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with notes and corrections

FAMILY HISTORY AS RELATED BY GREAT AUNT MATTIE STOCKTON FORD TO AUNT EDNA PERRY FELTON:

OUR GRANDMOTHER STOCKTON
MARY ELIZABETH WHITE STOCKTON

Her mother's maiden name was Sophia Murphree and she married Andy White. They both came from the same place in Tenn., near Murfreesboro, Tenn., which was named for her family.

Andy White's father's name was James White. Andy was born near Murphreebrough, Tenn. Andy White came to Texas in 1839. (NOTE: WE HAVE PROOF RE CITIZENSHIP OATH DATED 1838, THAT ANDREW WHITE WAS IN TEXAS PRIOR TO 1839.) He was a member of the "Minute Men of Texas." Look up record and you could join the Daughters of the Republic-- (any of his descendants). (I HAVE WR. TO STATE ARCHIVES FROM PROOF OF THIS STATEMENT.)

Andy White followed his sweetheart to Texas--(Sophia Murphree). They were married in 1840. (NOTE: ANDREW W. WHITE AND SOPHIA W. MURPHREE WERE MARRIED Feb. 28, 1841, VICTORIA, TEXAS.) Andy White was a great protection to the Murphree family; he was over six feet tall; his wife was very small.

Andy White had one sister named Mary. She married a man by the name of Peacock. They never moved to Texas. (Note by Aunt Edna Perry Felton, as follows: "I don't seem to have any facts about James White.")

Mary Elizabeth White Stockton was born 1842, Dec. 3rd. Her sister, Matt White, married Bill Tom. She was born in 1844.

Jennie White was born in 1847. She never married. She always lived with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tom and family and after their death with her three nieces--Carrie, Mattie, and Maggie--took care of her.

Andy White, he died with pneumonia real young.

Grandma Stockton's father, Andy White, was buried at Victoria, Texas. He was 33 years old. Her mother, Sophia White, died and was buried at Evergreen, Texas, in 1849. (NOTE: SOPHIA MURPHREE WHITE DIED Nov. 27, 1848.)

Grandma Stockton was five years old when her father died and her mother had child-bed insanity--and she had twins, both girls--Jane and Jennie. Jane died in 1847, and Aunt Jennie lived with Uncle Martin Alexander, husband of Aunt Louise Murphree--Grandma's own aunt took all three children until Grandma's mother, Sophia White died after two years after she had lost her mind. This Martin Alexander was Uncle Fay Carothers's grandfather.

He was the husband of Aunt Louise Murphree. Grandma Stockton had one brother--born dead. Andy White at one time when 500 Mexican and Indians came to house and wanted to take their last horse--Aunt Matt Stockton Ford tells this--the house was full of women and children. Two girls were sick in bed--so our great grandfather took his wife, Sophia, she was a small woman, and her sister, one under each arm and carried them $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the river bottom to keep Indians from killing them.

Douglas Hayden Stockton and Mary Elizabeth White married Dec. 28, 1859--Lived on Mills Creek, Evergreen, Texas--lived there until 1870--all during Civil War. Douglas Hayden Stockton went to the Civil War 1862 until 1865 in spring.

Our grandma Stockton (Mary Elizabeth White) lived with Grandpa Stockton's mother--most of the time--she lived in a little house in the yard--while Grandpa was in army--

Augusta Stockton (who later married Edward Martin Perry) was born at our great Grandma Stockton's home a few days after Grandpa started to the army. He had arrived at Brenham and came back and stayed hom until Augusta was two months old and then he went to the army and did not see her until she was a good size girl.

Aunt Matt Stockton (FROM WHOM AUNT EDNA FELTON GOT THIS DATA) was born June 8, 1864. Grandpa was home on furlough when Aunt Matt was born. Douglas Hayden Stockton belonged to Company A, Willis Battalion, Captain Roland, Lieutenant Person's. Some of his mess mates were Jot Kennerly (Tom Kennerly's father of Houston, Texas--federal judge.)

Grandpa Stockton came home from army in 1865 and moved to Bartlett, Texas, in 1870. Lived at the old Stockton family home the rest of his life except just before he passed away in Bartlett, Texas.

Aunt Matt Stockton Ford says that when Mary Elizabeth White was left an orphan, Uncle Sim Carothers and his wife, Jane Murphree, (Grandma's own aunt, Jane Carothers), took Grandma and raised her. Uncle Hamilton Ledbetter took her sister, Aunt Matt, to raise and Aunt Virginia Murphree took Aunt Jennie to raise. Virginia Murphree married Jim Smith.

So the three orphan girls were separated soon after their mother died. Seems that Andy White passed away before his wife.

Grandma Stockton (Mary Elizabeth White)'s mother, Sophia Murphree, the daughter of Stephen Murphree and his wife, the widow, Rebecca Brooks Ledbetter, brothers and sisters are listed below: (REBECCA BROOKS LEDBETTER HAD ONE SON--Hamilton Ledbetter when she married Stephen Murphree).

1. Sarah "Sallie" Murphree, b. 5-26-1813, Bedford Co., Tenn., m. Isaac West, Oct. 29, 1828.
2. Elizabeth Murphree, b. 2-9-1815, married Nov. 18, 1841 to Elijah or Steve Bennett.
3. Louisa Murphree, b. 1-18-1819; died July 25, 1855; married Nove. 8, 1836, to Martin Alexander.
4. Sophia W. Murphree, b. April 5, 1821; died Nove. 27, 1848; married Feb. 28, 1841, to Andrew W. White.
5. William Thomas "Tom" Murphree, married 1stly Elizabeth Baker, Dec. 11, 1854; married 2ndly, her sister, Eudora Baker, about 1860 in DeWitt Co.; married 3rdly, to Ophelia North, August 4, 1863.
6. John B. Murphree married Jan. 8, 1845 at Washington Co. (Mill Creek) Texas to Sarah Ann Smith; died 1855.
7. Major David Murphree married the same day as his brother John, Jan. 8, 1845, at Columbia, Brazoria Co., to Margaretta Patton.
8. Ann Mary Murphree, born 7-15-1823; married May 20, 1845 to John C. Crenshaw.
9. Frances Melvina Murphree married January 22 or 23, 1844, Fayette Co., to Edward C. Pettus.
10. Jane Amanda Murphree married Sim Carothers.
11. Virginia (Featherstone?) Murphree married a brother of Sarah Ann Smith (who married #6 above, John B. Murphree), James Brown Smith, Sept. 23, 1852.

All eleven children were born in Tennessee.