

THE ABBOTT FAMILY

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Martha Ann Shackelford (or Shackelford) Abbott homesteaded 80 acres in Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory, recorded in patent book 3, page 418. She was the widow of John Jenkins Abbott, a Union veteran of the Civil War, who died in Neosho, Missouri, in 1884.

Martha Ann Abbott was born in Stokes County, North Carolina, in 1827, and married there September 2, 1841. She was the daughter of Samuel Shackelford and Mary Jane Abbott Shackelford. About 1858 Martha Ann and John J. Abbott moved to Lawrence County, Missouri, and then to Neosho, Newton County, Missouri, before 1870. Mrs. Abbott then moved to Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, before coming to the Oklahoma Territory.

Mrs. Abbott had sixteen children. They were:

Benjamin Franklin, born June 20, 1842, in Stokes County, N. C. He fought with the Union forces in the Civil War and died at Marquez, Texas, May 10, 1927. Elsey E., Frances J., Joseph Peter, James L., Sarah, Samuel and John J., died in Texas; Louisa, Elizabeth married Willis Sater May 24, 1877, in Neosho, Mo.; Susan, Erma, Penelo C., Armstead, Letitia (married George M. Minton and remained in Neosho) and George. Five children came to Oklahoma Territory with their mother. They were: Frances J., Joseph P., James L., Samuel and Armstead.

Martha Ann Shackelford Abbott died in the home of her son, Joseph P., in November, 1904, and is buried in the Box Cemetery.

James L. and Armstead Abbott settled East of Lexington in April, 1889. James' patent is recorded in Book 2, page 20. Armstead never married. James' wife was Lou Pollock. They had three children, Laura, Don and Claude, all were born on the homestead four miles east of Lexington. Lou died about 1897 and is buried at Lexington.

Armstead Abbott was a freighter and a Sooner. He brought his sister, Frances J. Welch, a widow, in during the run of 1889. She received a tract of 160 acres which she divided with her mother, Martha Ann Abbott, giving each 80 acres. She received a patent on her 80 acres. Frances married James Zachery, a veteran of the Civil War.

Frances, a widow, and James, a widower, spent their last days together in Wanette. Frances died in 1927 and is buried in the Wanette Cemetery. James died in the early twenties and is buried in the Lexington Cemetery.

Samuel Abbott received a patent (recorded in book 3, page 449) for 160 acres in Cleveland County, O. T. He brought his wife, Mary Jane

Thompson Abbott, and three sons, William H. (married Mattie McCright in Lexington), Andrew, and Archie C., to Cleveland County with him. Four children, Charlie (married to Beulah Redwine), Fred (married to Essie Caskey), Jim (married to Oaud Boatright), and Bessie (married to Cleve Clay), were born in Cleveland County. Fred died October 22, 1902, in Lindsay, Oklahoma, and is buried at Erin Springs.

Joseph Peter Abbott and his wife, Mary Louisa Huntsbarger Munch Abbott, homesteaded 160 acres one mile west and one mile north of Box, Oklahoma, on patent recorded in book 3, page 564. Joseph P. Abbott and Mary Munch, a widow, were married in Neosho, Missouri, June 5, 1873. In 1884 they moved to Wise County, Texas, and then to Oklahoma Territory in 1891. They bought the homestead from the man who had made the run.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Abbott brought with them their children, Henry Munch, Elizabeth Ann, Frances J., and Rex. Joseph died February 2, 1911, and Mary died September 9, 1922. Both are buried in Box Cemetery.

Henry Munch married Mary Fuzzell and they had three sons, Lloyd, Bill, and Roy, all were born in Cleveland County, near Box. Henry died November 8, 1933, in Oklahoma City and is buried in Sunny Lane Cemetery.

Elizabeth Ann married Jess Scott. She died following the birth of her only child (believed to have been named Jessica) and mother and child were buried in Box Cemetery, 1907.

Frances J. was born April 10, 1884, in Neosho, Missouri, and died November 12, 1895. She is buried in the Box Cemetery.

Rex married Alice Virginia Jackson, daughter of John A. and Mary Ida Jackson, September 30, 1909, in Purcell. They had four daughters born on the homestead. They were: Bertha Velma, married first to J. D. Parish, second to C. D. Hyde. She now lives in Oklahoma City. Vera Geneva first married Jess Russell, and later married B. A. Parnell. She now lives in Long Beach, California. Vena Mildred first married J. N. White; later she married L. R. Hawkins, and now lives in Oklahoma City. Viola Beatrice first married H. B. Truett, and later she married P. M. Melindez, and now lives in Copperas Cove, Texas. The other children were born in Oklahoma City. They are: Wilma Leslie married Silvestre B. Osegueda and lives in Oklahoma City; Alice Besta first married L. C. Thomas, and then Tifton Meeks, and lives near Stuart, Oklahoma; Erma Jean married P. T. Hendon and lives near Calvin, Oklahoma; and Rex Joseph married Wanda Lee Brandt and lives in Oklahoma City.

Rex died June 3, 1961, in Oklahoma City and is buried in Sunny Lane Cemetery.