

BIOGRAPHY

MARK NATHANIEL MOSELEY

Born October 1844,¹ probably in Dallas County, Alabama
Died June 26, 1927, Leming, Atascosa County, Texas

Written by Margaret A. Butler, one of his descendants

Mark, His Parents and Siblings

Mark Nathaniel Moseley, was born in Alabama, lived in Mississippi, Louisiana and Bell Co., TX, before settling down in Atascosa County, Texas, in and around Verdi and Poteet, TX. For a few years, he also resided in Karnes County, TX. Mark was the son of ***Lewis A. and Harriet “Annie” Moseley***. Lewis was born about 1822 in Alabama, and Annie was born about June 1825 in Alabama.

Lewis A. Moseley was the son of ***John Moseley***, who was born between 1790-1793 in Georgia. John’s wife was allegedly “***Martha Glenn***” (the author has no proof of that allegation except that another Moseley researcher states that fact in his book), but the November 1850 Dallas County, AL census names her as “***Elizabeth***,” born abt 1789 in Georgia.

In 1850, Lewis and wife Annie lived in Rascoes Beat, Dallas County, AL, the same area where Lewis’ parents resided with Elijah Bell (the Bell and Moseley families are allegedly related). By 1860, Lewis Moseley and family had moved to Lauderdale County, Mississippi, and Lewis’ father, John, was a widower and residing in the household. In 1870, Lewis, Annie and children were living in Jackson Parish, Louisiana. By 1880, Lewis’ household was located in District 3, Atascosa County, Texas.



Lewis & Annie Moseley

In early 1899, Lewis and Annie Moseley lived in San Antonio, he was ill with apparent prostate trouble and nearly blind, but applying for a military pension. On November 5, 1899, he died there in that city. (In Lewis’ pension papers, widow Annie testified they were *married September 6, 1845, in Warrenton, AL.*) On the 1900 and 1910 censuses, Annie was living with grandson, Loney Cook and wife Minnie (Moseley) Cook. Annie Moseley apparently died sometime after 1910, because no further record can be found of her.

¹ Different sources seem to agree Mark was born in October but show a different birthday – one is the 6th, another the 17th – and a different birth year for Mark. However, the November 1850 Dallas County, Alabama federal census shows Mark in his parents’ household at the age of six years old, making his birth year 1844.

With regard to Lewis & Annie being Mark's parents, it needs to be noted that grandson Thomas Atwood "T.A." Moseley, who loved family history, told a daughter-in-law the names of his ancestors. She took notes, and everything told to her has been proven correct except for one thing: T.A. told her that his father Mark's mother was "*Mary B. Moseley*". Would that explain why Mark was born about 11 months prior to the wedding of Lewis & Annie, and why there's a 3-year age difference between Mark and the next child? Did Lewis have a first wife?

Mark Nathaniel Moseley had several siblings, named as follows:

– *William A. Moseley*, born 1847, prob in Dallas County, AL; William married a woman, *S.V. Moseley*, and they had a daughter, *A. Moseley*, born about November 1869, probably in Jackson Parish, LA. In 1870, William and his family were living next door to his parents in Vienna, LA.

– *Margaret Jane Moseley*, born July 1851, prob born Alabama. Margaret Jane married a man by the name of *Simmons* while in Louisiana, and had a son *W.P. Simmons*. In 1876, she married *James Henry Walker* (born Aug 1853 TX). In 1900, they were residing in Atascosa Co., TX, and Henry's mother, Emily Walker (born Sept 1829), and sister Sarah P. Walker (born Nov 1860) were residing in Henry & Margaret's household. Also, by 1900, Margaret had 7 children but only 5 were living. Other than W.P. Simmons, her known children were: *Cora, Elsie, William E., and Emily A. Walker*.

– *Fenatty H. "Natie" Moseley*, born abt 1853, Alabama. Natie Moseley married *Joel Maurice Walker Tumlinson* in 1874 in Atascosa Co., TX, and they later had sons *Ellis Tillman Tumlinson* (born May 6, 1897 in Dimmit Co., TX) and *Louis Tumlinson* (born September 4, 1899 in TX). Joel died May 10, 1903 in Carrizo Springs, TX, where he worked as a jailer. An "insane prisoner" killed him. Joe was the son of Peter & Harriet (West) Tumlinson.

– *Sallie Moseley*, born 1861, Mississippi. Sallie married a man by the last name of *Cook*, and they had son *Loney Cook*, born Dec. 1878. Loney Cook later married *Minnie Moseley* (born Feb. 1881 in Bell Co., TX), dau. of *Leroy Moseley*² and 2nd wife *Rebecca (Jackson) Frost*.³

² The 1840 Alabama census shows several children in John Moseley's household, with one older son born in the early 1810s and the age of another son fitting Lewis A. Moseley. Theory: This author believes John Moseley's older son was *Leroy Moseley*, who was born abt 1813-14 in Georgia. He and his first wife *Elizabeth* married in Alabama, moved to DeSoto Parish, LA, and had numerous children. After Elizabeth died, Leroy married 2nd wife *Rebecca (Jackson) Frost*. Eventually, the family moved into Bell County, TX, and some of Leroy's descendants, including a son named *John Lewis "Lewis" Moseley*, moved into Atascosa County, settling in and around Verdi and Poteet, the same place where Mark Moseley & his parents lived. That would explain the familial resemblances as seen by present-day Moseleys.

³ Rebecca Jackson married first to William A. Frost, born August 25, 1832, in Rowan Co., NC. William was allegedly a descendant of Ebenezer Frost, born NJ – another distant grandfather of this author.

Mark Moseley apparently had two other unknown siblings. The 1900 Bexar County, Texas federal census showed that the widow Harriet “Annie” Moseley, Mark’s mother, had a total of seven children but that only six were still living in 1900. That means there were two other children besides the five named above and one of those two unknown children *was still alive in 1900*. Their identities remain a mystery.

Mark Nathaniel Moseley moved with his parents from Alabama to Lauderdale County, MS by 1860. During the Civil War, both Mark and his father were in the Confederate Army from 1862 to the time of surrender serving in Capt. William’s Co. A, 15th Confederate Regiment, Alabama. At the time of surrender in April 1865, Mark’s pension papers reveal he was at home “in Blue Pond” recovering from an injury.

Mark Moseley’s Families

Sometime after the Civil War, the Moseleys moved to Jackson Parish, Louisiana (now known as Lincoln Parish). We know the Moseleys were there as early as 1867-68, because Mark fathered a child with a young, pretty local girl named *Mary Samantha “Mattie” Colvin*. On September 30, 1868, Mark’s first child, *Thomas Atwood “T.A.” Moseley*, was born in Vienna, LA. Mark Moseley did not marry Mattie Colvin nor did he stay in Jackson Parish, LA. By 1870, Mark Moseley resided in Bell County, Texas, even though his father’s household remained in Vienna, LA.

On August 18, 1870, Mark married *Melissa Emiline Wilkins* in Bell County, and by 1880, they were settled in Atascosa County, TX, in or near the community of Verdi near Poteet. In total, Mark and Melissa had nine (9) known children:

– *Mark N. “Napoleon” Moseley, Jr.*, born abt 1875 in Texas. Mark Jr. committed suicide. When my mother was a young girl, she was in her Grandpa T.A. Moseley’s home. She found a small, old photo (like a tintype) wrapped up in a piece of paper. When she asked her Grandpa who was in the photo, he got very upset at her, almost angry, because she found the photo. However, he did tell her it was his brother Mark, who committed suicide over a girl.

– *Saphronia L. “Fronney” Moseley*, born abt 1877 in Texas, died between 1904-1910. Fronney married *Edward R. Neeley*, and they had five children but only three survived by 1910: *Benjamin Frank Neeley*, born 1899; *Albert Neeley*, born 1902; and *Ray Neeley*, born 1904. In 1910, widower Edward was a boarder in the Bexar Co., TX household of his brother-in-law John Charles Moseley and wife Etta, while his 3 sons resided in Atascosa Co. with their grandparents, Mark & Melissa. By 1920, Edward Neeley and sons were residing together in the same household in Wilson Co., TX.

– *Harriet Elizabeth “Lizzie” Moseley*, born March 1879 in Texas. She married *Frank C. Butler* (no known relationship to the author), and they were residing in Karnes City, TX in 1910 and 1920. The Karnes County records show Lizzie Butler’s birth date correctly, March 1879, and that her father was born in AL and mother in TX, which is correct. Frank & Lizzie are buried in the Karnes City Cemetery. Grandpa T.A. Moseley often referred to his sister “Lizzie.”

– **John Charles Moseley**, born August 1881 in Texas; married **Henryetta Jane West** on May 13, 1903. Their children were: **Roy, Elijah, Mamie Elizabeth, Lela and John Charles Moseley, Jr.** One of John Charles' known descendants, Edward, resides in & around McKinney, TX.

– **Sallie A. Moseley**, born September 1883 in Texas; married in 1900 to **Thomas Neeley, Jr.** Thomas and Sallie had at least two children: a son named **Dall B. Neeley** and a daughter named **Leona Neeley**. In 1910, they were residing with Thomas' parents in Wilson Co., TX.

– **Samantha D. Moseley**, born January 1885 in Texas.

– **Thomas Riley “Tommy” Moseley**, born June 26, 1888 in Wilson Co., Texas (per death record); died December 18, 1976 in San Antonio, Bexar Co., TX. His death certificate shows his father was “Mark Nathan Moseley” and his mother “Emmaline Wilkins.” On July 1, 1914, in Gonzales Co., TX, Tom R. Moseley married **Pearlie May Beene**.

– **Natie S. Moseley**, born April 1891 in Texas, and is found on the 1900 Atascosa Co., TX census residing in her parents' household. Natie married **Johnnie Tankersley** on September 19, 1906, in Karnes County, Texas.

– **Eddie Moseley**, born September 1894 in Texas. On January 7, 1920, Eddie was in the military serving as a Private at Camp Travis in Bexar Co., TX.

As mentioned above, prior to 1910, Mark Moseley, Melissa and children moved to Karnes City, Karnes Co., TX, where they resided for a few years.

Melissa Emiline Moseley died sometime between 1910 and 1915, because Atascosa County marriage records (found in the Central Library, San Antonio) show that Mark Moseley married **Mrs. Marelda Jane Megues** in 1915. Marelda was born August 12, 1889, and her maiden name is unknown. By her earlier marriage, she had a son, **Abbie Megues**, born abt 1911 in Texas. Abbie allegedly married **Ruth Gertrude “Ruthy” Butler**.

Mark and Marelda had two children:

– **Addie Lee Moseley**, a daughter born abt 1917 in Texas.

– **J.B. Moseley**, a son born 1920 in Texas. [Author's note: There was a “J.B. Moseley” who lived in and around Karnes City, TX a few years ago but he refused to talk to us about family history. Now I can find no current listing for him; however, there is a listing for “Mark Moseley” in the same area.]

In 1920, Mark and Marelda Moseley resided in Atascosa County with their two children.

Mark Moseley's death certificate shows that on June 26, 1927, Mark died and his death was attributed to "diarrhea." Surprisingly, his wife, Marelda, died about two weeks later, on July 11, 1927. They are both buried in Brite Cemetery at Leming, TX, outside of Poteet.

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