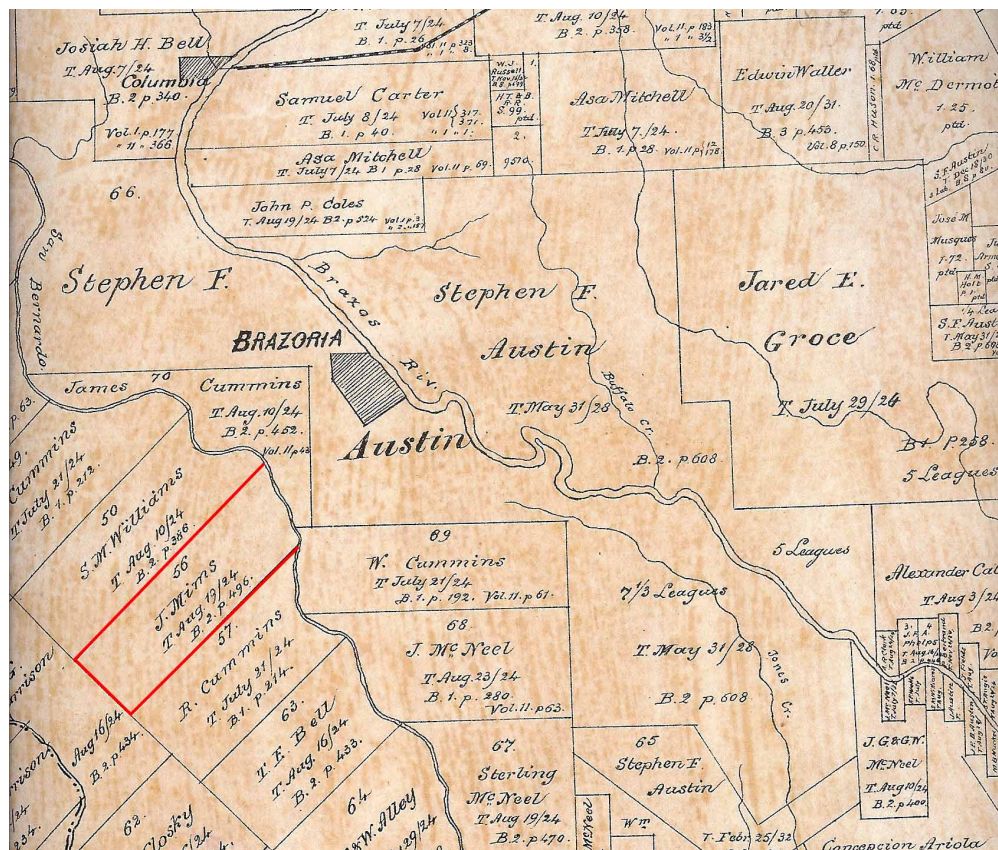


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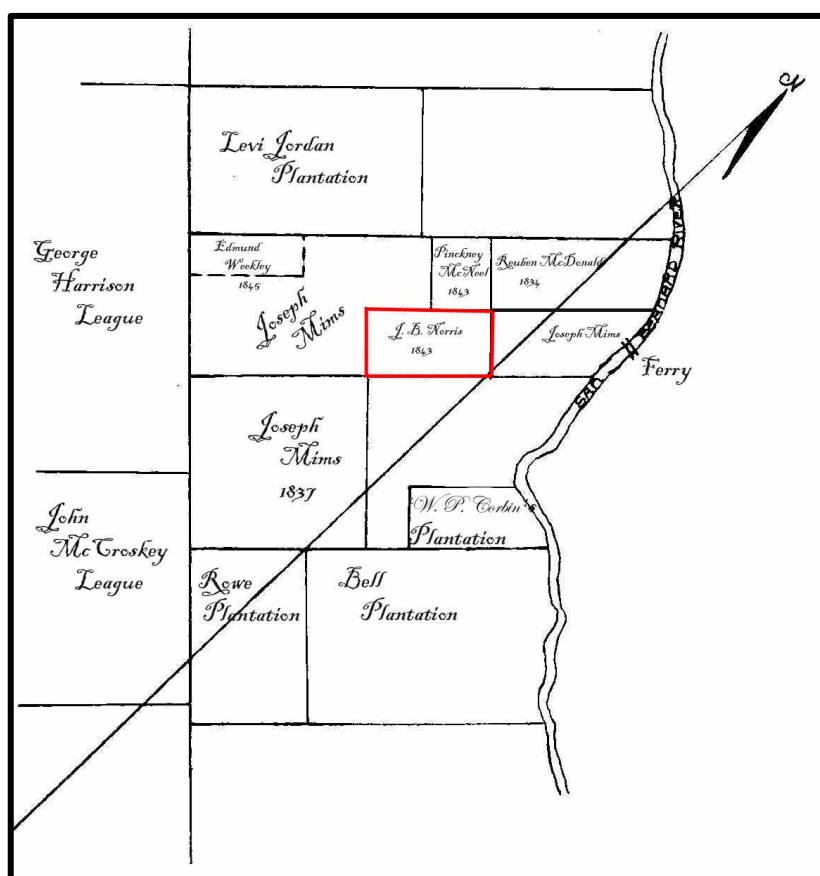


John Bradford Norris brought his family from Alabama to Texas in ~1841. His son-in-law David R. W. Davis made him manager of his plantation that he bought out of the Joseph Mims league west of the San Bernard River near the town of Brazoria. After John B. Norris managed to straighten out his own financial problems he purchased the plantation from David R. W. Davis in 1843. By 1847 he was working to make his property into a sugar plantation. Before 1850 John B. Norris died. His wife Henrietta C. Norris and his two sons John H. and William H. C. Norris continued to operate the plantation but it was under heavy debt. William H. C. Norris died in ~1850. The plantation was sold in 1851 to Anthony Winston. Downsizing John H. Norris bought 500 acres in the adjacent Rebecca Cummings league on the west side of the San Bernard River. Using a modest number of slaves owned by his mother to produce cotton, John H. Norris married Catherine Burkhart and raised a family while residing on his plantation through the Civil War. In ~1868 John H. Norris married Sarah Kirkland after the death of Catherine B. Norris in 1861. John and Sarah remained on the plantation during most of the 1870's until John became a lawyer and moved the family to Brazoria ~1880. John H. Norris sold out the plantation homestead to J. V. Hinkle and C. P. McNeill in 1886 ending ownership by the Norris family.

Shortly after the marriage of their eldest daughter Mary White Norris to David Rogerson Williams Davis, John Bradford and Henrietta Catherine Norris moved their family to Texas from Alabama. David R. W. Davis settled initially in Galveston and purchased a cotton plantation consisting of 608 acres in the lower part of the Joseph Mims league on the west of the San Bernard River from Jesse and Mary Cleveland May 1, 1851. The purchase included a residence, gin house, 60 saw gin, corn mill, 100 head of hogs, and 45 head of cattle for \$7000.¹ Davis made John B. Norris the manager of his plantation while he may have made his residence in Brazoria.² John and Henrietta Norris with their six children still at home made the plantation their residence while John managed the plantation.

John B. Norris came to Texas with financial problems. December 15, 1842 he had to turn over all his assets to several trustees and declare bankruptcy. These assets included many IOU's from other individuals, a home and lot in DeKalb, Mississippi, miscellaneous furniture and household articles, and livestock.³ It was not determined as to how much cash this actually generated. According to tax records Henrietta had ten slaves in her name as separate property from her husband.

The next year David R. W. Davis sold the plantation to John B. Norris for \$6355.⁴ The Davis family shortly thereafter moved back to Alabama.



¹ Brazoria County Deed Records: B 51/52

² BCDR: B 53

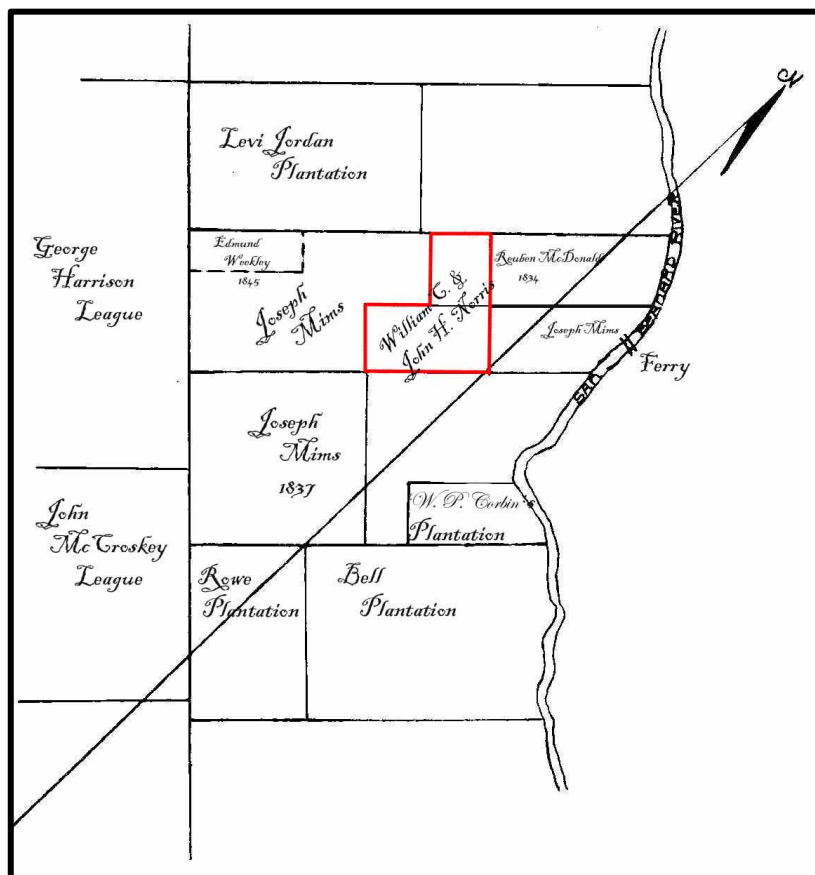
³ BCDR: B 199/200

⁴ BCDR: B 213/14

In 1843 Sarah Tait Norris, aged fourteen, wed Charles Keller Reese in Brazoria County. By 1845 Norris was able to pay off his note to Davis.⁵ He put the plantation and five slaves in trust to his wife Henrietta.⁶ Sarah Tait Reese, as his daughter, received two slaves.⁷

Henrietta Jane Norris, aged fifteen, wed Lumbert Mims November 17, 1846. Lumbert and Henrietta would raise a large family while living in the northwest corner of the Joseph Mims league. In 1847 James Norris, the eldest son, of John B. and Henrietta Norris died.

May 1847, John B. Norris contracted with Hiram Close and C. B. Adams of Galveston for "the sum of nine hundred dollars for a Sugar Mill & Machinery made by said Close and Adams...to be erected on the plantation..."⁸ William Crawford and John Hancock Norris, twin sons, purchased the plantation from their parents March 8, 1848 for \$8000 cash. They were then to pick up the note to Close and Adams as well as a \$2000 note still owed David R. W. Davis.⁹ They also bought another 300 acres just north of their plantation from Pinckney S. and Harriet McNeel, who had a residence on the property.¹⁰ Frederick Vogel charged them \$200 September 1, 1849 to install a sugar furnace.¹¹ Perhaps the health of John B. Norris was declining as he passed away 1848-1849.



⁵ BCDR: B 214

⁶ BCDR: B 472/73 & B 505/06

⁷ BCDR: B 507/08

⁸ BCDR: D 417/18

⁹ BCDR: D 551/52

¹⁰ BCDR:

¹¹ William C. Norris Probate Case 369 Brazoria County Clerk, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas

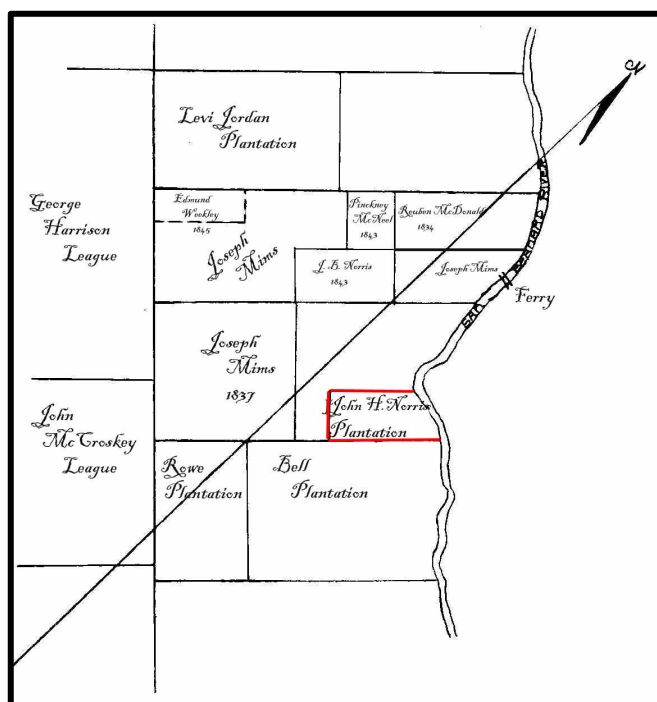
The household listed in the 1850 Federal Census:

William H. C. Norris	Farmer	23M	Alabama
John H. Norris		23M	Alabama
Henrietta Norris		55 F	Alabama
Emma A. Norris		12 F	Alabama

The 1850 Agricultural census shows that the plantation had 150 acres cultivated with \$5000 worth of farm machinery on the property. The plantation produced 1000 bushels of corn, 400 of sweet potatoes, 300 lbs. of butter, 5 tons of hay, 25 hogsheads of sugar, and 2060 gallons of molasses in 1849. They owned 6 horses, 8 mules, 25 milch cows, 8 work oxen, 70 head of cattle, and 100 hogs. There were 15 slaves on the property all in Henrietta's name.

Shortly thereafter William C. Norris died. His estate sold his half interest in the plantation to John H. Norris September 30, 1851.¹² The debt on the plantation had increased by a \$1375 mortgage on their 300 acre tract to R. & D. G. Mills of Galveston.¹³ With debts mounting on the property John H. Norris sold the plantation to Anthony Winston¹⁴ December 15, 1851.¹⁵

With this sale John H. Norris was in a position to down size a little and choose a new location for a plantation. He chose a 500 acre tract on the west bank of the San Bernard River in the Rebecca Cummings league. He was able to purchase the property for \$4000 from three different owners the same month. William P. and Martha Corbin, the original owners, had a dwelling on the property.¹⁶ John married Catherine Burkhardt May 2, 1854 in Matagorda County. They would have two children, Catherine Henrietta (1855) and William Crawford (1857) Norris.



¹² BCDR: F 144/48

¹³ BCDR: E 452/53

¹⁴ See reports on the Winston family

¹⁵ BCDR: F 165/67

¹⁶ BCDR: F 213/14, F 184/85 & F 186

In February 1858 John H. Norris mortgaged his plantation and three slaves for \$3748.13 to R. & D. G. Mills of Galveston.¹⁷ In 1858 using a horse powered mill Norris produced 15 hogsheads of sugar.¹⁸

By 1860 John was doing well enough to pay off his mortgage.¹⁹ The John H. Norris family consisted of:

Henrietta C Norris	60F	Georgia	(Mother)
John H. Norris	22M Planter	Alabama	(Son)
Catherine Norris	23F	Pennsylvania	(Wife)
Emma Norris	20F	Alabama	(Sister)
Kate Norris	6F	Texas	(Child)
Crawford Norris	3M	Texas	(Child)

According to the 1860 Slave Census there were 20 slaves on the property in 7 dwellings.

The 1860 Agricultural Census reveals 200 acres were under cultivation out of the 500 acres owned with \$3000 worth of farm machinery on the property. They owned 6 horses, 8 mules, 5 milch cows, 4 work oxen, 50 head of cattle, and 50 hogs. The plantation produced 600 bushels of corn, 20 bushels of Irish potatoes, and 25 bales of cotton in 1859. All this was a much more meager operation than the sugar plantation that was once owned by the family in the early 1850's.

Catherine Burkhart Norris died the last week of January 1861. A diary entry made by Sallie McNeill who lived on the Levi Jordan Plantation:

[2/08/1861]

Death, our invincible enemy, has been busy in our midst.—For months Mrs. C. Norris has expected his unwelcome presence. Two weeks ago, the Dark angel, kindly relieved her, from long & extreme suffering. She expressed her resignation to the will of God; said she was willing to go; her only pang was in leaving husband and her two small children. I visited her twice, & watched beside her corpse, the night after her decease. Poor Mr. N. worn out with watching & grief, was pitied sincerely. Time alone, can console...²⁰

John H. Norris' sister, Emmaline, was often a topic of interest in Sallie McNeill's diary: "Emma is a real nice girl; performs creditably on the piano, has had lessons only two months..."²¹ In early 1861 it appears she had her eye on Samuel Mims:

...All this transpired in the presence of Leo & S. M. She thinks the later gentleman "so handsome"! I certainly will not stand in her way, is she wishes his favor. Her maneuvers are entirely transparent to me, as well as others. I'm not speaking disparagingly of E. I would like to see her married to the *one* of her choice..."²²

¹⁷ BCDR: H 364/75 & H 387

¹⁸ Champomier, P. A., *Statement of the Sugar Crop Made in Louisiana in 1858-59, With An Appendix*, New Orleans, 1859

¹⁹ BCDR: J 405

²⁰ Raska, Ginny McNeill & Hill, Mary Lynne Gasaway, eds., *The Uncompromising Diary of Sallie McNeill 1858-1867*, Texas A&M University Press, College Station, Texas, 2009, pp. 93-94.

²¹ Ibid., June 20, 1860, p. 78

²² Ibid., February 13, 1861, p. 95

Samuel Mims joined Terry's Texas Rangers in the fall of 1861 and died while serving the Confederacy July 17, 1862 at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Desiring to be married before reaching "old" age, during the Civil War in May 1862 Emma Norris married Alexander C. Burkhart in Matagorda just before her 24th birthday. Sallie McNeill recorded: "E. Norris has wed A. Burkhart, the lover discarded..." Now takes him to escape being an old maid," says Mc. He is quite poor & indolent."²³ Emma and Alexander Burkhart would raise a family in Matagorda County.

The matriarch, Catherine Norris died ~1865 and post Civil War the Norris family was financially strapped as were many of their neighbors. The children, Catherine H. and William C. Norris, received an inheritance of \$1593 from their grandmother Catherine Burkhart of Matagorda County. John H. Norris had to use this money in order to keep his plantation running and issued a mortgage to his own children for the amount in 1868.²⁴ The same year he mortgaged all his crops of cotton, sugar, and potatoes to A. Sessums & Co. of Galveston for \$3769.36.²⁵ By 1871 he had to mortgage his crops to C. R. Cox, his father-in-law, just to pay for beef supplied the plantation.²⁶

In ~1868 John H. Norris wed a second time to Sarah Kirkland. Their extended family is listed in the 1870 Federal Census:

John Norris	43M	Farmer	Alabama
Sarah Norris	25F		Louisiana
Catherine Norris	15F		Texas
William Norris	13M		Texas
Susan Norris	9/12F		Texas

John H. Norris tried to make the plantation pay for itself for several more years, but in February 1876 John and Sarah Norris sold 250 acres which contained their homestead on the San Bernard River to Daniel S. McNeel for \$2000.²⁷ The next year McNeel turned the land back to William C. Norris, who had traded his father some land in the Alsbury league for McNeel's notes.²⁸

By the 1880's John H. Norris was living in Brazoria and practicing law. His 1880 household:

John H. Norris	53M	Lawyer	Alabama
Sarah E. Norris	33F		Louisiana
Susan Norris	10F		Texas
Annie Norris	7F		Texas
Jessie Norris	3F		Texas
John C. Norris	8/12M		Texas

²³ Ibid., May 25, 1862, p. 116

²⁴ BCDR: L 157/58

²⁵ BCDR: L 332

²⁶ BCDR: M 485

²⁷ BCDR: P 362/63

²⁸ BCDR: Q 285 & 326

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All business entrusted to his care faithfully attended to.²⁹

William C. Norris deeded the homestead back to his father in October 1880. John H. Norris sold the property to Wesley Woods, a former slave, for \$1500 January 1882.³⁰ Wesley was not able to make payments on the property and had to deed it back to John H. Norris in 1886.³¹ Wesley Woods stayed on the property probably as a tenant farmer during the 1880's. In January 1886 John H. Norris and his married daughter Catherine H. Norris Perry sold the property to J. V. Hinkle and C. P. McNeill for \$1055.85.³² This ended the ownership of the old homestead by the Norris family.

John H. Norris died ~1888. His widow Sarah and their children remained in the town of Brazoria for many more years. William C. Norris, son of John H. Norris by his first wife Catherine, also remained in Brazoria County with his wife Sallie and their family.

Wesley Woods bought the plantation again in later years but was again unable to keep up his payments with the property reverting back to Hinkle and McNeill.

The exact locations of the improvements on the Norris plantations in the Mims league and the Rebecca Cummings league have not been determined. The Cedar Lake Cemetery, where several members of the Norris family are buried, is now heavily overgrown. It is on property owned by F. Scott Glick. The location of the family cemetery is, however, unknown.

²⁹ *The Independent*, April 15, 1881, Brazoria, Texas

³⁰ BCDR: X 753/54

³¹ BCDR: Y 17/18

³² BCDTR: Y 18/19

Appendix A Norris Family Genealogy

John Bradford Norris b. March 1787 Wilkes County, Georgia
d. 1848-1849 Brazoria County, Texas

m.

Henrietta Catherine Lafitte b. 1795 Savannah, Georgia
d. ~1865 Texas

A. Mary White Norris b. February 17, 1822 Cahaba, Dallas County, Alabama
d. June 11, 1886 Mobile, Alabama

m. December 3, 1840 Alabama

David Rogerson Williams Davis b. May 15, 1815 South Carolina
d. February 27, 1867 Alabama

1. John Bradford Davis b. September 25, 1841 Texas
2. Henry Graves Davis b. 1843 Texas d. 1862 Texas
3. David Rogerson Williams Davis b. March 19, 1845 Alabama d. February 6, 1901
4. Clement Billingsley Davis b. May 8, 1847 Alabama d. 1892
5. Margaret A. Davis b. 1847 d. 1917
6. Richard M. Davis b. 1849 d. 1881
7. Franklin Pierce Davis b. June 13, 1852 Alabama d. 1908

B. James Norris b. 1825 Alabama
d. 1847 Texas

C. John Hancock Norris b. 1827 Alabama

m. 1st May 2, 1854 Matagorda County, Texas

Catherine Burkhart b. 1834 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
d. ~ last week of January 1861

1. Catherine Henrietta Norris b. February 20, 1855 d. January 25, 1935
m. December 23, 1875 Churchill Ferry, Brazoria County, Texas

James F. Perry (Peach Point Plantation)

- a. Stephen Samuel Perry
- b. Catherine Perry
- c. Henry Austin Perry

2. William Crawford Norris b. 1857
d. 1894

m.

Sallie Cox b. November 26, 1854

d. December 27, 1913

- a. Catherine (Katie) P. Norris b. ~1881
- b. Gabriella (Gabe) Weisinger Norris b. ~1882
- c. Sarah (Sadie) Cox Norris b. May 5, 1888
- d. William (Willie) C. Norris b. ~1891

m. 2nd ~ 1868

Sarah E. Kirkland b. ~1845 Louisiana
d.

1. Susan Norris b. ~1869
2. Annie Norris b. ~1873
3. Jessie Norris b. ~1877
4. John B. Norris b. ~1879

D. William Henry Crawford Norris b. 1827 Alabama
d. November 1850 Brazoria County, Texas

- E. Sarah Tait Norris b. March 21, 1829 Mobile, Alabama
 d. January 7, 1858 Matagorda County, Texas buried Cedar Lake Cemetery
 m. October 18, 1843 Brazoria County, Texas
 Charles Keller Reese b. November 13, 1810
 1. Mary Ellen Reese b. 1844
 2. James Reese b. 1846
 3. Charles Stephen Reese b. 1847
 4. Harriet Caroline Reese b. 1848 d. buried Cedar Lake Cemetery
 5. Charles Keller Reese b. February 1, 1850 d. June 2, 1905
 6. Joseph Perry Reese b. February 1, 1851 d. 1914
 7. Sarah Emma Reese b. November 19, 1853 d. April 4, 1890 San Antonio, Texas
 8. Kathryn Buford Reese b. Aft September 1856 d. drown in Cedar Lake
- F. Henrietta Jane Norris b. 1831 Mobile, Alabama d. 1875 Brazoria County, Texas
 m. November 17, 1846 Brazoria County, Texas
 Lumbert Mims b. September 1, 1822 Alabama
 d. March 16, 1869 Brazoria County, Texas (buried Mims family cemetery)
 1. Benjamin Franklin Mims b. November 4, 1847 Brazoria County, Texas
 d. August 10, 1894 Alvin, Texas
 2. Sarah Tate Mims b. July 24, 1849 Brazoria County, Texas Mims Plantation
 d. May 17, 1860 Brazoria County, Texas (buried Mims family cemetery)
 3. William Crawford Mims b. 1850 Mims Plantation d. 1903
 4. Ann Elizabeth Mims b. ~1853 Mims Plantation d. 1874
 5. George Franklin Mims b. 1855 Mims Plantation d. before 1879
 6. Alexander Alphonso Mims b. 1857 Mims Plantation d. 1880
 7. Emma Eurelia Mims b. 1859 Mims Plantation d. 1875
 8. Sarah Emma Mims b. 1863
 9. Eudora Catherine Mims b. February 2, 1865 Brazoria County, Texas d. May 21, 1950 Houston
 10. Samuel Mims b. 1868 Mims Plantation d. 1924
- G. Emmaline Asenath Norris b. July 12, 1838 Mobile, Alabama
 d. January 12, 1921 Matagorda County, Texas
 m. May 3, 1862 Christ Church, Matagorda, Texas
 Alexander Christian Burkhart b. April 11, 1830 Pennsylvania
 d. August 21, 1916 Matagorda County, Texas
 1. John Norris Burkhart b. 1864
 2. Emmaline Asenath Burkhart b. 1865
 3. Alexander Christian Burkhart Jr. b. 1867
 4. Henry Graves Burkhart b. 1868 d. September 9, 1930 Bay City, Texas
 5. Mary White Burkhart b. 1871
 6. Charles Walter Burkhart b. 1872 d. November 22, 1932

Appendix B

Norris Plantations Deed Records

GRANTORS	GRANTEES	Kind of Instrument	Book	Page	Month	Day	Year	Acres	Description
Mexican Government	Joseph Mims	Deed	2	496	August	19	1824	4428	Joseph Mims League
Joseph Mims	Mary D. Cleveland	Deed	A	36/37	April	10	1837	608	\$608 out of Mims Lge
J. W. Fannin Estate	Joseph Mims	Deed	C	456/57	Dec	3	1839		\$22,100 J. W. Fannin's slaves & interest in plantation
Jesse A. H. & Mary D. Cleveland	D. R. W. Davis	Deed	B	51/52	May	1	1841	608	\$7000 Gin House, 60 saw Gin, Corn mill, 100 hd Hogs & 45 hd of Cattle Mims Lge
D. R. W. Davis Galveston	John B. Norris	PA	B	53	May	20	1840	608	Act as manger for his plantation
John B. Norris	D. R. W. Davis	Deed	B	148	July	13	1842		\$350 barouche, 2 mules, 3 yoke oxen, ox wagon, tools
John B. Norris	Thomas Blackwell	Bankruptcy	B	199/200	Dec	15	1842		All assets turned over to trustees
D. R. W. Davis	John B. Norris	Deed	B	213/14	Jan	25	1843	608	\$6355 Mims League + 1 slave & livestock
Joseph & Sarah Mims	Harriet A. & Pickney S. McNeel	Deed	B	328/29	Oct	27	1843	300	Gift to daughter who lived on land
John B. Norris	Henrietta C. Norris	Deed	B	472	Feb	8	1845	608	Land + 1 slave + livestock+ tools gift in trust to his wife
John B. Norris	Henrietta C. Norris	Deed	B	505/06	June	7	1845		5 slaves in trust to his wife
John B. Norris	Sarah Tait Reese	Deed	B	507/08	June	7	1845		2 slaves in trust-daughter
John B. Norris	Hiram Close C. B. Adams Galveston	Mortgage	D	417/18	May	15	1847		\$900 sugar mill & machinery & apparatus to be erected by them
John B. Henrietta Norris	John H. & William C. Norris	Deed	D	551/53	March	18	1848	608	Subject to \$900 note & \$2000 note & \$8000
Pinckney S. Harriet McNeel	John H. William C. Norris	Deed						300	
John H. & William C. Norris	R. & D. G. Mills Galveston	Mortgage	E	452/53	June	6	1850	300	\$1375
Estate William C. Norris	John H. Norris	Deed	F	144/48	Sept	30	1851	608 300	½ interest in total plantation sold to brother at auction
John H. Norris	Anthony Winston	Deed	F	165/67	Dec	15	1851	608 300	\$11302.50 Mims League
Anthony Winston	John H. Norris	Mortgage	F	168/70	Dec	15	1851	608 300	Land & 16 slaves & all crops as security

GRANTORS	GRANTEES	Kind of Instrument	Book	Page	Month	Day	Year	Acres	Description
Mexican Government	Rebecca Cummings	Deed	1	214	July	21	1824		1 League west of the San Bernard River
Rebecca Cummings	John Cummings	Deed							Inherited
John Cummings	William P. Corbin	Deed	A	256	March	6	1839	1944	
John Cummings	John James	Deed	C	154	Nov	9	1837	500	\$500 SE corner on the river
John James	William P. Corbin	Deed	C	155	April	10	1838	500	\$2000 SE corner
Rebecca Portis	John Dorrington Nixon	Deed	D	470/72	Oct	25	1845	972	½ of the agreed land to Corbin
William P. Corbin	Joseph E. Wilson	Mortgage	D	293/95	Jan	29	1847	500	Land + 14 slaves as security
William P. Corbin	Stephen Westervelt John D. Polly T. F. Nixon	Mortgage	D	295/98	Jan	29	1847	500	Same property
Sheriff	Tod Robinson	Deed	D	564/65	March	7	1848	150	\$348.13 out of the 500
Tod Robinson	John P. Gill	Deed	E	37/38	Oct	9	1848	150	\$335
John P. Gill	Levi Jordan	Deed	E	474/75	May	23	1850	150	\$382.87
Sheriff Auction	Henry H. Williams	Deed	F	183/84	Nov	5	1850	500	\$1200 + slaves- land on the river

William P. & Martha Corbin	John H. Norris	Deed	F	213/14	Dec	18	1851	50	\$500 their homestead & dwelling
Henry W. Williams	John H. Norris	Deed	F	184/85	Dec	20	1851	500	\$2000 East corner on river
Levi Jordan	John H. Norris	Deed	F	186	Dec	20	1851	150	\$1500 On the river
Anthony Winston	John H. Norris	Deed			March	26	1853		\$2700 for 3 slaves
John H. Norris	R. & D. G. Mills Galveston	Mortgage	H	374/75	Feb	4	1858	500	\$3748.13
John H. Norris	R. & D. G. Mills Galveston	Mortgage	H	387	Feb	25	1858	500	Land + 3 slaves as security
R. & D. G. Mills Galveston	John H. Norris	Release	J	405	Feb	21	1860		Paid mortgage
John H. Norris	Catherine & William C. Norris	Mortgage	L	157/58	Feb	18	1868	500	\$1593 inheritance from their grandmother Catharine Burkhart used by father
John H. Norris	A. Sessums & Co. Galveston	Mortgage	L	332	Sept	26	1868		\$3769.36 Crop of cotton, sugar, potatoes as security
John H. Norris	C. R. Cox	Mortgage	M	485	May	13	1871		\$150 for beef supplied crops as security
John H. & S. E. Norris	Daniel S. McNeel	Deed	P	362/63	Feb	21	1876	250	\$2000 Homestead on San Bernard
C. R. Cox	J. H. Norris	Deed	P	385	March	14	1876	150	\$150 bought land in Alsbury league
Sheriff Thomas Copes	Marion Huntington	Deed						250	
Marion Huntington	William C. Norris	Deed	Q	271	June	6	1877	250	\$250 Alsbury league
William C. Norris	John H. Norris	Deed	Q	285	October	18	1877	250	John H. Norris received land in Alsbury league McNeel notes transferred
Daniel S. McNeel	William C. Norris	Release	Q	326	October	17	1877	250	Homestead to William C. Norris. Notes by McNeel canceled
John H. & S. E. Norris	Sallie S. Norris	Deed	S	439	Jan	22	1880	200	\$500 Alsbury league Wife of W. C. Norris
William C. Norris	John H. Norris	Deed			Oct	10	1880	250	Homestead back to his father
W. C. Norris	Robert Smith	Deed	T	192	May	27	1881	50	Out of 500 acre tract
Sheriff	Harris Masterson	Deed	V	290/91	July	3	1883	50	
Mary Jane Davis	John H. Norris	Deed	W	287	March	1	1884		Lots 5 & 6 Block 4 Brazoria
John H. Norris	Wesley Woods	Deed	X	753/54	Jan	1	1882	250	\$1500 Homestead
Wesley Woods	John H. Norris	Deed	Y	17/18	Jan	20	1886	250	Unable to make payments deeded back to Norris
John H. Norris Catherine N. Perry	J. V. Hinkle C. P. McNeill	Deed	Y	18/19	Jan	20	1886	250	\$1055.85 Homestead
			Z	71					
Harris Masterson	J. V. Hinkle C. P. McNeill	Deed	Z	426	July	2	1887	50	\$275 on which Wes Woods now lives & cultivates
J. V. Hinkle C. P. McNeill	Wesley & Jane Woods	Deed	5	39/40	Jan	27	1890	250	\$1410 less 10 acres
Wesley & Jane Woods	J. V. Hinkle C. P. McNeill	Deed	27	202	April	1	1894	250	Deeded property back

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