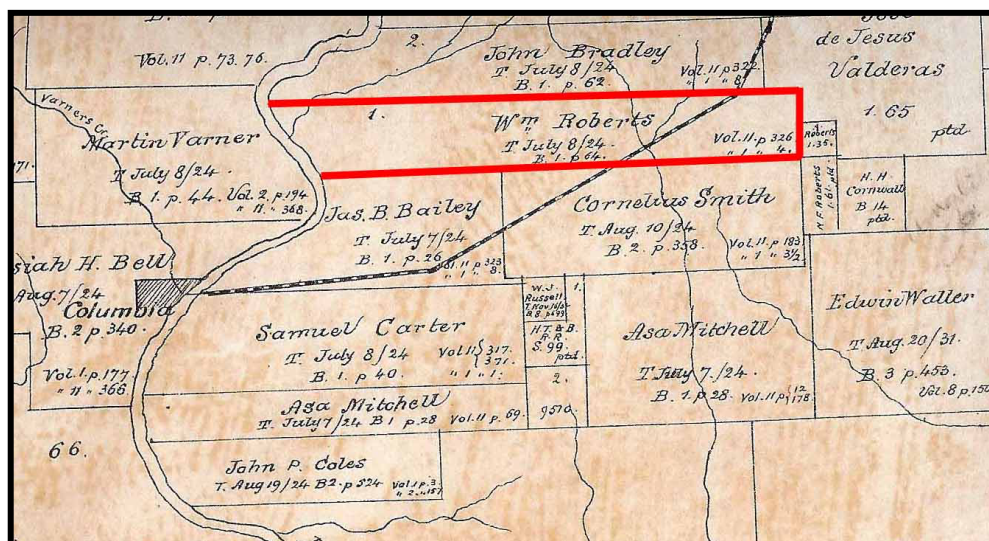


Andrew Roberts- John H. Jones- Colonel William Fly- Isaac Tinsley Plantations
Brazosport Archeological Society

William Roberts, his wife Peggy, his son Andrew Roberts with his first wife, Sally and family, and his son-in-law Cornelius Smith with his family all came to Texas from Kentucky. William Roberts received a league of land on the east side of the Brazos River above the town of Columbia, July 8, 1824. He sold his son and son-in-law each a half of his league. Andrew Roberts settled in the eastern part of his southern half of the league along Oyster Creek. After the death of Andrew Roberts his estate sold his half league to John H. Jones, son-in-law of Andrew Roberts. John H. Jones and his wife, Sarah, settled on the western part of the half league on the Brazos River. He sold the Andrew Roberts Place to Colonel William Fly in 1854. John H. Jones held his land until after the Civil War then selling in 1868 to Mrs. A. E. Turner. Colonel William Fly died the next year after he bought the Roberts Plantation and his estate sold out to Isaac T. Tinsley in 1859. Both plantations were producing cotton before the Civil War with a small number of slaves. Dr. Mason Locke Weems III bought the old Jones Place in the early 1870's and turned it into a sugar plantation for several years until his finances turned sour and P. J. Willis & Co. of Galveston took over. The property has had several owners over the years with James P. Griffith now owning the acreage along the Brazos River.



William Roberts League Map 1879 The General Land Office of the State of Texas

William Roberts with his extended family came to Texas from Pulaski County, Kentucky. After he had received his league of land from Stephen F. Austin, July 8, 1824, he sold his son Andrew Roberts the southern half of his league and his son-in-law Cornelius Smith, husband of Elizabeth "Betsy" Roberts Smith, the northern half in December 1824.¹ This was actually over a league, 5312 acres. William Roberts, Andrew Roberts, and Cornelius Smith were all part of Stephen F. Austin's original 300 families. Cornelius Smith received a league of land just to the south of William Roberts. Andrew Roberts settled on the eastern part of his half

¹ Brazoria County Deed Record: Spanish Translation 66/68 & 242/44

league along Oyster Creek and his property also included a labor of land he had received just east of the William Roberts League.

At the request of Stephen F. Austin, Josiah H. Bell convened settlers from the lower Brazos region at Brit Bailey's home on May 1, 1824 to take an oath of fidelity to the Constitution of 1824. William Roberts was present at this meeting.² William Roberts and wife Peggy may have lived with their son. In the March 1826 Census both families are listed separately, however:

William Roberts

Married, age over 50, farmer and stockraiser

Wife, Peggy, age over 50

One male child, age 16-25

One Servant

Andrew Roberts

Married, age 25-40, farmer and stockraiser

Wife, Sally, age 16-25

One male child, age 0-7

Four female children, age 0-7

In the spring of 1826 William Roberts died and his wife Peggy in the summer of 1832.³ Peggy, based on a potential marriage date of 1793 in North Carolina may not have been the mother of Elizabeth Roberts. A son listed as aged 16-25 in 1826 and evidently deceased by 1833 along with Andrew would have been her children by William Roberts. An inventory of the estate of William Roberts which was split between Andrew Roberts and Cornelius Smith does not list a separate residence:

One lot of Cattle 46 head	
One Mare and Colt	\$55.00
One Table	3.00
Two Beef Steers	33.00
One lot of Tools 3.50 & 2 Bells .75	4.25
One lot of Crockery & Kitchen furniture	3.50
One lot Kitchen furniture & Coopers ware	7.50
One Trunk 3.50 & smoothing Iron .25	3.75
Two Chairs .75 Three pans & one jar 2.00	2.75
One Side Saddle	12.00
One Bed and furniture	<u>12.00</u>
	\$136.70

² Barker, Eugene C., ed., *The Austin Papers*, Vol. II Part 1, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington D. C., 1924, pp. 770-771 & 782-783.

³ William Roberts Probate Case 633 There is a possibility of a graveyard on the east bank of the Brazos River in the southern half of the William Roberts League which may be the family plot.

Andrew Roberts was elected Sub-lieutenant in the local militia under Captain James B. Bailey in March 1829 by the ayuntamiento held in San Felipe de Austin.⁴ In June 25, 1832 Roberts was a member of the militia at the mouth of the Brazos River preparing to attack Fort Velasco. It is not exactly clear as to whether he actually participated in the Battle of Fort Velasco as James B. Bailey requested that Roberts be recruited to join in the fight in a letter written the day after the battle indicating that Roberts was not there during the siege of the fort.⁵

After the death of his first wife, Sally, Andrew Roberts married Cynthia Hodge whose family lived in Fort Bend County ~ 1833. They would have five children. (See Appendix B).

Andrew and Cynthia Roberts made their home along Oyster Creek on the eastern end of their half league tract after first living in Fort Bend County. Andrew also owned an adjacent labor of land. By 1840 he also had property in Fort Bend and Gonzales Counties. The 1840 tax rolls list him as owning 6 slaves, 10 horses, and 325 head of cattle. By 1843 he owned 6 slaves over 10 years of age and 3 slaves under 10, 6 work horses, and 500 head of cattle.

August 17, 1844 Andrew Roberts made out his will evidently knowing death was near:

In the name of God Amen

Know all men by these presents, that I Andrew Roberts of the County of Brazoria, in the Republic of Texas; being of sound mind-do make this my last will and testament-and do hereby, will and bequeath, unto my wife Cynthia, the tract of Land on which I now reside, together with all the appurtenances these unto belonging, being ½ League and Labor of Land together, with the crops now growing on the same, and all the horses, hogs and farming utencils, belonging to the same, and all the Negroes which I now possess and own, all house hold and kitchen furniture of which I am possessed, to have, and to hold the same, during my said wife Cynthia's natural life, and at her death, then, and in that case, the said property is to be equally divided between my five youngest children—Viz John, Sarah, Archy, Joel & Abner: but if my said wife Cynthia shall think proper to marry, then and in that case, the property is to be Equally divided between my said wife Cynthia, and the five above named children, and do hereby constitute and appoint my said wife Guardian, to my said minor children and to educate and bring up the same, so long as remains my widow, and said wife, is to pay all my debts which I now owe—I give and bequeath to my son John my Gun—I also give and bequeath to my daughters Margaret Hodge, Mary Harris & Martha Pebe House my head-right ½ League of Land—I also give and bequeath ½ League of Land on the Guadalupe equally to all my children—The Cattle which I now own, and possess are to be equally divided among all my children, after deducting from the stocks, such as belong to my said wife, my son John, my son Archy, my Daughter Sarah, my son Joel and my son Abner which stock can be distinguished by these Brands and marks—And I do hereby constitute and Appoint by wife Cynthia Executrix, and Abner Harris and Abner Hodge my Executors of this my last will and testament.

After the death of Andrew Roberts on August 19, 1844⁶ his estate was inventoried in September:

The plantation with one half League and one Labore of land being the late residence Of the decd' – say 2399 acres at 2\$	\$4798.00
Present crop on the premises subject to appraisement being the cotton crop	400.00

⁴Barker, Eugene C., ed., "Minutes of the Ayuntamiento of San Felipe de Austin", *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 21 July 1917-April 1918, pp. 408-409.

⁵ Creighton, James A., *A Narrative History of Brazoria County*, Texian Press, Waco, Texas, 1975, p. 67.

⁶ The cause of death for Andrew Roberts is not known but 1844 was a year that several residents of the county died of Yellow Fever.

Farming utencils and wagon	100.00
One Debourn wagon	50.00
House and Furniture	200.00
On Rifle Gun	15.00
One Negro Man named Tom	400.00
One “ “ “ Tim	400.00
One “ Woman “ Elcy	350.00
One “ “ “ Diner	400.00
One “ “ “ Caroline	300.00
One “ “ “ Jude	350.00
One “ Boy “ Henry	200.00
One “ “ “ George	100.00
One “ Girl “ Mariah	100.00
Five Horses and one Mule at \$50.00	300.00
Four Mares and two colts	150.00
Two yoke of oxen at 50\$	100.00
Stock of Cattle supposed to be 800 head at 4\$	3200.00
Stock of Hogs say 70 more or less	100.00
Four Sheep at 2.00	<u>8.00</u>
(Total)	\$12121.00

Cynthia Roberts married James P. Moffett May 19, 1847. By 1850 the family moved to Blue Ridge, Limestone County. Three of her young sons by Andrew Roberts, John, Joel, and Abner went with Cynthia and her new husband. Evidently Archibald or Archy died ~1846-1848.

Andrew and Cynthia Roberts' only daughter, Sarah C. Roberts married John H. Jones, a physician, in Limestone County March 14, 1850. The probate court of McLennan County had the property of Andrew Roberts auctioned off in April 1854.

2399 Acres of Land for Sale

By virtue of a decree of the District Court for McLennan county, made at the Fall Term of said Court A.D. 1853, I shall expose for sale at the court-house door in the town of Brazoria, on the first Tuesday in April, 1854, ...Said land will be sold in two tracts, as follows:--one-fourth of a league fronting on the Brazos river, and one-fourth of a league and one labor; said first tract of one-fourth of a league to include the entire on the Brazos river...--the other one fourth of a league and one labor, to include what is commonly called the Creek Tract of land, including the late residence of Andrew Roberts deceased...⁷

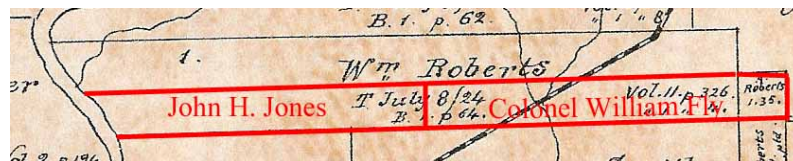
Spring of 1854 John H. and Sarah C. Jones purchased the whole half league and 1 labor for ~\$2500 at auction.⁸ The same year the estate of Andrew Roberts was partitioned between his living children and his wife after a lengthy court battle. Sarah C. Jones received one slave, Jim and ~\$1200 in cash. The plantation had been rented while the family moved to Limestone County.⁹ A short time later Col. William Fly bought the eastern 1107 acres and the one labor for \$3900.¹⁰

⁷ *Texas Planter*, February 8, 1854, Brazoria, Texas

⁸ BCDR: F 778/79

⁹ BCDR: G 337/44

¹⁰ BCDR: G 336/37



Colonel William Fly had an extended family, many of which were in the Methodist clergy, and a large slave labor force which had come from Madison County, Mississippi. William Fly was only two years old when his parents John and Sarah Jane Fly moved to Tennessee. He married Mary Mitchell in 1810. Becoming quite successful as a planter William Fly moved several times while in Tennessee raising a large family. William Fly was elected colonel of the local militia in Maury County, hence his title when he finally made it to Texas. In the early 1830's the family moved to Yalobusha County, Mississippi, where he owned two plantations. Later moving to Madison County, he bought another plantation near Sharon, Mississippi. After moving to Texas 1853-1854 most of his family settled around Gonzales; Col. William Fly chose Brazoria County. He initially purchased from Asa and his son Nathan Mitchell the southern half of the Asa Mitchell Headright League just north of the Retrieve Plantation owned by James Hamilton for a total of \$16,500 in June 1853.¹¹ The William Fly family is listed in the 1850 Census in Madison County Mississippi:

William Fly	55	M	North Carolina	Planter
Mary J. Fly	56	F	North Carolina	
Elvira Fly	17	F	Tennessee	
George W. L. Fly	15	M	Mississippi	Student
William H. Seat	25	M	Tennessee	Methodist Clergyman
Sophia L. Seat	21	F	Tennessee	(Daughter)
Mary F. Seat	1	F	Mississippi	

With a large slave force an overseer's house, 13 slave cabins, three large cisterns, smoke-house, cribs, gin, and mill were built on the Asa Mitchell league.¹² The next year he purchased the Andrew Roberts old residence and property. In the 1855 tax record he owned 81 slaves, an additional 13 slaves owned by his son John D. Fly and 8 more owned by David W. Fly as well as 8 horses and 85 head of cattle. After William Fly's death and that of 13 of his slaves from fever in the spring of 1855, Mary Fly moved to Gonzales County to live with the rest of the family. She would remain near Big Hill until her death in 1866. By the fall of 1855 the executors placed the Roberts place up for sale.

...embracing both sides of the creek, formerly known as the Roberts tract, containing twelve hundred and eighty-four acres. One hundred of which is in cultivation, with other improvements. Three hundred acres of Prairie, the balance of the tract the best timber...

A.T.M. FLY

J.D. FLY¹³

¹¹ BCDR: F 544/45 & F 685

¹² *The Democrat and Planter*, October 3, 1855, Columbia, Texas

¹³ Ibid.



Col. WILLIAM FLY,
Born in Northampton County N.C.
Sept. 11th, 1794,
Died in Brazoria County, Texas,
March 1st, 1855.
He was a man
of great energy of character.
His memory
is embalmed in the hearts
of his wife and children;
for whom
he toiled with ceaseless care
for more than fifty years.
He had many conflicts in life;
but his end was peace.
He was for many years,
a member of the
Methodist Episcopal Church.

Colonel William Fly West Columbia Cemetery

For \$3000 in January 1859 the William Fly heirs sold that portion of the plantation west of Oyster Creek, roughly 800 acres, to Isaac T. Tinsley, another plantation owner, who lived above West Columbia on the west side of the Brazos River.¹⁴ Isaac T. Tinsley and his wife Mary deeded the property to their son Charles N. Tinsley as they were dividing several properties amongst their children shortly thereafter.¹⁵

Charles N. Tinsley held the property thru the Civil War but ran into financial problems in the 1870's. He mortgaged the property back to his father in 1873.¹⁶ This may have been a ploy to hold off his creditors as Charles lost a judgment against him in 1874. The plantation was auctioned off by Sheriff J. B. Copes to Thomas G. Masterson for only \$120 January 1875.¹⁷ Masterson quickly sold his interest for \$500 to J. F. Crosby that same month.¹⁸ For \$7000 Charles N. Tinsley sold Crosby his interest and there are indications that he may have rented to a Willis G. Huey while the Tinsley family owned the property.¹⁹ Crosby held the plantation for several years. J. F. Crosby was living in El Paso, Texas at the time of his death. His wife sold the property in 1908 to Perry Webster.²⁰ There have been many owners since. (See Appendix A) The exact location of the original Andrew Roberts homestead is not known at this time.

¹⁴ BCDR: J 23/24

¹⁵ BCDR: J 64/65

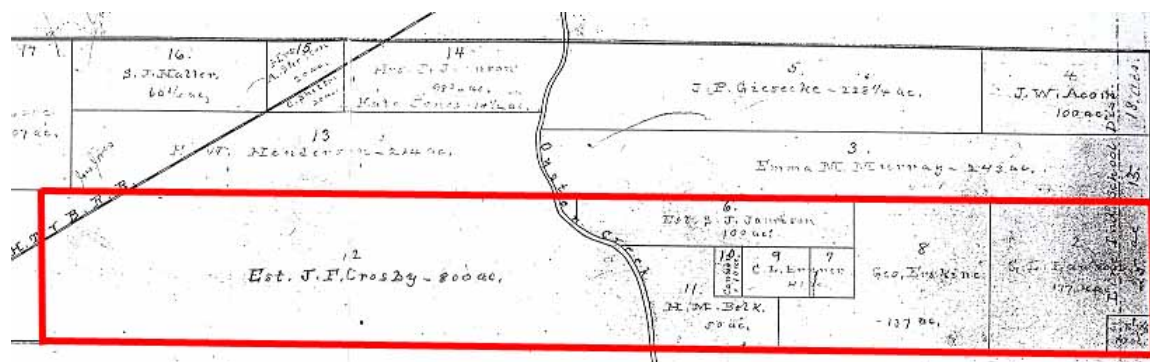
¹⁶ BCDR: N 695

¹⁷ BCDR: O 523/24

¹⁸ BCDR: O 524/25

¹⁹ BCDR: O 525/26

²⁰ BCDR: 77 537/40



Col. William Fly Plantation & Andrew Roberts Residence Tract

On the western end of the quarter league along the Brazos River, John H. and Sarah C. Jones built a cotton plantation with a much smaller slave labor force. By 1860 Jones had 150 acres improved with \$500 worth of farm machinery. He owned 23 slaves with five slave quarters. The 1860 Agricultural Census lists Jones with 5 horses, 6 mule, 20 milch cows, 600 head of cattle, and 100 swine. He produced 1200 bushels of corn, 30 tons of hay, and 95 bales of cotton for 1859. His household listed in the 1860 Census:

John H. Jones	37M	North Carolina
Sarah C. Jones	25F	Texas
Ann E. Jones	7F	Texas

At the beginning of the Civil War John H. Jones tried to sell out his plantation to George B. McKinstry for \$37,000 including his livestock and 3 slaves and his current crop.²¹ By the fall of 1861 the hand writing was probably on the wall and McKinstry deeded the property back to Jones.²²

After the Civil War in 1868, John H. and Sarah C. Jones sold 500 acres off the eastern end of their quarter league to John Dean.²³ Later that same year the remainder of the plantation along with all the livestock was sold to Mrs. A. E. Turner for \$3485, almost one tenth the value before the Civil War.²⁴ The John H. Jones moved to Houston, while Sarah C. Jones moved with her mother in Falls County.

In 1871 R. G. and A. E. Turner sold the plantation to Dr. Mason Locke Weems III for \$4500.²⁵ Dr. Weems owned several other properties including the Oakwood and Cedar Grove plantations in addition to a brick drug store in Columbia. He named his new property the "River Side" place. Weems had a more ambitious approach to farming and turned River Side into a sugar producing operation as was Cedar Grove, while Oakwood was a cotton plantation. Of course, all of this took a lot of capital. By 1876 Weems had a large mortgage of \$8,136 and a second note for \$2,993 with William Hendley & Co. of Galveston.²⁶ He additionally took out

²¹ BCDR: K 188/90

²² BCDR: K 230/31

²³ BCDR: L 353/54

²⁴ BCDR: L 468/69

²⁵ BCDR: M 709/10

²⁶ William Hendley & Company was now owned by N. N. John and H. H. Sears of Galveston

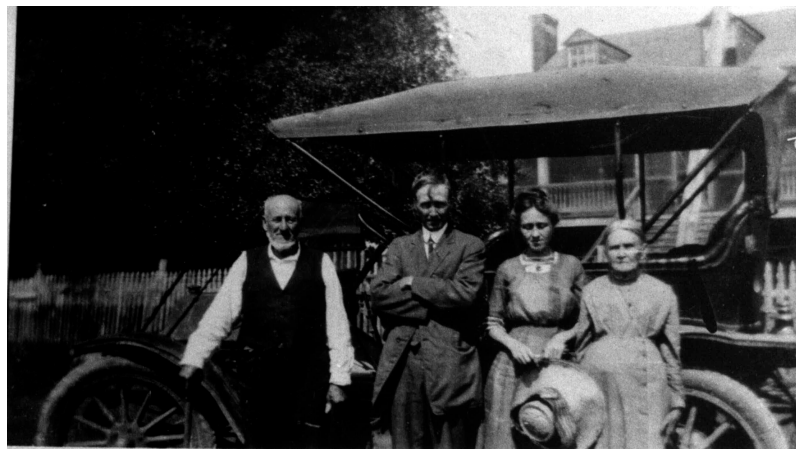
another mortgage of \$11,129 with Wm. Hendley & Co. in the fall of 1876.²⁷ Crops that he produced were then consigned to Wm. Hendley & Co. each year.²⁸

Each year Dr. Mason L. Weems received operating capital for his plantations from Wm. Hendley and Co. By 1879 River Side had a purgery but it is not clear as to where Weems was processing his sugar cane if not on River Side. January 1879 he had 54 hogsheads of sugar and 22 barrels of molasses in his purgery. An additional 7 hhds were in his coolers and 20 more barrels of molasses in his cisterns. Cane in windrows were enough to produce another 20 hhds and 40 barrels of molasses, all of which were his 1878 crop. He had already produced 72 hhds and 100 barrels of molasses on Cedar Grove.²⁹

Although Dr. Mason L. Weems was making several good crops his debt by July 1879 was still at \$10, 665.59. He also had \$3181.77 advanced to him for the first part of 1879 in order to operate his plantations and was committed to Wm. Hendley & Co. for another year.³⁰

Oscar Nation of Brazoria collected data on sugar production for 1880 in Brazoria County indicating sugar on average was selling at \$75 per hhd and molasses for \$15 per barrel. River Side produced 80 hhds of sugar and 150 barrels of molasses on 75 acres of cane with improvements on the property valued at \$9,000.³¹ These figures indicate \$8250 was made from the sale of sugar and molasses just from River Side.

By 1881 P. J. Willis & Bro. had advanced Dr. Mason L. Weems another \$15,000 starting in 1876. Now P. J. Willis & Bro. would receive payment on their loan first after the yearly operating expenses were paid to Wm. Hendley & Co.³² Wm. Hendley & Co. of Galveston had been receiving credit from E. S. Jamison & Co. of New York for two years and in 1881 had to sign over all of the mortgages carried by them owed by Dr. Mason L. Weems to E. S. Jamison & Co.³³



Dr. Mason Locke Weems III far left in front of his residence in East Columbia
Courtesy of the Brazoria County Historical Museum, Angleton, Texas 1985.041p.0006

²⁷ BCDR: P 624/25

²⁸ BCDR: P 619/21 & Q 41/42

²⁹ BCDR: R 519/20 & R 520/21

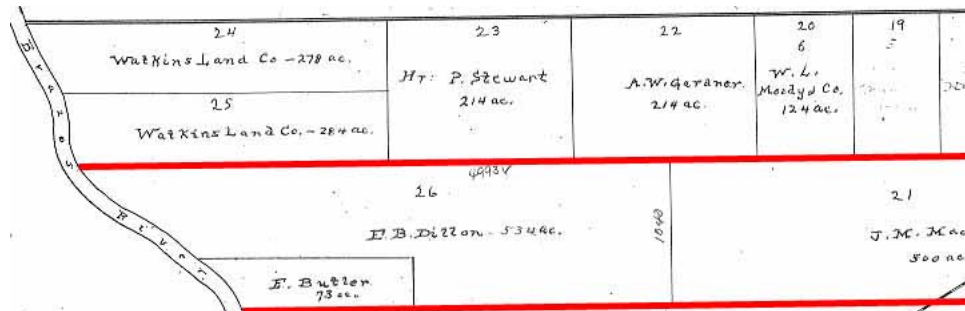
³⁰ BCDR: S 103/05

³¹ House of Representatives, *Annual Report of the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, to the Secretary of War for the Year 1881*, Part II, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1881, pp. 1350-1351.

³² BCDR: T 113/15

³³ BCDR: T 92/95

P. J. Willis & Bro. foreclosed on Dr. Mason L. Weems III January 1888. They then bought the property at public auction.³⁴ River Side had several owners by the turn of the century, while floods and storms took their toll on the improvements on the property. Jamie Griffith now owns the property which is part of a large ranch.



John H. Jones Plantation

An old underground brick cistern near the Brazos River may indicate the old Jones homestead while a grove of trees nearby may be the boundary for a family cemetery. There isn't any indication of any of the sugar operation of Dr. Mason Locke Weems III which operated from the mid 1870's- 1880's. Floods on the Brazos River at the turn of century may have buried the remains to an unknown depth. The Griffith family has been in ownership for many years now, therefore any archeological sites should be intact. The Roberts family cemetery should be located on this southern half of the William Roberts League.

³⁴ BCDR: 1 63/65

Appendix A Deed Records William Roberts League

GRANTORS	GRANTEES	Kind of Instrument	Book	Page	Month	Day	Year	Acres	Description
Mexican Government	William Roberts	Deed	ST		July	8	1824	4428	East of the Brazos River above Columbia
William Roberts	Cornelius Smith		ST	66/68	Dec	27	1824	2214	North ½ of league to his son-in-law \$150
William Roberts	Andrew Roberts	Deed	ST	242/44	Dec	28	1824	2214	South ½ of league to his son \$127
Andrew Roberts Estate	John H. Jones	Deed	F	778/79	April	4	1854	1107 1284	1284 SE Corner of the lower half of league + 1 Labor Home of Roberts before his death & SW corner on the Brazos \$2483.50
John & Sarah C. Jones	William Fly	Deed	G	336/38			1854	1284	SE Corner of the lower half of league + labor \$3900
		Partition	G	337/44					Partition of Andrew Roberts Estate
William Fly Estate	Isaac T. Tinsley	Deed	J	23/25	Jan	3	1859	800	\$3000 Only west of Oyster Creek
Isaac T. & Mary A. Tinsley	Charles Tinsley	Deed	J	64/65	Feb	14	1859	800	Gift from parents
Charles Tinsley	Isaac T. Tinsley	Deed	N	695	June	1	1873	800	\$2850 notes on Fly Plantation west side of Oyster Creek returned to his father
Sheriff Charles N. Tinsley's Interest	Thomas G. Masterson	Deed	O	523/24	Jan	7	1875	800	\$120 at auction suit lost by Charles Tinsley subject to mortgage held by Isaac
Thomas G. Masterson	J. F. Crosby	Deed	O	524/25	Jan	30	1875	800	\$500 sold to Crosby
Charles Tinsley	J. F. Crosby	Deed	O	525/26	Jan	11	1875		\$7000 Tract on the side of Oyster Creek
Sheriff Auction	J. L. Bartlett	Deed	77	533/35	June	7	1883	607	Back Taxes Sale \$33.51
J. L. Bartlett	J. F. Crosby	Deed	77	536	Feb	18	1884	607	\$72.50
Josephine Crosby El Paso	Perry Webster	Deed	77	537/40	Jan	14	1908	819	\$8190 "Huey Place" J. F. Crosby Estate
Josephine Crosby El Paso	Perry Webster	Release	84	178/80	Jan	12	1909		Paid in full
Arthur Webster Wayne Co. Mi.	Henry L. Gilbert	Deed	116	429/30	June	1	1912	819	\$20,475
Henry L. Gilbert	Charles V. Davis Perry D. Campbell James J. McCoy	Deed	116	539/41	June	1	1912	1019	\$30,475 additional 200 ac. bought
James J. & Minnie McCoy	W. D. Myers	Deed	145	215	Feb	11	1918		\$1.00
John H. Jones	George B. McKinstry	Deed	K	188/90	July	26	1861	1107	SW corner of league \$37,000 Jones Resided on Plantation +3 slaves & livestock
George B. McKinstry	John H. Jones	Deed	K	230/231	Oct	31	1861	1107	
John H. & Sarah C. Jones	John Dean	Deed	L	353/54	Aug		1868	500	Eastern end of his quarter league \$961.50 on which Jones resides
John H. & Sarah C. Jones	Mrs. A. E. Turner Richard G. Turner	Deed	L	468/69	Dec	7	1868	~600	\$3485 Portion on which they reside + livestock + farming implements
R. G. & A. E. Turner	Mason Locke Weems	Deed	M	709/10	Jan	11	1872	~600	\$4500 SW corner less 500 acres

Mason Locke Weems	William Hendley & Co. Galveston	Mortgage	P	624/25	Oct	16	1876		\$8,136.16 note several tracts as security including "Riverside Place"
Mason Locke Weems	William Hendley & Co.	Contract	R	519/20	Jan	15	1879		Consigned all his 1878 crop and hghds of sugar and barrels of molasses in purgery on property for advances in purchasing machinery & buildings on Riverside Place
Mason Locke Weems	William Hendley & Co. P. J. Willis & Bro.	Contract	T	113/15	Feb	11	1880		Consign Crops 1881
Mason Locke Weems Interest	P. J. Willis	Deed	I	63/66	Mar	13	1888	1071	Foreclosure Public Auction several tracts \$5000
Narcissa Willis	F. A. Young	Deed	43	390/91	Dec	1	1897	500	SW Corner of lower half
J. G. & Ella Goldwaithe	F. A. Young	Deed	43	392/93	Dec	1	1897	500	SW Corner of lower half
F. A. Young	C. L. Sumbardo	Deed	60	86/87	Mar	4	1902	1071	\$7500 SW Corner
C. L. Sombardo	L. C. Smith	Deed	60	85/86	Mar	4	1902	1071	\$7500 SW Corner
L. C. Smith	E. B. Dillon	Deed	74	232	April	1	1907	160	\$1600
L. C. Smith	E. B. Dillon	Deed	74	233	April	1	1907	911	\$9115
E. B. Dillon	Charles H. Alvord	Deed	103	550/51	Feb	14	1911	1071	SW Corner
Charles H. Alvord	J. J. Dodson	Deed	132	603/04	Jan	3	1916	1071	SW Corner
J. J. Dodson	Magnolia Petroleum Co.	Deed	151	264/65	Feb	17	1919	1071	SW Corner
John Dean	Peter J. & Richard S. Willis	Deed	M	451/52	April	8	1871	500	\$1000
Estate P. J. Willis	Richard S. Willis	Deed	Q	794/95	June	6	1878	500	SW Corner of lower half

Appendix B Roberts Family Genealogy

William Roberts b. 1755 d. Spring 1826 Brazoria County, Texas

m. 1st

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A. Elizabeth "Betsy" Roberts b. ~1785 Kentucky

m. January 21, 1808 Pulaski County, Kentucky

Cornelius Smith b. December 23, 1783 Rowan County, North Carolina

1. Margaret "Polly" Smith b. November 28, 1809 d. September 1, 1881
2. John B. Smith b. March 11, 1814 d. January 11, 1838
3. William Robert Smith b. April 29, 1816 d. June 20, 1848
4. Mary Polly Smith b. April 6, 1817 d. 1869-1870
5. Lucretia Smith b. June 2, 1818 d. April 7, 1860
6. Cornelius Smith, Jr. b. January 16, 1821 d. June 30, 1830
7. Rachel Smith b. August 8, 1823 d. July 25, 1824
8. Henry Smith b. August 8 1827 d. 1863-1870
9. Gaines Bailey Smith b. November 13, 1829 d. December 16, 1864
10. Wesley Lee Smith b. February 4, 1832 d. December 23, 1870
11. James Smith b. July 24, 1835 d. March 7, 1871
12. Elizabeth Jane Smith b. July 18, 1837 d. February 3, 1855

m. 2nd September 1793 Rowan County, North Carolina

Margaret "Peggy" Admire b. d. 1832 Brazoria County, Texas

A. Andrew Roberts b. before 1800 Kentucky d. August 19, 1844 Brazoria County, Texas

m. 1st

Sally ??? b. d. ~1828

1. Son ? (1826 Census 1 son & 4 daughters)
2. Daughter ? 1826 Census
3. Mary Roberts b. 1820 Arkansas d. 1848 Guadalupe County, Texas

m. 1st

John Pickett

m. 2nd November 22, 1837 Brazoria County, Texas

Abner Harris b. 1817 d. 1848

- a. Robert Harris (1839-)
- a. Harriet Harris (1843-)
- b. Abner Harris (1845-)
- c. Mary Harris (1847-)
4. Margaret Roberts b. 1822 Arkansas d. 1846
m. January 23, 1839 Brazoria County, Texas
Abner H. Hodge b. January 23, 1819 Arkansas d. January 3, 1860
 - a. Thomas Jefferson Hodge (1842-1922)
 - b. Edward W. Hodge (1846-)
5. Martha Roberts b. 1824 Arkansas d. 1850 Navarro County, Texas
m. May 7, 1840 Fort Bend County, Texas

John Pevehouse b. 1814 Lawrence County, Arkansas d. May 6, 1860
Frost, Navarro County, Texas

- a. Preston D. Pevehouse (1841-1890)
- b. Sarah Pevehouse (1843-1915)
- c. Rachael Pevehouse (1845-1861)
- d. Nelson Pevehouse (1846-1887)
- e. Mary Pevehouse (1849-1895)
- f. Enoch Pevehouse (1850-1883)

m. 2nd ~1831

Cynthia Hodge b. 1814 d. 1905 (Archibald Hodge & Charlotte Reeves)

(Married 2nd James P. Moffett May 19, 1847 after the death of Andrew Roberts in 1844)

(Married 3rd John T. Houston July 23, 1868 Falls County, Texas after death of James P. Moffett 1864 Virginia during the Civil War)

1. John Roberts b. 1832 d. 1851
2. Sarah C. Roberts b. 1833 Fort Bend County, Texas d. after 1880
m. 1st March 14, 1850 Limestone County, Texas
John H. Jones b. 1825 North Carolina
m. 2nd October 21, 1872 Falls County, Texas
Quintin H. Vann b. 1826 North Carolina
3. Archibald Roberts b. ~1835 d. ~1846 Brazoria County, Texas
4. Joel Walter Roberts b. May 2, 1837 d. January 23, 1920 Falls County, Texas
m. 1st 1859
Elizabeth Catherine Maulding d. ~1865
Had 2 children
m. 2nd December 27, 1865
Lucy Lelia Tarver d. ~1888
Had 11 children
m. 3rd October 2, 1888 Falls County, Texas
Mrs. Laura Livingston Brusenhan
No children
5. Abner Roberts b. 1840 d. 1864 Virginia during Civil War

B. Unknown Son on 1826 Census

Appendix C William Fly Family Genealogy

William Fly b. September 11, 1794 North Hampton, North Carolina d. March 1, 1855 Brazoria County, Texas (Reverend John Fly & Sarah Jane Trader)

m. November 14, 1810 Tennessee

Mary Mitchell b. 1793 North Carolina d. 1866

A. Andrew Tate Mitchell Fly b. August 3, 1811 Maury, Tennessee d. October 1, 1855 Natchez, Mississippi Methodist Clergyman

B. Sarah Jane Fly b. June 21, 1814 Maury, Tennessee d. April 2, 1829 Maury, Tennessee

C. John Dalton Fly b. December 18, 1815 Maury, Tennessee d. March 3, 1899 Gonzales, Texas

D. David Williamson Fly b. March 18, 1819 Williamson, Tennessee d. January 12, 1892 Hondo, Texas Methodist Clergyman

E. Elijah Madden Fly b. May 15, 1823 Maury, Tennessee d. July 25, 1899 Rockport, Texas

F. Mary Malinda Fly b. January 21, 1826 Maury, Tennessee d. December 1, 1903 Georgetown, Texas m. Asbury Davidson Methodist Clergyman

G. Benjamin Franklin Fly b. January 10, 1828 Maury, Tennessee d. 1895 Goliad, Texas (Twins)

H. Sophia Louisiana Fly b. January 10, 1828 Maury, Tennessee d. December 31, 1907 San Angelo, Texas m. William H. Seat Methodist Clergyman

I. Elvira "Ella" Josephine Fly b. December 7, 1831 Maury, Tennessee d. April 12, 1896 Vicksburg, Mississippi m. Thomas J. Catchings

J. Samuel Madden Fly b. March 28, 1834 Maury, Tennessee d. 1847 Yalobusha, Mississippi

K. George Washington Lafayette Fly b. June, 2, 1835 Yalobusha, Mississippi d. January 27, 1905 Victoria, Texas

L. Jules Leonides Fly b. 1838 Yalobusha, Mississippi d. 1847

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