

Dear John,

Here is the basic info I have on my mother's family tree. It begins with ~~Samuel~~ Sam Shupe from Pennsylvania (Don't know his specific religious group). In 1822, he came down the Mississippi & swam the river into Texas as an illegal immigrant and headed for the Kerrville area which already had German immigrants. He worked for Mr. Kerr and married a widowed kinsman of Kerr with the last name of Wells (her maiden name may have been Kerr.) I don't know if he married her before, during, or after the independence battle of San Jacinto. I know nothing of her children from 1st marriage. Shupe was in the army for 2 sessions and won parcels of land for each time of service. There is a source of info in Austin on Veterans of San Jacinto that would be worth checking. Shupe & wife had 2 daughters. One married Dollahite & the other married Ross. (Ross & his wife died & left orphans which ^{my} Dollahite would help with). Mr. Dollahite was a teacher & was a supply Sgt. in the Confederate army. He survived the Civil War as Shupe had survived the Texas independence war. (Shupe died shortly after in the 1840s with a blocked intestine. They tried to get him to New Orleans for surgery but he died at sea & was ^{"dropped"} ~~buried~~ there.) (Dollahite and his young son Sam were killed by Comanche Indians on way home from school - They rode double on one horse & had another horse with $\frac{1}{2}$ a beef corpus which was his pay check for teaching. His 2 daughters were home sick with their ma so they were saved.)

These Ross cousins included A.A. Ross who was 14 when orphaned. He worked hard - got his M.D. and even went to Germany to study for couple of years. He wanted to help women of the family (He said "the man can care for themselves" & he set up a scholarship fund at Belton Baylor College which my mother benefitted from along with cousins) (I even checked this out to see if it would still help but the fund was converted to general school support.)

A.A. Ross fathered R.R. Ross M.D. and others who still live in Lockhart, Tex. (The county with Shupe's land parcels)

Of the two Dollahite girls (one was my grand^{EMMA}ma who would marry Tom Sanders of Bowie, Tex.) my grand^{EMMA}ma went to Sam Houston State in Huntsville and earned a 4 year certificate and became a Baptist Home missionary to the poor in San Antonio. She met a ^{50%} widower (Tom Sanders) at a Baptist convention in Ft. Worth & then

married here also. I don't know anything about his family. He owned a "feed store" in Bowie and was in his late 50s when my mother was born. Tom Sanders Jr. is 5 yrs older than mother. The 2 half sisters (one married a Thompson in Dallas) and the other "Aunt Pearl" raised my orphaned mother in Ft. Worth where she was an elementary school teacher and remained single. Tom Sanders died at 65± of prostate Ca and my grandma died in her 40s of the 1918 Flu on top (probably) of T.B.

(Mother's dad died ^(prostate Ca age 65) when she was 8 y.o. & her mother when she was 12) Mother graduated Northside High, then 2 yrs at Baylor Belton & 2 yrs at Baylor Waco where she met my Dad at a Sunday school party in the big ^(CAMERON) city park.

Of interest: back to the Dollalites who left Tennessee in the great Westward movement of the 1840s and stopped for a while in Oxford, Miss. where they were members of a "Foot Washing Baptist" church. ~~They would have been~~ My great grandpa would have been a preteen to teenager and so would the Coffey side of family which was in the small town of Oxford.

This is about all I can come up with of importance. You will note I am blocking on some names of people and places.
Thanks, Uncle Bob