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Who declared that the Birthday Observance
on November 24, 1968, was "the best party
in my whole life".

Richard Reynolds, born November 24, 1876,
near Greenville, Butler County, Alabama,
died April 6, 1972, in Houston, Texas.

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EXPLANATION

During the Birthday Observance for the Patriarch of the family, it was suggested that there should be a written account of the festivities for William Richard Reynolds on his 92nd Birthday. This suggestion resulted in this narrative, to which has been added some information on the Reynolds Family and the related Lines of Chatfield, Vines and Sapp.

In its truest sense, this is a "Sentimental Souvenir" of a happy Family Reunion honoring not only William Richard Reynolds but also his beloved wife Effie and his dear sister Daisy. (Both of whom are now deceased.)

Much credit is due to Daisy (Reynolds) Cooper, Mary Louise Chatfield, Daisy (Chatfield) Layland, Brunette (Flynt) Reynolds, and Betty Jean (Cooper) Mackean. Without them, there would not have been a family reunion and this narrative would not have been written. All members of the family owe a debt of gratitude to these five relatives.

As a family history, this is only a beginning. It is faulty and flawed, inadequate and incomplete, but even so, the information herein will be, it is hoped, a basis on which others will build long and well proven family lines.

(The poor typing and hasty editing of this narrative is sincerely regretted.)

In 1976, there will be a nation-wide observance of the Bi-Centennial of the American Revolution. Between now and 1976, every American will be wondering, "And where were my Ancestors in 1776?" It is hoped that some concerned members of these families will find the true and well documented answers to that question before 1976.

Everette and Harriet Reynolds

June 1, 1971

A 92nd BIRTHDAY
NOVEMBER 24, 1968

RECOLLECTIONS OF WILLIAM RICHARD REYNOLDS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 92nd BIRTHDAY. During the week that arrangements were being made for the observance of his 92nd Birthday, Richard reminisced with members of his family about the events of his 92 years.

Richard was born November 24, 1876, near Greenville, Butler County, Alabama. His parents were very young at the time of his birth. His father, Daniel "Dan" Albert Reynolds, was 20 years old, and his mother, Amanda Catherine "Manda" - "Katie" (Vines) Reynolds, was 18 years old.

At the time of Richard's birth, 1876, Alabama was just emerging from the Tragic Decade of Reconstruction, 1865-1874. Times were very hard in Butler County, and the young parents had suffered the deprivations of War and its troubling aftermath, Reconstruction.

About 1882, the Dan Reynolds Family moved to Texas, perhaps for new opportunities or perhaps in the spirit of adventure. Also, the cotton land of Butler County, Alabama, was wearing thin and it was difficult for a young farmer to make a living in that county.

Young Richard, born 1876, and just a child in 1882, enjoyed the long train ride to Texas. And this same Richard, in 1968, some four score years later, remembered vividly his amazement at the "butcher boy" on the train and some of his strange wares, as a banana, which was the first one that the six-year-old boy had seen and in later years, Richard often recalled his delight in eating the delicious, luscious new fruit.

On the cotton farm near Bastrop, Bastrop County, Texas, Richard realized the hard work required to break the land, to plant and cultivate the cotton. But it was the floods which impressed him the most: (1st) his home a-wash with the waters of Little River; (2nd) the bedraggled chickens on the house ridge row for safety; and (3rd) a kind neighbor living on "high land", who shared his home with the wet and frightened Reynolds family.

Dan Reynolds, or "Pa" as young Richard called him, moved soon from the flood-prone bottoms near Bastrop to Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, then to nearby Plank, where "Pa" worked at scaling logs in the Middlebrook Saw Mill.

Plank is a ghost town now, but once it was a thriving saw mill and lumber town.

"Plank in north central Hardin County, on the Texas and New Orleans ~~Railroad~~, was established as a saw mill site by the Noble and Sheldon Lumber Company in 1882 and named for its manufacture of lumber. When the timber supply was exhausted in 1890, the mill was dismantled and the town abandoned. A rural community and a voting box remained in 1949." (Handbook of Texas, Volume II, page 348)

Richard's first schooling was in a very primitive country school at Plank. He remembered most clearly the long, hard benches--made of planks of course--and the chastising rod standing in the corner of the small school room, near the teacher's desk.

Richard's father, Dan Reynolds, faced the 1893 Depression in Texas. His family was increasing and money was tight, so Richard at an early age went to live with the Rhodes Grandparents, Mary Jane (Sapp) Vines and her second husband, J. O. Rhodes. He went to school in Beaumont while living with these grandparents.

While in the Rhodes home, Richard had a profound religious experience which set the tone for all of his later life. A colporteur distributed literature on the beliefs of the Seventh Day Adventist Church to the Rhodes household. Richard and his Grandma Rhodes were so moved by the teachings of this Church that both left the Baptist Church and devoted the remainder of their days to teaching and preaching Seventh Day Adventist doctrines. As Richard said later, both he and his Grandmother "caught fire" from reading the first Church literature which came their way.

The Rhodes lived on a five-acre truck farm near Beaumont. Richard helped raise and sell vegetables for a living for the three of them, J. O., Mary Jane and Richard. It was from this small farm home that Richard attended school in Beaumont, and he remembered well the morning and evening walk, four miles each way.

Richard attended the public schools of Beaumont for eight years. Then, he had one year at Keene Academy, a Seventh Day Adventist institution at Keene, Johnson County, Texas. His attendance was during the Academy's first year of existence. He did not graduate from this Academy. His name is not recorded on its records; this is because in those early days, only the names of graduates were recorded as part of the school's history.

After Keene, he attended a nursing school at the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Detroit, Michigan. He was inspired by his Grandma Rhodes to attend

this school, which was also a Seventh Day Adventist institution. In going to Battle Creek, Richard's only thought was "to be a helper in and for my Church". Among the teachers at Battle Creek whom Richard remembered with respect were Will K. Kellogg and a Dr. Paulson. The Kellogg name is famous today because the two Kellogg Brothers evolved such breakfast food specialties as Kellogg's Corn Flakes. The Kelloggs were members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and the Battle Creek Sanitarium is still thriving as a Church institution.

For the Valentine Snow of 1895, Richard and the Rhodes were on the truck farm near Beaumont. On February 14, 1895, Gulf Coast Texas experienced the heaviest snow fall in its history. In Houston 23 inches of snow were recorded. In Beaumont, according to Richard, the snow fall was 30 inches deep "on the level". There was considerable suffering in this family, for the Rhodes, like other Texans, were not prepared for heavy, hard cold. Richard remembered little fire wood in the house, an ax lost in the snow, frightened horses who did not know how to pull in the snow, and long, weary, isolated days until the Texas sun appeared once again.

In his youth, Richard worked at various trades. He was a blacksmith's helper in Beaumont, a fireman on the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City Railroad, and a boiler maker for the Port Arthur Boiler Works.

Richard felt a profound need for a house which would be a home of his own. Even before his marriage and while still in Beaumont, he built a small house on a large corner lot. At this time, he was working for the Southern Pacific for \$10.50 a week; from this he saved \$5.00 for a down payment on the lot. He purchased lumber for \$12.00 per 1,000 feet. Doing most of the work himself, Richard built and rented his first house within 90 days. This was his house, but it was still not the home for which he longed.

By 1900, Richard and his parents were in Houston. They came to Houston to be with other Seventh Day Adventists. Richard was a Charter Member of Houston's Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The year 1900 saw the Great Galveston Storm and Flood, September 4th - 9th. Richard's parents, Dan and Katie Reynolds, living on East Montgomery Road (now known as Fulton Street), sustained some storm damage, as a barn destroyed and cattle killed.

In 1900, at the time of the storm, Richard was almost 24 years old. He had a girl, Beth Conway, at League City. He wasn't too concerned with the Storm, only with seeing Beth and to see her, he tried to catch a ride with Conductor Kelly on a caboose on a Gulf and Interstate Railway run, but he was late in getting to the railroad station, and the train moved on

without him. This was providential, as Conductor Kelly and his train were lost to the winds and waters during the Dreadful Storm and Flood of 1900.

A few days later, Richard did see his girl in League City. He did not go on to Galveston but heard many first-hand accounts of the tragedies there.

Another girl soon entered Richard's life, Effie DuBard, daughter of Joseph and Sue (Clark) DuBard. Richard and Effie were married December 26, 1901, at 8 p.m. in the residence of Reverend John E. Green, Pastor of the McKee Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Houston. Among those in attendance were Allan DuBard, Gertrude DuBard, John Reynolds, Mr. Jesse Hunter, and the family of Reverend Green. The bride wore a dark blue silk ensemble with fashionable flounces, a dark blue turban and high topped shoes. (Houston Post Dispatch, December 26, 1901)

The young couple moved to Beaumont and occupied the small house which Richard had built several years before. Richard now had a home which was truly his own.

Spindletop Oil Well, world-famed gusher, had "come in" on January 10, 1901. Richard had various jobs in connection with the oil field. He worked with a man named Fletcher hauling water to Spindletop. He hewed walking beams for a man named Kallenbach. He caulked seams on oil tanks for the Burt Refinery Company. Richard never knew the fabled Padillo Higgins, but he was well acquainted with Anthony Frances Lucas, a pioneer oil man in Jefferson County about the time of Spindletop.

By 1903, the Richard Reynolds moved back to Houston to be near their relatives and their Church.

Richard sold the house in Beaumont for \$900.00. In Houston, he acquired one-third of an acre on East Montgomery Road, now Fulton Street, from a Mr. Troutwein with a down payment of \$139.00 and on this site he built a three-room home.

Through the years, this house changed from the original three rooms to a roomy two-storied home. The Richard Reynolds family increased and diminished.

In 1951, when Richard and Effie observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary, they were still living at 3714 Fulton Street, their first and only Houston home. They were also living there on November 24, 1968, at the time of Richard's 92nd birthday.

Richard has always been proud that, as a man, he never lived in a ~~rental~~^{rented} house, but always owned his home.

Richard became a paint contractor and after his retirement, the W. R. Reynolds Paint Company was continued by his sons, Lloyd and Melvin, as W. R. Reynolds & Sons, Contractors.

Richard was lovingly remembered by his brothers and sisters and some nieces and nephews as a very lively young man, with blue jewel-like eyes, bright red hair and a fine physique.

The Chatfield children, sons and daughters of Richard's sister, Mary Jane "Molly" (Reynolds) Chatfield, remembered his visits to their home in Alvin, where they lived when they were small. Mary Louise Chatfield, at the 92nd Birthday, spoke of the style with which Richard dashed up to the Chatfield home on a new and shining motorcycle. She also remembered her happy visits to Uncle Richard's home in Houston. She recalled with nostalgia the "buggy with a fringe on top" drawn by a horse named Mike; and she referred to a marvelous childhood memory, the clip-clop of Mike's feet on city streets!

On his 92nd Birthday, Richard was asked what he had valued most in his long life time. He spoke with affection of his father, Dan Reynolds, saying that to him, "Pa" represented integrity and industry, that there was "not a shred of dishonesty in him". Richard also mentioned his family and then his Church. He was a Charter Member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Houston and an Elder and Sabbath School teacher from the early days of his Church. On the Sabbath before the 92nd Birthday, Richard taught Sabbath School as usual and attended Church services as he had for so many years before.

THE FAMILY OBSERVANCE OF THIS 92nd BIRTHDAY. There were three "parties" for Richard on this 92nd Birthday. On Sabbath Day, November 23rd, Richard's Church entertained the out-of-city visitors with a lunch, and that evening, there was supper for the out-of-city visitors and a few of the Houston relatives at 6200 Inwood Drive, the home of Richard's son, Everette Reynolds.

The Family Reunion on the 24th was held from 2-6 p. m. at Montie Beach Club House, 915 Northwood, Houston.

Daisy (Reynolds) Cooper, Richard's sister and Mary Louise Chatfield, Richard's niece, had made the original plans for this Family Reunion on the 24th.

Local arrangements were made by Brunette (Flynt) Reynolds, wife of Lloyd L. Reynolds, and Betty (Cooper) Mackean, daughter of Daisy (Reynolds) Cooper and another of Richard's nieces.

Daisy Cooper has much family memorabilia, and she placed some of these items on display at the Reunion. A school bell used by Dan Reynolds when he taught school for a short time in Butler County, Alabama. A child's dress worn by the sister Lelah, who died in 1881. A lamp and sad iron used by her mother, Katie Reynolds, at Trinity. And "A Family Record," pages torn out of Katie's Bible. To the display, Mary Louise Chatfield brought the wedding photograph of her parents, William Aubrey and Mary Jane "Molly" (Reynolds) Chatfield.

Food was prepared by the women of the family, and their bounteous feast was served to appreciative guests.

The high point of the day was the presence of five, unbroken generations.

Generation 1. William Richard and Effie (DuBard) Reynolds.

Generation 2. Lloyd L. and Brunette (Flynt) Reynolds.

Generation 3. O. B. and LaMerle (Reynolds) Johnson.

Generation 4. Orrien Baxter and Geraldine (Michalak) Johnson.

Generation 5. Tammie Lyn Johnson.
also

Generation 3. R. Donel and Evelyn (Reynolds) Kirkpatrick.

Generation 4. Orman and Donna (Kirkpatrick) Muir.

Generation 5. Leigh Ann Muir.

The following persons were present at the Family Reunion, according to the Guest Book.

Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Reynolds.

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd L. Reynolds.

Mr. & Mrs. Everette Reynolds.

Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Johnson
and their daughters, Janan and Karen.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrien Baxter Johnson
and their daughter, Tammie Lyn Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Donel Kirkpatrick
and their children, Royce Dean and Tina Eileen Kirkpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Orman Muir
and their daughter, Leigh Ann Muir.

Mrs. Daisy (Reynolds) Cooper. (Mrs. Oscar James Cooper, Sr.)

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bankhead, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bankhead, Jr.
and their children, Gary, Sherie and Cindy Bankhead.

Dr. and Mrs. Ward Mackean.

Mr. and Mrs. John Purner.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chatfield.
Miss Mary Louise Chatfield.
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Layland.
Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Layland.
Mrs. Mary (Layland) Force.
Charles Layland.
Mrs. Jewell Reynolds.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reynolds.
Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Wheeler & family.
Mrs. Katheryn (Reynolds) Sanders.
Miss Jo Anne Sanders.
Mr. and Mrs. James O. Reynolds.
J. P. Reynolds.
Mrs. Sue (Bouknight) Bernard.
Miss Barbara Bernard.
Mrs. Evelyn (DuBard) Bailey.
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. White.
Mrs. Ernestine Talbert.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Comiskey.
Miss Cecelia Darelik.

Houston

March 28, 1966

Dear Brother Reynolds:

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the excellent presentation at the dedication service. Your personal testimony touched all our hearts and was exactly what we needed to put the cap sheath on the church history. You were speaking from many years of personal acquaintance with God and His Truth and your ringing testimony was a real inspiration.

Thanks so much, Brother Reynolds. We are grateful for your spiritual leadership in the Church through the years, and pray that you will continue to be a pillar until the Lord comes.

Yours in Christ,

Glenn S. Sharman, Pastor

Seventh Day Adventist Church

Houston, Texas

NOTE. In 1966, W. R. Richard was one of the chief speakers at the Dedication Services of the new church at 1319 Richmond Avenue. Richard was then 90 years of age.

PARENTS OF WILLIAM RICHARD REYNOLDS

DANIEL "DAN" ALBERT REYNOLDS, son of John and Elizabeth (Garrett) Reynolds, was born May 1, 1856, in Society Hill, Russell County, Alabama; died February 25, 1953, in Trinity, Trinity County, Texas, and was buried there; and married Amanda Catherine "Manda" - "Katie" Vines January 2, 1876, in Greenville, Butler County, Alabama.

The marriage license of Daniel A. Reynolds and Amanda C. Vines is on file at Greenville, County Seat of Butler County. On this, it was noted that the couple were married in "the 100th year of American Independence". The minister was B. H. Crumpton. "William Vines and wife, Mary Jane ~~Sapp~~ Sapp" authorized the license to marry; these were the parents of the bride. William and Mary Jane could write their names and did not sign with a cross (x) marks. William Vines and Wm. C. Creech were witnesses.

The bride was named Amanda Catherine by her parents. She was first called "Manda", sometimes "Mandy" and later, she was known as "Katie". In 1949, when she was a very old lady (90 years of age) and was celebrating her 73rd wedding anniversary to her husband Dan, she told of this change in the nicknames. "As a child, they called her Mandy until old Grandma McGee asked my name and mother told her and she (the grandma) said 'From this time on you will be called Katy'". (Houston Chronicle, January 2, 1949) And so it was, Katy or as often spelled Katie. It would be interesting to know who Grandma McGee was. Perhaps some future historian in the family will pursue the McGee Line. (see page 27.)

Katie, the daughter of William and Mary Jane (Sapp) Vines, was born January 29, 1859, in Greenville, Butler County, Alabama. She died December 17, 1951, in Trinity, Trinity County, Texas, and was buried there. ~~(Her maiden name was sometimes spelled Sapp.)~~

In his early days, Dan Reynolds lived in a small Alabama community named Geneva. The nearest large town was Opelika, which was a point of entry for new settlers coming into Alabama. Opelika was on a major migration trail from the older states. Today, the only Alabama town named Geneva is in Geneva County, Alabama, and Opelika is in Lee County, Alabama. It is doubtful if the present Geneva is the one in which Dan Reynolds lived. His Geneva may have been both in Russell and Lee County, for in 1866, Lee was created from part of Russell.

Dan was about five years old when the Civil War began in 1861 and almost 10 years of age when Lee surrendered to Grant on April 9, 1865, at Appomattox Court House. He remembered well the raiding Yankees

*** Death date of William Vines uncertain; see page 29.)*

who came to his county. These were men from Sherman's Army, so-called "bummers", who were seeking food and supplies for the Union Soldiers.

1949,
Dan's wartime experience, as told to C. C. Springfield, a Houston Chronicle Correspondent, on January 2, 1949, had a surprise ending, one very different from the usual encounter with Yankees who were living off the land of their Southern enemies.

The Yankee Commissionary Officer, who was searching the Reynolds' farm for foodstuffs, asked little Dan: "Buddy, are you a poor man's son?" and the boy answered politely and truthfully, "Yes, Sir, I am". So the Union Officer gave food from the Union Commissary to the small boy daily during the two weeks that the federal soldiers occupied the Reynolds' farm. Thus, Dan was one Southerner who actually secured food and supplies from the Yankees for his war-impooverished family!

Dan Reynolds is said to have had a brother (James Reynolds?) who was killed in battle during the Civil War.

In the Family Record, owned in 1968 by Mrs. Daisy (Reynolds) Cooper, Katie recorded as the first record in her Bible, "Katie A. Reynolds and D. A. Reynolds was married Jan. 2nd, 1876". (She evidently preferred the special "Katie".)

Dan's first job after his marriage was as a teacher in a small country school. The school bell which he used to summon his pupils to class was owned in 1968 by his daughter Daisy.

Daniel Reynolds was registered on June 12, 1880, as the Head of the Household in the 1880 Census of Butler County, Alabama, P. O. Greenville, Alabama, Beat 7, District 38. (This census, page 370-19, #192-203)

			Age	Born	Father Born	Mother Born	
DANIEL REYNOLDS	wm		24	Ala.	Ala.	Ala.	Farmer
Wife Katie	wf		21	"	"	Ga.	
Son Richard	wm		3	"	"	Ala.	
Dau. Lela	wf		1/12	"	"	"	/b. in Apr./

The Dan Reynolds Family moved to Texas about 1882. A family friend, a Mr. Hendrick, owned a farm near Bastrop and encouraged Dan Reynolds to make the move to Texas. Dan's first Texas home was on a cotton farm near Bastrop, Bastrop County. His land on the Little River Bottom was rich cotton country but it was subject to overflow and deep flooding. Dan soon moved his family to Plank, a saw mill town in Hardin County, Texas, near Beaumont, in Jefferson County, Texas.

Americans have always been restless people, moving often in search of richer, more productive land and/or jobs, which would mean greater opportunities for their children. In Alabama, Dan Reynolds is known to have lived in Russell, Lee, Butler and Jefferson Counties. (Perhaps also in Geneva County) In Texas, he is known to have lived in Bastrop, Hardin, Jefferson, Harris and Trinity Counties.

For most of his life, Dan was a farmer. By the time of the Great Galveston Storm and Flood of 1900, he had a small dairy in Harris County. This was near a German settlement on East Montgomery Road. The road on which he and his family lived was originally an Indian Trail; today it is Fulton Street in Northeast Houston. In Dan's day, it was a winding country road, thinly graveled, and edged by virgin forests. There was little travel along the road but even this was too much for Katie. (A particular annoyance for her was the put-put of one-cylinder Brush automobile which came down this road occasionally!) So about 1915, Dan and Katie Reynolds moved to a farm near Trinity, Trinity County, Texas, where they lived for the remainder of their lives.

In his later years, Dan lost his eye sight and his son, Jacob "Jake" O. Reynolds, came to live with, and care for, the two elderly people, Dan and Katie.

With children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Dan and Katie observed many wedding anniversaries, the 50th, the 60th, the 71st, the 73rd, the 75th. On their 50th Anniversary, the Honorees invited all guests to return to their home for their 75th Wedding Anniversary. And 25 years later, many did indeed return to celebrate with this lively couple a rare occasion, 75 years of life together as man and wife.

Dan and Katie were always good newspaper "copy". "They were married January 2, 1876, in Greenville, Ala., on a cold winter day. The happiness which marched down the aisle with them 71 years ago is still with them now". . . . "A warm, sweet, old couple but the blue-eyed Katy is the pert one." (Houston Chronicle, January 2, 1949, article written by C. C. Springfield on the occasion of their 73rd Wedding Anniversary, a front page story which also carried a photograph of this fine old couple.)

On their 75th Wedding Anniversary, a photograph of Dan and Katie Reynolds and a story of their long life together appeared in The Houston Chronicle for December 21, 1950.

In another story, Morris Frank, a Chronicle reporter, wrote that "the undaunted Mrs. Reynolds, despite her 88 years goes to Town /Trinity/ two or three times a week". . . . "The little, gray-haired woman was busy knitting her 62nd 'solid-all wool' scarf of the year." Katie sold

these scarves in Trinity for pin money and "to pay the taxi man," as she said.

At 85 years of age, Katie was introduced to the marble machine in a Trinity store by her friend Joe Hutson and she played this on each trip to town. She enjoyed playing against the school kids and enjoyed even more "walloping the daylights out of them".

Katie Reynolds was a tiny, spry, high-spirited, mischievous woman, gifted with rustic humor and ready with a quick quip to the day of her death.

"Undaunted" was the adjective applied to Katie by a Chronicle reporter. By dictionary definition, undaunted means "Not afraid; not discouraged; fearless; equal to any situation". Undaunted is a magnificent word, and Katie must have been a magnificent woman to have been fearless, hopeful and equal to any situation in which she found herself. This "undaunted" woman has left a proud heritage of spirit and courage to her descendants.

A high point in the observance of the 75th Wedding Anniversary was the receipt of a letter from President Harry Truman. This letter is still treasured in the Daisy Cooper family.

"The White House
Washington

Jan. 2, 1951

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds:

It has just come to my attention that you are today celebrating your seventy-fifth wedding anniversary, and this notable event gives me the pleasure of extending cordial congratulations to both of you. Few couples have the privilege of enjoying such a long married life.

I am sure that many cherished memories of your fine companionship will add a special glow to the happiness of this occasion. You certainly have my very best wishes as you continue your journey through the years.

/Signed/

Very truly yours
Harry Truman

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Reynolds
Trinity
Texas"

THE REYNOLDS GENERATIONS

JOHN REYNOLDS married Elizabeth Garrett. They lived in Georgia, probably in Bibb County near Macon, but moved to Alabama before the Civil War, where he and his family lived in Russell and Lee Counties. Among their children: (1) John Reynolds, Jr.; (2) Daniel Albert Reynolds; and (3) twin girls, Ella and Effie (or perhaps Ellen) Reynolds.

Ella is said to have married a Tom Christopher; lived for a short while in Houston, Harris County, Texas; moved near Trinity, Trinity County, Texas, where she died and was buried.

If Ella Reynolds married Tom Christopher, he was her second husband. Perhaps it was her twin sister (named Effie or Ellen) who married Mr. Christopher. At any rate, Ella Reynolds married S. G. Cargill November 15, 1860, in Russell County, Alabama. Her father, John Reynolds, gave consent to this marriage. Records of the S. G. Cargill family were found for several later decades in Russell County.

Nothing is now known of Elizabeth (Garrett) Reynolds, wife of John Reynolds.

In Russell County, Alabama, there was a B. S. Garrett with considerable means. In the 1860 Census, he was given with \$56,000 in land and \$20,000 in slaves. In 1860, he had a house full of girls. If Elizabeth was his daughter, and of this no proof, she would not be listed in her father's household; for she had married John Reynolds much earlier and had a home and family of her own by 1860.

John Reynolds was in the 1850 Census of Russell County but does not appear in the 1860 Census of that county. Perhaps, he died between 1850 and 1860. Perhaps he moved from Russell to Lee County after 1850. (1850 Census films for Lee County are too dim to read.)

NOTE. All information on John Reynolds and his family was supplied by his granddaughter, Daisy (Reynolds) Cooper.

DANIEL "DAN" ALBERT REYNOLDS, son of John and Elizabeth (Garrett) Reynolds, b. May 1, 1856, in Society Hill, Russell County, Alabama; died February 25, 1953, near Trinity, Trinity County, Texas, and was

buried in the Trinity Cemetery; married Amanda Catherine "Manda" - "Katie" Vines January 2, 1876, in Greenville, Butler County, Alabama. His wife was the daughter of William and Mary Jane (Sapp) Vines.

There were 11 children in this Reynolds family.

1. WILLIAM RICHARD REYNOLDS; see later.
2. John "Johnny" Albert Reynolds, b. June 15, 1878, in Greenville, Butler Co., Ala.; d. in Texas and buried at Trinity, Trinity Co., Texas; m. Rye Billingsly. A lawyer. [OVER]
3. Lelah Reynolds, b. Apr. 1, 1880, in Greenville, Butler Co., Ala.; d. Sept. 1881, probably in Birmingham, Jefferson Co., Ala. Among the family treasures is a small dress worn by this baby girl; owned in 1968 by her sister, Daisy (Reynolds) Cooper.
4. MARY "MOLLY" JANE REYNOLDS; see THE CHATFIELD GENERATIONS.
5. Harriet "Hattie" Reynolds, b. Mar. 7, 1884; d. Aug. 9, 1888.
6. Grover Cleveland Reynolds, b. Jan. 10, 1886; d. after ~~1889~~¹⁹⁴⁹ and buried at Trinity, Trinity Co., Texas; m. "Al" _____. Their children: Daisy, Cleve and Jesse.
7. "Little Boy" Reynolds, b. Sept. 1, 1888; d. at birth.
8. Daisy Reynolds, b. Dec. 15, 1890; m. James Oscar Cooper. Their children: (1) Ellen Catherine "Tootie" Cooper; (2) Oscar James Cooper, Jr.; and (3) Betty Jane Cooper.
9. Jacob "Jake" O. Reynolds, b. August 19, 1892. Known children: James Reynolds and Kathryn (Reynolds) Sanders.
10. Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Reynolds, b. Nov. 13, 1896. Known children: Harold and Melwood Reynolds.
11. Charles "Charlie" D. Reynolds, b. Aug. 19, 189⁸~~7~~.

NOTES. Names and birth dates for the children of Dan and Katie Reynolds were taken from a Family Record owned by Mrs. Daisy (Reynolds) Cooper of Houston, Texas, in 1968. (Family Record page only which was torn from an old Bible.) Daisy also supplied vital statistics for her parents.

On August 3, 1972, visited John A. Reynolds grave
at Trinity. Tombstone inscription was "John A.
Reynolds -- Texas -- Sergeant 2nd U. S. Volunteers --
Born June 15, 1878 Died February 7, 1945" His
military service was evidently the Spanish American
War of 1898. Everett thought he had died at a
much earlier date — and the tombstone was so
weathered that his death would seem to have been
earlier. Family believes John died, in 1925.

2. Royce Dean Kirkpatrick, b. Aug. 7, 1953.
3. Tina Eileen Kirkpatrick, b. Feb. 26, 1960.

NOTE. Information on the Lloyd L. Reynolds family given by Brunette (Flynt) Reynolds.

These Chatfield notes were received from Daisy Layland, Route #1, Cleburne, Texas 76031 in July 1971.

1. William Aubrey Chatfield was born in Cornwall, New York.
2. There was a fourth child in the Layland family
William Joseph Layland
Born 1-3-1951
Died 9-7-1963
He was named for both grandfathers, William Aubrey Chatfield and William Joseph Layland. He was killed instantly in a car and train collision.
3. Charles Leonard Layland, born 2-28-1955 is a sophomore in high school.
4. Mame is re-married and her husband's name is Russell Lindgren.
5. Nickie Chatfield is married now. Wife, Nancy _____
Son: Charles Edmund Chatfield, born 4-1-71.