

Our family

Family Lineage, traced backward from William Thomas Cost

Cost @ York

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For my son and my grandchildren
Dedicated to my father, Forrest Milton (Mickey) Cost

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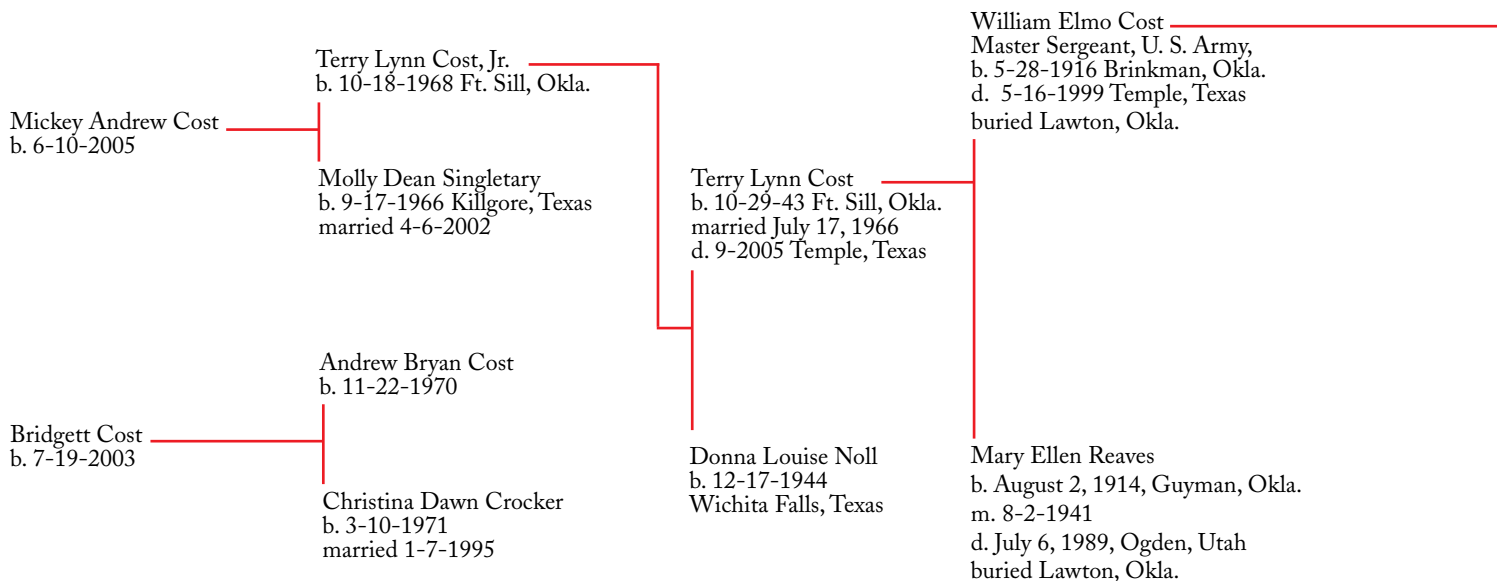
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William Elmo Cost



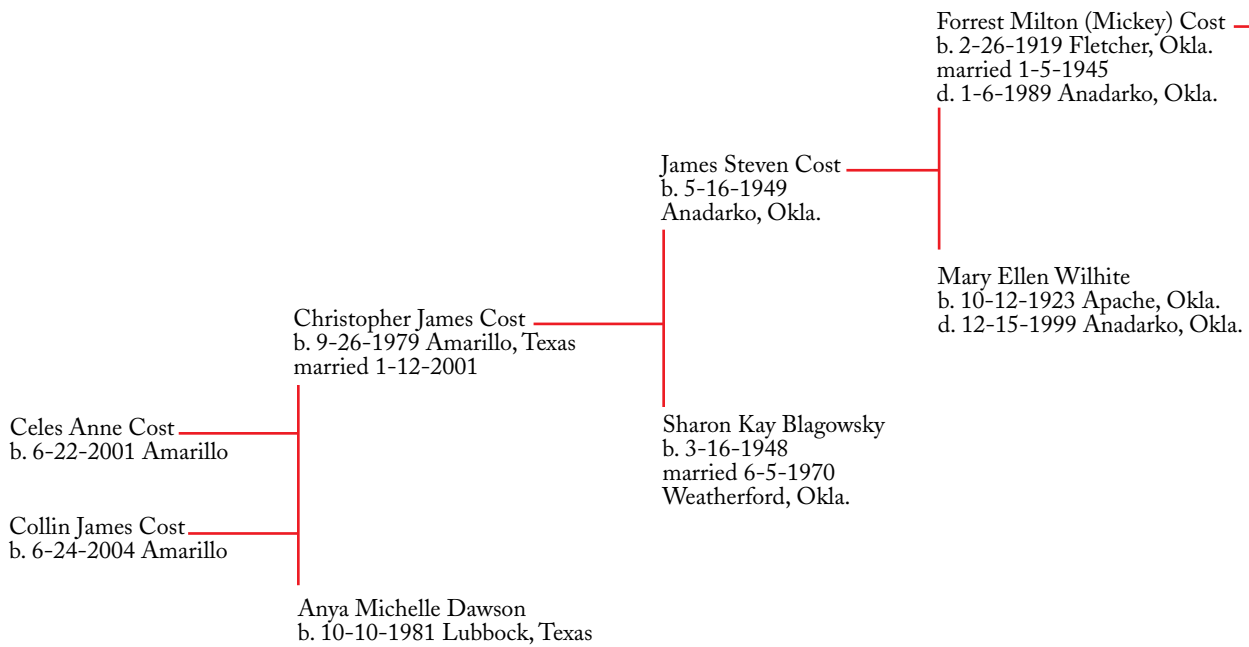
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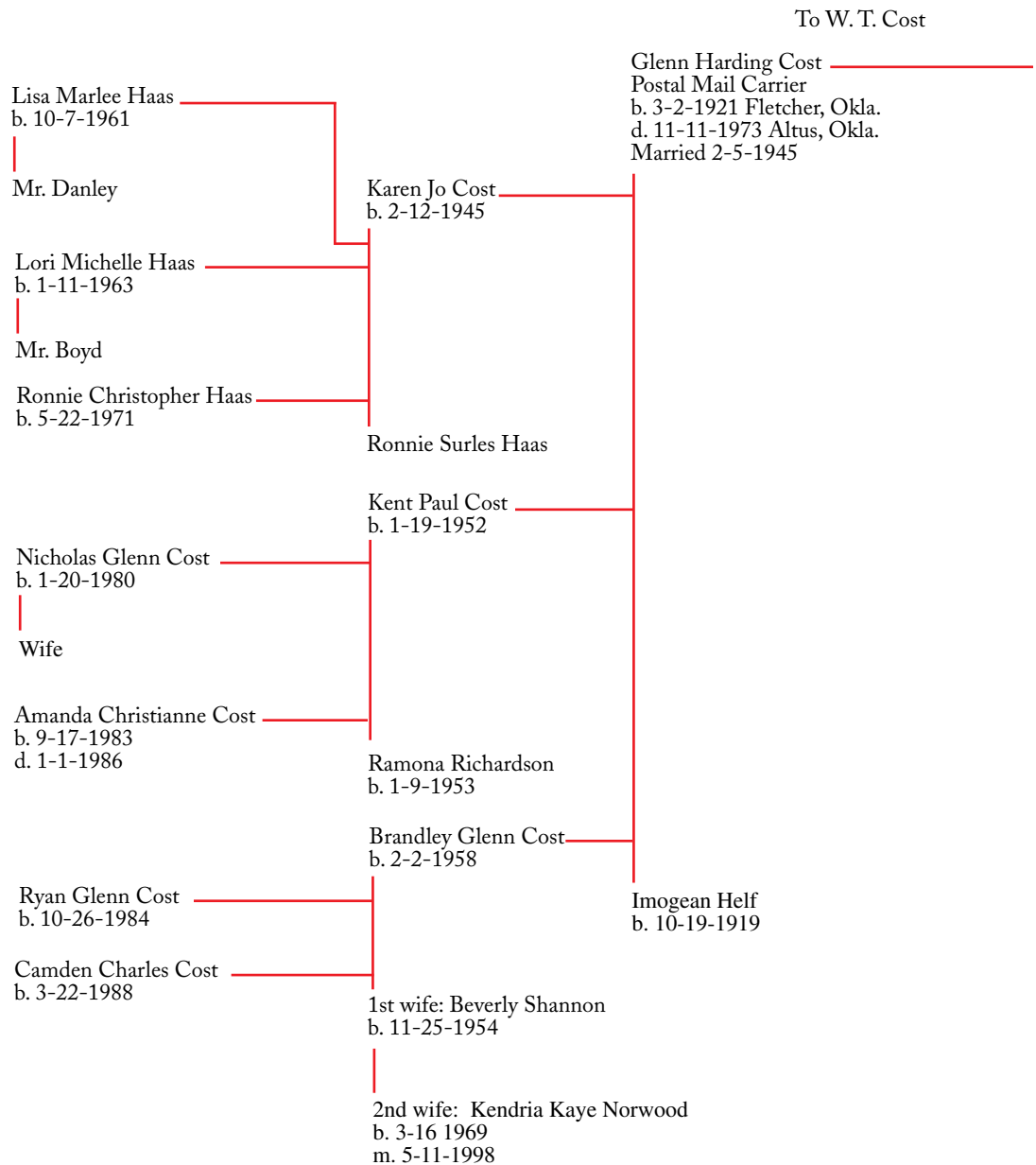
Forrest Milton Cost



To W. T. Cost



Glenn Harding Cost



James Wilson Cost



To W. T. Cost

James Wilson Cost
 Major, U.S. Air Force
 Arctic and Anarctic Explorer
 b. 3-10-1924 Chickasha, Okla.

Dennis Wayne Cost
 b. 6-3-1946 Sayre, Okla.
 Married 9-28-1968 Riverside,
 California

Shane Nathan Cost
 b. 5-1-1977 Riverside, Cal.

Megan Ann Cost
 b. 9-13-1980 Riverside, Cal.

Beckee Louise Fagg
 b. 7-22-1948 Riverside, Cal.

Donna Carol Cost
 b. 6-30-1949 Wareham, Mass.
 Married 5-25-1967 Riverside

Derek Thomas Hermon
 b. 5-13-1968 Riverside, Cal.

Michael Wayne Hermon
 b. 8-28-1971 Riverside, Cal.

Thomas Hermon
 b. 10-12-1946 Ft. Haurchuca, Az.

Alek Michael Hermon
 b. 1992

Quinn Hermon
 b. 1996

Michelle Hodgson

Madeline Shadid #1
 b. 3-19-1922
 married 10-18-1942 Las
 Vegas, Nevada

JoAnne #2
 married 2000 Las Vegas,
 Nevada

Herbert Holmes Cost



To W. T. Cost

Herbert Holmes Cost
 b. 11-11-1926 Oklahoma City
 Married 6-19-1947 Delhi, Okla.
 d. 10-6-1986 Sayre, Okla.

Linda Sue Cost
 b. 3-28-1948 Sayre, Okla.
 Married 1-23-1970
 Oklahoma City, Okla.

Cynthia Dianne Haws
 b. 12-15-1972 Oklahoma City

Maya Naomi Shaddock
 b. 12-12-1997 Houston, Texas

Autumn Lily Shaddock
 b. 10-25-2000 Houston, Texas

Carroll Christian Shaddock
 b. 5-9-1969

Michael Alan Haws
 b. 9-9-1977 Winfield, Ill.
 Married 5-9-1998 Lubbock,
 Texas to Corrie Lynn Cansler

Laura Anne Haws
 b. 3-3-1982
 m. 8-7-2004

Andrew Noel Froese
 b. 12-17-1981

Aubrey Lyndall Haws
 b. 7-19-1948 Cordell, Okla.

Jason Michael Cost Hauek
 from 1st marriage
 b. 3-14-1978 Oklahoma City

David William Cost
 b. 1-8-1956 Perryton, Texas
 Married 1-11-1980

Betty Imajean Blanscet
 b. 11-18-1927, Delhi, Okla.

Christopher Joseph Cost
 b. 12-30-1980 Oklahoma City

Kylie Anne Williams
 b. 9-3-2003 Oklahoma City

Rebecca DeAnne Cost
 b. 5-13-1983 Oklahoma City

Joseph William Blanscet

Danielle Nicole Cost
 b. 5-14-1985

Ruby Mae McArthur

Deborah Ann Pearce
 b. 1-23-1967
 Anadarko, Okla.

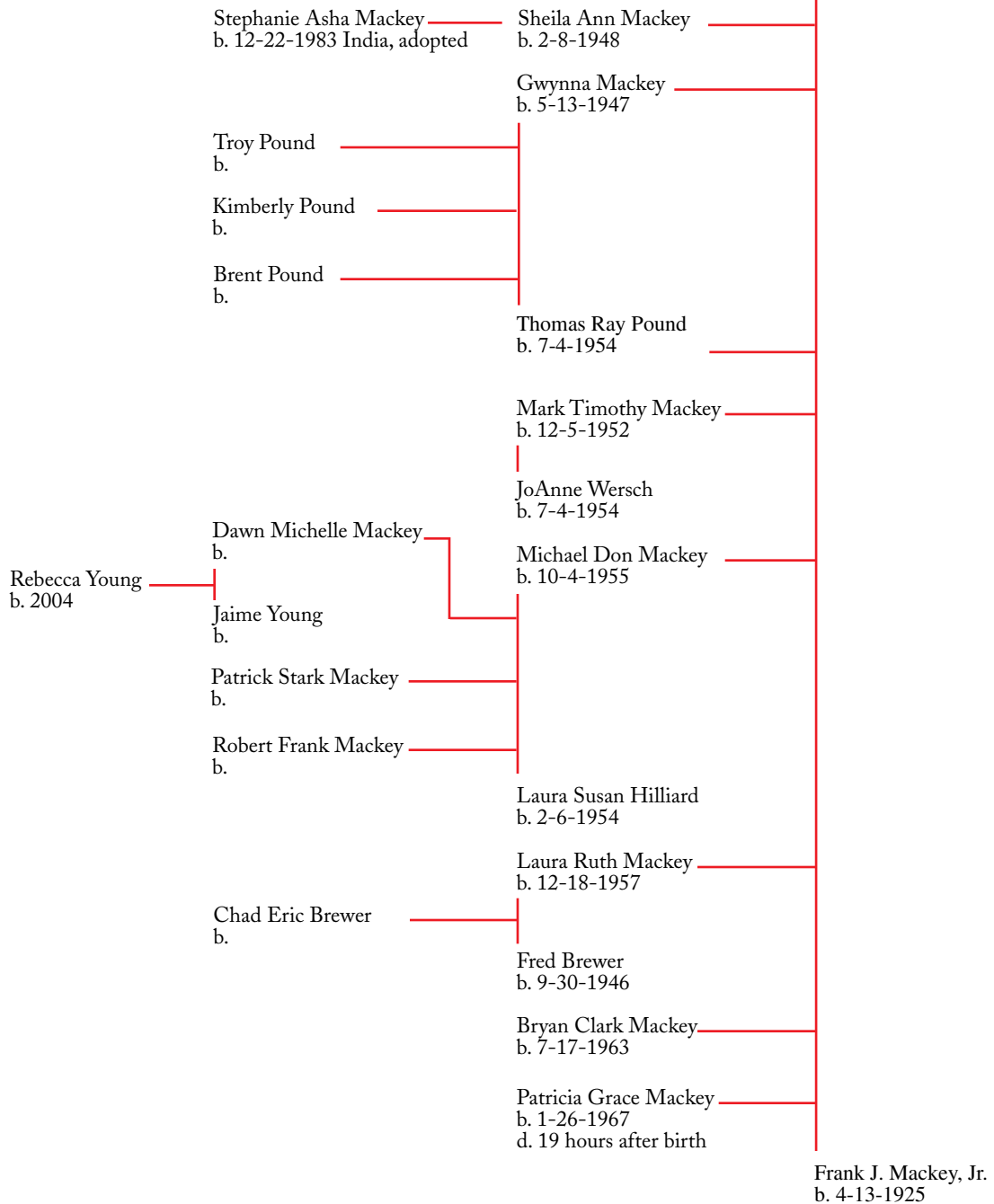
John Thomas Blanscet
 and Mary Catherine
 Sublett

Helen Joan Cost



To W. T. Cost

Helen Joan Cost
 b. 10-6-1928 Purcell, Okla.
 m. 5-17-1947
 d. 4-24-1996 Portland, Oregon



Bill Pat Cost



To W. T. Cost

Bill Pat Cost
b. 3-4-1934 Purcell, Okla.
Married 6-22-1956 Ratton, Okla.
d. 8-10-1998 Del City, Okla.

Judy Cost
b. 7-6-1957
m. 7-23-1983
Midwest City, Okla.

Cory James Everett

Joel Everett
b. 10-3-1955

Trudy Cost
b. 8-2-1960
m. 10-16-1981
Midwest City, Okla.

Leslie Christine

Jaymie Leigh

Larry Williams
b. 1-5-1954

Verena Lavell Rosenthal
b. 10-25-1934

Cost

Meaning of the name **Cost:**

It has generally two meanings:

1. French: topographic name for someone who lived on a slope of a hill or mountain, or slope of a riverbank or lake, less often on the coast by the sea or ocean. From OF *coste* (L *costa* rib, side, flank, also used in a transferred topographical sense). There are several places in France named with this word, and the surname may also be a habitation name from any of these.

2. English: short form of CONSTANTINE.

Variations (of I): Cote; Lacoste; Delacoste, Delacote.

Cogns. (of I): Prov.: Costa, Costes. It.: (Della) Costa, Costi, Da(l)a Costa (Venetia). Sp.: Cuesta. Cat.: Costa(s). Port: Costa.

Dima. (of I): Fr. Costel(le), Cot(t)el, Co(us)teau, Cot-teaux, Co(u)ston, Coustet; Costiou (Brittany). Prov.: Costil(he), Coustille, Costy, Cot(t)y. Sp.: Costillia.

Aug. (of I): Fr.: Coutas

The first record of the name Costa in 1056.

Cost is also spelled

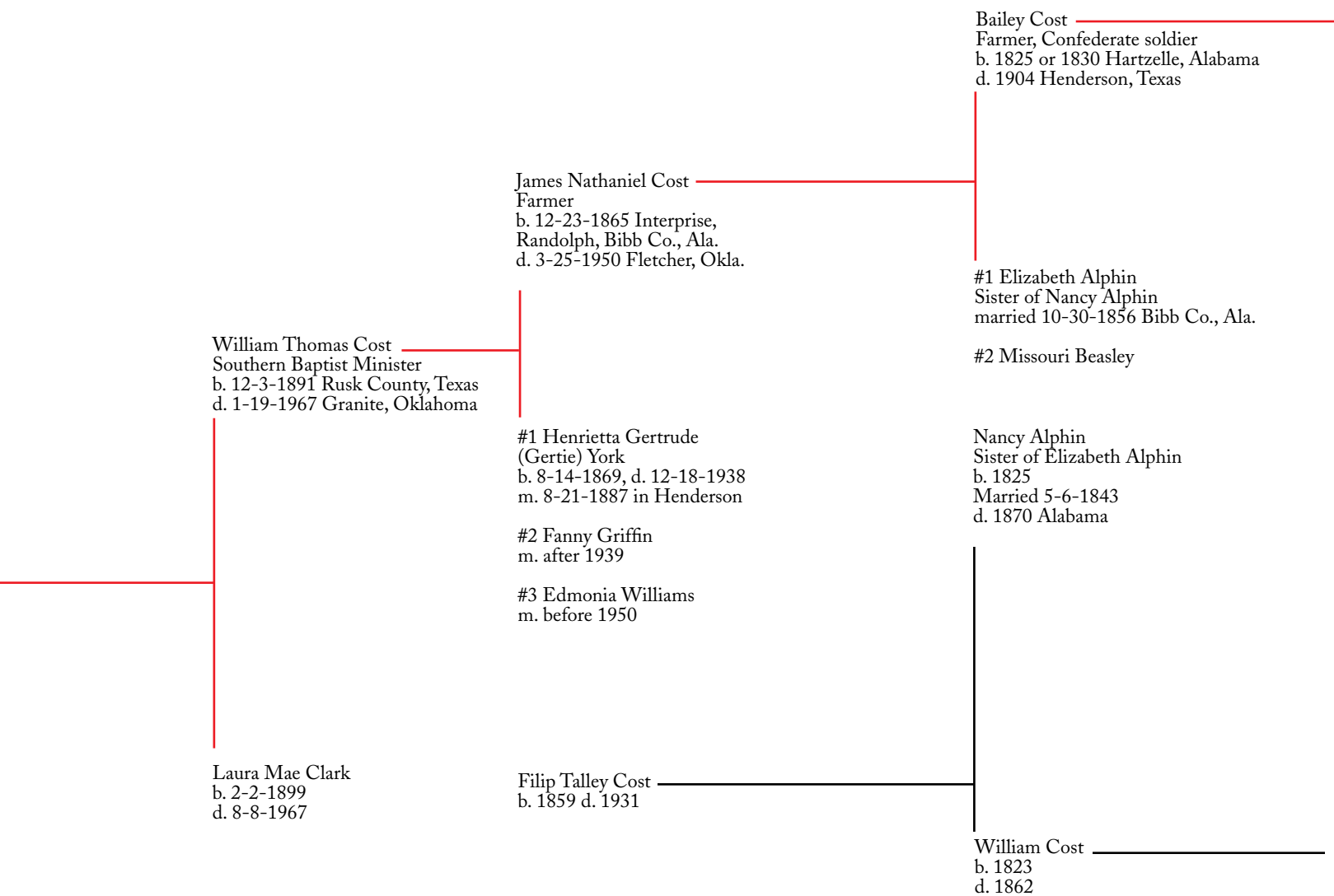
Coste, la Coste, de la Coste, Costa, Costas, Costes, Coster, Costain, Cot, Cote, Cotte, Cotter, Cottle, Cotton, Costello, Coast, Cast, Kost, Kast

Variations of the name are found in the United States of America, Spain, Portugal, Canada, England, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Italy, Argentina, Chile' and other countries.



Cost

- William Elmo Cost _____
- Forrest Milton Cost _____
- Glenn Harding Cost _____
- James Wilson Cost _____
- Herbert Holmes Cost _____
- Helen Joan Cost _____
- Bill Pat Cost _____



Thomas Cost, Sr. —————
Farmer, sheep and lumber business
b. ca. 1760 Shelby Co. Alabama
d. 7-3-1837 Shelby Co. Alabama

Thomas Cost, Jr. —————
Farmer and lumber business
b. ca. 1790 North Carolina
d. 1865 in Bibb Co., Alabama
buried Temp Smith Cemetery,
Chilton Co., Alabama

wife's name unknown

to Bailey
Cost

Mary "Polly" Smith —————
b. 1803 North Carolina
married 8-29-1821 Bibb Co.
Alabama
d. 1850 buried Temp Smith
Cemetery, Chilton Co., Alabama

Adam Smith
b. July 1767 North Carolina
married about 1790
d. 4-26-1846 Randolph, Bibb Co.,
Alabama

Sarah Smith —————
b. ca. 1810 North Carolina
married 9-4-1820
d. 1850

Elizabeth Gomer
b. 19-17-1763
d. about 1860

to William
Cost

John Cost —————
Son of Thomas Cost, Sr.
b. ca. 1800 North Carolina
d. ca. 1847 Bibb County, Alabama

Jon de la Coste
Basque sheep herder
b. 1718 France d. 1772 Spring Place, Georgia
Arrived Savannah, Georgia 4-17-1743

John Cost
Farmer and sheep herder
b. 1745 Spring Place, Georgia
d. 1799 Spring Place, Georgia

Sarah O'Hara?

wife's name unknown

James Steven Cost

b. 5-16-1949 Anadarko, Okla.

m. 6-5-1970 to Sharon Kay Blagowsky, Clinton, Okla.

Steve was born during a huge storm with tornadoes and flooding that came in from the Texas Panhandle. My dad had to buy a propane lantern so the doctor could see to deliver me when the power and lights went out.

Steve loved art and learned to paint from his paternal grandmother at age nine. He also was very active in Boy Scouts with his dad who was the scout master of the troop. Steve became an Eagle Scout, and went to the 1964 Jamboree at Valley Forge and New York World's Fair. He also hiked the southern trail at Philmont, New Mexico with his dad and other scouts in 1965. Steve was big in the Order of the Arrow while in scouts. He loved Camp George Thomas west of Apache, where he worked summers on the camp staff.

He played guitar in rock and jazz bands during high school and college with friends Alton Charles (also his best man at Steve's wedding), Chris Askren, Sid Gaddy, Steve Tilford, Ray Jarvis, Tugger Palmer, and Brian Slocum.

Steven Cost has played, studied and worked in art and design since childhood. He drew in ledger books his mother brought home from work. At the age of nine, his paternal grandmother taught him to paint with oils. He studied art in junior high, high school and in college. He has always worked professionally in art, graphic design, or teaching design in college. He had been an art director for advertising agencies and magazines. Steven has taught art and graphic design in colleges and universities, and was for a while a studio painter. He studied art and received his BA at Southwest Oklahoma State University in Weatherford in 1971.

He married his college sweetheart, Sharon Blagowsky, in 1970 and they lived for a year in Clinton before he joined the Navy. He went to Boot Camp and Personnelman training in Orlando, Florida, and they moved to Pensacola, Florida where he served as a Personnelman at Saufley Field.

Even during his four-year career in the Navy, Steven was layout designer and cartoonist for his base newspaper. He stayed in Pensacola after the Navy enlistment to work in advertising art and graphic design. There he furthered his education and got his MA in Communication Arts at The University of West Florida in Pensacola.

Even his hobbies are in the arts which include painting, drawing, photography and making hand-made books. He met his wife, Sharon, in a college art class. She has always



Steve and Sharon at UWF graduation in Pensacola 1977

Nelia, Rosie, Stevie, Mary Ellen



4 year birthday party in backyard with friends

been supportive of his art and design career. Sharon, too, has a career in the arts as owner of her own dance academy, where Steven builds sets for recitals and designs newsletters, posters and recital programs.

He took a job as a commercial art teacher at Texas State Technical College in Amarillo, Texas in 1979 to be closer to both of their families and to give birth and rear their only child, Christopher James Cost. Sharon restarted her dance teaching with her own studio called Dance Arts. Steve got two more degrees in art, a MA in painting and a MFA in graphic design at West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas. Steve later taught at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and commuted on weekends, and later returned to Amarillo where he became art director for the Amarillo Observer Magazine. He then went back to teaching at Texas State Technical College and found himself teaching for Amarillo College when the two schools were merged.

He loved backpacking in New Mexico and doing everything possible with Chris, including cub scouts, tae quondo, and teaching Chris filmmaking starting at the age of seven. Later, when Chris graduated from Steve's graphic design department at Amarillo College, they worked on some short independent films and made TV commercials under the name of CostFilms.

Chris was married to Anya Dawson in 2001 and they made Steve and Sharon proud grandparents with the birth of Celes Anne in 2001 and Collin James in 2004.



Steve, the Boy Scout

Drawing the model in a figure drawing class at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, 1970



Fishing with his dad



Top of his Petty Officer training class in Pensacola, Florida 1973



With son Chris at his parent's house in Anadarko

Forrest Milton “Mickey” Cost

(Also known as F. M. or Mickey) Mickey was born in Fletcher, Oklahoma February 26, 1919. He was named after his uncle Forrest and Milton, his mother’s favorite poet. He married Mary Ellen Wilhite on January 5, 1945 at the Post Chapel, Fort Sill (near Lawton), Oklahoma.

Forrest Milton’s brother, James Wilson, told me that his brother was nick-named “Mickey” in the 1930s after a “rough-and-tumble” movie character “Mickey Finn.” True to that nick-name, a story goes that during their early army years, the oldest brother, Elmo, was waiting for Mickey at a bar. Elmo, being a bit mischievous got to talking with a man in the bar who gave Elmo some trouble. Mickey had a reputation as a fighter, and usually won his fights. Elmo told this man that his brother would soon be showing up and would “kick his butt.” So a few minutes later, Mickey walks into the bar, only to be greeted by this man who promptly punches Mickey in the face (seemingly for no reason). Mickey was startled, but ended up nevertheless “kicking his butt,” just like Elmo had predicted. I guess Elmo eventually let Mickey in on the joke.

Mickey grew up loving the out-of-doors. He played in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, adjacent to his grandfather Nathaniel Cost’s farm near Cache, Oklahoma, with his brothers, often plowed with a mule team for his grandfather, and enjoyed fishing and hunting all his life. One of his favorite boyhood memories was attending the Baptist youth camp in the heavily forested Arbuckle Mountains near Sulfer, Oklahoma and participating in the old-fashioned all-night gospie singing. He was also a prominent high school football player.

Mickey Cost served in the U. S. Army from 1941-1945 and reached the rank of Staff Sergeant. He played All-Army football as guard during the war. He was posted at Fort Fill, near Lawton, Oklahoma and at Fort Ord, near Monterrey, California during World War II. He met and married Mary Ellen Wilhite at Fort Sill in 1945. Mickey attended classes at the University of Oklahoma at Norman for a year studying geology. He and Mary Ellen lived for a time in Oklahoma City. Around this time he attended the University of Oklahoma studying geology, but did not stay to get his degree. Mary Ellen wanted to be closer to her family and so they moved to Anadarko, where they lived the rest of their lives. Mickey worked for the U.S. Post Office delivering mail on a walking route on east side of the town. He was an rural mail carrier in his later postal career. He would always take time to get to know the people on his routes. He would bring fish to the Negroes on his walking route. Many folks would leave cookies and small gifts in the rural mail boxes at Christmas-time.

After retirement Mickey started a second job for the U.S. Water Conservancy as the dam tender at Fort Cobb Reservoir north of Fort Cobb, Oklahoma where he lived



with Mary Ellen. His job was to release water to pipelines to various cities and keep an eye on the shoreline and water quality. It was a great outdoor job which allowed him to hunt and fish in his spare time. My dad told me several times that he considered Caddo County one of the most beautiful places on Earth.

He was a Boy Scout leader of Anadarko troop 247 and became close to his son, Steven, who advanced to Eagle rank and went through the Order of the Arrow together. Mickey was honored with the Silver Beaver award, and achieved the Order of the Arrow Vigil level. He directed the erection of two dams at Camp George Thomas Boy Scout Ranch. Mickey also lead several expeditions through Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimmaron, New Mexico, including a wilderness survival session.



Mickey in Purcell around 1924 or 25

He loved spending time with his family, his son and grandson. It was a particularly happy day when he got to take his grandson, Chris, fishing for the first time at Fort Cobb Lake.

They moved back to Anadarko in 1983 where they bought a nice home with an acre of land on the east edge of town in a new subdivision near the golf course until his death in 1989. Dad would always take me in his pick-up truck to visit friends, such as his friend Glenn "Speck" O'Neil, when I would come back home, so we would keep up with what was happening in our lives.

Dad and Mom loved the view of the big sky, the countryside and the low green hills to the east and south of their home. He built a large separate workshop and carport building himself where he spent many hours "piddling around." They purchased a big recreational vehicle and enjoyed "motor-homing" with friends and relatives, including his older brother Elmo and Elmo's wife Mary Ellen "Poncho" Cost, who kept a small electric organ in the camper which she played at motering get-togethers where everyone would sing and have a good time. Others who often joined them included his cousin Carthel and Evelyn Rogers, his brother Herb and Betty Cost, his nephew Terry and Donna Cost. Above all, Fort Cobb Lake was one of their favorite destinations.

In 1984 Mickey had an aneurism behind the knee, and he had to drag himself across his large back yard to the telephone to call for help, and by the time he received medical help at the Chickasha hospital, gangrene had set in and he lost his leg from just above the knee. He got a prosthetic leg replacement and managed to get around to resume his life and even continued motor-camping.

One day he was visiting his father-in-law in nearby Apache, Oklahoma where a rattlesnake "round-up" festival was going on and they put captured rattlers in a stock tank.

Mickey made a small bet with a stranger there that he could put his leg into the stock tank snake pit without being harmed. You can imagine the stranger's expression when Mickey did just that – and several large rattlers struck and bit his (prosthetic) leg nicely hidden by his trousers. He won the bet.

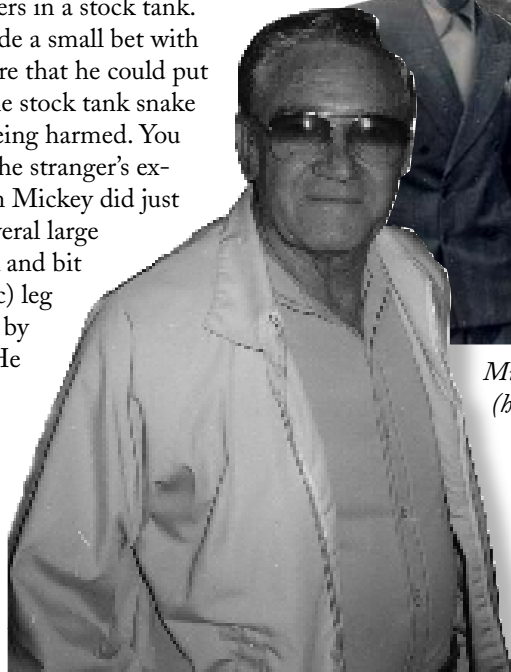
above: Mickey's army medals and dogtags, below: Silver Beaver award—highest honor for a scout leader from the Boy Scouts of America



Mickey and his mother, Laura. (holding Steve), and Mary Ellen



Mickey and his mother, Laura. Studio photo – late 1919 or early 1920



Reverend William Thomas Cost

(Also known as W.T. by his colleagues, Will by his friends and "Pappy" by his family) Southern Baptist Minister. Social security number: 440-30-5982. b. December 30, 1891, Rusk County, Texas. d. January 19, 1967 at Granite, Oklahoma.

William Thomas Cost was born in Rusk County, Texas, near where New London is now located. His parents were James Nathaniel Cost who went to East Texas from Alabama, and Gertrude York who went to East Texas from Tennessee. Will Cost came with his parents to Western Oklahoma in 1907 when he was a tgeen-ager, along with his brothers and sisters; there were 11 children in the family. He attended Texas and Western Oklahoma public schools and Oklahoma Baptist University when it was located in Mangum. He was one of the young men who pioneered Western Oklahoma.

Twenty-two-year-old Will met 15 year old Laura Mae Clark, the daughter of John Wesley Clark of Brinkman, Oklahoma. She was another pioneer of Greer County who came to Western Oklahoma from Fannin County, Texas in 1906, with her father's family. Will had become lincensed to preach by the Baptist Church in Brinkman. They were married at Brinkman, Oklahoma by a minister named W. W. Danner, on the 4th of July, 1914, while sitting in a buggy, and then went to Granite for a picnic. There were many Independence Day family reunions, and each one was a wedding anniversary for Will and Laura.

Will felt he had been called to the ministry by God and started to prepare himself. He further attended Oklahoma Baptist University and went on to the Southwestern Baptist theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. Will practiced his ministry on the streets and in the jails of Fort Worth. He became a dedicated Baptist preacher and minister, establishing many congregations and overseeing the buiding of churches in the first half of the 20th Century in the young state of Oklahoma. His first full-time church was at Fletcher, Oklahoma. (Where his father, Nathaniel, would later move and live.)

Will Pastored churches at Fletcher, Apache, Chickasha, Sentinel, OklahomaCity, Purcell, Tipton, Sayre, Granite, Antlers, Roswell, Snyder, & Ratan, Oklahoma. He also was the interim pastor at Lake Creek, Martha, Carter,



Will and Laura being married on the 4th of July, 1914



Reverend William Thomas Cost in the early 1900s

Willow, Blair, Burns Flat, Retrop, Granite Reformatory, and Mangum, Oklahoma.

Will and Laura's first child, William Elmo, was born before Will finished his schooling in Brinkman, Oklahoma. The second child, Forrest Milton (Mickey), was born in Fletcher. From Fletcher, Will and Laura moved to Apache, where the third son, Glenn Harding, was born. Next move was to Chickasha, where James Wilson was born. From Chickasha to Sentinel and on to Oklahoma City where Herbert Holmes was born. The family moved to Purcell in 1929 and during their nine years stay there, two children were born: the only girl, Helen Joan, and the youngest, Bill Patt. The next move was to Tipton and subsequently to Sayre where they stayed six years. this was now during World War II when five of the boys served in the military.

After Sayer, Will and Laura came to Granite where Will was chaplain of the reformatory in Granite, and served as the pastor at Brinkman. Then he became the pastor of Baptist churches at Antlers, Snyder, Rattan and Boswell, in Southeastern Oklahoma. At the end of his service at Boswell, Will retired from full-time ministry and they returned to their beloved Greer county and their home in Granite. After their supposed retirement, there

were very few Sundays that Will did not preach at some church in Western Oklahoma as interim pastor. These Baptist churches included Granite, Lake Creek, Willow, Retrop, Port, Burns Flat, Martha, Blair, Trinity church in Mangum, Tipton, Southside Baptist in Altus, Carter, and Cooperton. He also preached on a time-to-time basis at many other churches in Western Oklahoma.

Most of Will's work was as a pastor of churches, but was at one time the Oklahoma County Missionary, and chaplain at the Granite reformatory. He married thousands of couples, baptized thousands, and preached thousands of funerals.

Will and Laura lived in a small home in Granite, probably built in the 1920s, that they enjoyed very much. They were never lonely for company since there were often friends over, friendly neighbors, and visits from his children, grandchildren and other family members. The house was one block from the foot of a high granite hill to the north (we called them mountains), that was beautiful to see and offered protection from the wind and winter weather. There were many springs of water that came off the mountain and kept that side of Granite green and cool. Practically every time grandchildren would come to visit, Babe would take us hiking up the mountain side, where we would play, hunt lizard and pick wild flowers and enjoy the view from way up there. We used to imagine a rock feature as a huge door a giant would use.

There was a granite gravel car driveway from the front street down the side of the house to a small wooden garage in the back. Plenty of large shade trees all around, including cherry trees belonging to neighbors along the driveway that we were allowed to pick. In the front yard water pooled up in a spot often, and Pappy one day decided to dig down in that spot with his shovel. After a couple of weeks, he had a full-fledged water well dug, and lined with stones and a wooden cover with rope and bucket and drinking gourd.

In the back yard Pappy hung a large collection of antique garden tools on the trees, and he had a big knife sharpening wheel he could turn with a foot peddle. Pappy was a sort of pocket knife collector, always kept them very

sharp, loved to trade knives, rarely had any of any great value, and always kept his sons and grandsons supplied with pocket knives. He could often be found sitting in the back of the house under a shade tree "whittleing" on a piece of cedar. We grand children would ask him, "What are you making, Pappy?" He would reply, "A monstrosity." And of course we wouldn't know what that word meant and watched him whittle with amazement. He really never carved anything, but just enjoyed slowly removing slices of cedar wood, savoring the smell of the wood and the peace whittling gave. And, of course, we had to have sharp knives. If not he would show us how to take a whetstone and sharpen them to a keen edge.

Pappy was also known to swap cars. It seems every time I saw him he was driving another, yet older and slightly shabbier car. It seems the kindly minister would often help out a less fortunate friend or fellow church member by swapping his car for the friend's lesser car.

Pappy also grew green pepper plants around his house, some decorative and many for eating and canning. We would ask him which were good for eating, since kids rarely ate peppers. He would say "pick one of those, they aren't at all hot." Of we would pick one and try it, and of course any of the peppers would burn our young mouths and we would run off for a drink of water.

Betty Cost (now married to Elmer White several years after Herb's death) recalls a night when Will was preaching a tent revival. His family members were seated in the front row. "Pappy was really fired up. He was preaching some kind of 'fire and brimstone' when all of a sudden his false teeth just flew out of his mouth and landed right in our laps. But he never missed a lick and keep right on preaching like nothing had happened!"

On the 19th of January 1967 Will Cost lay down to take his usual afternoon nap. The Lord decided it was time, so He took Will to his reward. He died, probably of an aneurism, an ailment not uncommon among the Costs. At the time of passing Will was still doing what he wanted most in life: preaching and doing his work as a minister of the Lord. Four days before, Will had preached at the First Baptist Church in Carter, Oklahoma, where he was

Reverend William Thomas Cost (standing on left) with "shade tree buddies," whittling, trading knives and swapping stories in Granite, Oklahoma in the 1960s



One of W.T.'s pocket knives and a whittled cedar "monstrosity"

interim pastor. Two days before, he preached the funeral of one of his best friends in Tipton, Oklahoma. The day of his passing, he went to town, got the mail, talked to his friends, probably traded knives a couple of times, came home, ate a good lunch, took a bath, and took a nap on the day-bed in the enclosed sunny porch in his home

From William Thomas Cost's Obituary in The Granite Enterprise newspaper, Thursday, January 26, 1967:

"Funeral services for Rev. W. T. Cost were held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the First Baptist church (Granite) with Rev. Thomas P. Haskins of Oklahoma City officiating, assisted by Rev. Val B. Nance, Jr. Interment was in the Brinkman cemetery under the direction of Greer Funeral Home.

Pall bearers were Rev. Arol Steverson, Rev. Bob Evans, Rev. C. R. Tucker, Rev. C. L. Abercrombie, Rev. Thomas Spence and Rev. J. C. Crabbe."

Will was a great Southern Baptist preacher and a good and kindly friend to many. There was standing room only at his funeral and quite a few had to listen to the services from outside the Baptist church in Granite. I remember my dad directing traffic at the church. When the funeral procession left the church in Granite to go to the grave site, so many loving people came to see Will off that cars were still leaving Granite when the hearse arrived at the cemetery in Brinkman over ten miles away.

Reverend William Thomas Cost and Laura Mae Clark Cost's Children:

William Elmo Cost, master sergeant, U. S. Army, b. 5-28-1916 Brinkman, Greer County, Okla. d. 5-16-1999 Temple, Tex. of cancer. Married to Mary Ellen Reaves on 8-2-1941. Their child: Terry Lynn Cost, b. 10-29-43.

Forrest Milton Cost, postal mail carrier—Anadarko, Okla., b. 2-26-1919 Fletcher, Okla., d. 1-6-1989 Chicka-

sha Grady Memorial Hospital of cancer, residence in Anadarko, Okla. Married to Mary Ellen Wilhite on 1-5-1945 at Fort Sill, Okla. Their child: James Steven Cost, b. 5-16-1949 Anadarko, Okla.

Glenn Harding Cost, postal mail carrier—Altus, Okla., b. 3-2-1921 Fletcher, Okla., d. 11-11-1973 Altus, Okla. of a heart attack. Married to Imogean Helf on 2-5-1944. Their children: Karen Jo Cost, b. 2-12-19 45, Kent Paul Cost, b. 1-19-1952, Brad Cost, 1960.

James Wilson Cost, major, U. S. Airforce, b. 3-10-1924 Chickasha, Okla., still living. Married to Madaline Shadid. Married to second wife Joanne, 2000 at Las Vegas, Nevada. Children: Dennis Wayne Cost, Donna Carol Cost Hermon.

Herbert Holmes Cost, retail manager—TG&Y Co.—Oklahoma city, Okla., b. 11-11-1926 Oklahoma City, Okla., d. 10-6-1986 at Sayre, Okla. of a heart attack. Buried at Delhi, Okla. south of Sayre. Married to Betty Blanscet (b. 11-18-1927 Delhi, Okla.) on 6-19-1947. Their children: Linda Cost Haws, b. 1948, David Cost, b. 1951.

Helen Joan Cost, b. 10-6-1928 Purcell, Okla., d. 4-24-1996 Portland, Oregon of cancer. Married to Frank Mackey, Baptist minister. Their children: Sheila Ann Mackey, b. 2-8- 1948, Gwynna Mackey, b. 4-30- 1949, Mark Timothy Mackey, b. 12-5-1951, Michael Don Mackey, b. 10-4-1955, Laura Ruth Mackey, b. 12-18-1957, Bryan Clark Mackey, b. 7-17-1963, Patricia Grace Mackey, b. 1-26-1967, d. 19 hours after birth.

Bill Pat Cost, Chief Master Sergeant US Air Force, Civil Service Employee—Del City (Oklahoma City Metro), b. 3-4-1934 Purcell, Okla., d. 8-10-1998 Del City, Okla. of cancer. Married to Verena Rosenthal in Ratton, Okla. 6-22-1957. Their children are Judy and Trudy.



Will and Laura Cost



From left to right: W. T., Laura, Elmo, Mickey, Glenn, Wilson, Herb, Joan, and Billy Pat

The young preacher



Pappy's glasses



Percy Cost, left, and Will Cost



Will Cost, left, and Jess Cost fishing



Nathaniel Cost's sons: Nathaniel 2nd from left. W.T. far right



World War II years: Left to right back row: W.T., Elmo, Mickey, Wilson, Glenn. Front row: Billy Pat, Joan, Laura, and Herb.



The experienced minister

James Nathaniel Cost

Farmer. b. December 23, 1865, Interprise, Randolph, Bibb County, Ala. d. March 25, 1950, at Fletcher, Comanche County, Oklahoma. Married to Henrietta Gertrude (Gertie) York on August 21, 1887 at Henderson, Rusk County, Texas.

Gertie York was born August 14, 1869, died December 18, 1938 at Fletcher, Comanche County, Oklahoma. James Nathaniel Cost moved from Bibb County, Alabama as a teenager with his father and family (after losing their land after the Civil War) to Henderson, Rusk County, Texas. Moved to Greer County, Oklahoma in the late 1800s taking his family to pioneer Oklahoma Territory. Later moved to Cache, Oklahoma where he had a large farm, and then to Fletcher, Oklahoma.

His 2nd marriage to Fanny Griffin after 1939.

His 3rd marriage to Edmonia Williams before 1950.

The Cost family, including Bailey Cost and possibly J.N.'s grandfather, Thomas, Jr., had moved to East Texas after the War Between the States (Civil War) since much of their property in Alabama was ruined or taken away after the South lost the war. The Cost family stayed in the Rusk County, Texas area for approximately 35 years. It is a land of poor rocky soil and forrests of pines, not particularly good for farming.

In the early part of the 20th century political lines were being redrawn as the Oklahoma Indian Territory was being opened for settlement and nearing statehood. The court case of Texas versus the United States had been settled, and Greer County, in what is now southwest Oklahoma, was ceded to the United States and the premature formation of a new state in the union, the State of Greer, had been abandoned. (Note: the lettering on the water tower at Mangum, Greer County, Oklahoma reads "Capital of Greer." The land was then attached to Oklahoma and titles to land could be issued.

James Nathaniel purchased land very cheaply about three miles west of what used to be the town of Brinkman, Oklahoma, which was north of Mangum. All of his family including his wife and 8 boys and 4 girls moved there, with the exception of one girl, Daisey, who had married in Rusk County, Texas who remained with her husband. W. T. Cost was about 12 years old during the move. At the same time, the Clark and Herndon family moved to Greer County. W. T. Cost would later meet and marry Laura Clark.

Reba Su Barker Hall, J.N.'s great nice tells us about James Nathaniel and Gertie, "Pa' and Gertie and the children who still lived with them moved from Brinkman to Cache, Oklahoma, ten miles west of Lawton and just south of the Wichita Mountains, and had a big turkey farm. Big patches of alfalfa were grown, and the



(left) James Nathaniel and Henrietta Gertrude (York) Cost

turkeys were turned loose in the fields as "bug control." No one ever said that a turkey was especially smart, and it was a dreaded chore to have to go out in the evening to try to herd those dumb turkeys back to the pens.

The farm had a creek running through it, and you could often see one or more of the wives of Comanche Chief Quanah Parker doing their laundry on the bank, and rocks of the creek. Quanah Parker had a large house just over the hill away from the Cost house. In the foyer, stood a large cabinet with a glass door on it, and inside it was hung the hugh feather head-dress that Quanah Parker once wore. There were five stars



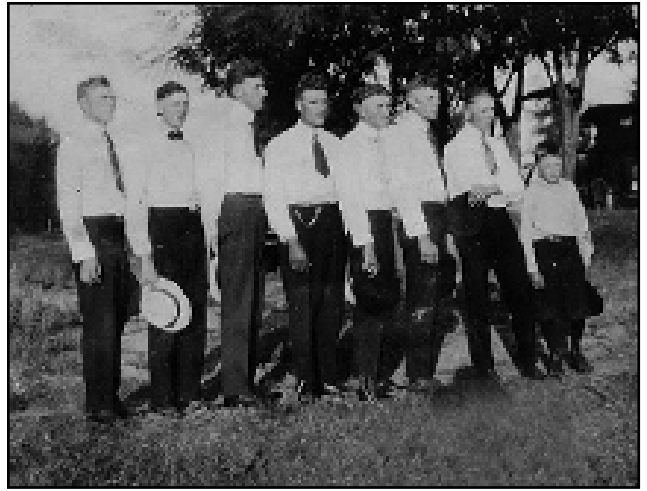
Quanah Parker home near Cache, Oklahoma

painted on Quanah Parker's house that symbolized for him that he too was a like a five star general of his Comanche people. Bonnie York, the niece of Gertie York, would often go down on the banks of the creek with Tau Pai, one of the wives of Quanah Parker, and sit and watch as she did her laundry. Bonnie couldn't speak Tau Pai's language, nor could Tau Pai speak English, but they always managed to communicate with each other.

With eleven children of their own, and their niece Bonnie York to raise, it was nothing for J. N. and Gertie to have to kill 6 or 8 hens for Sunday dinner. As soon as the boys were big enough, they went into the fields with Pa. He used a mule team to pull the plow in the fields. The girls stayed at the house with Gertie to do the washing, cleaning and cooking for a bunch of tired, hungry men.

As tall as Pa Cost was as a man (he stood well over 6' 4") Gertie York Cost was small. Her men dwarfed her in size, but no one ever challenged her word. Pa Cost was a quiet man who spoke very little and rarely ever raised his voice, but when he did, everyone listened. He demanded respect from his children, and he got it. It was nothing for the big two story house with a big wrap-around porch to be running over with company. Everyone enjoyed a visit at the Jim and Gertie Cost home. In the fall of the year, Pa Cost and his boys would kill a few hogs to eat and the rest were used to sell to buy the shoes, clothes, and school supplies his children would need, and the grocery staples that the farm didn't produce.

'Mickey' Cost, a grandson, occasionally talked about spending time at his grandparents' home. He helped Pa Cost harness up a two-mule team and go out and plow the fields and later how and pick cotton, the common crop of this area. Another story, few know, concerns Mickey and a couple of his brothers, told by Mickey to his son, Steve late in Mickey's life. Since the wildlife refuge was nearby, the brothers would often climb over the big high fence that kept the big game such as elk and buffalo in, and to (supposedly) keep people out as well. Sometimes these male children of a preacher, of all things, were a little less than angels. One day the brothers entered the wildlife refuge and saw a young buffalo calf by itself. Although it was very dangerous, and even more illegal, they decided to kill the calf and roast it for eating. They dug a big pit and built a fire and heated up lots of hot rocks and wood coals, put in



Eight sons of J.N. and Gertie Cost: John, Will, H.B., Ernest, Jess, Bailey, Percy, and Forrest.



(above) Some of the children of J. N. and Gertrude Cost: (left to right back row) Will, Maude, Ernest, Percy, Bailey, and (front) Bernice .

the butchered calf and covered the pit with an old tarp and branches of green leaves. After several hours they returned and had a big feast. The secret stayed with them for many years. Their father and grandfather would have severely punished them if they had ever found the boys out.

The J. N. Costs were not a wealthy family, but considered "comfortable" by the community. Their house still exists in Cache, but had long ago been moved to make way for the Wichita National Wildlife Reserve at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

J. N. Cost lost all of his money in the stock market crash of 1929. He and the rest of the family had just finished butchering the hogs they then sold, and they had just put the money in the bank; money with which they planned on buying school clothes, new shoes, etc. He went to town in Cache not long afterward only to find out that there had been a rush on the bank, and all the banks had to close their doors. So he and Gertie lost all of their money (like everyone else). At that time there was no FDIC that guaranteed money in the bank. It was terrible on everyone. They had all worked so hard getting in the crops and butchering the hogs to sell, only to lose it all.

About the Children of James Nathaniel and Henrietta Gertrude York:

John Monroe Cost was born August 14, 1888 at Henderson, Rusk County, Texas. Married Corene Peace on November 2, 1911 at Greer County, Oklahoma. John Cost died in Riverside, California on December 17, 1958. He was stationed in the Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and in the Army Air Force at March Field, near Riverside, California. John and Corene Cost had two sons, Chester Cost, and a daughter Eunice Delight Cost.

Dacey Josephine Cost was born December 19, 1889 at Henderson, Rusk County, Texas. Married Arch A. Adamson (b. 1-5-1879, d. 10-28-1918) on July 14, 1911, and after Arch's death, a Mr. Hays. Dacey Cost died in Rusk County, Texas April 16, 1938 from a flu epidemic. She was the only child of J. N. and Gertrude that stayed in Texas. Dacey and Arch Adamson had two sons – R. V. Adamson and Fred Adamson. Fred Adamson married Lula, and had two daughters, Gayle and Mina Jo Adamson. Dacey and Mr. Hays had two daughters – Doris and Betty Jo. Dacey died when her girls were young, and her sister Bernice Cost George and husband Jack George helped raise them. Dacey was said to be a large woman with the most beautiful face imaginable. James Nathaniel Cost always had a large chair at his house that was reserved for Dacey when she came to visit.

William Thomas Cost was born December 30, 1891 at Henderson, Rusk County, Texas. Married Laura Clark. Will Cost was a Southern Baptist Preacher who established many churches in Oklahoma including Lexington, Sayre, and others. and his hobby was collecting knives. He was also known to swap cars, too. He was always ready to swap you a knife for a different one! He also enjoyed trading cars, although he rarely owned a really good one, and usually swapped to help out a friend. Will Cost was the minister of many congregations in Oklahoma and in his last years was the chaplain at the Granite Correctional Center in Granite, Oklahoma where he had retired. Will Cost died in Granite, Greer County, Oklahoma in January 1967 in his sleep that afternoon while taking a nap, probably of a burst aneurysm, an unfortunate condition too common in Cost men. Will and Laura Cost had seven children: Elmo, Forrest Milton, James Wilson, Herb, Joan, Glenn, and Bill Pat.

Elizabeth Maude Cost was born February 5, 1894 at Henderson, Rusk County, Texas. Married Fate Taylor. Fate Taylor worked for the Rock Island Railroad, and he and Maude planned to do a lot of traveling after his retirement. Unfortunately, he didn't live long after he retired, and without him Maude never chose to travel. Maude Cost Taylor died in Cache, Comanche County, Oklahoma in November 1973. Maude and Fate Taylor had five children: Alta, Orpha, Roger, Billy, and Leo.

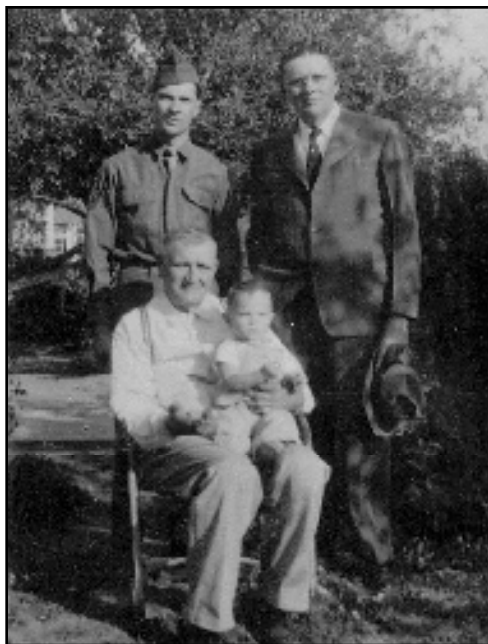
Horace Birdwell Cost was born March 31, 1896 at Henderson, Rusk County, Texas. Married May Burnett. Horace "H. B." Cost was also a Baptist preacher, and a very good barber. His older brother Will always said, "I have to study the Bible in order to preach, but all H. B. has to do

is read it and he can remember everything he reads." Horace died on August 25, 1955 in Chickasha, Grady County, Oklahoma. Horace and May had a son, Howard and a daughter, Margie. May was a wonderful cook and she took some much awaited mouth-watering dishes to the Cost Family Reunion every year, usually on the 4th of July. She worked in a ladies apparel shop in Chickasha, and always looked like she had stepped out of a fashion magazine with every hair in place.

Jesse Lee Cost was born December 10, 1897 at Henderson, Rusk County, Texas. Married Maggie Glover. Jesse died September 9, 1954 in Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma. He was in the Army as a career man and was stationed at Ft. Sill. Jesse and Maggie had five children: Wallace, Juanita, Harold, Ruby and Neil.

Joseph Bailey Cost was born March 15, 1900 at Henderson, Rusk County, Texas and died October 24, 1975 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He married Sophia Mulholland. Bailey and Sophia Cost had two daughters – Alice and Gerturde, and a son Thomas Bailey "Buddy". Bailey had beautiful wavy hair, and a warm smile, and Sophia wore frilly socks and high heels.

Ernest Nathaniel Cost was born August 27, 1903 at Henderson, Rusk County, Texas. He died May, 1964 in Elgin, Comanche County, Oklahoma near Lawton. Ernest was a farmer. He was a very nice and gentle man just like his father. He married Minnie Herndon. The Herndons and Clarks were relatives by marriage. Laura Clark Cost's, (wife of Rev. W. T. Cost) maternal grandfather was a Herndon, and Minnie Herndon was her cousin. Minnie was a very sweet person. She was a tiny woman and very jolly. She never talked bad about anyone, and always found something nice to say. Ernest died in Elgin, Comanche County, Oklahoma in 1964. Ernest and Minnie had no children.



*(standing) Elmo and his father, Will Cost
(seated) James Nathaniel with Elmo's son Terry*

James Forrest Cost was born January 12, 1905 at Henderson, Rusk County, Texas. He married Thelma Murphey. Forrest was a barber, and Thelma was a beautician, but they owned a nice large farm between Rush Springs and Chickasha, Oklahoma, with a beautiful, homey house, a pond for fishing with a small row boat, and forest for hunting that was a haven for all the family to visit. The invitation was always open for anyone to stop, eat, and enjoy. Forrest and Thelma had no children of their own, but are deeply loved by a host of nieces and nephews. As pretty as a picture, Thelma would don her "hunting gear", take her gun, and go squirrel hunting with the kids. Rush Springs is famous for watermelons, and they would always have a few cold watermelons ready for visitors in the summer time. They raised a lot of turkeys, and the kids would chase or more often be chase by these not-so-smart birds. Forrest died in Rush Springs, Grady County, Oklahoma in 1957.

Bernice Lorine Cost was born August 24, 1907 in Greer County, near what was to become Brinkman, Oklahoma. She married Jack George, and later a Mr. Slade. Bernice and Jack had no children, and neither did Bernice and Mr. Slade. Bernice was a seamstress, and a very good one. She could take a piece of material and whip up a dress in no time without a pattern. All she had to do was get a look at something in the store window, and she could match or better it any day, any time. Jack drove a bus, and often took people on tours in and around Salt Lake City.



James Nathaniel and Henrietta Gertrude York Cost

James Nathaniel Cost moved his family from Henderson, Rusk County, Texas to pioneer virgin land in Greer County, Oklahoma (Territory) near what was to become the small town of Brinkman, Oklahoma, north of Mangum and west of Granite, Oklahoma (Brinkman no longer exists as a township, but the cemetery still exists in fairly good shape.)



Unfortunately, Bernice lost her eyesight, a most precious gift, before she died. She was a jolly person, with a smile a mile wide, and pretty naturally curly hair.

Percy Loveland Cost was born on December 1, 1909 in Greer County, near what was to become Brinkman, Oklahoma. He married Mable F. Alexander. Percy died on March 21, 1965 in Medicine Park, Comanche County, Oklahoma. Percy worked for Civil Service after his 20 years in the Army. Percy and Mabel had one son, Ken Regan Cost, born in 1949. The family lived in the Wichita Mountains near the east side of the Wildlife Reservation very near the town of Medicine Park on a large acreage close to a mountain side, complete with a small pond and a grove of trees where many 4th of July Cost Family Reunions were held with a big old-fashioned bring your "covered-dish" dinner and picnic and everyone brought some fireworks to shoot in the evening.

Bonnie Hyacinth York (as told by Reba Sue Barker Hall, her daughter) was born February 1, 1918 and was also raised as a member of the family of Jim and Gertie Cost. Bonnie was the niece of Gertie York Cost. In fact, Gertie was the elder sister of Peyton York who was Bonnie's father. Peyton's wife Lucy Elizabeth Thompson died January 5, 1919 at the early age of 39 leaving Peyton with the inenviable task of raising 11 children, many of the very young, and Bonnie just a baby of 11 months in 1919. Peyton asked his older sister to take Bonnie and care for her until he could make arrangements for her care. Times were hard, and he followed the work around the oil fields, moving his family often to go where he could find work. Years passed and Peyton eventually married again this time to Bertha Murray. She had seven children of her own and they had two sons and a daughter together. All of these factors kept Peyton from going to get Bonnie sooner, and when the day came for him to do just that, J. N. "Pa" Cost told him he had waited too long, that they were attached to her, and loved her and didn't want to give her up. Peyton understood and left Bonnie with the J. N. Cost's family, and of course he allowed Bonnie to make frequent visits to Peyton's family, and spend part of her summer with her father, step-mother, brothers, sisters, half brothers, half sister, step-brothers, and step-sisters. But home was where the heart was, as they say, and that home was with "Pa and Auntie" Cost who lived in Cache, Oklahoma in those days.



Bernice Lorene Cost



Elizabeth Maud Cost Taylor



Ernest and Minnie (Herndon) Cost



Forrest and Thelma Cost



Gertrude with her father, Joseph Bailey Cost



Horace and Mae Cost



Forrest, Ernest and Jess Cost



John and Corene Cost with sons Chester and Carl Donald (front)

Bailey Cost

Farmer & Civil War Veteran

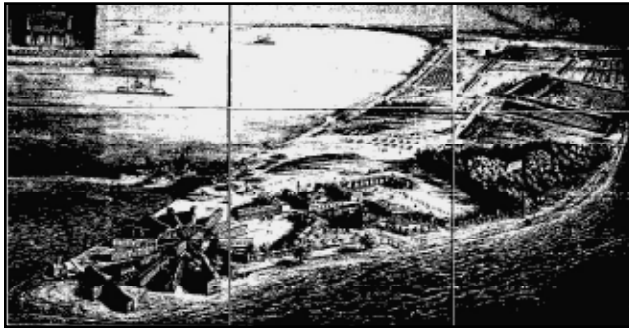
b. 1830 Hartzelle, Bibb Co., Alabama

d. 1904 , Henderson, Texas

Married **Elizabeth Alphin** 10-30-1856 Bibb Co., Alabama
second wife **Missouri Beasley** 12-25-1877 Chilton Co., Ala.

Listed in 1870 Bibb County, Alabama census and moved his family to Rusk County, Texas and is listed in the 1880 census. He was listed as Baily Cost in the Civil War Muster Rolls, enlisting with the 44th Alabama Infantry as a Private. John Bailey fought along with his brother Pickney. Bailey, was captured by Union forces and imprisoned at Point Lookout, Maryland.

A prison camp for Confederate prisoners of war, Point Lookout, Md., sat on the tip of the peninsula where the Potomac River joins Chesapeake Bay. In the two years during which the camp was in operation, August, 1863, to June, 1865, Point Lookout overflowed with inmates, surpassing its intended capacity of 10,000 to a population numbering between 12,500 and 20,000. In all, over 50,000 men, both military and civilian, were held prisoner there, including Bailey.



Point Lookout prison camp for Confederate prisoners of war

G.W. Jones, a private of Co. H, 24th Virginia Cavalry, described his ominous entrance into the prison amidst “a pile of coffins for dead rebels,” hearing the lid close shut on his own soon thereafter when he learned that the system of prisoner exchanges had been suspended for the duration of the war. Jones described the camp as laid out into a series of streets and trenches, intended to aid in drainage, and surrounded by a fourteen foot parapet wall. Prisoners, who lived sixteen or more to a tent, were subjected to habitually short rations and limited fire wood in winter, and when the coffee ration was suspended for federal prisoners at Andersonville, the Point Lookout prisoner lost theirs as well.

The worst the prisoners suffered, however, may have been inflicted by the physical conditions. The flat topography, sandy soil, and an elevation barely above high tide led to poor drainage, and the area was subjected to every imaginable extreme of weather, from blazing heat to bone-chilling cold. Polluted water exacerbated the problems of inadequate food, clothing, fuel, housing, and medical care,

and as a result, approximately 4,000 prisoners died there over 22 months.

In addition to his terrible war imprisonment, Bailey also lost his farm after the war and was said to have re-lived the war everyday afterwards.

Children of Bailey Cost:

George Washington Cost?

Catherine Cost b. 9-4-1859, d. 1932, married Joseph Henry May

Rebecca Cost?

Thomas Erwin Cost b. 3-11-1860, d. 12-07-1936,

John Cost b. ca. 1863 or 1864

James Nathaniel Cost b. 12-23-1865, d. 3-25-1950

Shelton Cost b. ca. 1868, d. 1958

Mary Alice Cost b. ca. 1869 Ala., d. 1964

Samantha Cost b. ca. 1872 or 1873 in Ala.

Alabama Infantry, Confederacy

Records show over twenty Cost men served in the Confederate States of America Army, and many more may have served but the records have been lost. On file in the National Archives in Washington, D. C.:

Allen W. Cost, Private, A Company, 2nd Alabama Cavalry
Andrew J. Cost, Corporal, C Company, 10th Alabama Infantry

Bailey Cost, Private, H Company, 44th Alabama Infantry
Enoch Cost, Private, O Company, 44th Mississippi Infantry
Henry W. Cost, 2nd Lieut., G Company, 20th Alabama Infantry

Fillman Cost, Private, D Company, 1st Louisiana Infantry
Fillmore Cost, Private, F Company, 21st Louisiana Infantry
H. H. Cost, Private, A Company, 2nd Alabama Cavalry
J. Cost, Private, H Company, 59th Alabama Infantry
James Cost, Private, A Company, 2nd Alabama Cavalry
J. B. Cost, Private H Company, 62nd Alabama Infantry
J. M. Cost, Private, A Company, 10th Alabama Infantry
J. N. Cost, Private, G Company, Louisiana Militia
John Cost, C. P. of Instructors, Talladega, Alabama
John Cost, Corporal, B Company, 13th Louisiana infantry
John M. Cost, Captain, B Company, 45th Arkansas Cavalry
N. Cost, Private, A Company, 2nd Texas Infantry
Pinkney Cost, Private, H Company, 29th Alabama Infantry
Pinkney Cost, Private, H Company, 44th Alabama Infantry
R. Cost, Private, C Company, 62nd Alabama Infantry
William Cost, Private, C Company, 10th Alabama Infantry
William T. (Thomas?) Cost, Private, D Company, 28th Alabama Infantry

Originally a pinewoods lumbering town, then a cotton center, Henderson, Texas in Rusk County, was transformed in 1830 when C. M. Joiner struck the first gusher of the fabulously rich East Texas Oil Field nearby. The site of an Old Shawnee village is in the area.



Bailey Cost moved from Hartzelle, Bibb County, Alabama to Henderson, Rusk County, Texas in the late 1870s.

Thomas Cost, Jr.

Farmer

b. ca. 1798 North Carolina d. ca. 1865 Overton, Rusk County, Texas,

Buried Temp Smith Cemetery, Chilton Co., Ala.

Married Mary "Polly" Smith on 8-29-1821 Bibb Co., Alabama

Mary "Polly" Smith (or sometimes called Pollio) b. 1803 Bibb Co. Ala., d. ca. 1850 in Rusk Co. Tex. Also older sister to Sarah Smith and a daughter of Adam Smith and Elizabeth Gomer.

Thomas Jr. also had much land and it seemed to border his father's land on Fork Creek and Reed Creek. The only record found of a land grant for Thomas Jr. from North Carolina was applied for on June 6, 1796 for 50 acres on Fork Creek and was granted on August 20, 1802. He also bought 500 acres from Moses Allen on the banks of Reed Creek. Thomas Jr. most likely inherited land from his father as well. Thomas Jr. was listed on the tax list of 1815 in Randolph County, and being over 45 years old he was legally over the age of taxation. The tax list shows that he owned 434 acres on Fork Creek and 500 acres on Bear Creek. The total value of the land was \$725. Thomas Jr. At that time it lists that he has two sons over the age of sixteen and that he paid a poll tax on them.

Thomas, Jr. probably lost his land shortly after the Civil War because he couldn't pay his taxes and due to the fact that so much was destroyed or otherwise lost after the South lost the war. He must have moved his family to Rusk County in East Texas during the war or right after it since he is thought to have died in Overton, Texas. He is buried in Temp Smith Cemetery, Chilton County, Alabama. His son, Bailey, also moved to Rusk County, Texas. Another son, William Penn, moved to Maryland where there were already some Cost relatives, and William Thomas remained in Alabama, as did his sisters.

Children of Thomas Cost, Jr. and Mary Polly Smith:

Bailey Cost, male, b. ca. 1829 Bibb Co., Alabama, d. 1904 Henderson, Rusk Co. Texas

William Penn Cost, law clerk and lawyer, b. 1832 Hartzelle, Bibb Co., Alabama, d. 1892 Baltimore, Maryland

William Thomas Cost, lumber and furniture business, b. 1833 Hartzelle, Bibb Co., Alabama, d. 1867 Hartzelle, Alabama.

Dacey Cost, female, b. ca. 1844 or 1845

Pinkney Cost, male, b. 1832 in Randolph, Bibb Co. Alabama, d. 12-29-1904 Chilton Co. Alabama, married Molice Spinks 10-3-1857.

Sarah Cost, married Absalem Franklin

Bibb County records show these marriages:

COST, Eli to LINDSEY, Methany Apr 12 1827

COST, Pinkney to SPINKS, Molsey Oct 07 1857

COST, William to ALPHIN, Nancy May 06 1843

Thomas Cost, Sr.

Farmer

b. ca. 1760 probably in Randolph County, North Carolina d. 7-3-1837 Shelby Co. Alabama

wife unknown

Lived during the Revolutionary War. Thomas Cost and his son, Thomas, Junior, lived near Ashboro, North Carolina and received several parcels of land through grants. The first record yet found of Thomas Cost, Senior, was on the first tax list of Randolph County, North Carolina when it was established in 1779. Thomas was listed on the tax list of Windsor Pearce. He was listed as having 440 acres of land, one slave worth 400 pounds sterling, 12 horses, 20 head of cattle, and money on hand in bank notes of £2,042 (pounds). Comparing this to the property listed for others, he was well off for his time and place.

Thomas and his son Thomas, Jr. are also listed in the first census of the United States. They were in Hillsborough District, Randolph County, North Carolina. Thomas had three males under 16 years of age and four females living in his household. Thomas Jr. is listed as having one male over 16 years of age (himself), one female (his wife), and one slave. From the census it seems Thomas Sr. was born between 1740 and 1750, and Thomas Jr. born between 1760 and 1770. As the colonial records are few on the ladies of the times, the names of wives are usually missing.

The Cost land grants are almost all along Fork Creek and Reed Creek, south of Ashboro. The first grant known for Thomas, Sr. was filed on March 16, 1785 and granted on July 24, 1786. It was for 100 acres on Fork Creek. He next entered a claim for 60 acres on Reed Creek on June 13, 1791 and was granted December 1, 1796. He was also granted 48 acres on Fork Creek on March 14, 1804. Thomas Sr. purchased 240 acres on Fork and Reed Creek from David and Elizabeth Coble of Orange County, North Carolina on March 2, 1804.

Randolph County was formed in 1779. It was formed from Guilford County. The name of the county came from Peyton Randolph who was first president of the Continental Congress. Jesse Hadley gave land to the county on which to build a courthouse. This land was located near the center of the county and became Asheborough which continues to be the county seat. Now spelled, Asheboro, the town was named for Governor Samuel Ashe.

In its earliest known days Randolph County was a hunting ground for the Catawba band of the Cherokee Indians. Settlers first came to the area in the 1740's. In 1779 when Randolph County was formed, tax records showed that there were 879 taxable people. This number did not include women and children. Randolph County grew due to gold mines, cotton mills, and other industry and prospered until the Civil War. Randolph County was pro-Union and anti-slavery due to strong Friends influence, but still it provided 3,000 soldiers to the North Carolina troops.

As well settled Thomas Cost Sr. was in Randolph

County, we find that on July 24, 1817 Thomas sold 166 acres on Fork Creek and 434 acres on Reed Creek to John Cassaday. With 12 children, six sons and six daughters, he left North Carolina, and along with some of his neighbors traveled many miles under wilderness conditions to Mississippi Territory, soon to be the state of Alabama.

Bibb County was created by the Alabama Territorial Legislature on February 7, 1818. It was one of the first thirteen counties to be added to the seven already existing when Alabama was still a part of the Mississippi Territory. Originally, it was called Cahaba (spelled Cahawba for many years) to preserve the name given it by the Choctaw Indians, Oka Aba. On December 4, 1820, the State Legislature renamed it in honor of the late Governor William Wyatt Bibb. As it was then constituted, it contained much of what is now the southern part of Shelby County and the western part of Chilton County. Its present area is 625 square miles. Shelby County was created by an act of the Alabama Territorial General Assembly on February 7, 1818, from former Creek Indian territory ceded in the Treaty of Fort Jackson on August 9, 1814. It is located in the north-central part of the state and is bounded on the north by Jefferson and St. Clair counties, on the south by Chilton and Bibb counties, on the east by Talladega county and on the west by Bibb and Jefferson counties. About one-half of the county is in the mineral belt. Shelby County encompasses 800 square miles.

Shelby county, Alabama is named for Isaac Shelby, first governor of Kentucky. The location of the first county seat was Shelbyville. In 1826 the town of Columbia changed its name to Columbiana and became the permanent county seat,

The first record of Costs in Alabama was Thomas Cost Sr. witnessing a will for Thomas Coker drawn up on May 26, 1818, recorded in Mississippi territory and later the same year again in the the new Bibb County, Alabama. In other records, his wife, her name still unknown, is listed in the 1830 Shelby County, Alabama census as being between 80 and 90 years old.

The Smith and Johnston families were married into the

Cost family and were probably early neighbors of Thomas Cost Jr. Three of Thomas Cost's children married three of Adam and Elizabeth Smith's children. Thomas Cost Jr. married Polly Smith, and John Cost married Sarah Smith, and Catherine Cost married John Smith. two of the Cost girls married Johnston men. Sina married Thomas Johnston Jr. and Elizabeth married his brother Samuel Johnston. Nancy Cost married Martin Comer.

Children of Thomas Cost:

Eli Cost, b. ca 1790 North Carolina, d. 5-10-1846 Shelby Co. Alabama.

Married Barthena Lindsey (d. 1890) on 4-12-1827.

Thomas Cost, Jr., b. ca. 1798 North Carolina, d. ca. 1865 Shelby Co. Alabama.

Peter Cost, b. ca. 1795 North Carolina, married Mary Magdalena Gross 6-13-1808

Catherine Cost, b. ca. 1800 North Carolina, d. ca. 1860, married John Smith 1-2-1819 Cahawba Dist. Ala.

Elizabeth Cost, b. ca. 1800 North Carolina

John Cost, b. ca. 1800 North Carolina, d. ca. 1847 Bibb Co. Alabama, married Sarah Smith (b. ca. 1810, d. 1850) on 9-4-1820, daughter of Adam Smith and Elizabeth Gomer.

Elijah Cost, b. ca. 1801, married Caroline ray on 9-24-1844 Shelby Co. Ala.

Joshua Cost, b. ca. 1805, married Elizabeth Pickett, 10-18-1834 Shelby Co. Ala.

Nancy Cost, b. ca. 1810

Sina Cost, b. ca. 1810, married William Howard, 10-2-1839 Shelby Co. Ala.

Mary Cost, b. ca. 1815

Sarah Cost, b. ca. 1815



Thomas Cost land was near Ashboro, Hillsboro District, Randolph County, North Carolina



Thomas Cost moved to land near Hartzelle, Bibb County, Alabama

John Cost

Possibly a sheep herder thought to have been born 1745 Spring Place, Georgia thought to have died 1799 Spring Place, Georgia

Spring Place was an early outpost in Cherokee country, and had been established in 1801 as a Moravian mission to the Cherokees and had been a post office since 1810 - the second oldest in North Georgia. Soon after the Cherokee "Trail of Tears," the white people who had drawn or purchased Murray County land lots of 160 acres in the Georgia Land Lottery were pouring into the area.

Jon Cost or Coste European Ancestor?

Possibly a sheep herder, b. 1718 France, departed Bordeaux, France, arrived Savannah, Georgia 4-17-1742 and married to Sarah O'Hara. Possibly d. 1772 Spring Place, Georgia.

James Wilson Cost, of Riverside, California wrote to me in the 1970s:

"The Cost family in America started with a French Basque sheep herder named Jon De LaCoste who sailed from Bordeaux, France with some sheep and landed at Savannah, Georgia on the the 17th day of April, 1742. The family has traced from Georgia and North Carolina area to just south of Birmingham, Alabama where they owned large acreages of land and slaves which they then lost after the Civil War, because they couldn't pay their taxes. My branch of the family tree (Bailey, Cost) moved to Eastern Texas (Rusk County) where they stayed approximately 35 years and then moved to Greer County, Oklahoma. (note: the letter continued)."

In another letter James Wilson wrote: "After a lot of work, study and an outlay of some money, I have come to the conclusion that finding out who your ancestors are is a lot of work and probably not worth it. I hired a young man named James Catro who is studying for his doctorate in Library Sciences and Genealogy to do a lot of the work that has been done. I did some of the research to see if what he was telling me was the truth and to satisfy myself. Also the Herdon side of the family work was done by Lazell Clark. I checked on her work and found it to be correct."

He continues..."In my efforts to find all I could about the Cost family, I found out a lot of very interesting things other than the first Cost came here as a sheep herder. One of Jon Coste's brother's son (nephew) married Rebecca Boone, the daughter of Daniel Boone. One man of that branch of the tree was a Supreme Court Justice of the Maryland Supreme Court in 1874-78.

...I have found that the largest concentration of people by the name of Cost outside the United States were in Western and Southwestern France, with the second largest



Colonial Georgia (with Savannah) and Carolina.

in Holland.

...I have found that some of the Costs in France took the name because it also means 'people from the side of the mountains'.

...(there are colored people or negros in the United States with the name of Cost) and they derived the name from a man named William Penn Cost, who was a brother of my great grand father, John Bailey Cost. (note: he calls Bailey Cost John Bailey Cost'.)

...A man named William Manley Cost of Hartzelle, Alabama furnished the missing links to join the family tree to the Coste family of France. His grandfather was William Thomas Cost (note: son of Thomas Cost, Jr.), name-sake of my father, and he (William Thomas) was the brother of our great grandfather John Bailey Cost.

...William Penn Cost (note: son of Thomas Cost, Jr.) moved after the Civil War to Maryland where there were relatives (possibly from Silas Peter Cost's descendants).

...From what William Manley Cost indicated the family split after the Civil War such that the three limbs never saw each other again." (note: there was no reason given by James Wilson about *why* the family split, and he wasn't specific about the *three* limbs of the family.)

James Wilson continues with a genealogy that shows where the family may have first diverged with Silas Cost, who's offspring may have migrated to the North:

"JON COSTE, sheep herder, b. France 1718, came to Savannah, Georgia 4-17-1743, d. Spring Place, Georgia, 1772. Married Sarah O'Hara

Jon Coste's son - JOHN COST, sheep herder b. 1745, Spring Place, Georgia, d. 1799 Spring Place, Georgia.

John Cost's son - THOMAS COST, SR., Farmer b. ca. 1760 probably in Randolph County, North Carolina d. 7-3-1837 Shelby Co. Alabama

John Cost's son - JOHN PAUL COST, sheep herder, b. 1766 Dalton, Georgia, d. Rome, Georgia.

John Paul Cost's son - Silas Peter Cost, d. Dalton,

Georgia. His offspring are supposed to be in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland.”

It is difficult or impossible to find records of these early years – records were not kept or may have been destroyed by fire, flood or war. I have not been able to cross-reference my uncle’s research as yet. But there is growing speculation that the Costs and Costes have common ancestors and several people are trying to complete the puzzle. I would like to be able to have correspondence or talk with Dr. James Castro. William Manley Cost of Hartzelle, Alabama, unfortunately died in 1965.

There are other speculations about European Cost or Coste (or other derivatives of the name) immigrants who may be our direct ancestors.

Perhaps there may be some connection to those who came from Germany who were called Kost.

James Wilson said he found that Jon Coste’s wife may have been named Sarah O’Hara, perhaps an Irish lady. We do know Thomas Senior’s family had very English names, not French, such as Peter, Thomas, John, Elijah, Joshua, Nancy, William, and Mary. Thomas, Jr. had a daughter named Sarah, and she could have been named after Sarah O’Hara. These English or Irish names could have been Sarah O’Hara’s naming decisions instead of French names, or more likely it is possible the immigrating male Cost ancestor was English. *If* he were French, since we do not see many given names that are particularly French, the family must have decided to “Americanize” quickly.

Coste-named families who immigrated to Nova Scotia, Canada and Maryland have many English-sounding named family members.

And there *seems* to be two separate branches here in the United States, with one branch (ours) settling in the South particularly in Alabama, with Bailey’s family later migrating to Texas. The other branch *may have* migrated from North Carolina to Virginia, Maryland, Ohio and other places in the North. William Penn Cost moved to Maryland. There probably is a common ancestor, but as of this printing we have not established who that person was.

The search for a well-documented European immigrant for our family branch continues, but for now I will trust the research of James Wilson Cost and we will call him Jon de LaCoste of France. (note: there is a small town, LaCoste, Province, France, where, in the 1700s, the Marquis de Sade lived in a castle on a hill at the top of the town. Today it looks much as it always has, surrounded by rolling hills, farms and many fine wine vineyards.



LaCoste, Province, France



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Gertie York was born August 14, 1869, and died December 18, 1938 at Fletcher, Comanche County, Oklahoma. She was married to James Nathaniel Cost on August 21, 1887 at Henderson, Rusk County, Texas. She was the daughter of James Monroe York b. 12-30-1837 Benton Co., Alabama, d. 5-29-1911 Rusk Co., Texas and Henrietta Temperance O’Quinn b. 1-19-1839 Deepstep, Washington Co., Georgia d. 4-18-1917 Henderson, Rusk Co., Texas. She and James Nathaniel Cost moved from Henderson, Rusk County, Texas to rural Greer County, Oklahoma in the late 1800s before there were any towns in that area. They later moved to Cache, Oklahoma and then farther east to Fletcher, Oklahoma.



Henrietta Gertrude “Gertie” York at home place in Cache, Okla.

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