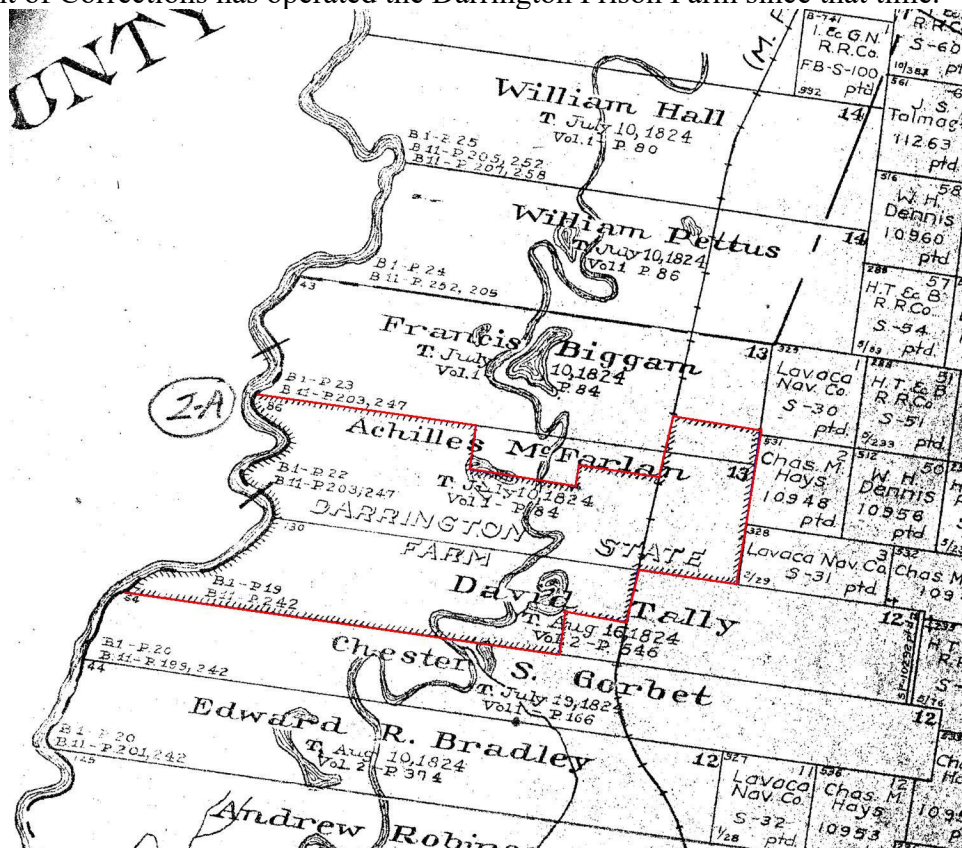


## Darrington Plantation Brazosport Archaeological Society

In the northern part of Brazoria County, Texas lands from a major portion of the David Tally League were purchased to form the Darrington Plantation. Initially owned by David Tally, a member of Stephen F. Austin's Original 300 Families, acreage on the east side of the Brazos River along Oyster Creek was eventually acquired by Attorney John Darrington of Clark County, Alabama. Though Darrington never came to Texas the plantation would forever assume his name. Passing through several owners, including Sterling McNeel<sup>1</sup>, the Darrington Plantation remained in the Abner Jackson Estate<sup>2</sup> through the Civil War. Robert Mills, part owner of R. & D. G. Mills of Galveston, gained control of the property shortly after the Civil War. Convict labor leased from the Texas Prison Commission supplanted the original slave labor and freedmen as the plantation continued to produce cotton and sugar under several different owners. Acreage was added to the plantation property from both the Achilles McFarland<sup>3</sup> and Francis Bingham Leagues. Basset and Bonnie Blakely of Fort Bend County acquired the property in 1917 and January 1, 1918 sold 6747 acres to the Texas Prison Commission for \$337,340. The Texas Department of Corrections has operated the Darrington Prison Farm since that time.



Map August 19, 1947 General Land Office Austin, Texas

<sup>1</sup> Sterling McNeel's brothers John Greenville, Leander H., and Pleasant Duke McNeel all owned plantations in the southern part of Brazoria County.

<sup>2</sup> Abner Jackson also owned the Lake Jackson Plantation and was part owner of the Retrieve Plantation.

<sup>3</sup> His name is spelled Archilles McFarlan in many Brazoria County documents.

David Tally and his wife Polly along with 2 sons are listed in the 1826 Census of Stephen F. Austin's colony.<sup>4</sup> His occupation given as a farmer and stock raiser, Tally must have come to Brazoria County early in the colonial period. He had received his league of land Aug 19, 1824 from the Mexican Government. The firm of McKinney & Williams bought the league of land for \$3028 to be held in trust for John Darrington<sup>5</sup> of Clark County, Alabama on March 24, 1835. A reservation of 1400 acres from the southeast corner was held for Tally and Thomas Barnet<sup>6</sup>. This included 400 acres that he previously sold to Thomas Barnet, 1000 acres held for himself and a quarter acre to include a grave yard [Deed B: 19 & Deed B: 22/23]. These deeds indicate that he had a different wife, Mary K. Bradley<sup>7</sup>. The 1838 Tax Records list Tally with 1000 acres of land, 2 oxen, 1 horse, and 100 head of cattle with no slaves.

Indicating that the payments for the land may not have been kept up, in 1841 David Tally attempted to sell the league less 400 acres to William Barrett [Deed A: 423/24]. This deed indicates that Tally lived close by since he again reserved "a certain piece of ground say forty feet square of said tract used by said Tally as a burying ground".<sup>8</sup> William Barrett acknowledged John Darrington's previous ownership and gave up his right to the land.<sup>9</sup> Tally evidently gave up all ownership to the league shortly thereafter as the 1841 tax record lists him with no land.

John Darrington continued to be the absentee landlord through the mid 1840's:

| Year | Acreage            | Slaves | Horses | Cattle |
|------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1841 | 4428               | 20     |        |        |
| 1842 | 4428               | 68     |        |        |
| 1847 | 3928               | 70     | 18     | 130    |
|      | 4428 <sup>10</sup> |        |        |        |
| 1848 | 3928               | 71     | 25     | 150    |
|      | 4428               |        |        |        |
| 1849 | 3928               | 80     | 25     | 150    |
|      | 4428               |        |        |        |

In 1847, Darrington was sued by one of the heirs of the William Matherson Estate<sup>11</sup> for having removed slaves belonging to the estate in Alabama to his property in Texas; this would

<sup>4</sup> The First Census of Texas, 1829-1836, Compiled by Marion Day Mullins, National Genealogical Society, Washington D. C., 1959, p. 51.

<sup>5</sup> Born April 29, 1786 in Sumter County, South Carolina and died September 12, 1853 Clark County, Alabama. Wife Rebecca aged 57, daughter Mariah aged 18 and son Robert aged 13 all born South Carolina listed 1850 Federal Census.

<sup>6</sup> No record of the 400 acre sale has been located.

<sup>7</sup> Brazoria County Deed Record B: 22/23 records that Mary K. Bradley was only able to make her mark "X" and not able to sign her name; her father may have been Edward R. Bradley, the overseer of the plantation for John Darrington.

<sup>8</sup> This family graveyard may contain his first wife, Polly and possibly children by his first marriage. Due to the limited surveying that took place in the early years of the Republic of Texas this cemetery may be the Sandy Point Cemetery just south on the Chester S. Gorbet League.

<sup>9</sup> Brazoria County Deed Record A: 425.

<sup>10</sup> Edward R. Bradley League, Brazoria County

<sup>11</sup> In 1836, William Matherson of Clark County, Alabama died. His attorney, John Darrington, was appointed administrator of his estate. According to Matherson's will, his real estate and personal property (including slaves) were to be divided among his four children.[Brazoria County Museum File Darrington Plantation]

account for the sudden increase in slaves in 1842. These slaves<sup>12</sup>, the league of land, and 2 labors of land in Matagorda County were sold to Ira Randle Lewis of Matagorda County August 7, 1847 for \$40,000 [Deed D: 447/50]. The tax records for 1847 listed Darrington with 3928 acres out of the Tally League and owning all 4428 acres of E. R. Bradley's League along with 70 slaves, 18 horses, and 130 head of cattle. The next year Lewis, who had moved his family to the plantation, had to convey the property back to Darrington in return for his promissory notes [Deed D: 557/59].

Another Texas land speculator, Nathaniel Newton Wilkinson of New Orleans, Louisiana bought the property from John Darrington April 7, 1848. The league with "plantation in full operation", slaves, and "all the horses, twenty mules, eight yoke of cattle with chains and yokes, about two hundred head of cattle, about one hundred hogs and all the brick wagons, carts and tools" was conveyed for \$40,000 again [Deed D: 597/600]. Although John Darrington would no longer be the owner of the property it retained the name Darrington Plantation.

Sterling McNeel<sup>13</sup> sold out his interest in most of his family's land in southern Brazoria County to his brothers and purchased the Darrington Plantation June 23, 1849 from Nathaniel N. Wilkinson [Deed E: 254/58]. The tax records for Sterling McNeel list:

| Year | Acreage            | Slaves | Horses | Cattle |
|------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1850 | 4428               | 84     | 33     | 300    |
|      | 1050 <sup>14</sup> |        |        |        |
| 1851 | 4428               | 117    | 60     | 400    |
|      | 1050               |        |        |        |
| 1852 | 4400               | 120    | 41     | 500    |
| 1853 | 4400               | 120    | 48     | 600    |
| 1854 | 4400               | 120    | 48     | 600    |

<sup>12</sup> See Appendix A for slave listing.

<sup>13</sup> The only personal description of Sterling McNeel we have at this time is by Rutherford B. Hayes: "A shrewd, intelligent, cynical old bachelor "full of wise saws and modern incidents"; very fond of his own experience and talking of his own affairs. Living alone, he has come to think he is "the be-all and end-all here." The haughty and imperious part of a man develops rapidly on one of these lonely sugar plantations, where the owner rarely meets with any except his slaves and minions." January 30, 1849, *The Diary and Letters of Rutherford B. Hayes, Nineteenth President of the United States, Vol. I.*, Charles R. Williams, ed., Ohio State Archeological and Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio, 1922, p. 254. Another vignette by Abner Strobel: "In an early day Sterling McNeel was traveling in his carriage through Fort Bend County and applied to a settler there for accommodations for the night. It was pouring down rain and he had a lady with him in his carriage. He told his driver to tell the man of the house the situation and asked him for his hospitality for the night. He was refused. The following winter the same gentleman of Fort Bend County came down to Brazoria County on some business, and it was bitter cold, and he applied to Sterling McNeel for the privilege of staying all night and gave his name. McNeel met him cordially, had the best of meals prepared, a good warm fire, the best of liquor to drink; his horse well fed and groomed. He had the servant shine his guest's boots, and in fact spread himself as a generous host. The guest on leaving next morning wanted to know what the charges were for his accommodations. McNeel told him, "Nothing, Sir, except this—the next time a gentleman, especially with a lady, asks accommodations for the night on such a night as he made application, never turn them off." The roads were in such a condition when McNeel made the trip in Fort Bend County that it took him until midnight to travel the distance of five miles to the next house, where he was taken in and cared for, as was the custom in those days." Strobel, Abner J., *The Old Plantations and Their Owners of Brazoria County Texas*, Revised Edition, The Union National Bank, Houston, Texas, 1930, p.41.

<sup>14</sup> John W. Hall League

The production of cotton was mentioned in earlier deed references and sugar cane was produced during Sterling McNeel's ownership. The 1850 Agricultural Census lists 500 acres improved with \$15,000 value of the plantation with only \$1375 worth of farm machinery. Livestock listed were 20 horses, 25 mules, 80 milk cows, 24 oxen, 300 head of cattle, and 300 hogs. The 1849 crop is listed as 5000 bushels of corn, 300 of Irish potatoes, 2000 of sweet potatoes, 624 pounds of butter, 5 tons of hay, and 296 bales of cotton. Using steam powered equipment and additional slaves the Darrington Plantation<sup>15</sup> produced 235 hogsheads of sugar in 1852, 430 hhds in 1853, and 405 hhds in 1854 making it one of the top producers in the county. Sterling McNeel passed away late 1854-1855 and his estate recorded 452 hhds produced in 1855. The total inventory for his estate was valued at \$128,244 with the plantation acreage itself valued at \$35000. Additional property listed on the Darrington Plantation:

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Farming utensils, such as cane carts, wagons, ploughs & c. | \$1250             |
| 46 Mules & 9 Work Horses                                   | 3025               |
| Household & Kitchen Furniture                              | 200                |
| 11 Cow Ponies  | 330                |
| 12 Mares & Colts 9 Jacks & Jennies                         | 420                |
| 1 Buggy & Harness  | 200                |
| Stock of Cattle, supposed to be seven hundred head         | 4200               |
| 10 Yoke of Oxen  | 400                |
| Stock of Hogs  | 200                |
| The crop of sugar and molasses made in 1854                |                    |
| Consisting of 307 Hogsheads                                | 12000              |
| & 600 Barrels of Molasses                                  | 3000 <sup>16</sup> |

The sole heir to the Sterling McNeel Estate was Sterling McNeel Junior. Born Sterling Blackwell to Sally Ann and Thomas Blackwell who divorced; Blackwell later declared that Sterling was not his child.<sup>17</sup> At Sally Ann Blackwell's request, Sterling McNeel adopted the child.<sup>18</sup> At age seven he is listed in the 1850 Census on his father's plantation.

David G. Mills<sup>19</sup> became the administrator of his estate and continued to operate the plantation 1855-1857. Bales of cotton, hogsheads of sugar, barrels of molasses were sold through several firms during this period bringing in a good revenue for the estate (See Appendix F & G). Different families of slaves were also leased out to several neighboring plantations "for ordinary plantation work and not to be employed on works of internal improvement such as railroads cleaning out rivers & c." earning almost \$2500 in 1857.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>15</sup> An additional ~30 slaves are listed in the Probate Case which were not on the original purchase list from John Darrington which may have come from his original holdings with his brothers. [See Appendix C]

<sup>16</sup> Record of Wills Book B: pp. 349-352, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas.

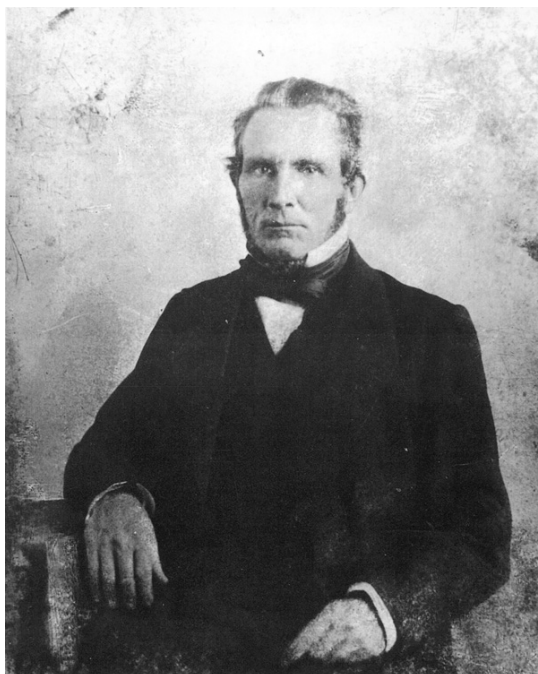
<sup>17</sup> "I declare...hereby that Sterling Blackwell is not my child, and I hereby disinherit him. This written by my own hand this 1<sup>st</sup> May 1850." Last Will and Testament of Thomas Blackwell, Record of Wills, Vol. A. p. 629, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas.

<sup>18</sup> Freeman, Martha Doty, *An Overview of the Development of an Historic Landscape on the San Bernard River, Brazoria County, Texas, and a History of the Levi Jordan Plantation*, TBG Partners, Inc. Austin, Texas, p.101. "...appoint Mr. Sterling McNeel executor of my estate and guardian of my son until he arrives at the age of twenty one" June 19, 1849, Last Will and Testament of Sally A. Blackwell, Record of Wills, Vol. A. p. 625, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas.

<sup>19</sup> Robert and David G. Mills operated R. & D. G. Mills of Galveston with David overseeing operations in Brazoria County while living on Low Wood Plantation in the southern part of the county.

<sup>20</sup> Record of Wills Book B: pp. 629-30, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas.





Abner Jackson Courtesy of the Lake Jackson Historical Museum, Lake Jackson, Texas

Abner Jackson, looking to increase his holdings in addition to the Lake Jackson Plantation and half ownership of the Retrieve Plantation, convinced his children, whose mother had recently passed away, not to seek their inheritance from their mother's half of his properties so that he could finance the purchase of the Darrington Plantation. For \$116,200 Jackson acquired the Darrington Plantation complete with "all the improvements thereon and farming utensils and stock consisting of 1000 head of cattle about fifty mules eight horses seven Jacks and Jennies fifteen yoke of oxen and stock of hogs" and 97 slaves, May 27, 1857 [Deed H: 159/60]. This was the one of the most expensive pieces of property sold in the county before the Civil War. Jackson produced 395 hogsheads of sugar in 1858 and continued to improve the property until his death, August 1861. According to the 1860 Agricultural census there were 800 improved acres with the plantation valued at \$69,024 with another \$25,000 worth of farm machinery on the plantation. Livestock were listed as 20 horses, 70 mules, 50 milk cows, 30 oxen, 1900 head of cattle, and 200 hogs. The produce for 1859 was 8000 bushels of corn, 50 of Irish potatoes, 1000 of sweet potatoes, 150 pounds butter, 40 tons of hay, 217 bales of cotton, 280 hogsheads of sugar, and 18,000 gallons of molasses. The 1860 Slave Census lists 101 slaves and 25 slave dwellings on the property. The administrator inventoried the following property in addition to the land and slaves:

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| 51 Mules                            | \$3315 |
| 20 Horses & Mares                   | 800    |
| 18 Jennies                          | 180    |
| 12 Carts 3 Wagons & one Cary Log    | 950    |
| 83 Bales of Cotton                  | 4150   |
| Supposed to be 138 Bales not ginned | 6900   |
| About 400 Head of Hogs              | 1200   |
| 50 Stacks of Fodder                 | 750    |
| 20 Bales of Fodder                  | 90     |
| About 1300 bushels of Corn          | 6500   |

8 yoke of oxen  
About 2000 head of cattle

320  
12000<sup>21</sup>

John C. Jackson became the administrator of Abner Jackson's estate and operated the Darrington Plantation through the Civil War. Though many friends of the family had reservations about John's character he held the estate together producing cotton and sugar sold through agents in Galveston and Houston.

A written report to the Probate Court on the condition of the Jackson Estate, filed by the County Clerk on May 3, 1867 relates what a poor year 1866 had been:

"He [John C. Jackson] shows that the year 1866 was one of unprecedented disaster to the cropping interest of this county. That he had a great many hands employed off and on during said year on the Darrington plantation but that he only succeeded in saving about 75 hogsheads of sugar and 125 barrels of molasses and syrup and a very little cotton, 25 bales of much he has shipped and sold and credited in his accounts... and estimates there are 30 bales remaining."<sup>22</sup>

John C. Jackson was shot and killed by his brother George W. in December 1867. The plantation was then handled by the new administrators of Abner Jackson's estate, William and Thomas W. Masterson. In order to satisfy a court order they auctioned off the major part of the league less 350 acres to John Robert Mills for \$5000 January 5, 1869 [Deed L: 574/75]. The 350 acre portion out of the south east corner of the league was owned by John C. Jackson's estate and was sold to John R. Mills in June of 1869 [Deed L: 520/21]. Mills conveyed the whole property to Sterling Blackwell for \$40,000 in August 1869. Sterling Blackwell did not assume Sterling McNeel's name as he again gained control of the plantation. The household listed in the 1870 Census:

|                    |    |              |           |
|--------------------|----|--------------|-----------|
| Sterling Blackwell | 28 | Farmer       | Texas     |
| Sugar Turner       | 70 | Farm Manager | Virginia  |
| Frank Turner       | 12 |              | Texas     |
| Wade Turner        | 10 |              | Louisiana |

Several of the slave families from the Darrington Plantation can be identified in the 1870 Federal Census as residing in the same Sandy Point area. Many would be assumed to work on the Darrington Plantation as freedmen.

Sterling Blackwell held the property for only a short time before his death in the last months of 1870. In his last will and testament he stated: *I Sterling Blackwell being of sound mind and disposing memory but conscious of approaching death* indicating an illness that was affecting his health.<sup>23</sup> Three thousand five hundred dollars was bequeathed to Kate E. McNeel<sup>24</sup>, colored daughter of Emily (See Appendixes for slave listings) who is the wife of Dick French.<sup>25</sup> There is the indication that Kate may be the half sister of Sterling Blackwell and daughter of Sterling McNeel. The rest of his estate he left to his cousins Mary E., Sally B., Susie, Ella, (Clara) Lula, and William Robinson the six children of Mrs. Clara Robinson of Gerard County, Kentucky.<sup>26</sup> These are the children of his mother's sister.

<sup>21</sup> Record of Wills Book C: pp. 440-447, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas.

<sup>22</sup> Abner Jackson Probate Case 764, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas

<sup>23</sup> Record of Wills Book E: p. 184, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas.

<sup>24</sup> 1876 Kate McNeel now Katie E. Davis wife of John L. Davis received payment from the other heirs. Record of Wills Book F: p. 166-67, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas.

<sup>25</sup> 1870 Federal Census lists Emily French black aged 34 born in Alabama and Kate aged 17 mulatto born in Texas living in Galveston, Texas.

<sup>26</sup> Record of Wills Book E: p. 185, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas.

John R. Mills, the executor of the estate, employed A. Mussa sugar maker, C. Vissenau engineer, John Barnes overseer, and laborers to keep the plantation running during the fall of 1871. In 1872 credits to the estate still indicated that hogsheads of sugar and barrels of molasses along with cattle sales were the main sources of income for the estate.<sup>27</sup> Mary E. and her husband John A. Hann moved to the plantation. They sold their 1/6<sup>th</sup> interest in the property along with their personal property: *One set of Blacksmith tools. 6 cane carts, two cane or ox wagons, farming implements...six cows and calves, one ox 60 empty hogsheads and one bell and our household and kitchen furniture* for \$6000 to A. U. Wright and B. H. Epperson in 1875. Similar purchases were made by Wright and Epperson from Susie and Joseph Garnett and Sallie and James Campbell to control one half of the estate. After a law suit within the family the other half of the league was sold at auction in March 1876 to Wright and Epperson for \$30,000 with payments made to Lula, Ella, and William Robinson.<sup>28</sup>

B. H. Epperson & Co. located in Jefferson, Marion County, Texas controlled the Darrington Plantation through several years. Politician, entrepreneur, and railroad executive, Benjamin H. Epperson<sup>29</sup> knew the ins and outs of working with the political establishment in Austin, Texas. With his health failing Benjamin made an agreement with his son E. S. Epperson for a ¼ interest in the plantation to be manager of the Darrington July 1878 [Deed Record R: 406/08]. Epperson had expended sixty thousand dollars on the purchase and with improvements on the property another fifty thousand dollars. Epperson & Co. was able to contract 36 convicts annually to work on the plantation 1878-1880.<sup>30</sup> With the death of his father in September 1878 R. S. Epperson became the executor of his father's estate and mortgaged the property to P. J. Willis & Brother of Galveston, Texas<sup>31</sup> [Deed Record R: 364/66]. This deed stated that cane was being produced on 335 acres, 7000 bushels of corn were already gathered, and cotton amounting to 60 bales was still in the field.

Several suits were brought against the estate of B. H. Epperson which forced the sale of the property in 1881 [Deed Record T: 346/350, 561/62, 563/65]. As quickly as most of these decrees were written R. S. Willis of Galveston was in position to acquire the property. P. J. Willis & Co. continued to operate the plantation with convict labor. R. S. Willis had 60 convicts leased 1881-1882 with 28 listed on the Darrington Plantation.<sup>32</sup> The lease continued until the end of 1884 with 53 convicts listed on Darrington at the time of inspection and an additional 25 added at harvest time.<sup>33</sup> The property continued to be the hands of the Willis family until after the turn of the century. Thousands of acres were added to their holdings from the Achilles McFarland League just north of the Tally League and a few hundred acres from the Francis Bingham League. The estate passed down to Narcissa Willis and after her death 6747 acres were sold to R. E. Sears in 1908 for \$70,548.

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<sup>27</sup> Ibid. pp. 188 & 441-442.

<sup>28</sup> James W. Campbell & wife et al vs. John A. Hann & wife Suit No.3372 Brazoria County District Court, Angleton, Texas

<sup>29</sup> Home in Jefferson, Texas called the House of the Seasons, B. H. Epperson died September 6, 1878.

<sup>30</sup> Governor's Records, State Archives, "Biennial Reports of the Directors and Superintendent of the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas with the Report of the Prison Physician, 1878-1880", p.51.

<sup>31</sup> Peter J. Willis died in 1873 and R. S. Willis assumed full control of the partnership. R. S. Willis served as president of the Galveston National Bank, The Texas Guarantee and Trust Company, and was one of the founders of the Gulf, Colorado, and Sante Fe Railroad.

<sup>32</sup> Governor's Records, State Archives, "Biennial Reports of the Directors and Superintendent of the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas with the Report of the Prison Physician, 1880-1882", p.8 & 36.

<sup>33</sup> Governor's Records, State Archives, "Reports of the Superintendent and Financial Agent of the Texas State Penitentiary Years Ending 1884", p.29& 41.

R. E. Sears from Marshall County Iowa did not live on the plantation and there are no records of his management of the property. Bassett and Bonnie Blakely purchased the property for a total of \$50,000 in July 1917. January 1, 1918 they turned the property over to the Texas Prison Commission for \$337,340. Bassett Blakely had been President of the Chenango Corporation and involved with the purchase of the Ramsey Prison Farm. His inside contacts netted a very handsome profit. The Darrington Prison Farm is still in operation.

According to Abner Strobel the “old slave time improvements have long since disappeared. The sugar house, an immense brick structure, was burned down many years ago, and it is operated as a cotton plantation mainly” indicating most of the plantation structures are gone<sup>34</sup>.

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<sup>34</sup> Strobel, Abner J., The Old Plantations and Their Owners of Brazoria County Texas, Revised Edition, The Union National Bank, Houston, Texas, 1930, p.41.



Appendix A  
Darrington Slaves Listed August 6, 1847

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Catherine or Katy a woman aged about 36 years old | Pete a boy aged about 10 years                                |
| Charly a man aged about 18 years old                              | Sarah a girl aged about 8 years                               |
| Ritter a girl aged about 17 years old                             | 8 <sup>th</sup> Deborah a woman aged about 50 years           |
| Emily a girl aged about 12 years old                              | Tom a man aged about 22 years                                 |
| Rody Girl aged about 10 years old                                 | Narcissa a girl aged about 5 years                            |
| Tom a boy aged 6 years  | Lydia a girl aged about 1 year                                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Armstead a man aged about 40 years                | 9 <sup>th</sup> Jack a man aged about 40 years                |
| Lucy his wife aged about 39 years                                 | Jinney his wife aged about 36 years                           |
| Young Armstead a man aged about 22 years                          | Bill a boy aged about 18 or 19 years                          |
| Viney a woman aged about 19 years                                 | Lucy a girl aged about 16 or 17 years                         |
| Gilbert a boy aged about 16 or 17 years                           | Walton a boy aged about 12 years                              |
| Joseph or Joe a boy aged about 15 years                           | Washington a boy aged about 10 years                          |
| Mandy a Girl aged about 12 years                                  | Mary a girl aged about 8 years                                |
| Caroline a girl aged about 10 years                               | 10 <sup>th</sup> Harry a man aged about 36 years (blacksmith) |
| Augeline a girl aged about 8 years                                | Sally his wife aged about 27 years                            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Charlotte a woman aged about 35 years             | Ben a boy aged about 8 years                                  |
| Ellen a woman aged about 22 years                                 | Francis a girl aged about 6 years                             |
| Delia a girl aged about 4 years                                   | Adam aged about 1 year  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Patsy a woman aged about 30 years                 | 11 <sup>th</sup> Abraham a man aged about 40 years            |
| Wise a boy about 12 years old                                     | Cilvia his wife aged about 35 years (Cilero)                  |
| Dan a boy aged about 10 years                                     | Moses a boy aged about 14 years                               |
| Adaline a girl aged about 8 years                                 | 12 <sup>th</sup> William a man aged about 35 years            |
| Polly a girl aged about 1 year old                                | Emma his wife aged about 31 years                             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Lucy a woman aged about 40 years                  | Ellen a girl aged about 14 years                              |
| Mariah a woman aged about 21 years                                | 13 <sup>th</sup> Levin a man aged about 45 years              |
| Chany a girl aged about 1 year                                    | Peggy his wife aged about 40 years                            |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Hampton a man aged about 40 years                 | 14 <sup>th</sup> Fanny a woman aged about 37 years            |
| Tillah his wife aged about 38 years                               | Debby a girl aged about 10 years                              |
| Doss a man aged about 22 years                                    | Charles a man aged about 50 years                             |
| Henry a boy aged about 14 years                                   | York a man aged about 60 years                                |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Rhody a woman aged about 39 years                 | Tom a man aged about 50 years                                 |
| Hiram a man aged about 20 years                                   | Simson a man aged about 54 years                              |
| Elizabeth a woman aged about 19 years                             | Rose a woman aged about 38 years                              |
| Margarett a woman aged about 18 years                             | Borton a man aged about 40                                    |
| James a boy aged about 5 years                                    | Solomon a man aged about 45 years                             |
| Rebecca a Girl aged about 1 year                                  | Hannah a woman aged about 30 years                            |
| Felix a boy aged about 1 year                                     | Lewis a boy aged 10 years                                     |
| James a boy aged about 15 years                                   |   |
| Julia a girl aged about 13 years                                  | 76 Slaves Listed  |

Appendix B  
Slaves Listed Sterling McNeel Purchase June 23, 1849

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Katey 35          | Peyton 12   |
| Charles 17        | Sarah 10  |
| Ritter 16         | 8 <sup>th</sup> Deborah a woman aged about 50 years |
| Emily 14          | Tom Debly 25  |
| Rody 11           | Narcissa 8  |
| Toney 5 1/2       | Lucinda 2   |
| Old Armstead 55   | Jack 50   |
| Lucy Armstd 55    | Jane 36   |
| Young Armstead 25 | Bill 19   |
| Viney 20          | Lucy 17   |
| Gilbert 18        | Walton 12   |
| Joseph or Joe 13  | Wash 10   |
| Amanda 11         | Mary 7  |
| Caroline 10       | Harry Blacksmith 40                                 |
| Angey 7           | Sally 26  |
| Charlotte 25      | Ben 9   |
| Big Ellen 23      | Frances 6   |
| Delia 4           | Adam 3  |
| Patsy 28          | Abram 50  |
| Wise 12           | Sylvia 40   |
| Dan 10            | Moses 15  |
| Adaline 8         | Big Bill 35   |
| Parthenia 3       | Emma 50   |
| Lucy Harry 38     | Ellen 15  |
| Maria 20          | Leven 50  |
| Chancy 3          | Peggy 50  |
| Hampton 48        | Fanny 30  |
| Tillah 45         | Debley 10   |
| Doss 37           | Old Charles 70                                      |
| Henry 12          | Yok 70  |
| Old Rhody 50      | Old Tom 60  |
| Hiram 23          | Serning 70  |
| Elizabeth 22      | Rose 40   |
| Margaret 20       | Boston 50   |
| Jim Ray 6         | Solomon 60  |
| Beckey 3          | Hannah 30   |
| Felix 3           | Lewis 7   |
| Jim 15            | Edy 1   |
| Julia 14          | Louisa 1  |
|                   | Infant 1  |
|                   | Infant Hamp 6M                                      |
|                   | Infant 6M   |
|                   | Infant 6M   |
|                   | Gracey 3M   |
|                   | Infant 2M   |
|                   |   |
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Appendix C  
List of Slaves According to Sterling McNeel Probate Listing May 1, 1855

|            |        |       |                |        |       |                                 |        |       |
|------------|--------|-------|----------------|--------|-------|---------------------------------|--------|-------|
| York       | 88     | \$100 | Hiram          | 28     | \$900 | Rose                            | 50     | \$100 |
| Armstead   | 35     | 900   | Mariah         | 29     | 800   | Hannah                          | 40     | 400   |
| Margaret   | 26     | 800   | Chancy         | 8      | 400   | Madison                         | 45     | 400   |
| Felix      | 8      | 200   | Rhody          | 5      | 200   | Minea                           | 40     | 500   |
| Edy        | 6      | 300   | Abram          | 65     | 400   | Ben (Cooper)                    | 34     | 1000  |
| Dennis     | 5      | 200   | Sylvia         | 60     | 100   | Zo                              | 25     | 800   |
| Hiram      | 2      | 100   | Moses          | 24     | 1000  | Anderson                        | 6      | 300   |
| Sam Tucker | 35     | 900   | Rhody          | 55     | 500   | Lemmon                          | 2      | 100   |
| Lucy       | 22     | 900   | Jim            | 24     | 900   | Henry                           | 50     | 700   |
| Lavinia    | 4      | 200   | Peyton         | 20     | 900   | Ellen                           | 48     | 500   |
| Lyddy      | Infant | 100   | Sarah          | 17     | 500   | Tom                             | 18     | 800   |
| Jane       | 60     | 200   | Elizabeth      | 28     | 700   | William                         | 14     | 600   |
| Bill Jack  | 20     | 900   | Jim Ray        | 11     | 500   | Martha                          | 12     | 500   |
| Walton     | 17     | 800   | Becky          | 9      | 400   | Virgil                          | 8      | 400   |
| Washington | 15     | 700   | Betsy          | 2      | 150   | Patsy                           | 4      | 300   |
| Mary       | 13     | 400   | Fanny          | 40     | 400   | Priscilla                       | 2      | 100   |
| Armstead   | 8      | 300   | Louisa         | 6      | 300   | Levi                            | 36     | 800   |
| Doss       | 45     | 800   | John           | 3      | 200   | Lisey                           | 48     | 400   |
| Malvinia   | 28     | 700   | Charlotte      | 35     | 500   | Butch                           | 45     | 700   |
| Barbara    | 9      | 400   | Delia          | 10     | 400   | Deva                            | 45     | 400   |
| Hampton    | 7      | 300   | Lucinda        | 8      | 300   | Attala                          | 40     | 700   |
| Doss       | 5      | 200   | Ang            | 3      | 200   | Willis                          | 50     | 1000  |
| Armstead   | 68     | 500   | Jove (African) | 35     | 800   | Dorcas                          | 45     | 500   |
| Lucy       | 66     | 100   | Debly          | 18     | 800   | Abram                           | 15     | 700   |
| Gilbert    | 26     | 1000  | Milton         | 25     | 800   | Dennis                          | 12     | 400   |
| Jasper     | 22     | 900   | Ellen          | 20     | 600   | Paulina                         | 7      | 300   |
| Amanda     | 16     | 700   | Pinky          | 4      | 300   | Charles                         | 25     | 1000  |
| Caroline   | 15     | 700   | Sophy          | 2      | 100   | Jane                            | 19     | 800   |
| Angeline   | 13     | 400   | Foster         | 24     | 900   | Willis                          | 2      | 200   |
| Harry      | 50     | 500   | Ellen          | 20     | 800   | Emily                           | Infant | 100   |
| Sally      | 35     | 500   | Alexander      | Infant | 100   | Granville                       | 27     | 800   |
| Ben        | 16     | 500   | William        | 50     | 500   | Caty                            | 50     | 600   |
| Francis    | 14     | 500   | Emma           | 50     | 100   | Emily                           | 19     | 800   |
| Adam       | 9      | 500   | Eleven         | 57     | 200   | Anthony                         | 45     | 1000  |
| Harry      | 7      | 400   | Peggy          | 45     | 300   | Rhody                           | 15     | 800   |
| Pallis     | 5      | 200   | Patsy          | 37     | 500   | Toney                           | 10     | 300   |
| Cristiana  | 1      | 100   | Wise           | 19     | 900   |                                 |        |       |
| Tilly      | 60     | 300   | Dan            | 17     | 800   |                                 |        |       |
| Henry      | 20     | 1000  | Adeline        | 15     | 500   |                                 |        |       |
| Sam        | 16     | 500   | Earnest        | 6      | 300   |                                 |        |       |
| Narcissa   | 14     | 600   | Boston         | 63     | 100   | Slaves not in original purchase |        |       |
| Tom Delby  | 28     | 900   | Tom            | 80     | 100   |                                 |        |       |
| Joe        | 35     | 700   | Solomon        | 95     | 100   |                                 |        |       |
| Writta     | 21     | 200   | Sammony        | 90     | 100   |                                 |        |       |
| Elley      | 4      | 200   | Charles        | 80     | 100   |                                 |        |       |

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## Appendix D

### Slaves Listed in Abner Jackson Purchase May 26, 1857

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Katy 50   | Peyton 22     |
| Charles 27  | Sarah 19      |
| Ritta 22  | Tom Derby 30  |
| Silvey 22   | Narcissa 16   |
| Rody 18   | Lucinda 10    |
| Toney 12  | Jack 50       |
| Armstead 61   | Jane 60       |
| Lucy 66   | Bill Jack 22  |
| Armstead 37   | Lucy 24       |
| Melvinia 28   | Walton 19     |
| Gilbert 28  | Washington 17 |
| Joseph or Joe 24  | Mary 15       |
| Amanda 18   | Harry 50      |
| Caroline 17   | Sally 37      |
| Angeline 15   | Ben 18        |
| Charlotte 37  | Francis 16    |
| Ellen 32  | Adam 12       |
| Delia 12  | Abram 66      |
| Patsy 38  | Sylvia 40     |
| Wise 21   | Moses 26      |
| Daniel 19   | William 52    |
| Adaline 18  | Emma 50       |
| Parthenia 12  | Ellen 22      |
| Lucy 50   | Eleven 59     |
| Maria 30  | Peggy 46      |
| Chancy 10   | Fanny 42      |
| Hampton 48  | Deby 20       |
| Tillah 62   | Charles 80    |
| Doss 46   | York 90       |
| Henry 22  | Tom 80        |
| Rhody 56  | Simmony 70    |
| Hiram 30  | Rose 50       |
| Elizabeth 30  | Boston 66     |
| Old Margaret 28   | Solomon 90    |
| Jim Ray 13  | Hanna 42      |
| Becka 12  | Sam 18        |
| Felix 10  | Edy 8         |
| Jim 26  | Louisa 9      |
| Julia 24  | Hampton 10    |
| Children Since 1849 List, although 5 were listed as Infant at that time |               |
| Andrew 11   | Liddy 3       |
| Harry Jr. 10  | St. Anna 3    |
| Betsy 9   | Emaluel 1     |
| Doss Jr. 8  | Dicey 1       |
| Pallas 8  | Peyton 1      |
| Rodey 8   | Virginia 1    |
| Earnest 8   | Lewis Infant  |
| Dennis 7  |               |
| Pinky 6   |               |
| Levinia 6   |               |
| Elsy 6  |               |
| John 5  |               |
| Ary 5   |               |
| Sophy 4   |               |
| Hiram 4   |               |

Appendix E  
List of Slaves According to Abner Jackson Probate Listing November 10, 1861

|                            |    |       |               |    |        |                     |     |      |   |
|----------------------------|----|-------|---------------|----|--------|---------------------|-----|------|---|
| Little Peyt                | 7  | \$500 | Viney         | 32 | \$1000 | York                | 90  | \$   | 0 |
| Hiram                      | 7  | 500   | Charlotte     | 45 | 750    | Ben Harry (one leg) | 20  | 0    |   |
| Virginia                   | 7  | 500   | Caroline      | 20 | 1400   | Tilla               | 70  | 0    |   |
| Alex                       | 4  | 250   | Chancy        | 14 | 1100   | Emma                | 60  | 100  |   |
| Soth                       | 2  | 200   | Deby          | 26 | 1200   | Peggy               | 60  | 300  |   |
| Alsey                      | 8  | 500   | Delba         | 14 | 500    | Rhody               | 60  | 400  |   |
| Dicey                      | 5  | 350   | Rose          | 70 | 0      | Silvy(one leg)      | 55  | 50   |   |
| Martha                     | 3  | 350   | Jane          | 50 | 50     | Patsy               | 40  | 800  |   |
| Betsy                      | 7  | 500   | Parthenia     | 14 | 1000   | Patsy               | 70  | 300  |   |
| Sophy                      | 9  | 500   | Pallais       | 10 | 1000   | Andrew              | 14  | 1000 |   |
| John                       | 8  | 550   | Felix         | 14 | 800    | Little Rhody        | 10  | 750  |   |
| Arie                       | 8  | 500   | Felix         | 12 | 1000   | Pinkey              | 10  | 700  |   |
| Ellen 24 + Infant Emma     |    | 1250  | Boston        | 80 | 0      | Lavinia             | 8   | 700  |   |
| Margaret 27 + Infant Andy  |    | 1250  | Armstead      | 34 | 1250   | Harry               | 50  | 1000 |   |
| Julia 26 + Infant Marshall |    | 1250  | Gilbert       | 30 | 1500   | Charles             | 100 | 0    |   |
| Narcissa 18 + Infant Lidy  |    | 1350  | Adams         | 14 | 1250   | Soloman             | 100 | 0    |   |
| Ritta 27 + Infant Charles  |    | 1350  | Bill Jack     | 28 | 1300   | Armstead            | 65  | 300  |   |
| Rhody 24 + Infant Katy     |    | 1350  | Jim Mitchel   | 26 | 1500   |                     |     |      |   |
| May                        | 16 | 1200  | Jim Ray       | 19 | 1400   |                     |     |      |   |
| Amanda                     | 24 | 1200  | Mose          | 24 | 1500   |                     |     |      |   |
| Maria                      | 32 | 1000  | Peyt          | 22 | 1500   |                     |     |      |   |
| Big Ellen                  | 36 | 900   | Joe           | 25 | 1500   |                     |     |      |   |
| Elizabeth                  | 39 | 900   | Wise          | 23 | 1500   |                     |     |      |   |
| Eda                        | 12 | 1000  | Walton        | 23 | 1500   |                     |     |      |   |
| Francis                    | 17 | 1250  | Wash          | 21 | 1400   |                     |     |      |   |
| Fanny                      | 60 | 0     | Sam           | 19 | 1200   |                     |     |      |   |
| Hanah                      | 46 | 500   | Henry         | 24 | 1500   |                     |     |      |   |
| Sally                      | 40 | 300   | Little Henry  | 14 | 1000   |                     |     |      |   |
| Sarah                      | 18 | 1000  | Hamp          | 12 | 1000   |                     |     |      |   |
| Angeline                   | 17 | 1400  | Dan           | 21 | 1500   |                     |     |      |   |
| Adaline                    | 18 | 1200  | Hiram         | 40 | 1000   |                     |     |      |   |
| Becky                      | 14 | 1200  | Dennis        | 10 | 800    |                     |     |      |   |
| Louisa                     | 14 | 1200  | Dosse         | 10 | 800    |                     |     |      |   |
| Lucy Ira                   | 65 | 500   | Big Dosse     | 46 | 1000   |                     |     |      |   |
| Little Lucy                | 28 | 1000  | Toney (Blind) | 15 | 300    |                     |     |      |   |
| Lucinda                    | 12 | 1000  | Charles       | 29 | 1500   |                     |     |      |   |
|                            |    |       |               |    |        |                     |     |      |   |

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## Appendix F

|      |   |           |
|------|---|-----------|
| 1855 | By amt received from sale of (122) Hogsheads of sugar by Hennings, Muller & Gosling | \$5147.73 |
| 1855 | By amt received from sale of (39 barrels of Molasses) by D. Colden Murray           | \$325.32  |
| 1855 | By amt received from sale of (65) Hogsheads of sugar by Hennings, Muller & Gosling  | \$3701.73 |
| 1855 | By amt received from sale of (30) Hogsheads of sugar by D. Colden Murray            | \$1852.91 |
| 1855 | By amt received from sale of (54) Hogsheads of sugar by Hennings, Muller & Gosling  | \$3185.59 |
| 1855 | By amt received from sale of (100) barrels of Molasses by D. Colden Murray          | \$931.40  |
| 1855 | By amt received from sale of (120) barrels of Molasses by D. Colden Murray          | \$1257.34 |
| 1855 | By amt received from sale of (69) barrels of Molasses by H. Martin                  | \$743.75  |
| 1855 | By amt received from sale of (93) barrels of Molasses by John Dickenson & Co.       | \$640.82  |
| 1855 | By amt received from sale of (82) barrels of Molasses by D. Colden Murray           | \$929.06  |
| 1855 | By amt received from sale of (62) barrels of Molasses by D. Colden Murray           | \$696.98  |
| 1855 | By amt received from sale of (15) barrels of Molasses by D. Colden Murray           | \$169.75  |
| 1855 | By amt received from sale of (16) barrels of Molasses by D. Colden Murray           | \$128.81  |
| 1856 | By amt received from sale of (67) barrels of Molasses by J. Dickenson & Co.         | \$650.00  |
| 1856 | By amt received from sale of (10) Hogsheads of sugar by D. Colden Murray            | \$776.21  |
| 1856 | By amt received from sale of (6) Hogsheads of sugar by D. Colden Murray             | \$471.13  |
| 1856 | By amt received from sale of (20) Hogsheads of sugar by D. Colden Murray            | \$2129.39 |
| 1856 | By amt received from sale of (51) Hogsheads of sugar by D. Colden Murray            | \$3744.05 |
| 1856 | By amt received from sale of (39) Hogsheads of sugar by D. Colden Murray            | \$2863.12 |
|      |   |           |

Statement of Administrator David Mills, July 2, 1856, Record of Wills Book B: pp. 506-510.

## Appendix G

|        |    |                                     |           |
|--------|----|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1856   |    |                                     |           |
| Oct    | 31 | By Proceeds 29 Hhds Sugar Pr. South | \$1629.92 |
| Nov    | 5  | By Proceeds 31 Hhds Sugar           | \$1814.57 |
| Dec    | 10 | “ “ 45 Hhds Pr. North               | \$2778.60 |
|        | 12 | “ “ 25 Bbls Molasses                | \$362.30  |
|        | 21 | “ “ 18 Hhds Pr S. Clark             | \$1070.41 |
|        | 22 | “ “ 5 Hhds Pr. Kenough              | \$302.25  |
|        | 24 | “ “ 1 Hhds Pr. J City               | \$70.64   |
| July   | 12 | “ “ 16 Bbls Molasses sold in Galv.  | \$173.13  |
| Nov    | 13 | “ “ 85 Bbls Mols. Pr E. V.          | \$1213.81 |
| July   | 22 | “ “ 8 Bbls Mols. Sold in Galv.      | \$90.84   |
|        | 4  | “ “ 2 Bbls Mols. Sold in Galv.      | \$22.26   |
|        | 7  | “ “ 91 Bbls Pr. Eonvest (?)         | \$5501.54 |
|        | 7  | “ “ 80 Pr. East                     | \$5331.28 |
| June   | 30 | “ “ 19 Beef Hides                   | \$35.88   |
| Sept   | 27 | “ “ 16 Bales Cotton                 | \$956.51  |
| Oct    | 14 | “ “ 22 Beef Hides                   | \$86.85   |
|        | 22 | “ “ 24 Bales Cotton                 | \$1412.85 |
|        | 17 | “ “ 4 Bbls of Mols sold in Galv.    | \$58.80   |
|        | 21 | “ “ 2 Hhds sugar sold in Galv.      | \$178.66  |
|        | 25 | “ “ 4 Hhds sugar sold by P & B      | \$326.23  |
|        | 27 | “ “ 250 Bbls Mols. Pr. Francis      | \$3923.52 |
| Nov    | 6  | “ “ 45 Bales Cotton sold in Galv.   | \$2501.02 |
|        | 22 | “ “ 24 Bales Cotton sold in Galv.   | \$1365.34 |
|        | 28 | “ “ 3 Bbls Mols sold in Galv.       | \$51.39   |
|        | 16 | “ “ 142 Bbls Mols Pr. Robinson      | \$2213.61 |
|        | 16 | “ “ 13 Bbls Mols Pr. J City         | \$208.52  |
|        | 16 | “ “ 41 Bbls Mols Pr. Nuacus         | \$649.69  |
|        | 16 | “ “ 139 Bbls Mols Pr. Gutavia       | \$2122.60 |
| Dec    | 8  | “ “ 1 Hhds sugar Pr. East           | \$56.07   |
|        | 8  | “ “ 32 Bales of Cotton              | \$1718.41 |
| Jan/57 | 1  | “ “ 39 Bales of Cotton              | \$1990.27 |
|        | 27 | “ “ 21 Bales of Cotton              | \$1053.12 |
|        | 27 | “ “ 14 Beef Hides                   | \$76.58   |

Statement of Administrator David G. Mills, February 27, 1857 Record of Wills  
Book B: pp. 602-605.

## Appendix H Chain of Title

| GRANTORS                | GRANTEES  | Kind of Instrument | Book | Page    | Month | Day | Year | Acres | Survey  |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------|------|---------|-------|-----|------|-------|---|
| Mexican Gov.            | David Tally   | Deed               | 1    | 28      | Aug   | 19  | 1824 | 4028  | David Tally League  |
| David Tally             | John Darrington   | Deed               | B    | 19      | Mar   | 24  | 1835 | 4028  | \$3028 for league less 1400 acres SE corner containing 400 already sold to Thomas Barnett   |
| David Tally             | Samuel May Williams & Thomas McKinney for John Darrington | Deed               | B    | 22/23   | Mar   | 24  | 1835 | 4028  | 24 March 1835 League had been conveyed to McKinney and Williams for use by John Darrington/reserved 1400 acres for himself and Thomas Barnett formal deed filed Mar 1, 1841 |
| David Tally             | William Barrett   | Deed               | A    | 423/24  | Feb   | 16  | 1841 | 4028  | Less 400 acres previously sold Thomas Barnett and 40 foot square used as family cemetery  |
| William Barrett         | John Darrington   | Deed               | A    | 425     | Feb   | 25  | 1841 | 4028  | \$1.00 His interest to Darrington   |
| John Darrington         | Ira Randal Lewis Matagorda County                         | Mortgage           | D    | 447/50  | Aug   | 7   | 1847 | 4028  | League less 400 acres now owned by John Stamps & list of all the slaves & 2 labors of land in Matagorda Co. \$40000   |
| Ira R. Lewis            | John Darrington   | Deed               | D    | 557/59  | April | 3   | 1848 | 4028  | League and all the slaves/by mutual consent   |
| John Darrington         | Nathaniel Newton Wilkinson of New Orleans                 | Deed               | D    | 597/600 | April | 7   | 1848 | 4028  | League less 400 acres & list all the slaves \$40000/\$25000 mortgage  |
| Nathaniel N. Wilkinson  | Sterling McNeel   | Deed               | E    | 254/58  | June  | 23  | 1849 | 4028  | League less 400 acres and list all slaves \$42500/ \$27500 mortgage   |
| John & Henrietta Stamps | Sterling McNeel   | Deed               | E    | 396/98  | Jan   | 1   | 1850 | 506   | \$2000 506 Acres  |
| B. F. & A. J. Terry     | Sterling McNeel   | Deed               | E    | 398/99  | Mar   | 1   | 1850 | 506   | \$200 Their interest in same  |
| Estate Sterling McNeel  | Abner Jackson   | Deed               | H    | 159/60  | May   | 5   | 1857 | 4028  | League and slaves \$116200  |
| A. S. Lanthrop          | John C. Jackson   | Deed               |      |         |       |     | 1860 |       | 350 Acres   |
| Abner Jackson           | Robert Mills  | Mortgage           | J    | 388/89  | Feb   | 7   | 1869 | 4028  | \$59,730  |
| Estate Abner Jackson    | Robert Mills  | Deed               | L    | 574/75  | Jan   | 5   | 1869 | 4428  | \$5000 David Tally League less 350 Acres  |

|   |                                     |          |     |        |      |    |      |        |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|-----|--------|------|----|------|--------|--|
| Estate John C. Jackson                        | John R. Mills                       | Deed     | L   | 520/21 | June | 9  | 1869 | 350    | 350 Acres \$200  |
| Robert Mills                                  | Sterling Blackwell                  | Deed     | L   | 638/39 | Aug  | 7  | 1869 |        | \$40000 Tally League less 350 acres  |
| John R. Mills                                 | Sterling Blackwell                  | Deed     | L   | 639/40 | Aug  | 7  | 1869 |        | 350 Acres  |
| James B. & Sallie B. Campbell<br>Cooke County | B. H. Epperson & A. U. Wright       | Deed     | P   | 119/21 | Sept | 29 | 1875 |        | 1/6 Interest for 2 notes of \$1666.67(These notes filed in Harris County don't match sums from Brazoria County |
| Joseph H. & Susie R. Garnett<br>Cooke County  | B. H. Epperson & A. U. Wright       | Deed     | P   | 121/23 | Sept | 29 | 1875 |        | 1/6 Interest for 2 notes of \$1666.67(These notes filed in Harris County don't match sums from Brazoria County |
| John A. & Mary E. Hann<br>Brazoria County     | B. H. Epperson & A. U. Wright       | Deed     | P   | 179/80 | Oct  | 1  | 1875 |        | 1/6 of Darrington Plantation \$6000  |
| Joseph H. & Susie R. Garnett<br>Cooke County  | B. H. Epperson & A. U. Wright       | Deed     | P   | 285/87 | Sept | 29 | 1875 |        | 1/6 of Darrington Plantation \$5000 less 3 acres in SW corner residence of H.J.B.Cash                          |
| James W. & Sallie B. Campbell<br>Cooke County | B. H. Epperson & A. U. Wright       | Deed     | P   | 287/88 | Sept | 29 | 1875 |        | 1/6 of Darrington Plantation \$5000 less 3 acres in SW corner residence of H.J.B.Cash                          |
| Lula, William & Clara E. Robinson             | B. H. Epperson & A. U. Wright       | Deed     | S   | 691/95 | Mar  | 7  | 1876 |        | 1/2 of Darrington \$30000  |
| A. U. Wright                                  | B.H. Epperson                       | Deed     |     |        |      |    |      |        | Purchased A. U. Wright's share by 31July1878   |
| B. H. Epperson                                | E. S. Epperson                      | Agree    | R   | 406/08 | Jul  | 31 | 1878 |        | Agreement for his son to manage Darrington Plantation  |
| E. S. Epperson                                | P. J. Willis & Brother of Galveston | Mortgage | R   | 364/66 | Oct  | 15 | 1878 |        | Crops & land deed of trust   |
|   |                                     | Decree   | T   | 346/50 | May  | 24 | 1881 |        | Suit 2750 Marion County Texas  |
| E. H. Campbell                                | R. S. Willis                        | Deed     | T   | 561/62 | May  | 24 | 1881 |        | E. H. Campbell \$10441 his interest in judgement   |
| W. D. Crawford                                | R. S. Willis                        | Deed     | T   | 563/65 | Nov  | 14 | 1881 |        | All interest of W. D. Crawford for \$100   |
| Estate of Narcissa Willis                     | R. E. Sears                         | Deed     | 75  | 581/88 | Feb  | 19 | 1908 |        | \$70,548.47 Darrington Plantation  |
| R. E, Sears                                   | Basset & Bonnie Blakely             | Deed     | 146 | 137/41 | Jul  | 26 | 1917 |        | \$10000 for 212 acres/ paid off 4 notes of \$6000 each & 1 note \$16000 on plantation                          |
| Basset & Bonnie Blakely                       | Texas Prison Commission             | Deed     | 146 | 136/37 | Jan  | 1  | 1918 | 6746.8 | 6747 acres total 2522 & 205 acres David Tally tracts \$337,340   |
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| Sterling McNeel           |                  | 576         |
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| Sterling Blackwell        | 1870             | 915         |

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