

## Generation 3

### Children of William C. and Sarah Wilson Oxsheer Sutphen

#### I. John S. Sutphen

Born: April 13, 1859 in Nacogdoches County, TX  
Died: August 11, 1866 in Nacogdoches County, TX  
Buried: Greenwood Cemetery in Garrison, Nacogdoches County, Texas

John died at the age of seven, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Garrison, Nacogdoches County, Texas. He appears in the 1860 census with his family.

#### Documents:

- 1860 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- Headstone

#### II. George Ellmore Sutphen

Born: August 19, 1860  
Died: July 12, 1937 in Baird, Callahan Co., TX  
Buried: Ross Cemetery, Baird, Callahan County, Texas  
Married: December 10, 1885 in Caddo, Stevens Co., TX to

#### Mary Anna Scogin

Born: Sept. 22, 1869 in TX  
Died: March 07, 1957 in Baird, Callahan Co., TX  
Buried: Ross Cemetery, Baird, Callahan County, Texas  
Parents: William Scogin and Mary Ann Richardson Self

George's father William had just been granted guardianship of his own younger siblings after the death of their mother in early 1860, so George was the youngest of 10 children in the house until the following year when he got another brother. He was the only one of William and Sarah's 3 children to survive to adulthood.

The 1870 Census shows George with his mother and other family members in the 5<sup>th</sup> District, Nacogdoches County, Linn Flat Post Office. In 1880, they are living with Sarah's brother-in-law and half-sister, Sam and Annie Sutphen, in Wonders Beat, Nacogdoches County.

The family moved to Caddo in Stephens County, Texas, sometime between 1881 and 1883.

George married Mary Anna Scogin on December 10, 1885 in Caddo, Stevens Co., Texas. Mary was the daughter of William Scogin and Mary Ann Richardson Self. The Scogin family came to Texas from Leake County, Mississippi in the 1850's; the family was in Alabama (Conecuh and Monroe Counties) in the 1830's and 1840's. The Richardsons came to Texas in 1854 from Walker County, Alabama.

The family moved from Stephens County to Callahan County in 1891. They lived on I.N. Jackson's ranch north of Baird from 1892 to 1896, then on Murray Harris's ranch in 1896 and 1897. The older children would stay in town at Grandma Scogin's house in Baird so they could attend school. In 1898 they moved to Elmdale in western Callahan County, where they farmed and raised cattle and hogs.

The 1900 census shows the family in Precinct 5, Callahan County. Listed with George and Mary are five children and George's mother Sarah.

In 1901 George bought a section of land in Mitchell County near Iatan. Eva Sutphen Sweatt wrote about the move in her book "Reflections of the Past":

*Papa met us at Iatan. The country was so barren and awful looking that I cried and said, "Mama, let's go back home." She said, "Honey, this is our home." But I think she felt like crying herself,*

*as the place was pretty much of a mess... it took us a long time to get the house clean enough that we could kind of stand to live in it."*

The 1910 census shows the family in Mitchell County, Precinct 2. Seven of their ten children are still at home. Sarah is not listed with the family, even though she lived with them until she died in 1916.

In 1916, George decided to move the family again. He had a choice between land near San Angelo on the Concho River, and a slightly larger piece of land in Andrews County for the same price; he chose the Andrews land. The family loaded the wagon and moved in November of 1916. Not all their possessions fit in the wagon, so they had to leave some things behind, including a Murphy bed and a dresser with a large mirror.

The next few years were hard; 1917 brought drought and sandstorms, and 1918 started with a blizzard that brought temperatures of 12° below zero. Two of George and Mary Anna's sons, Conner and Claud, were called up in the draft in World War 1, but both returned safely. George also served during the war, as a Government Appeal Agent for Andrews County.

The 1920 census shows the family in Precinct 1, Andrews County, on Seminole Road. Five children are still in the home. George gives his occupation a stock farmer.

The family moved back to Baird in Callahan County, which was a thriving railroad town east of Abilene. They are living at 308 Callowhill in Baird, Callahan County, for the 1930 census. Curtis is the only child still at home. George owns their home, worth \$3500. The Brewer family is also shown at the same address, renting lodging for \$20 a month.

George died in 1937 in Baird, Callahan County, Texas, and was buried in Ross Cemetery in Baird. His death certificate shows his death was caused by "mitral regurgitation." Mary Anna died of colon cancer in 1957 in Baird, and was also buried in Ross Cemetery.

George and Mary Anna had 12 children: William Andrew, Claud, Eva, Connor, Eunice, Robert Lee, Ira Holt, Isaac Brennand, Emma Fay, Margie Anna, Curtis, and an infant who died at birth.

#### **Documents:**

- 1860 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1870 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1880 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1900 Census, Callahan County, Texas
- 1910 Census, Mitchell County, Texas
- 1920 Census, Andrews County, Texas
- 1930 Census, Callahan County, Texas
- Reflections of the Past. Eva Sutphen Sweatt, 1972
- Marriage Record of Nacogdoches County, Texas, 1824 – 1881. Clayton, 1968
- Letters, Mayme Vanecek to Curtis Sutphen, 1966
- Death certificates
- Headstones

### **III. William A. Sutphen**

Born: January 29, 1862 in Nacogdoches County, TX

Died: October 02, 1867 in Nacogdoches County, TX

Buried: Greenwood Cemetery, Garrison, Nacogdoches County, Texas

William died at age five and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Garrison, Nacogdoches County, Texas.

#### **Documents:**

- Headstone

## Children of David S. and Sarah Phillips Sutphen

### I. John M. Sutphen

Born: February 17, 1870 in Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County, TX

Died: December 26, 1956 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, TX

Buried: Mount Olivet Cemetery, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas

Married: April 03, 1895 in Iredell, Bosque County, TX

### Pink Novella Terrell

Born: July 23, 1877 in Iredell, Bosque County, TX

Died: March 06, 1960 in Stephenville, Erath County, TX

Buried: Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Parents: James Terrell and Mary Jane Moore

John's father, David, died when John was an infant. He is not listed in the 1880 census with his mother, and has not been found with another relative.

John married Pink Terrell in 1895, daughter of James Terrell and Mary Jane Moore.

John and Pink appear in Iredell, Bosque County, in the 1910 census. John is listed as a farm worker, living in a rented house. His mother is living with the family.

The 1920 Census places the family at 105 21<sup>st</sup> Street in Tyler, Smith County, Texas. John lists his occupation as a bookkeeper at an oil station.

The 1930 census shows Pink as the head of the household, renting a house for \$25.00 at 1610 S. Marsalis in Dallas. Living with her are her children Olin, Glenn, Jack, Mayme, and James. Olin and Glenn are listed as merchants of furniture. John was not found in the 1930 census.

John died in 1956 of coronary thrombosis (heart attack) at Howards Sanitarium in Fort Worth, and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery. His death certificate shows his usual residence as 5015 Amherst in Dallas, but that he had been in Fort Worth 40 years. His occupation is stockyard weigh master. The informant was his daughter, Jessie Sutphen Garrity.

Pink died in 1960 at Stephenville Hospital, where she had been one year. Her cause of death was Hypostatic pneumonia due to arteriosclerosis and cerebrovascular disease. The informant on her death certificate was her son, Glenn David Sutphen. Her obituary was in the Dallas Morning News on March 8, 1960:

*Funeral services for Mrs. Pink Sutphen of 7343 Eccles, a Dallas resident for 36 years, will be held at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday in the Restland Funeral Chapel, Greenville and Valley View Lane, with the Rev. Tom Shipp officiating. Burial will be in Restland Memorial Park.*

*Mrs. Sutphen, 82, died Sunday in a Stephenville, Erath County, hospital after a long illness.*

*She was born in Irdell, Bosque County.*

*Survivors are four sons, Olin Lee Sutphen, Glenn David Sutphen, Jack Bell Sutphen and James Ross Sutphen of Dallas; three Daughters, Mrs. Paul Langdon and Mrs. Charles Venecek of Burbank, Calif., and Mrs., Johnny Garrity of Dallas, and five grandchildren.*

John and Pink had nine children: Vernon, Olin, Homer, David, Zelma, Jessie, Jack, Mayme, and James.

### Documents:

- 1910 Census, Bosque County, Texas
- 1920 Census, Smith County, Texas
- 1930 Census, Dallas County, Texas
- Letters, Mayme Vanecek to Curtis Sutphen, 1966
- Dallas Morning News. March 8, 1960
- Death Certificates

## Children of Samuel C. and Saphronia Oxsheer Sutphen

### I. Frank Sutphen

Born: October 26, 1871 in Nacogdoches County, TX  
Died: September 17, 1878 in Nacogdoches County, TX  
Buried: Greenwood Cemetery, Nacogdoches County, Texas

### II. Mallie Sutphen

Born: February 26, 1873 in Nacogdoches County, TX  
Died: August 19, 1880 in Nacogdoches County, TX  
Buried: Greenwood Cemetery, Nacogdoches County, Texas

Frank and Mallie both died before the family moved to Caddo in Stephens County, and are buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Garrison, Nacogdoches County, Texas.

#### Documents:

- Headstones

### III. Maud Sutphen

Born: January 16, 1875 in Nacogdoches County, Texas  
Died: April 17, 1894, Stephens County, Texas  
Buried: Caddo Cemetery, Caddo, Stephens County, Texas

Maud died at age 19 and was buried in Caddo Cemetery.

#### Documents:

- Headstone

### IV. Della Sutphen

Born: September 19, 1876 in Nacogdoches County, Texas  
Died: January 11, 1960 in Tom Green County, Texas  
Buried: Fairmount Cemetery, San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas  
Married: About 1911 to

#### Alex J. Davis

Born: April 5, 1880 in Texas  
Died: August 6, 1935 in Tom Green County, Texas  
Buried: Fairmount Cemetery, San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas  
Parents: G. W. Davis and Ellen Puett

Della Sutphen was probably born in 1876, but several censuses give different dates.

In the 1880 census, she is age 3, with her family in Wonder's Beat, Nacogdoches County.

Della seems to appear twice in the 1900 census. She appears with her family in Precinct 2, and as a boarder living with the Arrington family in Stephens County, Justice Precinct 1. Her occupation is stated as "at school."

Della taught school in Iatan, Mitchell County for one year in the early 1900's, where she taught the children of her cousin George E. Sutphen.

Della married Alex Davis about 1911. He was a son of G. W. and Ellen Puett Davis, born in 1880.

Alex and Della have not been found on the 1920 census.

The 1930 Census for Tom Green County lists Alex and Della in San Angelo, Tom Green County. They own a home worth \$2000, and Alex is a Realtor.

Alex died of liver cancer in San Angelo on August 6, 1935. His death certificate gives his residence as 1313 South Harrison in San Angelo, and states that he had lived there for 6 years. His occupation is given as Ranchman.

Della died in 1960 of Pneumonia in Baptist Memorial Hospital in San Angelo. Her death certificate shows that she was still living on South Harrison. Her niece, Mrs. T. H. Housenfluck, was the informant.

They are both buried in Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo. They had no known children.

**Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Stephens County, Texas
- 1930 Census, Tom Green County, Texas
- Death certificates

**V. Mary Sutphen**

Born: May 3, 1878, probably Nacogdoches County, Texas

Died: June 25, 1931, Stephens County, Texas

Buried: Caddo Cemetery, Caddo, Stephens County, Texas

Mary is age 2 on the 1880 census of Wonder's Beat, Nacogdoches County. Her family moved to Stephens County around 1882.

She is again with her family for the 1900 census, in Stephens County.

Mary appears on the 1920 Census still living with her mother in Caddo, Stephens County, Texas.

Mary never married, and was diagnosed with Tuberculosis in 1929. She died in 1931, and was buried in Caddo Cemetery in Caddo. Her headstone reads "A good soul, my favorite sister."

**Documents:**

- 1880 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1900 Census, Stephens County, Texas
- 1920 Census, Stephens County, Texas
- Death certificate
- Headstone

**VI. Thomas J. Sutphen**

Born: February 9, 1881, Nacogdoches County, Texas

Died: February 10, 1928, El Paso County, Texas

Buried: Caddo Cemetery, Caddo, Stephens County, Texas

Thomas was the last child born in Nacogdoches County, as the family moved to Stephens family when he was an infant.

The 1900 census shows him with his family in Stephens County. The 1910 census lists Thomas still living at home and working the family farm. He is age 28, and single.

He has not been found in the 1920 census, but he is not listed with any family members in Stephens County.

Thomas died of Tuberculosis in 1928 at the Long Sanatorium in El Paso; he had been in the hospital a month and a half, but his residence is given as Caddo, Texas. He was buried in Caddo Cemetery. His headstone marks identify him as a Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason.

According to his death certificate, Thomas was a clerk at Texas Oil Company. The certificate also shows him as divorced, but no record of his marriage has been found. He had no known children.

**Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Stephens County, Texas
- 1910 Census, Stephens County, Texas
- Death certificate
- Headstone

## **VII. Zan William Sutphen**

Born: July 25, 1883

Died: October 16, 1970

Buried: Caddo Cemetery, Caddo, Stephens County, Texas

Married: in Stephens County to

### **Ursula "Sula" Richardson**

Born: October 17, 1879 in Mississippi

Died: December 22, 1972

Buried: Caddo Cemetery, Caddo, Stephens County, Texas

Parents: Matthias and Eliza J. Richardson

Zan was the first of Sam and Annie's children to be born in Stephens County.

The 1900 census shows him with his family in Stephens County. The 1910 census lists him living at home and working the family farm. He is age 26, and single.

Zan married Ursula Richardson, probably in late 1910 or early 1911 in Stephens County, Texas. Sula was the daughter of Matthias and Eliza J. Richardson.

The 1920 census lists Zan and Sula with sons Samuel W. (Wallace) and Joe R., next door to his mother's household. Zan states his occupation as farmer.

The 1930 census shows Zan and Sula in Stephens County with sons Wallace and Joe Rush, as well as a thirteen year old girl named Mildred Howerton who is listed as "adopt daughter." Zan lists his occupation as "yardman" in the industry of oil production.

Zan died of a cerebral hemorrhage at Stephens Memorial Hospital in 1970. He had been living at Villa Haven on South Jackson Avenue in Breckenridge for 9 months. He was buried in Caddo Cemetery in Caddo, Stephens County, Texas. His headstone identifies him as a Master Mason and Knight Templar.

Sula moved to Magic Plains Nursing Home in Borger, Hutchison County, to be near her son's family. She died in 1972 of a stroke, and was buried next to her husband in Caddo Cemetery.

Zan and Sula had three children: Samuel Wallace, Joe Rush, and Ursula.

### **Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Stephens County, Texas
- 1910 Census, Stephens County, Texas
- 1920 Census, Stephens County, Texas
- 1930 Census, Stephens County, Texas
- Death Certificates
- Headstones

## **VIII. Ethel Sutphen**

Born: February 03, 1885

Died: January 06, 1907

Buried: Caddo Cemetery, Caddo, Stephens County, Texas

Ethel Sutphen died at the age of 21 and was buried in Caddo Cemetery in Caddo, Stephens County, Texas.

### **Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Stephens County, Texas
- Headstone

#### **IV. Matilda Sutphen**

Born: November 07, 1886

Died: January 09, 1887

Buried: Caddo Cemetery, Caddo, Stephens County, Texas

Matilda Sutphen died when she was only three months old. She is buried in Caddo Cemetery in Caddo, Stephens County, Texas.

#### **Documents:**

- Headstone

#### **V. Locha Rankin Sutphen**

Born: November 18, 1887 in Stephens County, Texas

Died: January 21, 1919 in Davidson County, Tennessee

Buried: Caddo Cemetery, Caddo, Stephens County, Texas

Married: probably in 1915 to

#### **Dr. Edward Aaron Swafford**

Born: October 18, 1887 in Pikeville, Tennessee

Died: December 11, 1967 in Rockdale, Milam County, Texas

Buried: Oak Lawn Cemetery, Rockdale, Milam County, Texas

Parents: S. H. Swafford and Martha Jane Hicks

Locha (Lochie) was named after a Methodist missionary that her parents had read about. She was born in Stephens County in 1887, and appears in both the 1900 and 1910 censuses there with her family.

She attended the North Texas State Normal College (now North Texas State University), and appears in the yearbook "The Yucca" in 1914. Her description in the yearbook identifies her as a member of the Athletic Association, the West Texas Club, and the German "Mit Uns" Club.

Lochie married Dr. Ed Swafford, probably in 1915. Dr Swafford was a dentist, born in 1887 in Tennessee. His parents were S. H. and Martha Jane Swafford of Callahan County. In the 1900 census, the Swaffords are listed on the same page as the George E. Sutphen family.

Lochie died in the Influenza epidemic in January of 1919. Although her headstone gives the date as January 5, the death record in Tennessee shows January 21. She and Ed were in Nashville, Tennessee at the time while Ed was attending college. Her headstone in Caddo Cemetery bears the Eastern Star emblem.

Ed remarried about 1920 to Dot, and they had one daughter, Celeste. The 1930 census shows the family in Rockdale, Milam County. They are living in a rented house, paying \$25.

Ed lived until 1967. He died of emphysema and arteriosclerosis in Rockdale at Richards Hospital in Rockdale, and was buried there in Oak Lawn Cemetery. His death certificate gives his residence as 521 College Street in Rockdale, Milam County, Texas; it had been his home for 50 years.

Ed and Lochie had one child, Martha Anne Swafford.

#### **Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Stephens County, Texas
- 1910 Census, Stephens County, Texas
- 1930 Census, Milam County, Texas
- The Yucca. North Texas State Normal College, 1914
- World War 1 Draft Registration
- Death certificate

## **VI. Samuel Oxsheer Sutphen**

Born: January 9, 1891 in Stephens County, Texas  
Died: February 19, 1972 in Tarrant County, Texas  
Buried: Oakland Cemetery, Weatherford, Parker County, Texas  
Married (1): About 1930 to

### **Marie Raines**

Born: Unknown  
Died: Unknown  
Buried: Unknown  
Parents: Unknown  
Married (2): Unknown date to

### **Martha Oma**

Born: Unknown  
Died: October 22, 1979 in Tarrant County, Texas  
Buried: Oakland Cemetery, Weatherford, Parker County, Texas  
Parents: Unknown

The 1920 Census of Stephens County shows Sam living with his mother, age 28, and single. The 1930 census also shows his mother living with him; his occupation is listed as farmer.

Sam signed his mother's Mortuary Warrant application in 1935.

He may have married Marie Raines in 1930. The Texas Birth Index shows that they had a child, Billy Sam Sutphen, in January of 1931. The family lore is that they adopted a child, but "gave him back."

Sam later married a woman named Oma. She had children from a previous marriage.

In 1953, Sam had two stays in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene, as reported in the Abilene Reporter-News.

He moved to Weatherford in Parker County at some point. His address at death was 300 South Main in Weatherford.

The family legend is that Sam died at a dance hall on the outskirts of Ft. Worth. His death certificate is marked DOA at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth; cause of death is "hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease." There was an inquest, and the medical examiner signed the death certificate on February 23, 1972. His wife Oma was the informant. He was buried in Oakland Cemetery in Weatherford.

Oma died on October 22, 1979. She was also buried in Oakland Cemetery

It remains unclear whether Sam had children.

### **Documents:**

- 1920 Census, Stephens County, Texas
- 1930 Census, Stephens County, Texas
- World War 1 Draft Registration
- Texas Birth Index
- Abilene Reporter-News. 3/27/1953, 3/30/1953 4/16/1953, 4/22/1953
- Death Certificate

### **Boy Sutphen**

Born: October 26, 1892  
Died: October 31, 1892

This child died when only five days old, and is buried in Caddo Cemetery.

### **Documents:**

- Headstone



## Children of John P. and Mariah Sutphen Davidson

### I. John Pinckney Davidson Jr.

Born: September 21, 1872 in Nacogdoches Co., TX

Died: October 16, 1873 in Nacogdoches Co., TX

Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County, Texas

### II. Attala A. Davidson

Born: March 25, 1875 in Nacogdoches Co., TX

Died: August 16, 1875 in Nacogdoches Co., TX

Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County, Texas

John Jr. and Attala both died very young, and are buried in the historic Oak Grove Cemetery in downtown Nacogdoches, Texas. John and Mariah had no surviving children.

### Documents:

- Headstones

## Children of James K. Polk and Mattie Muckleroy Sutphen

### I. Vernon Sutphen

Born: November 24, 1888

Died: March 23, 1967

Buried: Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas

Married: about 1909 to

#### **Minnie M.**

Born: May 21, 1889

Died: December 20, 1980

Buried: Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas

Parents: Unknown

Vernon was born in 1888 in Nacogdoches County, Texas. He appears with his family in the 1900 Census of Coleman County, Texas.

He married Minnie in 1909, probably in Taylor County. Her maiden name and parents are unknown.

They have not been found on the 1910 census. Vernon is on the 1920 Census in Meridian, Bosque County, Texas with his wife Minnie, son James N., and daughter Mary M.; Vernon's occupation is "bank cashier."

The 1930 Census places the family in Edcouch, Hidalgo County, Texas; listed with Vernon, Minnie, James, and Mary are Vernon's mother and O. J. Ross, possibly a boarder (the relationship listed is difficult to read). Vernon's occupation is listed as cashier (possibly banker), Minnie's occupation is bookkeeper at a water company, and son Jimmie is a bookkeeper at a bank at age 19. Their house is valued at \$3500. Vernon states his age at 41, and his age at marriage at 21, which places their marriage in 1910.

Vernon and Minnie moved to Donna, Texas in the 1930's. They appeared in the San Antonio newspaper social pages a few times. Vernon was in the Rotary Club in the mid-1930's, and Minnie attended several social events.

The San Antonio Light announced Vernon's election to President of the Donna Chamber of Commerce in January, 1941.

Vernon died of Emphysema in 1968 at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. His residence at the time was in Van Horn, Culberson County. The informant on the death certificate was his sister, Velma Sutphen Largent.

Minnie died in 1980 in Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas. They are both buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

Vernon and Minnie had two children: James and Mary Margaret Sutphen.

**Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Coleman County, Texas
- 1920 Census, Bosque County, Texas
- 1930 Census, Bosque County, Texas
- San Antonio Express-News. 7/14/1935, 7/21/1935, 11/15/1936
- San Antonio Light. 1/26/1941
- Big Spring Daily Herald. 7/10/1939
- Social Security Death Index. United States Social Security Administration.
- Texas Death Index, 1864-1998. Texas Department of Health.
- Death certificate

**II. Velma Sutphen**

Born: June 12, 1890 in Nacogdoches County, Texas

Died: December 10, 1982 in Dallas County, Texas

Buried: Rose Hill Cemetery, Merkel, Taylor County, Texas

Married; 1909 in Taylor County to

**Thomas Huffman Largent**

Born: July 12, 1889 in Collin County, Texas

Died: March 30, 1972 in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Buried: Rose Hill Cemetery, Merkel, Taylor County, Texas

Parents: Charles Marcus Largent and Louetta Francis Huffman

Velma was born in Nacogdoches County in 1890. The family moved to Coleman County when she was young, then to Taylor County.

She married Tom Largent in Taylor County in 1909. Tom was born in 1889 in Collin County, Texas. He was a son of C. M. and Louetta Largent, founders of the prizewinning Largent Hereford herd and early member of the Texas Hereford Association. From the Largent and Sons website:

*Early Largent bloodlines included Superior 39, Superior 51, Prince Domino 3rd, Prince Domino 151st, Gay Lad Jr., and the great Publican Domino. Publican Domino's "Get" in the 1917 to 1934 era won 246 Championships, 543 blue ribbons, and 408 red ribbons at major US shows. Largent Herefords won the "Get of Sire" 50 times during this period.*

Tom and Velma appear on the 1910 census in Precinct 4, Jones County, Texas. They are still in Jones County for the 1920 census. They now have two children, Mattie Lou and Joe.

Sometime in the 1920's they purchase land in Taylor County. The 1930 census shows the family in Precinct 5, Taylor County, near several other Largents. Joe and Lou are still at home.

An article in the Abilene newspaper on June 18, 1939 describes the marriage of their daughter Lou to Chester Imes:

*The attractive ranch home of Mr. And Mrs. Tom Largent near Merkel was the setting Saturday for the marriage of their only daughter, Lou, and Chester Imes of Evansville, Indiana...*

*The bride is the daughter of a prominent West Texas oil and cattleman and a granddaughter of the late C. M. Largent, nationally known cattleman.*

Another article in the Abilene Reporter-News in 1941 describes the home:

*Mr. And Mrs. Tom Largent's English style ranch home north of Merkel furnished a fitting background for Alice Duer Miller's narrative poem of England, White Cliffs, read Monday night by Mrs. Frank Grimes of Abilene on a Guest Day program of Fortnightly Club.*

*The living room, setting for the program, like the remainder of the Largent house, is in English style rather than the West Texas design used ordinarily in the ranch houses of this section. Its beamed ceiling and the carved wood mantel which tops the smooth rock fireplace, as well as the furnishings are in keeping with the exterior design.*

*Built of stone, the two-storied home has a terrace across the east side overlooking a wide lawn. Beamed doorways and narrow windows continue the English look. Only West Texas touches are in Mr. Largent's second-floor office and den, where a Navajo rug covers the floor and pictures of Herefords hang on the pine-paneled walls; and in informal furnishings of the sunporch, enclosed with glass double-doors across the south.*

Tom died on March 30, 1972 in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene of acute pulmonary edema. His death certificate shows that he and Velma were living at 2800 Sayles Street in Abilene at the time of his death. The Abilene Reporter-News carried his obituary:

*Mr. Largent was born July 12, 1889, in Collin County, and moved to Merkel with his family in 1894. He married the former Velma Sutphen there in 1909.*

*The couple was actively engaged in the Registered Hereford cattle business and in the oil business until he retired in 1959. He and his wife moved to Abilene in 1966, where they had lived since.*

Velma died in Dallas County, Texas on December 20, 1982. She was also buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Velma and Tom had two children: Mattie Lou and Joe Sutphen Largent.

#### **Documents:**

- 1910 Census, Jones County, Texas
- 1920 Census, Jones County, Texas
- 1930 Census, Taylor County, Texas
- Abilene Reporter-News. June 18, 1939; February 18, 1941; March 31, 1972
- Social Security Death Index. United States Social Security Administration.
- Texas Death Index, 1864-1998. Texas Department of Health.
- Death certificate
- Headstones

### **III. Lucille Sutphen**

Born: October 13, 1891

Died: October 25, 1913

Buried: Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas

Lucille died young and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas. Her headstone gives her birthdate of 1891, but she is listed as 11 years old in the 1910 census, which would make her birthdate 1899.

#### **Documents:**

- 1910 Census, Taylor County, Texas
- Headstone

### **IV. Jessie Sutphen**

Born: July 11, 1892

Died: August 14, 1986 in Denton County, Texas

Buried: Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas

Married: July 18, 1944 in San Angelo, Texas to

**Clarence J. Howerton**

Born: December 06, 1888 in Nacogdoches County, Texas  
Died: March 21, 1973 in Temple, Texas  
Buried: Cedar Hill Cemetery, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas  
Parents: J. V. Howerton and Maty Cunningham

Jessie was born in 1892, probably in Nacogdoches County, Texas. Her family moved to Coleman County, in the 1890's, and she appears on the census there in 1900. They moved to Taylor County sometime after the 1900 census, and appear there for the 1910 census.

The 1920 Census shows Jessie living with her mother and brother Charles in Merkel; she is a high school teacher. The 1930 Census places Jessie in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas, where she is a single teacher in a public school, living in a boarding house on Tenth Street.

Jessie attended North Texas State Teacher's College (now the University of North Texas) in the mid-1930's, and the Denton Record-Chronicle reported that she went on a school-sponsored tour of Mexico in 1936. She later attended Hardin-Simmons in Abilene, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1941.

She married Clarence J. Howerton on July 18, 1944 in San Angelo, Texas. Their wedding announcement was in the Abilene Reporter-News:

*The wedding of Jess Sutphen, daughter of Mrs. J. P. Sutphen of Merkel, and Clarence J. Howard of Alamo, took place in the chapel of Travis Park Methodist Church, San Antonio, at 8 p. m. on July 18.*

*Mrs. Howerton holds a B. A. degree from Hardin-Simmons University. She is at present on the faculty of the Wichita Falls Schools. She has also taught in Merkel and Electra schools before going to Wichita Falls.*

*Howerton was reared in Abilene. He was graduated from the high school and Abilene Christian College of that city. He is now engaged in citrus farming and is field buyer for the Alamo Fruit and Vegetable Co.*

Jessie and Clarence lived in Alamo, in Hidalgo County, in far South Texas.

Clarence died in 1973 at the Veteran's Hospital in Temple. He died of pneumonia due to heart failure; he was also diabetic. He had been in the hospital almost three months, but his residence was given on his death certificate as 2800 Sayles in Abilene. His obituary was in the Abilene newspaper:

*Born Dec. 6, 1888 in Nacogdoches County, he moved to a farm in Taylor County in 1903. The farm included part of the present site of Nelson Park. The family sold the farm in 1907 and moved to Abilene. He attended Childers Classical Institute, which became Abilene Christian College.*

*Mr. Howerton was a veteran of World War 1 and moved to McAllen in 1931 to develop fruit orchards in the Rio Grande Valley. He married the former Jessie Sutphen in July, 1944 in San Antonio. He was associated with the Alamo Fruit and Vegetable Co. and the Crest Fruit Company until he retired in 1970. He then moved to Austin.*

Jessie died in Denton County, Texas in 1986. She is buried with her parents in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas. She and Clarence had no known children.

#### **Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Coleman County
- 1910 Census, Taylor County
- 1920 Census, Taylor County, Texas
- 1930 Census, Wichita County, Texas
- Denton Record-Chronicle. May 14, 1936
- Abilene Reporter-News, May 8, 1941

- Abilene Reporter-News, July 22, 1944
- Abilene Reporter-News, March 22, 1972
- Texas Death Index, 1864-1998. Texas Department of Health.
- Death certificate
- Headstone

#### **V. James K. Polk Sutphen, Jr.**

Born: May 20, 1896  
 Died: August 08, 1911  
 Buried: Rose Hill Cemetery, Merkel, Taylor County, Texas

James Jr. was born in 1896 either in Nacogdoches or Coleman Counties. He appears with his family in the 1900 census in Coleman County. The family moved to Taylor County a few years later, and are in the 1910 Census in that county.

James died in 1911 at age 14 from a head injury. The following is from The Abilene Daily Reporter, August 9, 1911:

*The body of J. P. Sutphen, the fourteen year old son of Mrs. J. P. Sutphen who died last night in a local sanitarium following an operation, was shipped over the Texas & Pacific this morning to Merkel, for funeral services. The body was accompanied by Mrs. Sutphen and Miss Jessie Sutphen, a sister.*

*The boy was injured Monday night at Blackwell, Nolan County. With a party of companions he was aboard an Orient freight train, sitting on the brake wheel, when the engine backed into the cars, throwing him on the ground. His head struck on the ties, cracking the skull.*

James had ridden the train over 30 miles from his home in Merkel. He was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

#### **Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Coleman County
- 1910 Census, Taylor County
- Abilene Daily Reporter. August 9, 1911

#### **VI. Charles B. Sutphen**

Born: May 08, 1905  
 Died: June 05, 1926  
 Buried: Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas

Charles died at age 21 and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

#### **Documents:**

- Headstone

### **Children of Wright Lafayette and Martha Sutphen Christopher**

#### **I. Mary M. Christopher**

Born: July 31, 1875 in Nacogdoches County, Texas  
 Died: Unknown  
 Buried: Unknown

Married: June 7, 1897 in Nacogdoches County to

#### **Rufus Samuel Harwell, Jr.**

Born: June 5, 1871, probably in Arkansas  
 Died: January 22, 1945 in Willis, Montgomery County, Texas

Buried: Cude Cemetery, Willis, Montgomery County, Texas  
Parents: Dr. Rufus S. Harwell and Charlet Leak

Mary was born in 1875 and appears as age 4 in the 1880 census of Nacogdoches County.

She married on June 7, 1897 to Rufus Harwell; he may have been a son of Dr Rufus and Charlotte Harwell who appear in the 1880 census of Marion, Arkansas.

Rufus and Mary appear on the 1900 census in Nacogdoches County, on the same page as Mary's parents. Rufus is shown as born in Illinois in January of 1872. He is a painter..

In 1910, they are in Ward 8, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana. Rufus is a painter, and they have been married 12 years.

In 1920, they are in Logansport, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana. Their children are no longer in the home. Rufus works as a telegraph operator, and is shown as born in Texas.

About 1927, they moved back to Texas, and are living in Montgomery County for the 1930 census. They own their home on Fish Trail Road, and Rufus is a farmer.

Rufus died in 1945 of arteriosclerosis and "general exhaustion" in Montgomery County. His death certificate gives his birthplace as Buena Vista, Arkansas. He was buried in Cude Cemetery in Willis, Montgomery County, Texas.

No record of Mary's death has been found, and her burial location is unknown.

Mary and Rufus had three children: Estella, Virgi,e and Ray.

#### **Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1910 Census, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana
- 1920 Census, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana
- 1930 Census, Montgomery County, Texas
- Texas Marriage Collection, 1814-1909. Ancestry.com Operations, Inc. 2005
- Death certificate

#### **II. William Wright Christopher**

Born: March 02, 1877, probably in Nacogdoches County, Texas

Died: October 7, 1955 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Buried: Laurel Land Cemetery, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Married: July 4, 1909 in Nacogdoches County, Texas to

#### **Johnnie L. Starling**

Born: January 31, 1885

Died: March 14, 1970 in Dallas County, Texas

Buried: Laurel Land Cemetery, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Parents: John Starling and Margaret Fults

Wright served in the Spanish-American War, but his service records have not been found in the Texas Adjutant General's database. He was not found on the 1900 census.

Wright married Johnnie Starling in 1909 in Nacogdoches. She was born in 1885 to parents John Starling and Margaret Fults. Wright and Johnnie appear in the 1910 Census on Muller Street in Nacogdoches, Texas. His occupation is listed as Engineer at the Light Plant.

The 1920 Census places Wright, Johnnie, and two children in the 800 block of Ninth Street in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. His occupation is illegible, but the employer is "Power & Light Co."

The 1930 Census places the family at 523 South Waverly Drive , Precinct 7, Dallas. Wright's occupation looks like "stationary engineer" for a cement manufacturer.

Both Ninth Street and South Waverly Drive are in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas.

William died at the Veteran's Hospital in Dallas on October 7, 1955. The cause of death was "mesenteric thrombosis due to arteriosclerosis." His residence is given as 302 South Beckley, and he had lived in Dallas for 36 years. He was buried in the Laurel Land Cemetery in Dallas.

Johnnie died in 1970 at Brookhaven General Hospital in Farmer's Branch, Dallas County. She died due to pneumonia caused by pulmonary embolism and a fractured hip. She had passed out and fallen in her home; her address was 10911 Beauty Drive in Dallas. She was also buried in Laurel Land Cemetery.

William and Johnnie had two children: a son, Wright, and a daughter named Lois O. or O. D. V. Christopher.

#### **Documents:**

- 1880 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1910 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1920 Census, Dallas County, Texas
- 1930 Census, Dallas County, Texas
- Texas Marriages, 1837-1973. Texas Vital Records Index
- Death certificates

### **III. James L. Christopher**

Born: October 1879, probably in Nacogdoches County, Texas

Died: Unknown

Buried: Unknown

James appears the 1880 census with his parents in Nacogdoches County, Texas. He is shown as 1 year old.

The 1900 Census shows James as age 19, born in October of 1880. It is likely that he was born in 1879, since he would not have appeared in the 1880 census otherwise. He is a farm laborer living with his parents in Precinct 1, Nacogdoches County.

In the 1910 census of Precinct 1, Nacogdoches County, he is living in the household with his mother, three brothers, and a sister. His brother Link is head of household; his father had died in 1903. Everyone in the house except Link have "none" as their occupation. The family is on Pecan Street, and is listed on the same page as James' uncle John P. Davidson.

James has not been found in the 1920 or 1930 censuses. No record of his death has been found in the Social Security Death Index or the Texas Death Index.

#### **Documents:**

- 1880 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1900 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1910 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas

### **IV. Tink Hulen Christopher**

Born: December 16, 1881, probably in Nacogdoches County, Texas

Died: Unknown

Buried: Unknown

Tink is with his family in Precinct 1, Nacogdoches County for the 1900 Census. He is shown as a farm laborer, age 18, born in December of 1881.

The 1910 Census shows Tink again in Nacogdoches County, Precinct 1. He is head of household, but not married. With him are his mother, three brothers (James, Sam, and John), and sister Mattie Wisener. He is the only one in the house that lists a job; he is a foreman at a steam laundry. The family is on South Pecan Street, and are listed in the census next to Tink's uncle, John P. Davidson.

Tink moved to West Texas after the 1910 Census. His World War 1 Draft Registration card, dated in 1918, shows his address in Stamford, Jones County, Texas. His closest relative is his sister, Mattie Wisener, also in Stamford. He is an Engineer with Stamford Gas & Electric Company. Tink gives his birthdate as December 16, 1880, but the 1881 date is likely to be correct, base on the censuses.

No other information has been found about Tink.

#### **Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1910 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- World War 1 Draft Registration

#### **V. Annie E. Christopher**

Born: March, 1884, probably in Nacogdoches County, Texas

Died: Unknown

Buried: Unknown

Annie is shown on the 1900 census as age 16, born in March, 1884. She is listed with her family in Nacogdoches County, Texas.

Nothing more has been found regarding Annie. She is often said to have married Franklin Columbus Johnson, but she did not. Johnson married a different Annie Christopher, daughter of William Christopher and Rebecca Collins; they are buried in Alazan Cemetery in Nacogdoches County.

#### **Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas

#### **VI. Mattie Christopher**

Born: February 1886, probably in Nacogdoches County, Texas

Died: Unknown

Buried: Unknown

Married: January 5, 1904 in Nacogdoches County, Texas to

#### **J. F. Wisener**

Born: Unknown

Died: Possibly between 1904-1910

Buried: unknown

Parents: Unknown

Mattie is with her family in the 1900 census in Nacogdoches County, Texas. Her birth is shown in February, 1886. She is 14 years old.

Mattie married J. F. Wisener in Nacogdoches County in 1904. There is a Franklin Wisener in Nacogdoches in the 1900 census, a son of Syd and Gabrella Wisener, that is a possible match, but it is not proven.

Mattie is living with brother Link in the 1910 census. It is possible that her husband had already died; the census is unclear and could show either married or widowed.

Mattie appears on her brother Tink's World War 1 Draft card as his closest relation. They are shown as living in Stamford, Jones County, Texas; part of Stamford is in Haskell County.

Nothing further has been found about Mattie.



**Documents:**

- Texas Marriages, 1837-1973. Texas Vital Records Index
- 1900 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1910 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- World War 1 Draft Registration

**VII. Nellie B. Christopher**

Born: May 6, 1887, probably in Nacogdoches County, Texas

Died: December 22, 1919

Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Nacogdoches County, Texas

Married: March 09, 1905

**Harvey Austin**

Born: February 14, 1880 in Selma, Dallas County, Alabama

Died: November 17, 1951 in Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County, Texas

Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Nacogdoches County, Texas

Parents: Unknown Austin and Mattie Alston

Nellie was born on May 6, 1887. He appears in the 1900 census with her parents in Nacogdoches County, shown as age 12, born in May of 1882.

She married Harvey Austin on March 9, 1905, in Nacogdoches County. He was born in Alabama in 1880, and remained there until after the 1900 census. He is on the 1900 census in Snow Hill Township, Wilcox County, Alabama with his mother, Mattie Bender; stepfather, Snowden Bender; and brother, Eunice Austin.

The 1910 census shows Harvey and Nellie in Nacogdoches County. Harvey is an Engineer at the city water works. Living with them are sons Auburn, Edward, and Harvey; Harvey's mother, Martha Bender, age 55; and his brother, Eunice Bender, age 15. They are on Nacogdoches and Tyler Road.

Nellie died in 1919 at age 31. Her cause of death is illegible on the death certificate, but it shows that she had been ill for 9 years. She was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches.

Harvey appears in the 1920 census in Nacogdoches county. He is a farmer, and owns his farm on Tyler Road. His three sons are listed with him.

Harvey died in City Memorial Hospital in Nacogdoches in 1951. He died of uremia and cardio-renal syndrome due to an allergy to penicillin. His death certificate shows that he worked as a service station operator, and that he was married at the time of death. The informant was John O. Austin, an unknown relation. Harvey was also buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Nellie and Harvey had three children: John Auburn, Elwood M., and Harvey Jack.

**Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1900 Census, Wilcox County, Alabama
- 1910 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1920 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- Texas Marriages, 1837-1973. Texas Vital Records Index
- Death certificate

**VIII. Sam Christopher**

Born: January 1888, probably in Nacogdoches County, Texas

Died: Unknown

Buried: Unknown

Sam is one of three siblings who are shown in the 1900 census of Nacogdoches County to be born in 1888, but in three different months. It is probable that some of the children are adopted.

Sam is living with his mother, three brothers, and sister Mattie in Nacogdoches in 1910. They are in Precinct 1 on Pecan Street. Sam's occupation is "none; he is 22 years old.

Sam is not found in any Texas documents after the 1910 census.

**Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1910 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas

**IX. Lela Christopher**

Born: December 1888, probably in Nacogdoches County, Texas

Died: Unknown

Buried: Unknown

The only information about Lela is her appearance with the Christopher family on the 1900 Census. She is shown as being 11 years old, born in December of 1888. No other records have been found.

**Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas

**X. John S. Christopher**

Born: Possibly November 1890

Died: Unknown

Buried: Unknown

John appears with his family in Precinct 1, Nacogdoches County, for the 1880 census. His birth is shown as November, 1890, and he is 9 years old.

John is shown as 22 years old, living with his mother, three brothers, and sister Mattie in Nacogdoches in the 1910 census. They are in Precinct 1 on Pecan Street. His brother Tink is head of the household and the only one that is employed.

No other records have been found for John.

**Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 1910 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas

**XI. Mulicia Christopher**

Born: June 1892, probably in Nacogdoches County, Texas

Died: Unknown

Buried: Unknown

The only information about Mulicia is her appearance with the Christopher family on the 1900 Census. She is shown as being 8 years old, born in June of 1892. No other records have been found.

**Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas

## Children of James M. and Mary Ellen Sutphen McClammy

### I. **Thomas Wright McClammy**

Born: October 11, 1872

Died: January 6, 1929 in Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County, Texas

Buried: Oak Grove Cemetery, Nacogdoches County, Texas

Thomas has not been found in the 1880 census. He appears with uncle Wright Christopher in the 1900 census, Nacogdoches County, Texas, as age 25, born in Alabama.

He has not been found in any later census.

Tom's death certificate shows that he died on January 6, 1929 at 2a. m. in Nacogdoches. Cause of death is "no diagnosis" and an illegible word. The death certificate is incomplete, and is not marked as to whether there was an autopsy done. He was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches.

Tom never married and has no known children.

#### **Documents:**

- 1900 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- Death Certificate

### II. **Laura McClammy**

Born: About 1875 in Texas, probably Nacogdoches County

Died: Unknown

Buried: Unknown

Married: About 1888 to

#### **William C. Posey**

Born: About 1867 in South Carolina

Died: Unknown

Buried: Unknown

Parents: Unknown

Laura has not been found in the 1880 or 1900 censuses.

She married William Posey about 1888, probably in Nacogdoches.

The 1910 Census of Nacogdoches County, Texas shows Laura and William with their baby daughter Jimmy, and Laura's mother and brother Thomas. They have been married 12 years, and the record seems to indicate that this is Laura's second marriage, with M1 by William and M2 by Laura instead of the standard "Md" for married. The family is on South Pecan Street in Nacogdoches. William is a laborer in a factory, and Laura is the manager of a boarding house.

Laura and William have not been found in the 1920 or 1930 censuses. No other records have been found.

They had one known daughter, Jemmy H. Posey.

#### **Documents:**

- 1910 Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas