

TENNESSEE BEND

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TO THE REMAINING EX-RESIDENTS OF TENNESSEE BEND, BUTLER COUNTY, KANSAS, AND ALL OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS NARRATIVE.

It has been suggested by some parties concerned that someone who knows something of the history of Tennessee Bend should write an article containing some of the facts in connection with the settlement of Tennessee Bend, a settlement composed largely of Tennesseans who were practically all from the same neighborhood in Tennessee, and nearly all related to each other in some way.

It is not with a feeling that I am more competent to do this than some others might be, or more qualified, but those who were there in the beginning of this settlement are very few, so in order that it may be done before it is too late to be done, I am taking it on myself to perform this task in my feeble way, and present the facts as I understand them, and in a way that all who may read them may readily understand them.

I shall first make a list of the different families who lived in this settlement; and at the end, make a list of those who are buried in the Fairview Cemetery, giving dates of death as I copied them from the grave stones about a year ago. I assure you the pleasure it is to me to write this account of Tennessee Bend will more than compensate for the time and effort I have put in it.

“Semper Fidelis”

N.P. R.



Your humble servant.

N. P. REID

H. E. Reid
K. H. Reid
Noah Jenkins
Mallie Jenkins
Thomas Alexander
Betty Alexander
Willie Morris
Lou Morris
J. K. Carr
Angie Carr
Wesley Carr
Sis Carr
Jay Howell
Sis Howell
James Bradley
Puss Bradley
W. H. H. Adams
Susan Adams
T.M. Hanes
Mary Prudence Hanes
T. C. Hanes
Suckey Hanes
Will Davis
Sarah Davis

Bill Carr
Nanny Carr
Emanuel Alexander
Emeline Alexander
Cyrus Hanes
Betty Hanes
T. J. Hanes
Martha Hanes
Bill Hanes
Lydia Hanes
Dock Carr
Nancy Carr
Newt Carr
Nice Carr
Jim Al Carr
John Carr
J. M. Rhoads
Jennie Rhoads
Wade Jared
Alice Jared
Jim Jared
Elisha Robinson
Nan Rhoads
J. K. P. Carr

H. E. Reid, born July 2, 1844, died in late summer of 1909. K. H. Reid, born August 17, 1849; died May 6 1935. Married in 1866. To this union were born nine children, namely Noel P., Eliza A., William P., (Price), Myrtle T., Roy S. W., Dollie P., Harvey R., Annita, and one who died in infancy. H. E. Reid's father died before H. E., his only son, was born, and his mother died when he was about two years of age. H. E. Reid migrated from Alton Hill, Macon County, Tennessee, landing in Wichita, Kansas on September 9, 1875. He had only one sister, Mrs. Jenny Rhoads.

K. H. Reid had four brothers, namely: Fountain Hanes, Thomas M. Hanes, William D. Hanes and Taylor C. Hanes and two sisters: Mrs. Betty Robinson and Angeline, who died when young.

Noel P. Reid was born September 22, 1867, and, was married to Viola King, February 19, 1891. There were seven children in this family as follows: Dorothy, born November 27, 1891, now in the employ of the Beyer Grain Co. of Hutchinson. Wayne, born April 27, 1893, now in the builders hardware business in Portland, Oregon, Married Neva Palmer. Theodore (Tad), born March 13, 1893, now in Warrensburg, Missouri, serving in the capacity of athletic director at Teachers College, Warrensburg, Married Carolyn Lear, Stafford. Harold, born December 16, 1896, died a victim of typhoid fever November 6, 1902. Gladys, born Aug. 4, 1898, married Dr. J. J. Tretbar of Stafford on May 29, 1929, now living in Stafford, Kans. Virgil, born February 12, 1902, now living at Chanute, working as service man for Montgomery Ward. Married Mary Gladys Broadwater, Evelyn, born Dec. 7, 1907, married T. V. Hageman, who has been teaching school at Detroit, Kansas for the last two years. He will be serving as principal of Hernington grade school the coming year.

Eliza A. Reid was born February 8, 1870, and died a victim of typhoid malarial fever, September, 1887.

William Price Reid's date of birth was February 8, 1872. He is still living, and with his son-in-law, is operating a filling station and repair shop on the Wichita-Augusta highway. He married Jenny Huber, and they are the parents of a fine bunch of girls, too numerous to mention as far as I am concerned, not being able to remember all their names. They also have one son, Waldron, by name.

Myrtle T. Reid, next in order, married Marshall Alexander, now living at Wichita Falls, Texas.

Dolly P. Reid McNight is making her home with her sister, Mrs. Annita Wilson, at 321 North Grove Street, Wichita, Kansas.

Roy S. W. Reid, was born September 22, 1877, and died November 5, 1879, of typhoid fever.

Harvey R. Reid also died of typhoid and other complications in late 1909.

Anita Reid Wilson, the youngest now living, resides with her husband and son at 321 North Grove Street, Wichita, Kansas.

Noah Jenkins and Mallie Jenkins were also Tennesseans who came to Kansas in an early day, the date of their arrival not being known to me. Mr. Jenkins had four sisters living in this immediate neighborhood, namely: Mrs. Lou Morris, Mrs. Angie Carr, Mrs. Puss Bradley, and Mrs. W. H. H. Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins had three girls, namely: Pearl, Myrtle and Hattie; and two boys, Henry and Paul, Henry having died when young. Pearl married a lawyer, Sterling King by name, and Myrtle married Fremont Leidy, who was at one time County Superintendent of Public Instruction of Butler County.

Thomas and Betty Alexander, who lived several miles west of Augusta, were among the late arrivals from Tennessee. Mrs. Alexander was a sister of J. K. Carr (Jim Noggin, as he was called in order to distinguish him from the other three Jim Carrs). She was also a sister of Bill and Wesley Carr. There were several children born to this union: Nora, Marshall, Mary, the dentist, Thomas Jr., Blanche, Ed, Will, and Bob. Thomas Alexander, Sr. by the way, was a minister of the gospel of the Southern Methodist Church. One of his favorite hymns, by the way, was "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me" etc.

The dentist, by the way, has for his wife a daughter of another Southern Methodist minister, Reverend T. C. Downs, who was at one time, pastor of the Fairview Congregation, and later presiding Elder of that district. Mary Alexander married Ben Treweeke; Blanche Alexander married Mack Myers; and Nora married Will McCauley.

Willie Morris and Lou Jenkins Morris, the parents of Clarence, Leslie, Mattie and Noah, were among the late arrival also. They were on the extreme west edge of the Tennessee Bend settlement. Mrs. Morris was a sister of Noah Jenkins.

J. K. Carr and Angie Jenkins Carr were also located toward the west edge of the Tennessee Bend settlement. J. K. **Carr** was a brother of Thomas Alexander's wife, and J. K. Carr's wife was a sister of Noah Jenkins. J. K. Carr and wife were the parents of Thomas, Dora and Carrie Carr.

Wesley Carr was a brother of J. K. Carr; and Jay Howell married a sister of J. K. Carr, if I mistake not.

James Bradley and Puss Bradley lived nearer the center of the settlement. They were the parents of three fine girls, Edna, Alma, and Birdie. Mrs. Bradley was also a sister of Noah Jenkins.

W. H. H. Adams and Susan Jenkins Adams lived in just about the center of the above mentioned settlement. Mrs. Adams being another sister of Noah Jenkins, and Mr. Adams being a first cousin of H. E. Reid and Mrs. J. M. Rhoads. The Adams's were the parents of four boys: Walter, Homer, Oscar, and Arthur.

Thomas M. Hanes and Mary Prudence Hanes lived at the extreme me south edge of the settlement at the foot of one of the largest hills in the community. They came to Kansas in 1874. Mr. Hanes being a brother of K. H. Reid and his wife a cousin of H. E. Reid. Thomas Hanes and wife were the parents of Martha, Maggie, Ewell, Lawson, Nora, Callie, Ella and Lewis. Ella, Lawson, and Lewis died when quite young. Martha was married to George Long; Maggie to Frank Wood, who died some years ago. Their son, Cleon, perished in the flames of the burning Getto building in Wichita sometime before the death of his father. Ewell was married to Effie Carr; Nora to Ed Dysart; Callie to Ernest Black; and later, Nora was married to George Back.

Taylor C. Hanes and Suckey Hanes (his second wife) came to Kansas in the early eighties. They first settled in the northeast corner of this settlement. Later they moved to the southeast corner of the settlement, after making a trade with T. J. and Bill Hanes that placed them directly across the Walnut River, east of Thomas Hanes. T. C. Hanes and his wife were the parents of two boys: Lee, and Bailey, son of second wife. Mrs. Dolly Hanes met a tragic death caused by a runaway horse when Lee was but a small boy.

Will Davis lived on the adjoining farm north of T. C. Hanes, he, too, having come to Kansas in an early day. The Davises were the parents of one boy, Charley, and one girl who died in infancy. Mrs. Davis (Sarah) was a sister of W. H. H. Adams.

J. K. P. Carr and Cam Carr lived at the east edge of the settlement. If my memory serves me

correctly, he was a cousin of J. K. Carr. He was known as "Jim Charity" in order to distinguish him from the other three Jims. His wife also was a sister of W. H. H. Adams. J. K. P. and Cam Carr were the parents of a large family. Effie, being the oldest, married Ewell Hanes, who died August 8, 1930 Tennie is the wife of Will McPherson of Augusta, Kansas. The names of the others: Lela, Willie, Eula. Eunice, Ray and Ernest all living except Lela.

Will Carr and Nannie Carr also lived in this settlement, and were the parents of Eddie and Lester. Nannie's maiden name was Taylor and she had a sister, Millie who became the wife of Andy Long, a brother of George Long aforementioned. Nanny Carr died after a short illness in the summer of 1892.

Emanuel and Emiline Alexander came to Kansas in 1875. They lived at the extreme northeast corner of the settlement. Doctor Alexander, as he was known, was our family physician for some years, and many a dose of calomel, quinine and castor oil have I taken at his direction. Well do I remember the summer of 1879, when I had a severe case of typhoid fever of thirteen weeks' duration, and through the administering hands of Dr. Alexander and Dr. Hill, I came through after my life had hung by a slender thread for two weeks. Dr. Alexander married Emiline Wanes, who was a daughter of Cyrus Hanes, a cousin of K. H. Reid, 'P. M. and T. C. Hanes.

Cyrus Hanes was a son of Fountain Hanes, born in 1794 and Hannah Hanes, born in 1796. Fountain Hanes was a brother of W. C. Hanes, who was born in 1804, who was the father of K. H. Reid, T. M. Hanes, T. C. Hanes, Cyrus Hanes had another daughter named Belle, who married a man named Jerome Page. Hannah Hanes, the mother of Cyrus, died Dec. 21, 1875, at the home of T. J. Hanes, also her son, and was buried on the hill side about one-fourth mile north of where the old Thomas Hanes residence stood.

Dr. and Emiline Alexander raised quite a family of children. namely: Nettie, Bruce, Willie, Lou, Grace and Ivy. Nettie married a man named Vanarsdale, and Lou married Mr. DeMoss. Bruce, Willie, Grace and Ivy are still living on the old home place.

Cyrus and Betty Hanes were among the earliest arrivals in this settlement. As already mentioned they were the parents of Emiline Alexander and Belle Page.

T. J. and Martha Hanes came in 1875, if I remember correctly; they first settled directly across the river east of Thomas Hanes, but later traded farms with T. C. Hanes and moved north and east to the northeast corner of the settlement, adjoining Dr. Alexander on the northwest.

Bill Hanes and Lydia Hanes lived with T. J. and Martha, Bill being their son who married Lydia Furr. Bill and Lyda were the parents of Homer, Elmer, Virgil and Maude.

Dock Carr and wife, whose name was Nancy, were the parents of Mattie, who married Lee Hanes; Ona, who is the wife of Ed Varner of Augusta, Kansas; Jim, who was called "Jim Dock" to distinguish him from the other Jims: Richard; Winnie; John; and Nettie.

Newt Carr and Nice Carr were late arrivals to the settlement, being in some way related to the other Carrs. They were the parents of Walter Carr, who married Ivy Rhoads, a daughter of J. M. and Jennie Rhoads.

J. M. Rhoads and Jennie Rhoads came to Kansas in 1875, later returning to Tennessee, and then in turn, returning to Kansas in about 1880. Jennie Rhoads was the only sister of H. E. Reid. They were the parents of Willie, Malvina, and George. Willie died when he was young, in Tennessee. Malvina married Sam Johnson and bore one girl, now the wife of Lon Roads, and one son, Loren.

Wade Jared and Alice Jared came to Kansas in an official capacity, he being presiding Elder of the Southern Methodist Church. Mrs. Jared was another sister of W. H. H. Adams. Jim Jared was a brother of Wade Jared. Nan Rhoads was a maiden lady, the sister of J. M. Rhoads.

Jim Al Carr was a relative of the Carrs, and nearly all the rest of us, for that matter. John Carr, another relative of us all, was the son of Dock Carr.

Elisha Robinson, a son of J. H. Robinson and S. E. Robinson, came to Kansas in the spring of 1889. He was a cousin and nephew of the Reids and Hanes's, his mother being a sister of K. H. Reid, T. C. Hanes and 'P. M. Hanes. He was stricken with that dread malady, typhoid fever, in the summer of the same year he came, and after lingering a while, his soul took its flight "to that bourn whence no man returneth", and today his remains lie buried in an unmarked grave in old Fairview Cemetery. He was the only son in the family. He had four sisters, Lena, Sarah Ann, Alice and Margie. His father suffered a tragic death, being caught in a circle saw at a sawmill.

W. D. Hanes, another brother of Mrs. H. E. Reid and T. M. and T. C. Hanes, was never married. He was in Kansas on a visit in about 1877 or 1878. He had a small store and post office at Alton Hill, Tennessee, and had a telephone wire between his store and his sister's residence. A thunderstorm came up one day and the wire was struck by lightning. He was sitting near the phone and the shock running off at that end of the wire killed him instantly, this sister of his, Betty Robinson, died in the late summer of 1886, a victim of what is now known as tuberculosis.

This little narrative thus far has been written without reference to notes or dates except in three instances I've tried in my feeble way to present the items contained herein in a manner such that whomsoever may read this article may easily understand it and get the proper connections as to who was related to each other, and how they were related.

It has required considerable thought and effort to compile this narrative, and I've tried in all instances, to confine myself to facts. There may be some slight errors, but taken as a whole, I think it will be found to be reasonably authentic.

Hoping it may be of interest to some of the older ex-residents of Tennessee Bend who, by the way, are few and far between, and more especially to the offspring of these ex-residents and others who may have lived, or now may live in close proximity to old Tennessee Bend, I leave it with you hoping that my efforts shall not have been in vain.

I often think of the good old days when I lived in that neighborhood, and nothing would please me better than to go back there, and spend the rest of my days there, and to be buried in Fairview Cemetery, where my mother, brothers and sisters, and so many of my dear relatives are buried.

I can not help thinking of that as the dearest spot on earth to me.

Yours faithfully,

Noel P. Reid

AUGUST 17, 1936

Since my first efforts on this article, I have, through the courtesy of Mrs. Maggie Wood of Augusta, Kansas, secured some very valuable information which I have added to the original article dated August 7. With this added informational this article is more complete than it would have been otherwise. There are many details in connection with the settlement of Tennessee Bend that might have been mentioned, but I consider this narrative a fair general survey and truly hope it may serve its purpose well.

Your humble servant,

Noel P. Reid

The following is a list of some of those buried in the Fairview Cemetery. Dates copied from the gravestones, August 12, 1935.

NAMES	BORN	DIED
William Dillon	Dec 4, 1850	Oct. 15, 1884
James Golden	Mar. 1863	1917
Cloyd Bruce	Mar. 20, 1883	July 12, 1900
Landy Bruce	1857	1930
Newton Carr	Sept. 10, 1843	No record
Nicie Carr	April 16, 1843	No record
Rufus Kirkpatrick	May 29, 1853	Jan. 24, 1898
T. J. Hanes (Jeff)	Nov. 25, 1822	Jan. 16, 1894
Martha E. Hanes	April 8, 1832	May 26, 1911
Maude Hanes	Sept. 22, 1885	Feb. 1, 1921
Wm. T. Hanes (Bill)	Sept. 10, 1851	Aug. 3, 1909
Lydia Hanes	Jan. 5, 1863	Jan. 25, 1893
James M. Smith	1849	1917
Carrie P. Tillotson	No record	April 1, 1884
Tom Salter	Aug. 1, 1851	Aug. 23, 1911

Nora Black
Ed Dysart
K. H. Reid
Eliza A. Reid
Roy S. W. Reid
Anna Garrison
Nannie Carr
Angie Carr
Roy Wood
Harvey Long
Mallie Johnson
Joel Rhoads
Nan Rhoads
Callie Black
Mary P. Hanes
T. M. Hanes
Ewell Hanes
Susan J, Adams
Manda S. Adams

Feb. 24, 1878
Nov. 3, 1869
Aug. 17, 1849
Feb. 14, 1870
Sept. 22, 1877
Sept. 17, 1870
Sept. 1861
March 5, 1846
Dec. 24, 1893
Oct. 31, (Age
June 22, 1889
Oct. .12, 1846
Oct. 12, 1846
April 6. 1882
Nov. 28, 1841
Mar. 12, 1838
Feb.4, 1869
Feb. 9, 1876
Aug. 11, 1865

Feb. 28, 1923
July 9, 1897
May 6. 1935
Sept. 19, 1887
Nov. 5, 1879
Sept. 15, 1884
June 13, 1892
Jan. 5, 1891
Feb. 5, 1894
1 yr., 1 mo., 11 days)
April 9, 1922
Dec. 26, 1918
No record
Dec. 15, 1913
Nov. 4, 1900
April 24, 1901
Aug. 8, 1930
(Age 58 yrs. 11 mo. 5 day)
Aug. 5, 1884

TENNESSEE BEND

A community extending from about two *miles* south of Augusta, Kansas, to about two miles north of Gordon and extending for a distance of about one mile to one and one half miles on each side of the Walnut River.

This community was composed nearly exclusively of Tennesseans nearly all related to each other in some way and all members of Southern Methodist Church.