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Once again we shall try to finish our family histories from the information which has been submitted to the Association over the past few months. Our choice this quarter is about those Hughes sisters who practically populated early Dallas! The information was submitted independently by Betty Cochran Meletio and Mary Charles Taylor Jacobie but it is being combined here because it makes such an interesting story. I do hope that Mrs. Meletio and Mrs. Jacobie do not object. Betty Meletio is a descendant of that family through Nancy Jane Hughes Cochran and Mary Jacobie through Margaret Hughes Bachman.

Although William Hughes and his wife, Ailsey (Alcy, Alice) Carr never came to Texas, their impact was felt through the six daughters and one son who did come to Texas and settled in Dallas County. This lineage (as it has been given) follows:

William M. Hughes b 1785 in Hughesville, Patrick Co., VA
d Columbia, TN in 1872
*m (2) 30 Dec 1810
Ailsey (Alice, Alcy) Carr b 3 Jul 1791 in Stokes Co., NC
d 3 Oct 1870 in Columbia, TN

Children:

1. Archelaus Madison Hughes b 21 Nov 1811 d _____ 1898
m Sarah _____
He was a judge
2. Elizabeth Dalton Hughes b 20 Mar 1813 d 11 Mar 1835
m George Record**
3. John Fulkerson (Fendal) Hughes b 3 Sep 1814?
m twice - lived in TN - was a minister
4. Mary Hughes b 10 Feb 1816 d _____ 1887 (buried Webb's Chapel Cem)
m Isaac B. Webb
5. Nancy Jane Hughes b 24 Oct 1817 d 15 Oct 1877 (buried Cochran Chapel Cem)
m. William B. Cochran
6. Sarah Matilda Hughes b 24 Mar 1819 d 20 Jan 1860 (buried Cochran Chapel)
m Thomas Williams
7. Ailsey Amanda Hughes b 8 Nov 1820 d 24 Nov 1882 (buried Cochran Chapel)
m George Record**
8. Serena Caroline Hughes b 30 Sep 1822 d 5 Apr 1914 (buried Cochran Chapel)
m Obadiah Knight

9. Margaret Morris Hughes b 14 Feb 1824 d 12 June 1904 (buried Cochran Chapel)
m John B. Bachman
 10. Martha Letitia Hughes b 7 Jan 1826 d _____
m Levi Dennis
 11. William Holmes Hughes b 27 Jan 1827 d _____
m Zuleika Kittrell
was a Methodist minister
 12. Anne Mariah Hughes b May or Mar 1829 d _____
m Rev. Doss
 13. David Leander Hughes b 11 Jun 1830 d _____
- * William Hughes m (1) Susanna Moore b 1789
Children: (a) Samuel Moore Hughes b 13 Feb 1807 d in infancy
(b) Susannah Moore Hughes b 13 Aug 1809 d 26 Aug 1829
- ** George Record m (1) Elizabeth Hughes and after her death
(2) Amanda Hughes

The six daughters of the Hughes' family Mary, Nancy, Sarah, Amanda, Serena and Margaret all came to Texas with their families from Tennessee, arriving in 1843/44. Whether they all came together or not was not provided in the information. One reference says the Cochrans arrived in 1843 and another refers to Mrs. Webb's age when she reached Dallas in 1844. The large farms of these families were practically a solid strip from Turtle Creek across Bachman's Creek to the Elm Fork of the Trinity and to present far North Dallas and Farmer's Branch.

Apparently these families were all staunch Methodist. In the home of the Cochrans in March 1844 the first sermon was preached in the Peters Colony; in 1845 the settlers gathered in the home of the Isaac Webb's and organized a religious society. Mr. Webb built a log house to be used as school and church in 1846 and in 1853 Mrs. Cochran, recently widowed, and wishing to erect a memorial to her late husband, deeded three acres of land for the church and a cemetery. Thus was begun the Cochran Chapel Methodist Church and Cemetery, still located on the site at present Northwest Highway and Midway Road. The brother, Rev. William (Uncle Buck) Hughes who arrived in Texas about 1850 was one of the early ministers of this church. He was quite a notable figure in the early Methodist Church in Texas and served as presiding elder of the Dallas district before the Civil War. He made his home in Dallas. It was on Oak Lawn Avenue and he died there in 1918.

These families were prominent and prosperous. The men of these families were all early Dallas leaders. The George Record family was considered the most prosperous. Their farm was located in the Trinity River bottom and included Record's Crossing, a well-known ford. Obadiah Knight and his wife, Serena, were considered the next most prosperous. Tom Williams' farm covered most of present day Oak Lawn and of course, we are all familiar with the Webb Chapel area, the location of the Isaac Webb's farm and home.

William Cochran, husband of Nancy Jane, was the first county clerk of Dallas County. However, Nancy Jane herself was the one with the strong character and vigorous

determination. She continued to manage her farm and business affairs after her husband's death until her own death in 1877. It was said of her that she "could preach a funeral, survey land, draw up a deed, run a sizeable farm and operate a cotton gin". Nancy Jane Cochran is listed in Notable Women of the Southwest, she established Cochran Chapel Church and Cemetery and there is an elementary school in Dallas which is named for her. Part of the original Cochran farm is included in Love Field. The four sons of William and Nancy Jane Cochran were: John H. Cochran, early Dallas County representative to the state legislature and historian of Dallas; Arch M. Cochran, first physician to practice medicine in Dallas; William P. Cochran and James Monroe Cochran. The oldest one of the daughters, Martha Alice, married Will Harris. Their children included Will R. Harris, a leading Dallas attorney; John C. Harris, City Finance Commissioner in the 1920's and Arch Harris. The other daughters of William and Nancy Jane Cochran were Sarah Jane and Margaret. We were furnished no further information on them.

Betty Cochran Meletio is descended from William and Nancy Jane Cochran. Her grandfather was James Monroe Cochran, one of their sons. That line is given:

James Monroe Cochran b 1846 d 1924 bur Cochran Chapel Cem.

m (1) Margaret _____

Children: George Henry Cochran

Alice Cochran

m (2) Mary Hattie _____ b 1861 d 1924 bur Cochran Chapel Cem

Children: Ann Hattie Louise

Katie Lee Mae

James Ross Bird

William R.

James Ross Cochran b 1891 d 1955 bur Cochran Chapel Cem

m Charlene Shaw b 1898 d 1970 bur Cochran Chapel Cem

Children: Betty Cochran b 1916

m Jack E. Meletio b 1915

Children:

1. Carole Meletio b 1939

m John Ridings b 1939

Children: John R. Lee, Jr. b 1962

George Michael Lee b 1964

2. Gail Meletio b 1941

m William B. Madden b 1939

Children: Rodney T. Madden b 1965

Leslie Cochran Madden b 1967

3. John E. Meletio, Jr. b 1946

m Margaret Wrenn b 1949

Children: David Meletio b 1971

Deborah G. Meletio b 1973

John Branahan Bachman and Martha Hughes settled -- of course, Bachman Lake, Bachman Creek, etc. The farm was located about where Walnut Hill Village is today. Part

of the farm was bought by the City of Dallas in 1901 to form Bachman's Lake on Bachman's Creek for a water supply for the city. Sixteen years later the city bought 120 acres more of the farm south of the lake and 40 acres of the Cochran farm for the use of the Army for a flying school - the beginning of Love Field.

John Branahan Bachman was a Methodist minister, son of Dr. Daniel Bachman of Tennessee. He and Margaret Morris Hughes are the great grandparents of Mary Charles Taylor Jacobie. That line is given here as it was furnished:

John Branahan Bachman b 20 Jan 1821 d 26 Mar 1876
m Margaret Morris Hughes b 14 Feb 1824 d 12 Jun 1904

Children:

1. W. Fletcher Bachman
2. Letitia Jane Bachman m Robert Harrison
3. Alice Amanda Bachman m James H. Smith
4. Daniel Bachman
5. Mary Ann Bachman m Charles Daniel
6. Samuel Hughes Bachman
7. Zuleika Ann Bachman b 22 Aug 1848 d 25 Feb 1883 bur Cochran Chapel Cem
m Dec 1867

William Berry Taylor b 16 May 1844 d 12 May 1929

William Berry Taylor was born in Spartansburg, SC. He was not quite 16 years old when he joined the Confederate Army. He fought during the whole war under Generals Lee and Longstreet. He migrated after the war to Texas and bought 400 acres of land south of Bachman's Creek for \$2.50 an acre with money inherited from his father. (Did he buy this land from John Bachman? This land was later sold to become Love Field, says Mrs. Jacobie. An earlier news article which was quoted previously stated it was part of the Bachman farm.) William Berry Taylor became a dairy farmer and he married the pretty, brown-eyed girl from across the creek, the daughter of John and Margaret Bachman!

Children of Wm. Berry Taylor and Zuleika Bachman:

- a. John Taylor b 13 Nov 1869 d 25 Mar 1870
- b. Margaret Ada Taylor b 15 Apr 1872 d 12 June 1953 bur Cochran Chapel Cem
m Frank Poste Roote 10 Jan 1904
- c. Fletcher Floyd Taylor b 27 Nov 1873 d 31 Oct 1948 bur Cochran Chapel Cem
m Katherine Elizabeth Jones
- d. Alice Amanda Taylor b 6 Dec 1876 d 1957 bur Cochran Chapel Cem
m Elmer E. Ewing b 1864 d 1937 bur Cochran Chapel Cem
- e. William Stephen Taylor b 27 Feb 1878 d 4 Dec 1933 bur Cochran Chapel Cem
m 24 Aug 1900
Beulah Mabel Wright b 10 May 1879 d 17 Dec 1950 bur Cochran Chapel
- f. Charles Bachman Taylor b 29 Aug 1879 d 25 Aug 1950 bur Los Angeles, CA
- g and h Daniel Zachariah Taylor b 21 Feb 1883 d May 1883
Zuleika Taylor b 21 Feb 1883 d Apr 1883 - both bur Cochran Chapel

The children of William Stephen Taylor, Jr. and Beulah Mabel Wright:

- (1) Zuleika Ann Taylor b 1 Aug 1901 d 25 Jan 1904 bur Cochran Chapel Cem
- (2) William Stephen Taylor, Jr. b 18 Dec 1902 m Nell Moore
- (3) Jean Oliver Taylor b 6 Nov 1907 m Bertha Davis
- (4) Mary Charles Taylor b 17 Oct 1912
m 13 Jul 1934
George West Jacobie b 14 Sep 1911 Matawan, NJ d 9 Mar 1969 Dallas, TX
bur Hillcrest Cemetery
- (5) Berry Brooks Taylor b 22 Jul 1917 m Helen Eugenia Harston

The children of Mary Charles Taylor and George West Jacobie:

- (a) Mary Del Jacobie b 21 Aug 1940 m 23 Dec 1959 George Laurence Dunlap
Children: Mark Laurence Dunlap b 10 Feb 1961
Mary Alison Dunlap b 1 Nov 1963
- (b) Gayle Jacobie b 8 July 1943 m 16 May 1964 James Howard Spence
Children: Shannon Spence b 18 May 1966
Nathan West Spence b 10 Sep 1970

And THAT is a part of the history of the Hughes sisters and their families!

The "new regime" of the Association wants to thank all of you people who returned your "Opinion Survey Sheet" with ideas, etc., for putting new life into the organization. We are working on some of them and hopefully, will have lots of new ideas and plans for interesting things for the future.

One of the things which we must stress - the due date for dues for 1983 is June 15, 1983. If you have not paid the current pro-rated dues by that time, your name will be dropped and you will no longer receive the mailings, etc. Just to be certain that it is understood about the dues for the year, the pro-rated amounts are:

\$7.50 per member or \$12.50 per couple for remainder of 1983.

New members add \$10.00 for initiation fee or \$15.00 per couple.

Life memberships : single, \$150.00 or \$250.00 per couple

Please include current address, zip code, phone. If these were changed from 1980 roster, please call our attention to this fact.

We seem to be "jinxed" about meeting places. As soon as we had determined that the Wyatt's Cafeteria at Northpark was a lovely place to meet and sent out this information, the Cafeteria informed us they would be closed for remodeling! Our meeting on June 2 will be at the Wyatt's Northlake Cafeteria, in the Northlake shopping center, Northwest Highway and Easton Road. The time is 6:30 p.m. We do hope that we will have a sensational attendance! We would like to try something different this time - instead of going through the line to get your food and coming to the meeting room, please come to the meeting room first, register and get your name tag and then we can all go through the line. We decided that perhaps a little socializing before we eat would be preferable. We would like to try this, anyway.

There is another matter which we would like to bring to your attention and request your cooperation. We have some of these lovely membership certificates which were made up the first year of the reorganization which have never been delivered. Most of the certificates were given out at the meetings, but these were made up for those of you who have not attended meetings regularly, or perhaps never attended a meeting. Some of you we have addresses for, but on some of these names we have no information. A list of these people is given below. If your name is one of those on the list or if you know the address of some of these people, please let us know where to mail the certificate. If your name is here and you want your certificate of membership, please let us know and we will mail it to you.

Paul Wallof
Nancy Sue Wallof
Nellie O'Connell
Joe H. Bailey
David H. Bennett
Jennie C. Coleman
Charlotte M. Fowler
Pat Gooding
Bobbie Short Hale
Mary Campbell Harrison
Robert H. Hickman
Linda Sue Hickman
Robin Lynn Hickman
Susanna Lee Hickman
Elizabeth Ann Hill
Zelda Fay Johnston
Christine Kallstrom

Nancy Kurrus
Fred Lusk
Cecil McComas
Michelle McCutcheon
Mary L. McCutcheon
Robert McCutcheon
Sarah Jane McGee
Frances Mossiker
Leanne Pilcher
Mary Sanders
Lawrence E. Seaman
Margaret Caillet Swann
Frances Hart Watson
Dixie L. Weller
Nancy Wild

These certificates will be carried to the next meeting, June 2, 1983. If you should be there, please mention this to the secretary and she will give the certificate to you. If you cannot attend and would like the certificate, please send her a post card and your current address.

See all of you Thursday, June 2, 1983 at Wyatt's Cafeteria at Northlake, 6:30 p.m.!