

Colwell Family of Hackberry

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1822-1902

Andrew Jackson Colwell I was born May 3, 1822, came to Angelina County, Texas with his parents from Alabama at age 14 years on January 1, 1835. Nancy Harriet Hughes, born June 30, 1834, came to Texas from Louisiana in 1842. They were married January 7, 1850, in Angelina County. They had 12 children; two boys and one girl died very young; four boys and five girls lived to be grown and had families. We have traced them from Angelina County to Tarrant County in 1870. In 1879 J. M. Throop and wife F. A. M. Throop sold Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Colwell I three hundred and nineteen acres of land more or less situated in Dallas County, Texas, on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. This location was known as "The Hackberry Community." It had a one-room school house that was also used as a church house on Sunday. Andrew farmed until he came to Dallas County and then became a ranchman. On January 7, 1900, Andrew and Nancy celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. On January 10, 1902, Andrew I passed away and was buried in the Keenan Cemetery at Farmers Branch. In 1921 Nancy moved with her son, Wiley, to California. She was in her nineties when she passed away and was buried in California.

1870-1943

Andrew Jackson Colwell II was born in Tarrant County, Texas, April 9, 1871. Catherine Dick was born in Illinois September 27, 1870. Her parents were Charles Dick and Barbara Bruckner Dick. They came to the United States from Germany. Andrew and Catherine married February 26, 1888, in Dallas County. They bought a parcel of land (160 acres) July 8, 1889, from H. O. Foster and wife, E. M. Foster. The land was situated in Dallas County on the west side of Elm Fork of the Trinity River about twelve miles northwest of Dallas. This was known as the Hackberry Community, Rt. 1, Coppell, Texas, Dallas County. They lived on the farm until 1909, at which time they moved into Dallas at 309 Terry Street, a house that Catherine had inherited from her parents.

On March 7, 1912, A. J. Colwell was employed by the City of Dallas as a mounted policeman. In 1916 he retired from the City and they moved back to the farm. They repaired the house, added on three rooms, painted the house and planted an orchard.

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