



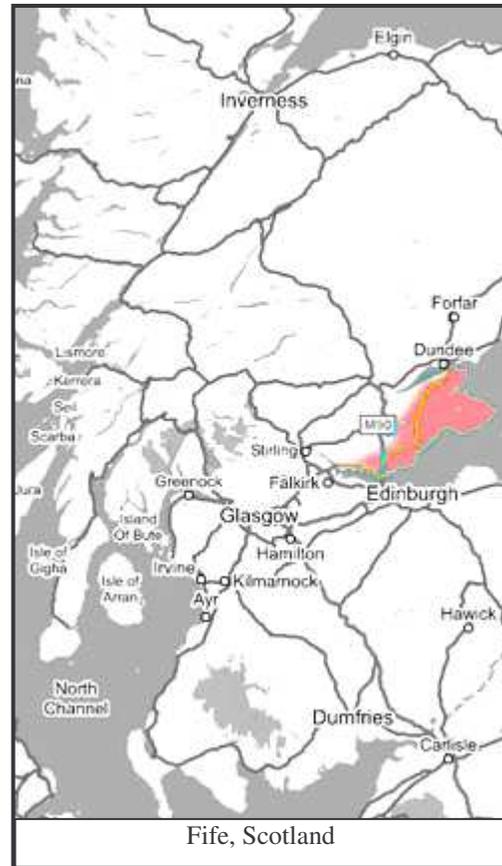
## The Tullis Family

The Tullis family has been traced back to Scotland. They came from the County of Fife, in the town of Markinch. Fife covers a peninsula that extends out into the North Sea, in the eastern part of the country. Please refer to the *Family Tree*, starting on page 11.

The earliest ancestor who can be documented in this line is Robert Tullis. He was somehow connected to members of the Tullis family who operated a paper company and paper mill in Fife. They also published hundreds of books, and the *Fife Herald* newspaper.

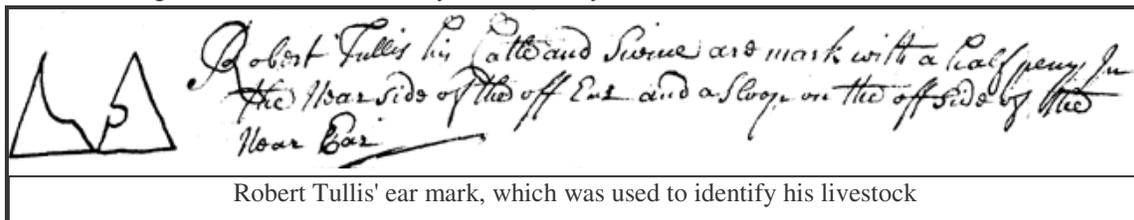
**Robert Tullis:** He was born around 1680 in Fife. He immigrated to America around 1700, and he settled in Connecticut. By 1704, Robert had migrated to New Jersey, where his name was listed on the 1704 Census for Burlington County. This is right across the Delaware River from Philadelphia. His name was also listed on a document there as being a Quaker, and being unwilling to “bear arms and kill.”

A few years later, Robert migrated to Salem County, New Jersey, which is in the far southern part of the state. He lived near the Cohansy River. This was where he met Esther Fithian, and they got married around 1714. Her parents were Samuel Fithian and Priscilla Burnet.



In 1714, Robert and some other men signed a document declaring that they refused to pay the Royal Governor’s taxes. In June of 1715, each of the men who had signed that document were indicted. Robert changed his mind about bearing arms, because in 1715, his name appeared on the list of the Colonial Militia from the north side of the Cohansy River.

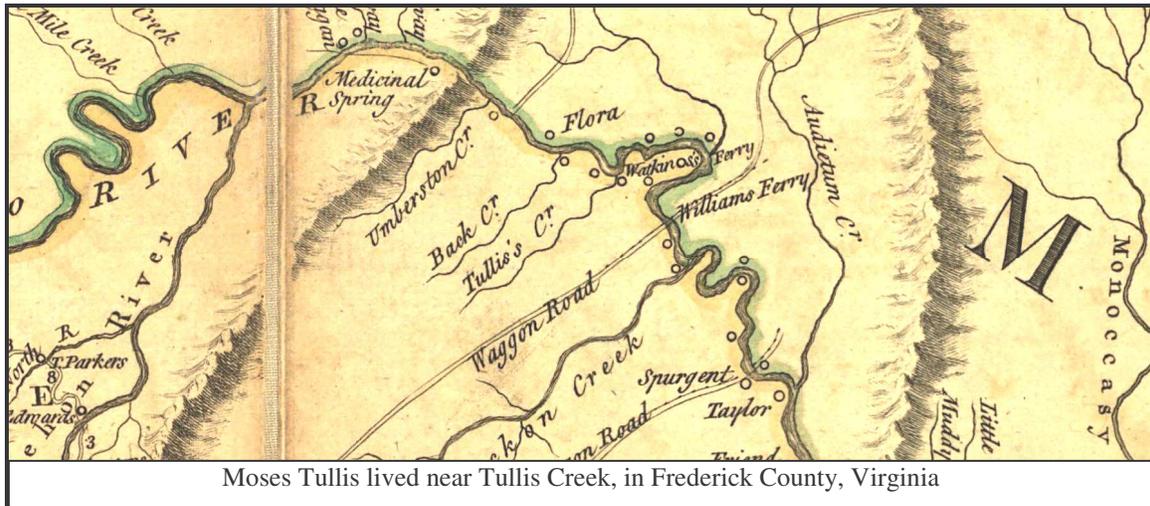
Robert also registered an “ear mark,” to identify his livestock, a common practice at that time. His mark was registered in Salem County, New Jersey.



Robert and Esther had five children. They were members of the Greenwich Presbyterian Church in Greenwich, New Jersey, which was in nearby Cumberland County. Robert died sometime before March 8, 1726, and it was his son Moses who continued this family line.

**Moses Tullis:** He was born about 1724 in New Jersey. He married Mary Elizabeth Van Dyke around 1751. She was born around 1733 in New Jersey, and her parents were Jan Van Dyke and Margaret Barcolo. Mary’s father’s ancestors were from Holland. Mary’s mother’s paternal ancestors were from Holland, and her maternal ancestors were from Matlock, England, which is in Derbyshire. Most of Mary’s ancestors, on both sides of her family, had settled in Long Island, New York, where they lived for several generations, before they migrated to New Jersey.

Shortly after Moses and Mary got married, they left New Jersey. They settled in the northern part of Frederick County, Virginia. This area became Berkeley County in 1772, and in 1801, it became Jefferson County, West Virginia. They lived near a creek which was named after them, Tullis Creek. It was a tributary to the Potomac River. In 1762, Moses bought a 346-acre farm near there from Lawrence Harrison. Nowadays, his farm is located along Hwy. 9, between Martinsburg and Charlestown. It's about two miles south of Kerneysville, on the opposite side of the highway from the Jefferson County Community Center.



In 1770, Moses Tullis and two other men, John Wright and Peter Burr, bought one acre of land for 15 shillings, on which they built the Elk Branch Presbyterian Church. This land was close to Elk Branch Creek, another tributary to the Potomac River. The church was about five miles south of Shepardstown, and about six miles west of Harpers Ferry. It was not far from Moses Tullis' farm.

On June 10, 1777, Moses Tullis prepared his will, and a transcript of it has been found:

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I, Moses Tullis, of Berkeley County, in the Colony of Virginia, being sick of Body but of perfect and sound memory, thanks to Almighty God for his mercies, and calling to mind the uncertain state of life in this world that all flesh must once die, therefore do think proper to dispose of such worldly substance as it pleased God to possess me of at present in manner and form following that is to say I first order my Body be decently interred in such place as shall be thought most convenient and that all my just debts as I owe in right conscience to any manner person or persons be justly paid by my Executors hereafter named within convenient time after my decease and now for my worldly affairs. First, I leave my beloved wife, Mary Elizabeth, one-third part of all my plantation and my Bed and furniture and the mare she customarily rides with saddle and bridle and one-third part of all cows, horses (one colt excepted) sheep, hogs, implements of labour, house-hold furniture and crops now growing. Secondly, I leave to my be-loved son, Aaron Tullis, the sorrel colt and all and every of the remaining two-thirds of the land and other goods I order to be sold by my Executors and equally divided to each of my children and equal part or share and at my wife's decease I order her third share of the plantation to be sold and an equal division of it to be made to all my children then living or to their Heirs. This I make, constitute and ordain to be my last Will and Testament, disannulling all other Will or Wills by me heretofore made either by word or write. I constitute Timothy Sewell my Son in Law and Aaron Tullis my son, both of Berkeley County in Virginia, to be my whole and sole Executors to see this my last Will and Testament duly and truly executed according to the best of their skill and conscience within convenient time after my decease. IN WITNESS whereof I have here-unto set my hand and seal this Tenth Day of June of 1777.

Moses Tullis (LS)

Properly signed by the Testator being truly read before in the presence of us,  
Moses Tullis, Jr., Jonathan Tullis, and John Loan

Moses' will was presented in court on October 21, 1777. Therefore, he must have died sometime between June 10 and October 21, 1777. Moses also left instructions that he wanted his 346-acre farm to be sold to the highest bidder. He wanted the proceeds from the sale to be divided equally among his sixteen children. It was his son Moses who continued this family line.

**Moses Tullis:** He was born on May 15, 1750, in Cumberland County, New Jersey. When he was very young, he migrated with his family to Virginia. Around 1777, he married a woman named Letitia Newell. She was born around 1755. It was said that they had twenty children.

Moses Tullis served in the Revolutionary War, as did several of his brothers. It is believed that he joined the Berkeley Rifles, with his brother Aaron. This was a volunteer group of 98 men that was commanded by Captain Hugh Stephenson. They were all expert marksmen. In order to join, they had to shoot the nose of a man on a portrait that was one hundred yards away, hitting it "right on the nose." On July 17, 1775, these volunteers started marching towards Boston, which was over 600 miles away. When they arrived, they were greeted by General George Washington, on August 11, 1775. They marched over 600 miles in just 26 days, and that march was later called the "Bee Line March." A historical marker was erected on U.S. Hwy 11, in Martinsville, West Virginia, in order to honor them.



Around 1784, Moses, his wife Letitia, and their children migrated to the part of Wilkes County, Georgia that is now Lincoln County. In 1792, he was granted 200 acres of land there, along Soap Creek. In 1796, he was listed as a Grand Juror for the First Superior Court of Lincoln County. And in 1798, he was appointed Justice of the Peace.

In 1801 and 1802, Moses was listed on the Tax List for Lincoln County, as owning 240 acres and 7 slaves. He was also the Church Clerk for the nearby Goshen Baptist Church, but he resigned from that position on October 2, 1802. In 1803, he and his wife were "Dismissed by Letter" from that church, as they were leaving the area. By 1803, they had migrated to Edgefield County, South Carolina. This is in the western part of the state, along the Georgia border.

On August 1, 1817, Moses prepared his will, and a transcript of it has been found:

I, Moses Tullis, of the District and State aforesaid, being in a Low and Lingerig State of Health, but in Judgment good do make this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others, and do Will and bequeath the following Property as follows, Viz. My will and desire is that my beloved wife Letitia Tullis shall have all my Estate both Real and personal during her natural Life or Widowhood, my Will also is that when my son Newell comes of age that he should have made out of the horse and saddle worth one hundred Dollars, and George. My will and Desire is that at the Death of my beloved wife Letitia there shall be a Sale of all my property both Real and personal and an Equal Division made among all my Children. My will and desire is that Aaron and Moses Tullis and Bleeman White are appointed Executors to attend to the above and see that it is carried out to the effect agreeable to the above Will. This in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen and August the First day.

Signed Sealed in the Presents of us Moses Tullis (SEAL)

William Thurmond  
Robert Brooks  
Allen Burton

Moses Tullis' will was recorded on November 28, 1817, in Edgefield County, South Carolina, so he probably died a few weeks earlier. His wife Letitia died around 1839, also in Edgefield County. It was their son Newell who continued this family line.

**Newell Tullis:** He was born on March 5, 1799, in Georgia. When he was a boy, he migrated with his parents to Edgefield County, South Carolina, which was where he grew up. In 1824, Newell married Mary Elizabeth White Rainey. She was born on March 13, 1801, in South Carolina, and her parents were William Rainey and Rebecca White.

Newell and Mary Elizabeth lived near the town of Troup, South Carolina. Around 1836, Newell and his family migrated to Coosa County, Alabama. They lived near the town of Socapatoy, which is southeast of Birmingham. Sometime after 1841, Newell and his family migrated to Texas, and they first settled in Rusk County. This is in the eastern part of the state, and south of the city of Longview. Newell worked as a school teacher then, although he later ran a small store. He and his family were seen living there in the 1850 Census Report.

Newell Tullis	57	M	Teacher	500	Texas
Elizabeth	49	F			S.C.
Moses	19	M	farmer		Ugw
Jonathan	17	M	Do		Do
Gilbert	15	M			Do
James	11	M			Do
Sarah E.	8	F			Do

The 1850 Census Report in Rusk County, Texas  
Newell Tullis was living with his wife, Mary Elizabeth, and their children

Newell's wife, Mary Elizabeth, died just three years after this 1850 Census Report was taken, on February 24, 1853. By 1870, Newell had migrated north to Marion County, Texas, and he lived in the town of Jefferson. This is northeast of the city of Longview. Newell lived next door to his son, John Bolivar Tullis, and his family. John was a dentist and a Methodist minister.

- Lucy J.	7	F			S. Carolina
71 Tullis, Mrs. B.	43	M	Dentist	3000 <sup>00</sup> 1000 <sup>00</sup>	Tennessee
- Matilda	36	F	Wiping House		Texas
- Edward	13	M			Texas
- John B.	13	M			Georgia
72 Tullis, Mrs. B.	71	M	Relief Merchant		Tennessee

The 1870 Census Report in Marion County, Texas  
Newell Tullis was a widow, and he lived next door to his son John

Newell died in Marion County, Texas, on February 13, 1873. It was said that he was buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Jefferson. It was his son, James Monroe, who continued this family line.

**James Monroe Tullis:** He was born on January 27, 1839, in Coosa County, Alabama. When he was a boy, he migrated to Texas with his parents. On July 15, 1858, James married Nancy Ann Harvey. She was born on February 10, 1837, in Tennessee. Her father was William Harvey, but her mother's name is not known. Nancy's father died about five weeks after she married James.

James and Nancy had at least five children together, but four of them died as infants. Nancy died on April 22, 1867, from childbirth complications.

James served in the Civil War, on the Confederate side. He was a private in Waul's Texas Legion, in Company E, as was his brother Gilbert. This unit had been organized at Brenham, Texas, during the summer of 1862. It served in Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Georgia. They were in Alabama when the war ended.



Mary Elizabeth (Singletary) Tullis

On November 5, 1868, James got remarried, to a woman named Mary Elizabeth Singletary. She was born on July 13, 1844, in Rankin County, Mississippi, and her parents were Thomas Henry Singletary and Margaret Harrison. Mary's father's paternal ancestors had lived in Bladen County, North Carolina for at least three generations.

An old photograph of Mary Elizabeth has been found, but it is not known when it was taken. James and Mary Elizabeth had five children together.

By 1870, James and his family had migrated to Cherokee County, Texas. This is southwest of Rusk County. They were seen living there, in the 1870 Census Report.

57	Tullis James M	30	M	W	Farmer	1100	800	Miss
	Mary E	24	F	W	Keeping House			"
	Julia A	9	F	W	At School			Yes
	George A	1/2	M	W				"
								40

The 1870 Census Report in Cherokee County, Texas  
James Tullis was living with his wife, Mary Elizabeth, and their children

Two children are listed in this report: Julia (age 9), who was the only child that James had with his first wife that survived past infancy; and George (infant), who was the first child that James had with his second wife, Mary Elizabeth. Sadly, George died just a few months after this report was taken, on October 10, 1870. James Monroe Tullis died on March 5, 1879, in Cherokee County. He was buried in the Shiloh Cemetery (see page 7). Just a few weeks after his death, his widow, Mary Elizabeth, gave birth to their fourth child, a son she named James.

Sometime around 1883, Mary Elizabeth got remarried to Thomas McClure, and she had four more children with him. Thomas McClure was also a widow. His first wife, Mary Jane Ramey, had died in 1881. Thomas brought his six young children to his second marriage, and Mary Elizabeth raised them. She and Thomas were seen in the 1900 Census Report, living in Alto, Texas, which is in Cherokee County (see the next page). Their four children were living with them (Charles, Matilda, Annie, and Jewel), as was Thomas' daughter Sue, whom he had with his first wife. They also had a boarder living with them, Mac Houston, who was helping out on their farm.

McClure, Thomas	Head	W. 72	Sept. 1840	59	72	34			George
Mary	Wife	W. 9	July 1846	53	72	34	9	8	Mississ
Sue	Daughter	W. 9	Feb. 1877	23	S				Pep
Charles H.	Son	W. 72	Oct. 1884	15	S				Pep
Martina	Daughter	W. 9	Oct. 1876	12	S				Pep
Annie	Daughter	W. 7	Sept. 1858	11	S				Pep
Jewel	Son	W. 72	Oct. 1891	9	S				Pep
Houston Mrs.	Boarder	W. 72	May 1882	18	S				Pep

The 1900 Census Report in Cherokee County, Texas  
 Mary Elizabeth was living with her second husband Thomas and their children

Another photograph of Mary Elizabeth (Singletary) Tullis McClure has been found. It appears to have been taken around 1900.



Mary Elizabeth (Singletary) Tullis McClure

Mary Elizabeth's second husband, Thomas McClure, died sometime between 1910 and 1920. He was buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, which is located in Cherokee County, Texas.

Mary Elizabeth moved in with her daughter Annie and her husband, David Todd. They lived on a big farm on Hatchett Ferry Road, in Cherokee County. Mary Elizabeth was seen living with them in the 1920 Census Report. She was shown as being 74 years old and a widow. That report was taken in February of that year, and she died just two months later, on April 6, 1920.

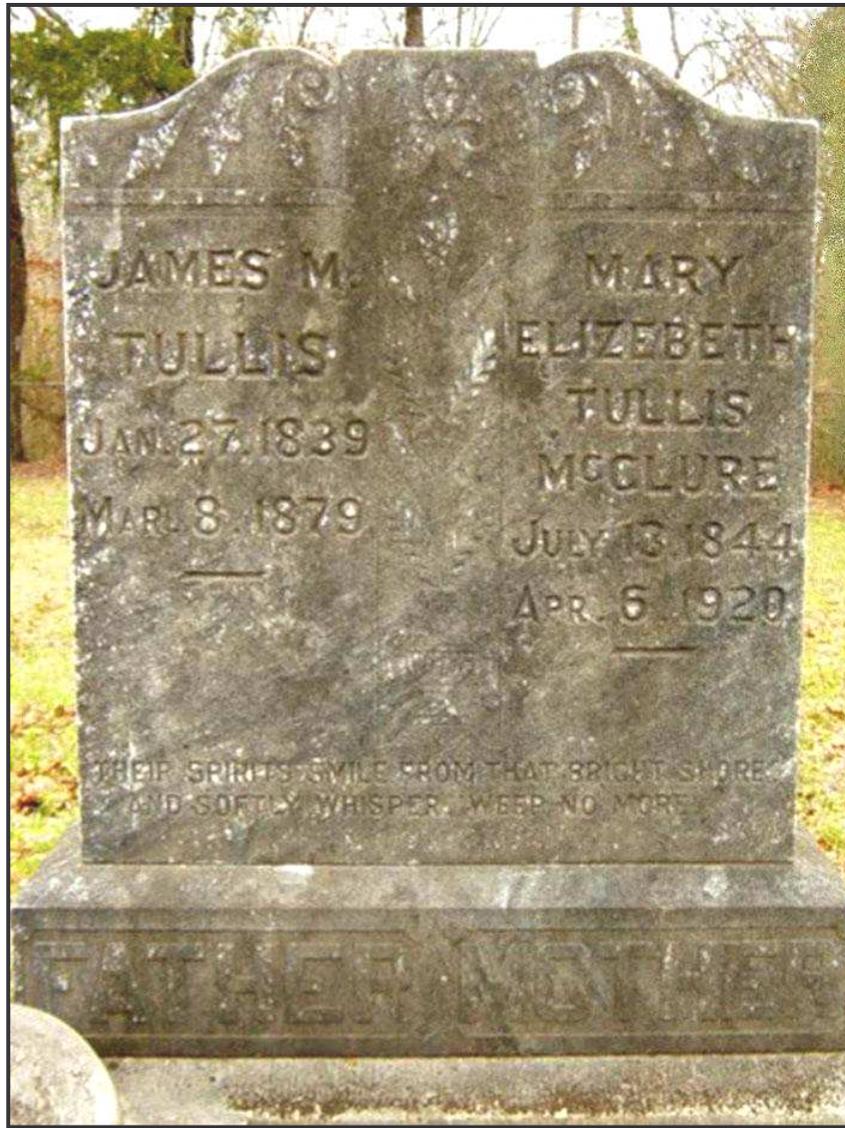
Mary Elizabeth was buried next to her beloved first husband James, in the Shiloh Cemetery, in Cherokee County, Texas. They share a headstone (see the next page). The inscription says, "Their spirits smile from that bright shore and softly whisper. Weep no more." A copy of Mary Elizabeth's obituary has also been found (see page 8).

Todd, Dave	Head	W. 71	71	34	71				Texas
Annie	Wife	W. 71	51	71					Texas
Annie	Daughter	W. 71	13	S					Texas
Jewel	Son	W. 71	11	S					Texas
Harrison	Son	W. 71	8	S					Texas
McClure, Mary E	Maternal	W. 71	74	71					Mississ

The 1920 Census Report in Cherokee County, Texas  
 Mary Elizabeth (Singletary) Tullis McClure was a widow for the second time  
 She died just two months after this report was taken

The old Tullis Family Bible is still in existence today. Two pages contain information that pertains to this branch of the family. One page lists both marriages for James Monroe Tullis (see page 9). The other page lists several deaths that occurred in this family, including his (see page 10).

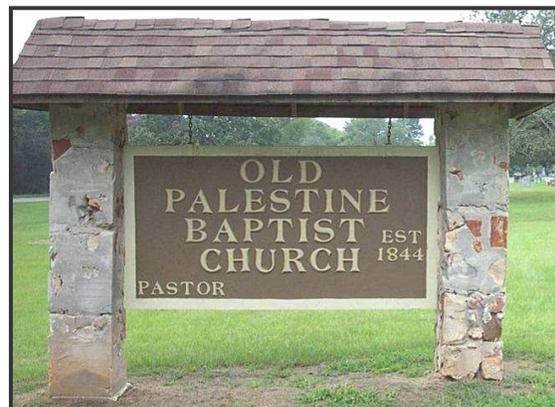
It was James and Mary Elizabeth's daughter, Peggy Anne, who continued this family line.



**Peggy Anne Tullis:** She was born on April 4, 1874, in Alto, Texas (Cherokee County). When she was just 15 years old, on October 20, 1889, she married William Franklin Burke. He was born on December 30, 1868, in Cherokee County, and his parents were David L. Burke and Sarah Elizabeth Love. Sarah's first husband, John Houston Wallace, was killed in the Civil War. David and Sarah Burke were both buried in the Old Palestine Cemetery in Cherokee County.

The Old Palestine Cemetery is about four miles east of Alto. It is right next to the Old Palestine Baptist Church, which was established in 1844. It is one of the oldest cemeteries in the county.

Peggy died on September 18, 1943 in Alto, and she was buried in the Old Palestine Cemetery. Her husband William died on January 4, 1934, and he was buried beside her.



HURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1920.

### BELOVED WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Died at the home of her daughter,  
Mrs. H. P. Todd, Mrs. Mary E.  
McClure at the ripe age of 74.

"Sooth the locks of silver hair,  
On our mother's brow with ten-  
derest care.

Gather the roset in final fold  
Around the form so small and cold;  
Lay on her bosom, pure as snow,  
The fairest, sweetest flowers that  
grow,

Kiss her and leave her our hearts  
delight;

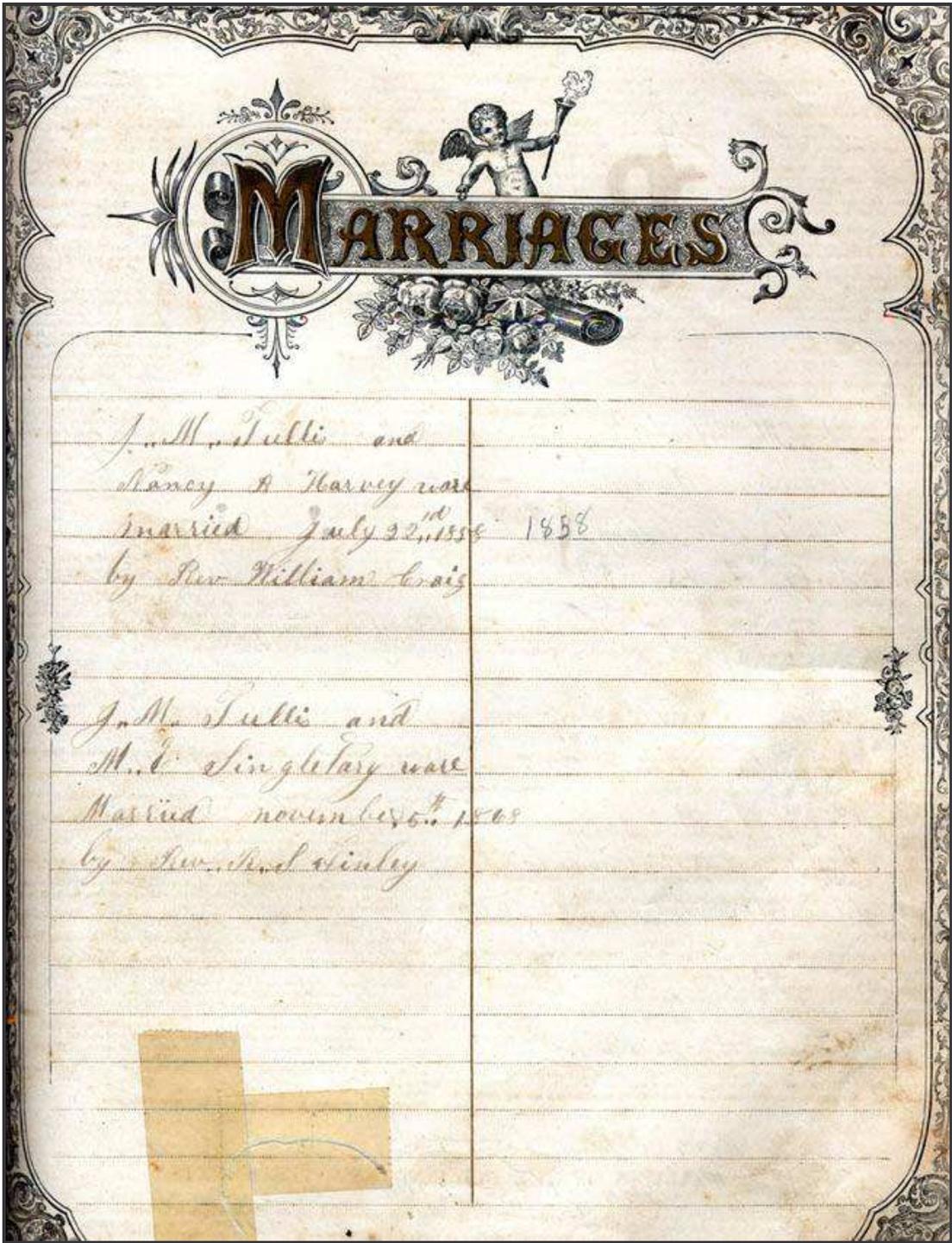
Her pain is over, she sleeps tonight.

As the death dew gathered on her  
marble brow, around her bedside  
gathered her 'boys' and 'girls'— al-  
ways boys and girls to her, though  
now grown to mature years with  
boys and girls around their own fire-  
side. The life was long interwoven  
with theirs, with tearful eyes they  
watched as it slowly but surely pass-  
ed over. The love of a mother for  
her children passeth humane under-  
standing. The boys and girls that  
gathered about the cot of this dying  
mother and so bravely fought the  
Death Angel, long ago passed out  
from the little home circle. Busi-  
ness cares and their own home cir-  
cles have encroached upon their time,  
may have robbed mother, of their  
companionship, but she was ever just  
the same; rejoicing in their success  
and grieving at their misfortunes.  
They may have grown away from her,  
but she never from them; they are  
still her boys and girls. We know  
that years hence the memory of her  
unselfish devotion will make them bet-  
ter men and better women and her  
precepts be their guiding star.

The deceased was born in the State  
of Mississippi, July 13, 1846, died  
April 5, 1920. She came to Texas  
with her parents in 1851. She was  
married November 5, 1868 to Mr.  
James J. Tullis, to the union five  
children were born, three of whom  
are still living, Thomas Tullis, J. J.  
Tullis, Mrs. P. A. Burk, all of Alto.  
A few years after the death of Jas.  
T. Tullis she was married to T. M.  
McClure, to this union four children  
were born, namely: Charles McClure  
of Coma, Mrs. O. G. Willis, Mrs. D.  
H. Todd and Mr. J. L. McClure of  
Alto. She was not only a mother  
of a large family, her own but to  
her step children she was all that  
the word mother implies.

She united with the Methodist  
church at the age of 18 and lived a  
consistent Christian life. A beloved  
man, kindness was innate, she was  
thoughtful of others, rendering  
to she could give in her quite

vis and Irvin conducted  
services. M. J. Hogan,  
large of body. Inter-  
in Shilo cemetery.



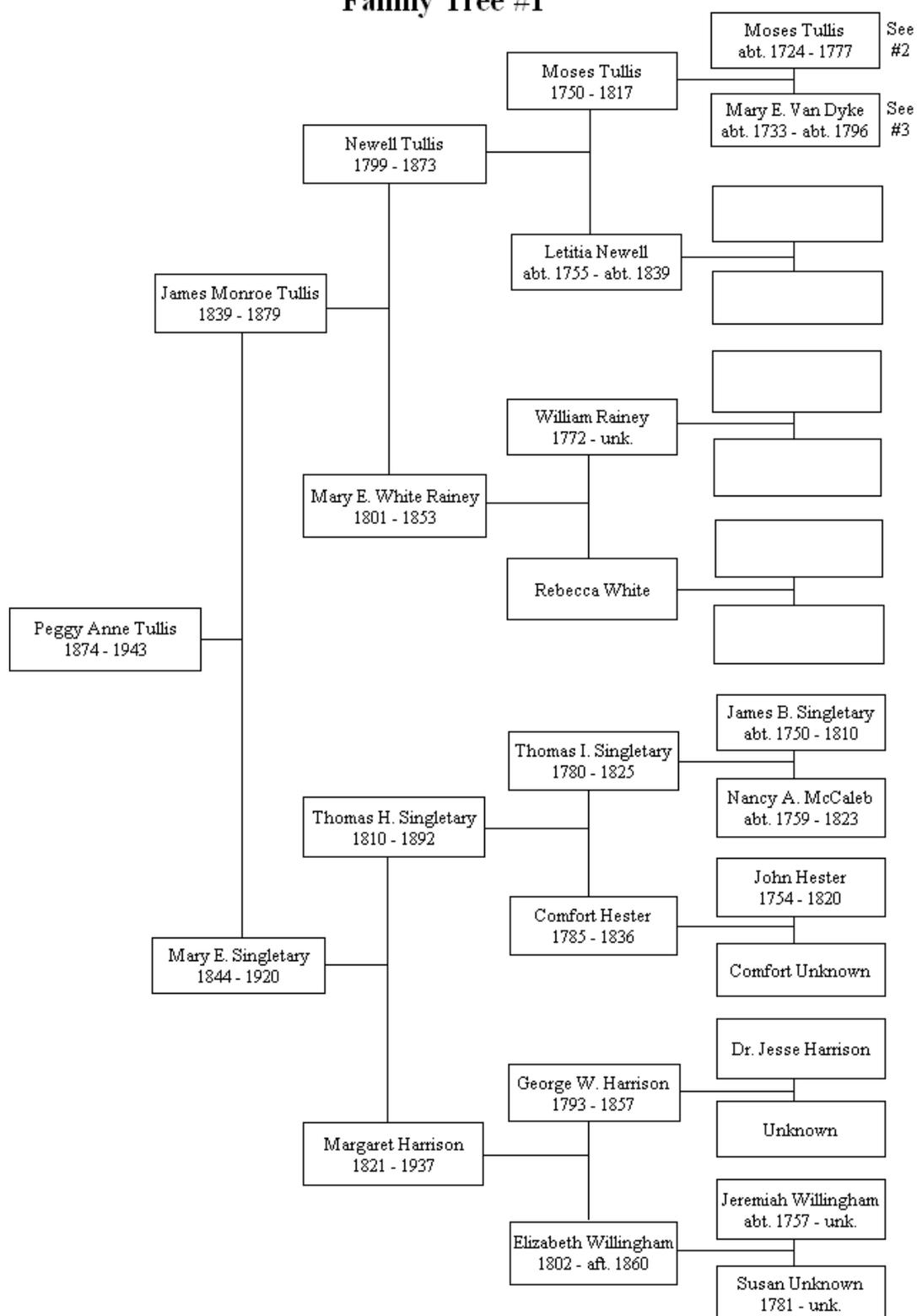
J. M. Tullie and  
Nancy A. Harvey were  
married July 32<sup>nd</sup> 1858  
by Rev. William Craig

J. M. Tullie and  
M. C. Singletary were  
married November 6<sup>th</sup> 1868  
by Rev. Daniel Finley

# DEATHS

Mrs. A. Tullis wife of Wm. E. Tullis died February died April 11 1849 1849 age 30	E. W. Tullis died February 1849
Wm. Tullis died September 1849	J. M. Tullis died Mar 5-1879.
Wm. Tullis died November 1849	Henry Singletary Tullis died Dec 26th 1916
Wm. Tullis died 1869	Peggy Anne Tullis Burke Sept. 1943
Frankie Burke Russell September 27, 1972	
Wm. Tullis died 1870	Mary Nell Russell Priddy October 5, 1987
	John Robert Eagle Jr. May 7, 1992

# Family Tree #1





### Family Tree #3

