

# **The Jacob Bonnett Family History**

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This Book is Dedicated in Memory of  
**William Fletcher Bonnett Sr.**

## **Forward**

No research or study like this is ever done without having to express thanks to somebody. I would like to thank my two aunts, Helen Bonnett Holland and Marie Bonnett, both of who withstood years of my questions and whose little fragmented excerpts of family history kept my flame of curiosity ignited all these years.

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## **THE BONNETT FAMILY HISTORY**

Family legend tells of four Bonnett brothers that settled into South Carolina from France during the colonial period. At this time, I cannot substantiate anything prior to 1783. However, I believe that the Jacob Bonnett born South Carolina had a father also named Jacob who was born in the Rheine valley area between France and Germany. From there, the story is much more substantiated.

### ***Jacob Bonnett Family***

Jacob Bonnett was born in 1783 in South Carolina. He married Rachel Ann Baltzegar who was also born in 1783. Jacob and Rachel were married about the year 1814. This was Rachel's second marriage. Her first husband, Cooper died shortly after their marriage. The children of Jacob and Rachel Ann, also born in South Carolina, were Shadrach Daniel Baltzegar born on May 31, 1815, Mittie Ann born in 1817, and Jacob Moss (probably short for Moses) was born in 1820. This clan moved from South Carolina to Lowndes County, Alabama in about the year 1830<sup>1</sup> where Jacob purchased a plantation and had slaves. It is said that here he acquired great personal wealth.

There is a Jacob Bonnett recorded in the 1850 Federal Census in Lowndes County Alabama, claiming to be 67 years and born in South Carolina.

Mittie Ann married a Robert Cannon in 1839 and later an L. Mitchum<sup>2</sup>.

According to Ida Long in her 1942 summary *Record of Bonnett Family*

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<sup>1</sup>Alabama Records pg. 99 Ref 10

<sup>2</sup>Alabama Records pg. 99 --Ref. 10

Rachel Baltzegar Cooper Bonnett died August 29, 1840 in Lowndes County Alabama, at age 58.

Jacob died March 11, 1851 in Lowndes Co. Alabama, age 68 years.

Jacob Bonnett may be buried in Ivey Cemetery east of White Hall.

Jacob and Rachel Ann Baltzegar Cooper Bonnett summary of children is:

Shadrach Daniel Baltzegar Bonnett	born in Orangeburge District	May 31, 1815
Mittie Ann Bonnett	born in Orangeburge District	1817
Jacob Moss Bonnett	born in Orangeburge District	1820

According to Ida Long in her 1942 summary *Record of Bonnett Family*, Jacob's brother's son, John Bonnett, and 2 of his sister's sons, John and Martin Hutto were also lived in Lowndes county for a time before moving to Louisiana.

Also living in the area was Rachel's brother Rock Baltzegar.

## First Generation

### *Shadrach Daniel Baltzegar Bonnett and his family*



Shadrach Daniel Baltzegar Bonnett was born in Orangeburge District, South Carolina on May 31, 1815<sup>3</sup>. His family moved to Lowndes County Alabama around 1830.

Shadrach joined Gaffney's Co. 1st Battalion of the Alabama Militia Infantry 4 on May 22, 1836 in Montgomery at the rank of 3rd Sgt. and fought in the Creek Indian War<sup>5</sup>. He served 2 months and was discharged on July 17, 1836 by General Jessup.

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<sup>3</sup>Lee County Cemetery Records --Ref. 1

<sup>4</sup>Military Records -- Ref. 13

<sup>5</sup>Alabama Records pg. 99 --Ref. 10

In Lowndes County he married Martha Missouri Long on October 4, 1837<sup>6</sup>. Martha was also born in South Carolina on Nov. 18, 1818<sup>7</sup>. She was the daughter of Marth Ivey and Alexander Long. Granddaughter of

While in Lowndes County, Shadrach and Martha had 4 children. They were Foster Axon, born in 1838, Margaret Amelia born in 1840, Frances Elizabeth, born in 1843, George Washington born on February 18, 1846.

In the fall of 1847, Shadrach and family moved to Neshoba County, Mississippi for a short period of time. While there, Martha Jane was born.

Shadrach received a Federal Land Warrant in 1848. Perhaps this is why he moved to northeast Mississippi in December of 1848. Shadrach and Martha settled in that part of Itawamba County that is now Lee County, near the community of Saltillo<sup>8</sup>. There he became a successful farmer. They appear under the name Barnett in the 1850 U.S. Census.

In that part of Itawamba County that is now Lee County, Shadrach had four other children. They were Mary Ann, daughter, born 1851, Theodosia Ernest, daughter, born 1856, Verginia [sic], daughter, born 1859, and Marquis De Lafayette "Marcus" "Dill" born in 1861 who must have gone by the name of Marcus<sup>9</sup>. There is a "Marcus" listed in the 1870 U.S. Census.

Shadrach served as Home Guard during the War Between the States.

Shadrach lived until the age of 87. He died on January 10, 1903<sup>10</sup>. He is buried at Fellowship Cemetery 4 miles southeast of Saltillo.

Martha died May 24, 1904 and is buried next to Shadrach<sup>11</sup>. At the time of their death then number of their descendants was nearly 100.

Shadrach and Martha Bonnett's summary of children are:

Foster Axon Bonnett	born at Lowndes Co., AL	Nov. 11, 1838
Margaret Amelia Bonnett	born at Lowndes Co., AL	Sep. 1, 1840
Frances Elizabeth Bonnett	born at Lowndes Co., AL	Jun. 23, 1843
	died at Lowndes Co. AL	Sept. 3, 1846
George Washington Bonnett	born at Lowndes Co. AL	Feb. 18, 1846
Martha Jane Bonnett	born at Neshoba Co. MS	Nov. 20, 1848
Mary Leah Bonnett	born at Guntown, Lee Co., MS	Apr. 16, 1851
Rachel Ann Bonnett	born at Guntown, Lee Co. MS	Mar. 31, 1853
Theodosia Ernest Bonnett	born at Guntown, Lee Co., MS	Oct. 7, 1856
Virginia Lutheria Bonnett	born at Guntown, Lee Co., MS	Jan 24, 1859
Marquis De Lafayette "Marcus" Bonnett	born at Guntown, Lee Co., MS	Mar. 6, 1861

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<sup>6</sup>Alabama Records pg. 99 --Ref. 10

<sup>7</sup>Reference 1

<sup>8</sup>Alabama Records pg. 99 --Ref. 10

<sup>9</sup> 1870 U.S. Census Records Itawamba County -- Ref. 14

<sup>10</sup>Reference 1

<sup>11</sup>Ref. 1 pg. 100

## ***Mittie Ann Bonnett***

Mittie Ann Bonnett, the daughter of Jacob Bonnett and his wife, Rachel, married Robert Cannon about the year of 1839 or 1840. They had one child which died in infancy. Soon after Mr. Cannon died. A few years later she married Mr. L. Mitchum and had only one child, a daughter, Annie.

Mittie Ann Bonnett Cannon Mitchum died about the year 1870.

Mittie's daughter, Annie Mitchum, married Alonzo Vaughan about the year 1870. Both Annie Mitchum Vaughan and her mother lived in Lowndes County, Alabama, probably in the city of Montgomery, and probably died there.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation

### ***Foster Axon Bonnett and his family***

Foster Axon Bonnett was born in Lowndes County, Alabama on November 11, 1838. He was the son of Shadrach Daniel Baltzegar Bonnett and Martha Missouri Long Bonnett.

In the fall of 1847, his family moved to Neshoba County, Mississippi for a short period of time and then moved to Itawamba County in December of 1848.

#### **Civil War**

At the age of 23, Foster enlisted to fight for the Confederacy on November 14, 1861. He signed up with Company A, 4th Battalion, Mississippi Cavalry, C.S.A. (which later became Company C, 8th (Wade's) Confederate Cavalry). Enlisting at Columbus, Mississippi at the rank of corporal, he participated in several battles, the Battle of Brice's Cross Roads, under the command of General Nathan Bedford Forrest, the Battle of Corinth, Mississippi, and was in the great battle at Shiloh, or Pittsburg Landing, on the Tennessee River in Hardin County, Tennessee. At the battle of Shiloh, he witnessed the fatal wounding of the commanding officer of the Confederate Army, General Albert Sidney Johnston, on April 6, 1862. During this battle Foster *"narrowly escaped death as eleven bullets pierced the blanket that was around his body and his horse was shot dead from under him"*. On April 16, 1862 Foster was reduced to the rank of private. He was captured by Union Forces at Shelbyville, Tennessee on June 27, 1863. Foster was held as a prisoner of war for almost two years at several camps. Among those were prison camps located in Franklin, Tennessee, Louisville, Kentucky, Camp Chase in Ohio, and finally Ft. Delaware, Delaware. At Ft. Delaware he became a student and specialized in classic literature and higher mathematics. At war's end at Ft. Delaware, Foster signed an Oath of Allegiance to the United States on June 11, 1865. After doing so he returned home. His Oath of Allegiance describes him as having light complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, and a height of 5 ft. 7 inches<sup>12</sup>.

#### **First Marriage**

Immediately after returning home to Itawamba County, Foster married what must have been his lady in waiting, Sarah Catherine McDonald. They were married on the 25th of July 1865<sup>13</sup>.

Sarah Catherine McDonald was born on November 8, 1845 in Lauderdale County Alabama.

While in Saltillo, Foster & Sarah had at least three children. They were, Della, born June 1866, daughter, Sidney Horatio, son, born July 2, 1868 and Thomas Fletcher, son, born Feb. 4, 1870.

Lee County was created from half of Itawamba County in 1866.

Foster was a planter and had 1000 acres of land near Saltillo<sup>14</sup>. However, Mississippi Civil War Reconstruction Era pressures, high land taxes, and lack of labor to work the plantations forced Foster's family to move to Texas in search of a new life. Traveling with Sarah's brother, James Henry McDonald<sup>15</sup> they left Mississippi on October 17, 1870. Traveling for 30 days in a wagon drawn by oxen, they arrived at Elmo, Texas in Kaufman Co. There they joined Sarah's mother and father, Mary Rea (Polly) Beaver McDonald and Thomas McDonald (both buried in Elmo Cemetery), who had already moved to Texas in 1869.

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<sup>12</sup>Confederate Military Service Records--Ref 4

<sup>13</sup>Marriage Records. Itawamba County -- Ref 5

<sup>14</sup>1870 Lee County, Mississippi Census Index--Ref. 6

<sup>15</sup>Verbal Account Fay Polk Saunders --Ref. 12

In 1874, Foster built what was said to be the "first truly tenantable house" located in Elmo. This house was later converted into a dry goods and grocery store<sup>16</sup>. Foster was a notary public and also served as Justice of the Peace for Elmo, TX.

While in Texas, Foster and Sarah had at least 6 more children, 3 of which appeared on the census roles of 1880. They were: Dorintha Bela, daughter, born May 17, 1872, Lelia, daughter, born 1874, Mary Emma, daughter, born June 6, 1875, Mahalee, daughter, born sometime in late 1880 or 1881, Rosa, daughter, born July 1, 1880, and Lonnie Axon, son, born April 1884.

## Tragedy

The F. A. Bonnett Family certainly was not spared their share of sorrows. One month short of her 6th birthday Mary Emma died on May 5, 1881 and is buried in Elmo Cemetery. Six years later, in the summer of 1887 Sarah Bonnett gave birth to Sallie Bonnett. Because of birth complications, Sallie lived only five days and was survived by her mother by only eight days<sup>17</sup> when Sarah McDonald Bonnett died at the age of 41. Both mother and daughter are buried side-by-side at Elmo Cemetery near Mary Emma.

## Second Marriage

After the death of his first wife, Foster Bonnett remarried. He and his second wife Mary J. Owens<sup>18</sup> were married on December 6, 1891. Together they had only one child, a daughter, Blanche Bonnett, who was born November 12, 1894. Horrifically, Mary burned to death from an explosion or an accident with a coal oil lamp<sup>19</sup>.

## Third Marriage

Foster remarried yet again to Ella Euphemia BEAVERS FORD ENGLISH (found last name on website). on May 20, 1906<sup>20</sup>. They moved to Kleburg in Dallas County in 1907 and lived there until Foster Axon died of arsenic poison complicated with hypertrophy of the heart on June 10, 1918<sup>21</sup>. Foster is buried at Elmo cemetery near his first wife and daughters. A Confederate monument marks his grave.

Ella Bonnett died in her daughter's home (Linda Harper) at 4006 Tella St. Dallas Texas on October 5, 1929<sup>22</sup>.

Foster Bonnett's Children summary is:

1st Marriage Sarah Catherine McDonald m. July 25, 1865

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<sup>16</sup> Add Reference to Stoke's Book here

<sup>17</sup> Insurance Policy--Ref. 7

<sup>18</sup> Kaufman County Marriage Records--Ref. 11

<sup>19</sup> Family Story Told By William Fletcher Bonnett Sr.

<sup>20</sup> Widow's Application for Conferderate Pension--Ref. 9

<sup>21</sup> Application for Mortuary Warrant--Ref 3

<sup>22</sup> Application for Mortuary Warrant--Ref 9

Della Bonnett	born at Guntown, Lee Co., MS	July 1866
Sidney Horatio Bonnett	born at Guntown, Lee Co., MS	July 2, 1868
Thomas Fletcher Bonnett	born at Guntown, Lee Co., MS	Feb. 4, 1870
Dorintha Bela Bonnett	born at Elmo, Kaufman Co., TX	May 17, 1872
Martha Lela Bonnett	born at Elmo, Kaufman Co., TX	July 29, 1874
Marie Emma Bonnett	born at Elmo, Kaufman Co., TX died at Elmo, Kaufman Co., TX	June 6, 1875 May 5, 1881
Rosa Ella Bonnett	born at Elmo, Kaufman Co., TX	July 1, 1880
Mahalee Bonnett	born at Elmo, Kaufman Co., TX	1881
Lonnie Axon Bonnett	born at Elmo, Kaufman Co., TX	April 1884
Sallie Bonnett	born at Elmo, Kaufman Co., TX died at Elmo, Kaufman Co., TX	July 14, 1887 July 19, 1887
2nd Marriage: Mary J. Owens m. December 6, 1891		
Blanche Bonnett	born at Elmo, Kaufman Co., Texas	Nov. 12, 1894
3rd Marriage: Ella Euphemia BEAVERS FORD ENGLISH on. May 20, 1906.		
No Issue to this marriage		

## ***Margaret Amelia Bonnett Hill***

Margaret Amelia Bonnett daughter of Shadrach D. B. Bonnett and Martha M. Long Bonnett was born in 1841. Margaret married Benjamin Hill in September 1872 in Guntown, Mississippi.

Their children were:

Shadrach Leroy Hill	born at Guntown, Mississippi	1873
Pirmah ( <i>sic</i> Birmah H.) Hill	born at Guntown, Mississippi	1875
Amelia Hill	born at Guntown, Mississippi	1877
Austin Hill	born somewhere in Texas	1881

## ***George Washington Bonnett and his family***

George Washington Bonnett, son of Shadrach D. B. and Martha Missouri Long Bonnett, was born February 18, 1846, in Lowndes County<sup>23</sup>, Alabama. He moved to Neshoba County Alabama with his family in 1847 for a short period of time before they moved on to Itawamba County, Mississippi in December of 1848. He served in the Confederate Army in the fourth year of the Civil War.

George married Adeline Hodges in 1869, near Guntown, Mississippi. George and Adeline had 3 children. They were Elmer Lee, born 1880, John Calvin, born 1875, and Sallie Etna, born 1880.

Elmer married Amy Dillard. Their child, a daughter, was Almer Lee, and she married George Parish.

John Calvin, married Lula Hollingsworth. Their child, a daughter, was Annie Rosa, she married Nehemiah Edward Frapart. There is an Annie B. Frapart (1897 - 1963) and a Nehemiah E. Frapart (1893 – 1963) each buried in [Hamilton Memorial Gardens](#) Hixson, Hamilton County, Tennessee.

Annie and Nehemiah had two children: Dolores Rose Frapart, and Juliet Frapart.

Sallie Etna, married Marcy Etharidge. Their children are Annie and Bill.

There is a Marcy Ellis Etharidge ( 1883 – 1941 ) buried in [El Bethel Cemetery](#) Paris, Lamar County, Texas whose daughter is Annie Lee Etharidge Brutle-Myers (1908 – 1988) who is buried in [Evergreen Cemetery](#) Paris, Lamar County, Texas.

George Washington Bonnett died December 1912, in Oklahoma.

## ***Martha Jane Bonnett McCully and her family***

Martha Jane Bonnett, daughter of Shadrach D. B. and Martha Missouri Long Bonnett, was born in 1848. She married Ephraim Hugh McCully, January 1869 at Guntown, Mississippi. She had seven daughters:

Emma Leah	born at Saltillo, Lee County, MS	Feb 1, 1870.
Martha Annette	born at Saltillo, Lee County, MS	July 17, 1871
Hugh Ella,	born at Saltillo, Lee County, MS	July 17, 1875
James Melverda	born at Saltillo, Lee County, MS	June 1878
Mary Dillie	born at Saltillo, Lee County, MS	Jan. 17, 1885
Lula May	born at Saltillo, Lee County, MS	February 1886

Martha Jane died Sep. 12, 1927 in Saltillo, Lee County MS. She is buried in [Fellowship Cemetery](#) Saltillo, Lee County, MS.

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<sup>23</sup>State of Texas Confederate Pension Record -- Ref. 3

## ***Theodosia Ernest Bonnett and her family***

Theodosia Ernest Bonnett daughter of Shadrach Daniel Baltzegar Bonnett and Martha Missouri Long Bonnett was born October 7, 1856 at Guntown, Mississippi. She married Andrew Jackson Long (no known relationship to her mother's family of Long's), December 18, 1876 at Guntown Mississippi.

They had a daughter ([sic] son ), Claudius Evan Long, born December 24, 1878, at Saltillo, MS.

### ***Mahalee Bonnett***

Mahalee Bonnett married Sprig Armstrong on Jan 20, 1887<sup>24</sup>

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/7184579/mahala-armstrong>

### ***Lonnie Bonnett***

Lonnie Bonnett was born April 12, 1884, was never married and died October 15, 1964.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Generation**

### ***Della Bonnett***

Della Bonnett, the oldest daughter of Foster Axon & Sarah Catherine Bonnett, married Dr. J. D. Fry and had at least 3 children by 1900. J. D. and Della's children were, Rubia ,daughter, born April 1890, Horace , son, born April 1892, and Vivian ,daughter, born March 1895.

Dr. Fry was abusive to his wife. Della and her children left Dr. Fry in September 1897. Five weeks later Dr. Fry committed suicide on October 20, 1897 by morphine overdose. The census of 1900 shows Della and her 3 children living with Foster Bonnett.

Della remarried to Rev. John Ray McCorkle. In 1904 John and Della moved to the part of San Saba County, Texas that later split into Coleman County where she and her husband were county missionaries for the Baptist Church. Della died February 6, 1940 and is buried in Coleman Cemetery

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<sup>24</sup>Kaufman County Marriage Records--Ref. 11



### ***Sidney Horatio Bonnett***

Sidney H. Bonnett married a widow, Mary D. Laster on April 26, 1896<sup>25</sup> and took in her two children. Sidney died in February 1928 at the age of 59. Sidney is buried in Elmo Cemetery close to his father, mother and sisters. Sidney's brother, Thomas Fletcher, claimed that Sidney was poisoned by Sidney's wife.

### ***Thomas Fletcher Bonnett and his family***

Thomas Fletcher Bonnett, son of Foster Axon and Sarah Catherine McDonald Bonnett was born in northeast Mississippi 6 years after the civil war. He moved with his parents to Elmo, Texas while only about 8 months old.

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<sup>25</sup>Kaufman County Marriage Records--Ref 9

His daughter Helen remembers Thomas telling the story common to Southern Baptist Democrats. Thomas came close to being thrown out of the "The Church" when he went dancing on a Saturday night<sup>26</sup>.

Thomas met Dora Price Flemming prior to the turn of the century while both were working in Terrell, Texas for a local mercantile named Brin's. They were married on Jan. 21, 1900. While in Terrell, they had 2 children. Helen Bonnett ,daughter, born August 19, 1901 and a child that died in infancy and is buried in an unmarked grave in Elmo Cemetery.

In 1905 the T.F. Bonnett family moved to a town founded by the Cotton Belt Railroad in 1887, Frost, Texas. There they had William Fletcher Bonnett , son, born March 1, 1906, and Marie Bonnett ,daughter, born Nov. 25, 1909. The T. F. Bonnetts were merchants and purchased lots 3, 4, 9 and 10 in block 10 in Frost from the Southern Rock Island Plow Co. on June 9, 1910.

Later T.F. Bonnett and R. P. Sanson jointly bought from B. M. Sanson the property located on the SW corner of Garrity Street and Pace Street on Jan 28, 1913. The warranty deed filed for this shows that T.F. Bonnett claims to be a resident of Johnson County. At this site on the first floor of a two-story structure, T. F. Bonnett operated a hardware and dry goods store. His biggest competitor was said to be Sears, Roebuck and Co. The upper story was a meeting place for the Woodsmen of the World Society. T. F. said the Society's meeting were too destructive and had to later purchase the upper story from them out of " ...fear that it was going to collapse ..."

On a warm and muggy day on the 6th of May 1930, the Bonnetts lost everything in the "storm" that brought the Great Depression to Frost, Texas. A tornado ripped through Frost killing 22 people. Price Flemming Bonnett and Helen Bonnett Holland miraculously survived after both were buried alive in the debris of what a few seconds before had been Bonnett's Dry Goods. Bonnett's Dry Goods was rebuilt at its present location approximately 20 feet to the west of where it was.

Thomas Fletcher operated Bonnett's Dry Goods until he died of a stroke in 1936. He is buried in Frost Cemetery.

Helen Bonnett married Dr. John "Doc" Holland, a Frost dentist on November 24, 1926. The Hollands lived in Waco from 1945 to present. Doctor Holland retired from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Waco in 1970.

The summary of Thomas Fletcher & Dora Price Flemming Bonnett children is:

Helen Bonnett	born in Terrell, TX	August 19, 1901
Infant Bonnett	born in Terrell, TX	December 1903
William Fletcher Bonnett	born in Frost, TX	March 1, 1906
Marie Bonnett	born in Frost, TX	Nov. 25, 1909

### ***Dorintha Bela Bonnett***

Dorintha Bela Bonnett, daughter of Foster Axon & Sarah Catherine Bonnett, married W.C. High on July 16, 1890<sup>27</sup> and moved to Austin where her husband worked at the State Hospital. In Austin, Bela met and married her true love, the grounds keeper of the Austin State School, James Overton Brown they then moved to Valera, Texas where they had a son, Sidney Overton Brown<sup>28</sup>.

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<sup>26</sup>Conversation with Helen Bonnett Holland and Bruce Bonnett

<sup>27</sup>Kaufman County Marriage Records--Ref. 11

<sup>28</sup>Conversation with Lorelie Bela Brown, on March 20, 1988

## **OTHER INTERESTING FACTS**

No date of death appears on the monument of Mary D. Bonnett, wife of Sidney Bonnett. The monument is located at Elmo cemetery.

The 1830 census shows a Duke Bonnett living in Lowndes County, Alabama (the county in which Foster Axon Bonnett was born in 1838).

## **Unresolved Conflicts**

The Census of 1880 shows Sidney Bonnett age 10, however census of 1900 and his monument show that he was born in 1868.

Census of 1880 shows that Sallie to be wife of F. A. Bonnett, however the monument located in Elmo cemetery show Sallie was the daughter and Sarah was his wife.

T. F. Bonnett claims in an insurance application that his mother, Sallie, died at age 47, however her monument shows she died at age 41.

Census of 1880 shows Emma to be age 2, however; monument shows Emma was born June 6, 1875.

Pension records show that Foster Axon Bonnett died June 10, 1918, however; the monument at Elmo says he died June 15, 1918.

## **U. S. Census Records**

### 1850 Census

#### **Lowndes County, Alabama**

The 1850 census shows a Jacob Bonnett living in Lowndes county Alabama and that he was born in South Carolina. He was age 67.

#### **Itawamba County, Mississippi**

The following appeared on census roles of 1850 in Itawamba County page 371 (It was entered under the name Barnett)

		Age	State Born
Head of household	Shadrach Bonnett	29	Alabama
	Martha	28	Alabama
	Foster	10	Alabama
	Margaret	7	Alabama
	George	5	Alabama
	Martha	2	Alabama

### 1870 Census

#### **Itawamba County, Mississippi**

Enumeration District 58 sheet 154.

		Age	State Born
Head of household	Shadrach Bonnett	55	S. Carolina
	Martha	51	S. Carolina
	Margaret	30	Alabama
	Mary Ann	19	Mississippi



Theodosia	13	Mississippi
Verginia	11	Mississippi
Marcus	9	Mississippi

## 1880 Census

### Kaufman County, Texas

Volume 2.0 Enumeration District ?? sheet 1 line Just Precinct #4.

		Age	State Born
Head of household	rel.	41	Alabama
F. A. Bonnett		34	Alabama
Sallie Bonnett	Wife	13	Mississippi
Della	Dau	10	Mississippi
Sidney	Son	10	Mississippi
Fletcher	Son	8	Texas
Bela	Dau	5	Texas
Lelia	Dau	2	Texas
Emma	Dau.		

Other Information: Foster and Sallie claim that their respective parents were born in South Carolina.

## 1900 Census

### Kaufman County, Texas

The following appeared on census roles of 1900 in Kaufman County, Texas

<b>Head of Household</b>		<b>Born</b>	<b>State Born</b>
Foster Axon Bonnett			
Rosa Bonnett	Daughter	Aug 1882	Texas
Lonnie	Son	April 1884	Texas
Blanche	Dau	Nov. 1894	Texas
Della Fry	Dau	June 1866	Mississippi
Rubia Fry	Grandau	April 1890	Texas
Horace Fletcher Fry	Grandson	April 1892	Texas
Vivie Fry	Grandau	March 1895	Texas

## Cemetery Information

### Elmo Cemetery

The following were recorded from monuments in the Elmo Cemetery at Elmo, Texas.

- 1) Mary Emma  
Daughter of F. A. & Sallie (Bonnett)  
Jan 8, 1878  
May 3, 1881
- 2) Sarah C.  
Wife of F. A. Bonnett  
Nov. 8, 1845  
July 27, 1887  
Sallie Dau. of  
F. A. & S. C. Bonnett  
July 14, 1887  
July 19, 1887
- 3) Foster Axon Bonnett  
CPL

8 Miss Cav  
Nov 11, 1838  
June 15, 1918

## Ivey Cemetery (Lowndes County, Alabama)

URL: [Ivey Cemetery \(Lowndes County, Alabama\)](#)

### Notes

According to the Quarterly publication of the *Lowndes County Historical and Genealogical Society* v. 13, no. 3 - July 1980

Additional information found in parenthesis was added by Rosa Lyon Traylor.

“Ivey Cemetery is located on County Road 40 (Lowndes County, Alabama) at White Hall, in a cotton field on the north side of the highway going from White Hall to St. Clair, about one fourth mile off the highway. Follow a dirt road through the cotton field (across from Don Freeman's grain bin). The land is owned today by Todd Meadows. He bought it from Judge Harrell Hammonds. It was known as the Tyson Place at the time, but had been first owned by Elijah Ivey. (NOTE: as of July 1980 these directions were useable.)”

32.337462, -86.695903

[United States, Alabama, Lowndes - Cemeteries](#)

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~allownde/cemeteries/allcem-lowndes.html>

It also might be known as Mitchell Cemetery

Mitchell Cemetery	32.337462, -86.695903
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- 1) Lee County Mississippi Cemetery Records 1820-1979 page 100
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- 3) State of Texas Confederate Soldier's Pension File of Foster Axon Bonnett. File # 30962. Obtained from the Texas State Archives.
- 4) Confederate Military Service Records obtained under file designation Barnett, F. A.
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- 6) 1870 Lee County, Mississippi Census Index page 69.
- 7) Life insurance of Thomas Fletcher Bonnett. Jan. 1902.
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9. [James Lafayette WALKER](#) (Camilla Jane RICHARDSON<sup>5</sup>, Susan Oliver COLE<sup>4</sup>, Shadrack H COLE<sup>3</sup>, Shadrack COLE<sup>2</sup>, Henry COLE<sup>1</sup>) was born 11 JAN 1879 in Elmo, Kaufman, Texas, and died 29 FEB 1972 in Terrell, Kaufman, Texas. He was buried 1972 in Elmo Cemetery, Elmo, Kaufman, Texas. He married [Rosa Ella BONNETT](#) ABT 1901, daughter of Foster Axon BONNETT and Sarah C MCDONALD. She was born 01 JUL 1880 in Elmo, Kaufman, Texas, and died 19 MAY 1969 in Terrell, Kaufman, Texas. She was buried 21 MAY 1969 in Oakland Memorial Park, Terrell, Kaufman, Texas.

Children of James Lafayette WALKER and Rosa Ella BONNETT are:

[Lucille WALKER](#) was born ABT 1902 in Kaufman, Texas.

[Herman Andrew WALKER](#) was born 29 JUL 1903 in Kaufman, Texas, and died SEP 1982 in Kaufman, Kaufman, Texas.

[Morris WALKER](#) was born ABT 1906 in Kaufman, Texas.

[Clifford Sidney WALKER](#) was born 28 JAN 1909 in Kaufman, Texas, and died 05 JAN 1995 in Arlington, Tarrant, Texas.

[Joe Lewis WALKER](#) was born ABT 1914 in Texas, and died ABT 1991.

[William WALKER](#) was born ABT 1915 in Texas.

[Thomas WALKER](#) was born ABT 1918 in Texas.



Blanche Bonnett (b. November 12, 1896, d. date unknown)

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/b/r/o/David-Brown-Longview/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0215.html>

Blanche Bonnett (daughter of [Foster Axon Bonnett](#) and [Mollie Owen](#)) was born November 12, 1896 in ?, and died date unknown in ?. She married [Stanford Hoggard](#) on August 1913 in ?.

More About Blanche Bonnett and Stanford Hoggard:

Marriage: August 1913,

Children of Blanche Bonnett and Stanford Hoggard are:

[Nona Ruth Hoggard](#).

Read more: <http://www.faqs.org/people-search/hoggard-texas/#ixzz1iPEh8Cw8>

Name	SSN	Date of birth	Date of death	AGE	Lived State Zip Code (Last Residence)
Blanch Lila HOGGARD	453-17-5096	November 12, 1893	December 1, 1979	86 years	<a href="#">76109 (Fort Worth, Tarrant County)</a>

Read more: <http://www.faqs.org/people-search/hoggard-texas/#ixzz1iPEXtyyh>

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## Kaufman Sun, October 22, 1897

Friday, Mr. J. D. Fry, whose home was at McDoy committed suicide by taking 15 grains of morphine at the new Terrell hotel in Terrell. About five weeks ago his wife left him because of ill treatment and went to Terrell to live with her father, Mr. F. A. Bonnett. His remains were interred in Elmo. He leaves a wife and two girls and one boy. [more details in article]

Terrell Times Star, October 29, 1897

Independence news – Dr. Fry, who took his own life, was buried at Weaver graveyard Sunday.

### F.A. Bonnett's 2<sup>nd</sup> Wife announcement

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### Foster Bonnett's Third Wife

ID: 1425

Name: Ella Euphemia BEAVERS

Sex: F

Birth: 3 MAR 1857 in near Crockett, Houston Co., TX

Death: 5 OCT 1929 in Dallas, Dallas Co., TX

Burial: Evergreen Cemetery, Crockett, Houston Co., TX

Note: unmarked grave

- 1880 Census, Houston Co., TX, ED 23, p. 280B: Jas. D. English, Head 32 TX-TN-TN, Farmer; Ella E. English, wife 23 TX-GA-SC; Elvira D. English, dau 5 TX-TX-TX; Richard English, son 3 TX-TX-TX; Lucia English, dau 2 TX-TX-TX; Bob Beavers, bro-in-law 26 TX-GA-SC, Single, Farm Lab.
- 1890: Ella E. English married B. D. Ford, 8 Jan 1890, Houston Co, TX
- 1900 Houston Co, TX, Crockett: Ella E. Ford, Head 43 (Mar 1857) TX-GA-GA, Widow, 8 children/6 living; Emma E. Ford, dau 16 (Jan 1884) TX-TX-TX, single; Addie K. Ford, dau 3 (Jan 1897) TX-TX-TX
- Ella E. Ford married John F. English, 13 Jan 1901, Houston Co, TX??
- Married Foster A. Bonnett, 20 May 1908, Dallas, Dallas Co, TX (Date of this marriage from her CSA Widow's Pension Application)
- Lived Kleberg, TX 1906-1918 (Probably the Kleberg, TX that is now within the city limits of Dallas, TX)
- 1910 Census – Can't find
- 1920 Dallas, Dallas Co, TX, ED 68, p. 22A: James M. Harper, Head 38 LA-LA-LA, Cement Finisher/Paving Co.; Luda E. Harper, wife 38 TX-TX-TX; Ella E. Bonnett, mother-in-law, 63 TX-GA-GA, Widow
- 1929 died at home of her daughter, Mrs. Luda E. Harper, Dallas, TX
- Buried in unmarked grave next to daughter, Emma English Tunstall, Evergreen Cemetery, Crockett, Houston Co, TX
- CSA Widow's Pension #41251, Mrs. Ella Bonnett, Dallas Co, TX (widow of Foster A. Bonnett, Application # 30962, Dallas Co, TX)



Ella E Beavers English Ford Bonnett



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