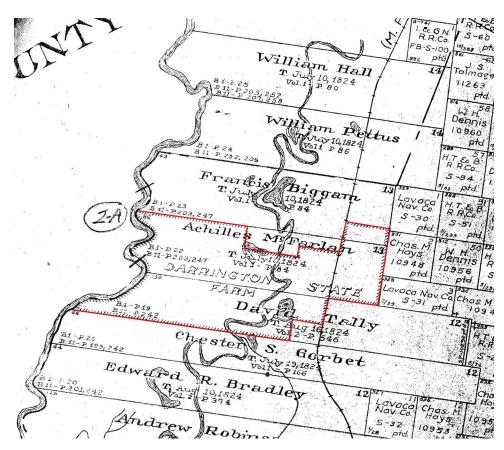
## Terry (Willow Lake) and Gill Plantations McFarland League Brazosport Archaeological Society

The Achilles McFarland League lies just north of the David Tally League east of the Brazos River and along Oyster Creek in the northern part of Brazoria County, Texas. The land was originally settled by Achilles McFarland, a member of Stephen F. Austin's original 300 Families in the middle 1830's. The Sarah D. Terry family from Mississippi bought out McFarland's interest and settled in the area during the late 1830's. The Terry family and their relatives would control almost the entire league operating several cotton plantations through the days of the Republic of Texas and until after the Civil War. While the Civil War itself brought the loss of life to loved ones, the financial stress of Reconstruction brought ruin to all members of the family that remained in Brazoria County. The financial brokers of Peter J. Willis & Bro. of Galveston eventually acquired the greater portion of the McFarland League and it remained in their family until after the turn of the century. The company also took in land from both the David Tally and Francis Bingham Leagues to control thousands of acres in the immediate area. The land totaling 6746 acres would later be sold to the Texas Prison Commission by Bonnie and Basset Blakely of Fort Bend County in 1918 as the Darrington Plantation though it actually held many more acres than the original Darrington Plantation in the David Tally League. The Darrington Prison Farm is still in operation.



Map August 19, 1947 General Land Office Austin, Texas

Achilles McFarland<sup>1</sup> settled in the San Felipe de Austin area early in the colonial era of Texas receiving his land grants from the Mexican government July 10, 1824. His brother John McFarland had a cabin in the area as early as May 1823 and ran the ferry on the Brazos River. The census taken in 1826 lists Achilles as a farmer and stock raiser, his wife Polly, four sons, and two daughters. While at San Felipe he sold two tracts from his league to Chester S. Gorbet and Francis Bingham<sup>2</sup> in the 1820's.<sup>3</sup> According to depositions taken during the suit of *Heirs of Sarah D. Terry vs. Mary McFarland, Hadley et al* McFarland settled on his league in Brazoria County in 1834 and remained until he sold out to Benjamin Fort Smith who was holding the land in trust for his sister, Sarah (Sallie) D. Terry. Before McFarland vacated the land in the later part of 1836 Benjamin F. Terry, son of Sarah Terry was already working the land.<sup>4</sup>

Benjamin Fort Smith had moved to Texas in 1833 and purchased Point Pleasant Plantation on the Brazos. His sister Sarah David married Joseph R. Terry in Kentucky April 17, 1816 (See Appendix A)<sup>7</sup>. Sarah and Joseph Terry reportedly separated about 1833 because of Joseph's insistence on running a gambling house in Jackson, Mississippi. She accepted her brother, Benjamin's proposal to bring her children and move to Texas. Benjamin Fort Smith purchased the McFarland League at \$1.00 per acre and conveyed half to his sister Sarah for \$3000 and half to Thomas B. J. Hadley who had married their sister Piety. In the summer of 1836 Sarah D. Terry passed away and left Benjamin F. Smith as the guardian of her children (See Appendix B). In 1840 Benjamin's sister Piety and her husband Thomas B. J. Hadley arrived in Texas and sold their half of the McFarland League to Sarah's sons for \$5000 and 1000 bushels of corn. Due to the fact that Benjamin Fort Smith did not receive nor issue any proper deeds the McFarland heirs tried to claim the property after the death of Achilles McFarland. The courts ruled in favor of the Terry family, however, and the property remained in their possession except for 200 acres each in the northeast and southwest corners sold previously.

Tax records for the period indicate only a modest cotton plantation with a small number of slaves:

Year	Acres	Negroes	Oxen	Horses Mules	Cattle
1837	2000	16	10	5	
1838	2000	5m 11w ch	10	2h 3m	
1839	2000	16		30 head	
1841	4227	9<15 yrs. 12<50 yrs.		20	10
		12<50 yrs.			
1842	4728	15 > 10 yrs. 6 < 10 yrs.		5	75
		6 < 10  yrs.			
1843	4000	14 > 10 yrs. 7 < 10 yrs.		14	50
		7 < 10  yrs.			

<sup>1</sup> His name is spelled a variety of ways in Brazoria County records, Archilles McFarlan or Achilles McFarlan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Francis Bingham owned the league of land just north of the McFarland League.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Brazoria County Deed Records: Spanish Records pp. 107-08 & 101-03.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Deposition of Jacob Thomas, March 1845, Brazoria County Deed Records: F 271/72.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The plantation was later sold to Monroe Edwards and Christopher Dart and became known as the Chenango Plantation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Born Jan. 2, 1793, Father David Smith Mother Obediance Fort

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Probate Record Case No. 546, Sarah D. Terry, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Deposition of Thomas B. J. Hadley, March 1845, Brazoria County Deed Records: F 275/76.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Court Decree, March 1845, Brazoria County Deed Records: F 276/77.

1844	4700	13> 10 yrs. 9 < 10 yrs.	10		200
		9 < 10 yrs.			
1845	4200	14 > 10 yrs. 10 < 10 yrs.	12		75
		10 < 10  yrs.			
1846	4428	22	12 h	20m	150
1848	4228	22	16h		200
1849	4428 McFarland	24	16h		200
	1000 Bingham				
1850					

October 12, 1841 Benjamin F. Terry married Mary Pickens Bingham<sup>10</sup> whose parents owned the league of land just north of his family's property. That same year Benjamin F. Smith died and B. F. Terry became the administrator of his mother's estate.



Benjamin Franklin Terry known as Frank Terry before the Civil War

As their family increased with the birth of several children at this time his three brothers remained in the household (Appendix C). A newspaper article related to the family in 1844 may account for the number of slaves over ten years of age dropping from the previous year:

#### Negro Disturbances

There have been several outrages among the Negroes upon two or three of the plantations on the Brazos within the last month. The overseer on the plantation of Mr. Brudit near Richmond, was killed by one of the slaves, who attacked him at work. The slave after committing the fatal deed fled and has not yet been taken. Two Negroes on the plantation of Mr. Terry attacked the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> b. June 25, 1821 d. February 19,1876 daughter of Francis and Mary Bingham.

later with knives and axes, but Mr. Terry with admirable courage defended himself with a large heavy whip until he drew a pistol and shot one to disable him. With a well directed blow of his whip he broke the arm of the other, and compelled him to submit. [*Telegraph and Texas Register*, March 13, 1844, Houston, Texas]

Several family accounts indicate that Benjamin F. and his brother David S. Terry were among those that traveled to California in the Gold Rush of 1849. The brothers supposedly struck gold and Benjamin returned to Texas with enough capitol to enter a partnership with William J. Kyle to construct the first railroad in Texas, the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railway, from Harrisburg to the Brazos River in 1851 and to buy Oakland Plantation in Fort Bend County, Texas in 1852<sup>11</sup>. David remained in and developed a successful law practice in Stockton, California.



David S. Terry after the Civil War

With Benjamin F. Terry and his family removed to his new plantation in Fort Bend County, Aurelius J. Terry became the manager of the properties in Brazoria County while marrying Delila Winifred Manadue<sup>12</sup> in 1853. For \$10,000 the four brothers sold ~700 acres<sup>13</sup> with improvements from the southeast corner of their league to Mrs. Winifred F. Gill on Dec. 30, 1852 [Deed Records: F 568/69]. Winifred F. Gill came from Rapides Parish, Louisiana with her slaves<sup>14</sup> and immediately started a plantation along Oyster Creek north of the Darrington Plantation. Winifred was the grandmother of Delila Winifred Mandue and remained close to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> No primary sources to link Benjamin F. Terry with his brother in California; however, Aurelius J. Terry was in California with his brother David S. August 25, 1851[Probate Case 546, Sarah D. Terry, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> b. October 26,1837 d. January 23,1862 Father Warren H. Manadue Mother Betsy Bonner? W. H. Manadue owned a 1280 acre cotton plantation just north of R. J. Townes' Peach Lake Plantation. When he died March 1850 his son Warren Henry Manadue aged 5yrs. was taken into A. J. Terry's household, his daughter Elizabeth B. aged 9 yrs. by Mrs. W. F. Gill and Leila aged 2yrs. remained with her mother Ann Compton Manadue (2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Warren H. Manadue). Ann Compton Manadue later married Overton Young.

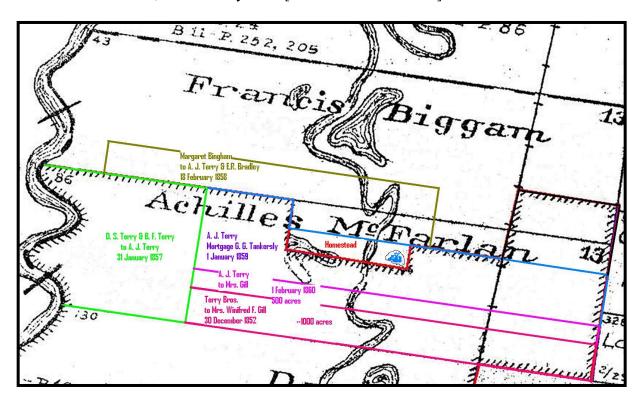
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> After it was surveyed the tract was actually closer to 1000 acres; the improvements are not known.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 1850 Slave Census lists W. F. Gill with 32 slaves in Rapides Parish, Louisiana.

A. J. Terry family. The family of her brother David Burney later moved to Brazoria County and her nephew John H. Burney would live with her<sup>15</sup>.

Clinton L. Terry sold his ½ interest to his brother A. J. for \$3000 July 8, 1853. He married Ariadne O. Gautier<sup>16</sup> on September 6, 1855 and entered into law practice with John A. Wharton<sup>17</sup> while taking residence in Brazoria.

In May of 1855 A. J. mortgaged the property back to Clinton for \$3000 in order to purchase seven slaves [Deed Record: G 283/85]. David S. and Benjamin F. Terry deeded their interest in the league over to Aurelius J., January 31, 1857 [Deed Record: J 1/3]. Aurelius J. and E. R. Bradley entered into business together and purchased from Mary Bingham 1000 acres partly from the northern part of the McFarland and the greater amount coming from the southern part of the Bingham league for \$16,250 in 1858 [Deed Record: H 405/07]. January 1859 he mortgaged part of the league above Mrs. Gill's property and slaves to secure a \$5000 note to G. G. Tankersly [Deed Record: J 13/14]. To generate cash Terry sold to Mrs. Gill the 500 acres above her tract for \$10,000 February 1860 [Deed Record: J 397/98].



By 1860 A. J. Terry had 23 slaves and 8 slave houses with 250 head of cattle and 27 horses, while Mrs. W. F. Gill had 38 slaves and 8 slave houses with a 100 head of cattle and 25 horses<sup>18</sup>. In the 1860 Census A. J. Terry is listed along with his wife and children with Henry Manadue aged 15 in his household. With Mrs. Gill are listed J. H. Birney [Burney] aged 27 and E. B. Manadue(female) aged 19 born in Louisiana in her household.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> 1860 Federal Census lists Mrs. I. Birney[Burney] aged 46, Lizzie aged 20, David aged 18, William aged 17, and Irene aged 12 all born in Louisiana living close to Leonard B. Compton.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Daughter of Peter William Gautier, Jr. Md. And Lucy Ann Holmes Gautier

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Eagle Island Plantation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> 1860 Federal Slave Census and 1860 Brazoria County Tax Records.

In June 1861 Benjamin F. Terry, Thomas S. Lubbock, and John A. Wharton along with several other citizens of Texas traveled to Richmond, Virginia to offer their services to the Confederate Army. Terry and Lubbock were appointed colonels as volunteer aides to General James Longstreet, participating in the First Battle of Manassas:

B. Frank Terry, who recently visited Virginia, in company with several other citizens of Texas, has returned home, with a Colonel's commission and authority to raise a regiment for the seat of war. He, as well as Mr. Tom Lubbock, Col. Thatcher, and the other members of the party were in time to render valuable service the great battle of Manassas. A letter dated Fairfax courthouse July 22, to the *Richmond Enquirer*, says, that on the morning of that day Col. Terry, with a detachment of Capt. Whitehead's Rangers from Amherst, entered that village. Soon he, with his own unerring rifle, shot away the stars and stripes, which the Lincolnites had placed upon the cupola of the court-house. [Civilian and Gazette, Galveston, Texas August 13, 1861]

Terry and Lubbock were granted the authority to return to Texas and organize a cavalry regiment. In September 1,170 men were sworn into service at Houston among them was John A. Wharton. November they were officially designated the Eighth Texas Cavalry, Terry's Texas Rangers. Benjamin F. Terry was killed in the first battle fought by the rangers near Woodsonville, Kentucky, on December 17, 1861<sup>1920</sup>. Colonel A. M. Shannon recalled the death of Terry while he led the rangers against 32<sup>nd</sup> Indiana Regiment of Infantry:

...Our troops were briskly forming in line of battle. Our camp had been pitched overlooking the Green River. I was close to Terry and present when General Hindman, our brigade commander, rode up and gave orders for the advance of our line. The "ping" of [minie] bullets just then rang unpleasantly in our ears. Colonel Terry, noting this, said to Hindman: "General, this seems a dangerous place for one like you carrying so much responsibility." General Hindman turned and replied, with a pleased look upon his face: How about regimental commanders?" Terry responded with: "General, here is my place: I will lead the charge." All this said without display or bravado. ... With the first of the Rangers I noticed Colonel Terry reel in his saddle. I caught him in my arms. The Colonel pointed out to his son, David, the man who had shot him. [Dallas Morning News, Dallas, Texas, September 30, 1901]

Because of his ill health, Lubbock was unable to actually take command of the regiment. John A. Wharton was nominated colonel of Company B of the Eighth Texas Calvary. Clinton Terry volunteered as an aide and joined Wharton's staff just prior to the Battle of Shiloh<sup>21</sup>. At the Battle of Shiloh Clinton Terry was mortally wounded April 6, 1862. Colonel A. M. Shannon was present when Clinton Terry received his mortal wound:

"I shall never forget the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 1862, at Shiloh. During the hottest part of the engagement Colonel Clint Terry, undismayed amid the shower of lead, received a ball in the breast, his death wound. I was the first who raised his drooping head and gave the wounded man over to an escort

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> "Our casualties were comparatively few in numbers, but fearful in results, as we lost our Colonel, shot through the jaw, the bullet ranging up through the brain. He and his horse and three of the enemy fell in a heap. He had shot two and a ranger near him, I think, shot the third." Account given by J.K.P. Blackburn, <u>Terry Texas Ranger Trilogy</u>, Thomas W. Cutrer, ed., State House Press, Austin, Texas, 1996, pp.105-106.

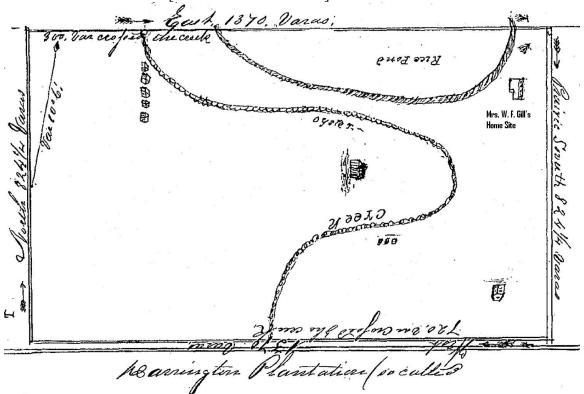
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Governor Lubbock lauded Terry in the state Senate: "no braver man ever lived-no truer patriot ever died." Buried first on Oakland Plantation in Fort Bend County his remains were later moved to Glenwood Cemetery, Houston, Texas in 1880. Terry County was later named in his honor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> "Clinton Terry, Col. Terry's Bro., who arrived just before the fight died the other day from wounds received." Private William Nicholson Corinth, Mississippi to his Aunt, Mrs. H. Crocheron Bastrop, Texas April 16, 1862.

with orders to carry him safely to the rear. [Dallas Morning News, Dallas, Texas, September 30, 1901]

Terry died on the 14<sup>th</sup> and his body was returned to Texas to be buried at the Sandy Point Cemetery.<sup>22</sup> Judge David S. Terry of California returned with the escort that had delivered the remains of Clinton Terry to Texas. He would also serve as a volunteer with Terry's Texas Rangers briefly. While on his way to Texas to raise a regiment of his own he was wounded in his right arm at Chickamauga in 1863. His regiment known as "Terry's Texas Calvary" operated briefly in the trans-Mississippi theater. David S. Terry returned to California after war's end.

A. J. Terry remained in Brazoria County during the Civil War and continued to operate the Terry holdings in the McFarland League. Shortly before the Civil War his brother Clinton had bought a 1/3 interest in the plantation containing ~ 2500 acres for \$12,000 cash and notes totaling another \$4480 [Deed Record: K 229/30]. With this cash flow Terry was able to continue to operate until after the war when he had to mortgage all his property including stock and crops to Alexander Sessums of Houston for \$60,000 in late 1866 [Deed Record: K 739/41]. Just after the war he had increased his holdings by purchasing the western tract of ~1000 acres from the McFarland League for \$20,000 [Deed Record: K 713/15]. Over extended, Terry had to declare bankruptcy in Federal Court in Galveston February 1868. Alexander Sessums was then able to acquire all of A. J. Terry's interest in the plantation except for a 200 acre homestead exclusion [Deed Record: L 321/25] and his 1001 acre tract in the Bingham League which was sold at auction to John T. Whiteside [Deed Record: L 524/30].



Mrs. Winifred F. Gill 200 Acre Homestead

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> The following inscription appears on the monument in the Terry family plot in the Sandy Point Cemetery: "Was mortally wounded at Shiloh April 6, 1862, while gallantly leading a charge of Terrys Texas Rangers".

In 1866 Mrs. Winifred F. Gill's monetary problems led her to entrust A. J. Terry to assume all her current debts and pay her \$1000 per year for life for all her properties which were to held in trust for his two sons [Deed Record: K 722/24]. In 1868 in a judgment rendered against her by the Estate of Burton Brown her property was seized and auctioned to Ball, Hutchings & Company of Galveston [Deed Record: L 387/89 & 403/05]. She was only able to save her 200 acre homestead also. Ball, Hutchings, & Company acquired her homestead in May 1870 for \$4500 [Deed Record: M 159/62].

All of Mrs. W. F. Gill's properties along with several tracts of the Terry Plantation would be acquired by R.S. Willis of Galveston and be combined with acreage comprising the Darrington Plantation<sup>23</sup>. 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>24</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. 25 The property continued to be the hands of the Willis family until after the turn of the century. Thousands of acres from the Achilles McFarland League and David Tally League along with a few hundred acres from the Francis Bingham League were combined into the Darrington Plantation. The estate passed down to Narcissa Willis and after her death 6747 acres were sold to R. E. Sears in 1908 for \$70,548. 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.

The Terry Homestead was sold to Thomas T. Calhoun in 1873 [Deed Record: O 389/91]. The proceeds from this sale were held in trust for Aurelius(Reel) B. Terry by his guardian Mrs. W. F. Gill, his brother having died previously<sup>26</sup>. Reel would move to California to live with his Uncle David S. Terry. Calhoun and his wife Bettie lived on the property for several years. He worked the land producing cotton and corn while operating a store in Sandy Point in an attempt to pay off his mortgage. The Terry property just above their homestead and into the Bingham League was purchased by the J. T. Whiteside family in 1874 [Deed Record: O 139]. The J. F. Whiteside family ran the property above the homestead tract producing corn, sugar and molasses. After a division of the Whiteside property J. D. Freeman and his wife Rosa acquired a portion of the property and the homestead tract in 1884 and in 1888 sold the homestead to W. C. and Sue A. Terry [Deed Record: 1 139/41].

According to an interview in 1960 by A. A. Platter of Mrs. Bettie Bingham Munson the Terry house was still standing<sup>27</sup>. The Bingham family had bought the Terry homestead tracts in 1904. Current land owners were not researched at this time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</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>&</sup>lt;sup>24</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>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Governor's Records, State Archives, "Reports of the Superintendent and Financial Agent of the Texas State Penitentiary Years Ending 1884", p.29& 41.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Clinton M. Terry died 1868.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Platter, A. A., *Educational, Social, and Economic Characteristics of the Plantation Culture of Brazoria County, Texas*, Doctorial Dissertation, University of Houston, Houston, Texas, 1961, p. 218.

## Appendix A Joseph Royall and Sarah David Smith Terry Family

Sarah David Smith and Joseph R. Terry were the parents of seven sons:

- 1. Joseph, b. and d. 1817 in Kentucky
- 2. Unnamed son, b. and d. Feb 15, 1820 Kentucky
- 3. Benjamin Franklin Terry, b. Feb. 18, 1821 Kentucky d. Dec. 17, 1861 Battle at Woodsonville, Kentucky
- 4. David Smith Terry, b. March 8, 1823 Kentucky moved to Stockton, California d. August 14, 1889 in California killed by body guard of U.S. Supreme Court Justice S. J. Field
- 5. Joseph Nathaniel Terry, b. and d. Nov. 29, 1824 Kentucky
- 6. Joseph Aurelius Terry, b. 1827 Hinds County, Mississippi d. 1869 Houston, Texas
- 7. Clinton Lucretius Terry, b. 1831 Hinds County, Mississippi d. April 14, 1862 wounds received at Battle of Shiloh

## Appendix B Inventory of Sarah D. Terry Estate

Inventory and appraisement of the estate of S. D. Terry deceased

Half League of Land less 177 acres & improvements fronting on the Brazos

Article No. 1	and Coun	ty of Brazoria adjoining Bighams below at \$50 acre	\$10185
	-	n Charles aged 40 years	1100
3		Isaac " 26 "	1100
4	"	London " 40 "	800
5	"	Tom " 20 "	1000
6	"	Alert " 15 "	1000
7	" Woma	n Rayner	800
8	"	Ann & child (Ellen)	1200
9	"	Cherry & child	1000
10	"	Willey	900
11	"	Bridget & child	900
12	"	Sally & child (Cherry)	1500
13	" Man	Sandy 18 years old	1200
14	Children	of Rayner named Monk & Sam	900
15	2 Feathe	er Beds	400
16	1 Horse		20
			\$23645

Appraised by Wm. L. Hall & Fredrich A. Sawyer, Sept. 13, 1837 [Record Book of Wills Vol. A: p.88]

## Appendix C Benjamin Franklin & Mary Pickens Bingham Terry Family

#### **David Smith Terry**

- b. February 23, 1843
- d. November 23, 1904

#### Sarah Terry

- b. October 20, 1845
- d. August 21, 1846

#### Mary Terry

- b. November 8, 1847
- d. May 17, 1925

#### Benjamin Franklin Terry

- b. June 18, 1850
- d. February 6, 1869

#### Sally Terry

- b. July 19, 1853
- d. September 20, 1878

## Jefferson Kyle Terry

- b. December 26, 1855
- d. January 21, 1890

#### Cornelia Terry

- b. November 21, 1857
- d. December 21, 1933

## Appendix D David Smith & Cornelia Runnels Terry Family

#### Jefferson Davis Terry

d. Nov. 1862 Stockton, California

Samuel Langdon Terry

- b. 1855 Stockton, California
- d. Mar. 1885 San Joaquin, California

David S. Terry

- b. 1857 Stockton, California
- d. Dec. 1873

Clinton Terry

b. 1859 Stockton, California

Frank Terry

- b. 1863 Stockton, California
- d. before 1889

## Appendix E Aurelius Joseph and Delila Winifred Manadue Terry Family

## Clinton Manadue Terry

- b. 11 November 1855
- d. 7 November 1868 or 7 March 1868

### Aurelius (Reel) Bonner Terry

- b. July 1859 Houston, Texas
- d. 11 January 1900 Alturia, California

## Appendix F Clinton Lucretius and Ariadne O. Gautier Terry Family

**Aurelius Pease Terry** 

- b. July 11, 1856
- d. In infancy

Annie Lucy Terry

- b. June 5, 1858
- d. November 14, 1943

John Wharton Terry

- b. April 8, 1860
- d. August 25, 1936

Clinton Terry (daughter)

- b. May 9, 1862
- d. November 13, 1951

## Appendix G Chain of Title

GRANTORS	GRANTEES	Kind of Instrument	Book	Page	Month	Day	Year	Acres	Description
Mexican Government	Achilles McFarland	Deed	SR	84	July	10	1824		Achilles McFarland League
Achilles McFarland	Chester S. Gorbet	Deed	SR	107/08	Mar	11	1825	200	Small section from SW corner of League on the Brazos signed at San Felipe \$100
Achilles McFarland	Francis Bingham	Deed	SR	101/03	Jun	21	1828	1258	Section out of northern part of League \$250 signed at San Felipe
Chester S. Gorbet	Thomas J. Alsbury	Deed	G	328/29	Nov	12	1837	200	Small section from SW corner of League on the Brazos \$1000
Thomas J. Alsbury	Benjamin F. Terry	Deed	С	457/58	Nov	19	1838	200	Small section from SW corner of League on the Brazos \$600 Thomas had bought for his brother Young
Chester S. Gorbet	Young P. Alsbury	Deed	С	459/60	Nov	12	1837	200	Small section from SW corner of League on the Brazos Thomas had bought for his brother Young
Young P. Alsbury	Benjamin F. Terry	Deed	С	460/61	Nov	19	1838	200	Small section from SW corner of League on the Brazos \$600 Thomas had bought for his brother Young
Sarah D. Terry Estate	David S. Terry	Deed	D	154/56	Mar	13	1846	506	\$1518 Acreage below Darrington Plantation in the Tally League originally bought by B. F. Smith
David S. Terry	John Stamps	Deed	D	288/89	Apr	2	1846	506	\$2500 Acreage below Darrington Plantation in the Tally League
A.J. & B. F. Terry	Sterling McNeel	Deed	E	398/99	Mar	1	1850	506	\$200 All their interest in acreage in Tally League which John Stamps sold to Sterling McNeel.
Achilles McFarland	Benjamin Fort Smith for Sarah D. Terry	Decree	F	268/77	Jan	26	1852		McFarland League

Margaret H. Bingham	Benjamin F. Terry	Deed	F	277/78	Feb	28	1852	200	Below Mrs. Bingham 200 acre tract
	for Heirs of Sarah D. Terry								
Benjamin.F.,David S., Aurelius.J. Terry	Winnifred F. Gill	Deed	F	568/69	Dec	30	1852	~700	700 acres S.E. corner for \$10,000
Mrs. W. F. Gill	B. F. Terry	Mortgage	F	429/30	Jan	6	1853		\$4000 on the 700 acre tract
Clinton Terry	A.J. Terry	Deed	F	570	Jul	8	1853		His interest in the 3240 acres still held by family for \$3000
A. J. Terry	Clinton Terry	Deed	G	283/85	May	25	1855		1/2 interest in McFarland League less 1000 acres of southeast corner owned by W. F. Gill and 200 acres northeast corner owned by M. H. Bingham + 7 slaves
Margaret H. Bingham	A. J. Terry E. R. Bradley	Deed	Η	404/05	Feb	18	1858	650	Acreage east of 1001 acre tract in Bingham League & ½ acre cemetery
Margaret H. Bingham	A. J. Terry & E. R. Bradley	Deed	Н	405/08	Feb	18	1858	1001	\$18,250 acreage in both McFarland & Bingham Leagues
David S. & B. F. Terry	A. J. Terry	Deed	J	1,2	Jan	31	1857		David S. & B. F. Terry deeded over their interest in the McFarland League
E.R. Bradley	A. J. Terry	Deed	J	3	July	30	1858	1001	Bradley's interest + rental of slaves to A. J. Terry
A. J. Terry	George G. Tankersly	Mortgage	J	13/14	Jan	1	1859		\$5000 section above W. F. Gill + slaves
Hamilton & John Kegans	B. F. Terry	Deed	J	33/34	Oct	18	1858	200	~200 acres originally deeded to Gorbett
A. J. Terry	W. F. Gill	Deed	J	397/98	Feb	1	1860	500	\$5000 Section above W. F. Gill
A. J. Terry	Clinton Terry	Deed	K	229/30	Oct	17	1861		\$12000 cash & \$4480 in notes for 1/3 interest in 2500 acres & Plantation
W. F. Gill		Will	K	487/89	Feb	27	1865		Identifies Clinton M. and Aurelius B. Terry as great grandsons and her nephew John H. Burney & brother David Burney

George G. Tankersly	A. J. Terry	Deed	K	654/55	Mar	1	1865		Release of Mortgage issued Jan 1, 1859
Thomas & Laura Tullis	A. J. Terry	Deed	K	713/15	Feb	27	1866	1097	\$20000 Acreage Western part of League along the Brazos
Winifred F. Gill	A. J. Terry	Deed	K	722/24	Sept	26	1866	1500	Pay all her existing debts and \$1000/yr for life all her properties in trust for her 2 Great grandsons
A. J. Terry	Alexander Sessums	Mortgage	K	739/41	Nov	12	1866		All his lands and improvements and crops
A. J. Terry	Alexander Sessums	Bankrupt	L	321/25	Sept	9	1868		All his lands except 200 acre homestead to Sessums for \$4539
A. J. Terry	John T. Whitesides	Bankrupt	L	524/30	Oct	17	1868	1001	Public auction \$3103
Sheriff John W. Yerby Auction	Ball, Hutchings & Co.	Deed	L	387/89	Dec	21	1868		700 & 500 acre tract less 200 homestead of Mrs. W. F. Gill
Sheriff John W. Yerby Auction	Ball, Hutchings & Co.	Deed	L	403/05	Dec	21	1868		700 & 500 acre tract less 200 homestead of Mrs. W. F. Gill (Same Deed)
Mrs. W. F. Gill	Ball, Hutchings & Co.	Deed	М	159/62	May	9	1870	200	Mrs.W. F. Gill Homestead \$4500
Sheriff J. Erwin Kolkow Auction	Ball, Hutchings & Co.	Deed	M	212/14	June	16	1870	500	500 acres above Mrs. Gill's homestead
A. J. Terry	Bankruptcy	Inventory	М	430	May	14	1868		Inventory of A.J. Terry assets
Court Settlement	Thomas T. Calhoun	Deed	0	389/91	Dec	2	1873	200	\$2760 Terry Homestead
Estate of Clinton Terry	Jno., James, Frank Whiteside minors	Deed	0	139	Mar	25	1874	1001	1/3 Bingham & McFarland Leagues
John F. Whiteside	Garnett & Garnett	Mortgage	0	515/16	Jan	1	1875	1001	\$350 1/3 Bingham & McFarland Leagues
Thomas T. Calhoun	Lucy Sandall	Mortgage	Р	55051	Jul	5	1876		\$1000 owed secured by entire crop of cotton & corn
Thomas T. Calhoun	Estate for A. B. Terry minor	Mortgage	Р	791/92	Mar	14	1877		\$2000 owed used ½ cotton & corn crop + his store at Sandy Point as security

Thomas T. & Bettie Calhoun	J. A. Calhoun	Deed	Т	571/73	Nov	2	1881	200	Terry Homestead
John F. & Susan C. Whiteside	John Lang	Deed	V	270/73	Feb	7	1883	1001	2/3 Interest
Frank T. Whiteside	James D. Freeman	Deed	W	24/5	Feb	12	1884	1001	1/3 interest \$1668.33
John &James Whiteside	John Lang	Decree	W	484/87	May	23	1884	1001	2/3 Interest
T. T. Calhoun	J. D. Freeman	Deed	1	138/39	Mar	17	1888	200	Terry Homestead
James D. & Rosa S. Freeman	Mrs. Sue A. & W. C. Terry	Deed	1	139/41	Mar	30	1888		521 2/3 acres + 200 acre Terry Homestead Tract
James D. & Rosa S. Freeman	R. S. Willis	Deed	1	471	Jul	18	1888		12 acres of Terry Homestead tract below Cow Lake
	James. B. Bingham	Deed	64	624	Nov	9	1904	~400	2 tracts of Terry homestead area
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	Prison Commission	Deed	146	136/37	Jan	1	1918	6746.8	

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