

## A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE GENERATIONS OF CHRISTOPHER AND MARY VANDEVENDER

Christopher Vandevender was born in Alsace-Lorain, France on the 15th of December, 1777. His parents emigrated to the United States when he was a small boy, and settled in Greenbriar County, Virginia -- now West Virginia. He died November 10, 1862, age 85 years, 10 months, and 25 days.

Mary Achors Vandevender, his wife, was born in Greenbriar County, Virginia January 8, 1784. She died December 7, 1876, age 92 years, 11 months, and 29 days.

### Children of the above:

1. William Achors Vandevender -- born in Virginia, June 22, 1801. He married Mary Nauflet. Children born to them were Josephine, Precilla, Mary Elizabeth, Sterrett, Henrietta, Rhodum Yoe, William Wells, Ophelia, Melissa and Lee. Lee died when he was a child. He died March 12, 1883. Age - 82 years, 9 months, and 20 days.

2. Elizabeth Vandevender -- born in Virginia, June 10, 1806. She married Dougal McArthur. Their children were William V., Hiram, Elizabeth, Flora, Emily and Susanna, twins, Maranda and Christopher. Christopher died when he was a boy of about 15 or 16.

3. John Vandevender -- born in Virginia, October 5, 1808. Died October 24, 1813. Age 5 years and 19 days.

4. Jacob Vandevender -- born in Virginia, April 6, 1809. He married Elizabeth Pace. Their children were

He died January 16, 1892 - age 83 years, 3 months and 10 days.

\* 5. Hiram Vandevender -- born in Virginia, March 12, 1810. He married Mary Vernon. Their children were: Samuel Christopher, Mary Jane, John Richard and George Commodore. A boy and girl were born and died in infancy. Mary, the mother, of this writer, died in September, 1852. Hiram married again and to Mary Diggs. Their children were Cora Alice, Lula and Bessie Mae. He died August 5, 1890 - age 80 years, 4 months and 23 days.

6. Mary Vandevender - born in Virginia, March 14, 1812. She was married to Archy McArthur. Their children were Mary Ann, Sarah, William, Elizabeth, John, Frank, Martha, Christopher, Florence and Thomas.

7. Christopher (Dick) Vandevender - born in Alabama December 19, 1813. Died in Texas in 1840. Age 27 years.

8. Hugh Vandevender - born in Alabama September 27, 1815. Was a soldier in the Mexican War. Died in 1846 - age 31 years.

9. Levi Vandevender - born in Alabama, June 17, 1818. He married and had a family, but this writer has no knowledge of who he married nor the names and number of their children.

\* CORA MARRIED DR. JOHN KELUS  
BESSIE " FATE ANDERSON

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10. Ralph Sterrett Vandever - born in Alabama, September 27, 1820. Died December 1, 1891. Age 71 years, 3 months and 4 days.
  11. Thomas Vandevender - born in Alabama, June 7, 1822. Never married. Died in California, date unknown, but supposition was in 1866.
  12. Sarah Vandevender - born in Alabama, September 27, 1825. She married a Tittle. Date of death unknown.
  13. Sam Patterson (called Pat) Vandevender - born in Alabama, December 26, 1827. Never married. Died in California, date unknown.
  14. Jonathan Coolidge Vandevender - born in Alabama Mary 16, 1830. Died February 12, 1912. Age 82 years, 3 months and 2 days.

The foregoing is about as authentic a sketch of the Vandevender family as can be produced. It is impossible for me to trace the geneology further back than Christopher Vandevender. What knowledge and information I have gained from the old gentleman himself, the most of it, and that was by listening to him talk to others. I paid close attention to his conversations, relating circumstances and incidents in his earlier life. Though a young boy, these narratives of the old man went home to my memory, and they are there yet. That was after my mother's death, and I with my brother John went to live with the old people.

I have heard our grandfather talk some about his father's family, but not enough for me to gain much knowledge of them. I think he had a brother or two that were older than himself. I have often heard him speak of two brothers, twins, that were younger. He said they were as full of devilment and mischief as boys could be. He said he was a Hg boy 12 or 14 years old before he could speak a word of English. He said his father could speak it. There was a neighbor close by his home that was Irish. One day his father sent him to that neighbor's to borrow an iron wedge. His father told him the English name of it and told him not to forget. He kept saying "iron wedge" all the way until he got to the yard gate. The dogs made a run for him and scared the iron wedge out of his mind. He tried to think but couldn't. Then he went back home. His father told him to go straight back and say iron wedge. He went back and that time they kept the dogs back. He walked up to the man and said "Irish Wedge". When he first began to learn English, he first learned to "cuss". He was plowing one day in a patch near the house and for something he fell out with his horse and proceeded to "cuss" him out. He used all the cuss-words he knew how to apply, happened to look towards the house and saw his mother standing listening to him. She shook her fist at him, and he knew he was in for it. He said he played shy and wouldn't go near his mother. He kept at a safe distance for some time, then began to get careless and began to think the matter blown over and forgotten, when unknown to him his mother got him hemmed and caught him. Being a strong woman she threw him on the floor and with a hickory switch that she had prepared, began to lay it on him. Then she decided within herself that she had given him sufficient chastisement, she ceased and let him up and asked him if he knew what she had whipped him for. He answered "No, I don't.". She let in on him again about as severe as the first one. When she let him up she told him what she whipped him for, one for cursing and then for lying, for he knew very well what the first was for.

Listening to my grandfather's stories around the fireside was more interesting to me than reading a novel. Young boy as I was, I got better posted on our grandfather's past life than any of his sons or daughters.

Some think we are German descent, but that is erroneous. Vandevender is a Holland name. If it were German, it would be Von not Van. There is no German coursing through our veins. Our paternal ancestors came from Holland to France in an early date, no means of knowing when, perhaps when France was ruled by the Louis dynasty.

When the family grew to manhood and began to marry off and raise families, they began to hunt about for new homes. Our grandfather and two of his brothers went to Indiana, then a territory, and looked it over. The two brothers were favorably impressed with the new country, and located there, where are some of their descendants today. Our grandfather, not liking the country, returned to Virginia, and after a time decided to go South. He with his family and two or three other families went to Alabama about the time of the Creek Indian War in 1812, and for a time was posted up at Fort Meigs. In 1836 our grandfather and father bought from the United States a body of land in Kemper County, Mississippi. Martin Van Buren was the president and moved on it in 1838, where they lived the remainder of their days.

After a short time when they moved into Mississippi the boys began to scatter. Chris (Dick) married Mary McDonald and went to Caldwell County, Texas, where he died in 1840. Levi married and settled in Tishomingo County, Mississippi. Jake married and settled on a part of the land obtained from the government. Hugh went to the Mexican war and died. Tom went to Texas - Caldwell County - and soon after went to California. Sterrett bought a tract of land from the government, improved it, then married and settled on it. Pat and Jonathan both went to California. Jonathan returned, but Pat remained there to his death.

One thing I was about to forget. Soon after they settled in Mississippi, our father built on his place a two-story house complete. When he finished he locked it up and turned the keys over to grandfather, mounted his horse and set out for Texas. He first went to Houston, got a contract, he and another man, from the Texas government to transport government supplies to and from Galveston on a sailing vessel. He was also in Caldwell County, and over a good part of the then republic of Texas, and ought to have remarried and never gone back to Mississippi.

I am planning to begin on the history of my mother's people on this date as that of the Lands is not so interesting to me now, since my recent trip to Mississippi, which was made principally to gather data for some. Instead I became more confused and impatient over the whole thing. The Lands offered mostly criticisms and objections to what I already had written.

The following sketch by Sam Van Devender was written in 1927. As to its correctness I have nothing to offer against it. My plan is to begin where he quit and bring it up to date, hoping some of the connection will take it up where I stop and add to it the principal historical facts and events that may be deemed of value and interest to those yet to be born. It is my hope and prayer that the future will be as interesting as has the past - even more so.

I find much interest concerning the matter, but little help do I get. All wish to see "the Book" when I get it written, but give little subject matter to be put into it. Seems they don't know anything about their kinfolks. So here I set forth on the journey!

Sam Van Devender of Palestine, Texas, left the following sketch of the Van Devenders hoping some one else would take up where he left off and set the stakes farther down the line.

I seem to be he:

Oscar Melvin Land

#### A SKETCH OF THE ORIGINAL VAN DEVENDER FAMILY

The original of this immediate family was Christopher Van Devender who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, December 16, 1777. At an early age, his parents emigrated from France to the United States and settled in Virginia - now West Virginia, Greenbrier County. He was one of several brothers, some older and some younger than he, but this writer never heard him mention of having any sisters. I presume however, that there were some females in his family (his father's family) as I have heard him speak of its being numerous.

When Christopher Van Devender grew to manhood he married Mary Achors. She was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, on January 8, 1784\*. Sons and daughters were born to this union as follows:

She was Irish.

1. William Achors Van Devender, Greenbrier County, June 22, 1801.
2. Elizabeth Van Devender, born in the same county, June 10, 1806.
3. John Van Devender, same county, Oct. 5, 1807.
4. Jacob Van Devender, same county, April 5, 1809.

\*100 years ahead of me.

*Jacob & Mary*

- ✓5. Hiram Van Devender, same county, March 10, 1810.
6. Mary Van Devender, Same county, March 14, 1812.
7. Christopher Van Devender (Dick) born Alabama, Dec. 13, 1813.
8. Hugh Van Devender, Alabama, Sept. 27, 1815.
9. Levi Van Devender, Alabama, June 17, 1818.
10. Ralph Sterret Van Devender, Alabama, Sept. 27, 1820.
11. Thomas Van Devender, Alabama, June 7, 1823.
12. Sarah Van Devender, Alabama, Sept. 27, 1825.
13. Samuel Patterson Van Devender, Alabama, Dec. 26, 1827.
14. Jonathan Coleridge Van Devender, Alabama, May 16, 1830.

These 14 children were married as follows:

1. William A. to Mary Navflett, Hinds County, Mississippi.
2. Elizabeth to Dougal McArthur, Alabama
3. Jacob Van Devender to Elizabeth Pace, Noxubee County, Miss.
- ✓4. Hiram Van D. to Mary Vernon, Kemper County, Mississippi.  
Second marriage to Mary Diggs, same county.
5. Christopher Van D. to Mary McDonald
6. Hugh
7. Tom never married
8. Sam Pat
9. Levi Van D. to (wife's name and number of children not known.)
10. Sarah Van D. to Sam Tittle, Kemper County, Mississippi
11. Sterrit Van D. to Ann Clark, Kemper County, Mississippi
12. Jonathan Van D. to Elizabeth McPhail at Shuqualak, Mississippi.
13. Mary Van D. to Archer McArthur in Alabama.

Children of Christopher Van Devender's Sons and Daughters

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
|                               | Josephine A.      |
|                               | Priscilla         |
|                               | Mary Elizabeth    |
|                               | Sterret           |
| 1. William A. and Mary Van D. | Henrietta         |
|                               | Rhoda Y.          |
|                               | William W. (Reck) |
|                               | Ophelia           |
|                               | Melissa           |
|                               | Lee               |

Wm V. McA.

Hiram

Elizabeth

Flora

Miranda

Emily Jane

Susana

Christopher

Martha

Alonza

Elina Adelaide (Cricket)

Edwin

DeWitt

Mahaly

Jacob

2 infants (?)

Sam C.

Mary Jane

John R.

George G. *Commodore M. Willard*

2 infants (boy and girl)

Cora A. *Dr. John Kellis*

Lula

Bessie May *M. Anderson*

Mary Ann

Sarah

William

Elizabeth

John Franklin

Martha

Christopher

Florence

Thomas

2. Elizabeth Van D. and Dougall  
McArthur

3. Jacob Van D. and Elizabeth  
Pace

✓ 4. Hiram and Mary Vernon Van D.

Hiram Van D. and Second Wife  
Mary Diggs

5. Mary Van D. and Archer  
McArthur

6. Christopher Van D. and Mary  
McDonald

Only one child

Killed in cotton gin

- 7. Hugh, Tom and Sam Pat Van D.  
were never married
- 8. Levi Van D. Married - family  
names unknown Tishomingo Co.

9. Sarah Van D. and Sam Tittle

Artella Tittle  
Roxana  
Sannella  
Mexie

10. Ralph Sterrit Van D. and Ann  
Clark

Mary Virginia  
Thomas D.  
Caleb R.  
Mississippi  
Jonathan  
Constantine  
Callie (CALIFORNIA) (MEXICO) TULLON 29  
Alonzo  
✓ Annie Jane  
Christopher  
\* Rosa Lee

11. Jonathan Van D. and Elizabeth  
McPhail - No issue

DEATH DATES

✓ Christopher Van D. Sr.,	Nov. 10, 1862. ✓
Mary Achors Van D.,	Dec. 7, 1876
William A. Van D.	May 12, 1883
Elizabeth McArthur	(?)
John Van D.	Oct. 24, 1813
Jacob Van D.	Jan. 16, 1892
✓ Hiram Van D.	Aug. 5, 1890 ✓
Mary Van D. McArthur	(?)
Christopher Van D. Jr.	1840, Caldwell County, Texas
Hugh Van D.	1846, Texas or Mexico
Levi Van D.	Dec. 1, 1891
Thomas Van D.	California (?)
Sarah Tittle	(?)
Sam Pat Van D.	California (?)
Jonathan G. Van D.	Feb. 14, 1912
Mary Vernon Van D. (Sam C's mother)	Sept. 1852
Ralph S. Van D.	Dec. 1, 1891

Bits of historical data by Sam C. Van Devender:

I don't know how old my mother was at her death, but I think she was about 28 years. I have heard that she was only 18 when I was born. Am the oldest of her children of five.

As I have previously stated, we are of Holland Dutch descent, some of our paternal ancestors emigrated from Holland to France, perhaps three or four centuries ago, possibly during the Louis dynasty, and settled in Alsace-Lorraine region.

My grandmother, Mary Achors, was full-blood Irish. Her father and mother emigrated from Ireland to Greenbrier County, Virginia - now West Virginia - where she was born. The foregoing facts I gained about the Van Devender family by listening to their conversations - my Grandfather Christopher and others. I would sit and listen as he related circumstances and incidents connected with his early life. In the home around the fireside often he would be in a talking humor and would relate many interesting incidents of his life to me.

After Mother died in 1852, brother John and I lived with our Grandparents for some 4 years. I was 11 years and John was 6 years of age at her death. I heard him tell that when he was ten years of age before he could speak a word of English. One story has it that his father's nearest neighbor was an Irishman also. On one occasion Grandfather needed an iron wedge. As he had none of his own he sent to this neighbor to borrow one. His father could speak English and told him the name of the article to ask for - say "Iron Wedge." On the way to the place he kept repeating the words, so as not to forget it. As he approached near the Irishman's home, the latter's dogs made a run for him and made him lose the name of the tool sought. The Irishman endeavored to help the boy to remember what he wanted, by showing him a number of things, but to no avail. Finally he went back home to get the name again. "Go right back" said the father, and say "Iron Wedge." As he approached the place again the Irishman and his bows drove the dogs away. He uttered the words "Irish Wedge" and was understood.

When he first began to learn English, he said it was to cuss, and he learned that pretty readily and perfectly. But he had to do his cussing when and where his pa and ma could not hear it as they objected to his use of it. When he was about 15 years of age he became a little careless and cussed his plowhorse while he was too near the house where his parents were listening. After his cussing spree he looked toward the house and saw his mother shake her fist at him. This meant that



she had heard his sinful act and was ready to administer the usual remedy as soon as possible. He played shy for some time til he hoped that she had forgotten the offence. But Mother never forgot and she watched for her chance. One day she took him completely by surprise and laid the ready switches on for all it was worth. She whipped a while, then asked him if he knew what it was for. "No, I don't," he lied. At last she finished the second round, then informed him why she gave him two instead of one - the first for cussing, the second for lying by telling her he did not know why the first was given.

My grandfather grew up to be a great hunter. I have heard him relate some of his adventures in the Shenandoah Valley and mountains of Virginia. Quite like romance to me.

My father married and after several children were born he decided to hunt a new country and establish a home. He and two of his brothers went to Indiana to look it over (it was government territory then.) After traveling over that country onsiderably the two brothers decided to locate there, but Pa returned home. The brothers' descendants are said to be in Indiana yet.

Grandpa's stay in Virginia now was brief. He decided to go South (No one can tell why.) With some of his dissatisfied neighbors he went to the Tennessee River and built boats, barges, etc., loaded on their belongings and floated that river to Muscle Shoals, Alabama, and landed to make a settlement.

About this time the Creek and Seminole Indians made war on the settlers of that region. The war was of short duration after General Andrew Jackson was sent against them and soon caused them to sue for peace. The women and children were put into forts where the Indians could do them little or no harm during hostilities. But we are told that they had war of their own in there, as women and children will when penned up together. Uncle Jack Van Devender seems to have been quite a mischievous juvenile in the confinement.

When peace was made our Grandpa decided to go farther South, this time to the Buccatuna country, where they remained til all their children had been born and some of them grown and married. For some reason or other they decided to move to a new location. Christopher, with his son Hiram Van Devender, and Mr. Loper, saddled their horses and rode northwest to what is Kemper County, Mississippi. They found what they desired and filed claim on what they wanted at the U. S. Land Office in the name of Christopher and Hiram Van Devender. Later Jake

followed and filed on some land. This land was deeded to them in 1837. The deed bears the signature of President Martin Van Boren, and is still extant, we are told.

I think they moved to this El Dorado in 1832 - the same year that Burrell Land settled about 40 miles northeast of the new home east of Macon, Mississippi, to me an interesting coincidence. Grandpa Christopher settled near the middle of the new land purchased which seems to have amounted to several sections of red-natured up - or ridge land, rather sandy. One small creek has its beginning on the section where he built, flows north, and joins another branch flowing south making an arm of Dry Creek, which carried quite a stream south and united with a larger stream flowing west. This union was and is still known as Dry Creek, which eventually flows into Pearl River in Neshoba County.

Uncle Jacob settled a mile north of his father on the Winston-Noxubee-Kemper County line. His farm was a mile long and 4 miles wide also cornered with Winston and Noxubee Counties on the Northwest. Kemper County continues 6 miles farther West. Uncle Hiram settled a mile south of his father on the big road running northeast and southwest. Macon to Philadelphia, I think.

Uncle Jonathan settled on or inherited the old homestead, I presume, or bought the other heirs' shares on. At least he was there as far back as I can recollect - 300 feet from his original father's old homestead and a fine tract of land it was. Uncle William A. built his big log house just west of Uncle Hiram. They dug a partnership well and it was famous to many people who traveled the road that passed within 10 feet of it, for its abundance of good water which was only about 30 feet from the surface.

Grandpa Sterrit established his home a quarter south of Uncle Hiram and Uncle William on a quarter section of good farm land. A strip on the south end was swampy and overflowed from the small creek.

1. Thomas D. Van Devender, Died 1896  
Married Sephrona Richardson, who died young  
Leaving 1 son: Purvis Van Devender  
Married Minue Dell Fulton  
Several children  
Both died in Delta in 1930's or 40's  
Thomas Van Devender married also  
Amandy Teer  
Lizzie Van Devender - married MacFarland  
Marietta Van D. - married MacFarland  
Wiley Van Devender - married McBrayer - 12 children
  2. Mary Virginia Van Devender - the oldest child, evidently died young, as I can't get any information concerning her.
  3. Caleb Reed Van Devender  
Married 3 times
    - (a) Georgie White, who soon died childless
    - (b) Bettie Witson, who died likewise two or three years later
    - (c) Mary Jane Creekmore in Jan. 1898. 6 children were born to them as follows:

Tress Oda Van D.	Dec. 23, 1897
Lyda May Van D.	April 24, 1901
Caleb Dewey	Sept. 7, 1903
Jack	Jan. 27, 1906
William Tollie	Oct. 3, 1908
Barbara Lee	Jan. 7, 1912
- Uncle Caleb died Oct. 26, 1913.  
Aunt Mollie died June 18, 1920  
Odie died Feb. 11, 1944  
Tolly's family - born 1908, His wife Genetta Good in 1905  
Mary Dorothy Van D. Fox - 1932  
Shelly Dean Van D. - 1938  
Address when last heard from, May, 1951; 132 Cagle Street  
Louisville, Mississippi
4. Aunt Mississippi was married when about 60 years old to Oliver Good Mcdade. But they separated in 3 or 4 years. She died in Delta.

5. Aunt California Van D., born Nov. 11, 1885

Married William Fulton, born 1883

Their children were:

Cole Fulton - Crocker

Prentiss Dan Fulton - Bostick, Crocker

Sallie Lee Fulton Bostick

George Dewitt - Fulton - Dees

Claudie Ann Fulton Dees and Bryce

Gladys Mae Fulton Dees

Dorus Fulton Burnett

Bart Fulton

Van Fulton

Cole died in his late 20's

Dee died in Detroit in 1949

Prentiss' first wife was Laura Bostick, who died soon after marriage

He married again.

Claudia's first husband was accidentally killed by truck load of lumber. She married again and went to Detroit.

6. Aunt Rosa Lee Van D. married about 1885.

Walter (Lish) Ivory Luke

Their children were:

Louis Luke

Ed Luke

James Luke

Aunt Rosa died in 1898

Jim and son died in 1948

Ed died in 1949

7. Oliver Constantine Van D.

Married Anne Sanford (died 1898)

Their children were

Deannie Van D. Lynch

Earl Dozier Van D.

Bonnie Guinn

Milton Van D.

Uncle O.C. married again but not for long. He died in Madison County. His second marriage was a disgrace and he soon found it out and quit too late.

8. Sterrit Alonzo Van Devender was first married to Lizzie Luke (died 1898)

Their children were

Leslie Van D. - Johnson

Walter Van D. - Palmer, a girl who died quite young.

Uncle Lon married a girl 16 years old named Dozier, by whom he had quite a number of children, but I know nothing about them. Leslie died in 1949, his dad about the same time. At one time he was Master of Summerville Masonic Lodge. Jonathan (Jack) Van Devender went to Brown County at the age of 17 and died there in 1898, leaving a widow but no offspring. Buried at Indian Creek Cemetery near Brownwood, Tex. He went with one Tom Simmons who lived about Old Middleton. They went in ox wagons and were 6 weeks on the road to Brown County, Texas.

9. Christopher Van Devender, born Aug. 10, 1866, Died June 24, 1942. Was married first to Pennsylvania Robuck in 1899. She died in 1903. Their children were:

Ernest, Jan 20, 1900 Married Patterson 1919

Clarence, Aug. 1, 1901

Unk's second bride was Alma Payne, 1879 - 1907.

There children were:

Thomas Van D. - Simmons, Nov. 10, 1909

Lawson Van D. - Henderson, Nov. 21, 1916

Troy Van D., March 14, 1919

Payne Van D., Feb. 1, 1913

Cecil Van D., Feb. 4, 1908

A daughter died in infancy Feb. 1, 1912

Lawson taught school. Ran for County Superintendent of Winston County in 1947. Ernest was killed April 10, 1923, by a falling tree Left 6 children. Thomas died June 1, 1937. Left a daughter. Troy served in World War II in Italy - air corps, I think.

10. Annie Jane Van Devender was married to  
Henry Taylor Land in 1883

Their children were:

Oscar Melvin Land, 1884 - Shields  
Dora Jane Land, 1887, died 1907  
Henry Clayton, 1889 - Fulton, 1917  
William Carter, 1891 - Whitehead, 1920

Breakdown of above children:

O. M. Land married 1884 1913

Carrie B. Shields 1893

Children were:

1. Annie Elizabeth Land, 1914 - Brandon, 1946
2. Mildred Land, 1916 - Waltrip, 1936
3. Lamar Land, 1918 - Tankersly, 1945
4. Chal. K. Land, 1921 - Countryman, 1945
5. Sarah Land, 1925 - Hogg, 1940

	Bettie Sue	1937
	Duane	1939
Mildred	Judy Anne	1943
Lonnie	Lonnie Rex	1946
	Infant Stillborn	1948

Children of William C. Land.

William C. Land, 1891, married Alma Whitehead, 1919

Their children were

Henry John Land, 1920 - Lambright, 1941  
Perry H. Land, 1922 - Dinsworth, 1947  
Shelton Land, 1924 - Parks, 1946  
Annie Laura Land, 1927 - Worsham, 1948  
Harry Thede Land - 1929  
Opal Land, 1931 - Mattlin, 1952

Up to April, 1951, Brother Bill has only one grandson, Billy John,  
July 1, 1950. - no granddaughters at all. Perry is that one's  
daddy - It was born in 1951. Jay called to service in Korea for  
several months in 1951.

Chapter on the Henry T. Land Family's Generalities - Religious or Moral Beliefs, I guess it might be called.

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About the summer of 1892, or 1893 a Methodist preacher named Ferguson led a revival meeting for a week or ten days at Pleasant Springs near Preston, Kemper County, Mississippi. My mother was converted, baptized, and united with that church at that time. She was 27 or 28 years of age. Her life had always been above reproach. Never heard anything to the contrary said of her. She was modest and quiet and never showed off her religion but she lived her belief at home and abroad. She was never boisterous nor behaved herself unseemly. Loved and respected by all who knew her. She was always welcome in any home she chose to visit. She never was a party to any row among kinfolks or anybody else that I ever heard of. She was always on speaking terms with her neighbors and many relatives. I never heard her dispute with her husband. Neither would she permit her children to dispute her word nor quarrel with her. She was a lady in every respect and of few words.