

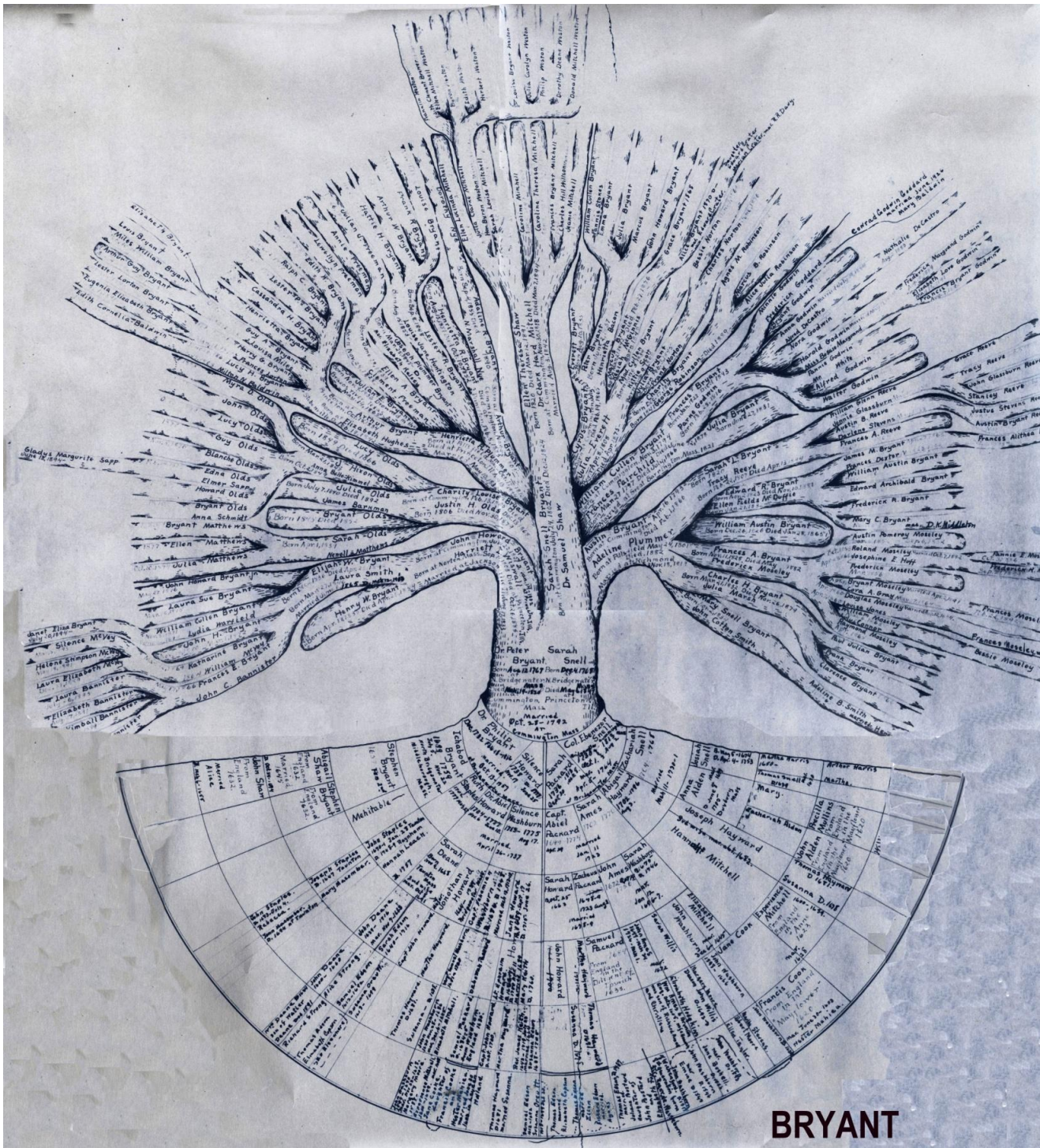
BANNISTER/BRYANT FAMILY TREE

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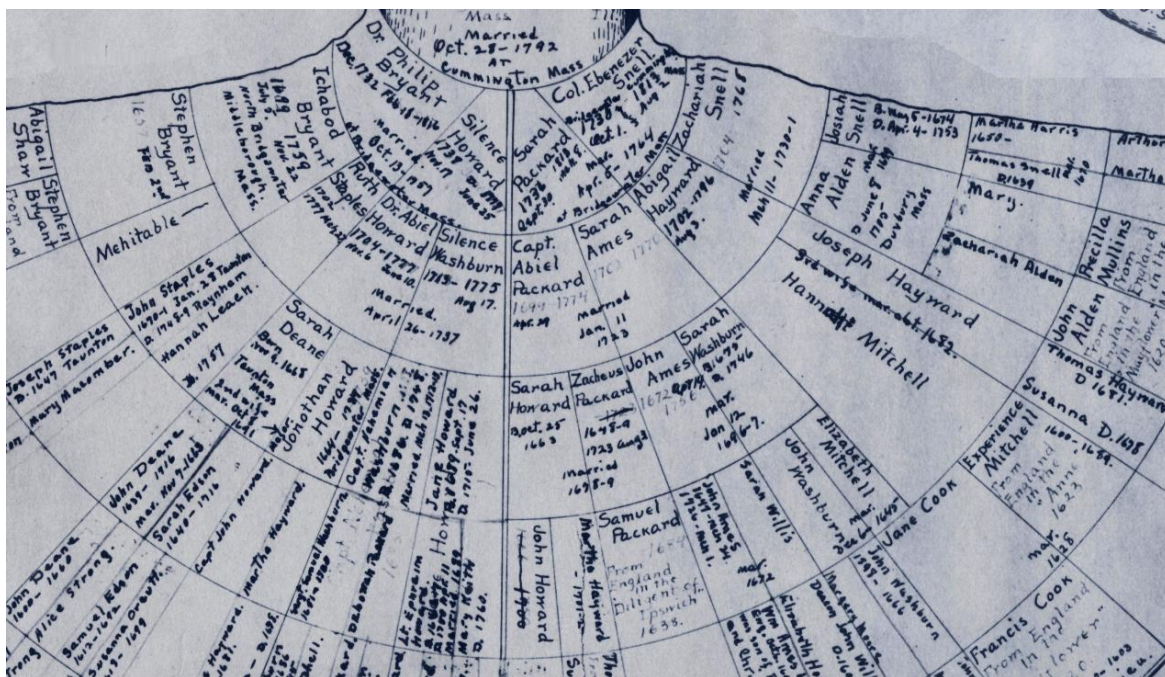
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This is a superb example of an early hand drawn family tree depicted literally as a tree with roots, trunk and branches. It would be wonderful if such a family tree could be created on the computer genealogy records of today. Probably a lost art form.

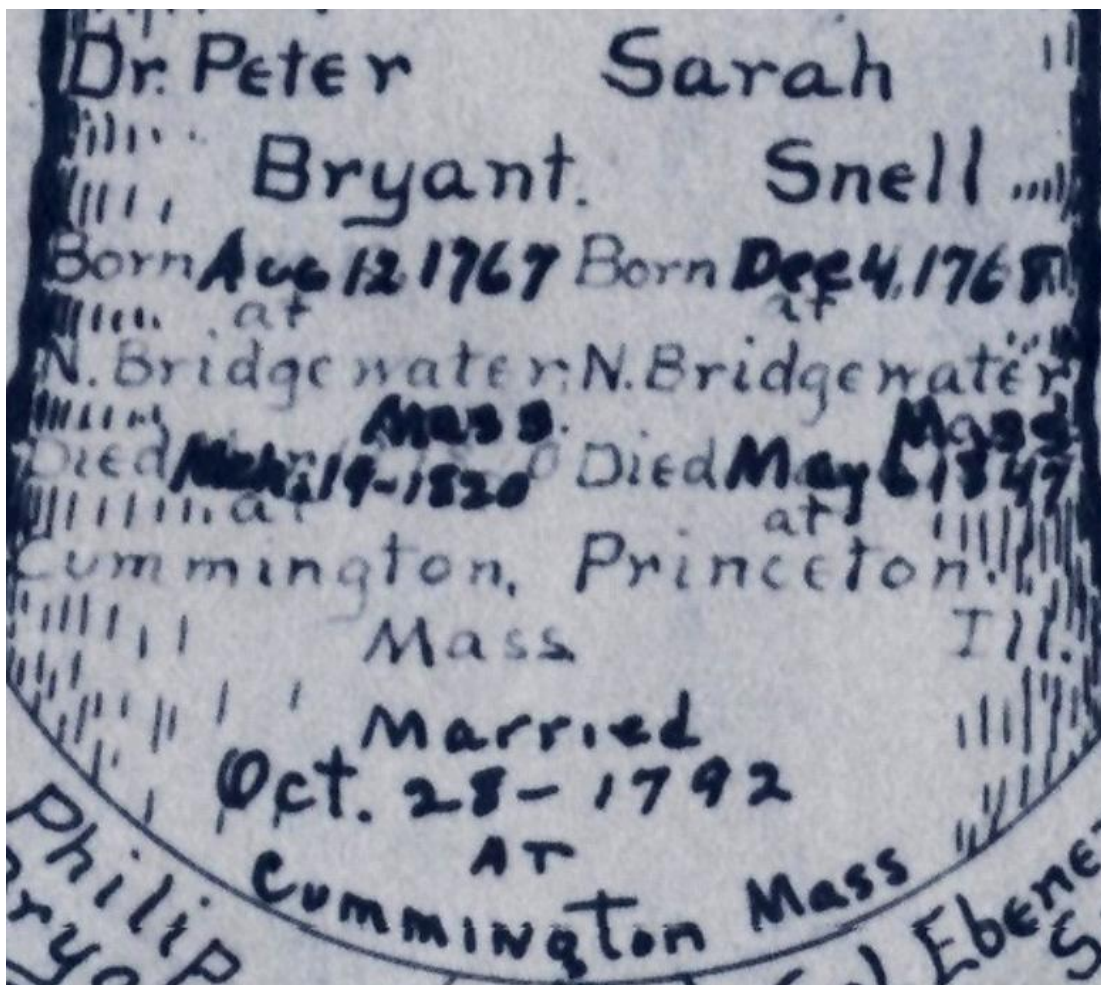
THE TREE.....ROOTS, TRUNK & BRANCHES (Brazoria County related bottom branch, left side Bannister)



THE ROOTS.....ANCESTORS OF THE COUPLE ON THE TRUNK



THE TRUNK DR & MRS BRYANT



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E-mail Lisa Bannister, granddaughter of Catherine Bannister

RE: Bryant (Bannister) Family Tree

Lisa Bannister

To: basil_shannon@yahoo.com;

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Hi Basil,

Yup, this is my family tree ☺ isn't it beautiful! The roots go back to Mayflower for a few (Frances Cooke). Also shows my gr-uncle William Cullen Bryant (famous poet)...

I wish I could find the original drawing... this was scanned from a roll that John & Nancy Bannister had that looked like a blue print (back ground blue, writing in white).

On the hunt for the original... and to learn about the artist who created it

Outline Descendant Report for John Howard Bryant

1 John Howard Bryant b: 22 Jul 1807 in Cummington, Hampshire, Massachusetts, United States, d: 14

Jan 1902 in Princeton, Bureau, Illinois, United States

... + Harriet Eliza Wiswall b: 14 Sep 1808 in Norton, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA, d: 26 Oct 1888 in Princeton, Bureau, Illinois, United States

.....2 Elijah Wiswall Bryant b: 02 Dec 1836 in Cummington, Hampshire, Massachusetts, United States,

d: 23 Apr 1892 in Princeton, Bureau, Illinois, United States

.....3 Frances Elizabeth Bryant b: 17 May 1866 in Princeton, IL, d: 17 Jul 1939 in Evanston, Cook, IL

..... + John Conkey Bannister b: 15 Nov 1860 in Evanston, Cook, IL, m: 25 Dec 1886 in Illinois, United States, d: 14 Oct 1932 in Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona, USA

.....4 John Howard Bannister b: 23 Jul 1895 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, USA, d: 28 May 1969 in Wharton, Wharton, TX; Buried at Columbia Cemetery, West Columbia, Texas

..... + Cathrine Holland b: 29 Apr 1898 in Houston, Harris, TX, m: 15 Sep 1921 in Houston, Harris,

TX, d: 12 Jul 1970 in Orange, California, USA; Buried Columbia Cemetery, West Columbia, TX

Catherine was postmistress at Old Ocean and lived in the John Sweeny Jr plantation home.



Descendant of John Sweeny Sr.

.....5 John Holland Bannister b: 21 Sep 1922 in Houston, Harris, TX, d: 16 Apr 2011 in San Saba, San Saba, TX

Also lived in the John Sweeny Jr plantation home until the property was sold in 1990.

..... + Nancy Moss b: 1925 in McKinney, Collin, TX

.....6 John Howard Bannister b: 01 Nov 1944 in Houston, Harris, TX

..... + Pamela

.....6 Kimball Bryant Bannister b: 30 Aug 1950 in Marlowe,, OK

..... + Beverly Moore b: 13 Jul 1953 in Bryan, Brazos, TX

.....7 Sara Jane Bannister b: 27 Nov 1984 in Houston, Harris, TX

.....5 Wesley Mastin "Judge" Bannister b: 11 Oct 1936 in Old Ocean, Brazoria, TX, d: 10 Dec 2009

in Huntington Beach, Orange, CA

..... + Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Rogers

.....6 Alice Elizabeth "Lisa" Bannister

.....6 Douglas Mastin Bannister b: 22 Feb 1967

..... + Kristie Diane Lundquist b: 23 Jun 1966

.....7 Kaitlyn Michelle Bannister

.....6 Catherine Ann Bannister b: 17 Jan 1961 in Colorado, d: 27 Dec 1997 in , Orange, CA;

Age:

36

..... + David A Paugh m: 21 Aug 1985

.....6 Brent Douglas Bannister

.....4 Mary W Bannister b: 13 Oct 1902 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, USA, d: 07 Jun 1912 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, USA

.....4 Frances Sue Bannister b: 05 Aug 1897 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, USA, d: 20 Aug 1945 in Orange County, California, USA

.....4 Laura Smith Bannister b: 29 Jul 1893 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, USA, d: May 1977 in Evanston, Cook, Illinois, United States

.....4 Elizabeth B Bannister b: 26 Jul 1891 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, USA

.....4 Kimball Bannister b: 04 Jul 1889 in Princeton, Bureau, Illinois, USA, d: 30 Jan 1940 in Phoenix,

Maricopa, Arizona; Buried at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona Kimball and Elizabeth were both killed in a car accident.

.....4 Bryant Bannister b: 24 Oct 1887 in Princeton, Illinois, d: Pennsylvania; Buried at Oak Lawn Cemetery, Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Descendants of John Howard Bryant

Generation 1

1. **JOHN HOWARD 1 BRYANT** was born on 22 Jul 1807 in Cummington, Hampshire, Massachusetts, United States. He died on 14 Jan 1902 in Princeton, Bureau, Illinois, United States. He married **HARRIET ELIZA WISWALL**. She was born on 14 Sep 1808 in Norton, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA. She died on 26 Oct 1888 in Princeton, Bureau, Illinois, United States.

John Howard Bryant and Harriet Eliza Wiswall had the following child:

2. i. **ELIJAH WISWALL2 BRYANT** was born on 02 Dec 1836 in Cummington, Hampshire, Massachusetts, United States. He died on 23 Apr 1892 in Princeton, Bureau, Illinois, United States.

Generation 2

2. **ELIJAH WISWALL² BRYANT** (John Howard¹) was born on 02 Dec 1836 in Cummington, Hampshire, Massachusetts, United States. He died on 23 Apr 1892 in Princeton, Bureau, Illinois, United States. Elijah Wiswall Bryant had the following child:

3. i. **FRANCES ELIZABETH³ BRYANT** was born on 17 May 1866 in Princeton, IL. She died on 17 Jul 1939 in Evanston, Cook, IL. She married John Conkey Bannister, son of Henry Banister and Lucy K Kimball on 25 Dec 1886 in Illinois, United States. He was born on 15 Nov 1860 in Evanston, Cook, IL. He died on 14 Oct 1932 in Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona, USA.

Generation 3

3. **FRANCES ELIZABETH³ BRYANT** (Elijah Wiswall², John Howard¹) was born on 17 May 1866 in Princeton, IL. She died on 17 Jul 1939 in Evanston, Cook, IL. She married John Conkey Bannister, son of Henry Banister and Lucy K Kimball on 25 Dec 1886 in Illinois, United States. He was born on 15 Nov 1860 in Evanston, Cook, IL. He died on 14 Oct 1932 in Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona, USA.

John Conkey Bannister and Frances Elizabeth Bryant had the following children:

4. i. **JOHN HOWARD⁴ BANNISTER** was born on 23 Jul 1895 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, USA. He died on 28 May 1969 in Wharton, Wharton, TX (Buried at Columbia Cemetery, West Columbia, Texas). He married Cathrine Holland, daughter of Wesley Mastin Holland and Mussetta Sweeny on 15 Sep 1921 in Houston, Harris, TX. She was born on 29 Apr 1898 in Houston, Harris, TX. She died on 12 Jul 1970 in Orange, California, USA (Buried Columbia Cemetery, West Columbia, TX).

ii. **MARY W BANNISTER** was born on 13 Oct 1902 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, USA. She died on 07 Jun 1912 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, USA.

iii. **FRANCES SUE BANNISTER** was born on 05 Aug 1897 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, USA. She died on 20 Aug 1945 in Orange County, California, USA.

iv. **LAURA SMITH BANNISTER** was born on 29 Jul 1893 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, USA. She died in May 1977 in Evanston, Cook, Illinois, United States.

v. **ELIZABETH B BANNISTER** was born on 26 Jul 1891 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, USA.

vi. **KIMBALL BANNISTER** was born on 04 Jul 1889 in Princeton, Bureau, Illinois, USA. He died on 30 Jan 1940 in Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona (Buried at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona Kimball and Elizabeth were both killed in a car accident.).

vii. **BRYANT BANNISTER** was born on 24 Oct 1887 in Princeton, Illinois. He died in Pennsylvania (Buried at Oak Lawn Cemetery, Uniontown, Pennsylvania).

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Generation 4

4. **JOHN HOWARD⁴ BANNISTER** (Frances Elizabeth³ Bryant, Elijah Wiswall² Bryant, John Howard¹

Bryant) was born on 23 Jul 1895 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, USA. He died on 28 May 1969 in Wharton, Wharton, TX (Buried at Columbia Cemetery, West Columbia, Texas). He married Cathrine Holland, daughter of Wesley Mastin Holland and Mussetta Sweeny on 15 Sep 1921 in Houston, Harris, TX. She was born on 29 Apr 1898 in Houston, Harris, TX. She died on 12 Jul 1970 in Orange, California, USA (Buried Columbia Cemetery, West Columbia, TX).

John Howard Bannister and Cathrine Holland had the following children:

i. **JOHN HOLLAND⁵ BANNISTER** was born on 21 Sep 1922 in Houston, Harris, TX. He died on 16 Apr 2011 in San Saba, San Saba, TX. He married NANCY MOSS. She was born in 1925 in McKinney, Collin, TX.

Notes for John Holland Bannister:

Plantations Slip Into Texas History

By ROBERTO SURO, Special to The New York Times

Published: February 27, 1990

John Holland Bannister enjoyed one last glance at the white clapboard house that his great-grandfather built with a crew of slaves in 1837 in the Texas wilderness.



JOHN SWEENEY, JR PLANTATION

Then he turned to look at the huge oil refinery and petrochemical complex that has grown and grown in recent years so that now it looms over his ancestral home. A deep rumbling like distant thunder came from the maze of pipes and machinery until one of the many metal towers spewed out a big plume of smoke.

"It's just time to load up and leave," Mr. Bannister said. A few weeks ago, he reluctantly sold the last 840 acres of his great-grandfather's plantation, which once encompassed 25,000 acres, to the Phillips Petroleum Company. State officials believe that only a handful of parcels once owned by the original settlers of Texas are still in the hands of their descendants, and now there is one less.

Plans for an Incinerator

Phillips plans to build a toxic-waste incinerator less than a mile from the Osage orange tree, still standing, that the master of the plantation, John Sweeney Jr., climbed in 1865 to tell his slaves they were free.

Along much of the once lonely Texas Gulf Coast, the petrochemical industry has expanded beyond its old enclaves in cities like Houston and Beaumont, taking advantage of low prices for its chief raw material, crude oil. A similarly rough passage has occurred in many other parts of the country when auto plants and other producers sought open frontiers in rural areas.

"It is a matter of old ways giving way to new ways," Mr. Bannister said.

As he spoke, the moving crew packed a Bible dated 1788 and chairs that slaves crafted from the wood of trees felled nearby. Each time a cardboard box was carried away, one of the many thin strands that bind America's present to its past was being broken.

"There are still some of the old families, proud of their heritage, who stay on around here, but a lot of them have moved off and gone on as industry has moved in," said Linda Wood, the research librarian at the Brazoria County Historical Museum.

Family Came to Texas in 1832

In 1832, Mr. Bannister's great-great-grandfather, John Sweeney, father of the man who would build the clapboard house, left Tennessee with his nine children and bought into the vast real estate development that Stephen F. Austin established as a colony before Texas declared independence. Now all that is left of the Sweeney Plantation, which produced sugar and cotton, is the old house and a slave cemetery.

The Phillips Sweeney Complex covers more than 3,300 acres, employs 1,200 people and produces more than 4 million gallons of gasoline a day among other things. Through the sheer weight of its presence, the plant came to exercise a claim on the

land that eventually overpowered John Sweeny's heirs.

With the noise of the plant all but drowning out his voice as he stood in his own yard, Mr. Bannister said, "It is too big to fight, and I am too old to fight it."

Mr. Bannister, 67 years old, spent much of his childhood on the Sweeny Plantation, about 60 miles southwest of Houston. "I used to ride my horse all over the county," he recalled, "having lunch with one family or another, and I would go into the woods a lot hunting with my grandfather."

In 1940, he left to go to college, then to war, then on to a career selling drilling equipment in oil fields around the world. In 1981, prosperous and retired, he returned with his wife, Nancy, to the 840 acres that his family still owned, the rest having been sold off by various relatives over the years starting in the mid-19th century..

'The Place Had Changed'

"I was starry-eyed with all these nostalgic dreams of coming back to live the life of the country gentleman here, but the place had changed," he said.

A small refinery built by the Federal Government to make aviation fuel in World War II was bought by Phillips in 1949. It grew gradually at first and then very rapidly in the 1980's.

"I didn't realize how much the old times were gone," Mr. Bannister said. "Even the people had changed. They all have a connection to the plant because someone in the family works for Phillips, and all they want is more industry."

Living in Phillips's shadow, Mr. Bannister gradually became more concerned about the environment. Three years ago, he helped organize a community protest that persuaded Phillips to quiet noisy operations, especially at night. In 1988, he raised

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persuaded Phillips to **Go environmental**, especially at night. In 1988, he raised

the alarm over a leak of fluoride gas that turned hayfields and trees brown. Most recently he questioned the safety of the proposed toxic-waste incinerator at a town meeting.

Little Support From Neighbors

Yet he drew little support from his neighbors and concluded that not much could be accomplished. When 23 workers died in an explosion last October at another Phillips petrochemical complex on the outskirts of Houston, he decided, "people were not meant to live next door to a great big time bomb."

Phillips had repeatedly offered to buy the Sweeny land, and Mr. Bannister's brother and a cousin who held the title with him were willing to sell. Mr. Bannister insisted that the oil company sign a pledge to maintain the old plantation house and the slave cemetery in their present condition with two acres of open land around each. In turn, Phillips obligated Mr. Bannister not to disclose the sale price or anything about the sale other than the pledge.

Mr. Bannister did not show a hint of sadness as he prepared to leave. Both he and his wife are excited about their new life in San Saba, a rural community in the Texas hill country. "The air is clean," he said. "There won't be any industry, at least not in my lifetime."

Photo: John Holland Bannister standing in the slave cemetery on the plantation his great-great-grandfather carved out of the Texas wilderness in the 1830's. In the distance is the oil refinery to which he is selling his land. (The New York Times/Sam Pierson); map of Texas showing location of Old Ocean (The New York Times)

ii. WESLEY MASTIN "JUDGE" BANNISTER was born on 11 Oct 1936 in Old Ocean, Brazoria, TX. **(went to Sweeny high school)** He died on 10 Dec 2009 in Huntington Beach, Orange, CA. He

married ELIZABETH ANN "BETTY" ROGERS.

Notes for Wesley Mastin "Judge" Bannister:

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Wes Bannister Bids the Final Farewell

Wes Bannister He ran for insurance commissioner, he was a mayor, insurance broker, and dedicated public servant but mostly he was a family man and friend.

Wesley Mastin Bannister passed away at his home in Huntington Beach after a long illness. He was 73. According to his friends-and there were many-he was his "devious" self to the end. When a broken vertebra as the result of spinal cancer put him in a neck brace during his last week, he quipped: "Now I'm going to be in a neck brace for the rest of my life."

His life was full of hard work, public service, and a healthy dose of politics. As an insurance broker, he was dedicated to his clients. Bannister Insurance started as a little upstairs office off of Brookhurst and Talbert in Fountain Valley. As it grew, it moved to Huntington Beach industrial park on Chemical Lane and was there until Nov 1997 when moved it to 17th Street in Huntington Beach where it is still located. Wes's 'from the trenches' knowledge of the insurance industry was second to none. He entered the state-wide spotlight when he ran as the **Republican candidate for insurance commissioner-in 1990 and again in 1994.**

He also dedicated his time to numerous boards and commissions and other elected offices - not the least of which was **mayor of Huntington Beach.**

Wes was born in Houston Texas in 1936 to John Howard Bannister and Catherine Holland Bannister. John Howard was an oil man and Catherine was a US Postmistress and genealogist in Sweeney/Old Ocean, Texas.

He attended Sweeney High School, Kemper Military School, West Point, and the University of Houston.

Wes met his wife Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Rogers, also from Houston, when he was a student at the University of Houston. They got eloped to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Wes and Betty moved to Midlane in Houston, then Littleton, Colorado then to Amarillo Texas, Albuquerque New Mexico, and finally to Huntington Beach in 1969.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, and two children Lisa aka Alice Elizabeth Bannister, and Douglas Mastin Bannister. Douglas married to Kristie Diane Lundquist Bannister in 1991. A third child, Catherine Ann Bannister Paugh, died in 1997. He was also blessed with two grandchildren: Kaitlyn Michelle Bannister and Brent Douglas Bannister.

A Busy and Successful Life

Wes served as a captain in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged.

Insurance and public service became his life. After moving to Huntington Beach in 1969, he opened his brokerage in Huntington Beach in 1974. He did more than sell a product. He was dedicated to his customers developing products for them that fit their needs. He also managed the day-to-day and financial operations of the firm, now run by his children.

Wes was always involved. As a result of the wildfires a few years ago, he personally got involved and helped several families resolve their claims. He was active with the Julian Medical Foundation helping to get funding and programs in place for the small town. In 1987, Wes was appointed to the 10-member governing committee of the California Fair Plan, an insurance provider of last resort for homeowners in high fire-risk areas. Multiple Governors have reappointed him ever since.

His dedication to Huntington Beach was just as strong. Starting in 1986, he served as a city council member and mayor of Huntington Beach from 1989 to 1990. He also served as an elected official as one of the largest special districts in the United States. **His crowning glory was perhaps his time spent on California's water woes.**

He served as an elected official of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the largest water district in the world from 1993 to 2006. In 2005, he was elected chairman of the 37-member board where he oversaw 1,900 employees and a budget of \$2 billion.

“Water is about as political as it gets,” Bannister told Workers’ Comp Executive in 2005. As the recent battles in Sacramento demonstrate, he was right.

Gilbert Ivey, assistant general manager and chief administrative officer for MWD, says Wes was adored for his hard work and vision.

“He was a tremendous leader and a visionary for sure. He clearly had views outside the box...to help push the water industry forward,” Ivey says. “He wanted to make the water district more responsive to the customers. He was quite a strategic thinker.

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“His biggest push was trying to straighten out the Northern California water supply (the Bay Delta), making sure we had a reliable water supply for Southern California. He was very well liked and really cared about all the employees at the Metropolitan Water District,” Ivey says.

Race for Insurance Commissioner

Steve Poizner Of all the offices he pursued, one eluded him: insurance commissioner. He ran in 1990 as a Republican, winning the primary and then losing narrowly to John Garamendi. He tried again in 1994, this time losing the primary to fellow republican Chuck “Chick” Quackenbush. Quackenbush would eventually resign in disgrace. In 2002, Wes threw his hat into the ring a third time, but unfortunately it was not the charm. He lost in the primary to Gary Mendoza.

“I knew and appreciated Wes as someone I could count on to tell me what he really thought and why about any subject,” Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner tells Workers’ Comp Executive. “Wes was a leader not only in California’s insurance issues but also in water policy. His knowledge of water issues helped to guide California water policy in a rational way.

John Garamendi “He had that rare down home ability to understand things and to be able to explain them in a way everyone could understand. He will be sadly missed by us all,” Poizner says.

Wes was respected by his opponents on both sides. Industry sources speculated that because of Quackenbush, voters were leery of candidates associated with the industry, despite Wes’ impeccable credentials and honesty. Democrat

Congressman and former insurance commissioner John Garamendi recognizes Bannister for just those traits:

“One of the real joys of a political campaign is to have an opponent that you not only respect but come to value as a close and dear friend,” Garamendi tells Workers’ Comp Executive. “Wes was one of a kind. For more than twenty years I knew Wes as an extraordinary leader not only in the insurance community but on water policy and recycling. He helped to create the recycling that is so critical to California’s future. I will miss him greatly, and I join his family and friends in mourning his passing.”

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