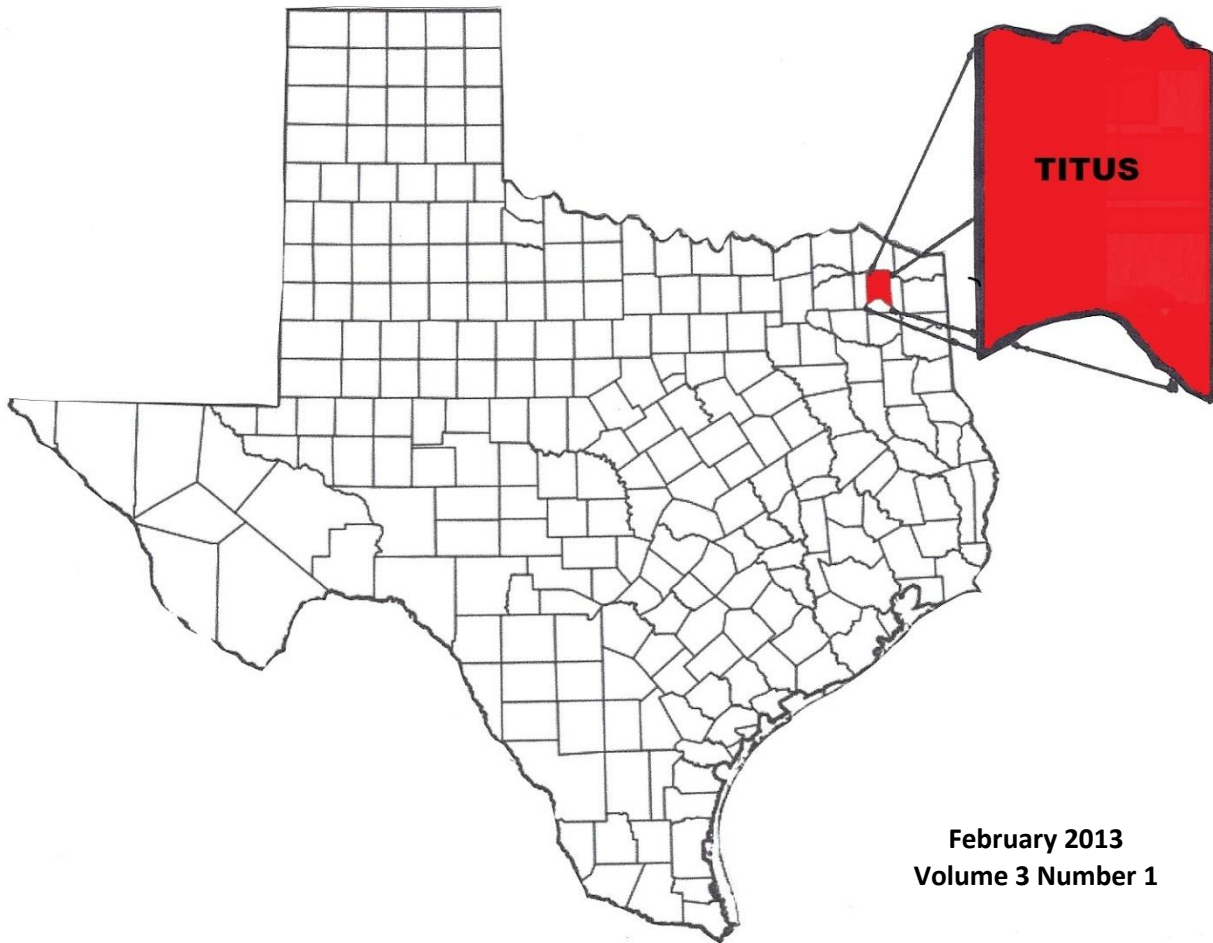


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A Word from Our President

In February we were once again gathered at the Community Room of the Mt. Pleasant Public Library where we hold our monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month. After a cold and bitter winter with difficulties on every hand, we renewed our commitment to the future of our organization. There are a number of ongoing projects which we believe we have an opportunity to accomplish for the good of genealogical research in Titus County. The recording of the lives of Titus County citizens is important to our group.

We also are committed to trying to build and maintain relationships with other groups and individuals whose goals and interests are similar to ours. Steve Austin suggested he desires to publish a pamphlet on people who were honored by having buildings, organizations or schools named in their honor. We have taken on the challenge of doing the research for these biographical sketches.

In order to continue to be a viable organization we must have new members to replace the ones who depart this life and thus our organization. New members or even interested persons are always welcome at our meetings. Annual dues of \$15 for individuals and \$20 for a couple help fund our limited financial needs. However, payment of dues is not necessary to attend our meetings.

Our hope is that you will continue to enjoy our newsletters.

Tribute to "Grandma"

My mother-in-law, Virginia Lueverne Benton Martin, passed away, Thursday, December 26, 2013, exactly one month before her 93rd birthday. She was born January 26, 1921, in Scroggins, Franklin Co., Texas, to Elbert Lee and Mary Alice Jordan Benton. She and her husband Edd owned and operated Martin's Grocery on the Harts Bluff Road in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, for over 30 years. She had 3 sons, John, Harold, and Jerry, 9 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. As a tribute to "Grandma" I'd like to share her Benton/Jordan genealogy with you.

Her father Elbert Lee, named after Robert E. Lee, was born 4 Sep 1898 in Morris Co., Texas, and died 19 Sep 1965 in Titus Co., Texas. He and Alice had 3 children, **Lueverne**, Johnny Leon, and Ivan. Mr. Benton was a talented man upon whom the community relied for many of their necessities. He made wooden shingles for their houses, handles for axes, hoes, shovels, etc. used in their everyday chores, and he was the "cooker" for making ribbon cane syrup each fall. He passed some of these talents down to his grandson, my husband John.

Elbert Lee Benton was the son of John Benton. He was born 12 Dec 1864 or 5 in Winfield, Texas and died 21 Aug 1937 in Scroggins, Texas. Mr. Benton's mother was Leona Leota Cabiness. She was born 21 Aug 1870 in Union Parrish, Louisiana, and died in August of 1938 in Franklin, Co., Texas. The other children born to John and Leona were Annie, Willie Estelle, and Jesse Eula.

John Benton's father was also named John. He was born 5 Jul 1826 in Roane, Tennessee, and died 23 May 1883 in Titus Co., Texas. He married Darijahn Mary Smith 20 Apr 1849 in Van Zandt Co., Texas. She was born in 1834 in Mississippi and died in 1874 in Texas. Their other children were William, Mary, and Joshua. After the death of Darijahn, John married Emilia Millie Allen in 1875. Their children were Wiley C. and Ellen.

John's father, Francis Marion Benton, was born 25 Dec 1795 or 97 in Edgefield, S. Carolina and died in 1863 in Wood County, Texas. His wife was Nancy Cooley. She was born 15 Aug 1797 in Virginia and died in 1865 in Wood Co., Texas. **John** was their only son according to the records I have found.

Francis Benton was the father of Francis Marion Benton. He was born in Edgefield, South Carolina and died in 1812 in Warren, Georgia. He married Selah ? who was born in 1750 in Kentucky and died in 1799. In addition to **Francis Marion**, their children were Capton John and Mary Lydia. According to the records I have found, Mary Lydia was born in Dec 1790 and died 3 Nov 1905. She was 114 years old at her death!

The father of Francis Benton was also named Francis Benton. He was born in 1721 in Cannock, Staffordshire, England, and died in 1778 in Hednesford, Staffordshire, England. He married Joan Anson 10 Aug 1745 in Lichfield, Staffordshire, England. Their other children were Eleanor, Elizabeth, and James.

Walter Benton, the father of Francis Benton, was born 16 Aug 1669 in Rugeley, England, and died 9 Oct 1727 in Cannock, England. He married Elizabeth Hanson 14 Feb 1697 in Cannock, England. She was born in 1670 in Cannock, England, and died 10 Jun 1734 in Guilford, New Haven, Connecticut. Their children were Philip Levermore, Robert, Maria, Elizabeth, Walter, Susan, Abraham, Joseph, and **Francis**.

The father of Walter Benton was also named John. He was born in 1634 in Rugeley, Staffordshire, England, and died in 1683 in the same place. He married Joan Richards 18 Apr 1650. In addition to **Walter**, their children were Richard, John, and Robert.

Lueverne Martin's mother was Mary Alice Jordan (pronounced jerdun). She was born in June of 1896 in Franklin Co., Texas. She married Elbert Lee Benton 22 Feb 1920 in Franklin Co., Texas.

Mary Alice, or MeMaw as she was called by her great-children, was the daughter of John C. Jordan. He was born 10 Oct 1862 in Georgia and died 4 Apr 1909 in Franklin Co., Texas. He married Sarah Virginia Glover 10 Oct 1889. She was born in Nov of 1875 and died 6 Nov 1942 in Franklin Co., Texas. Their other children were Eula, Samuel Cornelius, Thomas Jacob, and Myrtle. When Mr. Jordan's family came to Texas they brought a trunk full of Confederate money-- printed in Louisiana. By the time they arrived in Franklin Co., the money was worthless. Grandma told me she used to play with the money as a child. When we had her 90th birthday party in 2011, one of her cousins sent some Confederate money—printed in Louisiana-- she had found in an old trunk. The money had been badly damaged by insects, but it was still valuable to us as it was a connection to our past.

John C. Jordan's father was Samuel S. Jordan who was born 15 Nov 1816 and died 4 Jun 1899 in Franklin Co., Texas. He married a woman named Emily 6 Jun 1857 in Tallapoosa, Alabama. She was born 26 Nov 1840 in Georgia and died 30 Dec 1910 in Franklin Co., Texas. In addition to **John C.**, their other children were Nancy J., Sarah Elizabeth, Louisa, William, Samuel Andrew, Mary Frances, James Madison, Charles, Susie C., and Laura Savannah.

The Rev. Charles Brick Jordan was the father of **Samuel S.**, Ann Elizabeth, William M., Lucy Katherine, Squire Crume, Mary Ellen, Richard Stith, Thomas J., Nancy Jane,

Achilles M., Margaret R., Marinda Kennedy, and Keziah Meade. He was born 19 Oct 1790 in Shenandoah, Frederick, Virginia, and died 11 Mar 1872 in Shawnee, Kansas. He married Nancy Crume 27 Feb 1812 in Breckinridge, Kentucky. She was born 20 Dec 1792 in Shenandoah, Virginia, and died 30 Apr 1854 in Degar, Illinois. According to a story in *ancestry.com*, he was a Quaker minister and was reputed to be the first man in Kentucky to free his slaves—inherited from his father, William, some 50 years before the Emancipation Proclamation.

William Jordan was born 1 Jan 1750 in Goochland, Virginia, and died 10 May 1817 in Breckinridge, Kentucky. He married Elizabeth Wodson 16 Nov 1771 in Goochland. She was born in November of 1756 and died in 1780. Their children were Miles, Woodson, and Elizabeth. After his wife Elizabeth's death, he married Lucy Hall Stith 5 Jan 1780 in Bedford, Virginia. She was born 12 Mar 1761 in Campbell, Virginia, and died 13 Jun 1802 in Bedford, Virginia. Their children were Jacobus Covey, Katherine Covith, William, Polly, Lucy, Elizabeth Ann, **Charles Brick**, Hiram, Jesse, and Absolem Pleasant.

Charles Jordan was the father of William Jordan. He was born in 1706 in New Kent, Virginia, and died 6 Nov 1773 in Goochland, Virginia. He married a woman named Helena in 1740 in Virginia. She was born in 1725 in Goochland and died in 1780 in the same place. **William** is the only child I could find.

Another Samuel Jordan was born 15 Feb 1679 in Chuckatuck, Virginia, and died 2 Oct 1718 in New Kent, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Fleming. She was born 23 Oct 1687 in St. Peters Parish, New Kent, Virginia, and died 20 Jul 1763 in Amelia, Virginia. **Charles** is the only child I could find.

The father of Samuel Jordan was Thomas Fleming Jordan, II. He was born 7 Jul 1635 in Chuckatuck, Suffolk, Virginia, and died 9 Aug 1699 in the same place. He married Margaret Basseur 23 Mar 1658 in Chuckatuck. She was born in 1635 and died in 1698. In addition to Samuel, their other children were **Thomas**, John, James, Robert, Richard, Joseph, Benjamin, Matthew, and Joshua.

The first Thomas Fleming was born about 1600 in Wiltshire, England, and died in 1685 at Isle of Wight, Virginia. He married Lucy Corker about 1628. She was born about 1604 in Jamestown, Virginia, and died about 1700. Their children were Richard, Matthew, Joseph, and **Thomas Fleming, II**.

Samuel Jordan was born in 1578 in Wiltshire, England, and died in April 1632 in Beggar's Bush, Prince George, Virginia. His first wife was born and died in England. Their son was **Thomas Fleming**. Jordan traveled to the New World as part of the "Third

Supply” of the Virginia Company to the first English colony at Jamestown. He was a passenger on the “Sea Venture,” the flagship of the fleet which became shipwrecked on Bermuda. The crew and passengers used parts of the “Sea Venture” to build two new ships (the “Patience” and the “Diligence”) and arrived 8 months late in Jamestown finding the survivors of what they called the “Starving Time at the Colony.” After he arrived in Jamestown Samuel Jordan married a local widow, Cecily Reynolds Bailey. In 1622, the local Indian tribes organized a surprise attack on the English colonists. During what became known as the Indian Massacre of 1622, many men, women, and children were killed in a coordinated series of attacks led by Chief Opechancanough of the Powhatan Confederacy. I think Louis L’Amour used this event in one of his Sackett sagas. I found the description of a character named Sir Francis Wyatt in L’Amour’s The Sackett Companion which describes an event similar to Jordan’s.

The father of Samuel Jordan was Robert Jordan. He was born in 1562 in Melcombe, England and died 12 Oct 1589 in Jordan’s Journey, Henco, Virginia. This was the plantation, owned by Samuel Jordan, where many people of the colony took refuge during the Indian Massacre of 1622. Robert Jordan married Sarah Winter about 1590 in Dorset, England. She was born about 1564 in Ottery, St. Mary, Devon, England. In addition to **Samuel**, they also had two daughters, Margaret and Mary.

Thomas Jordan was born in 1529 in Melcombe, Regis, Dorset, England. He married Agnes Burte in 1559 in Tarrant, Hinton, Dorset, England. She was born in 1537 in Melcombe, Regis, Dorset, England, and died in 1564 in the same place. Their children were Jone and Cecily in addition to **Robert**.

Robert Jordaine (notice the spelling change) was born in 1500 in Melcombe, Regis, Dorset, England. He married Jane Corker about 1529 in the same place. **Thomas of Dorset** was their only child listed.

The father of Robert Jordaine was Robert Jordaine born in 1455 in Melcombe, Regis, Dorset, England. He died in 1500 in England. There was no record of a wife, and the only child listed was **Robert**.

Thomas Jordaine was the father of Robert. He was born in 1418 in France and died in 1478 in France. He married Christie Chantmarie. She was born in 1418 in England. **Robert** was the only child listed.

The last person I found any information on was John Jordaine, the father of **Thomas**. He was born in 1390 in Wolverton, Hampshire, England.

This is my tribute to “Grandma” Virginia Lueverne Benton Martin whose recorded history began in England 380 years ago and France 624 years ago. What a book I could write if I included all the historical events that took place during those years that might have had an influence on this family!

-Jean Martin