

JAMES MINETT HALLMARK & OTHER CHILDREN

from various family members

March 1963 visit with Izora McGinty, dau of Jacob Newton Hallmark & Molly, wife of Wm J Hallmark:

James Minett lived in Bastrop Co TX, married Eveline. Came to Llano Co 1-2 years with new wife and Jack, 16, after his brother, Jasper, and his other boys came. He lived at Valley Spring, then Kingsland.

Lake Buchanon – the land was flooded to build a dam. When it was flooded, they had to move 600 or more graves from the Pennington & 5 other cemeteries. Pennington Cem has 12-15 Hallmarks buried there, James Minett too, & 2 babies by 1st wife - 6 children. (we only have 7 names of Hallmarks buried there) So many people didn't want them to move cemetery - wanted to build a cement wall around it, but not work. The Hallmarks asked to have the bodies moved right away. They bought new boxes for each body. Some bodies had been there many years - had to scoop up darkened dirt & put in casket.

People were paid so little for the land that was taken. The Hallmarks were living along the river, & the state just came & took it - had a huge pecan orchard (45 acres), all the fish they wanted. Couldn't catch any there now. Caught some as big as 60-75 # (Wm Jackson). Caught some by hand. One hung from shoulders to ground. David, son of Wm Jackson, & Tony, Uncle Ben's boy, had it on a stick & held it on their shoulders. Could see it in the water, as the water cleared--just reached in under the gills & pulled it out. Wm Jackson liked his fish cold--cooked it up first, then put in flour sacks & eat it cold. Molly got tired of it. "I just couldn't take it." Catfish is good cold.

"Grandpa Hallmark (James Minett) - Jack was 16 yrs old. Place called Smoothen Iron Mountain. Grandpa Hallmark & his second wife, Eveline, went off & left the boys to batch. Jan 12, big snow. Their teams worked out, got snow on them, couldn't walk, so had to knock snow off feet. Jack's 16th birthday. spent whole day cleaning snow off team's feet. They bought the land where Stribblings bought land. Dee & Jimmy were the only ones not found on home near dad. After father's death [1893], all the boys scattered." 1900 CENSUS: Ed: Coke Co TX, 1910 - Coke Co; Rebecky Hogan: Limestone Co; Jacob: Llano Co, 1910 - Burnett Co; John: Llano Co; Jasper: Llano Co, 1910 - Concho Co; Ben: Llano Co, 1910 - Coke Co

"Jasper Newton, a brother to James Minett, had a big family, lived near Grandpa, near Bastrop County, called Hallmark Prairie. 'Jas' lived in Llano Co & raised a large family."

James Minett Hallmark Timeline From Research:

- 1827 – Birmingham, Jefferson Co, Alabama – James Minett born
- 1850 – Houston Co TX census - James & Sarah Hallmark, Sarah's mother living with, Richard Ed & Rebecky Ann born
- 1859 – received land in Bastrop Co from father, Richard, in his will – 200 acres, John B born 1858
- 1860 – Lavaca Co – Jasper born 1860
- 1870 – Bell Co - Benjamin born 1863, James Isaac born 1867
- 1874 – Bastrop Co TX deed, son-in-law given power of attorney to sell land formerly occupied as homestead, north side of Colorado River. James & Sarah living in Limestone Co.
- 1880 – Limestone Co TX census – James & Eveline Hallmark, Jack 16, James 12, Lindsey 8
- 1893 – Llano Co, Texas – Kingsland, James Minett died, buried Pennington Cemetery

About his boys: "Ed, see below.

John had 2 boys, both dead.

Lindsay, Monroe & Ide living in Doole, near Brady. Edna Faye Stock (granddaughter of Lindsay) & Charles Stock, San Antonio.

Jacob Newton came from Bell & Bastrop Counties before going to Llano Co. Rented a yr in Llano.

Lived at Tow Valley, Buchanan Lake. Eddy & Earl married Peacock girls, Peacocks died of heart attacks - 2/9 living.

Wm Jackson lived Valley Springs before moving to Burnett. Raymond's sister a receptionist in

Austin - Breckinridge Hospital. Wm Raymond, son of Wm Jackson, hit by train & died.

Uncle Jimmy, see Molly under James Isaac.

RICHARD EDMOND HALLMARK: 1963 visits with Molly Hallmark & Izora McGinty: "Richard called 'Ed' - md Molly Thacker [see photo of Ed & Molly]. Ed's family depended upon him for business decisions. He

went with his wife 20 yrs before md her. First-class carpenter - built their home so well, but after his wife died, he left the home, quit, & gave up.

Mormon Elders were with his parents, stayed with them, sometimes 15-20 Elders from time to time. Hadn't decided which church to join, Mormon or Church of Christ. Eddy decided Church of Christ, all but Jimmy joined too. Jimmy went to OR to be with church people. Eddie very strong influence on the family.

Richard was blind 20 yrs before he died at 93. Had 3 boys, all died. He had 2 girls, who are now living in Fort Worth (Delia & Daisy), boy killed on tractor when driving it on highway. [also said Ben killed on tractor - ck]

Ed's 4th child, Daisy, passed away about a week ago. We had talked with her; she felt pretty good, but she died that morning. [Hallmark book = 6,8,1,2] A grandson married an Australian girl during war - came home after the war, but he went back & hasn't been home since. One son went to Pen-into trouble Bronc City TX [store?]. Ed & his younger brother, Ben, went to Coke County "Fairway" [??]. Ed, Jasper, Jack [Concho Co.? Bronte Cem, Coke Co?]"

DEAN EDWARD HALLMARK – Jimmy Do Little Raid, Tokyo - from Pam's family history notes

1962 visits with Molly & Izora: "Ollie's boy, Dean [grandson to Ed], was killed in World War II in the Jimmy Do Little Raid. His airplane went into the ocean when it came down. "In 60 Seconds over Tokyo," a movie that honored Dean, we heard them say "here comes Hallmark" before he was killed.

1993 article, Smithsonian magazine "Tokyo Bombed! Doolittle Do'od It" by James A Cox, pg 128: "3 men were executed by firing squad--Lieut. Wm Farrow, Lt Dean Hallmark & Sgt H Spatz."

1996 - Info sent from Doyle Hallmark after reunion, April 1996 in Llano, Texas: "The Doolittle Raid, 18 April 1942, led by legendary flier Jimmy Doolittle: 16 US Army B-25 bombers broke thru Japanese defenses on April 18, 1942 to strike Tokyo & other cities in broad daylight. The daring & dramatic raid stunned Japan, revived American morale, & signaled a new course for the Pacific War. (Dean is the son of Ollie Hallmark, grandson of Great Uncle Ed. Ollie's is daddy's 1st cousin).

"The engines of the 'Green Hornet,' piloted by Dean Hallmark, sputtered & failed 4 mins short of coast. Hallmark brought plane down in the stormy sea - impact tore off a wing. Hallmark smashed through the windshield. After 4 hrs in high waves, Hallmark, co-pilot Robert Meder, & navigator Chase Nielsen made it to shore, cut, bleeding, & exhausted. Bombardier, Wm Dieter, & flight engineer/gunner, Donald Fitzmaurice, were both seriously injured in the crash; bodies later washed ashore. Local Chinese fishermen hid survivors. But 3 days later Japanese soldiers captured all 3 men - this was just the beginning.

The epilogue to the Tokyo raid was bitter. The Japanese held Barr, DeShazer, Farrow, Hallmark, Hite, Meder, Nielsen & Spatz. They would make them pay, man by man.

The captors moved the survivors of 'The Green Hornet' & 'Bat Out of Hell' to Tokyo. There, handcuffed & leg-cuffed, the fliers were placed in the hands of Kempei Tai, the Japanese Army's military police, who knew how to make a man wonder whether life was worth living."

Letter from Jimmy to parents (not delivered until after war): "Dear Mother & Dad...I went on a bombing mission because I was told to & because I am an Army pilot. I knew there would be some danger, but it was war... I never dreamed of this outcome... They have just told me I am liable for execution. I can hardly believe it... Mother, you try to stand up under this, & pray. Dad, you do the same. Sister, too. I don't know how to end this letter except by sending you all my love.

"On Oct 15 1942, black limousine entered the First Cemetery grounds outside Shanghai. Farrow, Hallmark, & Spatz were brought out. Prison guards marched men to 3 small wooden crosses situated 20 ft apart. The 3 Americans were made to kneel with their backs against the crosses. Guards removed the handcuffs & tied the prisoners' wrists to the cross-pieces. They wrapped the upper portions of the men's faces with white cloth, marking black "X's" just above the noses. A 6-man firing squad took positions 26 ft in front of the Americans. At the count, they pulled the triggers. There was no need to fire a second time."

The coffins were taken to the Japanese Residents Ass'n Crematorium, where the bodies were cremated. The ashes were placed in small boxes & put on an altar at Kiangwan Prison. About a month later the boxes were removed & taken to the Internat'l Funeral Home in Shanghai where they remained until the end of the war. However, the names on the boxes were deliberately changed by unknown persons in an attempt to conceal the real identities. Fortunately, the record of the real & fictional names was found after the war, and the ashes were returned to the States for internment in Arlington Cemetery.