



Can Family Get-Together



Sanford Slaton was born in the Cherokee Nation on July 28, 1827. Not too far away in the same nation, Robert Goin was born in 1828. The Williams family was from the same group of people in the Georgia area.

The Cherokee Nation had been operating fairly well and provided a government that took care of its people. The tribe had previously lived in Northern Virginia and were forced to move. While in the Georgia area the Cherokee tribe was ordered to liquidate and find their way to the west.

Robert Goin is buried in Monclova, Mexico, where he died in 1848 while serving the United States Military during the Mexican War.

Twelve years after Robert Goin was killed in the fight in Mexico, Sanford Slaton, George Williams, and George W. Goin were in the Civil War together.

Sanford Slaton was married to Nancy J. Williams some time before the Civil War. Nancy J. Williams' parents were John and Eliza Wood Williams. Eliza Wood Williams was a school teacher in the Milledgeville, Georgia prison system that was in operation at the time the federal government was seizing all of the Cherokee's property.

The older mother, Eliza Wood Williams died in Texas and is buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Arlington along with Noah Goin, the youngest child of George Washington and Eliza Wood Goin.

Nancy (Williams) Slaton was born in the Cherokee nation and was an addition to Eliza Wood Williams and George Williams small family, which consisted of Eliza Wood Williams and Sophia Williams.

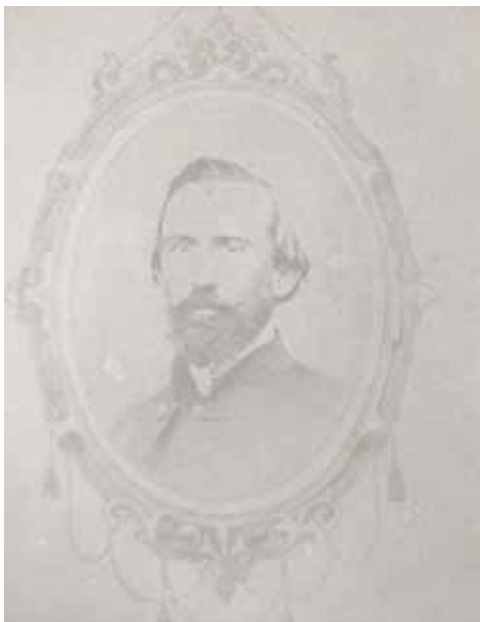


Baby is Mary Slaton's child. Sophia Estes is seated by her mother Eliza Wood Williams, who is in the door. This photo was taken at their home at about the time of the Civil War. They paid taxes in 1850. This place is now the Cagle Hill Farm.



G.W. Williams – Author of Civil War Letters

Robert Goin took a wife in his early manhood at the age of 16. With his wife, they had three boys. George W. Goin was born on February 22, 1842 (ironically George Washington's birthday) and was the oldest. The young boys did not see much of their father after he was enlisted to fight at an early age and sent to Mexico. Little is known about the fate of this orphaned family and how George W. Goin made his way to Texas.



George Washington Goin

Photo Made around 1880

The husband to Eliza Wood Goin; he was a Civil War Veteran that served with Sanford Slaton in the Virginia and eastern state campaign of the war.



Eliza Wood Williams as a teen in Georgia before she got married to George Washington Goin and moved to Texas To Tintop during 1870's.

Her mother was named Eliza Wood Williams and lived to be 102 years old. Eliza Wood Williams mother was a teacher at Mileadageville, Georgia.

This photo was made in the late 1850's in Georgia.

She is the mother of Wood Goin, our grandfather, and is a sister to Sophia Williams and Nancy Slaton. They had a brother named G.W. Williams who wrote the Civil War letters to his mother and sisters after they moved to Texas.

We do know that he was married on September 29, 1866 to Eliza Wood Williams. To them was born Wood Mize (1870), Sally (1868), Robert T. (1873), George Albert (1876), John W. (1878), Eliza W. (1880), and Noah (1883).



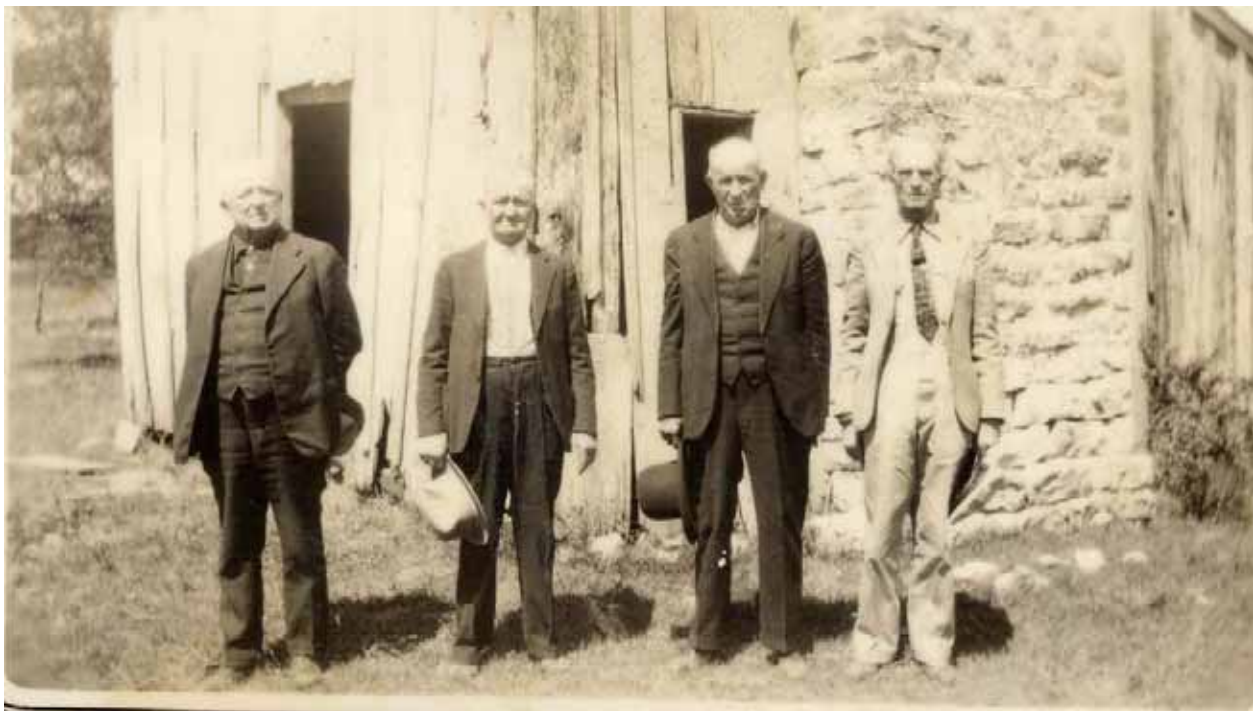
Wood Goin

He looks to be about 16 years old, photo probably made in the middle 1880's. This was made after the disaster at Tin Top.



George, Jim and Wood Goin

Cutting wood at Black Jack home north of Aubrey on hill. I have a story Aunt Sis wrote of the old house that is in the background.

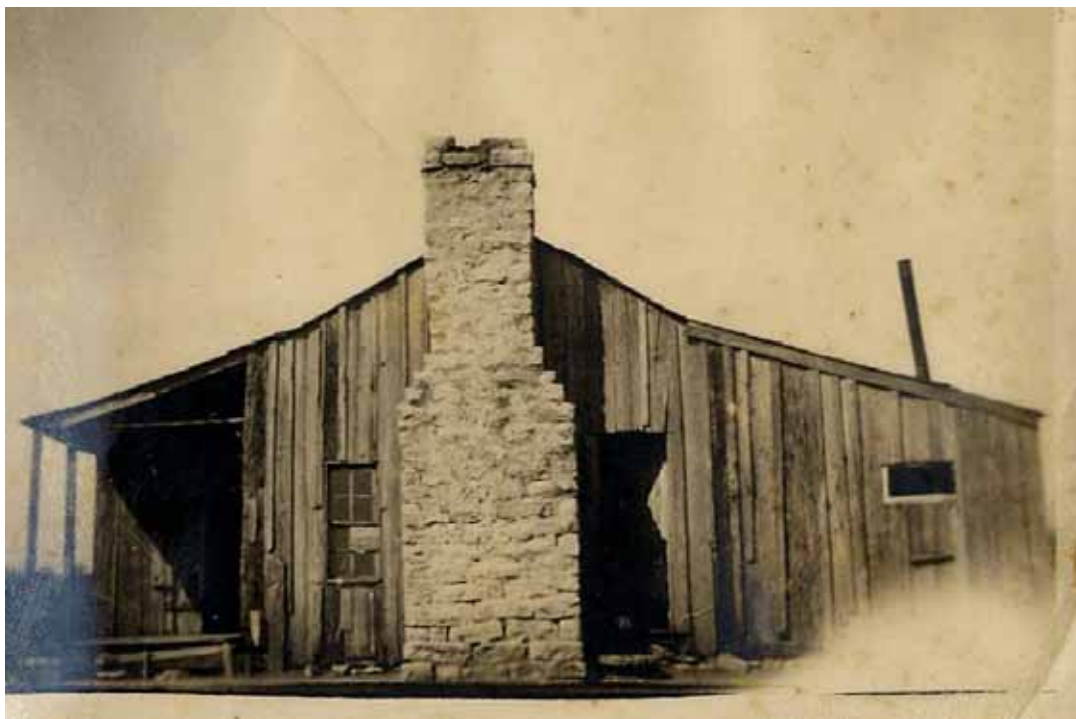


Left to right: Wood Mize, Robert, Albert T., and John W. Goin visting the old home remains fifty years after they left as teenagers in despair. Photo made 1938.



The back side of the old home place which includes the contaminated well that brought disaster to the George Goin family and left Wood, Sally, Bob, Albert and John orphans with no place to go except to Uncle Sanford and Aunt Nancy Slaton

in Onega (Aubrey), Texas. Photo made in 1938.



Another view of the George Washington Goin home that was located near the Brazos River and Tintop (Old Balch) as it appeared in 1938.



Uncle John Goin, Grandpa Wood Mize Goin, Uncle Robert (Bob) Goin and Uncle Albert Goin. They are at the graves of their parents, George Washington Goin and Eliza Wood Williams Goin, at Tin Top, Texas. This photo was taken in 1938 – Wood Mize was 66 at this time.

George W. Goin, Eliza Wood and daughter Eliza Wood were all buried within one year of each other at their ranch in Tin Top, Texas.

William James (W.J.) Slaton was born on June 2, 1860, while his father, Sanford, and his uncles, George Williams and George Goin were serving in the Civil War (according to the old letter written in Vicksburg).

William James served as county treasurer about the time the court house on the square was constructed in 1896.

It is through the graces of his son James B. Slaton who was born in 1907, and died in 1992, that we have the Civil War letters. He left these letters with Jim Goin who then passed them on to me.

Sanford Slaton owned what later became “Merry Land Farm.” The farm was deeded from the Coblers’s daughter, Ann Slaton to Wood Goin and then in 1920's was deeded to H.D. McKinney.

Just to the west of the Merry Land Farm, there were a few acres that became the Black Jack School. On top of the hill and to the north was where Jim Goin was born to Wood and Laura Goin on June 1, 1897, George Carlton (1894), one infant son (1892), Lillian (1900), Archie (1903) and Joe B. (1907).



Wood Mize Goin holding son, George Carlton, is seated by his wife, Laura Jane (Harmon) Goin.

Standing is a brother named John William Goin who was deaf and mute due to a typhus infection that was contracted when the Goin family lived at Tin Top, Texas.

This photo was made in Pilot Point, Texas in 1894.

Laura J. Harmon was born in Glen Alice, Tennessee and came to Texas when she was seven years old. She came with the father and two brothers in 1879

COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, NOV. 17, 19

R. T. Goin Is Lover of Fine Horses



The racing meet in Arlington and the blooded racers straining every ounce of strength to be the first to reach the winning post brought back many memories of bygone days to one Arlington man, a man who has always loved horses and in his younger days spent many hours training and breaking them. This man is R. T. Goin who has lived in Arlington for many years and who has seen the town develop from a small trading center to its present day proportions.

Thirty-three years ago when Mr. Goin was a young man, W. M. Dugan, Arlington's first banker, bought two fine horses and began to look around for some one to break and train them for the saddle and for driving purposes. Mr. Goin, hearing of this, interviewed Mr. Dugan and secured the position. In those days Mr. Goin says he could get any horse in shape in three months, and that, in the same length of time he could, by the use of blankets, dapple them so they would win prizes in any horse show. He soon had Mr. Dugan's horses in shape and they won many prizes in horse shows.

Mr. Goin claims that to be a successful trainer, you have to love horses and have the patience of Job. The first thing he says is to win the confidence and love of the horse, the rest is just a question of time.

In those early days they had no race tracks and had to work out the horses on the streets which

a terrific rate of speed, but most times in safety for it was almost impossible to turn the two wheeled affair over.

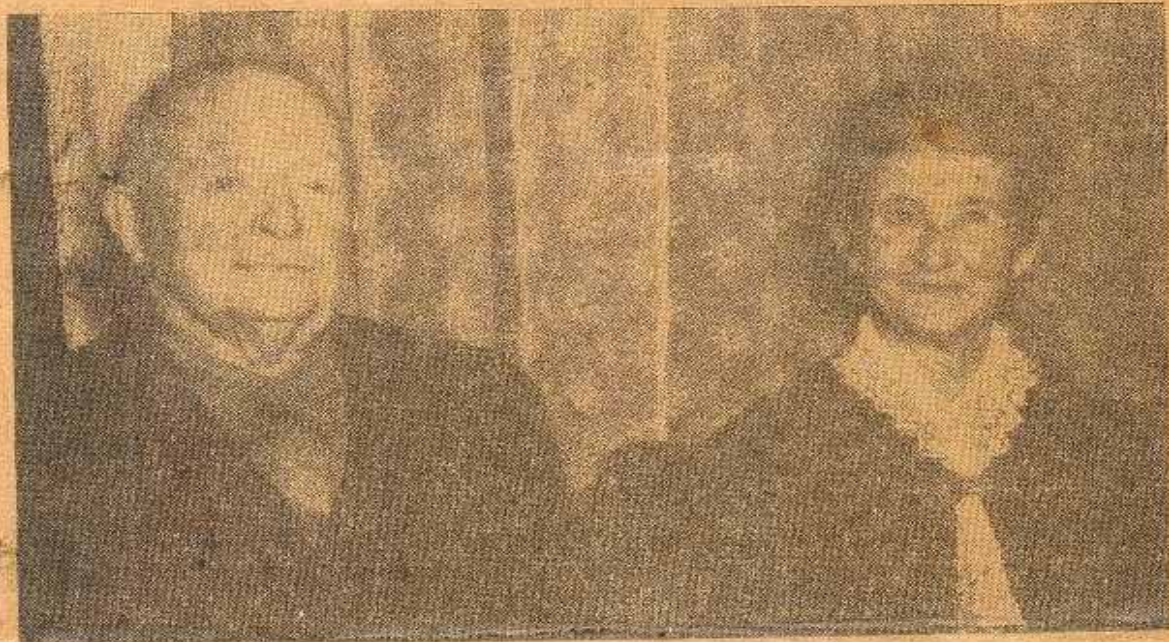
Other lovers of fine horses in those early days, according to Mr. Goin, was Jim Ditto and Ben Spruance who always owned several blooded racers and show horses. When these men were in need of a man who really understood horses and one who by his patience and kindness could in a few months take the most mettlesome horse and train it for any purpose they always called on Mr. Goin.

There is not another man in Arlington who more thoroughly enjoyed the racing meet than Mr. Goin. The horses were not to him just a thrill of the unusual, a chance to win or lose a wager, but they were something to be loved and cared for.

Mr. Goin is an expert judge of horses and can pick a winner without any inside tips. He says that during his early life he didn't have much time for girls and courting but waited until he was 45 years old before marrying. He married Miss Willie Emberton of Oklahoma and they have always made their home in Arlington. They have two boys, Robert and Raymond, both in school, making good grades and on Saturdays and holidays they are always to be seen with their father helping him with his work.

Mr. Goin believes in having only the best around his place and his blooded chickens, stock and fine

Golden Wedding Celebration



MR. AND MRS. WOOD GOIN

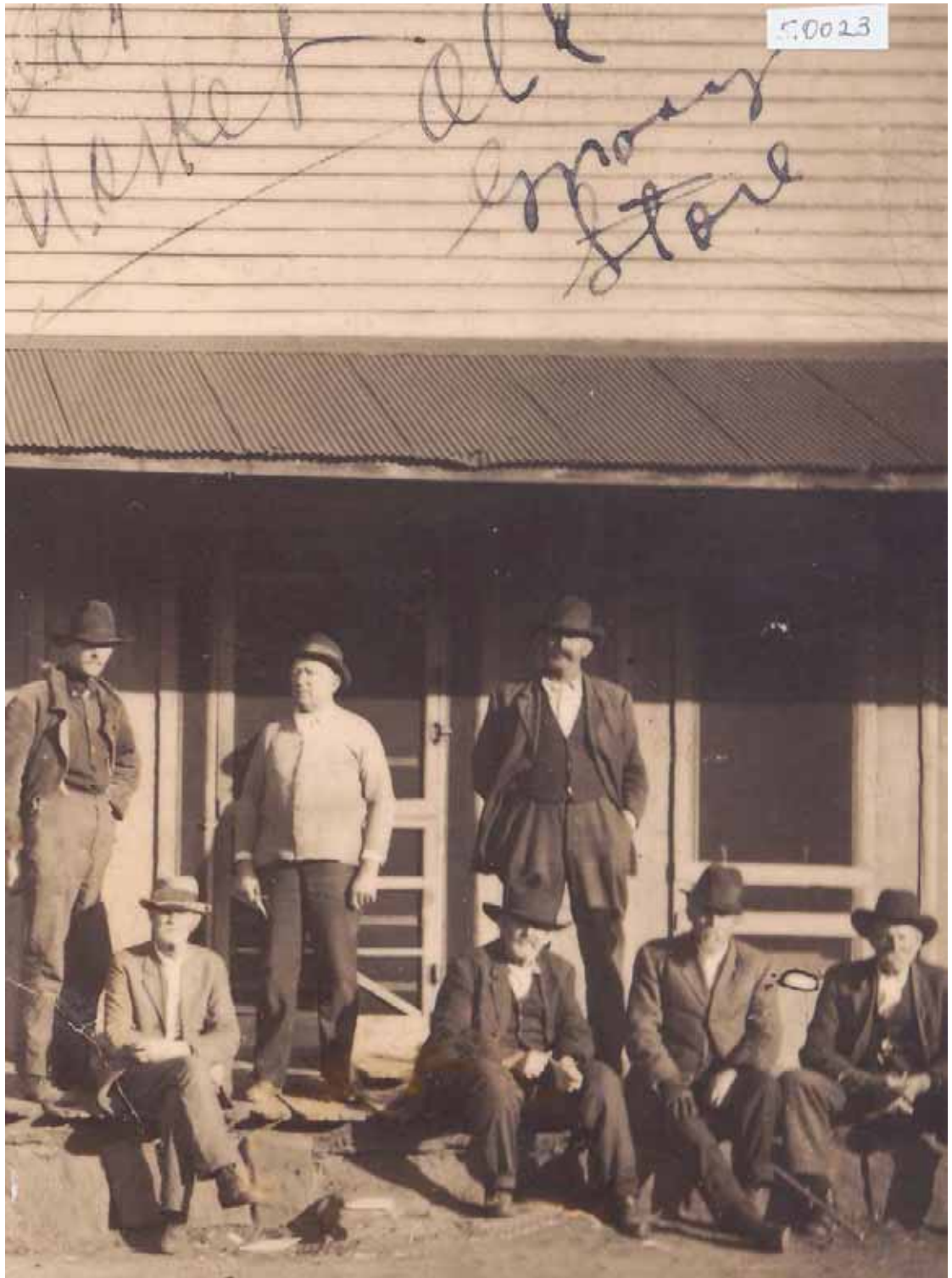
Mr. and Mrs. Wood Goin of Aubrey will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday with open house from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. to their friends of Aubrey, Denton, Dallas, Fort Worth and other points. Their marriage took place Dec. 22, 1891, at Green Valley, when Rev. E. V. White read the ceremony, but for the convenience of those desiring to attend the open house is planned for Sunday, Dec. 21. Being almost lifelong residents of Denton County, Mr. and Mrs. Goin will arrange for the reception a living room furnished with old articles of furniture and decoration, some of which they began house-keeping with, and some of their wedding presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Goin went to Aubrey about the same time 60 years ago with their respective parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Goin and Mr. and Mrs. James K. Harmon, the former couple from Alabama and the latter from Ten-

nessee. Mrs. Goin was Miss Laura Harmon, the couple's only daughter. Goin is a descendant of a Revolutionary War hero, George Williams, and his father was a veteran of the Civil War. Goin, now retired, was in the meat market business in Aubrey for a number of years and also served as public weigher in Aubrey.

Of six children born to the couple, three are living, Joe Goin of Denton, Jim Goin, a World War veteran, of Sanger, and Mrs. Horace McKinney of Fort Worth. They have 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Goin has three brothers at Arlington, all over 60 years of age, Robert, Albert and Joe Goin. Mrs. Goin's stepmother, Mrs. Rachel Harmon, still lives in Aubrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Goin are in good health for their advanced ages. Their children and their families will assist in entertaining the more than 100 relatives and friends expected to call.



Wood Goin standing in center at his meat market that was located across street from the hardware store of today. The name of the loafers can be supplied if needed Photo made during 1928.



This photo was made of the Goin family behind the cellar in 1929. They are Jim Goin on left, Reina pregnant with Bouncer, Aunt Sally and Wood Goin, Bob Goin is standing behind , Uncle Albert, Aunt Beulah, Aunt Willie, Grandma Goin and Granny Harmon standing. Kids and dog on cellar. Buddy is middle of cellar.



Family Photo Made by Cellar in 2002

The only Slaton that I was able to know was James B. Slaton. I met him on different occasions while attending decoration day at Belew Cemetery. He was a very intellectual and interesting man. On one occasion he gave me a book, Boyds Tank Junction of Alabama. The book was about a small town in Alabama when the removal of the Indians took place. Some of the local residents of Boyds Tank Junction were the Boyds, Ratchfords, Powledges and Slatons. These families made their way to Aubrey while they changed their Indian ancestry to a more acceptable background.

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