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To: Lisa Birkman

Subject: RE: New RR annex naming

Hi Commissioner,

There is not much out there on this family, but below is what we've found: Lisa stopped by the Round Rock library yesterday and did some digging around there and she looked in our collection and various source texts. The name Merrell comes up related to this family, which is a very significant name in the county, but this link is through marriage to the Jesters. There was a Jester postmaster in Round Rock as well.

1870 Census: nothing on either name

1880 Census:

John Bradley W M 34 Druggist BP: TN, BF: VA, BM: VA

Mary Bradley W F 30 (wife) Keeping house BP: MO, BF: GER, BM: GER

Ethel W F 2 dau.

Carrie WF 2 dau.

No Jester info.

1889-1901 Marriage records:

Henry L Bradley m. Georgie Allen 10 Aug 1898

James C Bradley m. Alice Dailey 23 Dec 1889

Sylvester Bradley m Sallie Ray 4 Aug 1887

Wm. H Taylor (col) m. Linor Bradley (col) 2 Dec 1900

No Jester info.

Land of Good Water: Merrell M. Jester served in World War I; was "New" Round Rock postmaster in 1919.

No Jester info.

WCGS Ancestor Charts:

Josephine Bradley, b. 2 Aug 1871

Margie Bonita Bradley, b. 2 Apr 1936

Titus C Bradley, b. 22 Dec 1906

No Jester info.

Historical Round Rock:

Mary Merrell, daughter of Captain Nelson Merrell, married John "Mack" McLemore Jester and purchased land north of where the original Merrell settlement in Williamson County was located. Captain Merrell built his first log home in WC near Kenney's Fort about one-half mile above Joseph Barnhart's cabin on Chandler's Branch. The family lived on this property their whole lives. The last grandchild of Captain Merrell to live in the house was Susie Jester Fouse (1887-1966), daughter of Mary and Mack Jester. (The Merrell House is listed on the NRHP.)

(The above is probably who the land belonged to?)

