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Dayton History News

Profiles – Greens & Grants

Among Atascocita District (Liberty County) land grants issued in the early 1800s were 7 league sized (4,428 acres) along the west bank of the Trinity River between the townsite of West Liberty (now Dayton) and Cleveland.

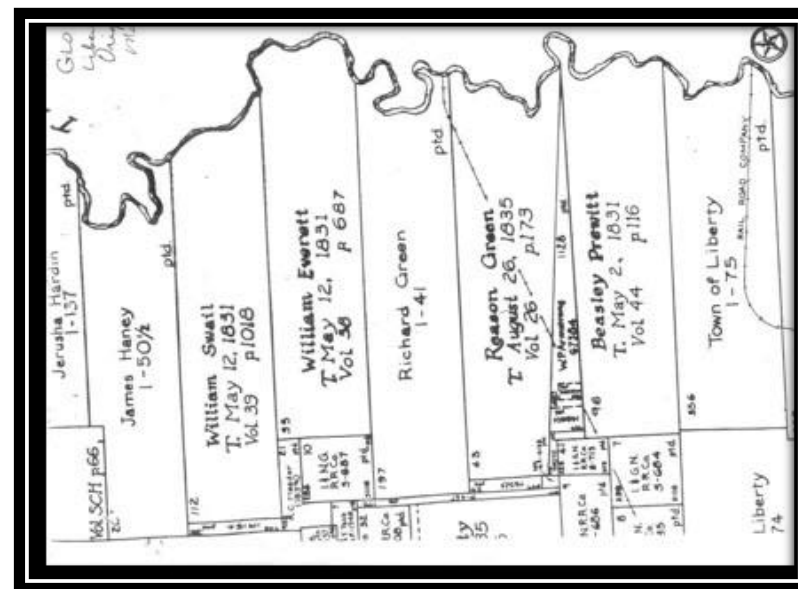
Original grants were referred to by the owner’s name. Included on the segment map below are grants to Beasley Prewitt, Reason Green, Richard Green, William Everett, William Swail, James Haney and Jerusha Hardin – most of whom are related through the Green family. The exceptions are William Swail and James Haney.

What little is known of William Swail revolves around Amy Comstock-White (1775-1853) who received a league grant of her own on the west side of the San Jacinto River in 1824 from Stephen F. Austin.

In 1828, she married William Swail and deeded her San Jacinto River league to him. They moved to his league on the Trinity River.

William died sometime before 1838. On January 19, 1838, Amy was granted her own allotment of land in Liberty County.

No information has been discovered to-date regarding the James Haney land grant.



**Richard Green Jr.
(1764-1834)**

In the center of the grant map is the name **Richard Green** (1765-1834). Known as “Old Foggy”, he was born in 1765 in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, the 6th of 9 children born to Richard Green Sr. (1728-1778) and Mary Rankins-Green (1730-1780).

Upon the death of his father Richard Sr. in 1778, Richard Jr. was bequeathed 5 shillings while the majority of his father’s assets went to his older brothers Charles, Moses and William.

On November 5, 1790, while still living in Pennsylvania, Richard Jr. married **Priscilla Reynolds** (1765-1821).

They had 7 children together – John Reynolds (1790-1862), Philip Rankin (1792-1844), Mary (1793-1859), Elizabeth (1795-1826), Reason (1800-1867), Lizzie (1804-?) and Benjamin (1810-1895).

In the early 1790s, Richard Jr. and his family moved to Natchez, Louisiana where his wife Priscilla died in 1821.

Seven years later (1828), Richard married **Sarah Wyche**. Soon after, Richard Jr. followed his youngest sons Reason and Benjamin to the Atascocita District (Liberty County) where he acquired the grant shown on the map.

Richard Jr. remained in Kenefick until his death on February 1, 1834 and is buried in the **French Cemetery**. A general location marker bears his name “Richard M. Green” and his nickname “Old Foggy”.

**Reason Green
(1800-1867)**

Adjacent to and south of his father Richard Jr.’s land on the grant map is the property of **Reason Green**.

He was born January 1, 1800 in Natchez, Louisiana and migrated to the Atascocita District along with his father and siblings. His league grant was received on August 26, 1835 from the General Land Office of Texas.

He met and married **Martha Ann “Patsy” Rogers** (1803-1860), the step-daughter of Reason’s neighbor **Beasley Prewitt**. Her parents were James Rogers (1786-1808) and Lucy Sims-Rogers-Prewitt (1786-1850).

Together, they had 5 children – Stephen (1829-1904), John Jefferson (1832-1918), Hannah Jane (1835-1892), Freeman Daniel (1837-1927) and Reason Green Jr. (1842-1864).

Reason and his brother Benjamin joined General Sam Houston’s Army during the war for independence of Texas from Mexican rule.

Although Benjamin did fight at the Battle of San Jacinto, Reason was given the assignment to take the women and children across the rivers into Louisiana in what became known as “**The Runaway Scrape**”. He used a crudely made raft which he navigated through alligator-infested swampland.

Reason remained in Kenefick until his death on February 11, 1867 and is buried in the **French Cemetery**. His wife Patsy died of typhoid fever on February 12, 1860 and is also buried in the **French Cemetery**. Both of their graves have markers.

**Cynthia (Cinderella)
Prewitt-Everett-Green Jerusha Hardin-Green
(1812-1871) (1834-1883)**

Adjacent to and north of Richard Green’s land on the grant map is the property of **William Everett**.

He had one sibling, Elizabeth (1794-1840) and their parents are unknown.

William’s sister, **Elizabeth Everett-Munson-Orr-Whiting**, also received a league of land grant in spite of being a widow (husband **Micajah Munson**). Her land grant was located south of West Liberty (i.e., South Dayton).

Per the 1826 census, William was 21 years old, single, born in Mississippi, a farmer and stockraiser with one slave over 14 and two under 14.

In 1828, he married 16 year old **Cynthia (Cindie, Cinderella) Prewitt** (1812-1871), daughter of neighbor **Beasley Prewitt** (1740-1835).

William and Cindie had two daughters Lucinda Everett-Lum (1829-1910) and Elizabeth (1831-1881) prior to William’s death 3 years later in 1831. He is buried in the **French Cemetery** (no marker).

Not long after, in 1832, Cindie married **Benjamin Green**, younger brother of Reason Green – who was married to Cindie’s step-sister Martha.

Cindie and Benjamin had 6 children together – Narcissus (1836-1925), William Benjamin (1844-????), Francis (1846-1897), Mary Jane (1848-1940), Bingham (1850-1855), and Edmond Modelle (1854-1881).

Cynthia died October 6, 1871 (no marker) and Benjamin died July 17, 1895 (has marker). They are both buried in the **French Cemetery**.

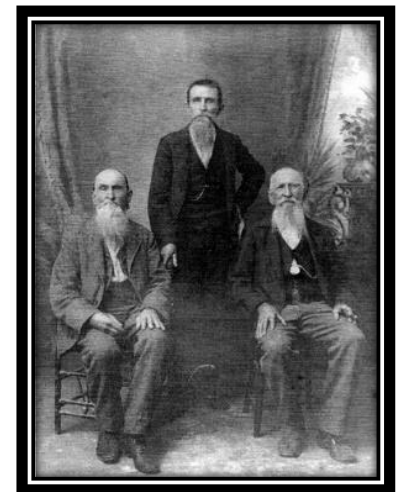
At the top of the grant map is the land of **Jerusha Hardin** which she inherited from her father, Augustine Hardin.

She was born July 11, 1834 in what is now Liberty County, the youngest of 2 children born to Augustine Blackburn Hardin (1797-1871) and Maria Dever (1807-1844). Her brother was Sanders A. Hardin (1831-?) and half-brother was Augustine Blackburn Jr. (1819-1902).

In 1854, Jerusha married **Stephen Green** (1829-1904), son of Reason Green, and they had 2 children – Sanders Jefferson (1855-1892) and William Blackburn (1857-1947).

Jerusha died June 30, 1883 and was buried in the **Hardin Family Cemetery** as is her husband Stephen Green who died October 27, 1904 (both unmarked)

Her brother, Sanders, married Stephen’s sister **Hannah Jane Green**.



Reason Green’s sons – Circa 1900
(L-R) Stephen, Freeman Daniel
& John Jefferson