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# **The Family History of**

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## GENERATION ONE

**Mercedes L. Dowdy (1995- )** was born in Kaweah Delta Hospital in Visalia, California, during the summer of 1995 to **Jeremy Michael Dowdy (1977- )** and **Tina Marie Brumback (1972- )**. Although she was born one month before the expected delivery date, Mercedes was perfectly healthy and both she and her mother were able to go home the very next day<sup>1</sup>. Mercedes' parents were not yet married and did not live together, so she and her mother returned to her mother's home in Ivanhoe where they lived for the first three months of Mercedes' life, after which they moved to Farmersville. A year later, Mercedes' sister, Michaela, was born.

Mercedes spent most of her childhood in Farmersville. She remembers standing along the main road in Farmersville every Memorial Day where she and her sister would watch the annual parade. The Memorial Day parade was just one of the annual events that the town hosted each year.<sup>2</sup>

Mercedes went to school in Farmersville from kindergarten through the seventh grade. Despite being severely bullied she always did well in school. As an introvert, Mercedes spent most of her time alone drawing and writing. She developed a strong love for art and literature which she explored both in school and at home.

In 2007 Mercedes and her family moved to Arkansas to be with her maternal grandfather who she had only met once before then. After

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<sup>1</sup> Personal knowledge of the author, Mercedes L. Dowdy.

<sup>2</sup> Wikipedia. "Farmersville, California." Accessed 25 September 2019.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Farmersville,\\_California](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Farmersville,_California)

living there for a year, they moved back to California to help take care of Mercedes' paternal grandfather who had been diagnosed with cancer and was undergoing treatment. After returning to California, Mercedes and her family moved in with her grandfather in Visalia, where they stayed until shortly after his death in 2009.

Mercedes attended High school in Visalia until the end of her junior year when the increasing gang violence in the city encouraged her parents to move. Near the end of her junior year, Mercedes and her family moved to Missouri where her maternal grandfather lived. Although she was not happy to leave her friends, Mercedes supported her parent's decision and looked forward to the change of environment.

After she graduated high school Lamar, Missouri in the spring of 2013, Mercedes started college in the fall where she attended three semesters at Missouri Southern State University. Unable to decide on a course for the future, Mercedes took a year off from school to decide what she wanted to do. In the fall of 2016, she transferred to Pittsburg State University and began her journey towards a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with the intent to become a writer. During her time at PSU, Mercedes joined Sigma Tau Delta, the National English Honor Society. The next year she joined the NSLS, the National Society for Leadership and Success. There is no doubt that the connection to organizations is a key part of college life and into larger society. In *Made in America*, Fischer argues that the development of social groups is central to American society.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Claude S. Fischer, *Made in America* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010), 9.

## Generation Two

**A1a. Tina Marie Brumback (1972- )**

**A1b. Jeremy Michael Dowdy (1977- )**

**Tina Marie Brumback (1972- )** was born in Exeter California during the winter of 1972 to **Patricia Ann Garrett (1950- )** and **Robert Eugene Brumback (1949-2016)**. She and her parents lived in the same house that her grandparents lived in when her father was born. At the age of three, Tina's parents split up and she and her elder sister lived with her father until he went to prison at which time, they moved to Texas with their mother. From her short time in Texas, Tina remembers a terrifying instance in which she and her mother were looking at a house for rent when suddenly tarantula started running across the walls and pouring out of cabinets. Not surprisingly, this incident left Tina with a crippling case of arachnophobia.<sup>4</sup>

Tina's bad luck continued after her, her sister, and her mother moved to Las Vegas where her mother's family lived. While there, one of Tina's uncle's committed suicide; at that time, she was down the street and can still remember hearing the gunshot. She stayed with her uncle Tommy during the funeral which happened to be on her seventh birthday. She remembers her uncle Tommy giving her a stuffed Winnie the Pooh, sparking her continued obsession with the character.<sup>5</sup>

After moving back to California, Tina moved back and forth from Visalia and Farmersville for the rest of her childhood, switching

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<sup>4</sup>Tina Dowdy, interview with Mercedes Dowdy 4 November 2019.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid

schools every year. When her mother married her third husband, they moved to the country on a dairy farm where he had been hired. Tina remembers her stepfather bringing them fresh milk every morning after he finished milking the cows. In a later summer, Tina and her sister started visiting their dad every summer, spending their time fishing or going to rodeos to help sell their father's newspaper.<sup>6</sup>

Tina also remembers spending a lot of time with her paternal grandparents which she lived with off and on as a child until she moved in with them permanently in the seventh grade. Some of her fondest memories are of helping her grandfather plant seeds in their garden after he finished carving rows with an old push plow or watching her grandmother spend hours peeling fruit or deshellng walnuts on their front porch. In high school Tina was very social she was a member of Exeter High choir, participated in multiple beauty pageants, and was a candy striper at Visalia Community Hospital where she took care of her grandfather after his stroke. She remembers feeding her grandfather who would not allow anyone else to feed him except for her, even though he could not remember who she was.<sup>7</sup>

After graduating high school, Tina went to Golden State Business College where she was certified to work as a secretary in a medical or legal office. On August 17, 1996, she married **Jeremy Michael Dowdy (1977- )** in Las Vegas, four months after their second child was born. In 2002 she went back to Golden State Business College where she

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<sup>6</sup> Ibid

<sup>7</sup> Ibid



became a certified bookkeeper which she worked as for the next six years before going into customer service because her previous employer had to downsize. After having a stroke in 2011 she was forced to quit working and the next year moved her family to Missouri where her father lived. While in Missouri her first two grandchildren were born.<sup>8</sup>

**Jeremy Michael Dowdy (1977- )** was born in Kaweah Delta Hospital in Visalia, California during the spring of 1977 to **Wanita Fay Williams (1951- )** and **Kevin Dewayne Dowdy (1957-2009)**. He was the middle of three children and a record sized infant at more than eleven pounds. At two years old he had his first brush with death after an asthma attack caused him to stop breathing and his heart stopped. He had a second brush with death at the age of thirteen after being electrocuted in a pool after the pool pump fell in the water and he pushed his nephew out of the water instead of climbing out himself.<sup>9</sup>

As a child, Jeremy spent a lot of time with his paternal grandfather and his uncle Jack who was only one year older than he was. He remembers going on fishing trips with his grandfather, during which he and his uncle would go rattlesnake hunting because they found fishing to be too boring. As a child, Jeremy played football and baseball in school and as he got older, he spent a lot of time skateboarding and racing BMX dirt bikes or quad runners. At the age of sixteen, Jeremy dropped out of high school and moved in with his older sister on the border between California and Arizona. While there, he worked for a company that painted maximum security state

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<sup>8</sup> Ibid

<sup>9</sup> Jeremy Dowdy, interview with Mercedes Dowdy 10 November 2019.

penitentiaries. He remembers one day in particular when he was locked in the death row wing of a woman's penitentiary for two hours while the guards searched for two inmates that had escaped.<sup>10</sup>

By the age of eighteen, Jeremy was back in California and his pregnant girlfriend gave birth to a daughter in 1995. Although he was not the child's biological father, he claimed her as his own even before she was born. Soon after the child's birth, he went to work laying farming irrigation which he did for four years. In 1996 he married his girlfriend, **Tina Marie Brumback (1972- )**, four months after their daughter Michaela was born. He then went to work as a groundskeeper for Sierra View golf course which led to a compulsive particularity for his own yard. After a few years as a mechanic, Jeremy spent ten years as an electrician, during which time he took various courses at a local college. For the past seven years he has worked as an industrial maintenance mechanic at Pitt Plastics in Pittsburg, Kansas.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Ibid

<sup>11</sup> Ibid

### Generation Three

**Ala1. Patricia Ann Garrett (1950- )**

**Ala2. Robert Eugene Brumback (1949-2016)**

**Alb1. Wanita Fay Williams (1951- )**

**Alb2. Kevin Dewayne Dowdy (1957-2009)**

**Patricia Ann Garrett (1950- )** was born in Salt Lake City Utah in the spring of 1950 to **Colleen Ann Griffith (1930- )** and **Wyatt Clyde Garrett (1922-1988)**. She lived in Utah for six years before moving to Okinawa, Japan where her father was stationed on a naval base. While in Japan her younger sister was born and baptized in the South China Sea. After her father retired from the navy, they moved back to Utah where they remained for three years before moving to Las Vegas, Nevada, where she attended junior high and began high school. At the age of sixteen, Patricia married her first husband, **Robert Eugene Brumback (1949-2016)** before moving to Farmersville California where his family lived; later that same year the two had their first child, a daughter named Barbara. Three years later, she was attending Fredric's beauty college which she was forced to drop out of before the school boards due to an injury.<sup>12</sup>

In 1972, Patricia and her husband had their second and last child, their daughter, Tina. Three years later she and her husband split up and their divorce was finalized in 1978. A few years later she met her second husband, a truck driver that she met in a bar where she was competing in a dance contest, an activity that she participated in on a weekly basis for several years. After six months

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<sup>12</sup>Patricia Garrett, interview with Mercedes Dowdy 10 November 2019.

Patricia and her husband divorced. Within a few years she was married to her third and last husband which she divorced five years later.<sup>13</sup>

After her youngest daughter graduated high school in 1990, Patricia went back to school, earning her GED and diploma in 1991. In 1995 she started working at Office Depot in Visalia California where she worked for thirteen years before retiring. While working, she spent her free time playing Pool as practice for annual tournaments, joining the Tulare County Pool Shooter Association and winning some form of prize every year that she played. Patricia also took cake decorating classes, her first creation outside of class was for the seventh birthday of her granddaughter, Mercedes.<sup>14</sup> In 2012 she retired and moved with her daughter and her family to Missouri where she spends her time reading and enjoying retirement in an apartment complex next door to her daughter's home.<sup>15</sup>

**Robert Eugene Brumback (1949-2016)** was born to **Mary Alice Dalton (1907-1988)** and **Charles Henry Brumback (1892-1986)** during the summer of 1949 in Exeter California, about four miles from the little town of Farmersville where he lived through his childhood. From a young age he helped his father pick cotton in their field and started hanging drywall when he was a teenager, a job which he continued to do for the rest of his life, most of that time working for himself.<sup>16</sup>

He married his first wife in 1967, having their first child later that year and their second child five years later. He was the

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<sup>13</sup> Ibid

<sup>14</sup> Ibid

<sup>15</sup> Personal Knowledge of the author, Mercedes Dowdy.

<sup>16</sup> Tina Dowdy, interview with Mercedes Dowdy 3 November 2019.

president of a motorcycle club though his 20s during which time he built custom choppers for himself and several of his fellow members. His connection with the club continued until he was arrested a short time after marrying his second wife.<sup>17</sup>

After being released from prison a few years later he went to Nevada to visit family. While there, he met his third wife who was a cocktail waitress at a strip club. Shortly after their marriage, the two moved to Oklahoma where he became a rodeo photographer and even sold a photo to the cowboy hall of fame. He started his own rodeo newspaper called "Roping and Rodeo News" which he shot the photography for and his wife was an editor.<sup>18</sup> The first issue of his newspaper was printed in September of 1980, which he dedicated to his two daughters.<sup>19</sup> In 1981 he was a member of the Midwest Cowboy Association, Bartlesville Roundup Club, and American Cowboys Rodeo Association.<sup>20</sup>

In the middle of the 1980s he moved to Georgia where he divorced his third wife and later met and married his fourth wife who was involved in song writing. He became involved with the Atlanta Song Writing Association where he and his wife were vice presidents. He met and worked with various singers including the Georgia Satellites and Mark Wells. He even met Allan Jackson before he became famous. After he divorced his fourth wife, he left Georgia and moved to Arkansas in the early 2000s where he married his fifth and final wife. He worked there

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<sup>17</sup> Ibid

<sup>18</sup> Ibid

<sup>19</sup> Brumback, Robert. Roping and Rodeo News, September, 1980. Print.

<sup>20</sup> Tina Dowdy, interview with Mercedes Dowdy 3 November 2019.

for about ten years, retiring when his company went bankrupt, after which he moved to Missouri where he died of cancer seven years later.<sup>21</sup>

**Wanita Fay Williams (1951- )** was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana to **Mona Eileen Clark (1919-2004)** and **Harold Dean Williams (1913-1978)**. Some of her clearest memories from Louisiana are riding on horseback with her brother while being chased by a bobcat or going fishing and crabbing with her parents. She also clearly remembers when her family moved to California. She recalls nearly floating across a bridge because the water was so high and having to hold their cloths out of the car windows so that they could dry because their trunk had filled with water and soaked their luggage.<sup>22</sup>

In 1970, Wanita married her first husband and gave birth to their daughter Christina eight years later after he returned from Vietnam. After a twenty-nine-day marriage to her second husband, she married her third Husband, **Kevin Dewayne Dowdy (1957-2009)** who she worked with at Bailey's Clothing Company. Kevin raised her daughter as his own and in 1977 the two had their first child together, followed by their last child six years later. After divorcing Kevin, Wanita met her fourth husband, Theodorro Arce who she worked with at StarCraft building Van interiors. Their marriage ceremony took place in their backyard where the two were baptized in the swimming pool as part of the ceremony. She spends most of her time on craft projects and spending time with her dozen pet dachshunds.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> Ibid

<sup>22</sup> Wanita Arce, interview with Mercedes Dowdy 23 November 2019.

<sup>23</sup> Ibid

**Kevin Dewayne Dowdy (1957-2009)** was born during the Autumn of 1958 in Flint Michigan to **Mary Catherine Widman (1934-1987)** and **Orlan Edward Dowdy (1934-1997)**. As a toddler, his mother left her family to go take care of her ill parents and never came back. At the age of sixteen he worked at the Pop Shop, as a delivery man. He was working at Bailey's Clothing Company as a material handler when he married **Wanita Fay Williams (1951- )**. He worked at a rock quarry in Woodlake with his father in the late 1970s and had a brief stint as a dirt track racecar driver which his wife forced him to stop after watching him turn around a corner on a single wheel.<sup>24</sup> Although he no longer drove, one of his brothers did. His granddaughter Mercedes remembers going to the races to watch him drive, accompanied by at least a dozen other family members. Kevin spent six years rebuilding classic cars before being forced to retire because of the effects of his cancer, which he died from in 2009.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> Ibid

<sup>25</sup> Personal knowledge of the author, Mercedes Dowdy.

#### Generation Four

**Ala1a. Colleen Ann Griffith (1930- )**

**Ala1b. Wyatt Clyde Garrett (1922-1988)**

**Ala2a. Mary Alice Dalton (1907-1988)**

**Ala2b. Charles Henry Brumback (1892-1986)**

**Alb1a. Mona Eileen Clark (1919-2004)**

**Alb1b. Harold Dean Williams (1913-1978)**

**Alb2a. Mary Catherine Widman (1934-1987)**

**Alb2b. Orlan Edward Dowdy (1934-1997)**

**Mona Eileen Clark (1919-2004)** was born in 1919 to **Sallie Shyer (1895-1921)** and **Ira Allen Clark (1839-1935)**. She married her first husband at the age of fifteen. During the war she was a USO dancer and rewound motors in a factory. She also ran moonshine during the prohibition. Her daughter was born to her second Husband, **Harold Dean Williams (1913-1978)** who she lived with in Louisiana while running a thread shop. After moving to California, she started work at Bailey's Clothing Company where she worked until her retirement at the age of seventy-two. She married her fourth husband in Las Vegas on the same day that her grandson, Jeremy, got married.<sup>26</sup>

**Harold Dean Williams (1913-1978)** was born in 1913 to **Dora Mary Boyer (1898-1955)** and **Ray Williams (1893-1928)**. As a teenager, he was a golden globe boxer. After marrying **Mona Eileen Clark (1919-2004)** he enlisted in the Army and served in Lyon, France as a cook. After being discharged, he lived with his wife in Louisiana where he worked as a

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<sup>26</sup> Wanita Arce, interview with Mercedes Dowdy 23 November 2019.



bartender and oyster shucker. He started work at a magazine distributor after moving to California. Harold died in 1978; his daughter was not able to attend his funeral because she was having a c-section performed at the time.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>27</sup> Ibid

### Generation Five

Ala1a1. Hattie Irene Hammond (1903-1998)  
Ala1a2. Ralph Layton Griffith (1902-1970)

Ala1b1. Mildred Sanders (1886-1969)  
Ala1b2. William Clyde Garrett (1885-1934)

Ala2a1. Nina Darnell (1875-1965)  
Ala2a2. Henry Sylvanius Daulton (1888-1980)

Ala2b1. Alice Liza Sumpter (1867-1957)  
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Alb2a2. Harry Wesley Widman (1897-1974)

Alb2b1. Edna Marie Dempsey (1910-2004)  
Alb2b2. Andrew Jackson Dowdy (1895-1983)

**Hattie Irene Hammond (1903- 1998)** was born in Lake Point, Utah to **Jerusha Ann Garrard (1875-1943)** and **William Jameson Hammond (1867-1925)**.<sup>28</sup> She remained in Lake Point, Utah until her death 1998 when she was buried in Tooele City Cemetery.<sup>29</sup> Hattie married **Ralph Layton Griffith (1902-1970)** in Tooele City Utah on February 26, 1923.<sup>30</sup> Ralph

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<sup>28</sup> "Utah Births and Christenings, 1892-1941," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F82Z-PQP> : 10 February 2018), null, 06 Mar 1903; citing E. T., reference p 16 n 16; FHL microfilm 482,524.

<sup>29</sup> "BillionGraves Index," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KF6G-6Y9> : 24 June 2015), Hattie H Griffith, died 08 Dec 1998; citing *BillionGraves* (<http://www.billiongraves.com> : 2012), Burial at Tooele City Cemetery, Tooele, Tooele, Utah, United States.

<sup>30</sup> "Utah Marriages, 1887-1935," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F8PS-GQY> : 10 February 2018), Ralph Layton Griffith and Hattie Irene Hammond, 26 Feb 1923; citing Tooele City, Tooele, Utah; FHL microfilm 482,502.

was born to **Joseph Richard Griffith JR (1864-1913)** and **Mary Lavinnia Layton (1876-1965)** on April 21 1902 in Salt Lake City, Utah.<sup>31</sup> By 1920, he and his five siblings moved to Lake Point, Utah with their mother,<sup>32</sup> where he married his wife three years later.<sup>33</sup> Ralph remained in Lake Point until his death in April of 1970; He was buried in Tooele City Cemetery where his wife would later join him.<sup>34</sup>

**Mildred Sanders (1886-1969)** was born January 21, 1886 in South Carolina to **Cornelia Sexton (1858-?)** and **Jackson Wallace Sanders (1846-?)**. By 1900, Mildred was living in Laurens, South Carolina as the second of three children.<sup>35</sup> By 1910 she was married with two

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<sup>31</sup> "Utah, Salt Lake County Birth Records, 1890-1915," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XX61-3BL> : 5 December 2014), Ralph Layton Griffith, 21 Apr 1902; citing 13, Salt Lake, Utah, line 12601, Records Manager and Archive, Salt Lake City; FHL microfilm 4,121,046.

<sup>32</sup> "United States Census, 1920," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M8PK-JGT> : accessed 25 November 2019), Ralph Griffith in household of Mrs J R Griffith, Lake Point, Tooele, Utah, United States; citing ED 175, sheet 3B, line 58, family 54, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 1867; FHL microfilm 1,821,867.

<sup>33</sup> "Utah, County Marriages, 1887-1940", database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XL32-65L> : 4 August 2017), Mr. Ralph Layton Griffith and Miss Hattie Irene Hammond, 1923.

<sup>34</sup> "Find A Grave Index," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVVG-KSQ4> : 26 July 2019), Ralph Layton Griffith, 1970; Burial, Tooele, Tooele, Utah, United States of America, Tooele City Cemetery; citing record ID 102312, *Find a Grave*, <http://www.findagrave.com>.

<sup>35</sup> "United States Census, 1900," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M3T4-Z85> : accessed 25 November 2019), Mildred Sanders in household of Jackson W Sanders, Laurens Township (east part, excl. Laurens town), Laurens, South Carolina, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 55, sheet 8B, family 123, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,241,533.

children, a daughter of one year and a son of three.<sup>36</sup> Mildred was married to **William Clyde Garret Sr. (1885-1934)**, born 19 December 1885 to **Eudora Godfrey (1864-1949)** and **William Allen Garrett (1863-1950)** in Laurens, South Carolina. Clyde died in February of 1934 in Laurens, South Carolina and was buried in the Warrior Creek Church Cemetery.<sup>37</sup>

**Nina Darnell (1875-1965)** was born on July 9, 1888 to **Ida Hart Rowlett (1859-1928)** and **Edward Madison Darnell (1846-?)**, whom she and her elder sister lived with in Fannin, Texas in 1900.<sup>38</sup> On December 26, 1901, she married **Henry Sylvanius Daulton (1875-1965)** in Delta, Texas.<sup>39</sup> By 1910 the two still lived in Fannin but were now parents of two daughters, Ida and Mary.<sup>40</sup> By 1920 the two had five children and were

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<sup>36</sup> "United States Census, 1910," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M5D1-WY2> : accessed 25 November 2019), Mildred Garrett in household of Clyde Garrett, Laurens Ward 3, Laurens, South Carolina, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 56, sheet 15A, family 258, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 1465; FHL microfilm 1,375,478.

<sup>37</sup> "South Carolina Deaths, 1915-1965," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N965-R3F> : 18 July 2017), William Clyde Garrett, 07 Feb 1934; citing , Garrett, William Clyde, 1934, Department of Archives and History, State Records Center, Columbia; FHL microfilm 1,943,800.

<sup>38</sup> "United States Census, 1900," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M3G3-RX4> : accessed 26 November 2019), Nina Darnall in household of E M Darnall, Justice Precinct 7, Fannin, Texas, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 80, sheet 10B, family 184, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,241,634.

<sup>39</sup> "Texas Marriages, 1837-1973," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FXM5-MMC> : 11 February 2018), H. S. Daulton and Nina Darnall, 26 Dec 1901; citing Delta, Texas, , reference 344; FHL microfilm 1,302,010.

<sup>40</sup> "United States Census, 1910," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M2MH-MHL> : accessed 26 November 2019), Nina Daulton in household of Henry S Daulton, Justice Precinct 7, Fannin, Texas, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 57, sheet 1A, family 3, NARA microfilm publication T624

living in Bryan, Oklahoma.<sup>41</sup> Nina's great granddaughter, Tina, remembers sitting on her bed and listening to her tell stories after Nina had gone mostly blind and that she wore thick glasses that looked like the bottom of glass soda bottles.<sup>42</sup> Nina was buried in the Visalia Public Cemetery after her death in May of 1980.<sup>43</sup>

**Henry Sylvanius Daulton (1888-1980)** was born on the 15 of February 1888. He was a career farm laborer, working multiple locations in Texas including Bonham where he produced the first bale of cotton for the season in 1913.<sup>44</sup> Henry picked up his career of farming after moving to California, where his daughter and grandson helped him work the field. Henry's mother was **Mary Elizabeth Daulton (1850-?)**, his father however is a point of debate. His father was called Jack and had the last name Daulton which was Mary's maiden

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(Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 1548; FHL microfilm 1,375,561.

<sup>41</sup> "United States Census, 1920," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MJ94-3HH> : accessed 26 November 2019), Nina Daulton in household of Henry Daulton, Bokchito, Bryan, Oklahoma, United States; citing ED 33, sheet 7B, line 89, family 132, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 1454; FHL microfilm 1,821,454.

<sup>42</sup> Tina Dowdy, interview with Mercedes Dowdy 3 November 2019.

<sup>43</sup> "BillionGraves Index," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:7YBZ-RY2M> : 30 April 2019), Nina Daulton, died 28 May 1980; citing *BillionGraves* (<http://www.billiongraves.com> : 2012), Burial at Visalia Public Cemetery, Visalia, Tulare, California, United States.

<sup>44</sup> The Daily Ardmoreite. (Ardmore, Oklahoma), 22 August 1913. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers. Lib. of Congress. Accessed 22 September 2019. <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85042303/1913-08-22/ed-1/seq-1/#date1=1890&index=3&rows=20&words=Daulton&searchType=basic&sequence=0&state=Oklahoma&date2=1963&proxtext=Daulton&y=0&x=0&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=1>

name. However, no records have been found about Jack by any family members as of this day. Information about Henry's parents was kept secret by his wife who burned any paper records before she died. Family lore suggests that Henry's father was a direct relative to the Dalton Gang.<sup>45</sup>

The Dalton Gang was a group of outlaw brothers during the years of 1890-1892.<sup>46</sup> The common belief is that he was the illegitimate son of Adeline Younger before she married Lois Daulton or the illegitimate son of one of her boys. Henry's great granddaughter, Tina, remembers him referring to Emit Dalton and Bob Dalton as his uncles and even named one of his sons after Emit.<sup>47</sup>

**Alice Liza Sumpter (1867-1957)** was born May 25, 1867 in Jasper Missouri to **Nancy Jane Shipman (1844-1870)** and **James H. Sumpter (1844-1899)**. By 1910 she had married **Carey Woodson Brumback (1863-1924)** and had seven children. She went by the name Missouri, had thirteen children and was married five times over the course of her lifetime.<sup>48</sup> **Carey Woodson Brumback (1863-1924)** was born to **Sarah E. Stansberry (1844-1907)** and **Samuel Martin Brumback (1840-1917)** on October 16, 1863 in Lawrence County, Missouri where he and his four siblings lived in

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<sup>45</sup> Tina Dowdy, interview with Mercedes Dowdy 3 November 2019.

<sup>46</sup> Wikipedia. "Dalton Gang." Accessed 25 November 2019.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dalton\\_Gang](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dalton_Gang)

<sup>47</sup> Tina Dowdy, interview with Mercedes Dowdy, 3 November 2019.

<sup>48</sup> Ibid

1870.<sup>49</sup> Carey was buried in the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery in Miami, Oklahoma after his death in 1924.<sup>50</sup>

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<sup>49</sup> "United States Census, 1870", database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M46F-3C5> : 12 June 2019), Carey W Brumback in entry for Samuel Brumback, 1870.

<sup>50</sup> "Find A Grave Index," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QK1F-XSXX> : 5 June 2019), C. W. Brumback, ; Burial, Miami, Ottawa, Oklahoma, United States of America, Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery; citing record ID 142815125, *Find a Grave*, <http://www.findagrave.com>.