

## *Descendants of Matilda Gray*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. MATILDA<sup>2</sup> GRAY (*JOSEPH*<sup>1</sup>) was born 04 Dec 1855 in Georgia<sup>1</sup>, and died 26 Apr 1908 in Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas. She married WILLIAM MILES BEAMAN 26 Sep 1873 in Jackson County, Florida<sup>2</sup>, son of EMANUEL BEAMAN and MARGARET GALLOWAY. He was born Nov 1853 in Jackson County, Florida<sup>3</sup>, and died 03 Nov 1926 in Lakeview, Hall County, Texas.

Notes for MATILDA GRAY:

What was Matilda doing in Jackson County in 1873? She and her family had been in Geneva County, Alabama in 1870, and by 1880, her parents had moved to Dale County. Did they move to Jackson County in between?

Jackson County, Florida marriage license:

William Beeman and Matilda Gray 27 Sep 1873

Joseph Beeman and Edy Langford 19 May 1872 (his brother, according to Beaman genealogy on Edenfield Genealogical database linked from Jackson County flgenweb page; see notes on Wm Miles Beaman).

Lavinia Jordan Helms provided me with a copy of a photo that belonged to her grandmother Mary Louise Milton Jordan, dau of Martha Miranda Gray Milton. On the back of the photo was written "Aunt Cidy Beaman and family." (Lavinia pronounced it "Siddy".)

All birth and death dates came from Thelma King Yeo (Birthdates from the 1900 census of Coryell County, Texas.) She had Sep 1895 as death date for Emma (same as birth month) but Emma was four years old on 1900 census.

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Beeman database:

<http://worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=steffany&id=I0014>

(copied 23 Dec 2004):

Contact: Stephanie Beeman

ID: I0014

Name: Matilda **Elizabeth** GRAY 1 \*\*\*wrm note: first time I have seen a middle name for her - source?

Sex: F

Birth: 4 DEC 1855 in Alabama 2

Death: 26 APR 1908 in Gatesville, Texas, Coryell Texas 2

Marriage 1 William Miles BEAMAN

Marriage 2 William Miles BEEMAN b: NOV 1853 in Campbelton, Florida, Jackson Co.

Married: 27 SEP 1873 in Jackson Co., Florida 2 3

Sources:

1. Title: Jeremiah.ged

Text: Date of Import: May 16, 2000

2. Title: Robert C. Wiese

3. Title: Copy of Marriage Lisence

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1880 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, 17 June, (ED 78) page 642, dwelling #193:

Beamon, William M	25	farmer	Ga	NC	NC
Matilda	23		Ga	NC	NC
Thomas E 3, Alice L	8/12		Al	Ga	Ga
Beamon, Margaret	72	mother	NC	NC	NC widow
Wells, Wesly J	13	nephew	Fl	Al	Ga (farm hand)

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1900 US Census, Coryell County, Texas, 2 June, ED 39 Sht2 line 68, Pct 1, Gatesville, pg 21, #28:

Beeman, W M	46	(Nov 1853), married 27 yrs, farmer, rents farm,	Ga	NC	NC
Matilda	44	(Dec 1855), 14 children/11 living			
T E	23	(Nov 1876) (son, farm laborer)	Al		
Alice	20	(Sep 1879)	Al		
Deler	18	(Jun 1881) (dau, in school)	Al	(Della)	
Isabell	15	(Oct 1884) in school	Al		
Willie	13	(Oct 1886) (son, farm laborer)	Al		
Joe C	12	(May 1888) farm laborer	Al		
Ross W	10	(May 1890) in school	Al		
Mary	7	(July 1892)	Al		
Emma	4	(Sept 1895)	TX		
Robert	2	(Sep 1897)	TX		
Inez	2/12	(Mch 1900)	TX		

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1910 US Census, Coryell County, Texas, no date, Pct 7, pg 215B, #138:

Beeman, William M	52	wid., farmer	Ga	NC	NC
Isabell (dau)	24	sgl, public school teacher	Al	Ga	Ga
Will W	23	farmer	Al	Ga	Ga
Joe C	22	laborer, works out	Al	Ga	Ga
Ross	19	laborer, works out	Al	Ga	Ga
Emma M	14	in school, farm laborer	Al	Ga	Ga also in household of uncle J C Beeman
Robert	12	in school, farm laborer	Tx	Ga	Ga

At #137 is Wolf family: Peter M 64 and Susan E 59. In 1920 Hall Co, TX, next door to JC Beeman are Della (38) and WC (40) Wolf - Matilda and William's daughter?

also:

1910 US Census, Coryell County, Texas, 15? April, Pct 7, Gatesville Rd, pg 206A, #2:

Lightsey, George A	31	1st marriage, 9 years, farmer	TX	Al	TX
Ada M (wife)	28	1st mar., 4 ch/3 liv	TX	MS	MS
Lois L (dau) 7, George Truitt?(son) 5, Sallie C (dau) 11/12			TX		
Lightsey, George W (father)	61,	1st mar., 42 years	Al	Al	Al
Lightsey, Nannie? (mother)	62,	1st mar.,	TX	Al	Al

also:

Beeman, Ross (hired man) 19, single (Ross is also on his father's entry.)

1920: William Beeman not found on Ancestry.com census search of Texas

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Coryell County Rootsweb (USGenweb) site:  
Are these grandchildren or other relatives?

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txcoryel/deaths2.htm>:

BOOK 1 CORYELL COUNTY DEATH RECORDS 1903-1917  
Compiled in 1986 by Gladys L. Treadway

932. Beeman, Mollie Bell w f 31 May 1911 1 yr  
969. Beeman, Mattie B. w f 31 May 1911 1 yr

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txcoryel/derrick.htm>:

...handwritten ledger recording marriages, approximately 335, performed by Brother Dick Derrick between 1932 and 1977 (no further specifications or locations given):

Mr. Jessie Ray Beeman	Miss Margurate Fowler	April 4, 1843 (actually 1943)
Mr. James Cecil Beeman	Miss Emma J. Magee	May 10, 1949
Rayburn F. Beeman	Miss F. E. Featherston	December 24, 1950

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Cidy ("Siddy") and W M Beeman appear on a list of members of Eden Baptist Church 1909(?), pg 147 of **Coffee Springs, Alabama, A History** by Rochelle Farris and Lavinia Helms. The question mark is included in the list header. The Beeman family moved to Texas between 1892 and 1895, so maybe the list is actually older, or perhaps they maintained their membership at Eden even after they moved to Texas.

Email from Lavinia Jordan Helms 6 Mar 2003: In reference to the membership of Cidy Beamon at Eden Church: " That membership would remain there unless some other church wrote for it (These days they would be placed on a non resident roll). On occasion, in the past, members might ask for their membership and carry it with them, but that was unusual. Perhaps they did not find another Baptist Church near where they moved to. Perhaps they joined another church, or found a Baptist Church much later; who knows."

Email from Lavinia Jordan Helms 8 Nov 2003:

" Well, I found in the Eden Church minutes where it stated : December 22, 1900. "And Sister Cidy Beaman was also received into the church and granted a letter."

It sounds like she joined the church and received a letter to carry to another church the same day. But you said that she had moved to Texas between 1892 and 1895?

Perhaps she wrote back for her church letter, perhaps they had lost the records but knew that she had been a member so they re-admitted her and sent her a letter.

I borrowed those church records and made copies of them and the church was not formed until 1896. But who knows - it could have been held in different places and perhaps under different names and finally organized into Eden Baptist Church in 1896."

Lavinia's original picture of "Mr and Mrs Beman and family", mounted on cardboard card with photographer's(?) header: McKinley P? Hanye: McGregor, Gatesville and Moody.

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Homestead certificate was granted to William M Beeman in 1891 in S15 and S22 T2N R21E, about halfway between Coffee Springs and Eden Baptist Church and about 4 sections north of where Joseph Gray bought his land in 1861.

**Coryell County Death Records 1903-1917**, Book 1, compiled in 1986 by Gladys L Treadway (online from Coryell County Rootsweb site, June 2002: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txcoryel/deaths.htm>):

#645. Beeman, Mrs Wm Sr age 50 died 26 Apr 1908

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Florida State Archives, May 2002:

**Index to Texas CSA Pension Files**, transcribed by Virgil D White, National Historical Publ. Co, Waynesboro, TN, 1989: no listing for William Miles or Matilda Beamon (any spelling).

**Index to Applications for Texas Confederate Pensions**, compiled by John M Kinney, Archives Division, Texas State Library, 1975: no listing found for William or Matilda.

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<http://edenfield.org/dbase/dbase02/aa00104.htm#18> : Beaman family history. Submitter BettymaeS2@aol.com gave me name and phone of Thelma King Yeo as her source. Phone conversation on 30 May 2002 with Thelma King Yeo, greatgranddaughter of Joseph Beaman and Edy Langford. Her mother, Iva Webb King, was born in Gatesville, TX. William Miles Beaman was living in Hall County while he was sick. He died while there, so was buried there instead of Gatesville.

According to Thelma, William and Matilda moved to Geneva County shortly after they were married, and attended the same church as Matilda's parents. The oldest son, David, was accidentally shot by a friend as a teenager (but he is not in the 1880 household). Thelma thinks David and Margaret Galloway Beaman may be buried in Geneva County.

Mary and infant Inez died within days of each other. There was a flu epidemic that year, so they may have been victims of that. (I forgot to ask her, but the full dates for Mary and Inez may be from tombstones.) She gave me the full dates for Ross Wells and his wife's name, but did not mention her source. She said that at one time, at least Joe, William and John and some of the sisters all lived in Gatesville.

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(Oct 2002):

There is a list of this family on Ancestry.com which gives Matilda's middle name as Elizabeth and Thomas' middle name as Emmitt, not Exlive. (The author's email address, steffj30@aol.com, is no longer valid, so I have not been able to verify any of this. One of her listed sources is Robert C Wiese, whose name was also given to me by Thelma King Yeo as her source. I have never been able to contact him, either.)

The Edenfield website lists a Thomas Emit as son of Joseph Benjamin Beaman's son William Robert and Millie Exlive Howard. It also lists a son Robert Exlive. Another site has the name Exline instead of Exlive.

I have not researched these people other than to pull some census records, so I don't know if these names are correct or confused.

More About MATILDA GRAY:

Burial: Old City Cemetery, Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas

Notes for WILLIAM MILES BEAMAN:

See: <http://www.bman.com/genealogy/bboard.htm> (B'man Family Home Page)

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1880 Jackson County, Florida (LDS online familysearch.org):

No Beaman or Galloway found.

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Who was this Miles Beaman who was too old to serve in Confederate Army?

From Tonia Porter, Grandpa's Silver Trunk: <http://www.knology.net/~toniab/page4.html>  
(<http://www.knology.net/%7Etoniab/57th.rtf> )

57th Alabama Reg't Roster:

BEAMAN, Miles Pvt Mobile 6-14-63; born Johnston Co., NC, 57 yrs old  
5'10 1/2", blue eyes, light hair, farmer;  
discharged 6-17-63 due to infirmity of age

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<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/al/geneva/church/sandycreek18781896.txt>

(copied 1 Apr 2004)

Sandy Creek Baptist Association Church Records, Geneva County, AL  
Church Directory 1887 Clerks and their addresses  
Elbethel WM Beeman Coffee Springs, Al

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Link from Jackson County flgenweb page, Genealogies, Jackson Co. Genealogies Online  
(<http://www.rootsweb.com/~fljackso/familyhistories.html>), to <http://www.bman.com/genealogy/>: info on  
various Beamans. Also link to Edenfield genealogy database: <http://edenfield.org/egsmain.sht>.

<http://edenfield.org/dbase/dbase02/aa00104.htm#18>:

From Edenfield Genealogical Database website above:

Emanuel Parker Beaman b. ? \_\_\_ 1810, Greene County, North Carolina, m. Margaret Galloway, b. ?  
\_\_\_ 1810, North Carolina, d. Geneva County, Alabama, buried: Eaton Baptist Church, Coffee Springs, AL.  
Emanuel died ? \_\_\_ 1861, Campbellton, Jackson County, Florida. 1850 Census-Randolph County,  
Georgia

Children:

- i Miriah Beaman m. (1) ? Wells, m. (2) Noah Talbert. Miriah died Jackson County, Florida.
- ii Elizabeth Beaman m. James Russell.
- iii Noah W Beaman d. 27 Jun 1862, Campbellton, Jackson County, Florida. CSA, Roll Co. G, 6th  
Florida Infantry, inducted 11 Mar 1862
- iv S Anne Beaman b. ? Nov 1842.
- v John J Beaman m. in Perry County, Alabama, Sarah Jane ?. CSA, Roll Co. F, 10th Florida Infantry
- vi Joseph Benjamin Beaman m. in Florida, Edith ?.
- vii William Miles Beaman m. Matilda Gray.

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<http://www.rootsweb.com/~fljackso/MarriagesJE/marr0123.htm>

(Jackson County, Fl Genweb site, copied 20 Oct 2004):

Related?

MILES Willoughby & BEMAN Annie 18 Jul 1865, Bk B pg 120  
(Is he buried at Springhill Methodist Church in Jackson County?)

More About WILLIAM MILES BEAMAN:

Burial: Lakeview, Hall County, Texas

Children of MATILDA GRAY and WILLIAM BEAMAN are:

- i. DAVID<sup>3</sup> BEAMAN, b. Bet. 1874 - 1875; d. Bef. 1895, Geneva County, Alabama.

Notes for DAVID BEAMAN:

David was not in the household on the 1880 census. He was reportedly shot as a young boy and may be buried somewhere in Geneva County.

- ii. THOMAS EXLIVE BEAMAN, b. Nov 1876, Geneva County, Alabama<sup>3</sup>.

Notes for THOMAS EXLIVE BEAMAN:

Exlive was reportedly a maiden name in the family.

- iii. ALICE L BEAMAN, b. Sep 1879<sup>3</sup>.

Notes for ALICE L BEAMAN:

This family report calls Matilda "Sidney" - not far from "Cidy" ("Siddy") that Lavinia Jordan Helms reported.

<http://www.kirklandreunion.com/gen1-2.htm> (copied 23 Dec 2004):

Descendants of James "Jim" W. Kirkland by Leslie Kirkland:

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Generation No. 2

3. Ira Witt<sup>2</sup> Kirkland (Jim Witt<sup>1</sup>) was born March 01, 1886 in Eddy, Falls Co., TX, and died January 14, 1969 in Waco, McLennan Co., TX. He married (1) **Alice Leona Beeman, daughter of William Beeman and Sidney Gray**. He married (2) Marie Clara Frank Schlemmer, daughter of August Frank and Annie Foster.

Notes for Ira Witt Kirkland: Ira Witt was a share cropper, picked cotton. Aunt Dean said they used to pick cotton for \$0.25 per 100 pounds.

More About Ira Witt Kirkland: Burial: January 16, 1969, Waco, McLennan Co., TX Occupation: Horse Trader

Children of Ira Kirkland and Alice Beeman are: See this website for list and details.

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- iv. DELLA BEAMAN, b. Jun 1881<sup>3</sup>.

Notes for DELLA BEAMAN:

This looks like Della:

1920 US Census, Hall County, Texas, 28 January, Pct 2, pg ?, #181:

Wolf, W C (m)	40	TX	Al	Al	
Della	38	Al	Ga	Ga	
Willie MC (son)	15,	Cecil 13,	Carl 9,	Mozelle 2	TX

At #182 is her brother Joseph C.

- v. ISABEL BEAMAN, b. Oct 1884<sup>3</sup>.  
vi. WILLIAM W BEAMAN, b. Oct 1886<sup>3</sup>.

Notes for WILLIAM W BEAMAN:

1920 US Census, Coryell County, Texas, Pct 8, Gatesville, pg 6B, #122:

Beeman, William	33	rents farm	Al	Al	Al
Lela M (wife)	23		TX	SC	TX
Bernerd? W? (son)	5		TX		

1930: not found on ancestry.com index

- vii. JOSEPH C BEAMAN, b. May 1888<sup>3</sup>.

Notes for JOSEPH C BEAMAN:

This looks like Joseph C:

1920 US Census, Hall County, Texas, 28 January, Pct 2, pg ?, #182:  
Beemon, J C (m) 32(31?) rents farm Al Ga Al (indexed as J E)  
Minnie (wife) 23 TX TN TN  
Lavonie? (dau) 2 TX  
At #181: Della and WC Wolf (looks like his sister Della)

also:  
1920 US Census, Hall County, Texas, 3 April, Pct 4, pg ?, #219:  
Beeman, J C (m) 31 Al Al Al (indexed as Buman)  
Minnie (wife) 24 TX TX TX  
Lavona? 2 3/12 TX

1930: not found on ancestry.com index

2. viii. ROSS WELLS BEAMAN, b. 27 May 1890, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 1966.  
ix. MARY M BEAMAN, b. 28 Jul 1892<sup>3</sup>; d. 19 Sep 1900, Coryell County, Texas.

More About MARY M BEAMAN:  
Burial: Old City Cemetery, Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas

- x. EMMA BEAMAN, b. Sep 1895<sup>3</sup>; d. Coryell County, Texas.

More About EMMA BEAMAN:  
Burial: Old City Cemetery, Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas

3. xi. JOHN ROBERT BEAMAN, b. 01 Sep 1897, Coryell County, Texas.  
xii. INEZ BEAMAN, b. 15 May 1900, Coryell County, Texas; d. 22 Sep 1900, Coryell County, Texas.

### *Generation No. 2*

2. ROSS WELLS<sup>3</sup> BEAMAN (*MATILDA*<sup>2</sup> *GRAY*, *JOSEPH*<sup>1</sup>) was born 27 May 1890 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>4,5</sup>, and died 1966<sup>5</sup>. He married ELIZABETH HONEY<sup>6</sup> 12 May 1912, daughter of FRANK HONEY and UNKNOWN. She was born 1892<sup>6,7</sup>, and died 1980<sup>7</sup>.

Notes for ROSS WELLS BEAMAN:

1930 US Census, Scurry County, Texas, 9 April, Pct 1, ED 6, sht 5B, pg 91B, #100:  
Beeman, Ross 38 owns farm, married at 20, not a veteran TX Al Al  
Lizzie 37 married at 19 TX TX TX  
Adelle (dau) 17 single  
Colon (dau) 14 single  
Maxine (son) 11 (Colon & Maxine obviously reversed, but which age is which?)  
Rayborn (son) 8 first 4 children in school  
Nadine (dau) 5 ?/12  
J.C. (son) 1 ?/12

also:

Honey, Frank 67 father-in-law, widowed, retired, cannot R/W TX TX TX

At #97: Jess Honey (43) family.

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/tx/coryell/cemeteries/reste.txt> . . . (copied 11 May 2004):  
This file was contributed for use in the USGenWeb Archives by: "Karen Taylor"

Coryell Co., TX - Cemeteries - Restland Cemetery Section E  
GATESVILLE, CORYELL CO, TEXAS  
Take Main Street East to 22nd Street. Turn left. The Cemetery is straight ahead, on Waco Street.

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Surveyed December 2003 by Karen Taylor, genekaren@htcomp.nt

Beeman, Ross W. 1890 - 1966  
Beeman, Elizabeth 1892 - 1980

Chalene, Adell (Beeman) 4-3-1913 7-23-2000

More About ROSS WELLS BEAMAN:

Burial: Restland Cemetery, Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas<sup>8</sup>

More About ELIZABETH HONEY:

Burial: Restland Cemetery, Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas<sup>8</sup>

Children of ROSS BEAMAN and ELIZABETH HONEY are:

- i. ADELLE<sup>4</sup> BEAMAN, b. Abt. 1913<sup>9</sup>.
- ii. MAXINE BEAMAN, b. Abt. 1916<sup>9</sup>.
- iii. COLON BEAMAN, b. Abt. 1919<sup>9</sup>.
- iv. RAYBORN BEAMAN, b. Abt. 1922<sup>9</sup>.
- v. NADINE BEAMAN, b. Abt. 1925<sup>9</sup>.
- vi. J. C. BEAMAN, b. Abt. 1928<sup>9</sup>.

3. JOHN ROBERT<sup>3</sup> BEAMAN (*MATILDA<sup>2</sup> GRAY, JOSEPH<sup>1</sup>*) was born 01 Sep 1897 in Coryell County, Texas<sup>10,11</sup>. He married FLORA J UNKNOWN<sup>12</sup> Abt. 1925<sup>12</sup>. She was born Abt. 1906<sup>12</sup>.

Notes for JOHN ROBERT BEAMAN:

1930 US Census, Roberts County, Texas, 20 April, Pct 4, ED 5, sht 1B, #16:

Beeman, John R	32	1st married at 28,	laborer on farm,	can R/W	TX Al Al
Flora J	24	1st married at 20		TX Ga Ga	
Billie J (son)	3 ?/12			TX	
Bobbie L (son)	1 8/12			TX	

Children of JOHN BEAMAN and FLORA UNKNOWN are:

- i. BILLY J<sup>4</sup> BEAMAN, b. Abt. 1926<sup>12</sup>.
- ii. BOBBY L BEAMAN, b. Abt. 1928<sup>12</sup>.

### *Endnotes*

1. US Census 1900 Coryell County, Texas, Pct 1, Gatesville, pg 21, #28.
2. Jackson County, Florida marriage license.
3. US Census 1900 Coryell County, Texas, Pct 1, Gatesville, pg 21, #28.
4. US Census 1930 Scurry County, Texas, Pct 1, ED 6, sht 5B, pg 91B, #100.
5. Online cemetery listing, <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/tx/coryell/cemeteries/reste.txt>. . .
6. US Census 1930 Scurry County, Texas, Pct 1, ED 6, sht 5B, pg 91B, #100.
7. Online cemetery listing, <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/tx/coryell/cemeteries/reste.txt>. . .
8. Online cemetery listing, <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/tx/coryell/cemeteries/reste.txt> .
9. US Census 1930 Scurry County, Texas, Pct 1, ED 6, sht 5B, pg 91B, #100.
10. US Census 1930 Roberts County, Texas, Pct 4, ED 5, sht 1B, #16.
11. US Census 1900 Coryell County, Texas, Pct 1, Gatesville, pg 21, #28.
12. US Census 1930 Roberts County, Texas, Pct 4, ED 5, sht 1B, #16.

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