

Talk with
Walter Williams Cop
April 29, 1985

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Cousins:

Couple Plan August Rites

Mr + Mrs William J. Miller of Kempner announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Roberta, to Mark John Bruckbauer of Temple.

The bridegroom-elect is the son of Mr + Mrs Jerry Bruckbauer of Temple.

Miss Miller is a 1981 graduate of Lampasas High School and attended Temple Junior College, where she received an associate degree in applied science.


Her fiance is a 1981 graduate of Temple High School. He attended Temple Junior College & plans to graduate from St. Edward's University with a bachelor of arts degree in May.

St. Luke's Catholic Church in Temple is the site chosen for the August 2 wedding.

Bill Miller was first married to Sarah Scott of Waco. Relative of the Nottingham's of Lampasas. 2nd married to Cousin Martha Lynn Jackson dau of Allen + Rose Neal Jackson. 3rd Shirley (?) of California.

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at Kempner Homestead.

On Sunday 4/28/85 - Dad (Walter), Thigil,
Corine + I were all talking after
everybody left + went home.

Dad said "you know people
are sometimes real peculiar". He
recalled how "Mr Jackson (my
great-grandfather James Andrew Jackson)
would never open his coin purse
in front of anyone - be it in a store
or face to face on individual basis -
he always turned his back to take
change out or put change in. He
never wanted anyone to know how
much money he had. He never
carried a wallet - just a coin
(leather) purse. In one side the
coins - in the other side the
"folding" money". 

The old organ that Big Moma had
for several years - WWCot believed
was obtained from Miss Della Cantrell.
Big Moma gave it to her grandson
Luther Jackson to make a chest
out of.

When I was little I remember
wicker rocking chairs + a
wicker couch on the front porch.
These had homemade cushions
for sitting comfort.

There were also wooden rocking
chairs.

These were on the front porch
of my great-grandparents home -

James Andrew + Rachael Caroline
McCullough (Big Mama) Jackson in
Tempner.

I remember a pot bellied wood
stove in the front room. In the
winter there was a double bed in
this room. And a few chairs.

The south room had once
been the living room or parlor.
In 1921, it was the parlor, where
Walter William Cop married
Mary Ethel Elizabeth Jackson
on Sunday morning 9AM May 22, 1921.
By Brother R T Howell, Church of
Christ preacher.

After they married everybody
went to church. Then everybody
came to the Jacksons for a wedding
dinner.

There was no honeymoon.
They went to their ^{on the capital place} home & the next
morning went to their jobs in the
fields, picking cotton.

Their first home was on the
Castille place. Lived here till Jan.
Then to Mesquite Creek. She got sick.
They moved in with Mr + Mrs Jackson
& Dad worked on the Rail Road for a
while then at Beulah Goodwin's
(Buford Taylor's) house for 5 months. Then
to Uncle Dib Smith's place. Stayed
2 yrs. Then moved to Aunt Georgia's
place lived 3 years. Back to Voss's place.
Dad bought from J A Jackson paid 600\$

Uncle William Eyras Cop brought the marriage license for
Walter + Ethel Cop - 1-5-21 - 1-5-21 - 1-5-21

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There in 1925
when daddy
was born.
for Voss house. Then moved to
old homestead on Bission Creek,
near wind mill. Stayed here
12 years. Sold Voss house to Mr.
Williams for \$425.00 bought sheep
with the money. Voss bought
place from Goodman's for \$6,000.00

Joe + Ollie Goodman came
to Kempner from Hept in Menard
County. Knew Uncle George + Aunt
Maudie Cox, Brother to Walter Cox.
Three families lived in Voss
house before Voss - after Dad -

- ② Mr + Mrs Davis,
- (old) ③ Mr + Mrs Charley Taylor
- ① Mr + Mrs Williams
- ④ Mr + Mrs Joe Goodman
- ⑤ used as a rent house a while.

I remember Big Moma as a short
brown headed lady with a big lap
+ lots of aprons. Also on Sundays
she wore big wide brimmed black
hats to church + carried big black
patent leather purses + always had a
sack of peppermint candy in it.

Her best friend was Grandma
Mellie White Ray. Mrs Will Ray. I
saw Mellie live to be 100 years +
2 weeks. She had a sister named
Hassie (Cassie) White who stayed
single till she was old + married a
Mr. Lawson.

Everyday after dinner
Big Moma would lay down + take

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a nap then when she got up I'd come over + comb out her long beautiful soft hair. She always told me she ~~watche~~ washed her hair in peachleaf juice to keep its natural color - (brings out the red).

At 87 she didn't have grey hair when she died.

Every evening around 4 we went gether + gethered eggs in her big apron. When we didn't carry buckets. Then we'd sit on the back porch + wash eggs - getting them ready to sell.

Every spring they ordered 200 or more baby chicks from a hatchery in Missouri. I remember the excitement of going to the post office with daddy to pick them up.

Dad said Little Moma had big ole red cockscomb flowers along the walk. They got about 2-3 feet high.

Dad said last week the only way for a man + woman to get along + stay married was for the man to learn early to listen to his wife - let her run the house + business affairs + the man make the living and tend the fields. He said the house is the

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woman's

and she should be allowed to fix it anyway she wants & the man should say nothing about it as long as it is clean.

Uncle Rich Meadows, Aunt Romeo's husband - worse than Bill Miller - an entertainer, could sit all day at reunions & tell stories.

① Once he said: He was picking strawberries & sat down on a log & finished picking strawberries - all of a sudden the log started moving - it was a big rattlesnake.

② Said he was down in South Texas and the mesquitos were so bad he crawled under a washpot to keep them away. He had a hammer & those mesquitos would put their bills through the iron washpot & as they did Uncle Rich would brad their bills down with the hammer. Finally he braded so many till the mesquitos flew away with the washpot.

1921 Uncle Isaac & Aunt Ellen Jackson Turner had 1 daughter, Mathenia. She was here for you Dad's & little Moma's wedding. Lived at Waco.

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Aunt Ellen, Tom Sexton's wife's (Edith) grandmother - sons Richard, Glover, Wesley, I.N., Tommy, Ozie. (O.Z.) - O.Z. died with cancer.

Richard Turner is Edith Turner Sexton's daddy.

My Aunt Ellen Jackson Turner is also Edith Sexton's grandmother. Issac Turner was a Methodist preacher. Aunt Ellen could lead the loudest & longest prayers.

Tommy was a 2X4 preacher - not too good. Make you think he was a preacher - married - the sweetest woman dad ever knew but he left her & divorced. Tommy preached at the reunion. Ruby?

Aunt Annie Jackson Harrison

Aunt Romie, ^{setarkana} Romeo, Aunt Blonie ^{macedonia} Jane were 1/2 sisters to Mr Jackson.

Uncle Tom Mahana & Donie Jackson had no boys - 3 girls - Minnie & Mattie & I may have had a son but he died.
