

Thomas Turner Presley Descendant Information

First Generation

1. Thomas Turner¹ Presley was a son of Barney Harrison Presley and Malinda Morgan. He was born about 1833 in Chester County, South Carolina. He died 11 August 1864 in a Union military prison in Alton, Madison County, Illinois. He was buried in the Confederate Cemetery in North Alton, Madison County, Illinois. He married Elizabeth S. Jones before 1858 in Leake County, Mississippi. Elizabeth was born about 1833 (records reflect a range of birth years) in North Carolina. She died 12 Aug 1923 in Santa Anna, Coleman County, TX. Elizabeth is buried in Santa Anna Cemetery, Santa Anna, Coleman County, Texas, Plot: Platt 1, Block 41, Lot 3.

Thomas Turner Presley and Elizabeth S. Jones had the following known children:

2 i. Martha Matilda (Mattie) Presley was born 11 Aug 1858.

3 ii. Edward M. Presley was born 8 Dec 1861.

Second Generation

2. Martha Matilda² (Mattie) Presley (Thomas Turner¹ Presley) was born 11 Aug 1858 in Leake County, Mississippi. She died 16 Dec 1948 in Santa Anna, Coleman County, TX. She married first Unknown before 1880, probably in Leake County, Mississippi. She married second Andrew Richard Ferguson 6 Nov 1881 in Falls County, TX. Andrew was born 10 Oct 1845 in Alabama. He died 9 Jun 1901 in Coleman County, TX. Martha and Andrew are buried in Santa Anna Cemetery, Santa Anna, Coleman County, Texas, Plot: Platt 1, Block 41, Lot 3.

Martha Matilda (Mattie) Presley and Andrew Richard Ferguson had the following known children:

4 i. William Turner Ferguson was born June 1884 in Texas.

5 ii. Walter Edward Ferguson was born September 1885 in Texas.

6 iii. Elizabeth Ferguson was born September 1887 in Texas.

7 iv. Della Julie Ferguson was born February 1889 in Texas.

8 v. Lula V. Ferguson was born October 1896 in Texas.

9 vi. Unknown Ferguson.

3. Edward M.² Presley (Thomas Turner¹ Presley) was born 8 Dec 1861 in Mississippi, probably in Leake County. He died 11 Feb 1946 in Kilgore, Gregg County, TX. He married Hattie Florence Harris probably in 1886, probably on April 11, probably in Falls County, TX. She was born in 1867 (either August or 30 October) in Tennessee. She died 6 Oct, 1961 in Kilgore, Gregg County, TX. Edward and Hattie are buried in Kilgore City Cemetery, Kilgore, Gregg County, Texas.

Edward M. Presley and Hattie Florence Harris had the following known children:

- 10 i. Minnie E. Presley (daughter) was born 4 Dec 1887 in Bell County, Texas.
- 11 ii. Mattie Presley (daughter) was born Aug 1889 in Texas.
- 12 iii. Palestine E. (Pallie) Presley (daughter) was born 8 Jul 1891 in Texas.
- 13 iv. Eddie Lillian Presley (daughter) was born 5 May 1894 in Texas.
- 14 v. Tommie Lee (daughter) was born 6 Aug 1896 in Texas.
- 15 vi. Corral Presley (son) was born 1904 in Texas. (*Corral is most likely the enumerator's spelling for what he/she heard. I think this child's given name may have been Henry Caryl, but I have not found records that clearly confirm/support this belief.*)
- 16 vii. Cecil Britton Presley (son) was born 26 Sep 1907 in Texas.
- 17 viii. Travis William Presley (son) was born 1909 in Texas.

Research Project

Determine who the son of Thomas Turner Presley and Elizabeth S. Jones was. Edward M. Presley? Or the Eddie H. Presley named in Tim Dowling's research of Mary Anna McGee's descendants?

Conclusion

Edward M. Presley was the son of Thomas Turner Presley and Elizabeth S. Jones. The Thomas Turner Presley line is not connected to Eddie Harris Presley, Mary Anna McGee, and Patrick Swayze as outlined in Tim Dowling's descendant chart. The following sources support this conclusion. All sources can be found on Ancestry.com.

Edward M. Presley Information

Source 1:

1880 US Federal Census for Leake County, Mississippi.

E. Presley (female) age 47 widow NC VA NC

M. M. Presley age 21 divorced daughter MS NC SC

E. M. Presley age 20 single son MS NC SC

Comment: Tim Dowling cited this census record as an event in the life of Eddie Harris Presley. I think he is mistaken. I believe it is the record for Thomas Turner Presley's widow Elizabeth and their two children, one of whom was E. M. (Edward M.) Presley. Note that this census record was enumerated on 15 Jun 1880. Also note that there is a marriage record for E. H. Presley (most likely Dowling's Eddie Harris Presley) and M. A. McGee that occurred on 3 Jun 1880 in Denton, Texas. It is very unlikely that Dowling's Eddie Harris Presley would marry on 3 Jun 1880 in Texas and return to Leake County, Mississippi, in time to be included in the census on 15 Jun 1880.

Source 2:

1900 US Federal Census for Falls County, TX.

Edward M. Pressley Dec 1861 age 38 married 14 yrs MS MS MS
Hattie Pressley wife Aug 1867 age 32 children born/living 5 TN TN TN
Minnie E. Pressley dau Dec 1887 age 12 TX MS TN
Mattie Pressley dau Aug 1889 age 10 TX MS TN
Pallie Pressley dau Jul 1891 age 8 TX MS TN
Eddie Pressley dau May 1894 age 6 TX MS TN
Tommie Pressley dau Aug 1896 age 3 TX MS TN
Elizabeth Pressley mother Aug 1832 age 63 wid children born 4/living 3 MS VA VA

Source 3:
1900 US Federal Census for Coleman County, TX.

Richard Ferguson Oct 1845 age 54 married 18 yrs AL NC NC
Martha Ferguson wife Aug 1858 age 41 children born 6/living 5 MS SC NC
Elizabeth Pressley mother-in-law Oct 1836 age 63 wid children born 1/living 1 or 2 (record not clear) NC VA NC
(*Ferguson children living in the household omitted.*)

Comment about Sources 2 and 3: Elizabeth Pressley was listed twice in the 1900 US Federal Census – in the households of her son Edward and of her daughter Martha. In her Confederate widow's pension application, Elizabeth stated that she had lived in Santa Anna, Texas (located in Coleman County) since 1900. I think it's likely that she moved from her son Edward's home in Falls County, TX, to her daughter Martha's home in Coleman County, TX around June, 1900. Persons listed in the 1900 US Federal Census were supposed to be limited to those who actually lived in the household on 1 Jun 1900. Since the enumeration date for both census records was listed as 19 Jun 1900, I think Elizabeth's inclusion in both records can be attributed to the faulty memory of the person in one of the households who provided info to the census taker.

Source 4:
Texas, Death Certificates, 1903-1982.

Info from the death records for four of Edward M. Presley's children.

1. **Minnie** Smith, born 4 Dec 1887, died 9 Sep 1940; **father's name** – Ed Presley, T born Texas; **mother's name** – Hattie Harris born Texas. ("Ed Presley, T" was typed in the box designated for Father; "Texas" was typed in the next box. I think the "T" was likely the beginning of "Texas," was typed in the wrong box, and was not corrected.)
2. **Palestine E.** Quilter, born 8 Jul 1891, died 24 Aug 1980; **father's name** – Edward Morris Presley; **mother's name** – Hattie Harris. (This is the only record I have found that indicates a name for Edward's middle initial "M" and obviously is dependent on the accuracy of the informant who provided the personal information listed in the death certificate. Whether or not Morris was his middle name, the middle initial "M" was consistently listed in records related to him.)

3. **Tommie Lee** Pannell, born 6 Aug 1896, died 19 Sep 1980; **father's name** – E. M. Presley; **mother's name** – H. F. Harris.

4. **Cecil Britton** Presley, born 26 Sep 1907, died 21 Feb 1963; **father's name** – E. M. Presley; **mother's name** – Hattie Florence Harris.

Eddie Harris Presley and Mary Anna McGee Information

NOTE: I wrote the name Eddie Harris Presley above because it is the name Tim Dowling used in his descendant chart. However, with the exception of Eddie H. Presley in one record, Edward H. Presley and E. H. Presley are the most frequently recorded versions of the name.

Here are a few sources that I believe contain information related to Edward H. Presley. They can be compared to the sources related to Edward M. Presley that I have listed above. I found all of them on Ancestry.com.

Source 1:
Texas, Death Certificates, 1903-1982.

I found death certificates for three, and most likely all four, children of Edward H. Presley and Mary Anna McGee who are listed in Dowling's descendant chart. Here's some info in their records.

Clyde McGee Presley, born Mar 1881 Texas, died 11 Dec 1955 Abilene, Taylor Co., Texas; **father** – Edward H. Presley born Mississippi; **mother** – Mary McGee born Texas.

Ross Harris Presley, born 24 Apr 1883 Ennis, Ellis County, Texas, died 25 Aug 1955 Wichita Falls, Texas; **father** – E. H. Presley born Texas; **mother** – Mary Anna McGee born Mississippi.

Emma A. Gant, born 25 Jun 1887 Ellis County, Texas, died 19 Mar 1958 Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas; **father** – Edward A. Presley; **mother** – Mary A. McGee. (*I think the initial "A" was heard, recorded, or remembered incorrectly.*)

Edward Hartwell Presley, born 28 Jan 1889 Henderson County, Texas, died 17 Jul 1961 Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas; **father** – Presley; **mother** – unk.

Source 2:

1860 US Census for **Scott County, Mississippi.**

A. L. Presley 32 GA
Martha H. Presley 26 GA
Temperance Presley (female) 7 AL
Edward Presley 5 MS
(*Other household members not listed.*)

Source 3:
1870 US Census for **Copiah County, Mississippi.**

A. L. Presley 42 GA
Mary H. Presley 36 AL
T. A. Pressley 16 AL
Eddie H. Presley 14 MS
(Other household members not listed.)

Comment: This is the only record I have found in which Eddie H. rather than Edward H. or E. H. Presley is listed.

Comment about Sources 2 and 3. I have found A. L. Presley, Martha H. Presley, and Temperance/T. A. Presley (Pressley) listed in US Federal Census records for Texas locations for the years 1880 and beyond. A. L. Presley's full name was probably Abner Landrum Presley. I believe that he and his wife, Martha H. Presley, were Edward H. Presley's parents. According to the 1900 US Federal Census, of the six children born to A. L. and Martha H. Presley only 1 was living. The living child was their daughter Temperance Augusta Presley. And if the census record is correct that their other five children were dead, their son Edward H. Presley would have died between 1888-1889 (around the birth of his child Edward Hartwell Presley) and 1900 (the census enumeration).

Source 4:
Texas, Select County Marriage Index, 1837-1977

E. H. Presley and **M. A. McGee** married 3 Jun **1880**, Denton, TX.

Comment: I do not have a copy of the actual marriage certificate, but the death certificates listed above appear to confirm this marriage.