

TOWARD THE NEW MILLENIUM

By the end of the Nineteenth Century the Graces of Texas had completed their way west and had settled in various locations in that state. For the majority of this branch of the family it would appear that most of them would stay in Texas for much of the Twentieth Century.

Like most of their ancestors before them, as evidenced in previously recording clustering of families, the Graces of Texas proved to be extremely "family oriented", living in seemingly close proximity and maintaining a close interfamilial relationship. In fact, while Anne Elizabeth Grace, wife of John⁷ Berry, was alive, all segments of the family would gather yearly in celebration of her birthday. This reunion in honor of "Grandma Grace"--as she was affectionately called--would frequently collect as many as a hundred or more "kinfolk", and for several years there were five living generations in attendance. Even "Lizzie's"--as she was called by her husband--sister Pearl would come, and with the Corley family added to all the Graces the group took on more of the appearance of a convention.

30. PEARL⁸ OLIVIA GRACE REVIER was the first born of the children of John⁷ and "Lizzie" Grace, on July 11, 1894, in Hill County, Texas.

When she was only fourteen years old, she married Rance Davis Revier, who was born on September 10, 1888, also in Hill County. He died in Wichita Falls, Texas, on May 29, 1972, even though they had lived most of their married life in Burkburnett, Texas.

Named for her aunts, Olivia Grace Rogers and Ida Pearl Brooks Martin, but known as "Aunt Ola" to younger members of the family, this plump, gentle woman spent most of her life caring for her husband, children, and in later years for her "Mamma", who lived next door.

She died on April 11, 1884, in Burkburnett.

Their children included:

- i. Anna⁹ Lorene, b. November 1, 1909, in Blum, Texas; m. Jessie Ray Jeter (b. September 20, 1904, in Bridgeport, Texas, to Ealy Elijah Jeter and Katherine Jane Ray; d. December 2, 1985) on April 14, 1929, in Henrietta, Texas; d. June 6, 1983; their children:
 - i. Mary¹⁰ Katherine, b. July 29, 1930, in Iowa Park, Texas; m. William Edwin Rigsby on September 4, 1950; three sons:
 - i. Donald¹¹ Mark, b. September 22, 1951, in Wichita Falls; m. Paula Gay Kindred on April 5, 1975; children: Erin¹² Michele (b. June 8, 1976, in Wichita, Kansas) and Penni Lynn (b. July 4, 1979).
 - ii. William David, b. June 9, 1954; m. Ellen Lee Durrant on October 4, 1979, in San Diego, California; two sets of identical twins: Colin¹² Matthew and Eric Daniel (b. October 14, 1980, in Kearney Mesa, California) and Megan Leslie and Carrie Marie (b. June 6, 1982, in San Francisco, California).
 - iii. Robert Alan, b. August 8, 1955; m. Jean Ann Carnwell on June 26, 1974, in Waukegan, Illinois; children: Heather¹² Dawn (b. December 26, 1974, in Chula Vista, California) and Holly Ann (b. November 14, 1980, in Tulsa, Oklahoma).
 - ii. Pearl Elizabeth, b. September 29, 1931; m. H. Francis Hamilton on January 17, 1957, divorced in 1974; no children.
 - iii. Peggy Ruth, b. February 22, 1933; m. (l). Clyde Woods on August 13, 1953, divorced in 1963; children:
 - i. Michael¹¹ Clyde, b. April 1, 1959.

- ii. Ann Elizabeth, b. June 27, 1960; m. (1). Mark Edward Bradshaw on November 23, 1979, divorced in 1981, a child: Misty¹² Dawn (b. July 5, 1980, in Pittsburg, Texas), and (2). Jim Ashelton.
 - and (2). Don Sullivan on June 7, 1968, divorced in 1976.
 - iv. Donald Ray, b. May 3, 1935; m. (1). Margaret Louise Johnson on April 22, 1956, in Wichita Falls, Texas, one child:
 - i. Jon¹¹ Timothy, b. July 24, 1957.
- and (2). Gloria Jane Bell on April 29, 1962, in Weston, West Virginia; children:
- i. Pamela¹¹ Wynell, b. February 9, 1963, in Woodward, Oklahoma; m. (-) Baldwin.
 - ii. LaDonna Jan, b. February 7, 1965, in Enid, Oklahoma; m. (-) Gerdes.
 - iii. Gregory Ray, b. March 29, 1966, in Woodward, Oklahoma.
- ii. John Berry ("J. B."), b. September 28, 1911, in Hill County, Texas; m. (1). Hazel Levell in April 1929; d. January 8, 1982, in Wichita Falls, Texas; two children:
 - i. Kenneth¹⁰ Dave, b. November 15, 1930; m. Kathryn Molsbee (b. November 22, 1930, to Paul and Adele Molsbee) on November 5, 1949, in Burkburnett, Texas; children:
 - i. Kathy¹¹, b. December 18, 1950; m. (1). Bary Barlow, and (2). Ted Gregg; child: Ashley¹², (b. September 1, 1980).
 - ii. Beverly Jan, b. February 6, 1953; m. Ned Underwood; children: Natalie¹² (b. December 4, 1986), and Mia (b. May 25, 1988).
 - iii. Teresa Jo, b. January 10, 1955; m. Lindy Tillman; children: Shane¹² (b. February 17, 1983), Chase (b. September 27, 1984), and Blake (b. April 27, 1988).
 - iv. Rita Ann, b. May 5, 1958; m. Ronnie Jackson; children: Lindsey¹² (b. May 3, 1984) and Rachel (b. July 26, 1986).
 - ii. Carolyn Sue, b. May 1, 1944; m. (1). Dennis Harsh on June 25, 1966, divorced in 1983, one child:
 - i. Michelle¹¹ Lee, b. October 4, 1969, in Dallas, Texas.
 - and (2). Loyd Brister.
- and (2). Margaret Wise Gray (b. May 19, 1922, in Bremond, Texas, to Groner Benjamin Wise and Ruth Grose) on March 5, 1946, in Bowie, Texas; two children:
- i. J. B., Jr., b. March 25, 1947; m. Kelly Duncan on July 8, 1968; children:
 - i. J. B. III¹¹, b. December 2, 1976, in Mineral Wells, Texas.
 - ii. Kevin, b. May 3, 1978.
 - ii. Phyllis Ann, b. October 1, 1949; m. John Saye on July 11, 1968; children:
 - i. Gason¹¹ Mark, b. January 22, 1982.
 - ii. Jennifer Ann, b. September 29, 1985.

- iii. Cynthia Ruth, b. March 10, 1957; m. Tony Lee Perkins; children:
 - i. Tony¹¹ Lee, b. January 21, 1983, in Wichita Falls, Texas.
 - ii. Casie Elizabeth, b. August 15, 1987.
 - iii. Mellisa Ann, b. October 1990.
- iii. Grace Margaret, b. April 19, 1933, in Iowa Park, Texas; m. Leonard Carlos Randolph (b. February 3, 1929, in Bellvue, Texas) on May 20, 1951, in Dallas, Texas; children include:
 - i. Leonard¹⁰ Carlos, Jr. ("Randy"), b. May 10, 1952, in Wichita Falls, Texas; m. Alice Lee Babcock (b. June 3, 1952, to Frank Edmond Babcock and Bobbie Louise Price) on January 4, 1975, in Austin, Texas; children:
 - i. Sara¹¹ Renee, b. February 27, 1983.
 - ii. Mollie Louise, b. February 12, 1985.
 - ii. Richard Dave, b. October 20, 1954, in Wichita Falls, Texas; m. Donna Lynn Patterson (b. May 16, 1955, in Abilene, Texas, to Jessie Benice Patterson and Dorothy Francis Newman) on June 10, 1978; children:
 - i. Patrick ¹¹ Newman, b. September 24, 1980.
 - ii. Loren Grace, b. August 17, 1984.

31. HENRY⁸ SIMEON GRACE was born on November 20, 1896, in Hill County, Texas.

He was married to (1). Treecie Bell Hester on December 20, 1916, in Carrizzo, New Mexico. She was born December 13, 1897, in Randolph County, Alabama. She was the daughter of William Tapley Hester and Lucy Edwards. She later married Thad Ballenger in 1948 after her divorce from Henry⁸, but she and Henry⁸ had two children together:

- 36. i. Luther⁹ Lee, b. August 30, 1920, in Burkburnett, Texas; m. Mariella Adams on April 4, 1942; d. August 23, 1989.
- 37. ii. Doris Mae, b. April 20, 1927, in Burkburnett, Texas; m. (1). Denzil O. Shores on December 8, 1945, and (2). Milton O. Moore on August 14, 1976.

and (2). Hazel L. Hobbs on December 24, 1942. She was born on December 28, 1912 and died October 19, 1996. His first real professional effort was as a partner in the Barrow-Grace Buick Company. However, the success of the Burkburnett oil field boom prompted him to enter oil drilling and producing. This proved to be very profitable for him and established him as one of the major independent oil producers of the period. In his later years he devoted much of his time to civic pursuits with an emphasis on bringing the federal interstate system through the Wichita Falls area. Before his death, the Governor of Texas appointed him to the Texas Highway Commission, and he became known throughout north Texas as "Mr. Highway". Posthumously, the major freeway through the city was named for him.

Henry⁸ Grace died on April 12, 1980, and is buried in Wichita Falls.

36. LUTHER⁹ LEE GRACE, SR. ("Luke") was born on August 30, 1920, in Burkburnett, Texas.

He married Mariella Adams (b. September 4, 1919, in Walters, Oklahoma, to James Auzy Adams, who was born in Georgia and Nelle Mae De Groat, who was born in Knoxville, Tennessee; d. December 24, 2003) on April 4, 1942, in Stamford, Texas.

For most of his life he followed in his father's profession as an independent oil and gas producer and also had oil drilling rigs which he operated.

He died on August 23, 1989, in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Their children include:

- i. Marilul0, b. January 29, 1943, in Wichita Falls, Texas; m. James Richard Burns (b. July 23, 1944, in Del Norte, Colorado) on March 17, 1979, in Wichita Falls; their children include:
 - i. Marianne11 Virginia, b. January 11, 1981, in Lubbock, Texas.
 - ii. Rebekah Lee Dorothy, b. July 27, 1983, in Lubbock, Texas.
- ii. Luther Lee, Jr., b. May 10, 1952, in Wichita Falls, Texas; m. Jacqueline Diane Conaly in Wichita Falls, Texas; their children:
 - i. Jennifer11 Joanne, b. October 25, 1980, in Wichita Falls.
 - ii. Jonathan Lee, b. December 14, 1982, in Wichita Falls.
- iii. Joann, b. October 10, 1946, in Wichita Falls; d. June 29, 1961, in Wichita Falls.

37. DORIS9 MAE GRACE SHORES MOORE was born on April 20, 1927, in Burkburnett, Texas.

She married (1). Denzil O. Shores on December 8, 1945, in Abline, Texas. He was born on April 4, 1918, in Abline, and his parents were Malcom A. Shores and Bertha E. Salmon. They were later divorced, and he died on October 9, 1991. Her second husband was (2). Milton O. ("Blackie") Moore, whom she married in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on August 10, 1976.

Doris9 spent much of the early part of her life as a homemaker. However, sometime after her divorce she became a stockbroker and investment counselor of considerable talent.

Her children by her first marriage:

- i. Daniel11 Edward, b. May 5, 1948, in Olney, Texas; m. Patricia Ann Thompson (b. January 24, 1947, and whose parents are William K. Thompson II and Jean Ridenour) on August 10, 1968; their children:
 - i. Shannon 12 Marie, b. January 27, 1970, in Wichita Falls, Texas.
 - ii. Michelle Loree, b. April 4, 1974, in Wichita Falls.
 - iii. James Daniel, b. September 28, 1976.
- ii. Deidre, b. April 17, 1950, in Wichita Falls, Texas; m. William Henry Rhine, Jr. (b. December 3, 1947, in Evert, Massachusetts, and son of William Henry Rhine, Sr. and Alverta Geneve Hollar) on August 27, 1971, in Wichita Falls; children:
 - i. Amyl2 Renee, b. December 17, 1977, in Wichita Falls.
 - ii. Emily Dawn, b. May 21, 1980, in Wichita Falls.
 - iii. David Henry, b. May 12, 1951, in Wichita Falls; m. Carolyn Ann Gray (b. January 11, 1951, in Duncan, Oklahoma); children:
 - i. Leanna12, b. October 12, 1980, in Wichita Falls.
 - ii. Michael David, b. February 4, 1883, in Wichita Falls.

32. PERRY8 MONROE GRACE was born in Blum, Texas, on November 8, 1898. He was more commonly known throughout his life by his nickname "Jack".

He married (1). Mary Cooper, milliner, when he was only 18 years old. She deserted the marriage shortly thereafter. He waited 18 years before he married (2). Lodi Stewart in Walters, Oklahoma, on June 19, 1929. She was born on February 1, 1912, and was the daughter of Henry Franklin Stewart and Belle Zora Daniels. She died on October 8, 1991, in Wichita Falls, Texas.

"Jack"8 Grace chose not to finish grade school and instead hitchhiked to California to participate in the Signal Hill oil field boom. When the Burkburnett oil boom began, he returned to Texas and roughnecked on these earliest of America's oil wells. In the late 1930's, he joined in partnership with his brother Henry8 and Toby Woods, borrowed enough money to buy an oil rig, and began as an independent driller and producer. After the partnership ended and he formed his own company, his firm became one of the largest

independent drilling companies in the United States. He brought a 5000 acre ranch near Chico, Texas, and began raising cattle.

He died on August 15, 1972, in Wichita Falls, Texas. He and Lodis had one son:

38. i. Phillip⁹ Monroe, b. November 26, 1942; m. Sandra Luann Bean on August 8, 1964.

38. PHILLIP⁹ MONROE GRACE was born on November 26, 1942, in Wichita Falls, Texas.

He married Sandra⁷ Luann Bean on August 8, 1964, in Wichita Falls, Texas. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1979.

He held two college degrees from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, and one from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. After serving in the U. S. Air Force as a second lieutenant during the Vietnam War, he returned to Texas where he was a candidate for the Texas Legislature in 1968. While polling more candidates than any other Republican in that level race in history, he lost and was invited to a federal position in Washington, D. C. He served as Special Assistant to the U. S. Commissioner of Education before leaving government service to teach marketing and advertising at Georgetown University and The American University for eight years. In 1983, he became a portrait artist and was represented at galleries throughout the United States--primarily recognized for painting full body portraits on custom made chairs in a trompe l'oeil fashion. He authored one book, *A Silk Purse from a Sow's Ear*; a children's book, *The Lizard of Cupcake Lake*; a play, *Heart Strings*; and *Unfinished Sermons: the Opera*; contributed to two anthologies, *Image Impact: A Manual for the Aspiring Woman* and *Image Impact: A Manual for the Aspiring Man*; and is the author of this book, *The Graces of Texas*. This last book led to membership in The Order of the Acorn, a national society whose membership is composed of decedents of those families traceable to being in America prior to the Revolutionary War.

His children include:

- i. Luann¹⁰ DuBois, b. October 18, 1965, in El Centro, California, m. Philip Winsor Moore (son of John and Hope Moore).
 - i. William Winsor Moore, b. January 6, 2001, in Reno, Nevada.
- ii. Charlton Stewart, b. February 20, 1967, in Lancaster, California; m. Tricia Ann Anthony (daughter of James Anthony Funke [last name legally dropped] and Mary Ann Bohler) on September 28, 1991, in Ocean Springs, Mississippi; children:
 - i. Eleanor¹¹ Boehler Grace, b. June 24, 1997, in Orlando, Florida.
 - ii. Zora Brooks Grace, b. November 14, 2000, in Orlando, Florida.
- iii. Cannon Truitt, b. September 30, 1972, in Washington, D. C.; m. Amanda Marie Carman (daughter of David and Mary Ann Carman) on August 31, 1996 in Washington, D. C., two children:
 - i. Casserley Senna Grace, b. March 27, 2003, in Arlington, Virginia.
 - ii. Jack Truitt Grace, b. July 12, 2005, in Arlington, Virginia

33. A J⁸ GRACE was born in 1903 in Hill County, Texas, and was married once. He died in a car accident on May 9, 1946, near Grand Prairie, Texas.

34. CHARLIE⁸ BERRY GRACE was born on September 9, 1900, in Hill County, Texas.

He married Annie Mae Hauff on January 30, 1919. She was born on August 31, 1903, in Hill County and died on June 17, 1987, in Jacksboro, Texas.

Like his brothers, he was in the oil production business and lived most of his life in Fort Worth, Texas.

He died in Dallas, Texas, on September 15, 1972. Their children include:

- i. Larry⁹ Eugene ("Pete"), b. September 17, 1922, in Blum, Texas; m. Margorie Jones (b. August 16, 1923, in Young County, Texas; d.

- December 28, 1988, in Jacksboro, Texas) on June 29, 1940, in Walters, Oklahoma; their children:
- i. Robert¹⁰ Eugene, b. January 3, 1951, in Fort Worth, Texas; m. Marilyn Denise Smith (b. January 3, 1951, in Graham, Texas) on June 20, 1970, in Graham, Texas; living in Los Alamos, New Mexico; children:
 - i. Kristen¹¹ Michelle, b. October 18, 1977, in Houston, Texas.
 - ii. Heather Rene, b. July 11, 1979; died after birth in Houston, Texas.
 - ii. Larry Michael, b. July 4, 1947, in Fort Worth, Texas; m. Jeanie Christian (b. April 2, 1947, in Jacksboro, Texas) on December 1, 1967, in Jacksboro; their children:
 - i. Larry¹¹ Mayon, b. November 18, 1970, in Fort Worth, Texas.
 - ii. Stephen Michael, b. August 12, 1974, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
 - iii. James Michael, b. October 27, 1976, in Denver, Colorado.
 - iii. Ola Louise, b. April 21, 1921, in Blum, Texas; m. Harry Edward Schlittler (b. October 5, 1912, in Graham, Texas; d. February 7, 1973) on June 14, 1941, in Jacksboro, Texas; their children:
 - i. Charles¹⁰ Edward, b. September 29, 1943, in Wichita Falls, Texas; m. Ginger Louise Baxter (b. November 1, 1944, in Bowie, Texas) on August 22, 1965; their children:
 - i. Paul¹¹ Edward, b. September 20, 1969, in Houston, Texas.
 - ii. David Charles, b. April 12, 1972, in Weatherford, Oklahoma.
 - iii. Charlsie Marie, b. December 28, 1925, in Shallowater, Texas; m. Fred William Ryser (b. January 9, 1926, in Kansas City, Missouri) on August 19, 1946, in Fort Worth, Texas; d. April, 1999; their children:
 - i. Nancy¹⁰ Ann, b. November 28, 1948, in Fort Worth, Texas; m. (1). (-) Sorcinelli, one child:
 - i. Daniel¹¹ Joseph Sorcinelli (b. April 23, 1976, in Phoenix, Arizona).
 and (2). (-) Newman.
 - ii. Rick William, b. May 18, 1952, in Fort Worth, Texas; m. Rita Elaine Simshaer Wilson (b. October 4, 1946, in Portland, Oregon) with two sons from her first marriage, one of whom was Clayton Cade Wilson, born in Mesa, Arizona; their children:
 - i. Max¹¹ William, b. September 20, 1986, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
 - ii. Clinton Drew Wilson (adopted by Rick¹⁰ William Ryser), b. September 20, 1980, in Mesa, Arizona.
 - iii. Vicky Grace, b. May 28, 1955; d. May 31 1955, in Fort Worth, Texas.
 - iv. Bobby Ray, b. 1928; d. 1932 in Burkburnett, Texas.
 - v. David, b. 1928; d. 1928 in Burkburnett, Texas.

35. WILLIE⁸ BEDFORD GRACE was born on September 25, 1917, in Blum,

Texas.

He married Patria Junell (b. December 11, 1922, in Sulpur Springs, TX to Lawson and Sally Junell; d. June 29, 2003) on September 18, 1948. She had previously been married to James Jury with whom she had a son, James, who was later adopted by W. B. Grace.

"Bill"--as he was known by his friends and family--was the baby of the family of John⁷ Grace. A great deal of his professional life was spent as a partner in the Mattingly-Grace Buick Company. However, the later part of his life was as an officer in the First Wichita National Bank in Wichita Falls, Texas. He died on September 22, 2003.

Their children include:

- i. James⁹ Bedford, b. March 26, 1947; adopted June 1951; m. (1). Linda Rice on May 22, 1971, (2). Jamie (--) on April 27, 1975, and (3). Carolyn Williams McHatton on June 28, 1981; living in Sacramento, California; d. November 1999; children by his third wife:
 - i. Gannon¹⁰ Bedford, b. August 8, 1984.
 - ii. Garrett Lawson, b. September 6, 1986.
- ii. John Lawson, b. March 1, 1950; m. (1). Lindeen Lander on June 2, 1973, and (2). Margaret Ferguson Ward on March 24, 1989; living in Fort Worth, Texas; one child by his second wife:
 - i. John¹⁰ Mark, b. May 3, 1990.
- iii. Ann Carol, b. July 28, 1953; m. James E. Lile on July 10, 1982, in Wichita Falls, Texas; living in Athens, West Virginia; two adopted children:
 - i. Katerine
 - ii. Dyanne