Abstract: **Virginia Davis Scarborough - 2011**

Virginia Davis Scarborough’s ancestors were part of the Old 300 group organized by Stephen F. Austin to settle in Fort Bend County. William Little and Henry Jones were direct ancestors of Virginia Davis Scarborough. Virginia talks about her kinfolk and her life as a child in Richmond, Texas

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Virginia Davis Scarborough
William Little– Old 300 Ancestor of Virginia Davis Scarborough; Husband of Jane Little; Father of Martha Jane Little; Came from Pennsylvania; Only child of John Little & Hannah Hamilton; Traveled from Pennsylvania to Illinois and then to St. Louis Missouri; From St. Louis to Texas with the Old 300
Jane Little– Wife of William Little; Mother of Martha Jane Little
Henry Jones– Old 300 Ancestor of Virginia Davis Scarborough; Husband of Nancy Styles; Father of James Jones
James Jones– Husband of Martha Jane Little; Son of Henry & Nancy Styles Jones
Nancy Styles– Wife of Henry Jones; Mother of James Jones
Martha Jane Little– Daughter of William & Jane Little; Married to James Jones
Walter Little Jones– Son of James & Martha Jane Jones; First married to Jennie; Married second to Archietta Davis
Jennie– First wife of Walter Little Jones; Died 1872 at seventeen years old
Archietta Davis– Second wife of Walter Little Jones; Daughter of William Kinchen Davis & Jane Pickens
William Kinchen Davis– Husband of Jane Pickens; Father of Archietta Davis
Jane Pickens– Wife of William Kinchen Davis; Mother of Archietta Davis
Kinchen W. Davis– Father of William Kinchen Davis; Grandfather of Archietta Davis Jones
Jennie Jones– Oldest daughter of Walter Little & Archietta “Archie” Davis Jones; Wife of T.B. “Tony” Wessendorff; Grandmother of Virginia Davis Scarborough
Tony Wessendorff– Aka T.B. Wessendorff; Husband of Jennie Jones; Son of Antone “Tony” B. Wessendorff or A.B. Wessendorff
Lizzie Wessendorff– Wife of Syd Davis; Oldest daughter of T.B. “Tony” & Jennie Jones Wessendorff; Mother of Virginia Davis Scarborough
Syd Davis– Husband of Lizzie Wessendorff; Father of Virginia Davis Scarborough; Non-related to Archietta Davis’ family
Gabriel & Jane Davis– Grandparents of Syd Davis; Parents of James Lewis Davis; Came from South Carolina to 1850 Alabama; Came to Brazoria County Texas in 1860; Came to Wharton County Texas in 1870
James Lewis Davis– Oldest Child of Gabriel & Jane Davis; Father of Syd Davis; Husband of Emma Darst
Emma Darst- Wife of James Lewis Davis; Mother of Syd Davis; Ancestor of Daniel Boone
Daniel Boone- Ancestor of Emma Darst; Husband of Rebecca Bryan; Father of Jemima Boone
Claude Davis- Older brother of James Lewis Davis; Son of Gabriel & Jane Davis
Lida Davis- Younger sister of James Lewis Davis; Married Dyer Moore; Daughter of Gabriel & Jane Davis
Dyer Moore- Married Lida Davis younger sister of James Lewis Davis
John Little- Father of William Little; Husband of Hannah Hamilton
Hannah Hamilton- Mother of William Little; Wife of John Little
Stephen F. Austin’s father- Moses received permission to settle 300 families in Texas
Sowell- Wrote History of Fort Bend County; Says William Little was the skipper of the Lively
Wharton- Wrote History of Fort Bend County; Says William Little was the skipper of the Lively
Jane Edwards- Wife of William Little; Daughter of Jonathan & Nancy Edwards
Jonathan Edwards- First Husband of Nancy Edwards; Father of Jane Edwards
Nancy Edwards- Wife of Jonathan Edwards; Mother of Jane Edwards
William Morton- Second Husband of Jane Edwards; Morton Cemetery named for him
Clint Drake- Member of Fort Bend County Historical Commission
Grace Briscoe- Friend of Mary Dee Moore the researcher for DAR information
Mary Dee Moore- First cousin of Syd Davis, the Father of Virginia Davis Scarborough
Flanders Callaway- Husband of Jemima Boone
Jemima Boone- Wife of Flanders Callaway; Daughter of Daniel Boone & Rebecca Bryan
Rebecca Bryan- Wife of Daniel Boone; Mother of Jemima Boone
Tabatha Callaway- Daughter of Flanders Callaway & Jemima Boone; First wife of Abraham Darst; Died having her fifth child; Children left in the Boone’s care
Abraham Darst- Husband of first wife, Tabatha Callaway; Husband of second wife Jemima Brownfield
Jemima Brownfield- Second wife of Abraham Darst
Emory Holman Darst- Son of Abraham Darst & Tabitha Callaway; Married to Mary Ann Moore
Mary Ann Moore- Wife of Emory Holman Darst; Daughter of Elisha Moore & Jane Gillette
Elisha Moore- Husband of Jane Gillette; Father of Mary Ann Moore
Jane Gillette- Wife of Elisha Moore; Mother of Mary Ann Moore
Emma Darst- Fourth child of Emory Holman Darst & Mary Ann Moore; Wife of first husband James Simpson; Wife of second husband James Lewis Davis
James Simpson- First Husband of Emma Darst; Buried in Snake Creek Cemetery with his only child
James Lewis Davis- Second Husband of Emma Darst
Fannie Pleasants- Wife of Kinchen W. Davis; Mother of William Kinchen Davis
John Harris Pickens Davis- Son of Kinchen W. Davis & Jane Pickens; Aka J.H.P. Davis; Husband of Lizzie Ryon; Father of Mamie Davis
Lizzie Ryon- Daughter of Col. William Ryon & Polly; Wife of John Harris Pickens Davis; Mother of Mamie Davis
Col. William Ryon- Father of Lizzie Ryon; Husband of Polly
Polly- Mother of Lizzie Ryon; Wife of Col. William Ryon
Eleanor Davis- Daughter of Kinchen W. Davis & Jane Pickens; Married to B.A. Hinson
Kinchen Davis- Son of Kinchen W. Davis & Jane Pickens; Married to Rachel Glasscock
Archietta Davis- Daughter of Kinchen W. Davis & Jane Pickens; Married to Walter Little Jones
Zachariah Moore- Father of Elisha Moore; Grandfather of Mary Ann Moore
Mier- Leader of the Mier Expedition into Mexico in 1842
Mamie Davis- Daughter of J.H.P. Davis & Lizzie Ryon; Wife of
Hattie Jones- Daughter of Walter Little Jones & Archietta Davis; Married to Tom Wessendorff
William Jones- Son of Walter Little Jones & Archietta Davis
Joe Jones- Son of Walter Little Jones & Archietta Davis
Walter Jones- Son of Walter Little Jones & Archietta Davis
Antone Wessendorff- Grandfather of Virginia Davis Scarborough; He and two brothers came to America in 1854; Died in 1930
Chester William Geue- Author of New Homes in a New Land
Johanna Jenentsky- Aka Johanna Janentzy; Wife of Antone Wessendorff
Joe G. Wessendorff- Older brother of Antone Wessendorff
John M. Moore, Sr. - Texas Congressman; Father of Etta Mae Moore
Etta Mae- Aka Etta Mae Moore- Daughter of John M. Moore, Sr.; Friend of Lizzie Wessendorff
President Taft- Lizzie Wessendorff and Etta Mae Moore attended President Taft’s event in Washington, D.C.
Claude Davis- Brother of Virginia Davis Scarborough
Virginia Davis- Aka Virginia Davis Scarborough
Antoinette Davis- Older sister of Virginia Davis Scarborough; Born in 1919
Syd Davis- Brother of Virginia Davis Scarborough; Born in 1923
Tony Davis- Brother of Virginia Davis Scarborough; Born in 1926
Frank Davis- Brother of Virginia Davis Scarborough; Born in 1928; Attorney
Tommy Davis- Brother of Virginia Davis Scarborough; Born in 1931
Lynne Scarborough- Older daughter of Virginia Davis Scarborough
Marie Scarborough- Younger daughter of Virginia Davis Scarborough
Aunt Nettie- Nettie Wessendorff, Virginia Davis Scarborough’s Aunt; Lived with Virginia’s grandfather in the Wessendorff home
Doris Wessendorff- Aunt of Virginia Davis Scarborough; Lived with Virginia’s grandfather in the Wessendorff home; Teacher in Houston; Married to Dick Goodwin
Marie Wessendorff- Aunt of Virginia Davis Scarborough; Lived with Virginia’s grandfather in the Wessendorff home; Married Bill in ’32 and moved to California; Died in 2001
Bill- Husband of Marie Wessendorff; Died in 1970
Dick Goodwin- Husband of Doris Wessendorff
Alfred Young Scarborough- Aka Sonny; Husband of Virginia Davis
Alfred Young, Junior- Son of Alfred Young Scarborough & Virginia Davis; Born in ’45
Davis- Aka Davis Scarborough; Second child of Alfred Young Scarborough & Virginia Davis; Born in ’47
Lynne- Third child of Alfred Young Scarborough & Virginia Davis; Born in ’50
James- Aka James Scarborough- Son of Alfred Young Scarborough & Virginia Davis; Born in ’57
Marie- Youngest child of Alfred Young Scarborough & Virginia Davis; Born in ’58
Walter Minkwitz- Secretary to the George office
Georges- Bought several properties to add onto the Morton Cemetery
Violet Poncik- Secretary of the George Foundation
Bob Crosser- Searched out of the way cemeteries in Fort Bend County with Virginia Davis Scarborough
Wille Ann McCulloch- Aka Willie Ann; Searched for cemeteries with Bob Crosser and Virginia
Wincie Campbell- Helped search for cemeteries with Bob Crosser, Virginia & Willie Ann
McCulloch
William Little- Aka William Little Jones
Dianne Wilson- Fort Bend County Clerk
Moores- The Moore family moved into the Wessendorff home

Places / Businesses
Fort Bend County- County in Texas
Old 300- Group of Settlers organized by Stephen F. Austin; William Little & Henry Jones ancestors of Virginia Davis Scarborough
Texas
South Carolina- Where Virginia Davis Scarborough’s Davis family originated
Green County, Alabama- Davis family there in 1850
Brazoria County, Texas- Davis family there in 1860
Wharton County, Texas- Davis family settled there in 1870
Pennsylvania- Where William Little was born
Illinois- Where William Little traveled to first
St. Louis- Where William Little moved to and first learned of Stephen F. Austin’s Texas settlement
Missouri- Where some of the Old 300 traveled from
Louisiana- Where some of the Old 300 traveled from
Skipper of the Lively- William Little brought some of the settlers on this boat
Brazos River- Runs through Fort Bend County
Riverstone subdivision- Located on the east side of the Brazos River
Georgia- Where Jonathan and Nancy Edwards lived
Morton Cemetery- Named for William Morton
DAR- Daughters of the America Revolution
Washington, D.C.
Snake Creek Community- Abraham Darst settled here with Jemima Brownfield and children
Snake Creek Cemetery- Where James Simpson and his child are buried
Brazos Bend Park- Location of Kinchen W. Davis’ land grant of 1831
Davis Estate Road- In the area of Brazos Bend Park
Wake Co, NC- Where Kinchen W. Davis & Fannie Pleasants married in 1815

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Morgan County, Alabama- Where William Kinchen Davis was born in 1822
Wharton County- Where Elisha Moore had his land grant
Richmond- Where most of the Darst family lived
Damon- Small community where Abraham Darst had a land grant
Damon public Cemetery- Where Abraham Darst is buried
Mexico- Location of the Miers Expedition in 1842
Perote Prison- Prison in Mexico where William Kinchen Davis, of the Miers Expedition was held
Colorado River- Location where men of the Lively were to meet Stephen F. Austin
Brazos- Brazos River
“Bend in the river”- Place on the Brazos River where a small fort was built
Riverstone subdivision- Location of where Mr. Little aka William Little’s league
George Ranch- Location of Henry Jones’ land grant
Germany- Where the Wessendorf’s & Janentzy’s originated
Galliot Concordia- The ship the Wessendorff family took from Germany
Galveston- Where the Galliot Concordia landed in 1854
Mormon Church- Records
Bellville- Where Johanna Jenentsky’s (Janentzy) family settled
Lubeck- Community in northern Germany where the Janentzy’s originated
Fort Bend County- Where Antone Wessendorff settled
Museum- Fort Bend County Museum
Funeral parlor- Opened by Antone Wessendorff
California
Insurance business- Opened by Joe G. Wessendorff
Farmers or Ranchers- Occupation of Fort Bend County residents
Doctors or Lawyers- Occupation of Fort Bend County residents
Pharmacists- Occupation of Fort Bend County residents
College- Located in Washington, D.C. where Lizzie Wessendorff attended
Congressman- Mr. John M. Moore, Sr.
Sherman, Texas- Location of the college where Syd Davis attended
Dairy- Syd Davis owned
Rivercrest Farm- Name of Syd Davis’ dairy; Located between Richmond & Rosenberg
PTA- Virginia Davis Scarborough’s mother Lizzie was active
Richmond Garden Club- Formed in 1935
City Hall- Location in Richmond where some of the Richmond Garden Club meetings were held
Methodist church- Located in Richmond; Lizzie Wessendorff Davis was very active
Women’s Missionary Society- Lizzie Wessendorff Davis was very active
Chevrolets & DeSotos- Cars that Syd Davis drove
Life Check Drug Store- On 11th Street in Richmond
Wessendorff home- Big, two-story house with 5 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, music room and a sun parlor
Lamar Hotel- Located in Houston where Virginia’s Aunts moved
San Jacinto High School- Location where Doris Wessendorff taught
20th Century- Studio in California where Marie Wessendorff’s husband Bill worked as a film editor
Richmond high school- Located where the current Elementary school sits; Tan building with 2 levels
Elementary school- Two-story red brick building with 6 grades
TSCW- College located in Denton Texas where Virginia Davis Scarborough attended for a half-year
Texas Women’s University- Name changed from TSCW
Denton- Location of TSCW/Texas Women’s University
Sam Houston- Aka Sam Houston State Teacher’s College in Huntsville Texas
Sam Houston State Teacher’s College- Located in Huntsville Texas where Virginia Davis Scarborough graduated; Alfred “Sonny” Young Scarborough attended
Lamar schools- Virginia Davis Scarborough taught for twenty-one years in the Lamar district
Dallas- Sonny enlisted in the Naval Air Corps
Pilot- Alfred “Sonny” Young Scarborough in WWII
Naval Air Corps – “Sonny” enlisted
San Diego- Where Virginia & Sonny moved to after getting married
Oakland- Sonny sent here before being sent to the Aleutian Islands
Seattle- Sonny sent here for 2 weeks; Virginia joined him
Air Station- Located in Seattle; Where Sonny flew out
Millbrae, California- Virginia & Sonny Scarborough moved to after Seattle
Lighter-Than-Air - A base in Palo Alto California
Palo Alto - Location of the base, Lighter-Than-Air
Hawaii - Alfred “Sonny” Young Scarborough stationed there
New Orleans - Where Sonny & Virginia Scarborough moved after WWII
McCormick Steel Company - Company where Sonny first worked as a pilot
Navy - Alfred “Sonny” Young Scarborough was a pilot
Russia - Planes patrolled the area during WWII
Waukesha Pearce Industries - Located in Houston where Sonny was a pilot until retirement at age 65
Plane salesman - Sonny Scarborough sold planes
Teachers - Daughters of Alfred “Sonny” Young Scarborough & Virginia Davis Scarborough, Lynne Scarborough & Marie Scarborough taught
Stephen F. Austin - College in Nacogdoches Texas
A & M - University in Bryan-College Station Texas
Winston Terrace - Subdivision in Richmond where the Scarborough’s lived
Thompson Highway - Location of Winston Terrace in Richmond
Smith School - Located close to Winston Terrace
Episcopal Church - Located near Winston Terrace
Fort Bend County Historical Commission - Virginia Davis Scarborough, member
Masonic Cemetery - Located in Richmond Texas; Aka Morton Cemetery
Mason's - Owned the Masonic Cemetery aka Morton Cemetery
Masonic Cemetery East - Section of the cemetery
Masonic Cemetery North - Section of the cemetery
Masonic Cemetery West - Section of the cemetery
Addition One - Property of the Georges to be added to Masonic Cemetery/Morton Cemetery
Secretary - Violet Poncik of the George Foundation
George Foundation - At the time the office was located behind the Drug store
Drug store - Located in the Richmond down-town area close to the railroad tracks; George Foundation offices located behind the building
Wessendorff Insurance office - Current records for Morton Cemetery located here
“genealogy society” - Richmond Texas
W.O.W. - Woodmen of the World cemetery; Aka Rosenberg City Cemetery

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Woodmen of the World - Aka W.O.W.
Rosenberg City Cemetery- Formerly the W.O.W. cemetery in Rosenberg Texas
‘Around The Bend’- A “little” magazine published by the genealogy society; Published a list of the W.O.W. cemeteries in the county with list of burials
“courthouse”- Fort Bend County
U.D.C. - The United Daughters of the Confederacy; Virginia Davis Scarborough, member
Needville Public Cemetery- Cemetery in Needville, Fort Bend County, Texas
Needville Methodist Cemetery- A Methodist cemetery located in Needville, Fort Bend County, Texas; Located next to the Needville Public Cemetery
Henry Jones’ cemetery- Location of burials nearly all known, including some Old Three Hundred settlers
County Clerk’s office- Fort Bend County Clerk’s Office; Location of death records
George Memorial Library- Located in Richmond, Fort Bend County, Texas
Genealogy Department- Located in the George Memorial Library
Thompson- Small community located on Thompson highway in Fort Bend County Texas
Booth- Small community located on Thompson highway in Fort Bend County
Sugar Land- Once a small company town located between Richmond and Houston
90A- Highway that runs through Richmond to Sugar Land and into Houston; Highway 90A at the time was the route to Houston from Richmond
Moore home- Was the Wessendorff home place

Events
James Jones married Martha Jane Little, daughter of William & Jane Little
Walter Little Jones was born; Son of James Jones & Martha Jane Little
Jennie died in 1872; First wife of Walter Little Jones
Jennie Davis married Tony Wessendorff
Archietta Davis died in 1930
Walter & Archie had seven children
Lizzie Wessendorff married Syd Davis
Lizzie & Syd Davis had six children
Virginia’s father’s family came to Texas from South Carolina
James Lewis & Emma Darst Davis died when Syd four years old
Claude & Lida Davis raised by their brother Frank B. Davis and sister Margaret Britt

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Ancestry traced to Daniel Boone
Lida Davis married Dyer Moore
William Little born in Pennsylvania
William Little went to Illinois and then to St. Louis
In St. Louis William Little found out about Stephen F. Austin’s father given permission to settle 300 families in Texas
Stephen F. Austin’s father became ill and died
Stephen F. Austin takes over for his father and gets families from Missouri and Louisiana to settle in Texas
The Lively, skippered by William Little brought first settlers from Louisiana to Texas
William Little came to Texas in 1821 and received a land grant from the Spanish Government in 1824
William Little met his wife, Jane Edwards who lived across the Brazos River from him
Jonathan Edwards, father of Jane Edwards died young
Nancy Edwards, wife of Jonathan Edwards married William Morton
Virginia learned family history from the Quarterly
Morton Cemetery named for William Morton
90 in May, Virginia Davis Scarborough’s birthday
Virginia joins DAR
Flanders Callaway married Jemima Boone, daughter of Daniel Boone
Tabitha, daughter of Flanders Callaway married Abraham Darst
Tabitha died having fifth child
Abraham left children with the Boones
Abraham Darst married Jemima Brownfield and came to Texas
Emory Holman Darst married Mary Ann Moore, daughter of Elisha Moore & Jane Gillette
Emory & Mary Ann had eight children
Emma Darst, daughter of Emory Holman Darst & Mary Ann Moore, married James Simpson
Emma & James Simpson had one child
James Simpson died and is buried with only child in Snake Creek Cemetery in Fort Bend County
Emma Darst married James Lewis Davis
Five Ancestors of Virginia Davis Scarborough received Mexican land grants
Kinchen William Davis received land grant in 1831
Kinchen Davis married Fannie Pleasants in Wake County, North Carolina in 1815
William Kinchen Davis born in Morgan County, Alabama in 1822
William Kinchen Davis married Jane Pickens
William & Jane Davis had four children
John Harris Pickens Davis married Lizzie Ryon, daughter of Polly & Col. William Ryon
Eleanora Davis married B.A. Hinson
Kinchen Davis married Rachel Glasscock
Archietta Davis married Walter Little Jones
Elisha’s father, Zachariah Moore fought in the American Revolution
Abraham Darst buried in Damon Public Cemetery
The Mier Expedition went into Mexico in 1842
William Kinchen Davis draws the white bean; Was a prisoner in the Perote Prison in Mexico
Kinchen Davis survived the Mier Expedition
Archietta & Walter Little Jones had five children
Hattie married Tom Wessendorff
Jennie born first to Archietta & Walter
Walter son of Archietta & Walter died young
Joe Jones, child of Archietta & Walter died fairly young
The Lively brought settlers to the area
Settlers found a bend in the Brazos River
A small Fort was built at the bend in the Brazos River
Settlers planted a corn crop and shot wild game
Virginia Davis Scarborough’s extended family settled in Fort Bend County
Wessendorff grandfather died in 1930
Antone Wessendorff and his two brothers came to America in 1854
Antone’s mother and father, sister and twin brothers died in Germany
Galliot Concordia, the ship that carried the Wessendorff brothers, took 75 days to cross the ocean
Galliot Concordia lands in Galveston
Antone married Johanna Jenentsky aka Johanna Janentzy
Johanna’s family settled in Bellville after coming from Germany
Two brothers of Antone stayed in Galveston
Antone brings father’s carpenter’s chest
Antone opened a funeral parlor; he did the embalming and built hearses
Joe G. Wessendorff came back to Fort Bend County after his wife died and went into the insurance business
Virginia’s mother, Lizzie goes to college in Washington, D.C. for one year
Lizzie lived with her friend, Etta Mae and her father Congressman John M. Moore, Sr. and family in Washington, D.C. while attending college
Lizzie and Etta Mae invited to President Taft’s event in Washington, D.C.
Virginia Davis Scarborough born May 6, 1921
Built rice canals during Virginia’s lifetime
Richmond Garden Club formed in 1935
Richmond Garden Club published book about the formation of the club and the original members
Virginia Davis Scarborough gets driver’s license at age 14
Antoinette Davis born in 1919
Syd Davis, Jr. born in 1923
Tony Davis born in 1926
Frank Davis born in 1928
Tommy Davis born in 1931
The Aunts move to Houston after Virginia’s grandfather died
Virginia graduated Richmond High School in 1938
Virginia attended TSCW aka Texas Women’s University in Denton Texas; Transferred to Sam Houston State Teacher’s College and met husband Alfred “Sonny” Young Scarborough
Virginia graduated in 1941 and married Sonny in May of ‘42
Sonny joins the Navy Air Corps
Sonny & Virginia moved to San Diego, then Oakland and Sonny given orders for the Aleutian Islands
Virginia joined Sonny in Seattle
Sonny & Virginia move to Millbrae California
Sonny stationed at the Lighter-Than-Air base in Palo Alto
After the war Sonny gets a job in New Orleans
Sonny flew as a private pilot for McCormick Steel and Waukesha Pearce where he retired
at age 65
Virginia & Sonny had five children
The three older children graduated from Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches
The two younger graduated from A & M in College Station Texas
Virginia’s family lived in Winston Terrace in Richmond
Virginia Davis Scarborough listed all burials in Morton Cemetery
Virginia named all the sections and additions of Morton Cemetery
Morton Cemetery records digitized with the help of Violet Poncik, secretary of George Foundation
All W.O.W. cemeteries recorded and listed by Virginia Davis Scarborough
Genealogy Society in Richmond published cemetery records in the magazine ‘Around the Bend’
Eight met at Needville Public Cemetery & Needville Methodist Cemetery in Needville Texas
Virginia Davis Scarborough & Willie Ann McCulloch list death records in the County Clerk’s office
County Clerk’s office digitized their records
Moore’s moved from country to the Wessendorff home in Richmond
Wessendorff Aunt’s moved to Houston
Monopoly played after high school at the Moore home