

from Christine Ogg, prior to 1979

Henry Warren Ogg, Sr., was born and raised in a big log house which his father built, then later all his own children were born in the same house. Later on, he built a "new" house up on a hill a short distance away.

There are no particulars known as to when and how it came to be, but there was an old Indian grave near the Ogg homestead, evidently not very far from the house. Either because of tales they had heard, or from vivid childish imaginations, the children were terrified of the grave. When they misbehaved or disobeyed Grandmother Ogg, she would threaten to make the unruly child go sit on top of the grave. Aunt Edna says, "I'd do anything Mother told me to do just to keep from being punished that way!" So perhaps Grandmother's threat was taken more seriously and all the children walked the straight and narrow more cautiously.

Aunt Edna says Grandmother Emma Ogg, her mother, was a member of the Christian Church until the later years of her life when she joined the Baptist Church since most of her children belonged to the Baptist Church.

The Andersons, grandparents of Henry Warren Ogg, Jr., came to America by boat either from England or Ireland. They did not know one another at the time, though young Mr. Anderson was attracted to Miss Jane \_\_\_\_\_ during the voyage. He tried in vain to arrange a proper introduction to the young lady with no success, so it was some time later before he could finally make his interest known to her. Details are vague as to how he had been able to keep track of her or even locate her in Galveston, but he sent her a huge basket filled with a variety of fruit, and from there their romance blossomed. Their daughter, Emmaline Anderson, married Henry Warren Ogg, Sr. At this time we have no record of Emmaline's mother's name, nor how many children the Andersons had. Mr. Anderson was believed to have been drowned in a flash flood which hit Waller County while he was away from home attempting to buy some horses. His body was never found, and some years later Jane married William Rogerson. Emmaline and Henry Warren Ogg, Sr. had eleven children, one of whom was Henry Warren Ogg, Jr., who married Sarah Elizabeth Campbell. Their children were: Ernest Warren Ogg, Andrew Lee Ogg, Leo Elmer Ogg, Doris Corinne Ogg and Marjorie Elizabeth Ogg.

James (Pos) Ogg, "Uncle Jim" as he was known to the children, was club footed and had to wear a specially built shoe on his deformed foot. Cassie Ogg Ball states that he bought shoes, then completely took apart and remade the shoe which he needed to wear on the club foot. It fascinated the kids to watch him remove that shoe and expose his foot.

"Bessie" Campbell Ogg played the organ as a Baptist church, possibly the Heights First Baptist church in Houston. It is believed to be this is where Henry Ogg first met and fell in love with her, and they were later married in that church.

Andrew Ogg, one of her sons, recalls that for a time Bessie and her children went back to Waller County and lived with her father Andrew Campbell, while Henry worked in Houston and was preparing a home for his family. When Bessie "had the blues" she would play the old organ and sing, thus dispelling some of her frustrations.

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