



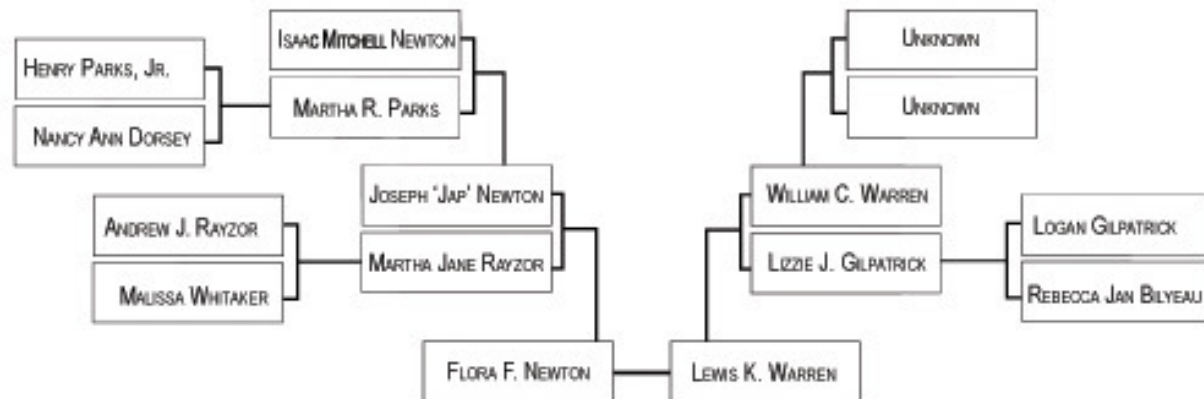
The Newtons & Warrens

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Family History: Tracing back our Newton & Warren Roots

In 2002, Mom and I made a trip to California to attend the Warren Family Reunion given annually by children of **Ken & Ann Warren**. I had the good fortune of meeting many cousins and their families.

Afterwards, I realized how little I knew about either side of my family — the Warrens, Newtons, Davenports, and Upchurches. My interest was piqued. I would gather data and

write a book so my children could learn about their roots.

My search/research began with mom, **Nena Vey**, who proved to be a wonderful source for stories about her family (Warrens) while she was growing up. But she knew little or nothing about her parents' families (Warrens, Newtons). A cousin in Kansas, **Maurine Fritzler**, had researched the Newtons and shared her info with me.

The internet provided a wealth of data on the Newtons, but nothing on the Warrens. Through the ensuing months, a plethora of cousins, second-cousins, and third-cousins were found. We began emailing, sharing info, and getting acquainted.

I've found history on the Newtons dating back to 1750; however, the Warrens have me baffled — there's hardly any info available on them.

Lewis K. Warren's parents were William C. Warren and wife Lizzie Jane Gilpatrick, but the trail seems to stop there. I've located a couple Warren families that could possibly be William's parents, but just can't find the proof needed to establish that as a fact.

A couple conversations with Aunt **Flo Warren Chaney** provided hope as she has old family photos and data that will possibly provide a link. She's promised to send copies and I can hardly wait to get them.

Warren Info Needed

If you have family records, photos, old letters... stuff like that... that you'd be willing to share, I sure would appreciate your contacting me. I'll probably arrive on your doorstep to fetch a copy of them! I'm pretty desperate to get more on the Warrens so I can finish my book and would appreciate your help.

Like a Family Newsletter?

Want more of them?

Please let me know what you think about having a family publication. I enjoy putting them together and will be delighted to continue doing so if you wish.

Contributions for printing and postage will be appreciated.

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EDITORS NOTE: In my Newton & Warren historical book, I've written extensively about Lewis and Flora Warren's family. The following excerpts are from some of the stories I've gathered.

Lewis & Flora Warren

In 1907, Lewis and Flora began their marriage and family outside Hollister on a leased acreage. Seven of their eleven children were born here.

The house was a four-room frame dwelling; no electricity nor indoor facilities. Water came from a well and was carried to the house. The out-house was several feet down a path from the back door.

Lewis farmed the land, raising cotton mainly, and they had an assortment of livestock. As soon as a son was five or six, he was out in the fields helping his dad with the planting, plowing, and harvesting.

In 1923, they loaded up the wagons and moved to another farm just

outside the city limits of Frederick. They lived here six years during which time their next two children would be born.

In 1929, they moved to a larger acreage northwest of Chickasha. The children attended Meridian School; a half mile from their home. The boys worked the fields and couldn't attend school at all times. Nena Vey was the first in her family to graduate. Her younger siblings would also be able to complete their education.

Nena remembered everyone had to be at the house and on the benches when meals were served. It wasn't necessarily a rule, but each child knew to be there on time or you didn't eat. Nena says her brothers and she were quite *prompt* to not miss meals.

She says there was also an unwritten rule in the house: no one fibbed or told untrue stories about a sibling. *We all got along so well*

and that there was never any reason or circumstance to make up stories and 'fib' to get someone in trouble.

Bob recalled they had seventeen dairy cows. They used most of the milk; leftovers were fed to the pigs. The cream was sold or used to make butter. He smiled as he remembered the stamp pressed in the butter, leaving an indentation of "L.K. Warren." The butter was then pushed out of the mold, wrapped in waxed paper, ready to sell.

Several times a week, Lewis took the butter into Chickasha where a grocery was eager to purchase every pound. Town residents clamored for the Warren's butter as it was darker and richer than others, and so much sweeter.

Selling butter, sweet cream, and eggs, enabled them to purchase items such as coffee, flour, sugar, and salt

Warren Children: Hollister School 1922

In the late 1910s and early 1920s, Lewis and Flora Warren resided on a farm southeast of Hollister, Oklahoma. Their first five children all attended the local rural school.

Front: 4th from left is Jay • 2nd row right end: Nena Vey

Back, 2nd from left is Floyd • 3rd is Lowell • right end is Kenneth



Trip to Old Homesite ^

In October 2003, when Bob and Marge visited Nena in Oklahoma, I took them over to the area where they'd lived north of Chickasha.

We were all disappointed that neither of their old homes were still there, nor was the old Meridian school. We were delighted though to find this sign indicating where their school once stood.

From the Newton-side of our family

Great Great Grandparents Massacred in 1862

If you'll refer to the front page you'll note that Jap Newton's maternal grandparents were the Parks. This is their story:

HENRY PARKS, JR.

BORN 1 SEP 1794 FRANKLIN COUNTY GA
DIED 2 APR 1862 LITTLE SALINE TX

NANCY ANN DORSEY

BORN 5 Jun 1794 Lincoln County NC
DIED 2 APR 1862 LITTLE SALINE TX

Henry's family moved to North Carolina when he was just a young lad. He joined his uncle, William Parks, and together they journeyed to Powells Valley in Kentucky where they involved in fighting the Seminole Indians. The uncle was killed and Henry returned home. He also fought in the Revolutionary War.

He and Nancy Ann Dorsey married in North Carolina then moved to Georgia where all eleven of their children were born. Their second-born, Martha Rose Ann Parks, would become the wife of Isaac Mitchell Newton.

Move to TX

Sometime after their children were grown and after 1860, Henry and Nancy moved to Texas to an area known as Little Saline Valley located on the Kimble and Menard County lines. One grandson, Billy, lived with them. It's not know for sure just which of their children were Billy's parents or why he came to be living with them.

They cleared an area where their log-cabin/house was erected and then constructed a barn and fences. Henry bought and sold cattle which they kept on their land.

Massacred by Indians

On the evening of 2 April 1862, a band of Comanche Indians attacked. The Park's house was burned to the ground; feathers from their bed were scattered over the valley. Henry, his wife, and grandson Billy were all killed... and scalped!

The next morning, neighbors saw smoke rising from the Parks' place and rode over to check on them only to discover the family had perished. All three were hurriedly buried together on the site where they'd been brutally murdered. Neighbors

formed a posse and trailed the Indians into San Saba County where they fought and killed some of the attackers.

At the site where the three were buried a monument has been erected and their entire homestead is now the Little Saline Cemetery. Most interesting is the letter, below, written by one of their children to his sister telling about the massacre.

(Transcribed from the original which is quite difficult to read.)

Nancy Dear Sister,

This will inform you we are all well, we recieved a letter from William a few days past, he was quite well, they were about to leave Vicksburg, and going to Holly Springs, Miss., to join Vandorn's Command. We recieved a letter from Mitchel Newton Tuesday, they were all well.

He had heard from our people in Texas, he read a letter, written by brother William to his Father-in-law Cayhill, (who moved to Texas with father) to his brother Cahill in Alabama, which stated the Indians came to Father's house on the 2nd day of April and burned his house and took all his stock — and worse that they killed Father, Mother and Little Billy.

Father's spectacles were found 20 yards from the house where there were scrapes as though he had combat and his gun was broken. He was lying near the house with an arm and his head burned off. Mother was 40 years from the house with four arrows shot in her. Little Billy 100 yards off, stabbed with a knife.

We have let Aunt Polly know it and Stephens. We have concluded to have their funerals preached by Buck Williams at our church the first sabbath in December. Write to sister Sarah and Patsy. I will write to uncle Billy, to write their obituary in the Advocate.

Your Bro.
Jas. W. Parks



Family Web Site You might enjoy my personal webpage where I've posted photos — old and new — of Warrens & Newtons. There are reunion photos, ancestral photos, and a whole array of others, plus a NEWS column. www.coxok.com

Family E-mail News I've set up an email database for the Warren and Newton families. When I hear news about either family, I send out news-emails. If you'll send your email address, I'll add you to the list. warren@coxok.com

Warren & Newton Family Reunions

If you'll send information about upcoming reunions, I'll post it on the internet. Also, I like to attend these reunions and if I know early-on, I'll try my best to be there and bring Mom.

2004 Newton Reunion held at Elk City, OK. I attended and met a whole bunch of Newtons. I was the only descendant there from the **Jap Newton Clan**, however, I did meet many descendants from Jap's brother's families. Photos on Web site.

2002 Warren Reunion in Morena Valley, CA. Mom and I attended, as did Bob & Marge, Wanda and Jim, two of Nell's children (Elaine & Wayne), one of Frank's (Leon), and many of Ken's children. What fun to meet this branch of my family.

2004 Warren Reunion, Chico, CA. Cousin Carole in Oregon sent photos (on Web site). Shown here are Karen, Pam, Carole, Rick, Floella, Debbie and her Daughter >>



The Warren Family about 1927

What a wonderful family photo!
L.K. Warren is the fellow in the center — the one wearing a hat. To his right is Flora, standing in the back. She was pregnant with Wanda and, it is thought she was hesitant to stand where her pregnancy would show in the photo.

On far back row at left is Lowell and his wife Dera in front of him. At back on right end is Floyd.

Front row, Nena Vey with baby Flo in front of her, Frank, Bob, Nell, and Kenneth on the end.

Below are the surviving five-of-eleven Warren children. They are scattered about the western half of the U.S.



Nena Vey, 88
Oklahoma



Bob, 83
California



Nell, 80
Idaho



Flo, 78
California



Wanda, 75
Texas