

51 Wadford Circle
Sugar Land, Texas 77479
October 19, 1992

Dear Joan,

Sorry I am so slow. My mother became very ill shortly after our gathering in May and died in July. Since then we have been very busy with her estate.

As you requested, I am enclosing negatives from the originals of the four photographs showing T. G. Wallingford. I also am enclosing Xerox copies of the originals to give you a feel for their size and appearance. The oldest, a tintype, just came out black on the Xerox copy, but at least you can see its size.

I am also returning your check for \$25.00 as I hesitate to cash it after so long a delay. Anyway, it is more than you owe me. The amount I paid for the negatives is \$21.24. You can send me a check for this amount.

The oldest picture is a tintype (very small and dark) showing Thomas Ginn Wallingford with his children, Robert Thomas (Tom) Wallingford and Eliza (Lida) Wallingford (my grandmother). I don't know anything about the circumstances of this picture or why the other two girls living at the time were not

included. I date the picture about 1875 (assuming Tom to be 13 and Lida 15). I had a 5x7 print made that turned out very well. The blow-up makes the print lighter with very little loss of detail.

The next picture in time is the photograph of Thomas Ginn Wallingford by himself. I estimate that this picture was made during the 1880's. The back of the photograph is printed with the name, F. B. Bailey, Photographer, Navasota, Texas.

Next is the photograph of Thomas Ginn Wallingford, his last wife, Annie Tucker Wallingford, and their three children, Alvin M., John P. and Minnie. I would guess that this picture was made about 1895 from the apparent ages of the children. Annie Wallingford was the same age as my grandmother Lida. Growing up in Hempstead, I knew Uncle Alvin well. He and my Dad were close.

The last picture shows Thomas Ginn Wallingford with his son and some of his grandchildren by his first wife, Evdline. The original is very light and you will be disappointed in any prints from the negative. However, the Xerox copy is

much better than the original, and shows detail that I didn't know was there.

I am enclosing an extra Xerox copy and can provide you with more if you wish.

My Dad identified those pictured as follows: Top row, left to right: Lillian Moore, Edna Day, Lee Day, Sallie Moore, Florence Moore. Bottom row, left to right: Arthur Moore (Sr.), Melvin Moore (Jr.), Cassie Wallingford, Edna Moore (sitting on Grandfather Wallingford's knee), Thomas Ginn Wallingford, Valma Moore, Marvin Wallingford, Bob Wallingford. Sitting at right: Tom Wallingford with baby T.G. Wallingford in his lap. Since my Dad, the little barefooted boy on the left, was born in 1890, I would date this picture about 1897 or 98. Also, Edna Moore, the little girl on Grandfather Wallingford's knee, was born in 1895 and died in 1899.

I also have a letter that T.G. Wallingford wrote to his wife, Evaline, during the Civil War, another letter he wrote to his daughter, Eliza, ~~and~~ which mentions Annie, Alvin, John and Minnie, and a newspaper with a roster of the men in his civil war company with a brief account of each (guess whose was the longest). If you would like copies, let me know.

Sincerely,
Arthur Moore Jr.

57 Bradford Circle
Sugar Land, Texas 77479
January 24, 1994

Dear Joan,

Thank you so much for the material that you sent me on April 12, 1993. It is all very interesting. I had hoped to see you at last year's reunion, but I was unable to attend as it was on the day my daughter graduated from high school. Please forgive my delay in supplying the copies which you requested. I guess Wallingfords are just slow.

I am enclosing a copy of the Oct. 18, 1891 letter from T. G. Wallingford to his daughter, Eliza Moore, my grandmother. In 1891, Melvin and Eliza Moore moved from Field's Store to West Texas seeking a better climate for Eliza's health. My Dad was a baby, their youngest child at the time. They stayed about a year and moved back to Field's Store when Eliza's health did not improve. This letter was written during that time. The letter of course mentions his wife, Annie (who was the same age as Eliza), and his youngest children, Alvin, John and Minnie. I assume "Tommy" is his adult son, Tom Wallingford. "Melvin" and "~~Melvin~~" "Mel" are references to Melvin Moore, Eliza's husband. "Thad and his mother" are no doubt references to Melvin's brother, Thad Moore and his mother, Sarah Moore. Thad Moore was a bachelor who lived with his widowed mother in the Field's Store community. The letter also mentions a squabble, which I understand ~~was~~

was typical of T.G. Wallingford. I used to walk with my Dad through the Field's Stone Cemetery, and he would point out the graves of men killed by his Grand Pa. I have a lot of oral history about T.G. Wallingford passed on by my Dad which I should write down.

Also enclosed is a copy of the newspaper clipping entitled "A Deserved Tribute to an Old Confederate." I also copied the back of the clipping which shows the date September 4, 1902. Although the name of the newspaper is not shown, I can tell from the names of people that it was a Hempstead paper.

My Dad told me that T.G. Wallingford had one of a very few copies of General Lee's farewell to his army, signed by General Lee himself. He kept it in his desk at his home and often showed it off to family and friends. Dad remembered seeing it on several occasions. Several years after T.G.'s death, Dad asked family members about it, but no one knew what had become of it.

My Aunt, Irene Moore Waddell, the last surviving of Eliza's children, died earlier this month. She was almost 95 years old, and I believe was the oldest living descendant of T.G. Wallingford.

Well, I had better close. Hope to see you at the next reunion.

Sincerely,

Arthur D. Doughty, Jr.

April 16, 1994

Dear Joan,

I am returning your transcript of the 1891 letter with my notes. I hope you understand them all. If not, give me a call. I changed the word "received" in the first line to the abbreviation Grandpa Wallingford used. It is interesting that he wrote this word the very same way in his 1862 letter. I have added a P.S. which is written in pencil, upside down, at the top of the second page. It probably didn't show up on the copy as it is very light. It illustrates the dire economic circumstances of the time.

You mentioned Miss Jimmie Smith. An account of her family is found on pages 664-665 of the Waller County History. I remember her. She worked in Dr. McWilliams' office in Waller when I was little. I also was in error. My mother taught at Fields Store, not with her, but with her sister in law, Julia. My mother also lived a part of this time with her sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bunting. I recall all of them.

An account of the tragic deaths of John and Tom Pinckney is given on pages 158-159. They were both politically prominent, John having been County Judge (page 160), later Congressman. Tom had been County Attorney (page 162).

I look forward to seeing you in May.

Sincerely,
Arthur Moore