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Hi Tom, Thanks again for all your time last week.

My brothers Kenneth Bealle Armstrong and John Thomas Armstrong and I (Lynn Armstrong) are 3 of the 5 grandchildren of Martha May Wilburn Armstrong and Thomas Monroe Armstrong Sr. Our father, Thomas Monroe Armstrong, Jr, and mother, Carolyn Elizabeth Webster Armstrong, lived in the "little house" on the family property within yards of the Wilburn family cemetery just after they were married when Dad came home from WWII.

The attached documents show the death certificate of our grandmother and in the cemetery plot placements some of the other children in our grandmother's family.

Church Wilburn (mentioned on the historical marker) was our grandmother's uncle. Uncle Church was just called Church.

Church organized short (100 miles or so) drives. He would contact local ranchers in the Cleburne and Stephenville areas and gather cows for the drive to Fort Worth. Church had several drovers that he normally hired. He and those drovers would gather the herds (maybe 100 or so head) and drive them to the FW stockyards. A couple of days out of FW, Church would go ahead of the drive and arrange for sale of the cattle. He would go back to the ranchers and give them their earnings. Church would sack up each of the hired drover's wages and leave the bags in the crotch of one prearranged tree. When the drovers finished with the drive, they would go to that tree and take their bag and head home.

One drive, Church was short a drover and hired on a new hand. The drovers got the herd to FW. The newly hired drover left early and went to the tree and took all of the bags of money. Church went after him, found him and hung him.

Our Dad told this story many times and the details never changed.

Thank you for the resource information that you let me copy. It will be fun to dig deeper.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Lynn

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Head and Foot Stones of Willburn Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas

1. John Snyder  
1820-1882  
R.M. Snyder  
His Wife  
1835-1924

1a. J.S. (foot stone)

2. J.S. Willburn  
May 7, 1842-  
Jan 16, 1914  
Wife  
C.T. Willburn  
Sept. 7, 1847  
Aug. 13, 1905  
and daughter  
S.E. Willburn  
Dec. 1, 1867  
Dec. 1, 1875

Maud  
daughter of  
W.P.B. & C.D. Willburn  
Born April 11, 1872  
Died Mar. 20, 1879

3a. Foot Stone No Markings

4. Wm Edward  
son of W.P.B. & C.D. Willburn  
Born July 20, 1870  
Died Sept. 5, 1875

4a. W.E.W. (Foot Stone)

5. Infant of  
W.P.B. & C.D. Willburn  
Born July 11, 1867  
Died July 12, 1867

6 Brother  
Aaron A. Porter  
1872-1897  
"Gone from our home but not from  
our hearts"

6a. A.A.P. (Foot Stone)

7. Eliza P  
Daughter of Michael and Eliza  
Williams  
Born July 26, 1844  
Died Nov. 20 1878

7a. E.P.W. (Foot Stone)

8. No Markings

9. No Markings

10. 75 years faithful in life  
Triumph in death

11. John C. Leak  
Born May 2, 1875  
Died June 28, 1876

11a. J.C.L. (Foot Stone)

12. Edward E. Leak  
Born Feb. 28, 1878  
Died Dec. 31, 1878

13. Charles E. Leak  
Born July 3, 1890  
Died Feb. 5, 1894  
"In heaven there is one angel  
more"



WHEN IMPRESSED WITH THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH,  
THIS IS CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY OF THE PERMANENT  
RECORD AS FILED IN THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

ISSUED: FEB 6 1968  
DATE

*Ruth S. Braddock*  
LOCAL REGISTRAR

STATE OF TEXAS		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		STATE FILE NO.	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Tarrant</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution: residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>Tarrant</b>			
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Fort Worth</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Rural</b>			
d. NAME OF INSTITUTION (Give street address) <b>Sherwood Manor Nursing Home</b>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>Route 5 - Fort Worth</b>			
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <b>MARTHA</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>15 January 1968</b>			
5. SEX <b>Female</b>		6. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>			
7. MARRIAGE STATUS Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>		8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>10 Mar. 1876</b>		9. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>91</b>	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Housewife</b>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>Domestic</b>		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Benbrook, Texas</b>	
13. FATHER'S NAME <b>E. C. D. Wilburn</b>		14. MOTHER'S M maiden name <b>Eliza Polk Williams</b>		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>USA</b>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (If yes, give war or dates of service) <b>no</b>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>459-76-6724</b>		17. INFORMANT <i>Tom M. Crumpton</i>	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for [a], [b], and [c].) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Cerebro Vascular accident - 7 weeks</b> DUE TO (b) <b>Hyper tension Heart Disease</b> DUE TO (c) <b>age</b>		PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a) <b>age</b>		19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>		20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.) <b>Coroner</b>			
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour <input type="checkbox"/> Month <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Year <input type="checkbox"/>		20d. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) <b>at home</b>		20e. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>Fort Worth</b>	
20f. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> WHILE AT HOME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		20g. COUNTY <b>Texas</b>		20h. STATE <b>Texas</b>	
I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>Jan 3 68</b> to <b>Jan 15 68</b> SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i> Death occurred at <b>4:19 a</b> m. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated (Degree or title)		22b. ADDRESS <b>Fort Worth Texas 76108</b>		22c. DATE SIGNED <b>7/2/68</b>	
23a. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Greenwood Cemetery</b>		24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>GAUSE WARE Billy M. Young 4962</b>		25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>Ruth S. Braddock</i>	
23b. DATE <b>16 Jan. 1968</b>		25b. DATE RECD BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>FEB 5 1968</b>		23c. LOCATION <b>Fort Worth, Texas</b>	
23d. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>435</b>					