

Mary E. Scarborough
(1833/1835–aft. 1900)
of
Wilcox & Butler Counties, Alabama
and
Milam, Cherokee, and San Jacinto Counties, Texas
Daughter of [Addison Scarborough](#),
Wife of Thomas Morgan, William Carroll McElyea, & J. H. Smith
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Mary E. Scarborough Biography

Mary E. Scarborough [Mollie, Polly] (1833/1835–aft. 1900) was the daughter of [Addison Scarborough](#) (c1780–1868) [1]. Her birth occurred at Snow Hill, Alabama, and she was one of the youngest children of her father, born when he was in his mid-fifties. Nothing is known of Mary's mother, as Addison Scarborough's wife (or wives) are not documented. It does appear that Mary's mother died in the latter 1840s, and her death appears to have precipitated Addison's departure from Snow Hill after two decades of residence there.

Addison Scarborough began preparations to emigrate from Snow Hill by 1848, for he began disposing of his land holdings there on 16 January 1849 [2]. He sold his 294.61-acre farm on the border of the Wilcox/Dallas Counties where Mary had spent her entire life on 30 August 1849 [3]. Either during the winter of 1848–1849 or after the harvest in 1849, Addison Scarborough settled on his property in southeastern Butler County along Duck Creek that he had purchased in 1836. His land then lay entirely within Butler County, but due to subsequent boundary changes, his farm now straddles the border between Butler and Conecuh Counties [4].

When her father moved to Butler County about 1849, Mary E. Scarborough remained behind in Snow Hill with her brothers, Addison B. Scarborough, a Snow Hill merchant, justice of the peace, farmer, and postmaster, and James A. J. Scarborough, a clerk. She may have stayed in Snow Hill to help in her brother's store or to attend school there.

Mary Scarborough married about 1853, probably in Wilcox or Butler Counties, Alabama, to Thomas Morgan (c1832–Mar 1860). They had one daughter born in Alabama about 1854, then they moved to Florida, where Mary had an additional three daughters born between 1856 and 1858. Mary and Thomas Morgan must have returned to Butler County in 1859 or early 1860, for he died there in March 1860 of consumption [5]. Two months later, Mary gave birth to her youngest daughter.

In 1860, Mary lived with her five daughters on the farm of her sister, Amelia, and Mary worked as a seamstress. It appears that two of Mary's daughters died in the 1860s, and in 1870, Mary and her three surviving daughters lived in Butler County with her unmarried sister, Nancy. It is unclear how they supported themselves, as neither Mary nor Nancy was shown as owning any real estate. They probably helped to supervise the cultivation of their father's old farm, by their nephew, John N. Staggers, the husband of their niece, Mary Elizabeth Holmes.

Sometime in the early 1870s, Mary Scarborough Morgan moved with her three daughters to Texas. She may have initially joined her brothers, Simeon and Matt, in Leon County, but in July 1874, the administrator of her father's estate in Butler County gave her residence as "*Miller County*

in the State of Texas." This proves confusing, for Miller County, Arkansas did include what is now northeastern Texas bordering Arkansas. However, since Mary is later documented as residing in Milam County, a short distance southwest of Leon County, it appears that a mistake was made in her residence. Mary's sisters, Nancy and Amelia, and her niece, Mary E. Holmes Staggers, remained in Butler County after Mary had moved to Texas [6].

Although her father's estate records continued to list her residence in "*Miller County*," Texas between 1874 and 1876, on 13 September 1874, Mary's daughter, Nancy Idalia Morgan, married in Milam County, Texas [7]. This suggests that Mary had moved on to Milam County soon after her arrival in the Lone Star State. It is unclear how she supported herself, given that she was a widowed woman with three young daughters.

The estate of Mary's father was not immediately settled after his death in 1868. His children and grandchildren probably continued to cultivate his lands into the early 1870s, when they began making plans to emigrate. Between 1874 and 1876, Addison Scarborough's heirs petitioned the Butler County Probate Court to have his estate administered, and the Court appointed the County's Coroner as his administrator. Upon the final settlement of her father's estate on 10 February 1876, Mary E. Scarborough Morgan received her share of the final amount to be distributed to his ten heirs. However, all of her close relatives had already left Butler County, so on 5 August 1876, she appeared before a justice of the peace in Milam County, Texas to have this power of attorney notarized:

Know all men by these presents, that I Mary E. Morgan of the County of Milam and State of Texas have made constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint Shaderac [sic] Crawford of Butler County State of Alabama my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name place and stead to my use to ask, demand, sue for, leavy, recover and receive all such sum & sums of money or whatsoever may due and coming to me from the Estate of Addison Scarborough Dec'd of whom I am a legal heirs [sic] giving and granting unto my said attorney by these presents my full power strenght [sic] and authority in and about the premises and upon the receipt of such debts dues or sums of money aforesaid to give a receipt for the same and generally all and every other act and acts thing or things in law whatsoever needful and necessary to be done in or about the premises for me and in my name as fully as I could if present do...

Upon its receipt and recording in Greenville, Alabama, on September 2nd, Shadrack M. Crawford signed a receipt as "*Attorney in fact for Mary E. Morgan*" to Jonas W. Jones, administrator of Addison Scarborough, acknowledging full payment of \$59.09 owed to Mary E. Morgan [8].

Mary E. Morgan left Milam County sometime in the latter part of 1876 or 1877. On 4 December 1877, she married in Cherokee County, Texas to William Carroll McElyea (8 Jul 1821–30 Oct 1883) [9]. Cherokee County is located northeast of Milam in eastern Texas. It is unclear what lured Mary eastward from Milam County, but given her family's strong Baptist tradition, she may have met

McElyea through a Baptist associational meetings. William C. McElyea was reportedly the son of Hugh and Mary McElyea and a native of Wilson County, Tennessee. He supposedly married on 23 December 1841 in Jackson County, Alabama to Mary Lavinia Neal (18 Feb 1821–18 Jan 1875).

In 1880, Mary and William McElyea lived on his farm near Larissa, in Cherokee County, with her widowed daughter, Nancy I. Moffett, and his son. McElyea died in October 1883, and he and his first wife are reportedly buried in the Union Grove Cemetery near old Dialville, in Cherokee County, Texas.

Mary's whereabouts between 1883 and 1898 are unknown, although she presumably remained in eastern Texas with her daughters. On 1 July 1898 in Harris County, Texas, "*Mary E. McKelya*" married J. H. Smith [10]. Just like Mary's first and second husbands, Smith appears to have died soon after his marriage to Mary.

In 1900, a widowed Mary lived in San Jacinto County, Texas, located a short distance north of Harris County. Mary was listed as "*Mary E. Smith*" and lived in the household of her daughter, Nancy, who operated a rented farm with the assistance of her fifteen-year-old son and an eighteen-year-old relative. Mary's daughter, Emma, lived near then in San Jacinto County and operated a hotel.

We have no further record of Mary E. Scarborough or her daughter, Nancy, after 1900. They are reportedly buried in unmarked graves in the Shepherd Methodist Cemetery, Shepherd, San Jacinto County, Texas.

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Known Children of Mary E. Scarborough

Mary E. Scarborough had five known daughters by her first husband, Thomas Morgan. The 1900 federal census states that she had a total of six children, three of whom were then alive. If accurate, then Mary had one child for whom we cannot account. It is unknown if this was another child by Morgan, or if she had a child with her second husband, William C. McElyea.

The known daughters of Mary E. Scarborough and Thomas Morgan:

1. **M. E. Morgan** (c1854–aft. 1860) was born in Alabama and either died or married in the 1860s.
2. **Ella Morgan** (Sep 1855–aft. 1870) was a twin to Emma, with their births occurring in Florida. She may have married and moved to Texas with her mother and sisters in the early 1870s and is presumably the third child of Mary alive in 1900.
3. **Emma D. Morgan** [Etta] (Sep 1855–aft. Mar 1914) married W. N. Ross and Frank E. Taylor (c1859–15 Sep 1935).
4. **Nancy Idalia Morgan** [Nonnie] (Mar 1858–1900/1910) was born in Florida, married W. C. Moffatt, George F. McElroy, and John W. Martin.
5. **P. E. Morgan** [or L. E.] (May 1860–1860/1870) lived in her mother's 1860 Butler County, Alabama household as an infant. It appears that she died prior to June 1870.

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Biographical Sketches of the Children of Mary E. Scarborough

Mary's only known children are her five daughters born during her brief marriage to her first husband, Thomas Morgan.

1. M. E. Morgan

M. E. Morgan (c1854–aft. 1860) was a female born in Alabama. She either died or married during the 1860s, and nothing further is known of her.

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2. Ella Morgan

Ella Morgan (Sep 1855–aft. 1870) was a twin to Emma, with their births occurring in Florida. In 1860, she lived with her mother and four sisters on the Butler County, Alabama farm of her aunt, Amelia Scarborough Norris. In 1870, Ella and her two surviving sisters lived with her mother and aunt, Nancy M. Scarborough, presumably on the old farm of her grandfather.

The 1900 federal census recorded that Mary E. Scarborough had three children still alive. If accurate, then it appears Ella was still alive. This would imply that she moved to Texas with her mother and sisters, married, and perhaps had children. No marriage has been located for her in either Alabama or Texas [1].

No further information is known of Ella Morgan.

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3. Emma D. Morgan Ross Taylor

Emma D. Morgan [Etta] (Sep 1855–aft. Mar 1914) was a twin to Ella, with census records indicating that their births occurred in Florida. In 1860, she lived with her mother and four sisters on the Butler County, Alabama farm of her aunt, Amelia Scarborough Norris. In 1870, Emma and her two surviving sisters lived with her mother and aunt, Nancy M. Scarborough, presumably on the old farm of her grandfather.

Emma presumably accompanied her mother and sisters to Texas in the early 1870s. She has not been located on the 1880 federal census there. She was not living in the household with her mother and sister, Nancy, in Cherokee County. Emma married on 5 August 1881 to W. N. Ross, with the marriage occurring in Rusk County, which lies on the east side of Cherokee County. No information is known about Ross, but he presumably died shortly after their marriage. Emma married on 14 December 1884 in Cherokee County to Frank E. Taylor (c1859–15 Sep 1935) [2]. Little is known of Frank, except that he was a native of Illinois, and in 1930, he reported that his father was born in Michigan and his mother in Illinois.

We have very few details of Emma's life, including where she and Frank lived between their marriage in December 1884 and 1900, or what his primary occupation was during that period. They presumably remained in the vicinity of eastern Texas. Their son reported that he was born in 1887 in Jacksonville, Cherokee County, Texas.

Emma and Frank divorced prior to 1900, when she lived in San Jacinto County, Texas near her mother and sister, Nancy, and worked as a hotel keeper. That census record reported Emma as widowed, but it appears that she was actually divorced. The census record listed her as the mother of two children, both living, but only her twelve-year-old son, Thomas Edgar Taylor, lived with her. Frank Taylor has not been located on the 1900 federal census.

Frank E. Taylor married on 25 December 1902 Ida Stanfield. They married in Hardin County, which lies on the southeastern side of San Jacinto County. Shortly after their marriage, Frank and Ida had one daughter, Violet Taylor (1906–25 Feb 1936), who married O. W. Munson in the mid-1920s. It appears that Ida died shortly after Violet's birth.

Emma and Frank Taylor remarried on 31 October 1909 in Hardin County, Texas, with the marriage record giving her name as "*Mrs. Emma Taylor.*" In 1910, they lived on a farm in Liberty County, which borders both San Jacinto and Hardin Counties to their south. Their blended household included them, their married son, Thomas Edgar Taylor, his wife, and son, together with Frank's young daughter, Violet Taylor, Emma's two nieces, and William Pharr, a widower

identified as Emma's adopted son, and his son, Oliver Pharr. Unusually, Emma was identified as the head of the household, with Frank as her husband, and he worked as a "*Laborer–Odd Jobs.*"

Emma and Frank Taylor did not remain married for long, for they divorced again in Liberty County in March 1914 [3]. On 17 February 1914, Frank E. Taylor married Dora Alice Mosley Rollins (2 Oct 1868–26 Jul 1941) in Liberty County, technically before his official divorce from Emma. Dora had previously married William Smith Rollins (22 Jan 1858–13 Aug 1912) on 15 August 1886 in San Jacinto County, Texas.

In 1920, Frank and Dora Taylor lived on a Liberty County farm with his daughter Violet, and his grandson, Robert Taylor, son of Thomas Edgar Taylor. They still farmed in 1930, when they lived alone on their farm. Frank died of apoplexy in Romayor, Liberty County, Texas and buried in the Stanfield Cemetery there, presumably with his second wife, Ida Stanfield [4]. Dora is buried with her first husband in the Shepherd City Cemetery, San Jacinto County, Texas [5].

There is no further known record of Emma D. Morgan Taylor, and it is unknown if she remarried or died soon after her second divorce from Frank Taylor in 1914.

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Known Child of Emma D. Morgan

Emma's 1900 and 1910 federal census enumerations both report that she was the mother of two children, with two of them then living. However, we only have verification of one of her children:

1. **Thomas Edgar Taylor** (13 Jan 1887–2 Jul 1949) married on 1 April 1907 in Hardin County, Texas to Maude Anthony (15 Sep 1892–10 Nov 1972), daughter of John Anthony and ? Stephens.

In 1910, Emma's household included William M. Pharr (Jul 1881–aft. 1910), identified as her adopted son. In 1900, William had lived in the household of Emma's sister and mother. Sometime in the 1900s, William married Ida Roberts, and they had one son, Oliver E. Pharr (20 Sep 1904–23 Sep 1956), who died in Houston, Harris County, Texas. It is not clear if William M. Pharr was Emma's second child referred to by the 1900 and 1910 federal census records.

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Biographical Sketch of Thomas Edgar Taylor, son of Emma D. Morgan

Thomas Edgar Taylor (13 Jan 1887–2 Jul 1949) is the only known child of Emma D. Morgan and Frank E. Taylor [6]. In 1900, he lived in San Jacinto County, Texas with his mother, who worked as a hotel keeper. Thomas married on 1 April 1907 in Hardin County, Texas to Maude Anthony (15 Sep 1892–10 Nov 1972), daughter of John Anthony and ? Stephens [7].

After their marriage, it appears that Thomas and Maude Taylor settled on his mother's farm in Liberty County, Texas. In 1910, they lived with their infant son in the household of his parents, who had only remarried the previous year. Their daughter was born later that year, on August 15th, and she reported her birth in Jacksonville, Texas. Thomas and Maude have not been located on the 1920, 1930, or 1940 federal censuses. When he registered for the draft in 1917, he gave his residence as "*Botson, Texas*," but the registration office was Clark, then a thriving logging center in northeastern Liberty County [8].

In 1920, it appears that Thomas and Maude's son, Robert E. Taylor, lived in the household of his grandfather, Frank E. Taylor, who had remarried in 1914 after he divorced for the second time from Emma D. Morgan. Frank and Dora's household included Violet Taylor, Frank's daughter by his second marriage, and "*Robert Taylor*," aged thirteen, identified as Frank's son. However, we have no evidence that Frank had a son born in that time frame, and it appears this was his grandson, the son of Thomas and Maude.

In 1930, Maude and Robert Taylor lived in Houston, Texas, with Robert's occupation listed as "*Laborer – Oil Field*." Although both were listed as married, they lived alone in their household. It is unclear if Thomas E. Taylor worked elsewhere, or if Maude and Thomas had separated.

Nothing further is known of Thomas E. Taylor. He died on 2 July 1949 in Burke, Angelina County, Texas of "*Cardio Renal Disease*" [9]. In 1950, Maude lived on her farm near Burke with her son and his wife, and her son by her first marriage. At her death in 1972, she lived in Diboll, Angelina County. Thomas and Maude Taylor are buried together in the Ryans Chapel Cemetery, Diboll, Angelina County, Texas, Row 11, Graves 9 and 10.

Thomas E. Taylor and Maude Anthony had two known children:

1. **Robert E. Taylor** (21 Feb 1908–9 Aug 2005) lived with his parents and grandparents in 1910 on their farm in Liberty County, and in 1920, he lived there with his grandfather and his third wife. He worked in the oil industry, living in Houston, Texas with his mother in 1930. He married in the 1930s to Mary Beatrice Collins (12 Mar 1907–13 Sep 1986), daughter of Solomon Collins (6 May 1865–2 Jun 1946) and Mary Muskogee Henson (20 Feb 1876–10 May 1957). In 1940, Robert and Beatrice lived in Buras, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, where he

was employed as a *“Driller Helper – Oil Production.”* In the 1940s, he left the oil industry and returned to his mother’s farm in Angelina County and farmed in 1950. He and Beatrice later returned to her birthplace in Oklahoma, where they both died. They are buried in the Box Cemetery, Vian, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma.

2. **Era Vivian Taylor** (15 Aug 1910–1 Jan 1990) reported in a Social Security claim that her birth occurred in Jacksonville, Texas, even though her parents lived in Liberty County in March before her birth in August. She married on 23 June 1926 in Houston, Texas to William Henry Appell (18 Apr 1906–3 Dec 2000), and they had two daughters born in 1927 and 1928. In 1930, they lived in Houston, Texas, where he worked as the foreman for an oil company. By 1940, they had moved to Alice, Jim Wells County in south/central Texas, and he worked as a drilling contractor for an oil company. They divorced in late 1940 or early 1941, and she married on 5 June 1941 in Jim Wells County to E. C. Bailey Jr. Social Security records give the 1 January 1990 death of *“Era V. Bailey,”* daughter of *“Ed Taylor”* and *“Maud Anthony.”* No further records of Era are known, except for her two daughters:

- a. **Wilma Jean Appell**, born 17 September 1927 in Houston, Harris County, Texas.
- b. **Doris Marie Appell**, born 13 December 1928 in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

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4. Nancy Idalia Morgan Moffatt McElroy Martin

Nancy Idalia Morgan (Mar 1858–aft. 1900) was born in Florida like her older twin sisters, but as an infant or toddler, she returned with them to Butler County, Alabama. In 1860, she lived there with her mother and four sisters on the farm of her aunt, Amelia Scarborough Norris. In 1870, Emma and her two surviving sisters lived with her mother and aunt, Nancy M. Scarborough, presumably on the old farm of her grandfather.

Nancy I. Morgan accompanied her mother and sisters to Texas in the early 1870s. They may have initially spent time in Leon County, where Nancy's uncles, Simeon R. and Matt D. Scarborough had settled in the 1850s. If so, they soon continued southwest past Leon into Milam County. On 13 September 1874, Nancy married W. C. Moffatt in Milam County [10]. The only W. C. Moffatt living in Texas in 1870 was William C. Moffatt of Madison County, a widower born about 1813 in New Jersey. Madison was a short distance east of Milam County, and despite their significant age gap, it appears that he may have married Nancy when she was a young sixteen years old.

Moffatt apparently died between 1874 and 1880, when Nancy was a young widow living with her mother and stepfather in Cherokee County, which lay to the northeast of Milam. Nancy's mother had remarried there in December 1877 and presumably then joined her new husband on his farm.

Nancy married on 24 July 1880 in Cherokee County to George F. McElroy (c1859–aft. 1884) [11], son of Harrison McElroy (c1822–bef. 1880) and Mary V. Crunk [Polly] (c1832–aft. 1880). They had at least two sons in the early 1880s, but then McElroy either died, or he and Nancy divorced. On 11 May 1890, Nancy married in Cherokee County, Texas to John W. Martin [12]. He has not been identified, and no information is currently known about Martin's background. He and Nancy had three daughters born between 1891 and 1893, but he presumably died between about 1892 and 1900.

By 1900, Nancy had moved to San Jacinto County, which lies due south of Cherokee County. She lived on a rented farm there with four of her children, her widowed mother, and William M. Farr (Pharr), possibly a relative. In 1910, Nancy's younger children lived with her sister, Emma, suggesting that Nancy had died between 1900 and 1910. Descendants claim that Nancy and her mother died in San Jacinto County and are buried in unmarked graves in the Shepherd Methodist Cemetery near Shepherd, Texas.



Known Children of Nancy Idalia Morgan

The 1900 census states that Nancy had given birth to six children, but only five of them were then alive. Her known children are by her second and third husbands and include:

1. **Joseph Henry McElroy** [Joe] (5 Sep 1881–7 Jul 1932) married on 3 March 1904 in Polk County, Texas to Susan Newcomb [Susie] (23 Aug 1886–23 Mar 1927).
2. **John T. McElroy** (Oct 1884–aft. 1900) died sometime after 1900.
3. **Cora Ella Martin** (5 Jul 1891–27 Jun 1968) married Malcolm Vernon Aubert (30 Aug 1904–2 Oct 1982).
4. **Emma Claude Martin** (Jan 1893–aft. 1911) married on 22 June 1911 in Hardin County, Texas to Arthur Cannon.
5. **Dora Maud Martin** (Jan 1893–aft. 1910) died sometime after 1910.



Biographical Sketches of the Children of Nancy Idalia Morgan

1. **Joseph Henry McElroy** [Joe] (5 Sep 1881–7 Jul 1932) was born in Jacksonville, Cherokee County, the location of his parents' marriage in 1880 [13]. He has not been located on the 1900 federal census. Joe McElroy married on 3 March 1904 in Polk County, Texas to Susan Newcomb [Susie] (23 Aug 1886–23 Mar 1927), the daughter of James A. Newcomb and Ophelia Possey.

In 1910, Joe McElroy lived with his wife and children in Liberty County and worked as a teamster in a logging camp. His aunt, Emma, lived nearby with his three half-sisters. When he registered for the draft during World War I, he gave his residence as Batson, Hardin County, and he worked for the Ada Bell Oil Company there [14]. In 1920, Joe lived with his family in Hardin County and worked as an oil field fireman. Oliver Pharr lived in Joe's household, identified as his "*step-son*." Oliver was the son of William M. Pharr, who was identified as the adopted son of Joe's mother in 1910.

Susie Newcomb McElroy died of an ectopic pregnancy at Hotel Dieu Hospital in Beaumont, Texas on 23 March 1927 at the age of only forty-one years [15]. In 1930, Joe still lived at Batson with his younger children and worked as an oilfield pumper. Later that year or about 1931, he moved south from Batson to Daisetta in Liberty County. He died at the Liberty Hospital in Liberty, Liberty County on 7 July 1932 of "*Chronic Nephritis without Edema*" at the age of only fifty years [16]. Joe and Susie McElroy are buried in the Guedry Cemetery in Batson, Hardin County, Texas.

The known children of Joseph and Susan McElroy include:

- a. **Lillian Mae McElroy** [Lilly] (26 Mar 1904–14 Apr 2001) married on 6 January 1923 in Hardin County, Texas to J. T. Kennedy. She married in the 1940s to Earl Richard Foust (24 Feb 1913–25 Nov 1992), and in 1950, they lived in Houston, where he worked as a roofer. Lillian and Earl Foust are buried in the Guedry Cemetery, Batson, Hardin County, Texas.
 - b. **Harrison K. McElroy** (10 Dec 1905–30 Oct 1955) enlisted on 11 August 1943 in Houston, Texas as a corporal, Headquarters Battery, 402nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. After the war, he settled in Orange County, Texas and in 1950, he worked as an operator in a chemical plant. He married in the 1940s to Flo L. ? (c1920–?). About 1954, he moved to Batesville, Independence County, Arkansas and died there in October 1955. His wife at his death was Hazel [17]. Harrison K. McElroy is buried in the Guedry Cemetery, Batson, Hardin County, Texas.
 - c. **Alfia Idaliea McElroy** (6 Nov 1908–Aug 1909) reportedly died in Liberty County, Texas and is buried in the Concord Community Cemetery. She had no tombstone, but the 1910 federal census does indicate that Susie had given birth to three children, with only two then living. Her name, dates, and burial come from family records.
 - d. **Joseph Henry McElroy** (26 Jul 1912–28 Apr 1964) lived with his parents in 1920 and father in 1930 in Hardin County. Joseph reportedly married on 21 June 1932 to Mosell Vadna Taylor, and they had a daughter born in Houston on 2 August 1934. Mosell died by 1940, when Joseph lived in Sweet Lake, Cameron Parish, Louisiana as a widower. He married in 1940 to Julia Viola Wilkins (11 Jul 1913–30 Aug 1987). They had three children born in Louisiana in the 1940s, but by 1950, they had moved to Lincoln County, Mississippi, where he worked as a maintenance foreman with oil wells. Joseph and Julia McElroy are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, Section B.
 - e. **Edward McElroy** (9 Oct 1914–May 1916) reportedly died in Shepherd, San Jacinto County, Texas. His name and dates of birth and death come from family records.
 - f. **Louise Beatrice McElroy** (26 Feb 1918–18 Nov 1988) lived with her parents in 1920 and father in 1930 in Batson, Hardin County, Texas. Louise married Haskell Woodrow Oliver Sr. [Haskie] (27 Mar 1913–19 Aug 1979). They lived in Galveston, Texas in 1935 but moved to Houston by 1940, when he worked as a pipe fitter at an oil refinery. Louise and Haskell Oliver are buried in the Guedry Cemetery, Batson, Hardin County, Texas.
2. **John T. McElroy** (Oct 1884–aft. 1900) lived on his mother's farm in San Jacinto County, Texas in 1900, with his occupation given as "*Farm Labor.*" No further information is known of him.

3. **Cora Ella Martin** (5 Jul 1891–27 Jun 1968) lived with her mother, siblings, and grandmother on a rented farm in San Jacinto County in 1900. She did not live with her aunt and sisters in 1910, but a woman named “*Cora Martin*” lived in a “*Rescue Home*” on San Jacinto Avenue in Houston, Texas that year. It was clearly a home for unwed mothers, with the other six women in the home listed as “*widowed*” together with their infants. Although Cora was listed as the mother of one child who was then living, her baby was not enumerated. Cora worked as a telephone operator. It is not entirely certain that this was Cora Ella Martin, it is a possibility.

Cora Ella Martin has not been located on the 1920 or 1930 federal census enumerations. She married sometime prior to 1930 to a Mr. Perry, for on 24 August 1930, Cora married in Houston, Texas to Malcolm Vernon Aubert (30 Aug 1904–2 Oct 1982), son of Vincent Aubert and Alma Mary West. Malcolm had married in 1925 to Dorothy West, and they had one son, Malcolm Patrick Aubert, before they divorced in February 1930, just six months before he remarried to Cora.

In 1935, Cora and Malcolm Aubert lived in West Columbia, Brazoria County, Texas. In 1940, Cora, Malcolm, and his son lived at 8 West Court Street in Houston, Texas. Malcolm worked as the manager of a retail grocery store. The 11th District Court in Houston, Texas granted Cora and Malcolm’s divorce in October 1944 [18].

Nothing further is known of Cora E. Martin, other than she died in the Golden Age Manor located at 1474 Munger Street in Houston, Harris County, Texas and is buried in the Forest Park Cemetery in Houston. Malcolm V. Aubert is buried with his third wife in the Brookside Memorial Park in Houston [19].

4. **Emma Claude Martin** (Jan 1893–aft. 1911) lived with her mother, siblings, and grandmother on a rented farm in San Jacinto County, Texas in 1900. Her mother appears to have died by 1910, when Emma lived with her aunt, Emma Martin Taylor, in Liberty County, Texas with her twin, Dora Maud. Emma Martin appears to have married Arthur Cannon in Hardin County, Texas on 22 June 1911. Hardin County adjoined Liberty to the east, and the unusual nature of “*Claude*” as a female name suggests that she was the woman who married Arthur Cannon in 1911. No further information is known about her.
5. **Dora Maud Martin** (Jan 1893–aft. 1910) lived with her mother, siblings, and grandmother on a rented farm in San Jacinto County, Texas in 1900. Her mother appears to have died by 1910, when she and her twin sister lived with their aunt. Nothing further is known of Dora.



5. P. E. Morgan

P. E. Morgan [or L. E.] (May 1860–1860/1870) was a female infant living in her mother's 1860 Butler County, Alabama household. Her initials are difficult to read, and this is the only record of her existence. The census enumerator gave her age as one month on 3 August 1860, born in Alabama. If accurate, then she was born after the March death of her father. She was not listed in her mother's July 1870 household enumeration, presumably indicating that she died sometime between 1860 and 1870.

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Notes

Mary E. Scarborough Biography

1. Documentation verifying that Mary E. Scarborough was the daughter of Addison Scarborough comes from these Butler County, Alabama probate records:
 - [Estates Record 14, pp. 518–519](#) (Estate of Addison Scarborough, list of heirs, filed with Butler County Court on 7 July 1874).
 - [Estates Record 17, pp. 258–259](#) (Citation of heirs of Addison Scarborough, deceased to appear in Butler County Court, 24 October 1874).
 - [Record of Estates 15, pp. 109–110](#) (Estate of Addison Scarborough Sr. Decd, “*a full and true list of the Heirs and Distributees of said Estate*,” filed 19 August 1875 by Jonas W. Jones, Administrator).
 - [Record of Estates 15, pp. 180–181](#) (Final Settlement of Estate of Addison Scarborough, deceased, filed 19 August 1875).
2. [Wilcox County AL Deed Book I, pp. 191–192](#) (“Adison” Scarborough to Edmund Hobdy, 16 Jan 1849; notary: A. B. Scarborough, Justice of the Peace; signed: “*Addison Scarborough*”).
3. [Wilcox County AL Deed Book I, pp. 313–314](#) (Addison Scarborough to John A. Lee, 30 August 1849; witnesses: “*W^m M. Purifoy*,” “*W. A. J. Albritton*”).
4. Cahaba, Alabama Land Office Cash Entry #32552, Addison Scarborough, 7 November 1836 (NE¼ & E½ of SE¼, Section 17, Township 7, Range 12; 240.6 acres; \$300.75).
5. 1860 Butler County AL Federal Census, Mortality Schedule, p. 1/32, line #13: “*Thos Morgan*,” age: 28; married, born: “*Geo*”; death: March 1860; occupation: “*Farmer*”; cause of death: “*Consumption*”; number of days ill: “*1 Year*”.
6. [Butler County AL Estates Record 14, pp. 518–519](#) (Estate of Addison Scarborough, list of heirs, filed with Butler County Court on 7 July 1874); [Estates Record 17, pp. 258–259](#) (Citation of heirs of Addison Scarborough, deceased to appear in Butler County Court, 24 October 1874).
7. [Milam County TX Marriage Book 1 \(1874–1877\), p. 69](#) (W. C. “*Moffatt*” to Nancy Idalia Morgan, 13 September 1874).
8. [Butler County AL Mortgage Book II, pp. 342–343](#) (Mary E. Morgan of Milam County Texas power of attorney to “*Shadrac Crawford*” of Butler County, Alabama, 5 August 1876).
9. [Cherokee County TX Marriage Record H \(1874–1880\), p. 292](#) (“*Mr. W. C. McElyea*” to “*Mrs. Mary E. Morgan*,” 4 November 1877).
10. [Harris County TX Marriage Book O \(1897–1898\), p. 281](#) (J. H. Smith to “*Mrs. Mary E. McKelya*,” license dated 1 July 1898; no return by minister of precise date of marriage).

Biographical Sketches of the Children of Mary E. Scarborough

1. It is possible that Mary E. Scarborough had a child by her second husband, William Carroll McElyea, as she was in the early forties at the time of their 1877 marriage. If so, the child would have been born after mid-1880, when she was around forty-five years of age. If so, then the McElyea child could have been the one still living in 1900. There is no evidence of this, however.
2. [Cherokee County TX Marriage Book I \(1884–1890\), p. 82](#) (“*Mr. F. E. Taylor*” to “*Mrs. E. D. Ross*,” 14 December 1884).
3. “*The Liberty Vindicator*,” 13 March 1914 (Friday, p. 3, column 1).
4. Texas Department Health, Standard Certificate of Death #43322, “*Frank E. Taylor*,” Romayor, Liberty County, Precinct No. 3; length of residence: 40 yrs; birth: “*unknown*,” death: 15 September 1935; married; wife: “*Dora Taylor*,” father: “*unknown*,” mother: “*unknown*,” cause: “*Apoplexy*,” burial: Stanfield Cemetery.
5. Texas Department Health, Standard Certificate of Death #34126, “*Dora Aliene Taylor*,” Livingston, Polk County, birth: 2 Oct 1868, Mansfield, La; death: 25 July 1941; widowed; father: “*Olliver Mosley*,” mother: “*Lucy Stanfield*,” cause of death: “*Cerebral Hemorrhage*,” Shepherd City Cemetery (Shepherd, San Jacinto County TX), tombstones of “*Dora A. Rollins*” (1868–1941) and “*William S. Rollins*” (27 Jan 1858–13 Aug 1912).
6. Several conflicting sources cause confusion regarding the precise birth year and middle name of Thomas E. Taylor. The 1900 federal census gives his name as “*Edgar T. Taylor*,” whereas the 1910 federal census lists him as “*Edward Taylor*.” He has not been located on the 1920, 1930, or 1940 federal census records. In 1917, he signed his name as “*Thomas Edgar Taylor*” and gave his birth year as 1887 when he registered for the draft, but his death certificate gave his birth year as 1886 and name as “*Thomas Edward Taylor*.” Since he signed his middle name himself as “*Edgar*,” but his death certificate was completed after his demise, we use the data he provided himself in 1917:
 - World War I Draft Registration Card, LDS Film #5153008, Image #1410; name & signature: “*Thomas Edgar Taylor*,” born: 13 January 1887; birthplace: Jacksonville, Texas; occupation: “*Laborer in oil field*,” family: “*Wife & two children*,” address: “*Botson, Texas*” [sic–Batson]; date: 5 June 1917; registration office: Clark, Texas.
 - Texas Department Health, Certificate of Death #31634, “*Thomas Edward Taylor*,” Burke, Angelina County, Texas; birth: 13 January 1886, “*Jacksonville, Fla.*,” [sic]; death: 2 July 1949; age: “*63 years, 5 months, 19*”

days;" length of residence: "3 Yrs;" description: white, married; father: "Frank Taylor;" father born: "Ill.;" mother: "Emma Morgan;" mother born: "Ala.;" Cause of death: "Cardio Renal Disease;" length: "2 years;" burial: "Ryans Chapel, Lufkin, Texas."

7. Texas Department Health, Certificate of Death #79768, "Maude Anthony Taylor;" Place of death: Woodland Heights Hospital, Lufkin, Angelina County; Usual residence: Diboll, Angelina County; birth: 15 September 1892, Texas; death: 10 November 1972; age: 80 years; description: white, widowed, housewife, domestic; father: "John Anthony;" mother's maiden name: "Stephens;" Cause of death: "Congestive heart failure;" length: "2 hours;" burial: "Ryans Chapel Cemetery, 13 November 1972;" informant: "Robert E. Taylor (Son)."
8. World War I Draft Registration Card, LDS Film #5153008, Image #1410; name & signature: "Thomas Edgar Taylor;" born: 13 January 1887; birthplace: Jacksonville, Texas; occupation: "Laborer in oil field;" family: "Wife & two children;" "Botson, Texas" [sic-Batson]; date: 5 June 1917; registration office: Clark, Texas.
9. Texas Department Health, Certificate of Death #31634, "Thomas Edward Taylor;" Place of death: Burke, Angelina County, Texas; birth: 13 January 1886, "Jacksonville, Fla.;" [sic]; death: 2 July 1949; age: "63 years, 5 months, 19 days;" length of residence: "3 Yrs;" description: white, married; father: "Frank Taylor;" father born: "Ill.;" mother: "Emma Morgan;" mother born: "Ala.;" Cause of death: "Cardio Renal Disease;" length: "2 years;" burial: "Ryans Chapel, Lufkin, Texas."
10. [Milam County TX Marriage Book 1 \(1874-1877\), p. 69](#) (W. C. Moffatt to Nancy Idalia Morgan, 13 September 1874).
11. [Cherokee County TX Marriage Book H \(1874-1880\), p. 561](#) ("Mr. G. T. McElroy" to "Mrs. M. I. Moffett," 24 July 1880).
12. [Cherokee County TX Marriage Book K \(1890-1896\), p. 27](#) ("Mr. John W. Martin" to "Mrs. N. I. McElroy," 11 May 1890).
13. Guedry Cemetery (Batson, Hardin County, TX), tombstone of "Joseph Henry McElroy" (5 Sep 1881-7 Jul 1932). His dates of birth/death are confirmed by his World War I Draft Registration and his death certificate. Family information gives conflicting dates, claiming his birthdate was September 9th and death date was July 6th.
14. World War I Draft Registration Card, LDS Film #5152975, Image #344; name & signature: "Joseph H. McElroy;" born: 5 September 1881; home address: Batson, Hardin County, Texas; occupation: "Oil Worker, Ada Bell Oil Co.;" nearest relative: "Mrs. Susie McElroy;" date: 12 September 1918; registration office: Kountze, Hardin County, Texas.
15. Texas Department Health, Certificate of Death #9629, "Susie McElroy;" Place of death: Beaumont, Jefferson County, "Hotel Dieu" [hospital]; Residence: Batson, Texas; birth: 23 August 1885, Texas; death: 23 March 1927; age: "41 yrs, 7 mos.;" father: "Neucomb;" mother's maiden name: "Ophelia;" cause of death: "Ectopic Pregnancy;" duration: "28 ds.;" confirmation: "Autopsy;" burial: Batson, Texas.
16. Texas Department Health, Certificate of Death #31089, "J. H. McElroy;" Place of death: Liberty, Liberty County, Liberty Hospital; Residence: Daisetta, Texas; description: white male, widowed; date of birth: 5 September 1881, Jacksonville, Texas; date of death: 7 July 1932; age: "50 yrs., 10 months, 2 days;" occupation: "Pumper-Oil Field;" cause of death: "Chronic Nephritis without Edema;" father: "Geo. McElroy," born in Texas; mother: "Nancy Morgan," born in Florida; burial: Batson, Texas; informant: "J. T. Kennedy" [son-in-law].
17. "Beaumont Enterprise" (Beaumont, TX), 2 November 1955, p. 4, column 7. His obituary listed his survivors as his wife, Hazel, brother. J. H. McElroy, and two sisters, Mrs. Earl "Faust" and Mrs. H. W. Oliver.
18. "Houston Post-Dispatch" (Houston, TX), 9 February 1930, p. 42, column 2 (61st District Court: "Divorces were granted in the following cases. Dorothy Aubert vs. M. V. Aubert"). "The Houston Chronicle" (Houston, TX), 11 October 1944, p. 30, column 4 (11th District Court: "M. V. Aubert vs Cora Aubert, divorce granted").
19. Texas Department Health, Certificate of Death #41889, "Cora Ella Aubert;" Place of death: Houston, Harris County, "Golden Age Manor, 6150 Holmes;" Residence: 1417 Munger, Houston; description: female, white, widowed; occupation: "Housewife;" birth: 5 July 1893, Jacksonville, Texas; death: 27 June 1968; father: "John Martin;" mother: "Nancy Morgan;" informant: "Mrs. Meriam Morgan;" burial: Forest Park Cemetery, 29 June 1968. The 1900 federal census gave Cora's birth in July 1891, but the 1900 and 1910 federal census give the births of her younger twin sisters in January 1893. It appears that her death certificate gave the incorrect year of her birth. It is not clear if she is related to the woman who gave the information on her death certificate.

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