

DESCENDANTS OF NATHANIEL BACON

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1. NATHANIEL²² BACON (*HARWOOD²¹, LANGSTON²⁰, NATHANIEL¹⁹, JOHN¹⁸, EDMUND¹⁷, THOMAS¹⁶, JAMES¹⁵, JAMES¹⁴, JAMES¹³, ROBERT¹², JOHN¹¹, EDMUND¹⁰, JOHN⁹, JOHN⁸, JOHN⁷, JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, ROBERT⁴, ROGER³, RANULF² DE BACONSTHORP, GRIMBALDUS¹*) was born 1772 in Albamarle Co., VA, and died 1841 in St. Louis Co., MO. He married **ELIZABETH SIMMONS** About 1795 in Albermarle Co., VA. She was born in VA, and died 1845 in St. Louis Co., MO.

NOTES ON NATHANIEL BACON

Nathaniel Bacon and Elizabeth Simmons were married about 1800 in Virginia, later settling in Christian County, Kentucky. It is believed that Nathaniel and his brother, Langston Bacon, went to Kentucky together and then to St. Louis County, Missouri about 1810. There they joined their brother, Ludwell Bacon, who had settled there earlier, about 1802. The first two children were born in Kentucky and the remainder born in Missouri.

The Will of Nathaniel Bacon from Probate Record of St. Louis County, Missouri. File #H-1675, dated September 23, 1841

To Elizabeth, my wife, as long as she may live all real and personal property. Slaves Nelson and Lewis to be hired out and proceeds to my wife and schooling of my two sons, Langston and Lydwell (Ludwell?). To my daughter, Maira Blize (or Blyth) the value of one negro boy named Charles which is now in possession of John Bacon's heirs. To my daughter Mary Johnson, formerly Mary Granger, one negro girl named Jose (?). To my son William Bacon as negro boy David. To my daughter, Nancy Thompson, a negro boy named Jackson. To my son, Fielding Bacon, a negro girl named Charie. To my son Langston Bacon a negro girl named Ann. To my son Lydwell a negro boy named Edwards. To son Lydwell one half of tract of land on which I now reside as spoken of in will as given to my wife for life - the land to be divided into equal parts of which Lydwell is to have first choice. The other half of land together with slaves and property of very description at my wifes death to be equally divided among all my children.

Sons William Bacon and Fielding Bacon appointed Executors.

Signed 21 August 1834 by Nathaniel Bacon

Final settlement was called for in December 1844. Accounting of sale of property, taxes, slaves, etc. Among those names of purchasers ... Henry

McCullough bought a cow. Henry McCullough was married to Deliah Hamilton, sister to Robert Hamilton. William Bacon bought the shotgun. No mention of daughter Lucinda Bacon in the will which may indicate she may have died young.

Children of NATHANIEL BACON and ELIZABETH SIMMONS are:

- i. **MARIE²³ BACON**, b. 1805, Probably KY; m. **ABNER BLITHE**.
 - ii. **WILLIAM BACON**, b. 1806, Kentucky; d. July 18, 1886, Visalia, Tulare Co., CA.
 - iii. **NANCY BACON**, b. September 25, 1809, St. Louis Co., MO; d. February 9, 1886, Pine Canyon area, King City, CA. (*See "Notes on Nancy Bacon Thompson Burns" below.*)
 - iv. **FIELDING BACON**, b. 1810, St. Louis Co., MO; d. 1896, Los Angeles, CA.
 - v. **LUCINDA BACON**, b. Aft. 1810.
 - vi. **LUDWELL BACON**, b. Aft. 1810.
 - vii. **MARY BACON**, b. Aft. 1810.
 - viii. **LANGSTON BACON**, b. 1817.
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2. **WILLIAM²³ BACON** (**NATHANIEL²², HARWOOD²¹, LANGSTON²⁰, NATHANIEL¹⁹, JOHN¹⁸, EDMUND¹⁷, THOMAS¹⁶, JAMES¹⁵, JAMES¹⁴, JAMES¹³, ROBERT¹², JOHN¹¹, EDMUND¹⁰, JOHN⁹, JOHN⁸, JOHN⁷, JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, ROBERT⁴, ROGER³, RANULF² DE BACONSTHORP, GRIMBALDUS¹**) was born 1806 in Kentucky, and died July 18, 1886 in Visalia, Tulare Co., CA. He married **PERMELIA BACON** October 22, 1836 in St. Louis Co., MO (were cousins), daughter of **LANGSTON BACON** and **ELIZABETH SNEED**. She was born October 12, 1811 in St. Louis Co., MO, and died August 3, 1890 in Visalia, CA.

NOTES ON WILLIAM BACON

William Bacon was probably born in Christian County, Kentucky and came with his father and family to St. Louis County, Missouri about 1810. He married his cousin, Permelia Bacon on October 22, 1836. [*see St. Louis Co. index of marriages Vol. 1*] He was engaged in farming for several years when in 1849 he started to Texas with his family. Due to illness they stopped in Crawford County, Arkansas, and there he purchased a farm and made it their home until 1858. In April of that year he started with ox-teams for California with his wife, Permelia Bacon, three sons and four daughters. They came west via El Paso, Texas, to Tucson, Arizona where they spent a considerable time. They continued via Yuma, Arizona to Los Angeles and over Tejon Pass to Tulare County. William bought a farm on the Kaweah River ten miles east of Visalia. In 1868 he homesteaded 160 acres, which is now the site of the town of Orosi, California. It is generally acknowledged that William and Permelia built the first house in Orosi.

Upon arrival in Tulare County William and family found employment with his brother, Fielding Bacon, who was engaged in the stock business. William's son, James Allen Bacon eventually became a partner with his Uncle Fielding. They raised sheep and hogs, which were driven to the southern mines in Mariposa County and sold at a lucrative profit.

William retired and moved to Visalia where he died about 1887.

Children of WILLIAM BACON and PERMELIA BACON are:

- i. **MISSOURI A.²⁴ BACON**, b. October 15, 1834, Probably St. Louis Co., MO. d. July 15, 1915, Phoenix, AZ.
 - ii. **JAMES ALLEN BACON**, b. November 19, 1838, St. Louis, MO; d. 1912, Fresno. CA.
 - iii. **THOMAS EDWARD BACON**, b. September 9, 1839, St. Louis Co., MO; d. 1916, CA.
 - iv. **ELIZABETH JANE BACON**, b. April 13, 1842, Probably St. Louis, MO; d. August 2, 1922, Sultana, Tulare Co., CA.
MARTHA ELLEN BACON, b. December 8, 1847, St. Louis Co., MO; d. September 30, 1930, Probably Fresno, CA.
 - vi. **MARY FRANCES BACON**, b. December 8, 1847, Probably St. Louis Co., MO; d. June 11, 1924, Richmond, CA.
 - vii. **LUCY BACON**, b. 1848; m. **FRANCIS M. BOLANGER**, June 3, 1864, Mariposa Co., CA.
 - viii. **WILLIAM H. BACON**, b. June 6, 1856; d. November 2, 1924, Tempe, AZ.
 - ix. **CHARLES FIELDING BACON**, b. August 15, 1860, Tulare Co., CA. Charles lived near Hollister, CA
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3. **NANCY²³ BACON (NATHANIEL²², HARWOOD²¹, LANGSTON²⁰, NATHANIEL¹⁹, JOHN¹⁸, EDMUND¹⁷, THOMAS¹⁶, JAMES¹⁵, JAMES¹⁴, JAMES¹³, ROBERT¹², JOHN¹¹, EDMUND¹⁰, JOHN⁹, JOHN⁸, JOHN⁷, JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, ROBERT⁴, ROGER³, RANULF² DE BACONSTHORP, GRIMBALDUS¹)** was born September 25, 1809 in St. Louis Co., MO, and died February 9, 1886 in Pine Canyon area, King City, CA. She married (1) **WILLIAM THOMPSON** about 1825 in St. Louis Co., Mo., son of **ALEXANDER THOMPSON** and **MARGARET RITCHIE**. He was born Abt. 1805 in Lincoln Co., KY, and died in 1846 "on the Plains" between MO. and TX. (Arkansas?). She married (2) **URIAH BURNS** February 03, 1850 in Sherman, Grayson, Co., TX. He was born about 1795 in North Carolina, and died after 1860 in Salinas, Monterey Co., CA.

NOTES ON NANCY BACON THOMPSON BURNS

Nancy Bacon was born in St. Louis County, Missouri on September 25, 1809 the second daughter of Nathaniel Bacon and Elizabeth Simmons formerly of Albemarle County, Virginia. Nothing is really known about Nancy's childhood. She was probably named after her Uncle William Bacon's wife, Nancy Huckstep, or her Uncle Ludwell Bacon's wife, Nancy Long, most likely the latter. Nancy Long's brother was Major Gabriel Long who had large landholdings north of the Manchester-Ellisville area on the Missouri River. Gabriel Long was a personal friend of Alexander Thompson and his wife, Margaret Ritchie Thompson. Alexander Thompson's only son, William Thompson and Nancy Bacon were married in St. Louis County about 1825. It is not known how they met but it was probably through family association with Ludwell Bacon and the Long family.



Nancy Bacon Thompson Burns

William Thompson is found in the 1830 and 1840 census living in St. Louis County. This is the same general area in which we find Langston, Nancy's uncle, Nathaniel, her father, and Fielding Bacon, her brother. About 1843/44 William and Nancy moved from St. Louis County westward to Franklin County, Missouri. They stayed there for only a brief period. In 1845 they began a long trip to Grayson County, Texas to settle in a development known as the Peters Colony (established by the Peters Development Co. This area is about 90 miles northwest of present day Dallas, Texas near the Red River, which is now the border between Texas and Oklahoma. What prompted the family to move may never be known, but we surmise it may have been for health reasons and the possible influence of General Kearney, who was raising troops and people to settle Texas so it could gain admittance to the Union. We do know that Nancy's brother, Fielding Bacon, was a supporter of the War with Mexico, and though I have never found proof, he supposedly fought in that war (1846-1848).

William and Nancy Thompson and family settled near the town of Sherman, Grayson County, Texas about 1845 or early 1846. This is based on the birth of their last child, Elizabeth Thompson, who was born in November 1845 in the Cherokee Nation while "on the trail" to Texas. The family settled on 640 acres of land located approximately 3 miles (76 degrees) northwest of the present location of the town of Sherman.

William Thompson died in November 1848 and in January 1849, Nancy Thompson and her eldest son, Alexander Thompson became Administrators of the Estate of William Thompson. Nancy states in the probate records that she was "a widow with seven children." The children as named were; Alexander Thompson, Pleasant Thompson, Serina Thompson, Lucretia Thompson, Zachriah Thompson,

Hardy Thompson and Elizabeth Thompson*. At the close of probate, Nancy received 280 acres of land and each child received 60 acres of their father's land.

The Thompsons apparently lived next to or close to Fielding Bacon. In February 1850 Nancy Bacon Thompson, having been a widow for nearly two years, married Uriah Burns, a man about 15 years her senior. I believe that Uriah Burns and Fielding Bacon were probably partners in the raising of cattle. Fielding owned about 1,500 acres of land and Uriah Burns about 1,000 acres in Grayson County. Pleasant Thompson, Nancy's son, also owned about 160 acres though he was only 19 years old in 1850. Uriah Burns' son, Jeptha Burns, married Fielding Bacon's eldest daughter, Amanda Virginia Bacon. This put Nancy in the position of not only being Amanda's aunt but now became her mother-in-law and step grandmother to their children!

In May of 1852 Nancy and Uriah Burns had a son they named Thomas Coke Burns. He was their only known child.

The next saga in the life of Nancy is really confusing and a matter of debate, but it seems directly tied to that of her brother, Fielding. In 1853 he decided to make the move to California. According to Fielding Guy Burns (Fielding Bacon's and Uriah Burns' mutual grandson), the Burns family made the decision to move west. Although Nancy also made the move, she may have left part of her family behind in Grayson County. We know that Pleasant and his wife, Sarah moved to California in 1856, but whether Pleasant's siblings moved with their mother in 1853 or waited until 1856** is a matter of conjecture. It is something we will never know for sure.

Fielding Bacon, along with Uriah Burns and his sons, Jeptha, John and Charles, started for California in 1853. It is believed that Jeptha, John and Charles went fishing on the Elm River just as the trip was starting and Jeptha was accidentally drowned. The wagon train continued into Arizona Territory where an Indian raid took most of the cattle and horses. Another tragedy occurred when a flash flood caught some other members of the party who drowned. It is not clear to me whether the drowning accident of Jeptha Burns and the incident of the flash flood might be one and the same thing. Despite hardships, the group arrived in the fall of 1853 in the Los Angeles area where they spent the winter. Fielding Bacon purchased land and started a farming enterprise in the El Monte area. Later Fielding would expand and move into the San Joaquin Valley, becoming a large landowner in Tulare County, California.

Uriah and Nancy Burns continued north up the coast, eventually settling near what is today Salinas, Monterey County, California. The census of 1860 shows that Uriah Burns is the Monterey County Tax Assessor living in Salinas with his wife, Nancy and their son, Thomas Burns, as well as Hardy and Elizabeth Thompson,

* *There may have been an eighth child, a son, William "Billy" Thompson but I have not been able to prove his existence beyond Walter Coke Thompson's story as related in his book, A Thompson Chronicle (pages 7 & 8).*

** *According to the oral history handed down to Walter Coke Thompson, there were probably 11 of them in a wagon train, led by Uriah Burns, that left Texas for California in 1856. Included were Pleasant & Sarah and their family, his brother Zachary, Uriah & Nancy Burns and their younger children, Hardy, Elizabeth and Lucretia Thompson and Thomas Coke Burns. Thompson also listed an "Uncle Billy", whose actual identity is a mystery.*

Nancy's two youngest children by her first marriage.

After Uriah's death (after 1860) Nancy and her son Hardy operated a hotel of some sort in Salinas for a period of time. This was before the railroad came to Salinas, so it was a part of the coastal stagecoach route. Later, Nancy's son Pleasant would own and operate The Last Chance stage stop west of King City, California. Her other son, Zach Thompson, married Isabella Richardson. She was the daughter of William Brenner Richardson, who owned the stage stop known as Los Coches at the Salinas River south of Soledad, California. Still later in the era of early motorized bus transportation (they were still called "stages" then) one of Nancy's great grandsons, Alex E. Thompson, would found Pickwick Stage Lines, which connected most of the coastal cities between San Francisco and Los Angeles including some parts of the San Joaquin Valley. This line was later purchased by Greyhound Lines and incorporated into their transportation network.

Nancy Bacon Thompson Burns left Salinas and eventually retired to a small ranch in the Pine Canyon area west of King City, California where she died on February 9, 1886. She was buried in a private cemetery on a hill near her ranch. She was described by her granddaughter, Frances Thompson, as "... a very large woman who always wore a little cap and smoked a corn cob pipe". Frances further related to me that she and her sister, Jane Thompson, sang hymns at her funeral (*The Prayers Are Set Before Me*), and Jane played the organ.



Nancy Bacon Thompson-Burns gravesite in Pine Canyon near King City. The little graveyard is under the big oak tree on top of the hill. (See chapter 4 for map indicating its location in relationship to other family landmarks in Monterey County.)

Children of NANCY BACON and WILLIAM THOMPSON are:

- i. **ALEXANDER²⁴ THOMPSON**, b. 1829, MO.; d. before April 1850, Sherman, Grayson Co., TX (*See biography of William Thompson, Chapter 3.*)
 - ii. **PLEASANT THOMPSON**, b. December 26, 1830, St. Louis Co., MO; d. February 19, 1907, King City, CA. (*See separate biography, Chapter 4.*)
 - iii. **WILLIAM THOMPSON**, b. Abt. 1832*.
 - iv. **ZACHARIAH THOMPSON**, b. 1834, St. Louis Co., MO; d. December 1882, Salinas, CA. (*See separate biography, Chapter 7.*)
 - v. **LUCRETIA THOMPSON**, b. 1836, St. Louis Co., MO. . (*See A Thompson Chronicle.*)
 - vi. **SIRENA THOMPSON**, b. Abt. 1838, probably St. Louis Co., MO. (*See biography of William Thompson, Chapter 3.*)
 - vii. **HARDY THOMPSON**, b. 1840, St. Louis Co., MO.; d. June 14, 1880, Towne Creek, San Luis Obispo Co., CA. (*See A Thompson Chronicle.*)
 - viii. **ELIZABETH THOMPSON**, b. November 7, 1845, Cherokee Nation. (*See A Thompson Chronicle.*)
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Child of NANCY BACON and URIAH BURNS is:

- ix. **THOMAS COKE²⁴ BURNS**, b. May 2, 1852, probably Grayson Co., TX. (*See A Thompson Chronicle.*)

NOTE: Children of Nancy Bacon and William Thompson and Uriah Burns are covered in the Thompson section of this book. Numbers 12, 13, 14, 15,16, and 17 are not found here.

* *Walter Coke Thompson mentions in his writing about an Uncle Billy: "The family went to the Salinas Valley (after coming from Texas in 1856), and most of them spent the rest of their lives there or near there. But Uncle Billy went up around Marysville, someplace where he raised something of a family, and the rest of the family didn't see him much after that." I have searched the Census records of 1860 and 1870 in Sacramento, Nevada, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba Counties. Marysville is in Yuba County. I find several William Thompsons but none that seem to fit what would be this Billy Thompson.*

NOTES ON URIAH BURNS



Uriah Burns



Thomas "Coke" Burns

We know from census records that Uriah Burns was born in North Carolina about 1795 and is thought to be the son of John Arthur Burns. He married Margaret "Peggy" Hide (Hyde) January 14, 1814 in Haywood Co., North Carolina. They had at least three known sons, John Burns, Charles Burns and Jephtha Burns who married Amanda Virginia Bacon, daughter of Fielding Bacon in Grayson Co., Texas on June 27, 1849. There may have been more children ... possibly another son, William Burns, who married a Mrs. Letty King in 1851 in Sherman, Grayson Co., Texas.

Uriah Burns is first found auctioning lots to the newly found town of Sherman, Grayson County on December 1, 1846. Sherman was founded near the geographic center of Grayson County but was moved with reluctance, due to a lack of ample water for the town, two years later to a location two miles east.

In April 1850 Uriah Burns was awarded 640 acres of land from the Peters Colony, second contract, Certificate No. 266, Vol. 2. In his application he says that he was on his land "by or before July of 1848 with his wife and children." Therefore, we must assume that his wife, Peggy Hide Burns, died sometime between July 1848 and 1850. On February 2, 1850 Uriah Burns married Nancy Bacon Thompson, the widow of William Thompson. He is found in the 1850 Census of Grayson County and is listed as a farmer owning 1.000 acres of land. Also living in his household are members of the Thompson family (his wife's children) and some Deavers family members. The Deavers family seems to be connected to the family of Uriah's brother, Miles Burns.

Uriah's stepson, Alexander Thompson, died in January of 1850. Uriah was designated as Executor of his will, but he resigned in April 1850 according to probate records found in Grayson County, Texas.

In 1853 Uriah Burns led a wagon train from Sherman to California. We know that Fielding Bacon, his wife's brother, was in that party. They arrived in the Los Angeles area in the winter of 1853, and it is believed that later Uriah scouted for a place to bring his family to live in California. He returned to Texas, and in 1856 led the second wagon train out to California. He settled in the Salinas area, where he eventually became the Monterey County Tax Assessor. I find no records of him after 1860 so it is assumed that he died. His wife, Nancy, is found in the 1870

California census living in Salinas with her sons Hardy Thompson and Thomas Coke Burns.

Uriah and Nancy Burns had one child, Thomas Coke Burns, born in Sherman, Grayson County, Texas on May 2, 1852. I knew little about this man beyond the fact that he eventually lived in Arroyo Grande, California, but he is mentioned many times by Walter Coke Thompson in his memoirs, *A Thompson Chronicle*.

Uriah's other sons: John Burns married Lucinda Jennings in Sherman on June 27, 1849 and settled in Merced, California in the San Joaquin Valley. Charles Burns also came to California and settled in Monterey County where he lived to be over 90 years of age. Jephtha Burns married Amanda Virginia Bacon on April 22, 1849 in Sherman and died about 1853 in a drowning accident on the Elm River in Texas.

Amanda Virginia Bacon Burns died quite young in Texas in 1851, two years before her husband drowned. Before their deaths, she and husband Jephtha had two children: John Franklin Burns (b. 1849) m. Mary E. Langston in Tulare County, California July 8, 1869 and Fielding Guy Burns (1850-1907) m. Marcy C. Woody on Jan 26, 1868 in Tulare County, California. Both children were raised by their maternal grandparents, Fielding Bacon and his wife Elizabeth "Sallie" Bell Bacon, who settled in California in 1853 and in the San Joaquin Valley in 1856. It is thought that John Franklin Burns settled in Arizona, but Fielding Guy Burns lived most of his life in Tulare County, California.

Thomas Coke Burns, son of Uriah and Nancy Bacon Thompson Burns, married Julia Tinnen – probably in Monterey County, California and they had six children: Eugene, Nelson, Frank Hardy (b.1879), Arthur (b.1881), Harold (1895) and a daughter, Jessie. At this time I do not know of any living descendants of this family.

4. **FIELDING²³ BACON (NATHANIEL²², HARWOOD²¹, LANGSTON²⁰, NATHANIEL¹⁹, JOHN¹⁸, EDMUND¹⁷, THOMAS¹⁶, JAMES¹⁵, JAMES¹⁴, JAMES¹³, ROBERT¹², JOHN¹¹, EDMUND¹⁰, JOHN⁹, JOHN⁸, JOHN⁷, JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, ROBERT⁴, ROGER³, RANULF² DE BACONSTHORP, GRIMBALDUS¹)** was born 1810 in St. Louis Co., MO, and died 1896 in Los Angeles, CA. He married **SARAH ELIZABETH BELL** about 1830 in MO. She was born about 1810 in MO., and died in Los Angeles, CA.

NOTES ON FIELDING BACON

It is a matter of debate where and when Fielding Bacon was born. Grandson, Fielding Guy Burns, said he was born in Virginia. 1870 Census of Tulare County, California says he was born in Missouri and that he was 63 years old. 1850 Census of Grayson County, Texas say he was 38 years old, which would make him born about 1810 or 1811 in Missouri. I am therefore using the date of 1810 as his year of birth and Missouri as his place of birth, which is what I believe to be correct.

Records indicate that Fielding Bacon grew up in Franklin County, Missouri and there he met and married Sarah Elizabeth Bell. She is also found in records as "Sallie" and "Ella" Bacon. They had at least ten known children, five sons and five daughters. One daughter, Amanda Virginia Bacon, married Jephtha Burns, son of Uriah Burns. Amanda died quite young (about 1851) just after the birth of her second child, Fielding Guy Burns. It is believed that Jephtha Burns drowned and left the two sons for Fielding Bacon and his wife, Sallie, to raise. Nancy Bacon

Thompson, widow of William Thompson, married Uriah Burns in 1850 and thus became the step grandmother to both the orphaned boys.

It isn't known just when Fielding Bacon went to Texas, but we assume about 1845 or even earlier. He supposedly was a supporter of the Texas rebellion against Mexico and may have fought in the U.S. Mexican War of 1846-1848. Fielding engaged in the cattle business in Grayson County, Texas and owned several hundred acres of land there. One record indicates he owned land on Post Oak Creek, adjoining land owned by William Thompson (deceased), his brother-in-law. It would appear that perhaps Fielding and Uriah Burns may have been business partners in Texas.

It is believed that in 1853 Uriah Burns led a wagon train, which included Fielding Bacon and his family, from Sherman, Texas to southern California. The Thompsons didn't come on this trip; they came in 1856, led by Uriah Burns. This first group encountered Indian raids in the Arizona territory and lost most of their cattle and horses. A second tragedy occurred when a sudden storm drowned several people in a flash flood. I have often wondered if this was how Jephtha Burns died. Despite the hardships, the wagon train arrived in the Los Angeles area and they wintered there in 1853.

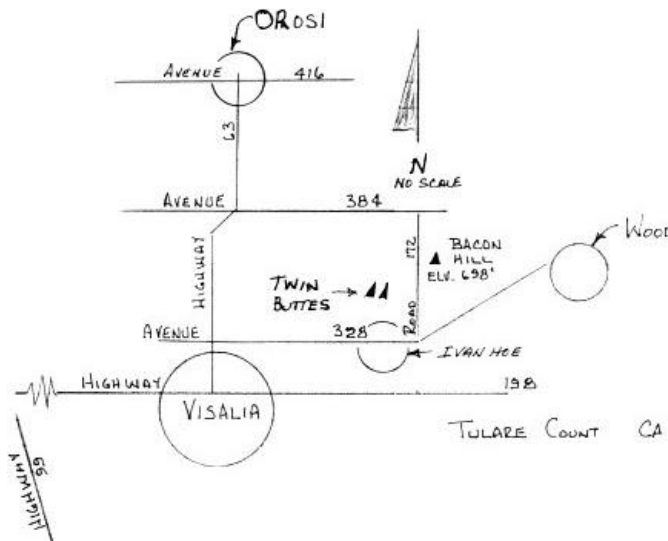
Fielding Bacon settled in the El Monte area near Los Angeles and engaged in the cattle business. In the spring of 1856 he came to Tulare County and settled on the St. Johns River, approximately ten miles east of Visalia. 1856 was not his first exposure to Tulare County. In 1854 he drove cattle into the San Joaquin Valley to the mines in Sonora. And in 1855 he drove a thousand head of cattle (purchased in Los Angeles from the Mexican governor, Pio Pico) over Tejon Pass (known as "the grapevine" today) and into Tulare County, where he began his lucrative stock business. In trying to improve the breeding of cattle, he sent east and had some prize bulls shipped out by train in the 1870s.

In 1866 Fielding Bacon spent \$12,000 to build a fine brick house on his Cottonwood Creek property. The brick was made on his place while the woodwork was hauled from the Fresno Slough. Alas, he never got to live in the house. Before it was finished the great flood of 1867 ruined the house and it had to be torn down. He rebuilt later and lived there for about five years, moving into the Town of Visalia in 1873.

Fielding was one of the founders of the Bank of Visalia in 1874 along with his son-in-law, Jasper Harrell, as well as other early pioneers: Richard Hyde, John Crowley, Tipton Lindsay, Cutberth Burrell and Elias Jacob, to name a few.

It is also interesting to note that Fielding Bacon was not a *Secessionist* during the Civil War, though most people in Tulare County remained mostly loyal to the Confederacy. He helped organize a club in support of President Lincoln and the Union, not a popular cause.

In 1882 Fielding and his wife left Visalia and moved to Los Angeles. In 1877 he is found as President of Visalia Oil and Petroleum Co. He died in Los Angeles in 1896 at the age of 89 years. His wife also died in Los Angeles.



Bacon Hill is a mound of rocks jutting out from the floor of the valley at an elevation of 698 feet above sea level. To the south east about two miles is another outcropping with a similar rock formation called Twin Buttes. These three outcroppings of rocks are out of place, geologically speaking, with the floor of the valley. In one of the pictures, you can make out Twin Buttes in the distance. They actually look like a part of Bacon Hill. Bacon Hill is completely surrounded by orange groves and lies in an area of the valley that we call the "orange belt" because it seems to be more frost-free during the winter than the rest of the valley. The orange belt runs from the little town of Orange Cove in Fresno County south to Bakersfield in Kern County, a distance of about 100 or so miles, and is about 4 to 5 miles wide.

Children of FIELDING BACON and SARAH BELL are:

- i. **AMANDA VIRGINIA²⁴ BACON**, b. Abt. 1832, Probably St. Louis Co., MO; d. February 15, 1851, Sherman Co., TX.
 - ii. **JAMES MONROE BACON**, b. Abt. 1834, MO.
 - iii. **THOMAS S. BACON**, b. Abt. 1836, probably St. Louis Co., MO.
 - iv. **CHARLES PHILLIP BACON**, b. Abt. 1840, Probably St. Louis Co., MO.
 - v. **MARTHA ELIZABETH BACON**, b. Abt. 1842, probably St. Louis Co., MO; d. 1918, Los Angeles, CA.
 - vi. **ELIZABETH BACON**, b. Abt. 1844, Probably St. Louis Co., MO.
 - vii. **JULIA A. BACON BACON**, b. Abt. 1846, Grayson Co., TX.
 - viii. **FIELDING BACON**, b. Abt. 1849, Grayson Co., TX.
 - ix. **PARMELIA BACON**, b. Abt. 1853, Probably Grayson Co., TX.
 - x. **JOHN BACON**, b. Abt. 1857, Possibly Tulare Co., CA.
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5. **MISSOURI A.²⁴ BACON** (*WILLIAM²³, NATHANIEL²², HARWOOD²¹, LANGSTON²⁰, NATHANIEL¹⁹, JOHN¹⁸, EDMUND¹⁷, THOMAS¹⁶, JAMES¹⁵, JAMES¹⁴, JAMES¹³, ROBERT¹², JOHN¹¹, EDMUND¹⁰, JOHN⁹, JOHN⁸, JOHN⁷, JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, ROBERT⁴, ROGER³, RANULF² DE BACONSTHORP, GRIMBALDUS¹*) was born October 15, 1834 in probably St. Louis Co., MO, and died July 15, 1915 in Phoenix, AZ. She married **WILLIAM KIRKLAND** May 26, 1860 in Tucson, Pima County, AZ.

Children of MISSOURI BACON and WILLIAM KIRKLAND are:

- i. **ELIZABETH JANE²⁵ KIRKLAND**, b. February 28, 1861, Tucson, AZ; d. February 8, 1881, Tucson, Pima County, AZ; m. **THOMAS STEELE**.
- ii. **PERMILIA VIRGINIA KIRKLAND**, b. 1863, AZ; m. **JAMES W. ROBERTS**.
- iii. **SARA ANNE KIRKLAND**, b. 1865; m. **GEORGE D. GILBERT**.
- iv. **MARY ELLEN KIRKLAND**, b. 1871, Safford, Graham Co., AZ; d. October 19, 1960; m. **WAYNE RITTER**.
- v. **GEORGE WILLIAM KIRKLAND**, b. 1873.
- vi. **HUGH ALLAN KIRKLAND**, b. May 4, 1877, Safford, Graham Co., AZ; m. **RUTH WILLIAMS**.
- vii. **FRANK JAMES KIRKLAND**, b. March 28, 1880, Graham Co., AZ; d. November 18, 1971; m. **MARIA ELENA ESPINOZA**, June 14, 1912, Winkleman, Gila Co., AZ.

6. **JAMES ALLEN²⁴ BACON** (*WILLIAM²³, NATHANIEL²², HARWOOD²¹, LANGSTON²⁰, NATHANIEL¹⁹, JOHN¹⁸, EDMUND¹⁷, THOMAS¹⁶, JAMES¹⁵, JAMES¹⁴, JAMES¹³, ROBERT¹², JOHN¹¹, EDMUND¹⁰, JOHN⁹, JOHN⁸, JOHN⁷, JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, ROBERT⁴, ROGER³, RANULF² DE BACONSTHORP, GRIMBALDUS¹*) was born November 19, 1838 in St. Louis, MO, and died 1912 in Fresno, CA. He married **SARA JANE EDMISTON** October 17, 1880 in Sand Creek, CA. She died 1901.

Children of JAMES BACON and SARA EDMISTON are:

- i. **ALICE MAUD²⁵ BACON**, b. September 13, 1881, Cricketsville, CA; d. June 16, 1953, Fresno, CA; m. **WILLIAM MACKERSIE**.
 - ii. **THOMAS ALLEN BACON**, b. October 19, 1883, Elbow Creek, Tulare Co., CA; d. May 12, 1940, Los Angeles, CA.
 - iii. **EDITH THEODATE BACON**, b. June 6, 1886, Elbow Creek, Tulare Co., CA; d. October 14, 1959, Bakersfield, CA.
 - iv. **JESSIE ETHEL BACON**, b. November 18, 1888.
 - v. **ELSIE VIOLA BACON**, b. July 21, 1893, Orosi, CA; d. March 16, 1984, Bakersfield, CA.
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7. **THOMAS EDWARD²⁴ BACON** (***WILLIAM²³, NATHANIEL²², HARWOOD²¹, LANGSTON²⁰, NATHANIEL¹⁹, JOHN¹⁸, EDMUND¹⁷, THOMAS¹⁶, JAMES¹⁵, JAMES¹⁴, JAMES¹³, ROBERT¹², JOHN¹¹, EDMUND¹⁰, JOHN⁹, JOHN⁸, JOHN⁷, JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, ROBERT⁴, ROGER³, RANULF² DE BACONSTHORP, GRIMBALDUS¹***) was born September 9, 1839 in St. Louis Co., MO, and died 1916 in CA. He married **LUCINDA STRAWN** September 2, 1858 in Van Buren Co., AR. Eventually settled near Phoenix, AZ.

Children of THOMAS BACON and LUCINDA STRAWN are:

- i. **WILLIAM GREEN²⁵ BACON**, b. 1858, Tuscon, AZ; d. Tucson, Pima County, AZ.
 - ii. **AMANDA REBECCA BACON**, b. October 14, 1860; m. **DR. BRADLEY WAYMAN DOYLE**.
 - iii. **JOHN ALLEN BACON**, b. 1862, Mariposa Co., CA. Was a stockbroker. Lived some time in Mariposa and Fresno Counties.
 - iv. **AMELIA IDA BACON**, b. 1864, Mariposa Co., CA; m. **WESLEY B. HAZELTON**. Lived in Sanger, CA.
 - v. **GEORGE FRANKLIN BACON**, b. 1871.
 - vi. **MARY IDA BACON**, b. 1873. Was a teacher in the Fresno School System.
 - vii. **LAURA OLIVIA BACON**, b. 1876; m. **J. G. SIMPSON**. Lived in Academy, Fresno County.
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8. **ELIZABETH JANE²⁴ BACON** (***WILLIAM²³, NATHANIEL²², HARWOOD²¹, LANGSTON²⁰, NATHANIEL¹⁹, JOHN¹⁸, EDMUND¹⁷, THOMAS¹⁶, JAMES¹⁵, JAMES¹⁴, JAMES¹³, ROBERT¹², JOHN¹¹, EDMUND¹⁰, JOHN⁹, JOHN⁸, JOHN⁷, JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, ROBERT⁴, ROGER³, RANULF² DE BACONSTHORP, GRIMBALDUS¹**) was born April 13, 1842 in probably St. Louis, MO, and died August 2, 1922 in Sultana, Tulare Co., CA. She married (1) **HUSTON CAMPBELL** and settled in Sultana, Tulare Co., CA. She married (2) **WILLIAM AKE** 1860 in Mariposa Co., CA.*

Children of ELIZABETH BACON and HUSTON CAMPBELL are:

- i. **IDA MAY²⁵ CAMPBELL.**
 - ii. **JULIA CAMPBELL.**
 - iii. **LEORA CAMPBELL.**
 - iv. **LULU CAMPBELL.**
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Child of ELIZABETH BACON and WILLIAM AKE is:

- v. **LAURA RAINES²⁵ AKE**, b. 1863.
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9. **MARTHA ELLEN²⁴ BACON** (***WILLIAM²³, NATHANIEL²², HARWOOD²¹, LANGSTON²⁰, NATHANIEL¹⁹, JOHN¹⁸, EDMUND¹⁷, THOMAS¹⁶, JAMES¹⁵, JAMES¹⁴, JAMES¹³, ROBERT¹², JOHN¹¹, EDMUND¹⁰, JOHN⁹, JOHN⁸, JOHN⁷, JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, ROBERT⁴, ROGER³, RANULF² DE BACONSTHORP, GRIMBALDUS¹**) was born December 8, 1847 in St. Louis Co., MO, and died September 30, 1930 in probably Fresno, CA. She married **HENRY ROBERT MORRIS** November 25, 1863 in Mariposa Co., CA and they settled in Arroyo Grande, CA.*

Children of MARTHA BACON and HENRY MORRIS are:

- i. **JOSEPH²⁵ MORRIS**, b. 1864.
- ii. **ELLEN MORRIS**, b. 1865.
- iii. **SARAH MORRIS**, b. 1866, Tulare Co., CA.
- iv. **ALBERT MORRIS**, b. 1868, Tulare Co., CA.
- v. **WILLIAM MORRIS**, b. May 9, 1872, Visalia, CA; d. January 18, 1928, Santa Cruz, CA.; m. **ATTIE**.
- vi. **SAMUEL HOUSTON MORRIS**, b. October 9, 1878.
- vii. **EMMA MORRIS**, b. May 20, 1880, Visalia, CA; d. December 17, 1959, Shelby, Montana.

- viii. **GEORGE MORRIS**, b. February 1, 1883, Visalia, CA; d. June 15, 1939, Bakers.
 - ix. **GROVER THOMAS MORRIS**, b. May 9, 1886, Visalia, CA; d. October 6, 1951, Taft, CA.
 - x. **LUCY MORRIS**, b. 1889, Visalia, CA; d. about 1976, Garden Grove, CA.
 - xi. **ROY MORRIS**, b. October 27, 1891, Visalia, CA.
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10. **MARY FRANCES²⁴ BACON** (**WILLIAM²³, NATHANIEL²², HARWOOD²¹, LANGSTON²⁰, NATHANIEL¹⁹, JOHN¹⁸, EDMUND¹⁷, THOMAS¹⁶, JAMES¹⁵, JAMES¹⁴, JAMES¹³, ROBERT¹², JOHN¹¹, EDMUND¹⁰, JOHN⁹, JOHN⁸, JOHN⁷, JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, ROBERT⁴, ROGER³, RANULF² DE BACONSTHORP, GRIMBALDUS¹**) was born December 8, 1847 in probably St. Louis Co., MO, and died June 11, 1924 in Richmond, CA. She married (1) **SAMUEL M. SMOOT** and they settled in Corcoran, Kings Co., CA. She married (2) **JOSEPH L. PHILLIPS** May 7, 1885.

Child of MARY BACON and JOSEPH PHILLIPS is:

- i. **AMELIA²⁵ PHILLIPS**.
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11. **WILLIAM H.²⁴ BACON** (**WILLIAM²³, NATHANIEL²², HARWOOD²¹, LANGSTON²⁰, NATHANIEL¹⁹, JOHN¹⁸, EDMUND¹⁷, THOMAS¹⁶, JAMES¹⁵, JAMES¹⁴, JAMES¹³, ROBERT¹², JOHN¹¹, EDMUND¹⁰, JOHN⁹, JOHN⁸, JOHN⁷, JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, ROBERT⁴, ROGER³, RANULF² DE BACONSTHORP, GRIMBALDUS¹**) was born June 6, 1856, and died November 2, 1924 in Tempe, AZ. He married **MARY NEVADA POGUE** April 7, 1874 in Visalia, CA, and they settled near Phoenix, AZ.

Children of WILLIAM BACON and MARY POGUE are:

- i. **SARAH PERMELIA²⁵ BACON**, b. November 7, 1875, Orosi, Tulare Co., CA.
 - ii. **MARTHA LOUISE BACON**, b. February 12, 1879, Orosi, Tulare Co., CA.
 - iii. **JAMES EDWARD BACON**, b. September 12, 1881, Orosi, Tulare Co., CA.
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NOTE: the jump here from 11 to 18 involves the descendants of Nancy Bacon Thompson Burns. Information on this family can be found under Descendants of William Thompson 1805-1846 in Chapter 3.

18. **AMANDA VIRGINIA²⁴ BACON** (**FIELDING²³, NATHANIEL²², HARWOOD²¹, LANGSTON²⁰, NATHANIEL¹⁹, JOHN¹⁸, EDMUND¹⁷, THOMAS¹⁶, JAMES¹⁵, JAMES¹⁴, JAMES¹³, ROBERT¹², JOHN¹¹, EDMUND¹⁰, JOHN⁹, JOHN⁸, JOHN⁷, JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, ROBERT⁴, ROGER³, RANULF² DE BACONSTHORP, GRIMBALDUS¹**) was born about 1832 in probably St. Louis Co., MO, and died February 15, 1851 in Sherman Co., TX. She

married **JEPHTHA BURNS** June 27, 1849 in Sherman, Grayson Co., TX, son of **URIAH BURNS** and **PEGGY HIDE**. He was born 1830 in MO, and died about 1853 in Elm River, TX.

Jeptha Burns, son of Uriah Burns by his first marriage, was married to Amanda Virginia Bacon, daughter of Fielding Bacon, whose sister was Nancy Bacon Thompson Burns. Jeptha is said to have drowned while fishing.

Children of AMANDA BACON and JEPHTHA BURNS are:

- i. **JOHN FRANKLIN²⁵ BURNS**, b. about 1849; m. **MARY E. LANGSTON**, July 8, 1869, Tulare Co., CA Resided near Tucson, Arizona according to his brother, Fielding Guy Burns. Was also in the stock business (raising and selling cattle?).
 - ii. **FIELDING GUY BURNS**, b. November 2, 1850, Grayson Co., TX; d. about 1907, Probably Tulare Co., CA; m. **MARY C. WOODY**, January 26, 1868, Tulare Co., CA. Probate filed: August 1907, Tulare County, CA.
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19. **THOMAS S.²⁴ BACON** (***FIELDING²³, NATHANIEL²², HARWOOD²¹, LANGSTON²⁰, NATHANIEL¹⁹, JOHN¹⁸, EDMUND¹⁷, THOMAS¹⁶, JAMES¹⁵, JAMES¹⁴, JAMES¹³, ROBERT¹², JOHN¹¹, EDMUND¹⁰, JOHN⁹, JOHN⁸, JOHN⁷, JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, ROBERT⁴, ROGER³, RANULF² DE BACONSTHORP, GRIMBALDUS¹***) was born Abt. 1836 in probably St. Louis Co., MO. He married **SUSAN**.

Children of THOMAS BACON and SUSAN are:

- i. **MARY²⁵ BACON**, b. Abt. 1862.
 - ii. **LAURA BACON**, b. Abt. 1863.
 - iii. **WILLIAM BACON**, b. Abt. 1865.
 - iv. **VIRGINIA BACON**, b. Abt. 1867.
 - v. **HENRY BACON**, b. Abt. 1868.
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20. **MARTHA ELIZABETH²⁴ BACON** (***FIELDING²³, NATHANIEL²², HARWOOD²¹, LANGSTON²⁰, NATHANIEL¹⁹, JOHN¹⁸, EDMUND¹⁷, THOMAS¹⁶, JAMES¹⁵, JAMES¹⁴, JAMES¹³, ROBERT¹², JOHN¹¹, EDMUND¹⁰, JOHN⁹, JOHN⁸, JOHN⁷, JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, ROBERT⁴, ROGER³, RANULF² DE BACONSTHORP, GRIMBALDUS¹***) was born about 1842 in probably St. Louis Co., MO, and died 1918 in Los Angeles, CA. She married **JASPER HARRELL** October 8, 1857 in Tulare Co., CA (Visalia ?), son of **EDWARD HARRELL**. He was born August 16, 1830 in Atlanta, Georgia, and died May 3, 1901 in Visalia, CA.

NOTES ON MARTHA ELIZABETH BACON

In 1850 Jasper Harrell left New Orleans for San Francisco and upon arrival mined in Tuolumne County for about two years. After accumulating money in the mines he went to Los Angeles and engaged in the stock (cattle) business. After two years in Los Angeles, he moved to Visalia (circa 1856), purchased large tracts of land, and engaged in raising cattle. He owned at one time over 6,000 acres of land in Tulare County and lived on his ranch which was about seven miles north of Visalia.

In 1889 he erected a fine three story bank building at the corner of Main Street and Court Street in Visalia at a cost of \$35,000. He also built eight two-story residences on Court Street. In addition, he owned property in Los Angeles, one being the Nadeau Hotel and another being a residence at Pearl and Orange Streets there. He owned half interest in the Sparks-Harrell Company (a land and cattle corporation owning 75,000 acres of land in Nevada and 11,000 acres of land in Williamson County, Texas) He ran about 30,000 head of cattle on the Nevada land and 3,000 on the Texas land. In 1888 he was elected President of the Visalia and Tulare Railroad.

In 1857 he married Martha Bacon, daughter of Fielding Bacon of Visalia. They had two children.

Children of MARTHA BACON and JASPER HARRELL are:

- i. **ANDREW J.²⁵ HARRELL**. A partner in Harrell & Son, a private Bank in Visalia until 1893 when it merged with the Producers' Bank
 - ii. **VICTORIA HARRELL**, m. (1) **WALTER J. TRASK** a Visalia Attorney; m. (2) **HENRY FLEISHMAN**, President of Farmers and Merchants Bank of Los Angeles.
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