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Document Title: Obituary of Thomas Hudson Williams, b 1832 and Article on 84th Birthday article of Mary Ann (Simmons) Williams, b 1840



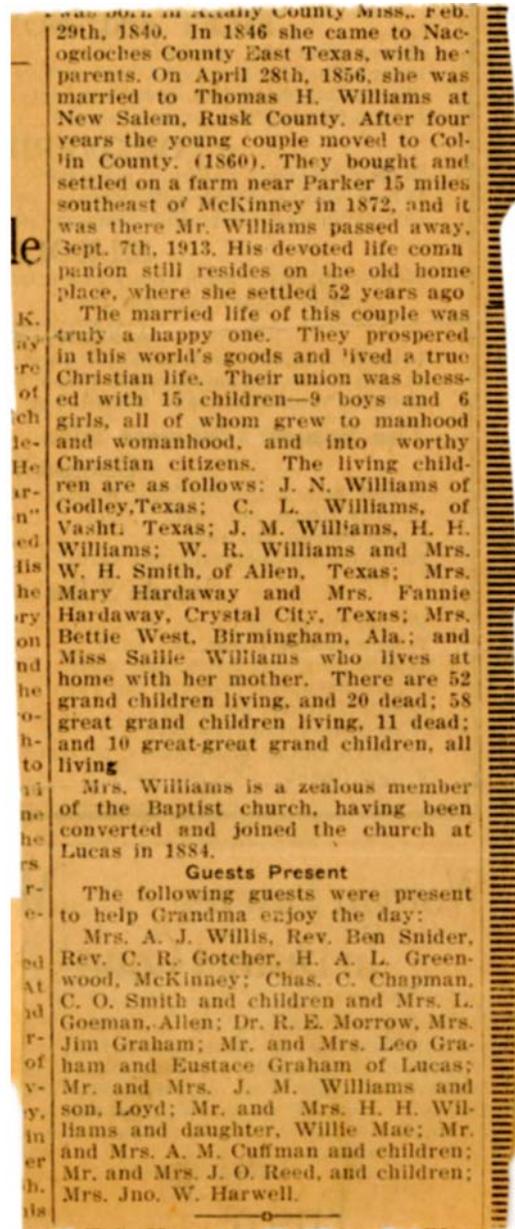
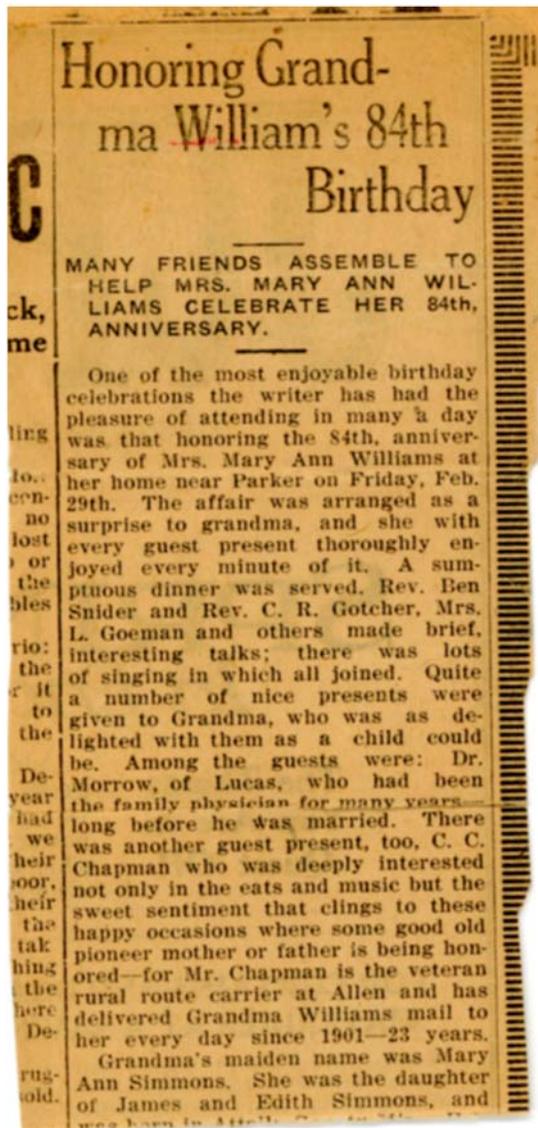
Source: Possession of Patricia West, from her grandmother, Martha Elizabeth Williams West and her uncle Frank MacDonald West. These photos are large and looked painted on top of the photos. They are framed with curved glass and the photos are actually curved. Mary Ann's is missing the glass in the frame. The spot on Thomas' photo is a flash reflection.

Mary Ann Simmons was born on leap year, 29 February 1840, in Attala Co., Mississippi, to Edy (Sparks) and the Rev. James Simmons. The family moved to Texas in 1846, joining Mary Ann's grandparents who settled Texas with Austin's Colony. After her marriage, she lived on their farm near Parker for 53 years. At her death, she had 52 grandchildren living, 20 dead; 58 great-grandchildren living, 11 dead; and 10 great-great grandchildren, all living. Ten children were alive. She died in 1925 in Collin Co., TX.

Born in Madison Co., Tennessee, **Thomas Hudson Williams** moved to Texas in 1853 with Lemuel Newsom, his uncle. He and his wife moved from Rusk Co. to Collin Co., TX in 1860, with her parents and siblings. Thomas was noted for his long beard, more than two feet long, and for his CSA service during the Civil War. My grandmother said that when he worked his farm, he would roll up his beard and tuck in his overalls. He was one of the most prosperous farmers in the area. Survived by eight [sic, actually 10] of 15 children. He died in 1913 in Collin Co., Texas, and his will was probated there.

Newspaper Article about Mary Ann (Simmons) Williams' 84th birthday, Collin Co., Texas:

Names all living children (1924)



Line between bottom of first column and top line of second column reads:
"was born in Attaly [sic: Attala] County, Miss. Feb"

Photo of Mary Ann (Simmons) Williams and her family on her 84th Birthday. They are posed outside the Williams' farmhouse.



Obituary of Thomas Hudson Williams, "Another Pioneer Gone to Reward"

