

Kerrville, Texas
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OUR KIN

Approximately 1785 George Squires was born in Bedford County, Virginia to a woman whose maiden name was Trigg and, we have reason to believe, Uriah Squire s. Uriah was in the Battle of Point Pleasant of the American Revolution.

About 1806, George Married Sarah Willis, daughter of Edmund and Frances Willis. Edmund was listed as a taxpayer, with a family of eight, in the 1790 United States Census, in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

In the 1810 Census of Adair County Kentucky we find that George and Sarah migrated with Frances and Edmund Willis to Kentucky and were landowners.

Between the years 1832 and 1840, George evidently died and in the 1840 census we find Sarah and the six children, Sarah, Henrietta, Margaret, Parmalee, Uriah and William Carroll, in Marshall County, Tennessee.

April 4, 1844 we find that William Carroll Squires and Mary Ann Davis were united in marriage. Mary Ann was the daughter of James and Christiana Davis.

William was primarily a trader and we find that he dealt in many things. Court records reveal that he was listed as owner of farm land, city lots, city home, livery stable, possibly a hotel, much furniture, numerous slaves, all kinds and colors of horses, including two blind ones, leather trunks, hundreds of pounds of feathers and everything in vehicles from a go cart a half dozen buggies, a brougham (red velvet lined) and an omnibus (whatever that is)

Mary Ann's father, James Davis, died in January of 1940 without having made a will. Her only brother, Joseph W., was made executor under \$12,000 bond and a committee of several men appointed by the court, set aside "what they considered sufficient" of the estate, to sustain Christiana and her ten children for one year, after which the estate would be properly distributed.

Sarah Willis Squires, mother of William, died in 1847 and left William an inheritance.

Christiana Davis, mother of Mary Ann, died in 1854 and left Mary Ann an inheritance including part interest in the family slaves of which there were seven.

In 1855 William begins getting his business into shape, paying up his debts, selling land, slaves, livery stable etc. He is 38 years of age and Mary Ann is 34. They have six children. By the first of 1857 things are in order and the Squires' are on the move again.

The 1860 Census of Fannin County, Texas shows: William C. and Mary Ann Squires with children; George Washington, Thomas Fountain, Joseph W., Sarah Victoria, Virginia E., Lucille Anna, Martha D., Leah Leota and Margaret A.

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James Davis Squires was born August 28, 1860 and the census was taken July 27 so he got left out of the count. He was the last, to be born, and the last to die and possibly the best known among the kin.

So it has been one hundred years ago this year when the Squires' came to Texas. It seems such a good idea to take stock and find what, if anything, our clan has added to our state, and how much we have spread to other states.

I happened to learn, while tracing my ancestors, that Sarah Squires Wallace's daughters, Lizzie (Elizabeth) and Hart and Susan Shulz, are planning to meet Lucille Squires Clay's remaining brood in Muleshoe, Texas on the 16th, 17th and 18th of August. I not only managed to get an invitation for myself, but for any and every offspring of an offspring of an offspring of an offspring of William and Mary Ann Squires. We will, of course, be prepared to pay our own way in a motel, if necessary, and furnish our share of the provender.

It seems wise to consider Sunday as the important day so that if one cannot be there several days ~~one~~ should at least plan to be there on Sunday in order that not a single member shall escape the scrutiny of all.

Please write me if you can go and what day or days. If you want a reservation I will try to get it for you. If you cannot go please write me anything you can remember about the family - no matter how unimportant it may seem to you.

If you are interested in names and addresses of the family I have located so far, please feel free to write and ask, and be sure and send me the names of any that you might know.

Very cordially yours

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P. S. I am the daughter of
Thomas Fountain Squires.