

Family Group Record

Husband John S. Barnes		
Born	Abt 1813	Place , , Alabama Territory, USA
Chr.		Place
Died	Abt 1853/1854	Place Probably, Cass Co., Texas, USA
Buried		Place
Married	28 Feb 1835	Place , Yalobusha Co., Mississippi, USA
Husband's father	William Barnes Sr.	
Husband's mother	Sarah "Sally" Sanderson	
Wife Martha "Patsy" Cannon		
Born	Abt 1817	Place , Pendleton District, South Carolina, USA
Chr.		Place
Died	Bef Jul 1874	Place Perhaps Handley, Tarrant Co., Texas, USA
Buried		Place
Wife's father	Carter Cannon	
Wife's mother	Sarah "Sally" Tatum	
Children List each child in order of birth.		
1	F	Sarah Jane Barnes
	Born	Abt 1836 Place , Yalobusha Co., Mississippi, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Bef Dec 1854 Place Probably, Cass Co., Texas, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	James Skinner Jr.
	Married	15 Dec 1852 Place , Cass Co., Texas, USA
2	F	Rhoda Ann Barnes
	Born	Abt 1838 Place , Yalobusha Co., Mississippi, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Abt 1855/1859 Place Probably, Cass Co., Texas, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	James Skinner Jr.
	Married	23 Dec 1854 Place , Cass Co., Texas, USA
3	F	Mary Elizabeth Barnes
	Born	24 Feb 1840 Place , Yalobusha Co., Mississippi, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	10 Dec 1908 Place , Alameda Co., California, USA
	Buried	12 Dec 1908 Place Mountain View or St. Mary Cemetery, Alameda Co., California, USA
	Spouse	[Unknown] Christman
	Married	Bef 1859 Place , , Texas, USA
	Spouse	[Unknown] Thomas
	Married	Abt 1860/1865 Place , , Arkansas or Texas, USA
	Spouse	Jeptha Norton Garrett
	Married	1 Jul 1869 Place , Brazos Co., Texas, USA
	Spouse	James A. Mitchell
	Married	14 Mar 1878 Place , Williamson Co., Texas, USA
4	F	Emily Josephine Barnes
	Born	Abt 1842 Place , Harrison Co., later Cass Co., Texas, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Bef 1878 Place Apparently died before Carter Cannon did
	Buried	Place Perhaps, Cass Co. or Tarrant Co., Texas, USA
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
5	M	Berry Henderson Barnes
	Born	Nov 1847 Place , Cass Co., Texas, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	25 Oct 1883 Place Handley, Tarrant Co., Texas, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Theodocia Phidelia Leatherman "Delia"
	Married	7 Sep 1865 Place , Bell Co., Texas, USA
6	F	Martha F. Barnes
	Born	Abt 1848 Place , Cass Co., Texas, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Bef 9 Mar 1874 Place Perhaps, Austin Co., Texas, USA
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6	F	Martha F. Barnes
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	James Whiting Beall
	Married	Abt 1865 Place Perhaps, Tarrant Co., Texas, USA
7	F	Elmira Tennessee "Tinnie" Barnes
	Born	9 Aug 1851 Place , Cass Co., Texas, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	19 Aug 1931 Place Austin, Travis Co., Texas; Resided, Temple, Bell Co., Texas
	Buried	Place Hillcrest Cemetery, probably Bell Co., Texas, USA
	Spouse	Martin Van Buren Digby
	Married	27 Jan 1869 Place , Austin Co., Texas, USA
8	M	Seaborn (John Seaborn) Barnes
	Born	2 Jun 1854 Place , Cass Co., Texas, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	19 Jul 1878 Place Round Rock, Williamson Co., Texas, USA
	Buried	Place Round Rock, Williamson Co., Texas, USA
	Spouse	
	Married	Place

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HUSBAND - John S. Barnes

"Family Finder" DNA results for Thomas Houston Barnes, Jr., a direct descendant of William Barnes, Sr., and Cecilie Gaziano, who is a direct descendant of John S. Barnes, show their relationship predicted to be at the second cousin to fourth cousin level. Fourth cousin appears to be correct.

Birthplace of Alabama comes from the 1850 Cass Co., TX, census for John S. Barnes.

Yalobusha Co., MS, tax list, 1834-1835; 1836; 1841.

28 Feb 1835 Yalobusha Co., MS, marriage index. Marriage record book lost. Exact date of marriage found in microfilmed MS marriages of a Texas library in Dallas. Date must have been recorded (by WPA workers perhaps) by TX library or other agency before the book was lost.

According to an unknown author in the NORTH MISSISSIPPI HERALD on 04 Aug 1938, reported in "Comments on the Early History of Water Valley," YALOBUSHA PIONEER, Vol. XVII, Issue 4, Winter 1992, published by the Yalobusha County Historical Society, P.O. Box 258, Coffeeville, MS 38922-0258: "In the fall of 1834, Mr. Carton (sic) Cannon put up a cabin on the ground now occupied by the Shaw Foundry and about the same time, JOHN BARNES, a son-in-law of Mr. Cannon, made an improvement where Mr. A. Tabor now resides." (p. 15)

Also, under discussion of the town of Washington, about two miles north of Water Valley, which sprang up about 1837-1838 and flourished for 2-3 years before being eclipsed by Water Valley: "In 1838 or 1839, Mr. G. B. Ragsdale moved up from the vicinity of Coffeeville and purchased the improvements made by Mr. BARNES, where Mr. A. Tabor now resides, and established what was known for many years as Ragsdale Stand. As stated before, the road through this valley was the Great Stage Route from Jackson, Canton, Lexington, Carrollton, Grenada, Coffeeville, Oxford, Holly Springs, to LaGrange, Tennessee.

"The first stage stand was at Mr. Charles Cock's, Mr. Geo. Dickinson's present residence, and afterwards it was moved to Ragsdale's Stand, where in 1844 the first post office was established. We would state here that Ragsdale's Stand was just outside of the county line, was never in Yalobusha County until a few years ago, when the Legislature attached two tiers of sections of the county from the territory of Lafayette." (pp. 16-17)

3 Jul 1841, James Skinner received a conditional certificate for 640 acres, which JOHN BARNES (and Calvin Cunningham) witnessed. James Skinner married two of John S. Barnes's daughters, who apparently died young, because James Skinner married one to two more times.

Texas General Land Office: File 848, Bowie 3rd Class, 294 acres for JOHN S. BARNES, 3 Feb 1845. File 220, 346 acres for JOHN S. BARNES, surveyed 19 Oct 1848, conditional certificates, never completed the patents. Conditional certificate received 4 May 1844. Cass Co., TX.

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14 May 1849 JOHN S. BARNS sold 294 acres to Asa Johnson.

1850 Census of Precinct 1, Cass County, Texas, 98/103, page 727A, lines 8-13 (Sept. 28):

John Barns	37	M	W	Farmer 1000	Ala.	[c1813]	
Martha "	33	F	W		S.C.	[c1817]	
Sarah J.	14	F	W		Miss.	[c1836]	
Rhoady A.	12	F	W		Miss.	[c1838]	
Mary E.	9	F	W		Miss.	[c1841]	
Emeline J.	7	F	W		Texas	[c1843]	
Mary H.	4	M	W		Texas	[c1846]	This is really Berry H.
Martha	2	F	W		Texas	[c1848]	

29 Mar 1850 JOHN BARNES vs. James Waits Distr. Court case, Cass Co.

1850 This is the last date John BARNS/ES appeared in Cass Co. tax records.

Feb/Mar 1853 Two land transactions between JOHN S. BARNS and heirs of James Skinner Sr.

1854 Only Martha Barnes appears as taxpayer on John S. Barnes's land. This suggests that John died between 1853 and 1854.

Tarrant Co., TX, tax records which appeared to be for this John Barns must be for someone else(?). Not clear if this is a relative:

1856, 1857 Tarrant Co., TX, JOHN BARNES? paid poll tax.

1863 Tarrant Co., JOHN BARNES, 174 acres of land taxed.

1876 Tarrant Co., TX, Deeds, Vol. F, p. 516: 1876, land belonging to JOHN BARNES HEIRS sold for non-payment of taxes. D. C. HARRISON acquired it for \$6.86. Harrison was his brother-in-law. Date of transaction 05 Jun 1877.

1877 Tarrant Co., JOHN BARNES heirs are mentioned in Carter Cannon estate documents.

WIFE - Martha "Patsy" Cannon

Tarrant Co., TX, Deeds, Book C, p. 508: B. H. Barnes to D. C. Harrison, 20 Apr 1877: mentions 12-1/2 acres set aside by July 1874 court term to the heirs of Martha Barnes out of the Estate of C. C. Cannon, dec. (B. H. Barnes was a son of Martha, and D. C. Harrison was her brother-in-law).

CHILD 1 - Sarah Jane Barnes

First known record of Sarah Jane BARNS is in the 1850 Cass Co., TX, census, p. 727, for Precinct 3, Jefferson (now the capital of Marion Co., next door to Cass Co.).

21 Nov 1853: James SKINNER and wife Sarah J. of Cass Co., TX, made an indenture to Gilbert C. BALL of same county; land on waters of Black Cypress, part of a tract originally surveyed in the name of James SKINNER, Sr.

Witnesses were:

T. C. JERRYMAN (BERRYMAN? PERRYMAN?) & A. J. HAYES. Sarah made her mark. Book H, p. 200.

13 Oct 1854: James SKINNER sold 640 acres, excluding 150 acres in NWC, to Gilbert C. BALL, patent of James SKINNER SR. 28 Feb 1849. There was no mention of wife, Sarah Jane. She may have died by this date.

CHILD 2 - Rhoda Ann Barnes

First known record of Rhoda Ann BARNS is in the 1850 Cass Co., TX, census, p. 727, for Precinct 3, Jefferson (now the capital of Marion Co., next door to Cass Co.).

CHILD 3 - Mary Elizabeth Barnes

This is the ancestor of Daniel Hale, danhale1974@gmail.com, who has a family tree at www.ancestry.com, "Dan Hale's Family Tree," owned by DanHale74. Accessed 01 Aug 2014. She is also the great-grandmother of Dianne

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CHILD 3 - Mary Elizabeth Barnes (Continued)

Doyle Stevens, distevens@comcast.net (email to Cecilie Gaziano on September 6, 2014).

Mary Elizabeth Barnes married 4 times and had 9 children, 5 living, according to the 1900 census, so 3 children's names, births, and deaths are unknown.

CHILD 4 - Emily Josephine Barnes

1850 Census, Cass Co., TX, Precinct 1, Dwelling 98/Family 103, line 8, p. 727, In household of John and Martha BARNES, she was identified as Emeline I. or J., enumerated on 28 Sep 1850. Emeline T. BARNES, line 13.

Notes of Richard Jay Doyle, Jr., grandson of Mary Elizabeth (Barnes) Christman Thomas Garrett Mitchell with information from his mother, Marguerite Estelle (Mitchell) Gray Doyle state that her name was Emily Josephine.

Nothing more is known of her. Perhaps she died before her mother's father, Carter Cannon, did in 1878, because she is not mentioned among the Barnes heirs.

CHILD 5 - Berry Henderson Barnes

The date of birth for Berry Henderson Barnes of Nov. 1847 comes from notes of Richard Jay Doyle, Jr., given to his daughter, Dianne Doye Stevens, distevens@comcast.net, supplied to Cecilie Gaziano, cgaziano1@gmail.com, on 07 Sep 2014.

Family of B. H. Barnes is shown twice in the 1880 Census: (1) village of Handley, Tarrant Co., p. 4, and (2) District 91, p. 76A.

1880 census of 91st District, S.D., Tarrant Co., Texas, p. 76A, 40/42 (June 9-10):

BARNES, Berry H.	W M 33 [head]	Married Cattle dealer	Texas Tennessee [sic] Tennessee [sic]
Theodosha	W F 32 Wife	Married Housekeeper	Louisiana Tennessee [sic]
Tennessee [sic]			
John	W M 13 Son*	Work on farm	Texas Texas Louisiana
Robert	W M 11 Son*		Texas Texas Louisiana
Philip	W M 9 Son*		Texas Texas Louisiana
Ophelia	W F 6 Daughter		Texas Texas Louisiana
Charlie	W M 3 Son		Texas Texas Louisiana
BEALL Lilly	W F 8 Niece		Texas Texas Texas
HELBRON Sarah	W F 25	Widowed Housekeeper	Texas Mississippi Mississippi

*In school

1880 census of Village of Handley, Tarrant Co., Texas, S.D. 3, E.D. 203, p. 4, 23/23 (Sept. 22):

BARNES, Henderson B.	W M 32 [Head]	Married Raising cattle	Can't read Can't write	Texas Miss Miss
Theodosia F.	W F 31 Wife	Married Keeping house		Louisiana [blank] Mississippi
John F.	W M 13 Son	Single At home	5 years of school	Texas Tex. La.
Robert E. W.	W M 11 Son	Single At home	5 years of school	Texas Tex. La.
Philip N.	W M 8 Son	Single At home	5 years of school	Texas Tex. La.
Emma O.	W F 6 Daughter	Single		Texas Tex. La.
Charles H. J.	W M 3 Son	Single		Texas Tex. La.
Ida May	W F May Daughter	Single		Texas Tex. La.
Clementinius	W M May Son	Single		Texas Tex. La.
BEALE Lilia E.	W F 8 Ward	Single	5 years of school	Texas Miss. Tex.

Approximate date of death and cause (tuberculosis) from his granddaughter, Pauline (Barnes) Prescott of Ft. Worth, TX. (Mrs. Luther Daniel Prescott, widow, interviewed by Cecilie Gaziano of Minneapolis, MN, on 19 Apr 1991 by telephone.)

4 Apr 1881 Tarrant Co., TX, Deeds, Book S, p. 639: B. H. Barnes to Martha Puchet (Pucket?) of Sebastian Co., AR.

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CHILD 5 - Berry Henderson Barnes (Continued)
 1883 Tarrant Co., Tax Rolls: Berry Henderson Barnes listed.

25 Oct 1883 Exact date of death obtained from Marcy A. Porter, who received it from Michael Moreland, who cannot be located. Accuracy not yet confirmed. Exact date and place of marriage from Jewell Pool; not yet confirmed.

1884 Tarrant Co., Tax Rolls: B. H. Barnes Estate listed.

CHILD 6 - Martha F. Barnes
 Listed as child in household of John S. BARNS, 1850 census, Cass Co., Texas, as Martha F. Barnes.

According to Dianne Doyle Stevens, a direct descendant of Martha's sister, Mary Elizabeth Barnes, Martha's middle name was Elvira. Dianne's source was notes her father, Richard J. Doyle, now deceased, made when talking to his grandmother, Marguerite, who was the daughter of Mary Elizabeth.

Martha was shown in the 1870 Federal Census of Austin Co., Texas, as wife of James BEALL. He remarried in Burnet Co., Texas, so Martha may have died in Austin Co. or Burnet Co. or a county adjoining one of these. It is possible she died in Tarrant Co., but this appears to be less likely.

CHILD 7 - Elmira Tennessee "Tinnie" Barnes
 09 Aug 1851 Cass County, Texas: Elmira Tennessee Barnes was born.

27 Jan 1869 Austin County, Texas: Elmira Tennessee Barnes married Martin Van Buren Digby. Book D, page 362. http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txaustin/EarlyMarriages/eb_B.htm. Also: "Texas Marriages, 1837-1973," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FXSR-TMY : 5 December 2014>), Martin V. Digby and Tennessee Barnes, 27 Jan 1869; citing Austin, Texas, , reference ; FHL microfilm 1,019,273.

04 Apr 1877 Tarrant Co., TX, Deeds, Book C, p. 505: M. V. Digby and wife E. T. Digby of Grayson Co. sold their 1/6th interest in the 74 acres set apart for the John Barnes heirs out of the Estate of C. C. Cannon and Sarah Cannon for \$70 to D. C. Harrison (uncle of Tennessee).

1880 Census, Haughts Store village, Dallas Co., TX, p. 244A, 115/123, June 7: DIGBY, M. V., wm age 37 married, Blacksmith, MS GA MS

- " , Tennessee wf age 31 married, wife, TX AL AL
- " , James H. wm age 10 son TX MS TX
- , Willie wm age 8 son TX MS TX
- , Claud wm age 4 son TX MS TX
- , unnamed wm age 5 mos. son (Jan.) TX MS TX

1900 Census, Bartlett, Bell Co. (2 Jun 1900), p. 134a, 41/44:
 DIGBY, M. V. head wm Aug 1843 57 m=married 30yrs MS GA AL Blacksmith

- " , E. T. wife wf Aug 1851 48 m 30 (7 child, 4 living) TX MS MS
- " , Altha T. dau wf Feb 1882 18 s=single TX MS TX
- " , L. G. son wm Dec 1889 10 s TX MS TX

ROACH, D. boarder wm Oct 1875 24 s physician GA GA GA

1910 Census, Bell Co., TX, E.D. 1, Sheet 16A, 227/227: household of:
 DIGBY, Guy L. wm 21

- " , Tinnie E. fw mother 58 TX United States United States

1920 Census, Bell Co., TX, Temple, pct. 5, S.D. 11, E.D. 25, Sheet 7B, Ward 3, 161/197, household of Guy and Nina Digby:
 DIGBY, Tennie Mother F W 67 Wid. Texas United States United States

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1930 Census: could not find her or Guy's family.

A descendant is Billy Blair, of Fort Worth, Texas, who provided Tennessee's date of death.

See also section on "Martin Van Buren Digby" in STORY OF BELL COUNTY, TEXAS, Vol. I, Bell County Historical Commission, Eakin Press, Austin, TX, 1988, p. 460 (submitted by Billy Blair -- William Lee Blair).

Date and place of marriage is from the following: Texas State Library and Archives Commission; Austin, Texas; Confederate Pension Applications, 1899-1975; Collection #: CPA16526; Roll #: 2336; Roll Description: Pension File Nos. 38160 to 38180, Application Years 1921 to 1922. Ancestry.com. Alabama, Texas and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Original data: Texas, Confederate Pension Applications, 1899-1975. Vol. 1-646 & 1-283. Austin, Texas: Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Confederate Pension Rolls, Veterans and Widows. Richmond, Virginia: Library of Virginia. Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940. Montgomery, Alabama: Alabama Department of Archives and History.

According to an unidentified Texas newspaper, probably in Temple, Texas, "Funeral Will Be Held Today For Mrs. E. T. DIGBY," she died at age 80 at 1 a.m. on Wednesday, 19 Aug 1931, at the home of her son L. Guy Digby, when she " was taken suddenly ill about 9 o'clock Tuesday night." She resided with her daughter, Mrs. D. McKay, 510 North Main Street. Her name was given as "Elmira." she was born in Cass county, Texas, Aug. 9, 1851. States she married Martin V. Digby 28 Jan 1869, and they had 7 children, of whom 3 were surviving when she died. She had resided in Bell Co. for 40 years before her death (since about 1891). Surviving children were S. W. Digby of Belton [probably means William Seaborn Digby], L. Guy Digby of Austin, and Mrs. D. McKay of Temple. She was "very active up to the time of her death." The funeral was at the First Christian Church of the community in which the paper was published, and she was buried in Hillcrest Cemetery. Pallbearers were E. W. L. HARTMANN, J. W. BONNER, Y. Q. BAKER, O. RICHARDS, Claude McGREGOR, and John DANIEL.

Her funeral record #107, unnamed funeral home on the photocopy from Billy Blair, p. 292, 19 Aug 1931, gave her cause of death as cerebral apoplexy, left cerebral hemorrhage. Her occupation was "old lady," no religion was specified, her age was 80 years, 0 months, 10 days. She must actually have been 90 when she died. Her parents were given as John S. Barnes and Mary [sic] Cannon, their birthplaces unknown. The bill was charged to D. McKay, who is also shown on the page as Mrs. Victor McKay.

According to the "Martin Van Buren Digby" section, in STORY OF BELL COUNTY, TX: [Digby's] "wife (b. 1849) was a native of Texas, but her parents were born in Alabama [not entirely correct]. They moved to Handley, Texas (between Dallas and Fort Worth). An uncle took Tennessee and the children to raise after they were orphaned." (p. 460)

CHILD 8 - Seaborn (John Seaborn) Barnes

First name of John and exact date of birth of 2 June 1854 comes from notes of Richard Jay Doyle, Jr., given to his daughter, Dianne Doye Stevens, distevens@comcast.net, supplied to Cecilie Gaziano, cgaziano1@gmail.com, on 07 Sep 2014.

Seaborn Barnes, who rode with the Sam Bass outlaw gang and was killed with Bass by a Texas Ranger. "Seab" was supposed to have been born about 1853 in Cass Co., TX, and his mother to have moved to Handley, Tarrant Co., with five children after she was widowed (when Seab was very young). Berry Henderson Barnes, Martha's brother, lived in Handley about 1880. No other recorded Barnes family was in Cass Co., TX, and later Handley, Tarrant Co., except this family. Seab is described as being dark.

See: AUTHENTIC HISTORY OF SAM BASS AND HIS GANG, printed in the Monitor Book and Job Printing Establishment at Denton, TX, 1878 (no author given); reprinted 1932, 1950, Bandera, TX, pp. 19-20:

"Sebe Barnes. Of the antecedents of this member of the Bass banditti comparatively little is known by the writer. He lived for some time in Denton county, having formerly resided in Tarrant county where some of his near relatives now live. He worked at the potter's trade, at A. [Augustus] H. Serrens' pottery about five miles south of Denton. He was of

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a wandering disposition, however, and it seems, had no fixed abode. He was about 25 years of age at the time he met his death at Round Rock, was rather slender of build, light complexion, had a large prominent nose of Roman 'variety,' dark hazel eyes overhung by rather a heavy brow. The upper portion of his face was broad, while from his cheek bones downward it receded rapidly, leaving the region of his mouth and chin disproportionately narrow. His neck was unusually long, and his throat marked with a huge Adam's apple. With such a physiognomy his appearance could not fail to be remarkable, and it is said that withal he was not ungainly or unhandsome. He was, however, like all of Bass' confederates, illiterate and rough in his demeanor, and it may be stated here, for the benefit of the rising generation who may be captivated by certain rose-tinted reports as to the personal characteristics and notoriety of Bass and his adherents, that there was not one of them who possessed the first element of a cultivated gentleman in his appearance or bearing -- not one who was calculated to attract any but a mind of brutish instincts and coarse impulses."

Among the main references on Seaborn Barnes are: Charles L. Martin, A SKETCH OF SAM BASS, THE BANDIT, Dallas: Herald Steam Printing House, 1880; reprinted in 1956 by the University of Oklahoma Press (Martin was a Dallas newspaperman). Wayne Gard, SAM BASS, 1936; reprinted by the University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, 1964.

Record from the Criminal District Clerk, Tarrant Co. Criminal Courts Building, 401 West Belknap, Fort Worth, TX 76196 -0402: Case 692, Barnes, Seaborn, filed 22 Mar 1876, offense/assault to murder, filed in Minute Book A-62 [missing], disposition/Not Guilty on 23 Mar 1876.

See: INDEX TO ARKANSAS CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS, Vol. I, A-G, Page 27: "Barnes, Seaborn H.; Co. G; 4 Ark. Inf.; Pvt/Pvt." This is not the same Seaborn Barnes, as the record for that man states he died 8 Oct 1861.

University of Texas Archives, Barker Center for American History, Sid Richardson Building 2.109, Austin, TX 78713-7330: has a negative of photo of the outlaw Sam Bass and two members of his gang, Seaborn Barnes and one other man. Identifications conflict however. A story on "Sam Bass, Outlaw," in the DENVER POST MAGAZINE 30 Mar 1986 ran the photo, identifying the 3 men in it as (L-R): Jim Murphy, who betrayed Sam Bass's identity to the Texas Rangers; Sam Bass, seated; and Seaborn Barnes (a large man). A photocopy of another article, "Death of Sam Bass" by Lorraine Barnes, publication name and date not known, said the slightly built man (L) was Seaborn; the one at R was Frank Jackson. Both agreed the man seated in the middle was Bass. The three men do not look much like outlaws. They are dressed like dandies -- and their guns are shown prominently in the picture. More recently, other evidence is that this photograph is of 3 other men, not the Bass gang.

Billy Blair, a great-great-grandson of Elmira Tennessee (BARNES) DIGBY, confirmed on Dec. 1, 1996, by phone to Cecilie Gaziano that he grew up hearing stories about his black-sheep relative, Seaborn Barnes, brother of Elmira Tennessee.