

## **Green Berry Gates**

Green Berry Crossarmstrong Gates (December 25, 1865 to February 18, 1957) married Dora Green Peterman (February 17, 1891 to August 19, 1942). Dora Green's grandfather was Archibald P. Green, who served as Clay County's first Trustee, elected February 4, 1871. Green Berry Gates was the son of Jacob William Gates (February 25, 1824 to January 10, 1896) and Fannie Frances Stone who came from Virginia and settled in Proctor Creek. Jacob W. Gates served in the Civil War, having joined May 17, 1861. In the mid-1800's, he founded and operated Gates Ferry on the Obey River, which G. B. Gates later operated. Jacob and Fannie had 10 children. Burrenius (February 21, 1849 to June 21, 1927) married James Bilyue (September 19, 1867). They lived in Russellville, Kentucky. Mary Margaret (July 22, 1851 to August 6, 1928) married Jacob Bilyue (October 29, 1868). They lived in Russellville, Kentucky. Haden W. (September 10, 1856 to January 26, 1949) married Rosa Butler (August 4, 1892). They were medical doctors in Waco, Texas. Florentha (May 17, 1861 to May 4, 1945) married Phillip Bilyue (January 18, 1881). They lived in Russellville, Kentucky. Other children were Green Berry, Louisiana (1862 to July 7, 1915), Sibbie, Shirley Alice Stone, William Gates, last known to be in Roseville, Arkansas, and Bell Arms, wife of J. W. Arms, grandmother of Nellie R. Cherry.

Dora Green Gates was the only child born to Martha Green and Richard "Tin" Peterman. Martha passed away when Dora was a small child. Martha's parents were Arch and Mary Colson Green. Richard "Tin" Peterman was a brother to Lizzie Dale (mother of Dora Anderson, grandmother of Lorene Marcom and Nellie Cherry), Ida Davis (mother of Wilma Hunter), Julie Holman, and Mary Goodpasture. His second marriage was to Betty Dale. They moved to Celina, Texas and she bore him nine sons, Henry, Riley, Shred, Hugh, Clem, George, Cheatam, Earl and Richard.

For several years, G. B. Gates served as the Justice of the Peace in Clay County. He and other citizens were interested in a good education system and bought land where the present Celina High School is located. He and others donated \$50.00 each and purchased the athletic field property from Wid Maynard's father.

In 1914-1915 the Gates carried their seven children by wagon and moved to Spencer, Tennessee, where the school age children attended Burrett College, a private school for all grades.

Mr. Gates, a large landowner, resided on the farm located behind the Dairy Queen and owned the 150 acres now in subdivisions. He also owned

the farm where the fish hatchery is located. G. B. Gates and his family were members of the Church of Christ.

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