

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband Martin Van Buren Digby</b>		
Born	Abt 1843	Place , , Mississippi, USA
Chr.		Place Family resided in Attala Co., Mississippi, in 1850
Died	1900	Place Killed by train, south of Holland, Bell Co., Texas,USA
Buried		Place
Married	27 Jan 1869	Place , Austin Co., Texas. USA
Other Spouse	Susan Virginia Burton	
Married	Abt 1865/1867 (D)	Place
Husband's father	James Digby	
Husband's mother	Nancy Crocker	
<b>Wife Elmira Tennessee "Tinnie" Barnes</b>		
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
Wife's father	John S. Barnes	
Wife's mother	Martha "Patsy" Cannon	
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.		
1	M	<b>James H. Digby</b>
	Born	Abt 1870 Place Probably, Bell Co., Texas, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Bef 1880 Place Probably, Bell Co., Texas, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
2	M	<b>William Seaborn "Willie" Digby</b>
	Born	12 Jan 1872 Place Probably, Tarrant Co., or perhaps Gause, Milam Co.,Texas,USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	11 Feb 1952 Place , Bell Co., Texas, USA
	Buried	Place North Belton, Bell Co., Texas, USA
	Spouse	Mattie Minerva Wallace
	Married	27 Dec 1896 Place Perhaps, Bell Co., Texas, USA
	Spouse	Lillie Barr
	Married	Aft 1936 Place Perhaps, Bell Co., Texas, USA
3	M	<b>Claude Digby</b>
	Born	14 Jun 1877 Place , Tarrant Co., Texas, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	19 Jun 1928 Place Waco, McLennan Co., Texas, USA
	Buried	Place Rosemound Cemetery, Waco, McLennan Co., Texas,USA
	Spouse	Cordelia Pearl Martin
	Married	18 Feb 1900 Place , Bell Co., Texas, USA
4	M	<b>[Male] Digby</b>
	Born	Jan 1880 Place Haughts Grove, Dallas Co., Texas, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Bef 1900 Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
5	F	<b>Alta Mae Digby</b>
	Born	4 Feb 1882 Place Dallas, Dallas Co., Texas, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	27 Feb 1964 Place Temple, Bell Co., Texas, USA
	Buried	28 Feb 1964 Place Hillcrest Cemetery, Temple, Bell Co., Texas,USA
	Spouse	Daniel Albert "Dee" Mc Kay
	Married	20 Oct 1901 Place Belton, Bell Co., Texas, USA
6		<b>[Unknown] Digby</b>
	Born	Aft 1880 Place , , Texas, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Bef 1900 Place
	Buried	Place
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6	<b>[Unknown] Digby</b>	
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
7	<b>M Leonard Guy Digby</b>	
	Born	18 Dec 1889 Place Gause, Milam Co., Texas, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	2 Jan 1963 Place San Antonio, Bexar Co., Texas, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Penina Jane "Nina" Jackson
	Married	Place

**Notes**

**HUSBAND** - Martin Van Buren Digby

1850 Census, Attala Co., MS, p. 174, 28 Oct, Dwelling 1244/Family 1252: Martin was a child, age 7, born MS, in household of James and Nancy Degbee [Digby].

1880 Census, Haughts Store village, Dallas Co., TX, p. 244A: shows M. V. Digby, blacksmith, with wife Tennessee and four sons. (June 7)

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 Emeline Tennessee). 4 Apr 1877.

**WIFE** - 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](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.

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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 w f age 31 married, wife, TX AL AL  
 " , James H. w m age 10 son TX MS TX  
 , Willie w m age 8 son TX MS TX  
 , Claud w m age 4 son TX MS TX  
 , unnamed w m age 5 mos. son (Jan.) TX MS TX

1900 Census, Bartlett, Bell Co. (2 Jun 1900), p. 134a, 41/44:

DIGBY, M. V. head w m Aug 1843 57 m=married 30yrs MS GA AL Blacksmith  
 " , E. T. wife w f Aug 1851 48 m 30 (7 child, 4 living) TX MS MS  
 " , Altha T. dau w f Feb 1882 18 s=single TX MS TX  
 " , L. G. son w m Dec 1889 10 s TX MS TX  
 ROACH, D. boarder w m 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:

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**Wife** **Elmira Tennessee "Tinnie" Barnes**

**Notes**

WIFE - Elmira Tennessee "Tinnie" Barnes (Continued)

DIGBY, Tinnie Mother F W 67 Wid. Texas United States United States

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 1 - James H. Digby

1880 Census, Haughts Grove village, Dallas Co., TX, p. 244A: James H. DIGBY is shown as a son of Tennessee and M. V. DIGBY.

He did not appear in the 1900, 1910, 1920, or 1930 federal censuses.

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).

His mother's newspaper obituary states that only 3 of her 7 children survived her, and James H. Digby was not listed among these.

CHILD 2 - William Seaborn "Willie" Digby

1880 Census, Haughts Grove village, Dallas Co., TX, p. 244A: Willie DIGBY is shown as a son of Tennessee and M. V. DIGBY.

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<b>Notes</b>	
CHILD 2 - William Seaborn "Willie" Digby (Continued)	
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). William Seaborn Digby was the great-grandfather of Billy Blair of Granbury, TX.	
1910 Federal Census, Coleman Co., TX, Ed. 127, Sheet 16: DIGBY, Seburn W. w m 37	
" , Mattie	w f 36 wife
" , Lorene	w f 12 dau
" , Mack	w m 10 son
" , Sidney	w m 9 son
" , Emmett	w m 6 son
" , Corine	w f 4 dau
" , Martin	w f 3 son
Additional information from Emily Ann Ellison Haire, ehaire@austin.rr.com, from web page at worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com, last updated 11 Sep 2002; accessed 19 Sep 2002.	
1920 Federal Census of Justice Precinct 3, Bell, Texas; Roll: T625_1776; Page: 9B; Enumeration District: 9; online at www.ancestry.com.	
1930 Federal Census of Belton, Bell, Texas; Roll: 2290; Page: 6A; Enumeration District: 3; online at www.ancestry.com.	
1940; Census Place: Belton, Bell, Texas; Roll: m-t0627-03983; Page: 12B; Enumeration District: 14-1.	
Name: Lillie Digby	
Respondent: Yes	
Marital status: Married	
Relation to Head of House: Wife	
Residence in 1935: Same House	
Sheet Number: 12B	
Highest Grade Completed: Elementary school, 6th grade	
Household Members:	
Name Age	
S W Digby 68 abt 1872 Texas Head	
Lillie Digby 50 abt 1890 Texas Wife	
Jack Hair 29 abt 1911 Texas Stepson	
Ancestry.com. 1940 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.	
Texas Death Index, online at www.ancestry.com. Certificate 4878.	
He wrote a letter to the editor of "Frontier Times" magazine in the 1930s, saying that he was a nephew of Seaborn Barnes, and that Seaborn's father, John Burns [sic], was a soldier in the Mexican War. Signed S. W. Digby of Belton, Texas.	
Find A Grave, database and images ( <a href="https://www.findagrave.com">https://www.findagrave.com</a> : accessed 27 January 2019), memorial page for William Seburn "Will" Digby (12 Jan 1872–11 Feb 1952), Find A Grave Memorial no. 24206815, citing North Belton Cemetery, Belton, Bell County, Texas, USA ; Maintained by J Thacker (contributor 46815748) .	
CHILD 3 - Claude Digby	
1880 Census, Haughts Grove village, Dallas Co., TX, p. 244A: Claud DIGBY is shown as a son of Tennessee and M. V. DIGBY.	

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His mother's newspaper obituary states that only 3 of her 7 children survived her, and Claud Digby was not listed among these.

18 Feb 1900 Bell, Texas, USA. Pearl Martin married Claud Digby. Film Number: 000981038. Ancestry.com. Texas, County Marriage Records, 1817-1965 [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2016.

1900 Holland, Bell Co., Texas, census, 84/87, p. 110b (5 June 1900):

DIGBY, Claude head wm June 1877 22 M=married 0=yrs. TX MS TX Cattle Buyer

" , Pearl wife wf May 1881 19 M 0 TX GA TX

1910 Federal census, Bell Co., Texas, census, Ed.1, sheet 16:

DIGBY, Claude C. w m 32

" , Pearl w f 29 wife

" , Dorlis T. w f 8 daughter

" , Leonard L. w m 7 son

" , Blanch w f 3 daughter

" , Scott W. w m 2 son

" , Charlie S. w m 9/12 son

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C C DIGBY 19 Jun 1928 McLennan Co.

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Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 27 January 2019), memorial page for C C Digby (14 Jun 1877–19 Jun 1928), Find A Grave Memorial no. 136364579, citing Rosemound Cemetery, Waco, McLennan County, Texas, USA ; Maintained by Slick (contributor 47388071) .

CHILD 4 - [Male] Digby

1880 Census, Haughts Grove village, Dallas Co., TX, p. 244A: A male DIGBY is shown as a son of Tennessee and M. V. DIGBY, first name not given.

Only 3 of his mother's 7 children survived her.

CHILD 5 - Alta Mae Digby

She was listed as a surviving child, with whom her mother lived. Billy Blair, a relative of this family, said in a phone call of 16 Feb 1999 that Alta had two daughters. One married Sam Floca of Temple, Bell Co., TX.

Birth certificate of daughter, Marguerite McKay, Belton, Bell Co., TX, File #27, states that the mother had given birth to 2 children, both living.

Bell Co., TX, marriage records, #572, 20 Oct 1901: Miss Alta Digby and Dee McKay.

Death certificate, #135, filed 28 Feb 1964.

CHILD 6 - [Unknown] Digby

Mother's obituary stated only 3 of 7 children survived her.

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