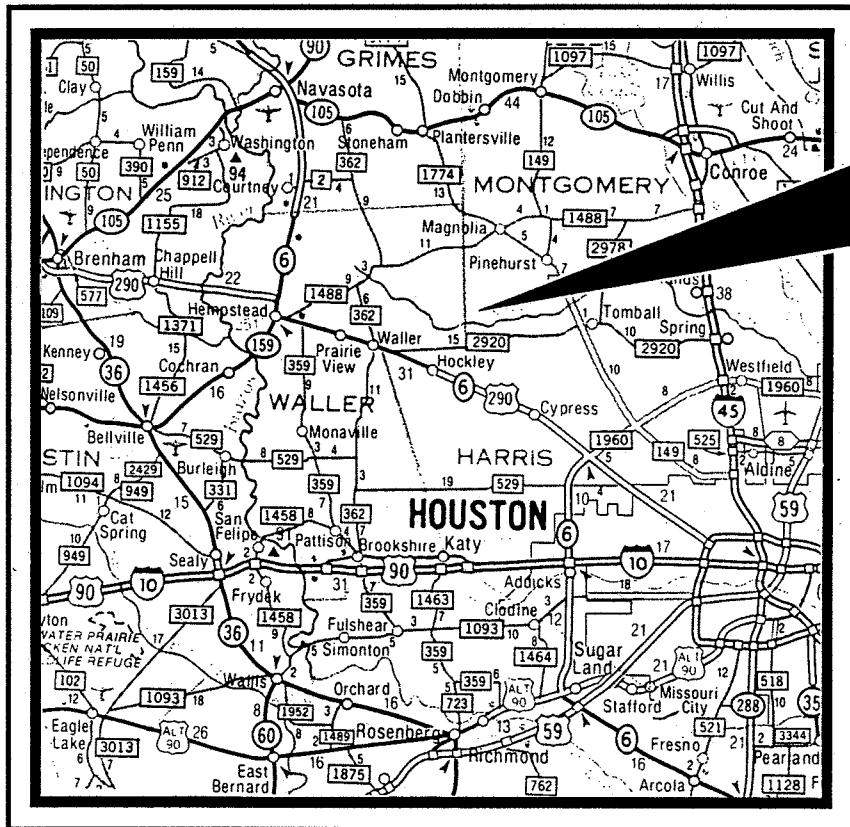


# LIVING ON THE COUNTY LINE

*The Life and Times of the Alfred Hegar Family*



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## PREFACE

Learning about my family's history has been a consuming interest these past few years. Fortunately one relative, Aunt Maye Hegar, was still living and able to tell me much about the way our family lived. Her memory was still sharp about the happenings of long ago. I feel very fortunate to have this record. How wonderful it would be if we had records of the lives of all our ancestors.

While this is a story about the Hegar family, it cannot help but be a story mainly about Alfred as he was such a dominating force in his family. He had his faults, as we all do, but he was a person with a strong sense of honesty and responsibility who worked exceptionally hard all of his life, never shirking any duty. His colorful language sometimes disarmed people, but his wit charmed them. He could be a severe taskmaster with his family one minute and a gentle, caring person the next minute. He was the epitome of a "character".

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NOTE: Included in this book are photographs of other family members who played an important part in the lives of Alfred and Helen and their children.

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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE ALFRED HEGAR FAMILY

To get to the old Alfred Hegar family homestead from Houston go west on the Old Hempstead Highway (US 290) until the small town of Hockley is reached. Even in its hey-day Hockley had a population of only a few hundred people, but today it is only a fraction of that. The depot for the all-important railroad that connected the outlying small communities with Houston, Austin, etc. is no longer there. No one rides this train anymore. The large two-story Becker Hotel is gone. It used to be a favorite meeting place for locals as well as a stop-over for visiting dignitaries and the drummers as they came through the communities peddling their wares. Deserted for many years, the hotel eventually fell into ruin. Also, Dr. Batte's old house used to be nearby where many an anxious person came to get his help in caring for a sick loved one. Barwick's store in Hockley used to satisfy the urgent needs for the farming families nearby. Gone. Gone. Today Hockley is just a sleepy little community with a few assorted businesses and dwellings.

But just west of its remaining buildings is Hegar Road. Turn right here and head north for a few miles, cross Spring Creek, and then turn right again on Macedonia Road. The roads today do not exactly follow the path of the old roads, especially at this point. At the turn of the century there was little fencing and the narrow dirt road took a short-cut across the corner, coming to the old Hegar community General Store and Post Office near the entrance of the present Page Ranch. Continue traveling east past the Springer-Macedonia Church, past Murrell Road on the right to the county line separating Waller and Montgomery Counties. There is a tiny road going left to the

north. This road used to separate the George Lloyd and Alfred Hegar lands. Today there are a number of lovely homes on each side, the property having been divided up into many parcels. Travel north slowly along this narrow road, cross a swampy area and -- there on the right rises a slight hill, now empty except for the tremendous pecan trees which have remained standing there for a century. There -- on the crest of the hill -- that is the place, the place where the old Hegar homestead stood, and where the Alfred Hegar family lived for 45 years.

Alfred Carl Hegar was the second son born to Otto and Sophia Hessig Hegar on August 6, 1859. Otto and Sophia had arrived in Texas from Germany in October 1846 and soon thereafter settled in what was then Harris, later Grimes, and finally Waller County. As he was growing up, Alfred helped on the farm as most boys did in those days. He went to Enoch McPherson's School when he could be spared from the farm chores, and on September 9, 1882 he married Hellen Florence Loyd, daughter of John Isaac and Tabitha Martin Loyd, whose family had moved to Montgomery County from Dale County, Alabama in 1872. Probably Alfred and Helen met at school or church gatherings. Nothing is known of their courtship except that it must have been rather lengthy as a faded hand-written poem remains, dated February 14, 1880, which reads:

Miss Hellen Loyd

No voice but thine can give me rest,  
And bid my fears depart,  
No love but thine can make me blest  
And satisfy my heart.  
If you believe this,  
Seal my love with a kiss.

It was enclosed in an ornate folder with an 1880 calendar on the back advertising John R. Young, Druggist and Apothecary, Hempstead, Texas. Marriage records in Waller County Court



House state that they were married September 9, 1882 by G.W. Harvey, Minister of Church of Christ, probably at the home of her parents where her twin sisters had married in 1880. Most weddings were held at home in those days.

Soon after their marriage, in 1884, Alfred purchased 164 acres of land from William Randall for \$500. This property was on the Montgomery side of the county line and consisted of some cleared fields and wooded land. A sturdy house and out-buildings put up around the Civil War period stood on the low hill.

In those early days the community was sparsely settled. Roads were just narrow paths because transportation was mainly by horseback and foot. A person going far distances would take a wagon or perhaps a buggy. Few houses were in sight of each other. They were surrounded by trees and some open fields.

There are stories that Indians had passed through the area in earlier times to get from their homes along the Sabine and Trinity Rivers to hunting grounds west of the Brazos River, but no known Indian villages had existed there. Certain trees in Three Mile Creek Bottom have markings that were definitely not made by white men. Perhaps the Indians had stopped to catch their meal in the creeks where fish were plentiful. Old-timers remember that arrowheads were frequently found around houses after a rain had washed them out of the sandy soil, or in the fields after plowing.

Helen recalled that soon after her family had moved from Alabama to property in the Lacy Pearsall Survey near the county line, Indians came to their house begging for food and frightened the women and children. But they were peaceful and did no harm. Frequently they simply helped themselves to whatever they wanted around the property and they especially liked red hot peppers! Ate them like candy!

Alfred and Helen started their family in this community near the Harris-Waller-Montgomery County lines. Their first child, August Monroe, was born the next year on March 28, 1883. One of Helen's twin sister's, Mary Elizabeth Smith, died following the birth of a son named John Henry Smith on June 30, 1885, so the Hegars took in the boy to raise. Helen Florence was born October 22, 1887, Mina Edna on March 9, 1890, and Sallie Neva on January 26, 1892. Sadly, after a short illness, August died on October 22, 1895. A little over a month later on December 12, 1895, Sophia Anna was born. A bright, spirited baby, she also unfortunately died suddenly of the croup or diphtheria on January 15, 1898. This was a common ailment among babies at that time. And, lastly, Mary Magdalene, later called Maye and Madalyn, was born on February 10, 1901.

The Hegars were an average Texas farm family in the late 1800's and early 1900's. By today's standards they might have been considered poor, but they didn't know it! Almost everybody nearby lived as they did. All family members worked hard to provide the necessities for a large family. They endured many hardships but accepted life as it was without self-pity or rebellion. They always shared whatever they had with other family members and friends. No one ever came to the house without carrying away something to eat. Eating well was very important to Alfred Hegar.

Although Alfred did not go to school beyond the fourth grade, he was a man with a fine mind and improved what education he had by wide reading. In addition to being a farmer, he also acted as a Notary Public in the community and his advice was frequently sought and trusted by his neighbors.

He was an exacting husband and father devoted to his family but uncompromising in his demands for obedience. He kept his family close to home as he himself was not an especially social person.

Helen was a capable homemaker and devoted to her family also, but she was a yielding wife who gave in to her husband's every demand. These personal characteristics were not uncommon during those times.

Thus the family set upon its course in life.

The old house was constructed of unpainted lumber running vertically. It faced south and was mainly one room deep so that prevailing south winds in the summer could circulate freely through the house. It may be considered small by today's standards but in the late 1800's and early 1900's it seemed quite adequate for a rural family. The house consisted of a parlor, one large bedroom which was also used as the actual "living" room, a smaller bedroom for the children, a kitchen, and a separate dining room which was unusual in rural areas in those days. On the back of the house was a rough shed for "the help" to sleep in or for storage. Across the entire south side of the house was a "gallery" or covered porch. It was very sturdily built as evidenced by its long life. It was dismantled in the late 1920's with great difficulty as the old square nails and pegs which held the house together were meant to stay!

There were two barns west of the house next to the road. One held corn and hay. The other was long and contained a trough for feeding livestock, stalls, and a place for supplies. A shed was located somewhat south of the gate to the house yard. Here Alfred kept the buggy which his mother probably gave him after the death of her husband Otto in 1885. There was a smokehouse out back as well as the "necessary house".

Inside the gate into the house yard and to the south were a large black walnut tree and two sycamores that were so huge that an adult could not reach around them. Four-o'clocks were always growing at the back kitchen door, and Alfred had a special garden west of the house. It was enclosed with still another fence and in it he planted the special flower seeds

with which he liked to experiment. He would order seeds and liked to be the first person in the area to have a new kind of flower or vegetable, such as watermelon with yellow meat. You might say that he was one of the first experimental agriculturists in the area!

To the east of the house were fruit orchards, mainly pear but also peach and fig which Alfred had ordered from "Old Man Bouden" who came by in his one-horse buggy taking orders for nursery items.

The house yard was always free of grass as was customary in those times for protection against fire and snakes. It was the children's job to keep it swept clean with small bunches of cut limbs tied together.

Farther south of the house on the other side of the fence rose the large pecan trees. Alfred probably planted them soon after he bought the place. And on beyond that lay the grape arbor and some of the cultivated fields. There were patches of fields here and there used for the family's food supply as well as the monetary crops of cotton, potatoes, and corn.

The house itself was plainly furnished. The fanciest piece of furniture was the organ in the parlor. No one seemed to know how to actually play it but Maye liked to "play-like" she was playing. Alfred had bought a Seth Thomas steeple clock for the mantle soon after he and Helen married. It came from Waddell's Furniture Store in Houston. The fireplace itself, built of wood and clay, was boarded up and never used. Instead, a wood stove was installed in the living-bedroom. In this room were also two beds, a Victorian-style marble-topped walnut dresser, some chairs, and a pine table on which Alfred kept his precious books and papers. The parlor had more formal furniture: a couch, chairs, library table, and the organ, but was rarely used.

In the dining room there was a long table with chairs and benches and a cupboard with glass doors which held dishes.

A sturdy Bucks wood range stood in the kitchen. It had four lids on top and a large oven. There were also two tables here, one on which dishes and utensils were kept, and the other on which most of the food preparation took place. On the wall behind the cook-table was a coffee-grinder, a very important gadget in those days.

On the gallery outside the kitchen was a safe and a milk cupboard. There was also a shelf on which the essential white enameled water bucket stood with a dipper hanging from a hook beside it. Zinc buckets and a wash pan were here also for washing up. A small black table held an extra bucket of water. The children and Helen had to be mighty sure there was plenty of water for Alfred to wash up when he came in from the fields.

Nearly all of the beds had feather mattresses and were covered with hand-made quilts, mostly made by Helen and Aunt Sallie Lloyd. The heaviest feather bed was given to the family by Alfred's mother. A good feather bed was considered a prized possession and was frequently mentioned in old wills. A hand woven coverlet of black and off-white yarn was made by either Helen's mother Tabitha or grandmother Elizabeth Martin and was also a prized item. Helen's brother Nelson and sister Emily Attaway also had coverlets similar to this. Emily's descendants recall that she said that as a young child she had helped her mother make it.

An average day in the Hegar household began early. After Alfred had started the fire around 3 AM, he would make the coffee. The green coffee beans had been previously roasted very carefully in the oven. A child was usually posted at the oven door to keep watch to see that they did not scorch. Alfred would grind some beans every morning for that day's brew. The remainder would be kept in a can. This coffee must always be piping hot but was then "sauced and blown".

Although their daily fare throughout the week was plain

and sometimes lacked variety, it was substantial, nourishing food which would "stick to the ribs" for several hours of hard work. Biscuits were always on the morning menu along with some kind of meat, usually bacon or sausage, eggs, and syrup.

Alfred then headed for the fields. That land which was light-colored and sandy was productive if there was adequate rain. August and John Henry went along to help even when very young, and the girls were later expected to join in, especially during busy times. Sometimes neighbors or nearby blacks helped.

Helen would occasionally do light work in the garden but her main responsibilities were milking the cows, taking care of the chickens, cleaning the house, washing and ironing the clothes, sewing, taking care of the younger children, and especially keeping plenty of food on the table. There wasn't time left for much else!

Alfred had plain farm equipment as did most farmers in those days. The horses, Old Beck and Old Dan, faithfully led the plow up and down the rows for years, to the yells of "Whoa!" and "Gee!"

Alfred was a believer in the Farmer's Almanac and was careful to plant by the moon, and he never, never started anything different on a Friday! He worked very hard and demanded that his children do likewise. The problem was that after August's death in 1895 and John Henry's in 1902 there were only girls in the family. But help they did although it was not done enthusiastically! From 1900 young Helen was away at school at Chappell Hill so that left an even greater burden on Edna and Sallie, but they did their share of planting and working in the fields. After they grew up and left home, Maye who was nine years younger than Sallie, was left to help with the chores. She didn't help much with housework-- she was needed in the fields. She followed her father around for years, running errands, doing any chore he needed done. When he called, she had better run fast! It was her job to open gates, also, when father was

bringing in the cows. She can still hear the bells on the cows and father yelling, "Baby, open the gates!" and she was terrified that the old cows were going to come after her! Though she thought her father a hard task-master, she did not shirk from the never ending early morning chores nor the necessary work in fields until almost dark.

The main crops were Irish potatoes, sometimes called German potatoes, and cotton. The potato rows were long. When the crop was dug and sorted to size, it was hauled to Hockley where it was sold and sent to Houston.

Cotton was also a big crop for many years until the boll weevil took its toll. Sometimes good adult pickers were hired and would pick 250-300 pounds a day each. The girls could hardly pick 50-100 pounds. It was hard work picking and dragging the bag behind. At the end of the long rows there would be a wagon for the pickers to weigh and dump their cotton. Alfred was very particular about his pickers keeping their cotton clean. Bits and pieces of leaves, stems, etc. would lower the price. When the crop had been picked, the wagons would haul it to Leverkusn's Cotton Gin. No girls were allowed to make this trip. It was a dangerous job, just for men. Alfred usually had 4-5 bales a season. He wasn't a very large producer.

He grew sugar cane, sweet potatoes, peanuts, corn for animal feed, and, of course, other vegetables to eat. Almost all of the family's food was raised on the farm. Very little was purchased-- only such things as flour, sugar, coffee, soda, salt and pepper, and occasional delicacies such as pickled herring, canned oysters, and rock candy.

Weather played a very important part in a farmer's life. It was his first consideration in the morning and the last at night. The crops depended on the all-important rain, yet too much could be a disaster, too. A severe hurricane hit the area in 1915, causing much damage. Trees were blown down in the yard and so many branches were blown off trees that the

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women couldn't even get out in the yard until Alfred cleared it out. Summers were extremely hot, winters very cold, seemingly much more extreme than today. Maye remembers it being so cold once that the combs on the chickens froze! The pond near the house froze so solid that a horse and buggy going over it did not break the ice. And summers were sometimes miserable too. The children would put a pallet out on the gallery in order to catch a bit of breeze so they could sleep.

Alfred would come in from the fields at noon to take a little rest and to have the main meal for the day. He would wash up and read in his old oak rocking chair until Helen put the meal on the table. Reading was always a favorite pastime with him when he had a few minutes to spare, which wasn't often. He had a number of books which he read and reread, sometimes until they literally fell apart. He especially enjoyed reading about major catastrophes such as the 1900 Galveston hurricane and the San Francisco earthquake, etc. Western stories about Buffalo Bill and others were favorites. And, of course, Doctor Chance's Book of Medicine and Recipes was always handy for consultation for the ever-present problems which turned up in those days.

Alfred had a friend in Hockley, Mr. Reeves, who always saved the newspapers which he got off the passing trains.

These were from the larger cities, some even New York. He gave them to Alfred who read every word voraciously.

There were always plenty of vegetables to eat in season, delicious peas or beans, potatoes, corn, okra, cabbage, and sometimes meat, although not always because of the difficulty of storage without refrigeration. Fried chicken, roast chicken with dressing, and stewed chicken with dumplings were some of Helen's specialties, although these were not for every day. Occasionally Alfred would go fishing at Three Mile Creek and bring home enough for a meal, or shoot a squirrel or rabbit



which would add variety to their meals.

In the winter Alfred would kill hogs, smoke or salt them, and the family would have pork while the supply lasted. He also belonged to a Farmers Beef Club in the community. It consisted of a group of about a dozen nearby farmers who would butcher a calf every so often and all would share in it. Their share would vary-- sometimes roast, sometimes soup meat, sometimes steak. Also, Uncle George shared goats which he raised, as well as the wild turkeys and deer which he and his boys hunted.

Corn bread was an absolute necessity every noon. If there were fresh berries, grapes, or other fruit available, a cobbler or pie would be made for dessert, but otherwise there would be canned fruit or the ever present syrup. Fancy desserts were usually only for company.

Chicken in some form or other was usually a Sunday or company meal. As the adults usually ate first, the children last, Maye recalls that that was when she acquired the taste for wings and backs-- that was all that was left when she got to the table!

As the girls grew older, they helped in the preparation of the meals and especially in the cleanup afterwards. Many an old white ironstone dish was washed.

During the intense heat of the summer, the family took a longer rest at noon, but about 3 o'clock they went back to the fields and worked until five or six. Then back to the house for clean-up and the evening meal which usually consisted of left-overs and perhaps a fresh pan of corn bread or biscuits. A bowl of crumbled corn bread with sweetmilk poured over it was one of Maye's favorites as was left-over potatoes fried in bacon grease with onions, and left-over corn cut from the cob and cooked with butter and cream. No one ever went hungry. That was one thing Alfred made sure of.

After the final clean-up everyone was pretty tired and usually went to bed "with the chickens". Having only a kerosene

lamp for light after dark made reading or sewing difficult, so the daylight hours had to be used efficiently. But as Helen did most of the sewing for the family, even making Alfred's pants, shirts, and "drawers", she probably had to burn the oil to finish her projects, especially if there was a baby in the household.

Each summer pigs would be brought in from the woods where they had been running wild. They were penned and fattened up for butchering when the first good freeze arrived. They would be fed scraps from the kitchen as well as corn and any surplus from the farm. All hogs would be good and fat when they were ready to kill. Usually three or four would be killed at the same time and prepared for smoking, salting or cooking. Several neighbors would come to help and the meat was shared with them and others who in turn would share theirs later when Alfred helped them. These were helpful sharing people who lived in those times.

The hogs were shot with buckshot, then put in a large kettle of boiling water. They were then put up on a rigging where they were scraped clean, gutted, and cut up. Some of the meat that wasn't to be eaten fresh was salted down in layers in a barrel or large wooden box. After a period of time the pork was washed off with scalding water and then hung up in the smoke house. This was usually done with the "side meat" or bacon and hams. A "souse" or hogshead cheese was made with the boiled heart, liver, and other parts. It was seasoned, corn meal added, and placed in a crock. It would then be sliced later and eaten. For some days after the hog killing, the family lived "high on the hog" with fried liver, baked spare-ribs, boiled backbone, fresh sausage, etc.

It was the children's job to keep the smoke going in the smoke house during the daytime. This meat lasted for months. It could be left in the smoke house or stored in a safe during

the cooler weather, but once it became warmer the only ways to keep things cool were to put them in a bucket and lower it in the well, or get ice from Hockley which Alfred occasionally did. He would bring home in the wagon 100 pounds of ice wrapped in cotton seed hulls and a toe sack or old quilt. It might last as long as two weeks. The family especially liked it to cool drinking water on the very hot days and to use it to make ice cream, a real treat in that country community.

In addition to raising hogs for family use, Alfred ordered some thoroughbred pigs. He raised and sold the piglets. Poland China was a black and white pig. Tamworth was reddish. They were mainly show hogs. He also raised a few cattle for selling. His brand was **TG**.

He belonged to the Farmers Union, made up of a group of farmers in the community who met every Saturday evening about 6 o'clock to discuss matters pertaining to agriculture. They were also able to borrow money from the bank to tide them over until crops were harvested. The Union would have picnics for the community every year on the grounds of the Macedonia Schoolhouse. Some of the men would barbeque. Alfred's job was to make stew. He would take the vegetables and the large black wash pot in the wagon to cook it on the site. Everyone thought his stew was great. These affairs were eagerly anticipated.

Soap making was a necessary chore most women dreaded. Helen, like all farm women of these times, saved all the left-over grease. She rendered it in the old black washpot over a fire in the yard back of the house, strained it, then carefully added the lye solution which she had made by draining water through ashes from the stove. All the children were warned to keep away so as not to get burned. It would then be poured into a wooden frame to cool and harden and be cut up into useable pieces for washing. It was strong and used only for

washing clothes. Hand and body soap was bought at the store.

Most wells in the area were dug by hand and were faced with boards from bottom to top. The Hegar's first well had such hard water that it could hardly be used. Water had to be carried from Spring Creek or from the Lloyd's for drinking and washing, which was quite a task. Later on under the supervision of Helen's cousin Jode Hughes another well was dug by the Imhoffs. This furnished plenty of good water.

And there was the time when the pet cat got into the well while the family was away visiting. It didn't fall all the way into the water but was stranded on a ledge and couldn't get out. Alfred, Uncle George, and some of his boys rigged up a small platform using a board, put some food on it to tempt the cat, and lowered it in the well by a rope. Fortunately the cat was smart enough to get on the board and stay there until it was raised to safety!

Sunday was a day of rest from the field work. It was a day to dress up and go to church-- that is, if a minister was there. The small church at Macedonia did not have services every Sunday. There was only a visiting circuit rider minister who came about every four or six weeks. But when there was a service people came for miles around because it was not only a day to rejuvenate the soul but a time to get together to visit friends and relatives, an opportunity to catch up on all the news, and a chance for the young folks to "court" under the watchful eyes of their parents! Services were sometimes long and the young girls made sure they sat close to a window so they could have whispered conversations with their "fellas" outside. Sometimes after the service the congregation would hold a covered dish "dinner on the grounds". Everyone would bring a special tasty treat. It was an enjoyable get-together for all and a much needed respite from the long days of labor.

The first services for this Macedonia Methodist Church

were held during the years 1892-94 in the McPherson School, which was a small community-built structure that stood near the present church site. The first actual church building was erected about 1894 on land belonging to William Page.

Summer revivals or camp meetings were held occasionally in the evenings. Brush arbors were built outside for these meetings. Many people would come to hear the preaching and to join in the singing. Uncle George was an especially good and enthusiastic singer. The revivals would last from one to two weeks.

One time remembered by Maye was after her oldest sister Helen had married John Page. The small boys were left to sleep on pallets in their wagon while the service was going on. Later Helen and John got in the wagon to go home. On arriving home and taking the children in to bed they discovered they were missing one child, so they had to go back to retrieve the lost one!

Grandma Sophia Hegar was descended from generations of clergymen in Germany and had helped to organize the Macedonia church. She was an active member until her death in 1904. On one occasion she helped to decorate the church grounds for a special May program for the children in which they gave recitations.

In the afternoons when there was no church, families and friends visited and the children had a chance to play together. Swinging on a grape vine, playing ball, and chase were favorites. Most games were played without benefit of toys as most of the children had few.

Ice cream socials in the summertime were very popular and were usually held on a Sunday afternoon. They were a real treat for these country folk. Alfred would go to Hockley for the ice and Helen and the girls would make the ice cream, usually vanilla or lemon, and perhaps bake a cake. Many times they got

together with their Lloyd relatives and had a real party. It was after one of these happy affairs that Grandpa John Isaac Loyd died of a heart attack in 1909 at Aunt Sallie and Uncle George's house.

A number of years later large family reunions were held each year to honor George Lloyd's birthday in June. Relatives from miles around would come bearing their tastiest dishes to go with the pit-barbequed goat which George and Sallie furnished. Outside under the trees tables were set up. There were tubs of iced tea and the most inticing, delicious food anyone would ever hope to eat! All this in addition to visiting with relatives not often seen made it a very special occasion and a memory family members still cherish.

Alfred's older brother August and his wife Kate and their family lived out on the Hockley prairie which was only a mile or so away but far enough so the families didn't see each other very often. Occasionally Helen and the girls would ride over in the buggy for an afternoon visit. Aunt Kate's table was always set for company. She was a good cook and her German cookies were a special treat.

Young people tried to get together as often as they could, usually on Saturday nights. Parties were held at different houses. They loved "surprise" parties, taffy pullings, "candy breakings", and "play" parties where dancing was forbidden but singing, marching, and folk-dancing were permitted. At a "candy breaking" there would be a box full of different colored stick candy. The girls and boys paired up. The boy had to pay a dime. Each of them reached into a hole in the box for a piece of candy. If their candy matched they kept the candy and got to walk around the house together! If they did not match, the boy put his back, the girl kept hers, but no walk! After being isolated on their farms all week, the young people really enjoyed

getting together. They would walk, ride horses, or go in buggies or wagons for miles to such an occasion. But the Hegar girls were permitted to go only to nearby parties and then only when accompanied by their mother, aunt, or other older person. Alfred was very strict in such matters.

Christmas was a special time but not the big commercial holiday it is today. Alfred would go out in the woods to chop down a big pine tree that would almost touch the ceiling in the house. It was set up in the parlor and decorated by Helen with small candles attached to the tree with tiny tin clamps and a few ornaments, perhaps a string of holly berries. The children were not permitted to see it until Christmas morning when the few gifts were exchanged. Stockings were also hung on the fireplace mantle. The children usually got only one or two small toys, but there were treats of apples, oranges, and hard candy, which were also shared with neighbors and relatives. And surprisingly enough, there were a few fireworks, such as sparklers, fire crackers, and roman candles. The children were allowed to shoot the fire crackers and carry the sparklers around, but Alfred insisted on shooting the roman candles himself because of the fire hazard. These went tremendously high and were most impressive to those youngsters.

The day was spent with relatives sharing a feast of fowl and dressing and all the trimmings.

As Maye grew older she went with her father to Magnolia to help shop for the presents for the little ones in the Page and Wallingford families. Alfred did all of the shopping. Maye does not remember her mother ever going into town to shop. He would go to Magnolia, Hockley, Waller, Hempstead, or occasionally Houston in the wagon and bring back what was needed. He even brought Helen and the girls some clothes, including underwear, shoes, and hats!

The trip to Houston was quite an ordeal. Going in the wagon, it involved stopping overnight at Brick House Gully and then heading for the big city the next morning to handle his business. He didn't care for this trip at all but it had to be done once in awhile. Depending on when he finished up, he would try to make the journey back home that day, arriving late at night. But sometimes another night at Brick House Gully would be necessary.

During these absences he always made arrangements for someone to stay with the family. Sometimes it was Grandma Sophia, Sophia Swank, or some relative or nearby neighbor. They lived fairly isolated. The dangers were few but Alfred was an overly cautious person.

No gala affairs were attended by the Hegars so there was no need for fancy clothes. Most were made at home and were quite plain, but as the girls grew older they convinced their parents to let them have fancier things. Aunt Alice, Aunt Sallie, and Helen were all good seamstresses and did their best with the help of Delineator Magazine and patterns from Uncle Otto's store to dress the girls in style. Fancy white "waists" and skirts were especially popular in the early 1900's.

In 1899 Otto George Hegar, Alfred's younger brother, established a general store and post office near his residence which was just south of the present Macedonia Church. It lay on the north side of the Waller-Magnolia Road. Part of the old Otto Hegar house in the woods, home of his parents, was dismantled and moved to this site. It was expanded into a larger house and became the residence of young Otto and Alice's family and his mother Sophia. It was a nice big white house. It had posts in front and faced south. Descendants say it resembled the present house of Frank Hegar on Hegar road. There were three bedrooms with a wide hall down



the middle, an L-shaped gallery, a large kitchen and dining room, and a yard with a picket fence around it. There was a playhouse on the side of the house for the children. The store was separate from the house. It was a fairly large one room building. Groceries and household necessities were on one side, merchandise on the other-- mainly for ladies-- shoes, fabric for clothes, needles, thread, stockings, hats, very basic things. The front corner held the post office. There was a fence with a gate around it and the children knew they had better keep out!

The store and post office soon became the center for the community of Hegar, Texas. It served a real need for the people of that rather isolated area and it was a gathering place to keep in touch with the news of the day.

Alfred made a trip down there at least twice a week on "mail days" and more often if supplies were needed. Helen frequently went down to sew with Alice, and the girls of both families loved to play together. Maye remembers Aunt Alice giving her and her cousin Bertha a piece of bacon on a line so they could catch crawfish, and then she cooked them for the girls. Alice was good with the children. Everytime a new shipment of hats came in she would invite Maye to come to see them and often gave her one. Hats were important in those days.

After repeated crop failures by both Otto and his customers he decided to move to Tomball in 1908 where he built the Hegar Hotel and ran it for a number of years.

Occasionally when Alfred and the others could be spared from their chores, he would take the girls to Three Mile Creek to fish. It was just a short walk through the woods from the house. Fishing tackle was simple and most of the fish were small, but sometimes as many as 53 were caught! Helen would

roll them in corn meal and fry them. They were delicious.

Fishing and hunting were not done just for the sport of it or just for fun(although it was considered fun) but for the food it would provide the family. After the older girls left home, Maye went with her father to hunt squirrels. It was her job to get around on the other side of the tree in which a squirrel was hiding and scare him around to the other side so Alfred would be able to shoot it. Squirrel fried or boiled with dumplings were both treats.

The girls didn't have any special pets but of course there were always animals around. Old Red the dog was remembered as a good snake-hunter. He would grab a snake and shake it until it was dead. A great deal of attention was always paid to baby chicks.

Edna once built a trap in which she baited and caught birds, especially quail which she roasted. They were delicious and the whole family liked them.

Uncle George had a sugar cane mill. He, Alfred, and other neighbors raised cane and each fall they would bring their cane to be mashed into syrup. The children all loved to watch the process and of course, the syrup was a treat. In almost every rural home syrup was a staple on the dining table at every meal. It served as their sweet when nothing else was available.

It was a serious problem when someone became ill in those days. Not only was this area of the country remote, the roads bad, and the doctor's help too far away, but medical science was in its infancy. Very little was known about treating illnesses. People usually had to make do with what they had on hand. Some of the remedies did a good job, others were

harmless, but some were downright dangerous.

Alfred read as many medical books as he could and kept a number of medical supplies on hand. Neighbors frequently called on him for help. Patent medicines such as calomel and Epsom salts were thought to be good for any and all ailments. So many doses would clear the disease away. Mustard plaster was applied to chests for coughs and colds. A few drops of Japanese oil on a strip of flannel tied around the neck helped a cough, or a few drops of the oil and some sugar in a cup of hot water settled an upset stomach. Japanese oil was powerful stuff!

Every year in the summer almost everyone got the chills and fever for a few days each week. This was probably due to malaria but that was unknown at the time. Adults took quinine, children were given Feberline. Sick ones in the family were given corn meal soup which was supposed to heal many ailments. Helen would cook one cup of cornmeal, sometimes slightly browned, with one tablespoon butter and two and one-half cups water or milk. She would stir it until smooth and administer to the patient.

Babies and young children were especially susceptible to the croup and diphtheria. They would develop this and die within a few days. The symptoms were greatly feared by parents. The Hegar's little daughter Sophia Anna died of this in 1898.

It was a fact of life that many children would be lost before adulthood. Sometimes the father had to dig the grave, build the coffin, and do the burying himself. The Alfred Hegar family had lost its share. First son August died at the age of twelve in 1895, Sophia Anna died at age two in 1898, and nephew John Henry Smith died at age seventeen of black jaundice in 1902.

All were buried in the Hegar Family Cemetery near the

old home place of Alfred's parents. Henry Turpin probably built the coffins. Burial usually took place the day after the death if at all possible. This family and the surrounding community were very caring and sympathetic. Many friends and relatives came to help day and night during the illnesses and subsequent deaths as Alfred and Helen had helped others in their time of need.

One of the most tragic happenings in the community was the death of Sophie Swank who lived nearby. She had been burning brush outside when her clothes caught on fire and she was severely burned. Neighbors tried to treat her by applying linseed oil and wrapping her in a sheet. Dr. Batte was also called from Hockley, but she died during the night. This event further convinced Alfred of the dangers of fire, a fear he held all of his life.

One summer when Helen's cousin Viddie Martin Black and her children were visiting from Houston, the youngsters were walking bare-footed back to the house from the Lloyds one night when daughter Viola was bitten by a snake. Alfred immediately soaked her foot in coal-oil or kerosene, which was his special remedy and it evidently worked. Some folks treated snake-bite with chewed-up tobacco placed on the wound, other adults felt a few drinks of whiskey was the best treatment, but Alfred stuck to his coal-oil.

Besides the Blacks coming to visit each summer, Helen's brother Henry Loyd's daughter Sally Pendergrass and children came. "Cousin Ann" Hughs, youngest sister of Grandpa John Isaac came frequently. Why she was referred to as cousin instead of aunt is not known. And of course, Helen's bachelor cousin from Willis, Jode Hughes, was a regular visitor in his later years. Jode traveled from one household to another and stayed for long periods of time. He was a big help around

the place and was always welcome. He was a gentle man, easy-going, who loved all the children. He was always full of news, stories, and fun. Jode brought them gifts, took them fishing and hunting, and they all hated to see him leave. In the early 1900's Jode and Alfred would sack ripe pears from the orchard. Jode would load them on a wagon and take them to Prairie View College near Hempstead. After he sold them he would go by the bakery in Hempstead and get seven loaves of bread for one dollar!

There were a number of blacks who helped the family. "Aunt" Liza Stewart and "Aunt" Hannah Barnes helped with the cooking, washing, and cleaning. "Old Turk" helped with the outside chores and fence building. They lived in shacks in the nearby woods. Maye remembers one time when "Aunt" Liza, who made delicious bread and cinnamon rolls, got the chile powder mixed up with the cinnamon and ended up with hot rolls! Alfred always had interesting and unusual spices on hand-- he was a great one for trying new things.

The children in the tri-county area did not have many educational opportunities in the early days. There were not nine months of school every year. Instead, a teacher would come to the crude isolated one-room schoolhouse perhaps for a few months out of the year. Most of the children, especially the boys, could not be spared from their farm chores during the growing season. Because of this, young people were very eager to attend school when possible. The Hegar children went to school as often as it was available as Alfred wanted them to receive a better education than he had. And when there was no school, he saw that Edna and Sallie kept in practice by writing letters to their older sister Helen. She had been sent to the Methodist Chappell Hill Female College in Chappell Hill,

Texas, near Brenham, from 1900-1903.

This letter-writing was good practice in language skills as well as spelling and handwriting. It was interesting to see that they were always formal in their writing: "Miss Helen Hegar, Dear Sister, I will take the pleasure of writing you a few lines .....". And Edna and Sallie delighted in writing a letter for Baby Mae, then just one or two years old, to her big sister. An especially amusing letter was written by Baby Mae but addressed by Alfred with the following: "If undelivered return to Miss Mae Hegar, Wall St., New York City."

The nearby schoolhouse, a small crude one-room building was east of the Lloyd house. Alfred, Uncle George, and other neighbors helped to build it and make the necessary simple furniture for it. It held a long sloping table with hard splintery benches, a table for the teacher, and a pot-belly stove used for heat in the cold weather. About six scholars at one time went to school here. Their teachers were Fannie McPherson and a one-armed girl who came from the orphanage, Birdie Taylor. The latter stayed with the Lloyds and became very close to all the family. In those days, qualifications for teachers were low, indeed. They needed no advanced education but were required only to pass a test. But most were fine, dedicated people.

Later Maye and Helen Lloyd would ride a horse to Springer School, near the church. There would be one-half term there and one-half term across the creek at the Ogg School. Maye remembers one night in particular when the creek rose after a hard rain and she was unable to get home. She had to stay overnight with the Leverkusns.

The scholars usually carried their lunch in a tin syrup bucket. The lunch consisted of a buttered biscuit or two with some syrup in an old chili powder bottle to moisten it a bit. If there was sausage available, there would be a

piece. If sweet potatoes were in season, there would be a baked one. Children especially liked them.

Maye was eventually sent to stay with sister Edna after her marriage to John Wallingford. They lived in the community of Joseph where she went to a larger four-room school at Field's Store. Alfred took her over in the wagon or buggy on Sunday evening and she stayed until Friday afternoon when he picked her up again. She remembers liking the sports activities particularly.

In 1900 oldest daughter Helen went to Chappell Hill to school with Emma Lee (Effie), eldest daughter of Otto Hegar, and Mary Emma, eldest daughter of George Lloyd. Mary Emma soon became too homesick to stay, but the other two girls stayed and eventually graduated, with much encouragement from their families. Alfred and Helen, Sallie, and Edna all wrote letters to young Helen at least twice a week. Sometimes there wasn't much to write about but they would make a gallant effort to ease her homesickness. These letters have remained intact over the years and are a priceless chronicle of that period of time.

Alfred was proud of his daughter and eager for her to do well in school. And it wasn't beneath him to do a little bribing, either! If she studied hard he would see that she had a party when she came home! He sent her boxes of cape jasmines, peanuts, sugar cane, rosam, and even sweet potatoes which she craved! He wanted her to dress and do the things that the other girls did, within reason. And he was always concerned about her health. One thing he was adamant about, however, was her not using "that toilet cream" on her face. It was "ruinous to the complexion", he said. But he was a loving, caring father.

And while he was no doubt disappointed when she wanted

to marry upon graduation, he acquiesced. Helen married John William Page on December 24, 1903. They lived in a small house near the Hegar General Store and Post Office for several years until Uncle Otto moved his family to Tomball in 1908. Then they moved into this larger house and continued operation of the store and post office. Four boys, a girl ( who died young), and eventually twin girls were born to John and Helen before a fire destroyed their home in 1913. They built another house nearby and the family increased to ten children. John farmed and operated the post-office until the mid-twenties when he moved his family to Houston.

In the meantime, in 1909, as previously stated, after an ice cream social was held at Uncle George's house, Grandpa John Isaac died suddenly of a heart attack. He had lost his right arm during the Civil War and had been living with the family for fifteen years since the death of his wife Tabbitha. He was buried beside his wife at the Field's Store Cemetery ( between Hempstead and Magnolia on FM 1488 ). Plans went on for Mary Emma to marry George Stephenson a month later. The wedding was an all-day affair and afterwards at home when Alfred went out to the barn to feed the livestock, John Pinckney Wallingford followed him to ask for daughter Edna's hand in marriage. They were married two weeks later on June 27, 1909. The wedding took place on the gallery outside the parlor as was customary for summer weddings. Aunt Alice made the cake and decorated it with white icing which was her specialty. It was shiny and hard on the outside and soft on the inside. This time she had to cook it twice to get it just right. Edna went to live with John's mother near Joseph. They had two boys and a girl before he died suddenly of pneumonia in 1921. After living with her parents for almost a year, Edna and the children moved to Houston.



Sallie went to Chappell Hill to school, also. After graduation she went on to Sam Houston Normal Institute in Huntsville to earn a teacher's certificate and taught for nine years in Macedonia, Pasadena, and Houston. It was in Houston while staying with the Black family ( cousins ) that she met Charles Frankford Williamson and married him on December 27, 1919. He was a brother to Robert who had married Viola Black. Sallie and Charlie had a daughter and a son, and lived in Houston.

Maye, being considerably younger than the other girls, was the only child at home for many years. Most of the nearby children were gone and it was a lonely time for her, which probably explains why she disliked the "country" and the woods. She passed the teachers test at age sixteen and started teaching although she had no special schooling or training. She taught at Byspot, Magnolia, Decker's Prairie, and Cedar Bayou before moving to Houston. There she was a book-keeper for Bering-Cortes Hardware Company for sixteen years and then a cost accountant for Shell Oil Company for twenty-six years. She did not marry.

Alfred and Helen continued to live on the old homestead, but they were getting older, no children were around to help, and Helen's health was declining. In 1927 they sold the property on the county line to Archie Lloyd, son of George, who in turn tore down the old house and used the lumber to help build his new one located on the Magnolia Road near his parents' place.

The Hegars bought a house with ten acres on the old Post Oak Road outside of Houston. It was close enough for Maye to commute to town to work. It was here that she cared for her parents until Helen's death in 1933 after a severe stroke

disabled her. Later Sallie moved in with her and helped with the care of Alfred until his death in 1946 at age eighty-six. Until almost the very end, Alfred farmed a few acres and managed to grow enough vegetables and chickens to supply most of the family's needs. He remained a dominant, demanding, hard-working "character"-- but with a touch of wit.

Both Alfred and Helen are buried in the old family cemetery in Waller County.

## EPILOGUE

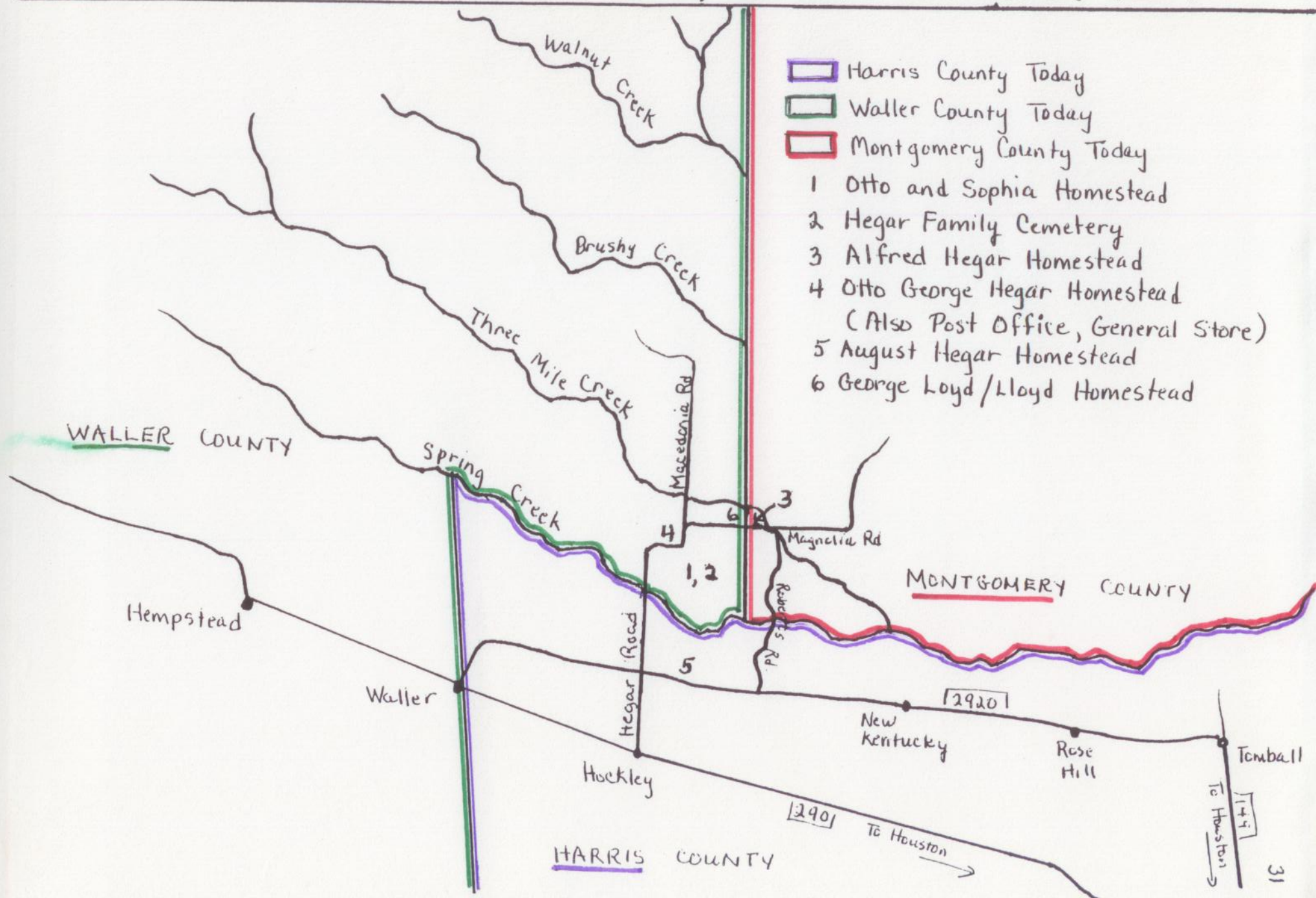
Aunt Maye and I made a sentimental journey back to the old home place on the county line.

We paused near the crest of the small hill where the house stood and took in the sights and sounds-- a pear tree was blooming, the pecan trees were beginning to leaf, cows were munching in the fields, a hawk was soaring in the sky searching for a quick meal, birds were singing, guineas were cackling. But mainly there was quiet, just like long ago.

We stopped by to talk to the present owners, the Halls. They shared with us some of their "treasures" found thereabouts: a rusted door hinge, a piece of a plow, an old square nail, bits and pieces of bottles and dishes. That was all that remained at the site of the Alfred and Helen Hegar homestead at which the family started their journey through life over a hundred years ago.

Yet it was a beautiful peaceful spot now, more open, less enclosed by the woods, nice homes within sight. Life goes on here, but it is comforting to see that it has retained its basic rural nature and is not covered with a highway or shopping mall. That makes it much easier to visualize that life long ago.....

# TRI-COUNTY AREA — WHERE HARRIS, WALLER, & MONTGOMERY MEET





In 1937 — taking the little road north off of Magnolia Road  
at the county line<sup>3</sup>

you pass a swamp  
area,



to the left of photo  
at top of small hill  
is the site of the  
old homestead, built  
prior to Civil War



Looking south from  
homestead site  
toward old pecan  
trees and on beyond  
to where cultivated  
fields were in the  
early days.



# MARRIAGE RECORD.

State of Texas, Waller County:

To any Judge of the County or District Court, Ordained Minister of the Gospel, or Justice of the Peace, in and for said County of Waller GREETING:

You are Hereby Authorized to Solemnize the RITES OF MATRIMONY between Mr. Alfred Hagar and Miss Helen Loyd and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.



WITNESS my official signature and seal of office, at office in Hempstead this Seventh

day of September A. D. 1882

W. D. Harper

Clerk of the County Court Waller County.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

I, G. W. Harvey, hereby certify that on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Sept A. D. 1882, I united in Marriage Alfred Hagar and Miss Helen P. Loyd the parties above named.

WITNESS my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Sept A. D. 1882

G. W. Harvey

Minister of Church of Christ

Filed for Record this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct A. D. 1882

W. D. Harper

COUNTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

MARRIAGE RECORD OF ALFRED HEGAR AND HELLEN LOYD



Alfred Hegar Deed, Montgomery County Courthouse  
v. 6, pp 420-421, 1884

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The said deed is in conformity with the law, and for better description see deed of James Morgan to W. F. Randall, and recorded in Harris County, record of Deeds, Vol 21 page 6. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this 15th day of February A.D. 1884 -

W. F. Randall (25)  
J. B. Randall (25)  
E. C. Randall (25)

The State of Texas }  
Harris County, } Before me H. Paul, Cleric of the  
Peace, and ex officio Notary Public, in and for the State and County  
aforesaid, on this day personally appeared W. F. Randall, J. B. Randall  
and E. C. Randall, known to me to be the persons whose names are  
subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that  
they had executed the same for the purposes and considerations  
therein expressed. Given under my hand and seal of office  
this 15th day of February A.D. 1884 -



H. Paul, Cleric of the Peace & ex officio  
Notary Public, Harris Co., Texas

Filed for Record August 26th A.D. 1884 - at 11 O'clock Am -  
Recorded August 26th 1884 - at 3 O'clock Pm - To which I certify  
B. D. Griffin Clk C. C. M. Co -

W. F. Randall to } Deed Alfred Hegar	The State of Texas I know all men these Presents; Harris County } That I, W. F. Randall, of the County of Montgomery, State of Texas, in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, to me paid by Alfred Hegar, of Walker County, Texas, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said Alfred Hegar, his heirs and assigns, the following described land and premises, situate in the County of Montgomery, State of Texas, to-wit: One hundred and twenty acres, about 20 miles S 1/4 Sec 11, T 1 N, R 10 E, beginning 100 varas S of the E. corner of Lacey Bassett's 32 acre survey, on the E line of same at a stake from which a Post Oak is in line marked W, distant 3 1/2 varas, and another 10 in line marked E, distant 10 1/2 varas - Thence North with said Bassett's Survey 100 varas to a corner of D. H. Bassett's survey, a line
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= and another 12 in dia, mark X. bears N 75° E. 125 varas - Thence East with said Cochines line 933 varas to a Stake from which a Post Oak is in dia. mark X. bears N 53° E. 2 varas, - Thence South 100 varas to a Stake from which a Red Oak 12 in dia, bears N 53° W. 8 varas, marked X - Thence West following a line of Cochines survey 933 varas to the place of beginning - Together with all and singular the rights, mem<sup>rs</sup>, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging, or in any wise incident or appertaining, To Have and To Hold, all and singular the premises above mentioned, unto the said Alfred Hegar, his heirs and assigns, And I do hereby bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said Alfred Hegar, his heirs and assigns against every person whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same, or any part thereof, - In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1884 -

W. F. Randall.

State of Texas

Harris County 3 Before me N. Paul George, Justice of the Peace  
and Ex Officio Notary Public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, on this day personally appeared W. H. Bandall, known to me  
to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instru-  
ment, and acknowledged to me that he had executed the same  
for the purposes and consideration therein expressed. Witness  
my hand and seal of office, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1884 -

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Notary Public Harris Co.

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Recorded August 26<sup>th</sup> 1884 - at 4 o'clock P.m. - to which I certify

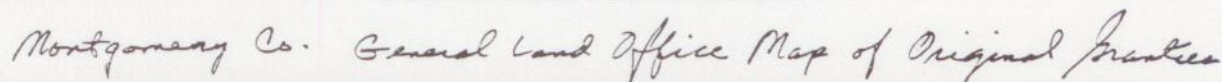
B. D. Griffin & C. E. Mc

R. J. Handley  
No 3, Dead  
Lake Creek RR Co

The State of Texas } Know all men by these  
County of Harrison } Presents, That J. L. Gar-

County above written, for and in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars to me in hand paid and secured to be paid by The Lake & Rock Railroad Company, a body corporate and organized under the laws of the State of Illinois.







The State of Texas,

County of MontgomeryI, Henry R. Bell

Chief Justice of said County, do hereby certify that William F. Randall  
is Bona Fide settler upon land surveyed for him by Joseph M. Brown  
Deputy Surveyor of Montgomery on the 13th day of  
May, 1856; that he has resided upon and cultivated the same for the  
space of three consecutive years, in compliance with the provisions of "An Act Donating to  
Actual Settlers upon Vacant Public Domain One Hundred and Sixty Acres of Land," ap=  
proved February 15th, 1854; that he was a resident of the State of Texas, at the date  
of the passage of said Act, and has not heretofore secured or appropriated any  
land under said Act. The above facts having been proved to me by the oaths of  
Abner Roberts and Thomas James, two respectable  
citizens of said County, to me well known.

In Testimony Whereof, I herunto sign my name, and affix  
the seal of the County Court of said  
County, this the fifteenth day of  
September 1859.

H. R. BellChief Justice  
m. a

NOTE.--When your blank certificates and reports are exhausted, notify the General Land  
Office, and others will be sent.





State of Texas.  
Land District of Montgomery

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Corrected field notes of a survey of 160 acres of land  
situated in the South-West part of Montgomery County  
being the quantity of land to which he is entitled by  
virtue of the presumption law of the State of Texas  
Beginning 750 paces North of the S. E. Corner of  
Locoy Pearsall's 1/3 league survey, on the East line  
of the same, at a stake from which a post oak  
16 in. dia. marked W. 3 1/2 pas. dist and a post oak  
10 in. dia. marked B, bears N. 65° E. 23 pas. dist.

Thence North with Pearsall's survey  
1000 paces to a corner of D. M. Gohens' survey, a stake  
from which a red oak 24 in. dia. marked B bears  
S. 37° E. 25 pas. dist and a red oak 12 in. dia.  
marked M bears N. 57° E. 12 1/2 pas. dist.

Thence East with Gohens' line  
703 paces to a stake from which a post oak 20  
in. dia. marked X bears N. 63° E. 3 pas. dist.

Thence South  
1000 pas to a stake from which a red oak 12  
in. dia. bears N. 65° W. 8 pas. dist. marked X

Thence West following a line of Gohens' survey  
903 pas to beginning

W<sup>m</sup> Glass 2 Chain 3  
Abas Linton 2 Chains 3 Surveyed December, 1860

P. John M. Wade, District Surveyor  
Land District of Montgomery



No. 1508 Office of COLLECTOR OF TAXES, }  
Montgomery County.  
 Received of W. F. Randall  
 the following amounts, in payment of State, School and  
 County Taxes for the year 1884, on personal property  
 and the following described real estate:

LANDS.				TOWN LOTS.			
Abst. No.	No. of Acres.	Cert. No.	Survey No.	ORIGINAL GRANTEE.	Lot No.	Block No.	Out Lot No.
453	160			W. F. Randall			
417	200			L. Percoll			

Total value of property assessed: 760

TAXES:

State ad Valorem	\$	1.68
School ad Valorem		1.20
County ad Valorem		4.80
Revenue and School Poll		1.50
County Poll		25-
Total	\$	9.43

Montgomery Texas, May 24<sup>th</sup> 1885 C. H. Stewart Collector.

E. W. SWINDLELL, STATE PRINTER, AUSTIN.

FORM 1.

No. 567 Office of COLLECTOR OF TAXES, }  
Montgomery County.  
 Received of Alfred Hagar  
 the following amounts in payment of State, School and  
 County Taxes for the year 1886, on personal property  
 and the following described real estate:

LANDS.				TOWN LOTS.			
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453	160			W. F. Randall			

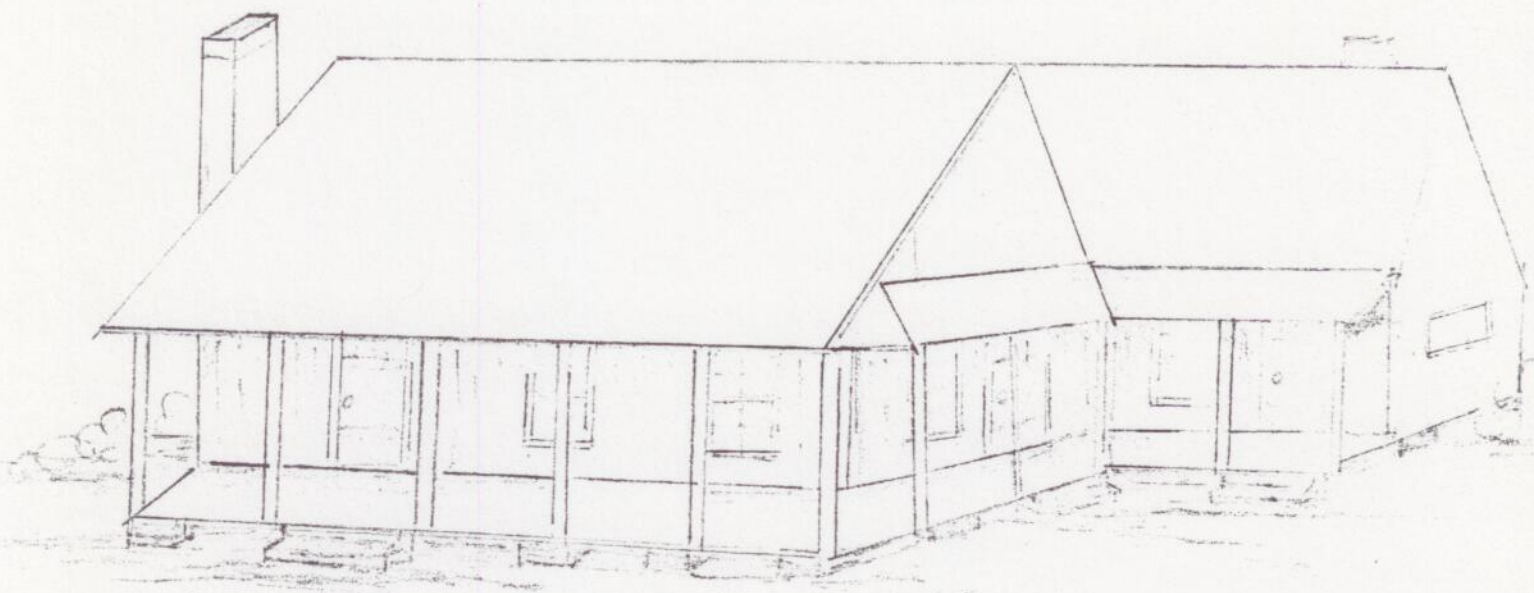
Total value of property assessed: 1010

TAXES:

State ad Valorem	\$	2.52
School ad Valorem		1.26
County ad Valorem		5.95-
Revenue and School Poll		1.50-
County Poll		25-
Total	\$	10.58

Montgomery Texas, March 8 1887 A. H. Taylor Collector.





No known photos of old homestead exist; This sketch is from long-ago memories.



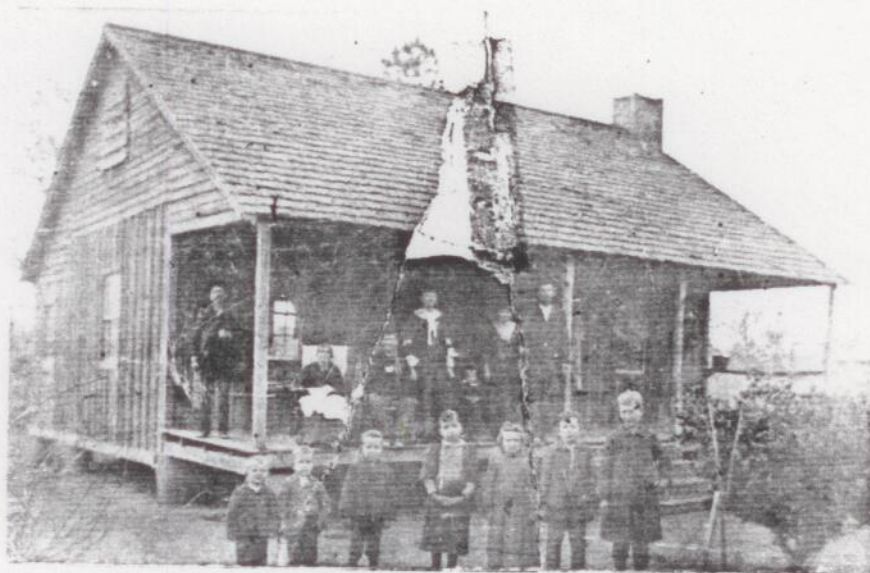
One of earliest pieces of furniture: walnut, marble-topped dresser.



Seth Thomas steeple clock, hand woven bed coverlet made by either mother or grandmother of Helen, miscellaneous decorative pieces from early days.



Very old photograph — believed  
to be Helen Loyd before her  
marriage to Alfred Hegar

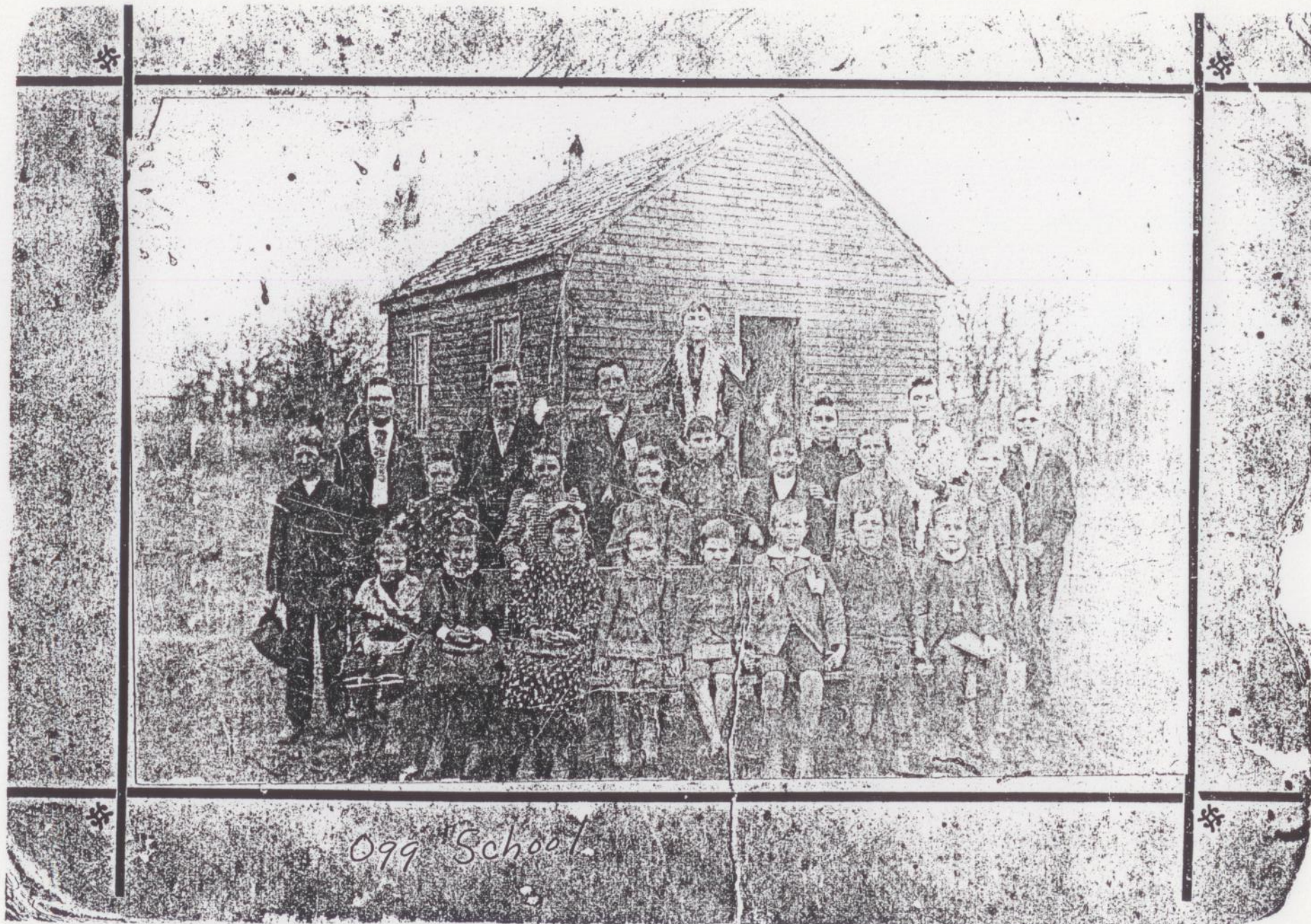


Taken at George Loyd's house c 1894

On porch L to R : Alfred Hegar, Helen Hegar,  
Nelson and Ella Loyd,  
Sally and George Loyd.

Standing in front: Archie, Ernest, Isaac (Buddy),  
Mary Emma Loyd ; Helen Hegar,  
John Henry Smith, August Hegar





Ogg School

c1894-95

Standing far left; August Hegar

Seated in front: 3rd from left Mary Emma Leud 4th Helen Hegar 12th T. Hegar





Mc Pherson School, 1896

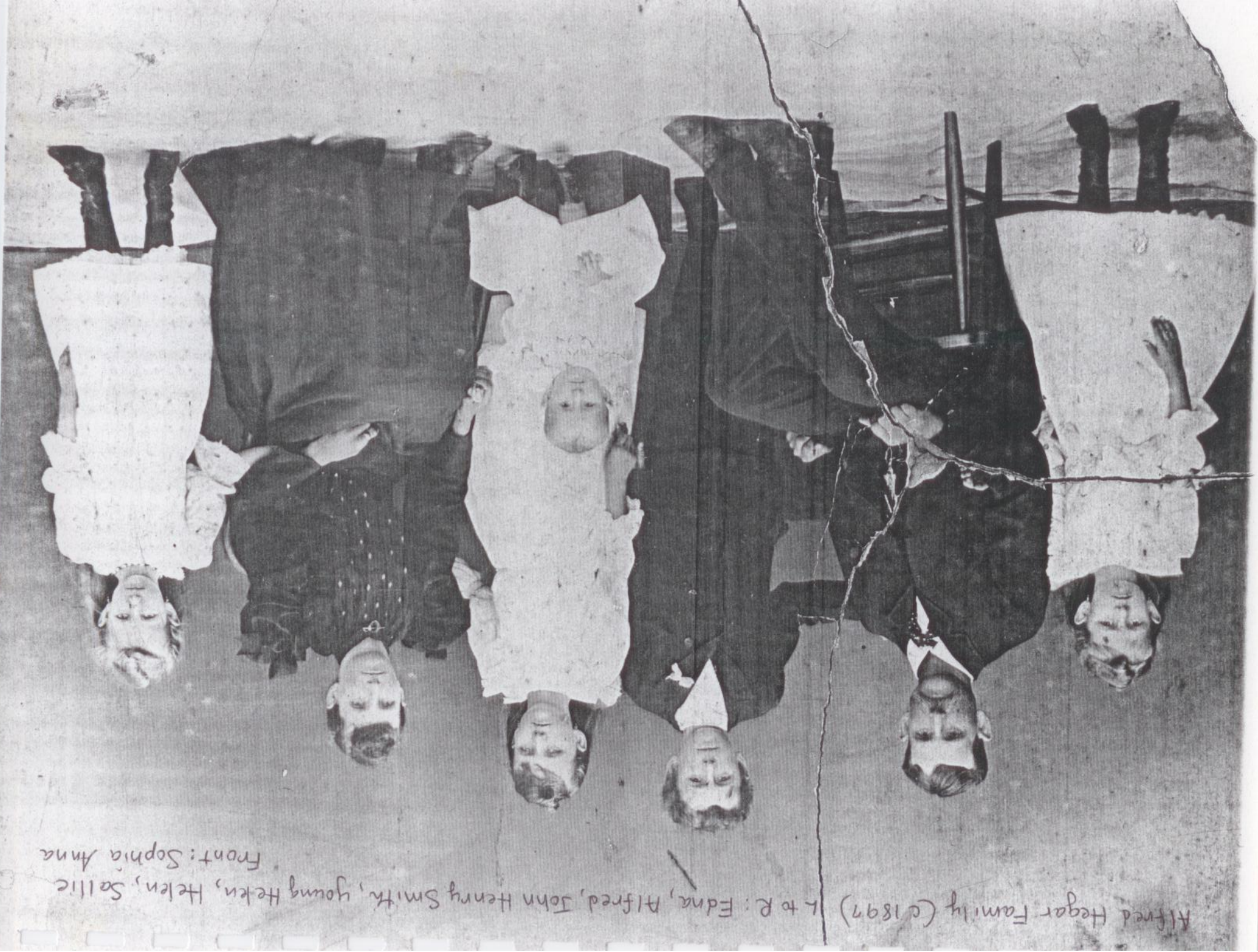
Standing in back : 5<sup>th</sup> John W. Page , 6<sup>th</sup> John Henry Smith ,  
7<sup>th</sup> — Attaway

In front of Attaway, Helen Hegar; to her left Edna Hegar

Seated, starting with lady holding sign : 4<sup>th</sup> Emily Attaway (one of Helen's  
twin sisters, 5<sup>th</sup> — Attaway, 6<sup>th</sup> Sallie Loyd ,  
7<sup>th</sup> Mary Emma Loyd.

Foreground : Ernest Loyd, — , Isaac (Buddy) Loyd , Archie Loyd





Alfred Hegar Family (c. 1897) L to R: Edna, Alfred, John Henry Smith, young Helen, Helen, Sallie  
Front: Sophia Anna





Otto Hegar Family (c. 1898): L to R: Otto, Etta, Bertha, Mother Sophia, Katie, Alice



August Hegar Family (c 1896). L to R: Bertha, Kate, Punch, Alfred, Ella, August, Mary





## Early Family Obituaries

HEGER.—August M. Heger, eldest son of Bro. Alford and Sister Helen Heger, was born in Montgomery County, Texas, February 23, 1883, where he lived until the day of his death, which took place at his father's residence, in Montgomery County, Texas, October 21, 1895. August, as we used to call him, was the pride of his father, the joy of his mother and the favorite among his schoolmates and the community in which he lived. He was so quiet and sweet-spirited that all who knew him loved him. We buried him at the family cemetery on the 22d of October, 1895. His funeral was preached by this scribe, a large congregation attending. May the Lord bless the heart-broken parents and the aged grandmother. And now, dear loved ones, try and meet your darling in heaven above.

M. F. DANIEL, P. C.

HEGAR.—Sophia Annie, infant daughter of A. C. and Helen Hegar, was born December 12, 1895, and fell on sleep in Jesus January 15, 1898. Little Sophia was sick only one day and night; was taken Friday with membranous croup, which, the doctors thought, developed into diphtheria. Sophia was a bright child, a mother's joy and her father's delight. May the words of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me \* \* \* for of such is the kingdom of God" be their stay and comfort in this hour of their deep sorrow.

H. R. KIMBLER.

Hockley, Texas.

### OBITUARY.

John H. Smith was born June 30th, 1885; was converted and united with the Methodist church July 25th, 1901, under the ministry of C. E. Simpson, and was a faithful and devoted member until the time of his death, which sad event took place at his home, the home of Mr. Alfred Heger, October 31, 1902. John was a good boy; a general favorite; it was hard to give him up. All was done that loved one and friends could do, but God saw fit to take him home. We have one consolation to know that he was prepared. He called his loved ones and friends and told them goodbye and said all was well—that he was trusting Jesus. The community has lost one of its best boys; the church and Sunday school one of its most faithful members; the family a kind and affectionate boy. But our loss is His gain. It was God's will and we must accept it. While he is gone his influence will live on. Let us so live, that when we come to die we can meet John and our loved ones in Heaven.

O. H.



Helen's graduation  
picture from  
CHFC, 1903



Wedding Picture  
John William Page, Jr  
Helen Hegar  
24 Dec 1903





Edna

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Photos Taken About 1908-190



Maye



Sallie





Cousins and friends c 1908  
 Top: Helen Lloyd, Birdie Taylor  
 Middle: Mary Emma Lloyd, Edna  
 Fleming, Edna Hegar  
 Front: Emma Lee (Effie) Hegar,  
 Sallie Hegar

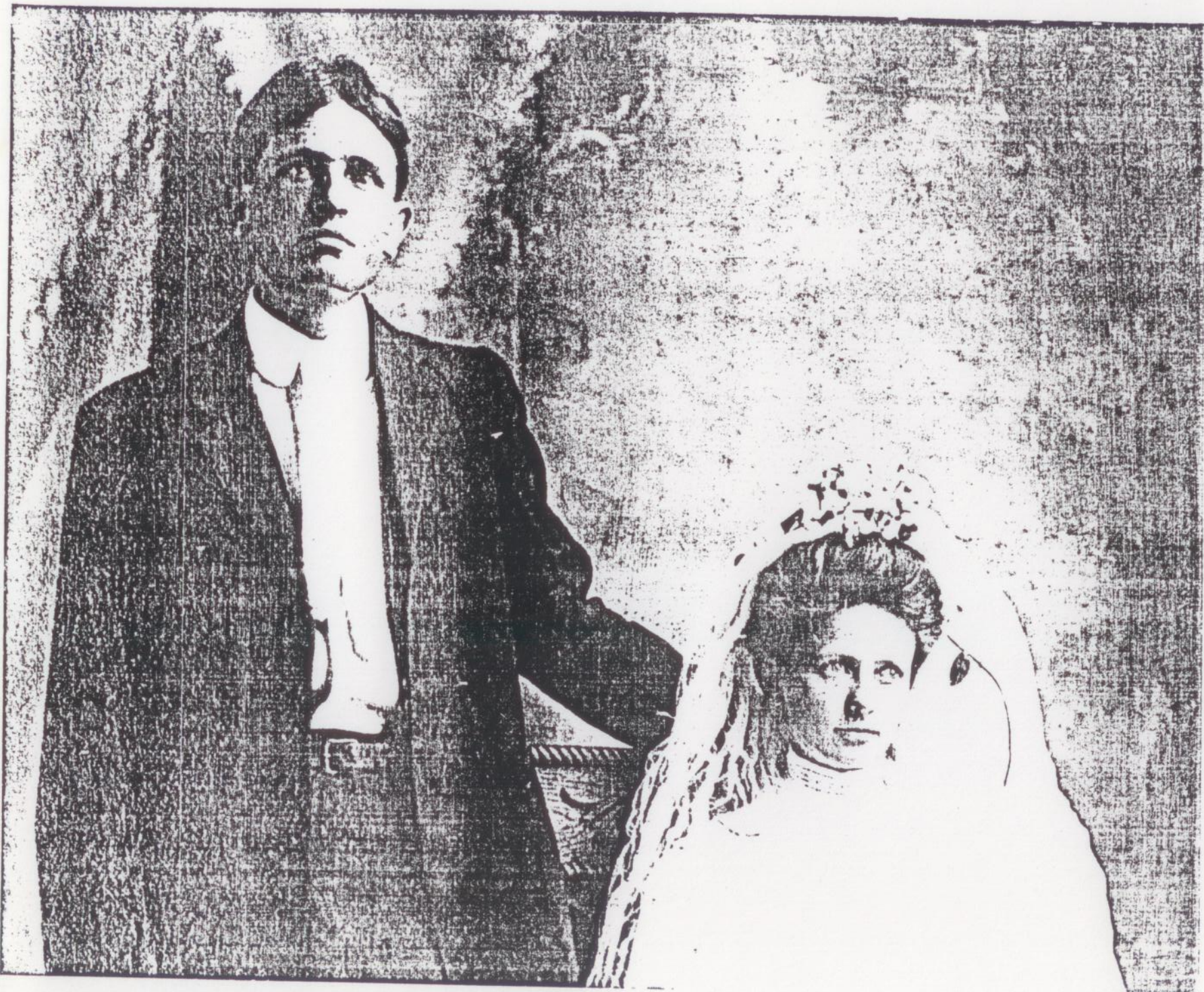


Edna and Sallie Hegar c 1909



Chappell Hill Female College  
 friends. Sallie on far right.





Wedding Picture  
John Pinckney Wallingford  
Mina Edna Hegar  
27 June 1909





Looking north from the corner of Elm and Main Street, early 1900's.

Hegar Hotel

Tomball, TX c 1912



Sallie Hegar CHFC Graduation  
C1909



Pvt. Charles F. Williamson  
World War I, Ellington Field



Sallie and Charlie prior to  
wedding in 1919.



IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF

# THE STATE OF TEXAS

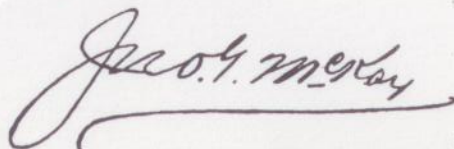
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME—GREETING:

WHEREAS, Alfred Hager has been appointed by the Governor of the State of Texas, by and with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the Senate, a NOTARY PUBLIC within and for Montgomery County, Texas.

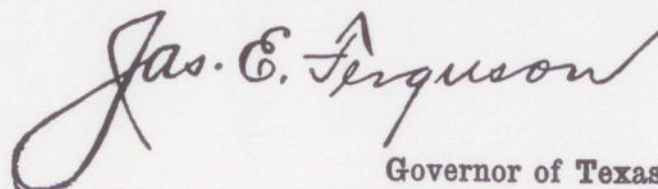
Now, Therefore Know Ye, that I, JAS. E. FERGUSON, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, commission the said Alfred Hager a Notary Public for Montgomery County, in said State of Texas, giving and hereby granting to said officer all the authority, power, rights, privileges, and emoluments appertaining to said office for and during the term ending June 1, 1917.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto sign my name and cause the Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, the 11th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1915, and the Independence of the United States of America, the ~~140th~~ 130th, and of Texas the 80th.

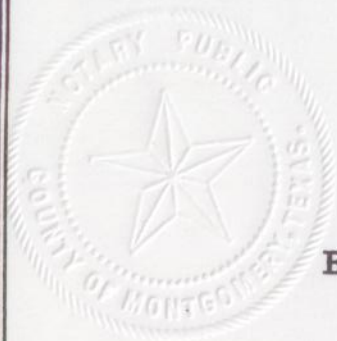
By the Governor:



Secretary of State.



Governor of Texas.







Graves of Alfred and Helen, Hegar Family Cemetery

HEGAR—Mrs. Helen Hegar, 67, residing on the Katy road, died at 2:30 p.m. Monday. She is survived by her husband, Alfred C. Hegar; four daughters, Mrs. J. W. Page, Mrs. Edna Wallingford, Mrs. C. F. Williamson and Miss Madalyn Hegar, all of Houston; three brothers, G. W. Lloyd, James Lloyd and Nelson Lloyd, all of Hockley; and 14 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at the home on the Katy road at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Rev. Goodrich, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Hegar Cemetery in Hockley under direction of the Fogle-West Company. Active pallbearers will be W. A. Page, J. A. Page, J. O. Page, Horace Page, Virgil Wallingford and Roland Wallingford.

Alfred and Helen  
late in life

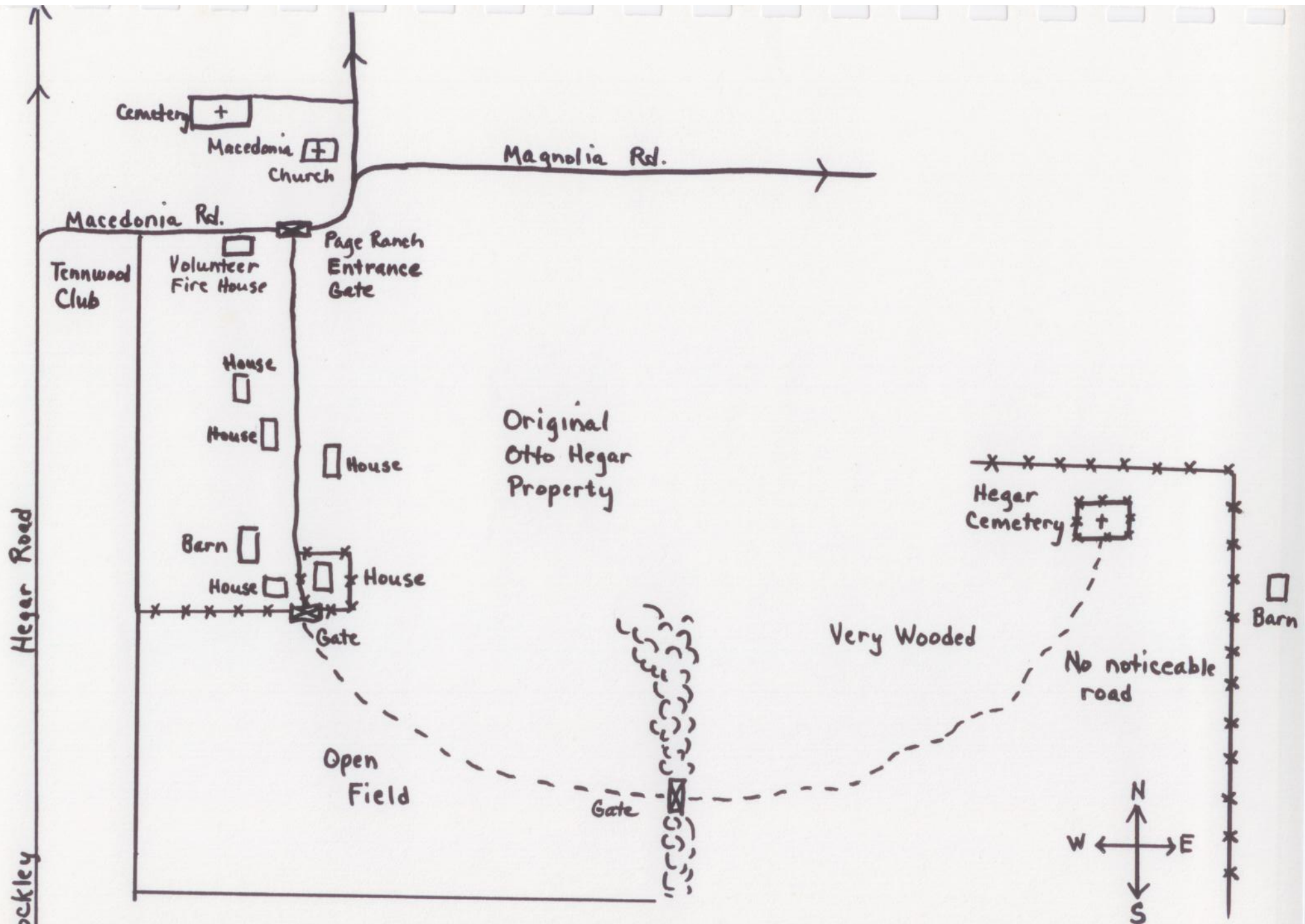


HEGAR—Alfred Charles Hegar, 86, of Route 12, Box 1220, died at 8:45 p.m. Sunday at his home. He had lived in Houston for 18 years and was a member of Waller Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and W. O. W. Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. J. W. Page, Mrs. Edna Wallingford, Mrs. Sallie Williamson and Miss Madalyn Hegar, all of Houston; two brothers, August Hegar of Houston and Otto Hegar of Tomball; 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Funeral services at 10 a.m. today in the Fogle West Chapel with Rev. Eugene L. Bennett officiating. The body taken over land to the Hegar Cemetery near Hockley for burial at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. Pallbearers are grandsons, William A. James, A. John J. and Morris Page, Roland Wallingford, and Robert H. Williamson. Fogle West Company.



C 1937

C 1931



Not drawn to scale but landmarks noted. This is a working cattle ranch so be sure all gates are closed. Use caution if driving in to cemetery. Would be advisable to tell Page property owners of your intentions.



# HEGAR FAMILY CEMETERY, WALLER COUNTY

## Gravestones:

Otto Hegar 6 Nov.1820 - 9 Oct.1885

Sophia (Hessig) Hegar 8 Feb.1829 - 13 Apr.1904

Emma Julia Hegar 21 Dec.1862 - 24 Nov.1877

Alfred C. Hegar 6 Aug.1859 - 6 Jan.1946

Helen F. Hegar 5 Mar.1865 - 23 Jul.1933

August Monroe Hegar 28 Mar.1883 - 22 Oct.1895

Sophia Anna Hegar 12 Dec.1895 - 15 Jan.1898

John Henry Smith 30 Jun.1885 - 31 Oct.1902

John W. Page 19 Jan.1877 - 30 Apr.1956

Helen Florence Hegar Page 22 Oct.1886 - 28 Mar.1964

Bernice M. Page 23 Jan.1912 - 5 Jan.1913

Joe Malcolm Page 29 Dec.1908 - 23 Oct.1930

Wallace L. Page 24 Dec.1919 - 12 Sept.1948

Otto George Hegar 24 Aug.1863 - 9 Jul.1954

Fannie Alice Hegar 20 Jan.1870 - 20 Jan.1942

Katie Alice Hegar 20 Jun.1891 - 17 Sept.1900

Bertha Mae Hegar 3 Oct.1895 - 16 Dec.1908

Baby Girl Tucker 1957

# 63 Old Grads at Reunion Of Long-Closed School

Chapel Hill Alumni  
Gather at Brenham

Neighbor News

BRENHAM, April 27. — Nostalgic memories of school days in the 30's were relived in a day-long get-together by 63 graduates of The old Chapel Hill Female College who gathered in Brenham for the college's first reunion.

The pioneer Methodist institution closed its doors in 1912 after 62 years of operation.

Hostesses of the reunion were Mrs. Minerva Reese Tottenham of Brenham and Mrs. Irma Haynie Haynes of Beaumont.

Miss Clara Buckingham of San Antonio, member of the class of '36, was the oldest living graduate present. Mrs. Carrie Josie Hill of Sealy

and Mrs. Louise Mayfield Mathis represented the class of '37.

Those who registered for the reunion were: Minerva Reese Tottenham, Brenham; Maggie Reese Potter, Fayette, Mo.; Maude Reese, Brenham; Irma Haynie Haynes, Beaumont; Mrs. John Alford, Beaumont; Ollie Frances Krimmel, Beaumont; Frankie Fortner, San Antonio; Clara Buckingham, San Antonio; Moselle Toland Miller, Addie Hancock White, Bryan; Rose May Hancock Norton, Navasota; Maude Barnett Reese, Lyons; Florence McKinnion Bowen, Simonton; Florence Fannie Bates, Julia MacKinnon Fennin, San Angelo; Nettie Winfield Weems, Houston; Cecelia Winfield, Houston; Eva Sadler Crockett, Houston; Maude McAlpine Siddall, Anderson; Helen Tottenham Pier, Dallas; Hattie Crump Ford, Hempstead; Pat Shaver Crockett, Austin; Mildred Reinstein Shaver, Chapel Hill; Annie Mercer Barthold, Hennie Hawkins, Cecil LeGrand Hawkins, Alice Middleton Gordon; Dicie Middleton Huder; Gretchen Dawson Williams, Wichita, Kan.; Mattie Hardy Gee, Brenham; Hattie Knight Seale, Chapel Hill; Louise Brandt Peterman, Austin; Bertha Brandt Ewing, Wharton; Lucille Brandt Willis, Chapel Hill; Valeria Brandt Miller, Brenham; Sadie Reinstein Schaefer, Chapel Hill; Ruth Routt Cherry, Elgin; Blanche Routt Schaefer, Chapel Hill; Lella McAlpin, Pahey, Houston; Grace Booker Toland, Houston; Kathryn Hampton Batte, Baton Rouge, La.; Bessie Thornhill Hughes, Brenham; Lillie Paveto Routt, Chapel Hill; Thelma Routt Crockett, Fort Arthur; Carrie Josey Hill, Sealy; Lillie Burger Blakey, San Felipe; Mary Simmons Knittel, Burton; Myrtle Simmons Booth, Egypt; Kitty Buchanan, Mrs. Gena Buchanan McWhorter, Eldorado; Mrs. Emma Nicholson Buchanan, Brenham; Louise Mayfield Mathis, Brenham; Nannie McDade Baker, Brenham; Sally Hager Williamson, Houston; Henrietta Hager Wood, Houston; Helen Hager Page, Houston; Mary Hager Kriegel, Wharton; Ellen Chapman Calkins, Fort Worth; Mrs. Sophie Felchak, Chapel Hill; Alice Manning Dawson, Houston; Willie Manning Sublett, Beaumont; Marguerite Tucker Knight, Houston.

Chappell/Chapel Hill  
Female College Reunion



Standing in Back: Left, Helen Hegar Page  
Right, Sallie Hegar Williamson  
Foreground: Left, Henrietta (Punch) Wood,  
Right, Mary Hegar Kriegel





Maye 1955



Dear sister I am  
 going to write <sup>you</sup> and Effie  
 a few lines ~~para~~ want  
 to go to Houston next  
 week and Edna want  
 to go to the little baby is  
 as sweet as it can be ~~mom~~  
 Wash yesterday Edna cook  
 dinner I had to mind the  
 little baby so I will close  
 goodbye  
 Sallie

Some letters to Helen from the Family



Oct 29 1901



Hegar Texas Oct 25<sup>th</sup> / 1901

Miss Helen F. Hegar

Dear sister. I-am going to write you a few lines to let you know that we are all well and hope you are the same. we have just eat dinner and I thought I would write you a few lines. John Henry is at school he is going to school to Miss Lena me and Sallie wants to go but it is to fur for us to go. I-am going to try to write a long letter this time if I can. sister I dont think we will give a ~~party~~ party be-cause it is going to be a ice-cream supper ~~up~~ up at the Church house.

Thanksgiving. sister ~~for~~ our winter-pinks is blooming we have red white yellow they are ~~sure~~ sure pretty. mamma is making your black skirt over and Sallie is riding the baby and papa has been halling hay. sister we are going to kill the old turkey-gobler when you come home. sister ~~papa~~ papa is going to seil John Henrys room. now I will tell you what we have in our garden we have radishes and turnips and onions. sister uncle George is fixing about his cane mill I will be sure glad when he grines cane. me and Sallie went down to the cane patch and got us some cane it was sure good. I have wrote all the news so I will lit Sallie have the writting pin good & by  
Edna



Hegar, Texas. Jan 29/02  
Miss Helen F. Hegar Chappell Hill  
Dear Daughter we are having some  
very bad weather. we had a norther  
Sunday about twelve o'clock and  
there has been rain and ice ever  
since. it looks like the poor cows  
will freeze, and it is still drifting  
rain. have you take the mumps  
yet. I would not take them unless  
I had too. we are all well at present  
has any more of the girls taken  
the mumps. it takes nearly all of  
my and John's time to feed the  
cattle. I am afraid if this weather  
keeps on a while we will loose  
some of the poorest ones. the baby  
keeps bothering me so I can  
hardly write. we have not killed

the turkey yet. I want you  
to write to Jode his address is  
~~2302~~ J. E. Hughes.  
No 2302. Congress Avenue

Houston Texas  
I know he would be so glad to  
hear from you. he said he  
was coming up soon you  
can tell him to be here Easter  
when you will be here. I will  
close for this time good bye  
many kisses from us all  
howdy to Effie & Calla  
Father

be sure and write to Jode  
as he is a good fellow and think  
a heap of us all he is not stuck  
up but plain old Jode write him  
a kind letter but dont tell him  
that I told you to write to him



Hegar Texas

Miss Helen Hegar Dear sister

~~I will take the pleasure of writing~~  
you a few lines to let you know  
that we are all well and hope you are  
the same. Sallie has started her letter  
but she has not finished it yet.  
Helen was down here this evening. Papa  
hasnt wrote his letter yet but I think  
he is going to write the baby is playing  
Sallie is eating a potato and mamma  
washing to-day. John Henry and  
Frank is making fence and papa and  
Turk is sawing down trees. Aunt Sophia  
is here now. I hope we can get to go  
to church next Sunday. I have wrote all  
the news I can think of so I will close  
for this time.

good by. Edna

Sister I have no time to  
write this time but about  
what you wrote to me about  
I would get a small bottle of  
Turpentine and take about 6 or 8  
drops ever other night for about  
a week just before it is time  
for you to come all right  
and if you have the head ache  
so bad again at that time  
you get just bathe your feet  
in hot water just as hot as  
you can bare it ~~and~~ just  
when you start to bed just  
get right in bed just as soon as  
you bathe so take care of your  
self

So good by  
Hellen Hegar

Feb 7 1902



Miss Helen Hegar  
Dear sister I will  
take the pleasure of  
writing you a few  
words to let you know  
that we are all well  
and hope you are  
the same. we went to  
church Sunday. me and  
Sallie rode Old Buzz.  
sister the baby got her  
garters on her Birth-  
day and she sure  
was glad. papa wrote  
Mr Haas a letter  
to night we got some  
funny papers last

Feb 11 1902 ?

saturday from him.  
Sallie is reading the  
Haps page to night.  
the baby is a sleep.  
well I had better  
stop for papa wants  
to write his letter too.  
so good by

Edna Hegar  
Miss Helen F. Hegar, Chappell Hill  
Dear Daughter. I will just write  
you a few lines for there is  
nothing new only Mr Jim  
Roberson died Monday night  
and Mr Joe Windham has the  
slow fever you must take  
care of yourself. we are all  
well, how did you like your  
last dress. it is fair today but  
how long will stay so. have  
the people done any plowing up  
there yet. good bye A.C. Hegar

Feb 11 1902 ?



Miss Helen Hegar Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1902

Dear sister I will take the pleasure  
of writing you a few lines to let  
you know that we are all well  
- and hope you are the same  
Sallie has got the baby now - and  
mamma is cooking dinner - and  
papa is working in the garden  
we sure did make Sallie mad to day she  
put on one of mamma's old waists - and  
and old skirt - and she made a rag doll  
- and we called her - grandma - and we  
called the rag - doll sonny - boy - and it  
sure did make her mad. The wind is blowing  
hard but it is fair - as fair can be.  
Sallie has done wrote her letter - and papa  
havent wrote his yet. The baby sure do  
think her dress is pretty that you sent  
her I will close

Edna

Feb 14 1902

Hegar Texas

Miss Helen F. Hegar

Dear sister I will take the pleasure  
of writing you - a few words this  
beautiful morning we was glad to hear  
that you was well. we are the same.  
John Henry Sallie - and me flanted  
corn yesturday the wind blew so hard  
that we couldnt hardly drop it we  
dropped 58 long rolls yesturday but it is  
to wet to drop any to - day it sure did  
rain last night. Sallie has got the baby.  
oh? sister the baby can say button - and  
bo papa baby - and mamma - and  
sister that is all she can say. when  
she hears us sing she goes - around  
humming - along on ~~some~~ something  
another. mamma said she was going to  
write you a letter next saturday if  
nothing happens ~~between~~ between now - and

Then - Edna

Mar or Apr 1902



Hegar Texas Sept 102

Miss Helen F. Hegar, Chapell Hill  
Dear Daughter I will write you  
again. ~~we are getting on the baby is~~  
we are getting on the baby is  
getting on very well she has  
been mighty sick but I think  
she will be all right in a  
few days we have did have  
a time with her, she is as  
ill as a snake now as a  
setting her. I have not got much  
time to write much as the  
baby is squalling and grandma  
is there I just write enough  
to let you know how  
everything is getting on  
the doctor has not been here  
since Sunday and I hope he

wont have to come any  
more grandma told me to  
write howdy to you all for  
her good bye till I hear  
any, write soon  
A. B. Hegar



Miss Helen  
Dear sister

I will write you a few lines  
to let you know I am well  
I am in hopes you are well  
Helen had a fever to day  
Ollie was here to day to  
play with me. you ought to  
have been down at Uncle  
Georges last Monday night  
there was twelve girls down  
there, how did you and  
Edna in enjoy the cane  
Monday night. I can't  
find nothing more to  
write I will close for this  
time. Sallie Hegar





look sister

I have got a  
sore finger  
it is a  
pretty day today  
& I have got  
me some egg  
dolls mama  
is cleaning up  
the dishes

I have got a  
dirty hand  
and I have  
got some  
pretty curls

answer  
soon

mae





# FAMILY GROUP NO.

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Full Name HEGAR, Alfred Carl

Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	6	Aug	1859		Grimes Co	TX	
Chr'd							
Mar.	9	Sept	1882		MontCo/Waller Co	TX	
Death	6	Jan	1946	Houston	Harris Co	TX	
Burial				Hegar Family Cem.	Waller Co	TX	

Family Members

Marriage Records:

Waller Co.

Harris Co.

Places of Residence

Occupation Farmer

Church Affiliation Methodist Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.  
Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father HEGAR, Otto

Mother's Maiden Name HESSIG, Sophia

Wife's Full Maiden Name LOYD, Helen Florence

Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	5	Mar	1866		Dale Co	AL	
Chr'd							
Death	24	July	1933	Houston	Harris Co	TX	
Burial				Hegar Family Cem.	Waller Co.	TX	

Compiler Frances W. Smith

Places of Residence

Address 5425 W. Iliff Dr.

Occupation if other than housewife

Church Affiliation Methodist

City, State Lakewood, CO 80227

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.  
Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father LOYD, John Isaac

Mother's Maiden Name MARTIN, Tabitha

Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<u>August Monroe</u>	Birth	28	Mar	1883		Montgomery Co	TX	
	Full Name of Spouse* <u>2</u>	Mar.							
		Death	21	Oct	1895		Montgomery Co	TX	
		Burial				Hegar Family Cem.	Waller Co	TX	
2	<u>Helen Florence</u>	Birth	22	Oct	1887		Montgomery Co	TX	
	Full Name of Spouse* <u>PAGE, John William</u>	Mar.	24	Dec	1903	Hegar	Waller Co	TX	
		Death	28	Mar	1964	Houston	Harris Co	TX	
		Burial				Hegar Family Cem	Waller Co	TX	
3	<u>Mina Edna</u>	Birth	9	Mar	1890		Montgomery Co	TX	
	Full Name of Spouse* <u>Pinekey WALLINGFORD, John A</u>	Mar.	27	June	1909		Montgomery Co	TX	
		Death	23	June	1955	Brenham	Washington Co	TX	
		Burial				Field's Store Cem	Waller Co	TX	
4	<u>Sallie Neva</u>	Birth	26	Jan	1892		Montgomery Co	TX	
	Full Name of Spouse* <u>WILLIAMSON, Charles F.</u>	Mar.	27	Dec	1919	Houston	Harris Co	TX	
		Death	26	Sept.	1975	Houston	Harris Co	TX	
		Burial				Forest Park Cem (E) Houston	Harris Co	TX	
5	<u>Sophia Anna</u>	Birth	12	Dec	1895		Montgomery Co	TX	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death	15	Jan	1898		Montgomery Co	TX	
		Burial							
6	<u>(Maye/Madalyn) Mary Magdalene</u>	Birth	10	Feb	1901		Montgomery Co	TX	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	<u>SMITH John Henry</u>	Birth	30	June	1885			TX	Son of Mary Loyd & John
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							At her death
		Death	31	Oct	1902	Hegar	Montgomery Co	TX	he came to
		Burial				Hegar Family Cem	Waller Co.	TX	with Alfred
8		Birth							family. (1888)
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							Mary E was
		Death							twin to
		Burial							Emily Loyd
9		Birth							Attaway, Si
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							of Helen.
		Death							
		Burial							
10		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							



## FAMILY GROUP NO.

Husband's Full Name PAGE, John William, Jr.

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	19	Jan	1877		Grimes Co	TX	
Chr'd							
Mar.	24	Dec	1903	Hegar	Waller Co	TX	
Death	4	Apr	1956	Houston	Harris Co	TX	
Burial				Hegar Family Cem.	Waller Co	TX	

## Places of Residence

Occupation Farmer/Post Master

Church Affiliation Methodist

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.

Make separate sheet for each mar.

(Widow of Elias Windham

His Father PAGE, John William, Sr.

Mother's Maiden Name MORRIS, Mary McNeil

Wife's Full Maiden Name HEGAR, Helen Florence

Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	22	Oct	1887		Montgomery Co	TX	
Chr'd							
Death	28	Mar	1964	Houston	Harris Co	TX	
Burial				Hegar Family Cem.	Waller Co	TX	

Compiler Frances W. Smith

## Places of Residence

Address 5425 W. Iliff Dr.

Occupation If other than housewife

Church Affiliation Methodist

City, State Lakewood, CO 80227

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.

Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father HEGAR, Alfred Carl

Mother's Maiden Name LOYD, Helen Florence

Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
	1 (Bill)	Birth	6	May	1905	Hegar	Waller Co.	TX	W. Richard,
	William Alfred	Mar.	11	July	1932	Houston	Harris Co	TX	Douglas R;
	Full Name of Spouse* 2	Death	18	Jan	1989	Houston	Harris Co	TX	Lynn Galbr
	HOPPER, Evelyn	Burial				Woodlawn Cem	Houston	Harris Co	
	2 (Bob)	Birth	1	Nov	1906	Hegar	Waller Co	TX	
	James August	Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
	SHIRLEY, Elizabeth	Burial							
	3 (John O.)	Birth	16	July	1908	Hegar	Waller Co	TX	Diane Hender
	John Otto (Oran)	Mar.	21	July	1930	Houston	Harris Co	TX	Valerie Butz
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
	SHINE, Estelle	Burial							
	4 (Tinsy)	Birth	29	Dec	1909	Hegar	Waller Co	TX	
	Joseph Malcolm	Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death	23	Oct	1930	Houston	Harris Co	TX	
		Burial				Hegar Fam. Cem.	Waller	TX	
	5	Birth	23	Jan	1912		Waller Co	TX	
	Bernece Marie	Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death	5	Jan	1913		Waller Co	TX	
		Burial				Hegar Fam. Cem.	Waller Co	TX	
	6	Birth	5	Mar	1913		Waller Co	TX	
	Lillian Idell	Mar.	3	Mar	1934	Houston	Harris Co	TX	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
	McRAE, Dale	Burial							
	7	Birth	5	Mar	1913		Waller Co	TX	
	Vivian O'dell	Mar.	29	June	1934	Houston	Harris Co	TX	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
	MADISON, Steve	Burial							
	8 (Bud)	Birth	24	Mar	1915		Waller Co	TX	Jeanette Camp
	Morris LaBatte	Mar.	20	May	1939				Rhonda Jorda
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							Paulette Har
	WINN, Lela Mae	Burial							Wallace G
	9	Birth	17	Sept	1916		Waller Co	TX	Eleanor Nea
	Helen Louise	Mar.	23	Nov	1935	Houston	Harris Co	TX	Barbara Hoo
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							J.F. "Jeff",
	CLARADY, Joseph Frank	Burial							Sharon Shar
	10	Birth	24	Dec	1919		Waller Co	TX	
	Wallace Loring	Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death	12	Sept	1948				
	FITCH, Madgalene	Burial				Hegar Fam. Cem.	Waller Co	TX	



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Husband's Full Name

PAGE, John William, Jr. (Cont'd)

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Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth							
Chr'ng							
Mar.							
Death							
Burial							

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.  
Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name HEGAR, Helen Florence

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Death							
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Places of Residence

Occupation if other than housewife

Church Affiliation

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.  
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Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
11	Johnnie Helen	Birth	9	Nov	1921		Waller Co	TX	Ronald William Kenneth Schmidt David Schmidt
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
	1. WILLIAMS, J. W.	Death							
	2. SCHMIDT, E. H.	Burial							
2		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
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6		Birth							
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		Death							
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9		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							



## FAMILY GROUP NO.

Husband's Full Name WALLINGFORD, John Pinckney

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	22	Oct	1887		Grimes Co	TX	
Chr'd							
Mar.	27	June	1909		Montgomery Co	TX	
Death	18	Jan	1921	Field's Store	Waller Co	TX	
Burial	New Hope	-		Field's Store Cem.	Waller Co	TX	
Places of Residence							
Occupation	Farmer/mail carrier						
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.							
Make separate sheet for each mar.							
His Father	WALLINGFORD, Thomas J.						
Mother's Maiden Name	TUCKER, Annie						

Wife's Full Maiden Name HEGAR, Mina Edna

Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	9	Mar	1890		Montgomery Co	TX	
Chr'd							
Death	23	June	1955	Brenham	Washington Co	TX	
Burial	New Hope	-		Field's Store Cem	Waller Co	TX	
Places of Residence							
Occupation if other than housewife							
Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.							
Make separate sheet for each mar.							
Her Father	HEGAR, Alfred Carl						
Mother's Maiden Name	LOYD, Helen Florence						

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Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Virgil Edwin	Birth	29	Mar	1910	Field's Store	Waller Co	TX	Sidney Gray, Sharon Hendri
	Full Name of Spouse* 2	Mar.							
	LOCKE, Leona	Death	3	Mar	1989	Dallas	Dallas Co.	TX	
		Burial				Dallas	Dallas Co.	TX	
2	John Roland	Birth	18	Sept	1913	Field's Store	Waller Co.		Joan Mickler,
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	6	Apr	1935	Houston	Harris Co	TX	John R.
	OGG, Doris Corinne	Death	3	Dec	1980	Houston	Harris Co	TX	Karen Moor
		Burial	New Hope	-		Field's Store Cem.	Waller Co	TX	Nicholas, Car
3	Edna Ruth	Birth	12	Jan	1916	Field's Store	Waller Co	TX	Sandra Luhn
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	5	Apr	1935	Lake Charles	Calcasieu Par.	LA	Robert "Bobby"
	LANGE, Clarence Robert	Death							Carolyn Gola
		Burial							
4		Birth							
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
5		Birth							
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
6		Birth							
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
7		Birth							
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
8		Birth							
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
9		Birth							
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
10		Birth							
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							



# FAMILY GROUP NO.

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Full Name WILLIAMSON, Charles Frankford

Husband's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	16 May 1890	Buffalo	Erie Co.	NY	
Chr'd					
Mar.	27 Dec 1919	Houston	Harris Co	TX	
Death	9 Jan 1953	Houston	Harris Co	TX	
Burial	Holy Cross Cem.	Houston	Harris Co	TX	

## Places of Residence

Occupation Painter/Paper Hanger Church Affiliation Catholic Military Rec. TX PFC 233 Aero SQ  
 Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. WW I  
 Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father WILLIAMSON, Lucius Aldo Mother's Maiden Name ZWENG, Frances Augusta

Wife's Full Maiden Name HEGAR, Sallie Neva

Wife's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	26 Jan 1892		Montgomery Co	TX	
Chr'd					
Death	26 Sept 1975	Houston	Harris Co	TX	
Burial	Forest Park Cem E.	Houston	Harris Co.	TX	

## Places of Residence

Occupation if other than housewife Teacher Church Affiliation Methodist

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.  
 Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father HEGAR, Alfred Carl Mother's Maiden Name LOYD, Helen Florence

Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Frances Helen	Birth	14 July 1922	Houston	Harris Co.	TX	Richard V., Steven C., Gregory A.
	Full Name of Spouse* <u>2</u>	Mar.	12 Feb 1944	Akron	Summit Co.	OH	
	<u>SMITH, Harold Vincent</u>	Death					
		Burial					
2	Robert Hegar	Birth	31 Jan 1930	Houston	Harris Co	TX	Cheryl, Anthony R., Darrell
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	21 Apr 1956	Houston	Harris Co	TX	
	<u>PLDHECK, Delores</u>	Death					
		Burial					
3		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
4		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
5		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
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	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
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		Burial					
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	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					





Photo of John Isaac  
Loyd, father of Helen  
Loyd Hegar. Copied  
from old tintype  
evidently taken soon  
after Civil War. Original  
although very faded,  
clearly shows that J.  
is missing right arm



John Isaac Loyd  
taken later in life,  
probably early 1900's.









Wedding Picture — George Walter Loyd  
and Sallie Alford, 1885



Sullie and George Loyd  
c 1920's



George and Sallie's children with spouses.  
L to R: "Buddy", Mary Emma, George  
Stephenson, Edna (Fleming), Harvey Maxwell,  
Archie, Helen, Je (Magerstadt), Elma (Clepper),  
Winnie (Dinkins), "Peach", Ernest.



Jode Hughes, cousin and  
everybody's special friend



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Husband's Full Name LOYD / LLOYD, George Walter

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
William Henry LOYD, brother of Geo. W., married Lula ALFORD, sister of Sallie.	Birth	24	June	1861	Dale Co	AL	
	Chr'd						
	Mar.	15	Nov	1885		TX	
	Death	12	Nov	1944	Montgomery Co	TX	
	Burial			Springer-Macedonia Cem	Waller Co	TX	

**NOTE:**

All of old family members spelled name LOYD. However, some time in late 1800's George changed his spelling to LLOYD, thus confusion.

Places of Residence	Occupation <u>Farmer</u>	Church Affiliation <u>Ch. of Christ</u>	Military Rec.
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.			
His Father <u>LOYD, John Isaac</u>		Mother's Maiden Name <u>MARTIN, Tabitha</u>	

Wife's Full Maiden Name ALFORD, Sarah Elizabeth (Sallie)

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
	Birth	9	Feb	1866	Minks Prairie	Montgomery Co	TX
	Chr'd						
	Death	12	Apr	1946	Houston	Harris Co	TX
	Burial			Springer-Macedonia Cem	Waller Co.	TX	

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Places of Residence	Occupation if other than housewife	Church Affiliation
Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.		
Her Father <u>ALFORD, Harrison E.</u>		Mother's Maiden Name <u>ROBERTS, Thanie Elvira</u>

Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Mary Emma	Birth			1886		Montgomery Co	TX	
	Full Name of Spouse* <u>2</u>	Mar.							
	<u>STEPHENSON, George H.</u>	Death			1880				
		Burial							
2	John Isaac	Birth			1888		Montgomery Co	TX	Maurice
	Full Name of Spouse* <u>1) FLEMING, Edna</u>	Mar.							
	<u>2) SMITH, Iva</u>	Death			1969				
		Burial							
3	George Ernest	Birth			1890		Montgomery Co	TX	Ernestine Jackson
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
	<u>CLEPPER, Nola Elma</u>	Death			1969				
		Burial							
4	Archie Edward	Birth			1892		Montgomery Co	TX	Irene Olsen, Edward, Geo. Thanie, Dennis, Evangeline Engle
	Full Name of Spouse* <u>(Jo)</u>	Mar.							
	<u>MAGERSTADT, Johanna</u>	Death			1976				
		Burial							
5	Helen Thanie	Birth			1895		Montgomery Co	TX	H. Maurine Dur, Fred. H. Jr. Fred A.
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
	<u>MAXWELL, F. Harvey</u> <sup>Sr.</sup>	Death							
		Burial							
6	James Peachman	Birth			1898		Montgomery Co	TX	James P. Jr. Glenn Ray
	Full Name of Spouse* <u>(Peach)</u>	Mar.							
	<u>DINKINS, Winnie V.</u>	Death			1985				
		Burial							
7		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
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10		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
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