

GEORGE SAMUEL PENTECOST

1791-1841

Descendants of Old Three Hundred colonist still in area

George Samuel Pentecost was one of Stephen F. Austin's Old Three Hundred colonists. George was born in Alabama in 1791. In 1816 he married Martha Ellen Denley.

He received title to a sitio* of land in what is now Matagorda County on August 19, 1824, and in November 1825 was living on the San Bernard River. The census of 1826 classified him as a farmer and stock raiser, aged between twenty-five and forty. His household included his wife, four sons, a daughter, and one slave.

*A sitio of land, commonly called a league, equals 4428.4 acres.

In January 1827 he joined other settlers in declaring loyalty to the Mexican government and died in Fort Bend County around August or November 1841, leaving at least five children living in Fort Bend County.

Son, George Washington Pentecost, fought in the battle of San Jacinto.

Daughter, Mary Jane Pentecost born 1825 in Alabama married James Ray Phillips born 1804 in Georgia. Their eldest son George Washington Phillips born 1850 in Brazoria County, Texas married **Mary Ida Sweeny**, born 1857 in Brazoria County, Texas. Mary Ida Sweeny was the daughter of **Samuel Pinkney Sweeny** and Agnes Ann Dial and granddaughter of **John Sweeny**. Mary Ida had two uncles Thomas Jefferson and William Burrell Sweeny that fought in the battle of San Jacinto.

Mary Jane Pentecost and James Ray Phillips had a daughter Mary Jane Phillips born 1853 in Brazoria County, Texas and Mary Jane Phillips married George Washington Gayle. Their son James Ray Gayle born 1881 in Brazoria County, Texas became the grandfather of James Ray Gayle III, Judge of the 239th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas.

Mary Jane Pentecost and James Ray Phillips had a younger son John Gayle Phillips born 1858 in Brazoria County, Texas. John Gayle Phillips married Jane Davis and their daughter Thelma Phillips married John Hilden Craig. Thelma and John Craig's granddaughter Barbara Ann Baker is the owner and operator of Baker Funeral Home in West Columbia.

Daughter Sarah Pentecost born 1827 Brazoria County, Texas married Andrew Jackson Beard. Sarah and Andrew Jackson Beard had a son Sidney Andrew Beard born 1850 in Fort Bend County Texas that married Julia Hagen and their daughter Mattie Beard married Haden Brumbelow.

Mattie and Haden Brumbelow had a daughter Jo Evelyn Brumbelow that married Marion Madison Goldsmith and their daughter Miriam is a teacher at Sweeny ISD. Her husband, Randall Miksch, is Superintendent of Sweeny ISD.