

Endnotes

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- ² Odintz, "Williamson County," in Tyler, ed., *The New Handbook of Texas* (Austin: Texas State Historical Association), vol. 6, p. 993; Scarbrough, *Land of Good Water*, pp. 22-25.
- ³ Scarbrough, *Land of Good Water*, 54-55.
- ⁴ Scarbrough, *Land of Good Water*, 56-57.
- ⁵ Scarborough, *Land of Good Water*, 58-64; Jeffrey D. Carlisle, "Tonkawa Indians," in Tyler, ed., *The New Handbook of Texas*, vol. 6, 526.
- ⁶ Scarborough, *Land of Good Waters*, 64-65.
- ⁷ Translation of Mexican land grant to Orvill Perry, August 10, 1835, in Mexican land grant records, Land Grant 3028, Box 38, Folder 1, Texas General Land Office (hereafter TGLO); Williamson County Land Grant Map, Sept. 11, 1946, TGLO. The name appears in some sources as Orville. In 1835 Perry, from Louisiana, was 34 years old; he and his 24-year-old-wife had three children. See Malcolm D. McClean, ed., *Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony in Texas*. (19 vols., Arlington: University of Texas At Arlington Press, 1974-1993), vol. XI, pp. 275-276.
- ⁸ Carolyn Hyman, "Glasscock, George Washington," in Tyler, ed., *New Handbook of Texas* 3:182.
- ⁹ Partition Deed, Thomas Huling and Henry Millard to George Glasscock, January 20, 1839, in Williamson County Deed Records 1:400, Williamson County Courthouse, Georgetown, Texas. According to the partition settlement, the partnership had accumulated almost 100,000 acres of land, or rights to lands, by 1839.
- ¹⁰ Deed and power of attorney from Antonio Flores to George Glasscock, October 22, 1835 (Flores signed with an "X"), Antonio Flores Land Grant File Milam 1-268, TGLO; Deed and power of attorney from Nicholas Porter to Glasscock, March 3, 1838, in Nicholas Porter Land Grant File Milam 1-269, TGLO. For Glasscock concluding these deals for the partnership, see partition deed cited above.
- ¹¹ Patent dates from notations on Antonio Flores and Nicholas Porter land grants, land grant files, TGLO; Hyman, "Glasscock, George Washington," p. 182.
- ¹² Scarbrough, *Land of Good Waters*, pp. 124-126.
- ¹³ Hyman, "Glasscock, George Washington," p. 182.
- ¹⁴ Ken England, *Historical Sketch of the Old Settlers Association of Williamson County, Texas*. (N.P.: 1966) pp., 35, 38.
- ¹⁵ Scarbrough, *Land of Good Waters*, 184; England, *Historical Sketch of the Old Settlers Association*, 39.
- ¹⁶ Scarbrough, *Land of Good Waters*, 242-243.
- ¹⁷ Certified copy of partition of Glasscock estate, March 12, 1870, in abstract of title for San Gabriel Park compiled by Polk-Sutton Abstract Company, in San Gabriel Park deed files, Georgetown Legal Department, Georgetown, Texas.
- ¹⁸ Warranty deed, George W. Glasscock to Andrew J. Glasscock, January 22, 1873, Williamson County Deed Records 14:234; warranty deed, A.J. Glasscock to George W. Glasscock, June 21, 1882, Williamson County Deed Records 29:120. Birth and death dates from Carolyn Hyman, "Glasscock, George Washington, Jr.," in Tyler, ed., *The New Handbook of Texas*, 3:182.
- ¹⁹ Carolyn Hyman, "Glasscock, George Washington, Jr.," p. 182.
- ²⁰ Scarbrough, *Land of Good Water*, 238.
- ²¹ Scarbrough, *Land of Good Water*, 225; England, *Historical Sketch*, 39; Samuel B. Hesler, "Penn, William Evander," in Tyler, *New Handbook of Texas* 5:139-140.
- ²² Scarbrough, *Land of Good Water*, 225.
- ²³ Scarbrough, *Land of Good Water*, 286-287.
- ²⁴ England, *Historical Sketch*, 39; Scarbrough, *Land of Good Water*, 286, 288.
- ²⁵ England, *Historical Sketch*, 13, 16, 18.
- ²⁶ The Old Settler's Association grew out of a series of Confederate veteran reunions which had been held in the county during the late 1890s and early 1900s. Organized by prominent Williamson County citizens

such as George Glasscock, Jr. and W.K. Makemson, the association offered membership to "all whites who came to the county prior to January 1, 1871, their lineal descendants, and their husbands and/or wives." By October 1904, the Association had 279 members. England, *Historical Sketch*, 6-7, 11.

²⁷England, "Historical Sketch," 18-21.

²⁸Lease mentioned in Deed of Partition, Albert H. Glasscock, et al, to Helen J. Glasscock, June 22, 1911, Williamson County Deed Records, 136: 378.

²⁹Scarborough, *Land of Good Water*, 348.

³⁰ Deed of Partition, Albert H. Glasscock, et al, to Helen J. Glasscock, June 22, 1911, Williamson County Deed Records, 136: 378.

³¹ Deed from Helen J. Glasscock to I.M. Williams, July 27, 1912, Williamson County Deed Records, 147:297.

³²*History of Texas, Together with a Biographical History of Milam, Williamson, Bastrop, Travis, Less and Burleson Counties*. Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1893, pp. 559-560; Jane Williams, "Early and Middle History of the Williams Family and Their Kin," typescript produced at Texas Women's University in 1964, Xerox copy now in possession of Mrs. Frances Shell, Florence, Texas, pp. 2-3; Jean Shroyer and Hazel Wood, comps. and eds., *Williamson County, Texas: Its History and Its People* (Nortex Press, 1985), 42. Birth and death dates for I.M. Williams from Williams family geneological materials in possession of Frances Shell.

³³Williams, "Early and Middle History of the Williams Family," p. 4.

³⁴For a suggestion that Williams may have been charging fees for use of the property, see below for the practice definitely adopted by his son. I.M. Williams was known to be a shrewd, even hard, businessman. See Jane Williams, "Early and Middle History of the Williams Family and their Kin," 3.

³⁵ England, "Historical Sketch," 39-40.

³⁶ Scarborough, *Land of Good Water*, 372; England, *Historical Sketch*, 40.

³⁷Taulbee's account of the flood in England, *Historical Sketches*, leaves the impression that the entire grove was destroyed, but this is contradicted by a 1933 description of the area, which mentions "the great grove of giant trees" there. See Williamson County *Sun*, July 14, 1933.

³⁸Birth and death dates and family information from Williams family geneological material in possession of Mrs. Frances Shell, Florence, Texas; Deed from Mrs. E.E. Williams to Willie Williams and his unnamed children, February 27, 1925, Williamson County Deed Records 220:465.

³⁹ Deed from Willie Williams, Lora Williams, Wayne Williams, Lea Williams, Irene Parker and Russell Parker to the City of Georgetown, August 17, 1933, Williamson County Deed Records 266:498.

⁴⁰Minutes of the Georgetown City Council, July 3, 1933.

⁴¹ Williamson County *Sun*, July 14, 1933.

⁴² Williamson County *Sun*, July 14, 1933.

⁴³ Deed from Willie Williams, Lora Williams (his wife), Wayne Williams (his son), Lea Williams (Wayne's wife), Irene Parker (Willie's daughter), and Russell Parker (Irene's husband), to City of Georgetown, August 17, 1933, Williamson County Deed Records 266:498. Will's children and their spouses were parties to the contract because, as noted above, Will owned only a life interest in the land.

⁴⁴ Georgetown City Council minutes, August 14, 1933.

⁴⁵ Georgetown City Council Minutes, January 8, 1934; May 14, 1934; August 12, 1934; February 10, 1936; February 12, 1940; January 12, 1942; June 28, 1944; April 8, 1946; May 13, 1946; January 12, 1953.

⁴⁶ Georgetown City Council Minutes, September 8, 1953; December 13, 1954; January 14, 1956; March 11, 1957; April 30, 1962; March 15, 1966; January 20, 1969.

⁴⁷ Telephone interview by John Leffler with Kimberly Garrett, Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department, April 1998.

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