis D. Harris, P.O. Box 1912, Nettleton, MS 38858; ph. 601-963-1181, reported that only 54 cousins turned out for the 61st Annual Harris Reunion at Adamsville, Tennessee, August 12-13. I was unable to attend do to my presence at the 46th General Council meeting of the Assemblies of God in St. Louis that same weekend.

I understand that Aunt Theola Williams, Aunt Leta Pinson, John Troy Cash, Margaret and Bob Evans and son Bobby and his wife, Marie Ratliff, Anita Prade, Bill and Jo Hardin, Scleeta Hudson, Davie Lee Ashe, Charlotte Ann Ashe, Olive Harris, Bill and Vonda Reeves, Demova Brewer, Inez Treece, and Lewis and Byrd Harris were among those who attended.

Lewis is working with his daughter-in-law to update the Harris family book called Catalogue of Descendants: Gideon Lindsey Harris, 1813-1896. Any of the cousins who descends from Gideon Lindsey Harris should make sure their family record is complete and send the information to Lewis so he can update the record.

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TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS
FROM THE WOOLVERTON CEMETERY, MCNAIRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Copied by Glenn Gohr
August 1978 & June 1989

Located 3 miles north of Adamsville, Tennessee, on land that formerly belonged to James Matthew Woolverton, then was owned by his daughter, Nancy Artemisia (Woolverton) Littlefield, and now is on property belonging to the Westlaco Timber Company. From Adamsville City limit take Hwy 22 north (same as Maple) 1/2 mile. Turn left on Winding Ridge Road. Go 2 1/2 miles (the last mile of this is a dirt road). There will be a little gravel road on the left with a gate. This is

where Westlaco Timber Company property begins. Go through the gate and down the road 1/2 mile. On the left is a small clearing where the cemetery sits, and which is now very overgrown and difficult to see from the road. Only a few of the stones are standing. *[Note: This little road is 2/10 miles before you reach the Fox Hunters Association Building (formerly Hardin's Beauty School).]*

Agatha / Wife of / James / Wolverton / born / June 2, 1802 / was married / Sept. 23, 1817 / died / July 18, 1874 / aged / 72 y's 1 mo 16 d's *[dau. of Robert and Elizabeth (Hanks) Williams; wife of James Matthew Woolverton.]*

James Woolverton / born / May 12, 1797 / married Sept. 23, 1817 / He was a devoted member / of the Missionary / Baptist Church / for nearly half a century / and died in the full / triumphs of a loving faith / July 24, 1878 / aged 81 yrs. 2 mo. & 12 days
[James Matthew Woolverton, son of Andrew Woolverton]

In Memory of / Jesse A. Moore / born May 13, [1831?] / and married / [Mary] Woolverton / died June 12, [1886?] / Age [55?] yr. 16 da. / We loved him yes, we / loved him. / The angels loved / him more. / And they have / sweetly called him / to yonder shining / shore
[This stone was particularly difficult to read; unsure of dates in brackets. Royal Wolverton says that Jesse A. Moore was born on May 26, 1831; married Mary A. Woolverton on Feb. 17, 1858; and he died on June 12, 1896, age 65 years and 16 days.]
[Jesse Allen Moore married Mary A. Woolverton, a daughter of William and Jane (Jenkins) Woolverton.]

James W. / son of / J. T. & E. J. / Woolverton / born / June 18, 1878 / died / June 21, 1878 / age / 3 days / Sleeping
[son of John Thomas Woolverton and Eliza J. (Barran) Woolverton]

In Memory of / J. T. Woolverton / who was born / Aug. 3, 1842 / died Aug. 2, 1881 / age 3_ yrs. 11 mo. 23 da. / Budded on earth / to bloom in / heaven.
[Royal Wolverton says that John Thomas Wolverton was born Aug. 9, 1843, and died at age 37 years, 11 months, and 23 days.]
[John Thomas Woolverton, son of James Matthew Woolverton and Agatha (Williams) Woolverton.]

Woolverton / E. J. / Apr. 17, 1857 / Jan. 1, 1913 / Gone but not / forgotten *[Eliza J. (Barran) Woolverton, wife of John Thomas Woolverton]*

[Wm. Barran (stone broken)]
Born Mar. 4, 1821 / Died Nov. 9, 1898 / Age 77 y. 8 m. 5 d. / *[unable to read verse at bottom of marker]*

[This is probably the father of Elizabeth (Barran) Woolverton.]

Wm. H. / Moore / Born / Jan [21], 1894 / Died / [July 6], 1897 / 3 y. 5 m. 14 d. *[Unable to read dates above; dates in brackets supplied by Royal A. Wolverton. Royal says this is a son of W. and I. Moore.]*

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Your committee offer the following: Death has again invaded our lodge and stricken down one of our oldest and most worthy members, Brother Green Woolverton, whose memory we fondly cherish, and to whom we now pay the last tribute of respect. was, imagination that we can get, 78 years old, and is perhaps one of the first and one of the oldest members of this lodge. He has been for years a great sufferer, being both blind and a cripple, and had been confined to his house for some time, so his death was not unexpected to us.

Be it resolved that in his death Mt. Enterprise Lodge has lost a faithful member, a true Mason and a good brother, and the country a good citizen, and the children a faithful father. Be it further resolved that this lodge wear mourning the allotted time and that a copy of this be sent to THE NEWS and Henderson Times for publication and that a copy be handed to the bereaved family with whom we most heartily sympathize. His remains were interred in the Shiloh cemetery with Masonic honors Friday, the 31st day of January, 1891.

Humbly submitted, E. L. Ruark, John Isbell, Richard Madden, Committee. Mt. Enterprise, Texas, Feb. 7.

(Taken from the Rusk County News, Henderson, Texas, Feb. 11, 1891. Contributed by Elizabeth Gramling, Henderson, Texas.)

[The above obituary was written by the Masonic lodge at Mt. Enterprise, Texas. Words underlined above were not clearly legible. Greenville Woolverton was born Sept. 16, 1812 in Kentucky. He married Permelia Canonice Guinn on Nov. 2, 1834 in Maury County, Tennessee, and they later resided in McNairy County, Tennessee before moving to Texas about 1845. A number of Woolverton, Hanks, Guinn, and other kin migrated to Texas about the same time. Greenville was the son of John Bird Woolverton and Anna Jane (Hanks) Woolverton.]

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PETER AND ANDREW WOLVERTON OF KENTUCKY

PETER WOLVINTON, Warren Co., Kentucky, made a will in 1842. Listed in Book D, p. 161 of Warren County wills.

(Source: Jackson, Ronald Vern, ed. Index to Kentucky Wills to 1851: The Testators. Salt Lake City, UT: Accelerated Indexing Systems, Inc., 1977.) [See below for same person.]

GRANTEE / ACRES / BOOK / PAGE / DATE SURVEY / COUNTY / WATERCOURSE

Wolverton, Peter / 22 / 8 / 382 / 10-3-1841 / Warren / None
 Wolverton, Andrew J. / 18 / 56 / 316 / 3-17-1858 / Warren / Green River
 Wolverton, Andrew J. / 32 / 56 / 319 / 3-17-1858 / Warren / Green River

(Source: Jillson, Willard Rouse. The Kentucky Land Grants. Louisville, KY: The Standard Printing Company, 1925, p. 1837.)

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PETITION OF RESIDENTS OF HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, NOVEMBER 23, 1782

"The Petition of the Freeholders & Inhabitants of Henry County Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners are informed a Petition is Preparing to be offerd to this house, praying a division of the County, at which they are justley alarmed and at the same time Concernd to see so many Repeated Applications to the same purpose ... your Petitioners are Realy Loaded with Taxes that they are incapable to bear additions to them; and indeed to pay the present Taxes without feeling Great Distress ... It is proposed that Turkeycock Mountain or a Line in that Direction shall be the new boundary; if that is Agreed to our County will Remain 80 miles in Length and from 16 to 20 Miles broad ..."

Note: The petition contains over 200 names. Among those on the list who are believed to be associated with the Woolvertons and Hankses are the following:

John Bird	Spencer Reynolds
William Bohanon	William Shelton
David Going	Micager Stone
Zaph [Zephaniah?] Going	Stephen Stone
William Gwynn	R. Villiams [Robert
Robert Howelley [Holloway?]	[Williams?]
William Mills	Silas Williams
John Neavill	Andrew Woolverton

SOURCE: "Petitions of Residents of Bedford and Henry Counties, Virginia, in Favor of and Opposed to a New County (Franklin)," The Virginia Genealogist 24:2 (April-June 1979), pp. 87-89.

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