

## A Texas Horne Tale

Just a thought...

What if two cousins who had never met, who didn't even know the other existed...just happened to be searching for Horne Ancestors and both were drawn to a 1910 US Census for Travis County, Texas that they found on Ancestry.com at the very same time?

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008, two cousins converged; the following are our "Historic Emails" and the results of our research for the Hornes we never knew.

**Nancy Hickman**

to Pamela Tynes

**Date: Jun 22, 2008**

Subject: I found your profile on Ancestry - requesting more information



I am not for sure, but I believe we can make a match on our family tree. I have been looking for years to find my Grandmother's ancestors and tonight just by chance I came across your family tree through Cordie Horne.

I just got her name from my Grandmother's brother's daughter that I made contact with just this past week in Snyder Oklahoma. Her name is [Eleanor Horne](#) (pdf file), her father, Jim Horne and my [Grandmother Lizzie Horne](#) (actual website) and Mary Horne another sibling are the children of Sam Lanthis Horne...could this be your Horne just spelled differently?

I was so excited, I forgot to check it out before contacting you, so I will go back and keep my fingers crossed. Oh yes, they lived in

Austin in the early 1900s.

**PamelaTynes**

to Nancy

**Date: Jun 23, 2008**

Cordelia is my grandfather's sister. His name was Charles Jefferson Horne. By 1910 she was living with him and his wife (Maggie Mae) and she was listed as divorced with a son, Willie Whitely (sp). They were all in Justice Precinct 6, Travis Co, TX. Their parents were Edmond Green Horne and Laura (Wright) Horne. Does any of this sound like it fits? Hope we can make a connection.

**Nancy Hickman**

to Pam

**Date: Jun 25, 2008**

Thanks for your quick response. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that we have a match...the information I have just recently uncovered in Mountain Park Oklahoma seals the deal.

Cordelia traveled by train between Kyle, TX and Mountain Park, OK quiet frequently.

Eleanor Horne Lance d/o Jim Horne s/o Sam Lanthis Horne remembers her very well and fondly



calls her Cordie. What really makes this work is Cordelia and Willie being at Charles J Horne's home and their mother being there, too.

**Footnote:** Rose Lee Whitby (Cordelia's grand daughter) related a story she overheard her parents discussing when she was a child. They were talking about Cordie Horne Whitby taking a red rose with her when she took her trips to Oklahoma. Rose Lee asked her parents what they were talking about and they told her she was too young to know. Her future second husband, John Ring and her nephew Jim Horne in Oklahoma were the ones she was visiting. Now we know the rest of the story.

Eleanor gave me the names of Cordelia and her son Bill Ring, but she said that John Ring, Cordie's husband at the time she knew her, was not his father. Cordie had been married before. She gave me Charles J Horne and Lee Horne's names. I believe Lee refers to David Leander Horne (who frequently visited Jim Horne in OK). Only time will tell.

Of course your Salomon Lanthus Horne is aka Sam Lanthis Horne m. Ellie Tanner (my G Grand Parents) with their children, Mary, Lizzie and Jim. Jim Horne is the link that finally connects us.

I have yet to figure out what the attraction was in such a small town of Mountain Park other than a favorite relative living there.

**Pamela Tynes**

to Nancy

**Date Jun 27, 2008**

I will e-mail my cousins and see if they have any more info. This will be interesting. I never knew Charles J Horne's sisters or brothers. We only went to Texas one or two times a year to visit as we lived in MO. I did know Charles J Horne! He was a character. He was my maternal grandfather. He had 9 children. His wife was Maggie Mae Hamm. Does this match? Keep in touch.

**Nancy Hickman**

to Pam

**Date: Jun 27, 2008**

Thanks for responding back to me. I honestly have to say I never knew any of the Horne Family except my Grandmother Lizzie who was Sam aka Solomon Lanthis Horne's daughter.

Really enjoyed reading about your visit with Charles. I got a laugh out of the million dollar check story. Don't you know he is still grinning about that?!?

Are you able to find the family tree that I have? I have written about finally locating the relative that knew Cordelia. I have also written about how the disconnect happened with other family members. Sam's wife Ellie died in childbirth in 1903 and he felt he could not raise the three children so Ellie's parent took the children to raise. This may be one of the reasons Cordelia visited in Oklahoma, except the children lived in Brock, Texas. I'm still researching this info.

**Nancy Hickman**

to Pam

**Date: Jul 1, 2008**

Thank you so much for the information...Eleanor Horne Lance d/o Jim Horne s/o Sam/Solomon Horne contacted her sister Helen who is a retired teacher in Oklahoma. They are really excited. Eleanor says that as soon as she can find where she placed the box, she has a picture of Sam, Jim and others of the Horne family. I live in Austin Texas. I am gathering you live in Missouri?

**PamelaTynes**

to Nancy

**Date: Jul 1, 2008**

I just put a message out on the message boards with [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) on the HORNE site. We'll see if there are any takers :o)

**Nancy Hickman**

to Pam

**Date: Jul 6, 2008**

My cousin (Darla Gilliam Masters) just sent me a picture of my Grandmother Lizzie when she was a little one with her two siblings, Mary and Jim Horne. [Lizzie's 1903 Childhood Album](#).

**So...One might ask? “Who is EG? What did EG do? When was EG here? Where is EG?”**



**Who is EG?** Edmond Green Horne was born August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1845 in Union County, North Carolina to James Horne and Mary Dees Horne. He moved with his parents to Fayette County, Alabama. Records show that his father James Horne purchased land in Hico Township on December 10<sup>th</sup> 1859.

On August 29<sup>th</sup> 1863, EG enlisted as a Private in the Confederate States of America, Company I, 26<sup>th</sup> Regiment, (O’Neal’s) Alabama Infantry. April 26<sup>th</sup> 1864 shows him present (may have been a guard) at Andersonville (CSA Prison), Georgia.

After the war, EG married Laura Elizabeth Wright on November 29<sup>th</sup> 1865 in Hico, Fayette, Alabama, living next door to Laura’s family where Mary Elizabeth b.1867 (d. bef 1870), Samuel Lanthis, September 15<sup>th</sup> 1869, David Leander, May 11<sup>th</sup> 1872, Laura Melvinnie, May 5<sup>th</sup> 1874 and Jacob Manly, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1876 were born.

### **What did EG do?**

Uhland’s recorded history began with German farmers who settled there in the late 1800s.



Situated on the Hays-Caldwell County line, the community is divided by historic El Camino Real, the official trail between Mexico and Louisiana. EG was definitely a farmer by trade and his occupation on the census verifies this. What it doesn’t show is that a lot of these farmers were actually preachers. It was during this period of time when Religious Organizations began to spring up all over Texas. In 1878, there was a push by the Baptist Missionary Board to organize in the German Communities of Texas. With our Horne family being of

German descent there is a good chance that this may have been a part of what EG was doing in Texas.

We do know the Martin Church in Goforth, Hayes County, Texas was started in 1874 to serve the pioneer settlers of this cotton producing area. Community worship services were conducted for members representing various denominations. Across the road from the church is Martin Cemetery where Allied Families of the Hornes are buried and it is the final resting place of Ellie Tanner Horne, wife of Samuel Lanthis, who died in child birth on September 8<sup>th</sup> 1903.

In the research that we have done, there are hints that our Hornes and some of their Allied Family may have been part of a larger religious organization. Although we have not been able to verify anything substantial, we do know that EG was an appointed Messenger from the Creedmoor Baptist Church to the San Marcus TX 1885 Baptist Association Organizational Convention.

## When was EG here?



Between 1878-1879, EG brought his family to Texas. There is a possibility that they traveled by train from Fayette, Alabama to Luling, Texas. According to a story told by the descendants of Francis Monroe Branyon (brother of Mary Jane Branyon, wife of Benjamin Franklin Wright, Laura Horne's brother also living in Caldwell County), he and his wife arrived at Luling on December 1<sup>st</sup> 1878 with their first child, one year old Willis Branyon. They had made a three day journey by train from the hills of their native Fayette County in northwest Alabama to Luling where the train station was located.

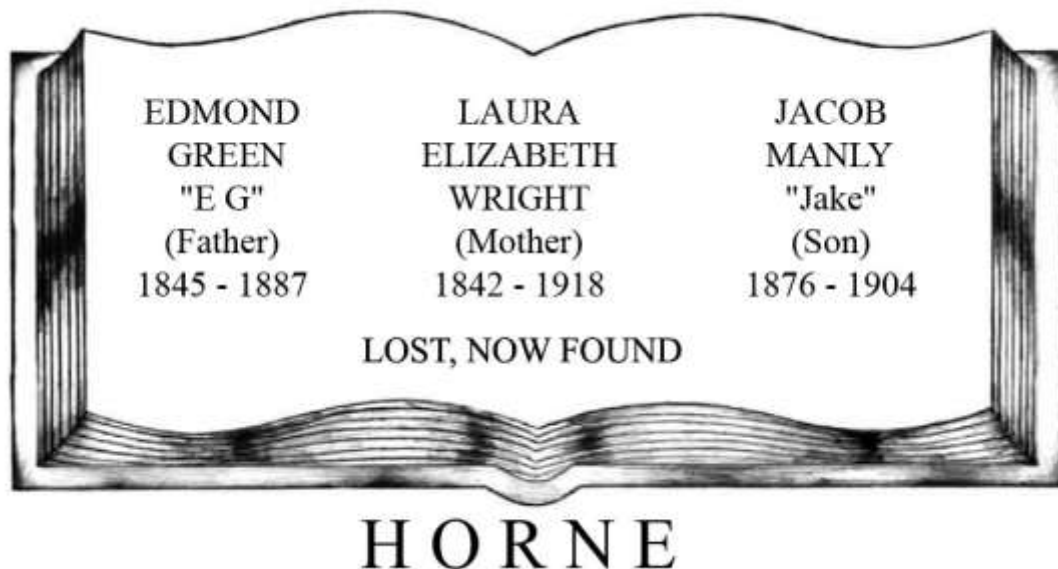
EG and Laura settled on their homestead in Caldwell County, a few miles north of Luling and just south of Lockhart. Their youngest son Charles "Charlie" Jefferson was born October 25<sup>th</sup> 1879 and their youngest daughter Cordelia "Cordie" was born on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1883 at their farm situated on a wide stretch of green valley with Plum Creek bordering on the north side.

## Where is EG?

Now this is the million dollar question! So how did the “ Three Sisters” (our name for Bennie, Cleo and Neva Horne, daughters of Charlie Horne) find EG’s date of birth and death? We know that they became interested in their family history just before Charlie’s death. Charlie was the last person that could answer our questions and as things seem to go...the questions we want to have answered didn’t get asked. Pam and I have found ourselves in the same position...getting interested in our family history after the ones we could have asked are gone. We have EG’s date of birth and have been able to trace his journey to Texas. We have his date of death yet have no idea what was the cause of his death. Until recently, we didn’t even know where he was buried.

If you are not aware of it, this story is being written to solicit family donations to assist in installing a Horne Memorial Bench at Live Oak Cemetery and another installment is planned to let you know about more of our discoveries. If you have been reading this story, you will remember that we told you the Family Homestead was located on Plum Creek in Umland Texas and... just down the road is Live Oak Cemetery (established in 1884) where EG, Laura and Jacob “Jake” (their third son d, 1904 age 27, never married) are buried.

**Footnote:** With the discovery of EG’s final resting place at Live Oak Cemetery, area residents had previously thought that a Willie Damerau, whose headstone records the date of his death as 1895, was the first or one of the first people buried there. We can now make the claim to fame, pardon my morbid sense of humor...that EG died March 3<sup>th</sup> 1887 which makes him one of the first to be buried at Live Oak Cemetery. Once the funds are collected, the following inscription will go on the Memorial Bench. “HORNE” will be inscribed on the edge of the bench.





Pam standing in middle of Horne Family Plot



Memorial Bench without Inscription



Linda, Dianne and Pam standing to right of Horne Plot



Horne Family Plot  
Live Oak Cemetery  
Umland, Caldwell, Texas  
Directly behind Newmann  
Headstone

**After sixteen months of sharing information** and actually getting to meet each other in Austin, Pam and I have answered a lot of questions about our Horne Ancestors and have many more questions to keep us searching. What we didn't know and what we know now has brought us to this point.

Our research has Hornes coming out from everywhere. Our [Family Tree](#) (under construction) branches are full of people we had no idea existed. We have met many through the internet and a few through old fashioned telephone calls...and I for one can say, "I've not met a Horne yet that I didn't like!"

An annual reunion is held at the Martin Church in Goforth the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each June. Pam and I are planning a get together to visit the Live Oak Cemetery and see the Horne Memorial Bench and to meet others that may come to the reunion and maybe go to the oldest continuously operated [Country Dance Hall](#) in Texas, right in our hometown of Uhland.

Hope ya'll will make plans to attend in June 2010. It will definitely be the first reunion of Hornes in Texas. We will contact you about the exact time and date as soon as we have it confirmed.

Below is a picture of EG's father, James Horne of Edgecombe County, North Carolina. We know a little less about him. We don't know his actual date of birth and death and we have not located where he or Mary are buried, but we do know much more about some of EG's siblings.



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