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## ORR FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH....100 years old



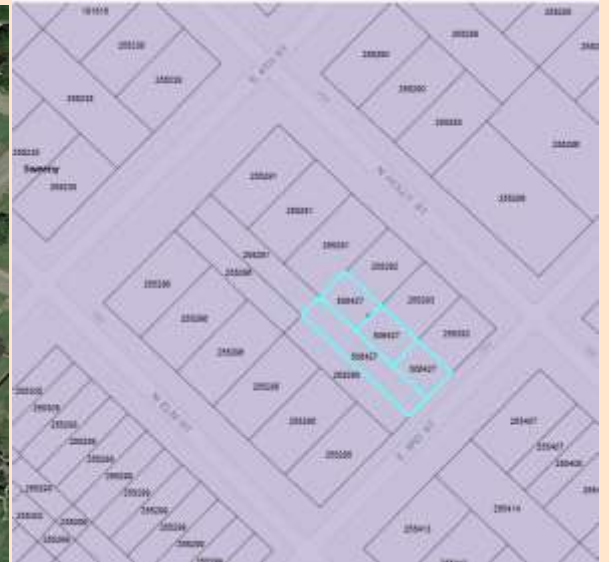
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One hundred years ago in 1916, the Orr family gathered in front of the above house in Sweeny on 3rd between Elm & Holly for a group photograph. The house, then owned by **4** John Edgar Orr (1865-1928), has at some point been lowered from wood to concrete piers. A room has been added on the right hand side. It was later owned by **16** Lela Orr: Lela Montize Orr/Chandler/ Nairn/ Baker (1904-1991).

"I loved that old house but when Mary Lou and I got of the army with a 1 week old son, we didn't have a pot or window and had \$4.00 in bank and after my Mom passed we decided to sell." Bobby Nairn



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sits on parts of block 28 lots 4, 5, 6, & 7 on 1911 plat

The photograph and identification of people was provided by Joe Lingo Jr (1924-2016), son of **17** Gladys Lucille Hutchins (1907-1978) & Joseph A Lingo Sr.

## So, who were these people? Who begat who?

### Notes:

- 1) The birthdays of infants **3** & **13** set the date of the photograph as 1916
- 2) See appendix 1. The interchangeable use of the surnames Meador & Meadows around town & some Meador people actually using the name Meadows gives rise to no end of confusion in Sweeny area genealogy. Note errors in the original naming of the individuals in the picture because of this.





**1** John Alton Orr (1912-1968): Son of **4** John Edgar Orr (1865-1928) & **19** 2nd wife Cora (1886-1971)

**2** Mirtie Mary Orr Plunk (1895-1989): Daughter of **4** John Edgar Orr (1865-1928) & 1st wife Tennessee Adeline Kyle (1873-1908). Wife of **28** Barley Plunk. Twin sister of **29** Bertie Perry Orr Blankenship (1885-1964)

**3** John Thomas Plunk (Feb 1916-1967) : Son of **2** Mirtie Mary Orr Plunk & **28** William Barley Plunk (confirms date of photograph)

**4** John Edgar Orr (1865-1928) **Arrived in Sweeny 1915** Son of **7** James Thomas "Dick" Orr (1837-1928)

**5** Pattie Alvildra Orr (1914-1998): Daughter of **4** John Edgar Orr (1865-1928) & **19** 2nd wife Cora (1886-1971). Born in Tennessee. Later married Lloyd Hodge and they lived in Pledger. Buried Sweeny cemetery.

**6** James Thomas "James" Orr Jr (1913-1964). Son of **21** Uncle Tom Orr: James Thomas "Tom" Orr (1886-1958)

**7** James Thomas "Dick" Orr (1837-1928). **The patriarch of all the Orr clan in Sweeny.** His wife died 03 May 1916 in Hardin County, Tennessee. Perhaps the occasion of the picture was his visit to Sweeny. He died in Tennessee. Unsure why the nickname "Dick".

**8** Coma Marie Orr (1910-1945), Daughter of **23** Franklin Thomas Orr (1872-1946)

**9** Arline Orr (Mary Arlene Orr Collier 1909-1970 ) Daughter of **21** Uncle Tom Orr: James Thomas "Tom" Orr (1886-1958)

**10** Jesse Meadows: son of **25** Elijah Franklin Meadows & **15** Alice Lindsey



**11** Essie Hutchins: Essie Patricia Hutchins (1903-1975) She was the daughter of **19** Cora Coleta Meador (1886-1971) & 1st husband George Hutchins. Step-daughter of **4** John Edgar Orr (1865-1928)

**12** Irene Meadows (Irene Estelle Crumby 1899-1934): Wife of **14** Willie (John William) Meadows

**13** Frank Meadows(Henry Franklin Meadows March 1916-1981) son of **14** Willie Meadows (John William Meadows1896-1957). (confirms date of photograph)

**14** Willie Meadows (John William Meadows1896-1957).....Father holding baby Frank standing next to **wife**

**12 Irene Meadows Born John William Meador. See Appendix 1**

**15** Aunt Alice Meadows: ERROR. This is Alice Lindsey **Meador**, Wife of **25** Elijah Franklin **Meador**

**16** Lela Orr: Lela Montize Orr(1904-1991): Daughter of **23** Uncle Frank Orr: Franklin Thomas “**Frank**” Orr (1872-1946)

Married Chandler, then Ralph Nairn, then Paul Baker. Later owned the house in the picture.

**17** Gladys Lucille Hutchins (1907-1978): Later married Joseph A Lingo Sr. She was the daughter of **19** Cora Coleta Meador (1886-1971) & 1st husband George Hutchins. Step-daughter of **4** John Edgar Orr (1865-1928). Gladys later married Joe Lingo Sr & they had Joe Lingo Jr (1924-2016).

**18** Aunt Mattie Orr: Mattie Lee Hobbs Orr (1877-1970). wife of **23** Franklin Thomas “**Frank**” Orr (1872-1946)

**19** Mrs John E (Cora) Orr: Cora Coleta Meador(1876-1971). Mother of **17** Gladys Lucille Hutchins by 1st husband George Hutchins. Wife of **4** John Edgar Orr. Mother by him of **1** John Alton Orr, **5** Pattie Alvilda Orr, Cora **Meadows** on her tombstone. More confusion.

**20** Mrs Tom (Celia) Orr: Mary Celia Sneed, wife of **21** James Thomas “**Tom**” Orr (1886-1958), her mother **24** Mama ~~Snead~~ Sneed: Isebell Joyce Sneed

**21** Uncle Tom Orr: James Thomas “**Tom**” Orr (1886-1958): Son of **7** James Thomas “**Dick**” Orr (1837-1928), Husband of **20** Mary Celia Sneed.....Had store/café on west side of Main St.

**22** Buford Meadows: Error Chester Buford **Meador** (1909-1966) never married

**23** Uncle Frank Orr: Franklin Thomas “**Frank**” Orr (1872-1946) Son of **7** James Thomas “**Dick**” Orr (1837-1928)

**24** Mama ~~Snead~~ Sneed: Isebell Joyce Sneed (1858-1932), mother of **20** Mrs. Tom (Celia) Orr, mother-in-law of **21** James Thomas “**Tom**” Orr (1886-1958)



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**25** Eliga Frankling Meadows: ERROR Elijah Franklin **Meador** (1874-1963), Husband of **15** Alice Lindsey. Parents of **31** Troy Meadows-Meador (1905-1989) & **33** Floyd Franklin Meador. Passed grocery to Floyd in 1941.



**26** Cora Lee Dunn???? **Who is this?**

**27** Beulah Orr (1897-1977): Daughter of **23** Uncle Frank Orr: Franklin Thomas Orr (1872-1946) & **18** Aunt Mattie Orr: Mattie Lee Hobbs (1877-1970).

**28** Barley Plunk: William Barley Plunk (1890-1979) Husband of **2** Mirtie Mary Orr Plunk (1894-1989)

**29** Bertie Perry Orr Blankenship (1885-1964): Daughter of **4** John Edgar Orr (1865-1928) & 1st wife Adeline Kyle (1873-1908), twin sister of **2** Mirtie Mary Orr Plunk (1895-1989)

**30** Uncle Jim Orr: James Thomas "**Jim**" Orr (1892-1946). Son of **4** John Edgar Orr (1865-1928) & 1st wife Tennessee Adeline Kyle (1873-1908).

NOTE: single, age 37 living at home of mother-in-law Cora in 1930. Land records suggest he may have still may have been single in early 1940s. Married Minnie Plummer. No children found in records. He died in 1946. Death certificate says he was a beverage dealer at time of death.

**31** Troy Meadows-Meador (1905-1989) son of **25** Elijah Franklin Meador

**32** William Alfred Orr (1903-1966): Son of **4** John Edgar Orr (1865-1928) & 1st wife Tennessee Adeline Kyle who died in 1908

**33** Pete Meadows-Meador: Thought to be Floyd Franklin Meadors (1903-1953), son of **25** Elijah Franklin Meador. Store referred to as Pete Meador's store at one time. Origin of "Pete" unknown to us.

**34** Plumer Orr (1902-1969): Son of **23** Uncle Frank.....Franklin Thomas "**Frank**" Orr (1872-1946)

**35** Irvin Meadows: ERROR Irvin James **Meador** (1901-1966): Son of **25** Elijah Franklin **Meador** (1874-1963), & **15** Alice Lindsey

## APPENDIX 1

**The interchangeable use of the surnames Meador....Meadors.....Meadows causes no end of confusion.** Some examples:

1) Donald Ray Meadows b: 18 Oct 1938 in Freeport, Brazoria, Texas, d: 13 May 2003 in Elkhart, Texas

**MEADOR...MEADORS.....MEADOWS????????????????**

It is said that his father Hershel J **Meador** changed the name from **Meador** to **Meadows** at birth which causes some confusion. 1940 census says **Meador** @ age 1, High school annuals show various versions of the last name. A legal document signed **Meadors**. Social Security had him as **Meador** later changed to **Meadows** in 1999. Anyway, his children Lisa & Steve were born **Meadows**.

2).....**3** John William Meador b: 02 Feb 1896 in Saltillo, Hardin, Tennessee, d: 08 Apr 1957 in **Sweeny**, Brazoria, Texas **Buried where? No record findagrave.com Sweeny cemetery under Meador.....Reason: He went by John W Meadows!**

..... + Estelle **Irene** Crumby b: 05 Oct 1899 in „,Tennessee, m: 24 Dec 1914 in Tennessee, d: 24 Aug 1933 in Lake Charles

**CONFUSION.....Meador or Meadows. Apparently he**



went by Meadows as shown on his tombstone & death certificate. Kids & grandkids Meadows.



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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH				STATE FILE NO. 18125
I. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Brasoria</b>		II. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution, residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>Brasoria</b>		
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.): <b>Sweeny, Texas</b>		c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.): <b>Sweeny, Texas</b>		
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Heater Clinic</b>		e. STREET ADDRESS (If rural give location)		
III. NAME OF DECEASED a. (First) <b>John</b> b. (Middle) <b>William</b> c. (Last) <b>Meadows</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>April 8, 1957</b>		
d. SEX <b>Male</b>	e. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>	f. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Indicate)	8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>February 2, 1896</b>	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done, if none, state this, and if married)		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Tennessee</b>		
12. FATHER'S NAME <b>E. F. Meador</b> b. BIRTHPLACE <b>Tennessee</b>		13. MOTHER'S M maiden name <b>Alice Lindsey</b> b. BIRTHPLACE <b>Tennessee</b>		
14. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war in date of service) <b>NO</b>		15. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>45-01-6310</b> 16. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE <b>E. F. Meadows</b>		
17. CAUSE OF DEATH a. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH (b) <b>GENERAL VASCULAR ACCIDENT</b>		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <b>1 HOUR</b>		
c. ANTECEDENT CAUSES d. <b>2 PLUS YRS.</b>		e. <b>3 PLUS YRS.</b>		
18. DATE OF OPERATION		19. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION		
20. ACCIDENT DURING HOMICIDE		21. PLACE OF INJURY (If on, location from home, factory, street, office, ship, and)		
22. TIME OF INJURY		23. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR (If on, location from home, factory, street, office, ship, and)		
24. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>4-8</b> to <b>4-8</b> , 1957, and that death occurred at <b>6:30 PM</b> , from the causes and on the date stated above.		25. SIGNATURE <b>[Signature]</b> (Sign in ink)		
26. SIGNATURE <b>[Signature]</b> (Sign in ink)		27. ADDRESS <b>Sweeny, Texas</b>		
28. DATE SIGNED <b>4-11-57</b>		29. DATE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION <b>April 10, 1957</b>		
30. LOCATION (City, State, or foreign) <b>Sweeny, Texas</b>		31. FUNDAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>[Signature]</b> D.D. # <b>2453</b>		
32. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>4-13-57</b>		33. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>4-13-57</b>		
34. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>[Signature]</b>		35. FUNDAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>[Signature]</b> D.D. # <b>2298</b>		

Meadows on tombstone & death certificate. Born to father E F Meador (Elijah Franklin Meador) mother Alice Lindsey. His kids were Meadows.

.....4 Lela R Meador Meadows b: Abt. 1919 in Texas

Lela Ruth  
Neugebauer  
[Lela Meadows  
Neugebauer]  
[Lela Neugebauer]  
[Lela Ruth Meadows]

SSN: 571225258  
Gender: Female  
Race: White  
Birth Date: 31 Aug 1918

Sweeny Brazo, Texas  
Birth Place: [Sweery  
Brazo??, Texas]  
Death Date: Apr 1994  
Father: John W Meadows  
Mother: Irene E Crumby

.....4 Charles E ~~Meador~~ Meadows b: Abt. 1921 in Texas

NAME: **Charles** Edward **Meadows** Sr  
BIRTH: 13 Jan 1921 - Sweeny, Brazoria County, Texas, USA  
DEATH: 13 Dec 2007 - La Marque, Galveston County, Texas, USA

.....4 Vera F ~~Meador~~ Meadows b: Abt. 1927 in Texas **Dead end?**

## Henry Franklin "Frank" Meadows

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Birth: Mar. 25, 1916  
Death: Apr. 15, 1981

Family links:  
Spouse:  
Jo Frances Kessinger Meadows (1924 - 2012)\*  
Children:  
Michael Meadows (1949 - 1952)\*

\*Calculated relationship



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STATE OF TEXAS  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
BUREAU OF HEALTH

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

NAME OF DECEASED: Henry Franklin Meadows  
DATE OF DEATH: 4-15-1981  
AGE: 64 years, 11 months, 21 days  
SEX: M  
RACE: White  
MARRIED: NEVER MARRIED  
SOCIAL SECURITY NO: 465-03-1752  
PLACE OF BIRTH: Trinity, Brazoria County, Texas  
PLACE OF DEATH: Sweeny, Galveston County, Texas  
OCCUPATION: Retired  
CAUSE OF DEATH: Myocardial Infarction  
DATE OF BURIAL: 4-17-1981  
PLACE OF BURIAL: Sweeny Cemetery, Sweeny, Texas

John William Meadows  
Irene Estell Crumby  
Jo Frances Kessinger

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REMOVAL OF DECEASED: 4-17-1981  
Sweeny Cemetery

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Henry's father shown as Meadows