

Eastview Farm and Ranch
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Jervey J.J. Newton;

Bristol. Virginia is on or near the line between East Tennessee and Virginia, about two miles over from Bristol in Tennessee. Seventy five years ago today I was born. The coming winter my father moved into Virginia where he kept me until I was three years old. He lived between Bristol and Abington. These towns are in Washington County. With others, my father started for Texas but stopped thirty six miles south of Knoxville in Monro County, East Tennessee on Island creek about two miles north from where its mouth empties into the Tennessee river. We lived seven miles North of Madisonville, the county town of Monro County. We lived about two and one half miles from McGoes Island, about one and a half miles from the mouth of Telico river.

My mothers name was Betsy Elizabeth Shaffer. My fathers name was Peter Abraham Newton. He was born on the 14th day of December 1812. Mother was about two years younger.

When I was 18 years old, my father started again for Texas. This was in 1865. Father and mother both died on the road, leaving me and four sisters. One about five years older than I. Three younger, the youngest only about five or six years old. One, two or three years younger than myself married in a few months.

In the Spring of 1872, with my three sisters I started again for Texas. About eleven o'clock AM on June 12th we crossed the Red River about twelve miles north of Paris, Lamar County, Texas. We worked our way in Texas arriving about one and a half miles north of Alvarado in Johnson county sometime in late November or early December, where we rented and made four crops.

I was married there on the 20th day of September 1874 to Miss Patsy L. Myers. In November 1875 we started on again in the south-west direction. We bought a start late here in November or the first days of December at Eastview, where we have since made our home.

The names of my brothers and sisters from the oldest down:
John Isaac (he married Susan Pendergrass)
Daniel S. K. (he married Rachel Clemor)
Louisa Eve
Sarah
Myself , William Ray Jacob
Margaret
Louvenia
Amanda Alice

On some sweet day, I may tell you more of myself.

I am remaining yours affectionately,

W.R.J. Newton - *Your Great, Great Grandfather*
J.J. Newton - Your Great Grandfather