

# The Dawson-Graham and Allied Families by Gid Graham

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## Chapter I.

Samuel Dawson

1773-1874 (101 Years)



Polly Ann Rogers Dawson

1792-1857 (65 Years)

SAMUEL DAWSON, so far as my records disclose, is the most remote ancestor of the Dawson family----- born in Ireland, 1773; came to Ameica in 1782 where he married Polly Ann Rogers, daughter of John Rogers; sister of Captain John Rogers, Cheif of the Western Cherokees, who served with General Andrew Jackson and was commissioned a captain by this renowned American.

Samuel Dawson was a daring pioneer---settled in the Republic of Mexico, near Fort Gates on the Leon River in 1834. Later with his wife he settled on the Colorado River, near San Saba and founded a home. Texas at that time was a dependency of Old Mexico and was in the domain claimed by the Comanche Indians. Later on, war was declared between citizens of this sparsely settled region and Mexico over possession of a vast domain which finally became the Republic of Texas.

Samuel Dawson continued to live in that charming region during the conflict; founded a farm; raised horses and cattle. The present generation cannot appraise the continued peril this brave pioneer and his Cherokee wife faced in founding a home and raising their family of five sons and two daughters: Robert, John, James, Joseph, Samuel Riley, Betsey Dawson-Pettie and Edna Dawson-McGee.

Samuel Dawson was five feet, nine inches in height; weighed about one hundred and fifty pounds; had keen blue eyes and black hair; loved to fish and hunt. POLLY ANN ROGERS DAWSON was one-half Cherokee blood, tall and splendidly formed; dark complexion; black hair and eyes. She was modest and reserved; a loving wife and devoted mother. I have many times heard my mother and Elizabeth Paralee Lewis speak of her personal appearance and patience. She was loved by all who knew her. My mother was named "Ann" in her honor.

In the year 1857 Samuel Dawson lost his beloved wife. He was never the same again; continued to revere and cherish her memory and made his home with his son, Samuel Riley, for 17 years---dying there in the year 1874. He sleeps in the Queen Cemetery in San Saba, Texas. The brothers, James Dawson and Samuel Riley Dawson continued to live in that beautiful country traversed by the Colorado and San Saba Rivers, near San Saba Peak.

Game: Buffalo, deer, antelope, and wild turkeys lived there in abundance. Two children of these pioneers, Elixabeth Paralee Dawson and my mother, Missouri Ann Dawson, were playmates and loved each other like sisters. Mother named my sister "Paralee" in her honor.

Samuel Rilry Dawson (1822-1892) raised a splended family---- Elizabeth Paralee, who married Alexander S. Lewis; Mary married Jasper Norfleet; Kate married Robert Trent; America married James Sprott; Emma married Benton Brashear; Fannie married James Bolton; Gilbert, Samuel T., Elais, John, Cleveland, Benjamin and Claudie---all of these sons and daughters continued to live in Western texas, New Mexico and Arizona except Elizabeth Paralee Dawson, who married Alexander S. Lewis, a native of Alabama who came to Western Texas and married her in 1873. They continued to live there until 1887, when they moved to the Indaian Territory settling near Tulsa.

To this union were born: Stephen Riley (Buck) (1873); Carl G. (1875), Olin T. (1878); Kirk L. (1887); Mell (1892); Audie Hedgecock, nee Lewis (1881). These two pioneer citizens raised a family of prominence. Stephen Riley (Buck) Lewis who married Elizabeth Bell Schrimsher (1874) a charmin Cherokee girl, who is a daughter of Judge John G. Schrimsher. He possesses talent and marked energy; studied law by a coal oil lamp and became an attorney of prominence in Tusla; engaged also in the real estate business; owns a beautiful pioneer home; Lewis Avenue one of the principal streets in Tulsa is named in his honor. He desrrves much credit for perseverance and success, achieved under pioneer conditions in the Indian Territory where schools were few and primitive.

Carl G. Lewis, Olin Lewis, Kirk Lewis are now deceased. Mell is successful in the real estate and insurance business in Tulsa. Audie Lewis-Hedgecock is a talented lady with charming personality. She resides on a part of the old homestead near Dawson.

Alexander S. Lewis was a man of few words and marked courage. Came to Texas in 1850; entered the Confederate Army; served under General McGruder with the Twenty-sixth Texas Cavalry. Later as a Texas ranger under Co. Bell Burleson. He died at the "Homestead" near Dawson, Okla., in the year of 1922. Alexander Lewis was generous and kind and he and his noble pioneer wife were respected and liked by all who knew then. Mrs. Elizabeth Paralee Lewis, nee Dawson, died December 31, 1935, at the Stephen R. Lewis' home in Tulsa, age 86 years.

## Additional information about this story

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