

The Pioneering Clements Family of Brown County, Texas



Photographs of the daughters of Israel (1812 GA - 1869 TX) and Harriet C. Anderson Clements (1831 GA - 1891 TX).

Israel was the first Tax Collector of Brown County. Harriet C. Anderson was the daughter of Moses G. Anderson, first County Clerk of Brown County. She was also the sister to Martha Elizabeth Anderson Anderson, wife of William Columbus Anderson. Martha and William were first cousins.

On December 28, 1869, Israel Clements and a ranch hand by the names of George Isaacs got into an altercation with knives, and both men died of their wounds that day. The widow Harriet, continued to run the extensive ranching operation until her death in 1891. Julia, her daughter became administratrix of the estate. The children ran the ranching operations for many years. The ranch was located on and North of the Brownwood Regional Airport.

The children of Israel and Harriet were;

William T. Clements (1855 - 1906?) - Texas Ranger of Frontier Company.
Noted marksman.

Texana Clements (1868 - 1918) - Married Sam Petty and resided in Runnels County. They had three children.

James C. Clements (1860 - 1947) - Remained unmarried and was the last Clements to run the ranch.

Julia C. Clements (1863 - 1913) - Remained unmarried and along with James, ran the family ranch.

Eliza Clements (1866 - 1944) - Remained unmarried and lived on the family ranch with her brother and sister.

Israel Ellis Clements (1870 - 1872) - Died as a toddler.

All of the family is buried in Roberts-Baugh Cemetery, across the Pecan Bayou from their where they lived on the family ranch.

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