

Annie Mae Stone North, aunt of Rena Stone Sherman (her father's sister), shown here with her three young children whom she raised in Kerrville after being widowed as a young woman. She was the first child born to Rena's paternal grandparents, the W. L. Stones, after they came to Kerr County in 1888.

(From left): William James, Jr.; Annie Mae; Dovie Althea, and Iva Mae.



Annie Mae Stone North was Rena Stone Sherman's aunt, sister to her father. Annie Mae was the first child born to Rena's paternal grandparents, W. L. Stone and Caldona Jane (Cheyhouma) Shockley, after they came to Kerr County in 1888. Her husband (r) W. J. North, Jr., died as a young man and Annie Mae continued living in Kerrville where she raised her three young children.



Ca. 1940 – Brothers of Rena Stone Sherman (From left): Kenneth Gordon, Morris Inman and Bryant Fowler.

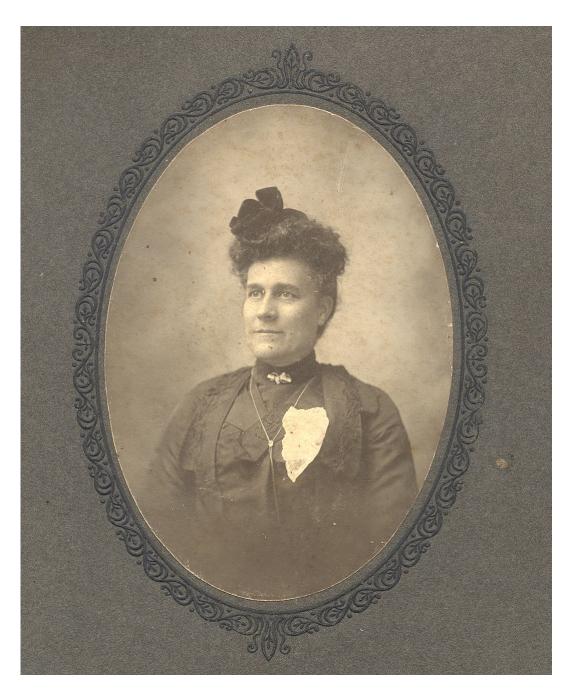


Rena Stone Sherman, shown here with family members. (From left): brother, Bryant Fowler; father, Austin Bryant Stone; brother, Kenneth Gordon; Rena; and brother, Morris Inman.



Ca. 1910 - Austin B. Stone, father of Rena Stone Sherman, shown with his brother, Harvie.

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 ${\it Emma \ Eppright \ Inman, \ maternal \ great-grand mother \ of \ Rena \ S. \ Sherman.}$

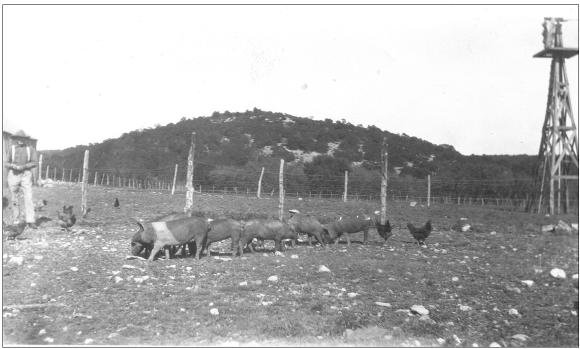


Rena Sherman's grandchildren show off their snowman in front of grandma's house at 956 Jefferson: Sarah Emily and Brian Sherman Raborn, ca., 1980.



Isaac Joseph Inman, maternal grandfather of Rena Stone Sherman.





Rena Stone Sherman's grandfather, W. L. Stone, on his hog ranch out on Goat Creek road where he settled in 1888.



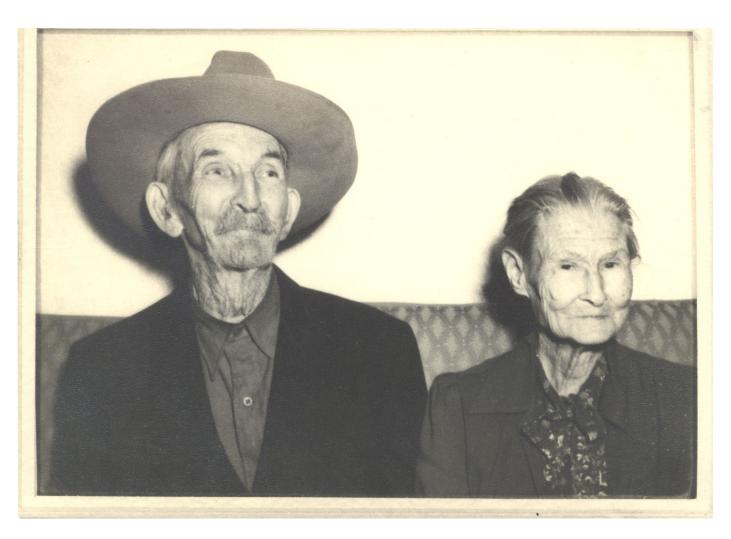
Rena Stone Sherman's maternal grandmother Elizabeth Byrnes Inman (far right) with Rena's mother Emma Inman, about 5 yrs old. Exact date and location not known.



Elizabeth Sarah Byrnes Inman, maternal grandmother of Rena Stone Sherman.



Caldona Jane Shockley, grandmother of Rena Sherman was captured by Indians in Oklahoma and released after several years. Her Indian name was Cheyhouma. She is shown here with her father, Will Shockley, Rena's great-grandfather. (Date Unknown)



Ca. 1940 - Grandparents of Rena S. Sherman, Caldona Jane (Cheyhouma) Shockley Stone and William L. Stone. They owned a hog ranch on Goat Creek Road in Kerr County. Stone was born in Trinity County in 1860 and came to Llano during Reconstruction days. He went to Blanco County to court and wed Cheyhouma Shockley who had come from the Cherokee Indian Nation in what is now Oklahoma. Cheyhouma was not Indian but had been kidnapped in her infancy by a childless Cherokee couple. After several years, her father ransomed her for 10 prime steers.

The couple had two children while living in Llano but in 1888, the Stones packed a mule drawn wagon and came to the banks of Goat Creek in Kerr County where they picked a home site and Stone started a hog herd and began freighting for Captain Charles Schreiner. The couple had eight children. Cheyhouma died in 1949 and William in 1956 at the age of 95.



Maternal grandparents of Rena Stone Sherman: Isaac and Elizabeth Sarah Byrnes Inman.

JAMES J STONE 1822- died after 1874 Mary Jane Burchinn/or Birchim

The earliest date we know of James J Stone is February 27, 1842 when he married Mary Jane Burchinn in Barry County Missouri. The family Bible states he was born November 30, 1822. The census of 1850 in Rusk County TX say he was born in Kentucky. The 1870 census of Hill County TX say he was born in Tennessee. Mary Jane was born in Kentucky, according to the 1870 census, other census, 1850 and 1900 say Alabama. Her son, Albert, reported Missouri as her place of birth on the 1880 census. One thing we do know, this family moved many times, never staying long in any place. The frequent moves probably were in an effort of finding a better life for their growing family. After the children married and some moved on to Kerr County, these were more settled. It is believed that the Rev R. G. Stone, and Green Stone were brothers of James. John Lock Stone, the grand father of Preston, LaVerne and Roy Stone was a nephew of Green Stone. The families always lived in the same communities.

In June of 1849, as stated on the birth certificate of children of Albert G. Stone, list Albert being born in Fannin County TX. He was the second son of James and Mary Jane. Living here was short lived.

The 1850 census of Rusk County TX (taken on Oct. 28th, 1850) list the Stone family living in Rusk District with James as a farmer, age 27; Jane, age 26; David C, age 3; Albert, age 1. Their real estate property was valued at \$800.00. Rusk County had been formed from Nacogdoches County, only 7 years (1843) before this census had been taken.

In July 1851 the Stone family was living in Jackson County TX as evident of a Muster Roll of the Texas Volunteers saying that James was a Pvt. in the Company of Capt J. S. Menefee in the late Army of the Republic of Texas, serving 3 months. This document was signed at Texana, TX. Payment was \$31.50.

The Trinity County TX Scholastic list of 1854-1855 has 2 sons of J. J. Stone as attending school there.

James J Stone was a Pvt in the 11th Brig (CSA) of Trinity County Texas during the Civil War. His Muster Rolls said his commanding officer was Capt. Wm L. Kirksey. His enlistment date was August of 1861 and was for the duration of the war. His Brigade was formed by Joseph L. Hogg, Aid de Camp for the 5th District of the Texas county. They fought with Gen. Sibleys Brigade and ordered to march from Sumpter, TX in Trinity County to San Antonio and were armed with double barrel guns. Sumpter, in central Trinity County about five miles east of Groveton, was the county seat from 1850 to 1872, when the county offices were moved to Trinity. Sumpter was the home of John Wesley Hardin. The courthouse burned, the post office was discontinued, and Sumpter is now a ghost community. (from Vol II of "The Handbook of Texas" by Walter P. Webb. 1952)

The 1870 census of Hill County TX list the Stone family living in Hillsboro. In the household were James, a farmer, age 47 and could not write; Mary J, age 43 and could not read or write; Albert G, age 21; Mary E, age 18; Houston, age 14; William, age 10. (Sam not listed on this census with the family, was probably hired out to work with another family.) Their value of real estate was \$1500.00 and personal property was \$150.00. It stated that all the children were born in Texas.

In 1874 James Stone and his family moved to the Rocky Community of western Blanco County TX according to the "Blanco County History" by John Moursund. On page 425 Mr Moursund states: "In 1874, George Ratliff, Joseph Ratliff, James Stone, J. R. Smith and Charles E. Bundick, Senior, settled in the Rocky Community." This is located on Hwy 290 between Johnson City and Stonewall TX.

This is the last record we have found of James J. Stone. Blanco County was formed in 1856, a year after the town of Pittsburg, now the town of Blanco was laid out on the north side of the Blanco River. The county was taken from parts of Gillespie, Comal, Burnet and Hays Counties.

In about 1889 many of the Stones moved on to Kerr County. An 1891 picture of the family of Wm L. Stone, the youngest son of James and Mary Jane, shows Mary Jane with the family home living on Goat Creek Rd in Kerr Co. Part of the old home is still standing, located about one mile north of IH-10 near the creek. The 1900 census of Kerr County TX show her living with her 24 year old single grandson, William Ward. Her death occurred October 11, 1902 in Blanco County TX, probably while visiting relatives there. Her grandson, William Ward, took a horse and wagon from Kerr County to bring her remains back to be buried in Nichols Cemetery, Ingram, TX, that had long been her wish.

The 6 children of James and Mary Jane included (1) David Crockett Stone who was killed by a stranger at age 15, while he was cutting wood. The stranger had ask for something and when David refused, he was killed. It was 1862 and family thoughts must have been of the Civil War. (2) Albert Gallatin Stone was a sheep raiser & freighter according to the 1880 census, when he lived in Llano Co. TX. He and Fannie Simmons had 10 children, some of which moved to the Del Rio area. (3) Mary Ellen Stone who was called "Mollie" was the only daughter. She married at age 21 to James Wesley Ward and lived in Blanco Co. They had 3 children. At age 25, a disease, probably typhoid, took Mary Ellen, her husband, her oldest child, and the youngest child. All are buried in Blanco Co on the West Ranch near Round Mountain TX. Only the middle child, William Ward, was spared. He was raised by his grandmother Stone and an uncle, William L. Stone, who moved on to Kerr County. (4) Sam (maybe Samuel) Stone was a twin. Nothing has been found on him. (5) Everett Houston Stone the other twin was married in Blanco Co to Elizabeth Walker. They had 5 children and also moved on to Kerr Co. William Leon Stone (Uncle Billy to us) was married in Blanco Co to Callie Schokley. She was from the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma. They also moved on to Kerr Co, living on Goat Creek Road. William was a freighter, teamster and raised hogs. They had eight children, the youngest dying in infancy.

(2) Kelly Jennings b 28 Oct 1964

* Mary Beth Carnes b 4 Jan 1940 SA d 1942 TX hit by car bur SA TX

* Mallory Carnes b 1987

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* Donald Roy Carnes b 4 Dec 1945 San Antonio TX m June 1967 to
     (1) Sandra Eschback b 21 Dec 1944
    * Royale Lynn Carnes b 3 Feb 1969 m 24 Dec 1987 to
       Trey Marsbock
       * Tessa Ann Marsbock b 26 Oct 1988
* Jeffrey Marsbock
    * Leslie Allison Carnes b 19 Apr 1972
    (2) Denise Elaine Deitert b 21 Sept 1956 m 25 Aug 1979
Bulah Mae Ward b 27 Sept 1907 Ingram TX d 17 Aug 1920 Ingram bur Nichols
   Cem Ingram TX (died of diphtheria when almost 13 years old)
Velma Lorene Ward b 11 Dec 1908 Ingram d 3 Sept 1954 Kv m 29 Sept 1927
 Johnnie Eugene (Bud) Page b 20 Sept 1901 Blanco Co TX d 29 Oct 1955
        Ingram TX both bur Nichols Cem Ingram TX
 * William Rugene (Billy) Page b 22 Aug 1928 Ingram m 15 Aug 1945 Fbg TX
    (1) Betty Lou Nutter b 22 Dec 1927
    * John Ward Page b 10 May 1949 Kerrville m to
        (1) Mary Ann Meyers
        (2) Susan Elizabeth Norris
        (3) Judy Maxine Cox b 4 Oct 1955 Ok City OK m 24 June 1982 SA
       * Laura Lee Page b 3 Feb 1988 San Antonio
    (2) Sue Holbert
    (3) Melba Jean Taylor b 27 Mar 1934 m 1963
    * Linda Ann Page (twin) b 9 Jan 1965 Kerrville TX * Glenda Ann Page (twin) b 9 Jan 1965 Kerrville TX
        Hollis Phillips Jr b 1 Oct 1956 Kerrville TX
        * Cory Clu Phillips b 7 Oct 1985 Fredericksburg TX
 * Mary Maxine Page b 8 Dec 1929 Ingram m 20 June 1947 Ingram to
    Harry Alvin Powell b 19 Sept 1924 Kerrville TX
    * Russell Allen Powell b 18 Mar 1952 Kerrville m 31 Oct 1980 KV
        (1) Lisa Ann Tybo b 30 June 1960 div 1982
        (2) Patricia Elaine Vickery Faulkner b 9 Feb 1947 m 29 June 1991
      Janet Lee (Lee) Powell b 22 Mar 1954 KV TX m 22 June 1974 KV to
       Timothy Barton Hale b 25 Nov 1952 Sacramento CA
       * Timothy John Hale b 15 Dec 1974 Kerrville TX
* Harley Barton Hale b 17 Jan 1980 Greenville TX
    * Joy Lynn Powell b 5 Oct 1960 Kerrville m 6 Aug 1983 Kerrville TX
       Jeffrey Dean Bunce b 29 May 1960 Sacramento CA
       * Andrew Braden Bunce b 1 Feb 1986 Austin TX
William Milford Ward b 9 Nov 1910 Ingram d 21 Mar 1914 bur Nichols Cem
    Ingram TX (died when to close to fireplace and clothes burned)
J B Ward b 11 Sept 1915 Ingram m 11 July 1937 Kerrville
 Pearlie Ann Ethridge b 27 May 1919 Kerrville
 * Deborah Jean (Susie) Ward b 26 Mar 1942 m
    Roy Durio
    * Samantha Durio b 7 Mar 1973
 * Jay Travis Ward b 7 July 1949 Kerrville TX m
    Barbara Wyatt
    * Jason Carter Ward b 20 Jul 1971 m 18 May 1991 Boston MA to
       Heather ?
Marcus Lafayette Ward b 8 Aug 1918 Ingram TX d 13 June 1992 Mtn Home bur
    Nichols Cem Ingram TX m 22 Sept 1946 Ingram TX to
 Patricia Ann Dial b 17 Jul 1926 Kerrville TX
 * June Arlene Ward b 10 Dec 1947 Kv d 10 Dec 1947 Kv bur Nichols Cem
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Wanda Blanche Ward b 18 Aug 1950 Kerrville TX * Patricia Gail Pritchett b 6 Jan 1968 Dallas TX (adopted by Mr & Mrs Marlin Pritchett) Arthur Lee m 1970 div * Mark Travis Lee b 25 July 1971 Kv m 10 Aug 1991 Mtn Home TX to Janet Taylor'b 3 Mar 1971 * Nathan Travis Lee b 5 July 1994 Conroe TX * Dean Martin Ward b 27 May 1953 Kerrville TX m 16 May 1972 Kv to Judy Renee Lynn Kane b 20 Jul 1955 Hobert OK Tammy Renee Kane Ward b 14 Jan 1971 Kv m 7 Nov 1992 Phoenix AZ Robert Lewis Williams Jr * Renee Lynn Williams b 13 Jan 1992 Phoenix AZ * Robert Lewis Williams III (Trey) b 30 May 1993 Phoenix AZ Jeremy Jason Ward b 1 June 1973 Kerrville TX * Amanda Kathleen Ward b 23 Apr 1975 Kv m 13 July 1992 Phoenix AZ Thomas Ikehara * Marjorie Elizabeth Ward b 2 Jan 1926 Ingram m 24 Dec 1944 Mtn Home to Sidney Albert Nicholson Jr. b 28 Dec 1921 * Darla Nicholson b 26 Mar 1955 m 14 Aug 1976 Hunt TX to John Timothy Travis Jr. div * Justin Kyle Travis b 30 Sept 1979 * Mindy Nicholson b 29 May 1957 Kerrville m 27 Mar 1976 to (1) Jerry Carl Goff b 25 Aug 1956 div * Meredith Ann Goff Wendele b 31 Jan 1978 Kerrville (2) John Thomas Wendele m 18 Jan 1986 * James Wesley Ward Jr b 6 Mar 1878 TX d 26 June 1879 bur Blanco Co West Ranch Sam Stone (twin) b 1 Jan 1856 Everett Houston Stone (twin) b 1 Jan 1856 d 1890 Fannin Co TX m 28 Apr 1881 Blanco Co Eliza Ann Walker b 20 Sep 1854 Fannin Co TX d 20 Apr 1920 bur Nichols Cem Ingram TX ("Elizabeth" was a sister to Mary Lucenda (Mrs John A) Masters) * William Lee Stone b 30 Jun 1882 Blanco Co TX d 4 Nov 1936 Ingram TX m to Lurah Fannie (Babe) Clark b 1 Feb 1886 Medina Co TX d 7 Jun 1976 SPMHospital KV both bur Nichols Cem Ingram TX lived in Ingram TX (parents John & Gertrude Reeves Clark) * Leona Elizabeth Stone b 8 Jan 1916 Kerr Co TX m to (1) Elmer Lackey (2) ? Smith * Anton Clark Stone b 24 Aug 1917 Ingram lives in Kerrville Ollie Louise Stone b ca 1884 d after 1954 m to Lewis Moore lived in New Mexico Everett Houston Stone b 20 Aug 1886 Blanco Co d 2 May 1954 SPMHosp Kerrville m 20 Mar 1912 Kerr Co TX both bur Nichols Cem Ingram TX Maude Idella Moose b 30 Jul 1895 Kerrville d 30 June 1961 SPMHosp Kerrville lived at Ingram and Hunt TX (parents were Clark & Arminta Moose * Infant died * Roger Everett Stone b 3 Jul 1914 Ingram TX d 7 Mar 1987 San Antonio TX bur Infant died (1) Pauline Lent * Mary Evelyn Stone b 25 Dec 1936 (2) Pearl Louise Treudt b 21 Apr 1921 Shreveport LA d 11 Sept 1975 Hunt TX m 1937 (parent were Nathaniel & Winnie Mae Roy Treudt) (3) Royce Elizabeth Brumley m 1979 Lou Ella Stone b ca 1888 Blanco Co TX d before 1920

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* Benjamin Wood Stone b 12 Jan 1890 Round Mountain TX Blanco Co d 5 Mar 1976 Ingram
      Pearl Eliza Lee b 19 Jul 1892 Ingram TX d 31 Oct 1969 Kerrville SPMHosp both bur
            Nichols Cem Ingram (her parents were William & Martha Jolly Lee)
       Robert Lee Stone b 8 Jan 1916 Ingram TX lived in San Angelo TX 🛷
       Pearl Lucille Stone b 4 Aug 1918 m
        James L Kelley of Kermit TX
       Benjamin Wallace Stone b 17 Apr 1924 Ingram TX d 21 Feb 1931 Ingram bur Nichols
      * Herbert Houston Stone b 31 Dec 1928 Ingram TX
* William Leon Stone (Billy) b 4 Oct 1860 Trinity Co TX d 16 Mar 1956 Kerrville TX
          m 22 Dec 1881 Blanco Co TX to
  Caladona Schokley (Callie) b 9 July 1866 Cherokee Nation OK d 4 Oct 1949 at home in
      Kerrville 501 Lucille St both bur Nichols Cem Ingram TX
    Samuel H Stone b 31 Jan 1883 Blanco Co TX d 3 Sep 1910 m 13 May 1903 Kerr Co
     Willie Hyde b 1883 Kerr Co TX d 3 May 1961 Kerrville TX both bur Garden of
           Memories Kerrville TX (parents were Ben J & Martha Wallace Hyde)
      * Aaron Roscoe Stone b 17 Feb 1904 Kerr Co TX d 24 Oct 1973 SPMHosp Kerrville bur
            Garden Memories Kerrville
      * Callie Leah Stone b 28 June 1906 Kerr Co TX
      * William Houston Stone b 14 Aug 1908 Kerr Co TX
    Edna Stone b 31 Aug 1886 Blanco Co TX d 2 Jan 1914 Kerrville m 4 Feb 1903 Kerr Co
     Thomas C North b 4 Nov 1882 Big Spring TX d 11 May 1940 Bruni TX both bur Nichols
        Cem Ingram TX
       James A North lived in Artesia NM
      Thelma North m A F Treiber lived in Corpus Christi then Kerrville
      * Charles Rufus North lived in Artesia NM
      Callie Jane North
     * Callie Jame North
* Harvey E North lived in Alice TX > Else
    Annie Mae Stone b 28 Dec 1888 Goat Creek Rd Kerr Co TX d 7 May 1970 m 28 Dec 1904
            Kerr Co TX
     William James North lived in Kerrville
      * Dovie Altha North b 6 Nov 1905 Morris Ranch Gillespie Co TX d 12 Aug 1992 KV
           bur Garden of Memories Kerrville TX m
        Milton Paul Rabalais d 1952 no children
      * Iva Mae North m
       Lilliam Stanford
     * William James North Jr (Willie) m
        Faye McCullough
    Florence Rebecca Stone b 6 April 1891 Goat Creek Rd Kerr Co TX m to
     (1) Julius Compton
     * Jerry Compton
     (2) Tom Woodress lived at Wichita Falls TX
     * Dorothy Mae Woodress & d: about & MARCH 1986, ATM SCOSA Co, Tx * Callie Lou Woodress b 1922 d 1974 m to
           ? Nobles
     * Tom Woodress Jr
    William Harvey Stone b 1 Mar 1893 Kerr Co d 26 Jan 1990 Kerrville m
     (1) Ada Mae Bird b 11 Dec 1886 McLennen Co TX d 3 Nov 1943 Kv lived in Kerrville
             both bur Nichols Cem Ingram TX (parents were Smith & Fannie Hawkins Bird)
     * William Harvey Stone Jr b 13 Feb 1918 Kerr Co TX d 15 Feb 1975 VAMC Kerrville
      Austin Arvil Stone b 3 Mar 1920 Kerr Co d 31 Aug 1931 at home on Goat Creek Rd
           bur Nichols Cem Ingram TX
     * Warren Stone b 23 Sept 1921 Goat Ck Rd Kerr Co TX m 8 Mar 1941 Sweetwater TX to
        Jewell Kiefer
     * Daniel W Stone b 3 Sept 1926 Ingram TX lived Hayden Lake ID
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(2) Mary Catherine Myers m 7 Oct 1944 Boerne TX

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* Rosa Ettie Stone 19 Apr 1899 Kerr Co m 12 Nov 1918 Kerr Co to
  Roy Dave Curlee lived in Edna & Kerrville TX
   * Pauline Curlee
   * William B Curlee b ca 1922 Edna TX d 7 Jan 1987 Temple TX
          bur Ft Sam Houston Cem SA TX m
      Thelma ? lived Temple TX
      * James David Curlee of Brownwood TX
      * William B Curlee Jr of Marble Falls TX
      * Laquetta Curlee m Buddy Hoffpauir of Kerrville TX
* Karen Curlee m ? Baker of Dickinson TX_
   * Ruby Curlee m ? Englert lived Big Spring TX
   * Roy Dave Curlee lived Edna TX
   * James Edward Curlee lived Victoria TX
   st John Calvin Curlee b ca 1925 d 1 Mar 1989 Temple TX bur Hillcrest Cem Temple TX
      * John C Curlee
      * Nathan Shawn Curlee
      * Selena Curlee m ? McGregor
      * Angela Curlee m ? Warren
 Austin Bryant Stone b 17 June 1903 Kerr Co d 9 Feb 1994 Kerrville m 19 Apr 1925
          Kerr County to both bur Garden of Memories Kerrville TX
   Emma Inman b 14 Dec 1907 Waco TX d 25 Nov 1963 Kerr Co (parents were Ike and
          Lizzie Burns Inman) BYRNES
   * Kenneth Gordon Stone b 30 May 1926 Kerr Co TX m 25 Jul 1946
      (1) Grace Minor
      * ReDonna Stone m Wayne Newman (parents were Ellis & Maxleen Newman)
         * Shelby Rene Newman b 14 July 1970 Kerrville d 5 Nov 1993 San Marcos TX
                death due to auto accident, age 23
   * Rena Fay Stone (Tiny)(twin) b 1 June 1930 Kerr Co TX m 31 Dec 1948 Kerrville TX
      Raymond Sherman
   * Infant Stone (twin) b 1 June 1930 d 2 June 1930
   * Morris I Stone b Kerr Co TX m Connie ?

* Bryant F Stone b 20 Oct 1934 Kerr Co TX m Betty ?
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* Ruth Stone (died in infancy)



Ca. 1950 – Emma Inman, mother of Rena Stone Sherman.



1946 - Rena Stone Sherman, 16 years old.



1986 – Rena Sherman and Mike Tivy standing in front of the restored Tivy Hotel. Mike is the great-great nephew of Captain Tivy who built the hotel in 1891.



Ca., 1960 – Rena and Raymond Sherman when they lived in San Antonio.

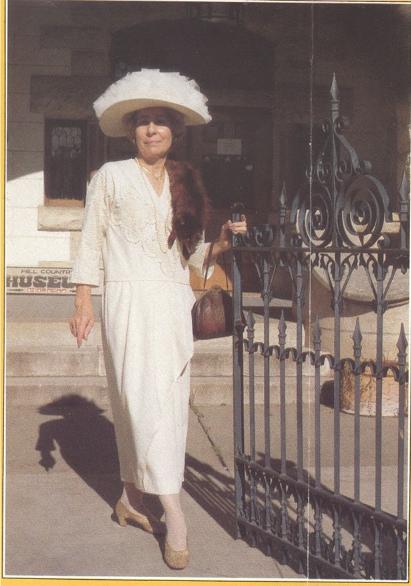


Ca. 1970 – Rena and Raymond Sherman



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Phone (Home)	896-1038
Phone (Business)	
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Family Name	





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1986 – Rena Sherman modeling a dress she designed and made when she was owner of the Red Geranium



1986 – (From left, standing): Douglas Pritchard, Rena Sherman's son-in-law; Rena; Stephanie Rena Black (granddaughter); Rosalind Rena Pritchard (daughter); Raymond Sherman (husband). Sitting: Mike Tivy and wife, Linda Tivy. Mike Tivy is the great-great nephew of Captain Tivy who built the Tivy Hotel which was restored by the Shermans.



Rena Stone Sherman and her mother Emma Inman Stone on a shopping trip to San Antonio in 1948.

* STONE FAMILY OF TEXAS * THE DESCENDANTS OF JAMES STONE

"Dedicated to the preservation of our common heritage"

January, 2001

Greetings everyone,

All you "old timers" please bear with me because (as usual) I'm including a brief history of our organization and the Stone Family Cemetery in Comanche County, Texas. This newsletter is being mailed to some newly discovered cousins who need to understand

HOW IT ALL STARTED

The Stone Family Cemetery is situated on about two acres of land once owned by William Stone, second son of James Stone and Elizabeth Guest. It lies about 1½ miles south of Proctor in Comanche County. Several of William's siblings lived in that area during the last half of the 19th century. Many in their families are buried there.

The oldest marked grave is 1858. The newest is 1933. Plenty of Stones knew of the old cemetery and visited there through the middle of the 20th century. However, it was neglected and became overgrown with weeds, briars, and unwanted saplings. In addition, cattle grazed inside the cemetery, which caused some headstones to become damaged.

In the early 1980s, a small group of Stones, Rhodes, and Welch descendants started cleaning and mowing the grounds annually. They removed unwanted trees and brush, which improved the place immensely. However, at each gathering, the weeds would be knee high because a year had passed since the last mowing. Interest in the project waned.

Then, in the early 1990s, more Stone descendants became involved in maintaining the cemetery; the old, rusty barbed wire fence was removed; decades of wind-blown sand was graded down on the south side; poison ivy was removed from the trees; and a new fence was built. To keep the grass and weeds mowed down, we met and worked twice each year (fall and spring).

Our organization, <u>The Stone Family of Texas</u>, was formed to maintain the cemetery and as a means for Stone descendants to keep in touch.

Then, a couple of years ago, it was decided to hire a local man for the maintenance of the cemetery because some in our group were just too old for the hard work. Today, the mowing is done on an "as needed" basis. The grounds always look great and the old cemetery is something we are all very proud of. I'll bet "Early Bill" agrees!

WILLIAM L. STONE DIES at Age 95

Born Oct. 4, 1860 Died March 16, 1956

Funeral services for William L. Stone, a genuine old timer and a resident of Kerr County for the past 67 years, were held from Chapel of Smith Funeral home Sunday afternoon.

Rev. C. D. Sowell of the Ingram Baptist Church officiated.

was in Nichols Cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons, W. J. North, Kenneth Stone, Morris Stone, William Curlee, James Curlee, Harvey North, Ruben Englert and Harold Newbury.

Mr. Stone, who died at his home here last Friday was 95.

Survivors include two sons, A. B. Stone, Kerrville, Texas; W. H. Stone of Hagerville, Arkansas. Three daughters, Mrs. A. M. North, Kerrville, Texas; Mrs. Dave Curlee, Edna, Texas; and Mrs. Florence Woodress, Wichita Falls, Texas. Also surviving are 27 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

None but old timers like W. L. (Sill) Stone could recall the ear-marked rump-branded hog herds that roamed these hills when the range was still

unfenced; and wild hog roundups were twice yearly occurances.

Stone, a story book type old-timer, who settled on Goat Creek 67 years ago, owned hogs that ranged north of the Guadalupe from Harper to Comfort and over what is now Kerrville.

Peak time for the pork raisers. Stone once said, came when Kerrville was a thriving new railhead. Ranchers sold their swine in hundred-head lots and they were shipped by rail to market in San Antonio and further

But the same railroad that brought boom to the hog business was eventually responsible for its demise, by making available barbed wire in car load lots.

Fencing erected by the early day land owners did not serve to keep the hogs in, but they did keep the hog ranchers out; thereby gradually eli-

minating big scale hog ranching as a Hill Country industry.

Between spring and fall hog roundups and after hog ranching failed, pioneer Bill Stone augmented his Goat Creek Ranch income by hauling freight from the new Kerrville railhead to forts and ranches further west, as far

west as sheep and goat spreads along Devil's River.

Born in the cane brakes of Trinity County, a scant six months before hot-headed Southerners fired on Fort Sumpter to start the struggle between the States. Stone had come to Llano during Reconstruction days. the States, Stone had come to Llano during Reconstruction days. He had gone to Blanco County to court and wed Cheybouma Schokley, who had come from the Cherokee Nation in what is now Okahoma. His bride was not an Indian, but had been kidnapped in her infancy by a childless Cherokee couple. After several years, her father ansomed her for 10 prime steers. Miss Schokley's real name was Callie tane, but the Indians, not knowing that, had called her "Cheyhouma". The name stuck.

Two children had been born to the Stones in Llano before a mule drawn wagon brought them to the banke of Goat Creek, where they picked a home site in 1888 and Stone started his hog herd.

Earning a living for a growing family was a grim business in the early days of the Hill Country. Stone took to freighting to earn necessary cash for his family's needs, and to further his ranching venture.

Besides the Devil's River ranches, stops on his routes west were Junction, Rocksprings, Ft. Stockton, Ft. Concho, and the almost forgetten

Junction, Rocksprings, Ft. Stockton, Ft. Concho, and the elmost forgotten

Ft. Terrett at the head of the North Llano River.

His cargoes consisted of such ranching and military supplies as lumber, salt, flour, sugar, molasses, and sulpher. Coming back East he brought nothing but wool and mohair.

Capt. Chas. Schreiner, Kerrville's pioneer banker, merchant, rancher, and commission man, bought the wool and mohair at this end.

As the county settled up, Bill Stone settled down on his ranch. called it home for 60 years, until seven years ago when he sold out and moved to a small house in town.

Bill Stone's beloved "Cheyhouma" died in 1949 on Oct. 4th, her husband's birthday."

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William L. Stone Dies at age 95

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In the above obituary Annie Mae (Mrs. A. M. North) was the first child born to Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Stone after moving to Kerr County in 1888. Mrs. North passed away May 11, 1970.

W. L. Stone's Hogmark

The railhead also mentioned as having opened during that first span of years was closed May 13, 1970. The train, blowing a long whistle, made its last run late in the evening on that date.



Ca., 1984 - Shown here in this fund-raising picture during the campaign to restore the old Tivy School building is Rena Stone Sherman and friend, Lillian Kerr Peters.



Ca. 1900 - The Waverly Hotel in Waco which was run by Rena Stone Sherman's great-grandmother, Emma Eppright Inman shown here with her son, Ike Inman.

Centennial Information . . .

Early Settlers

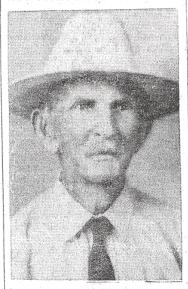
William Leon Stone

William Leon Stone is on of the few old timers in this section who was born before the days of the Civil War, and his recollection of the conflict is that he thinks he can remember his father coming home on furlough. He will be 94 in October, and for 65 years has been a resident of Kerr Coun-

He was a native of Trinity County as his parents were Mr. and Mrs. James Stone, and never in his young lifetime knew the meaning of the word "luxury." As a youth he come to Blanco County, and while there met Miss Callie Donna Schekley, who had come with her family from the Cherokee Nation to Texas. They were married there, and a few years later, they and their two small children came to Kerr County. They made the trip in a covered two-wheeled wagon, drawn by mules.

After the long journey they camped one night in the western section of the city, near a well, and about the location of Cottage Street. After a rest they traveled westward and follwed the old pole or rail fence along the Starkey homestead, and arrived at a site on Goat Creek which they found much to their liking.

The young man's resources consisted of a wife, two children, a pair of mules and two willing hands to make a living. He used his team for freighting, and his regular route was from Kerrville to Rocksprings. He often speaks of freighting the first load of lumber into Rocksprings which was used for the first house in often he would travel as far as he community Office tring to Juneus Fort Concho, Fort Stocks ton, an to the old Fort Terrett, Captain Charles ne for or I his outgoing loads ing b e would be replaced of his



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by heavy loads of wool and mohair on his return. Lumber, flour, sugar, molasses, military supplies and hardware made up most of the outgoing loads. Many trips to the Devil's River Country were made during this time.

His family remained at home and all of the money he cleared was put into stocking his ranch. He begun with the growing of hogs for market, and gradually added cattle, sheep and goats. He had lots of trouble with the hogs, as they wandered all over the country, and fared well on the acorns in the hills and woods. Twice each year he would round up and brand-his hogs, keeping a number of them for market, and ver and to Comfort, to find H ; of fences, he saw the end ton, as at the head of the of the which was at the head of the liver. He worked much of Mr. Stone moved to town afass, and since the death 50, he lived alone,

does all of his cooking, look ter the yard, and makes his trips to town, thinking nothing walking the 12 to 16 blocks

He enjoys visits with his dren and grandchildren, ar minisces of his early days friendship for Captain Scl who loaned him money, ext him credit, and who helped ! his youth over his many " spots." He is proud of the that his name has been in the books of the Schreiner Company since his arrival here, and that courtesies extended him by Captain Schreiner have gone down through the family, and that "Louie" and "Gus" Schreiner have always been generous with their aid to him. "What this country needs" he mused, "is a dozen more families like 'em." He also tells his children of his migration from "the cane brakes of East Texas to the cedar brakes of Kerr Cuonty."

Five generations of his family live in this county, and in this are children, Mrs. A. M. North, W. H. Stone, Mrs. Florence Woodress, Mrs. Dave Curee and A. B. Stone, two children, Mrs. Edna North and Sam Stone, preceed their mother in death. There are 28 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren and 17 great great heiheildren who frequently visit him.

William L. Stone was the grandfather of Rena Stone Sherman. He came to Kerr County in 1888 with his wife and two children and settled on Goat Creek.



1993 - Photo taken at Tivy Antiques by Schreiner College student who interviewed Rena for a paper on "Women in Business."