

(written by a granddaughter of Margaret Ann Butts,
daughter of Jane Lovelady and Andrew Jackson Butts.)

Odessa, Texas, July 8, 1970

Dear Mrs. George A. Rudisill,

Thank you for the prompt reply. I was so happy & glad to here from (you) and thanks for the wonderful messages you have sent me. As I read through all these it brings memories back too – as I remember so much about my Dear Grandmother. I loved her so very much. She did not get to visit us much. Dad & Mother took us children to visit with her and oh it was such a joy.

Grandmother was such a sweet nice person. She had many friends I remember Grandpa sitting on the porch smoking his pipe after he eat dinner or putting a chair on the floor with a pillow to rest. Grandmother was so nice and sweet to Granny, Grandpa's mother, most people say Aunt Easter. I remember seeing her 3 daughters, Aunt Laura – Aunt Liza and Aunt Mary Ann – Aunt Liza married Lewis Davis in Covington Co, - I believe at Seminary, Miss. Aunt Laura married a Best. Aunt Mary Ann married Harbard Sanderson.

Granny was visiting in Aunt Mary Ann's Home for a few days when Grandmother Margaret Ann died. Granny loved Grandmother very much. She said when they told her of Grandmother's death "the best friend I ever had was gone" – that was true.

Grandmother's funeral was held over for six months – why, I don't remember – they buried her and then in six months the funeral was peached at Hollis Creek Baptist Church & buried in the semanary (cemetery) there. Poor dear Granny was so grieved when my mother went to leave. She cried and sang a fairwell song I believe the title of the song was "They say, Dear Friend, that we must part, it draws like cords around my heart." It was such a beautiful song.

I did not get to see Granny again. She lived with Uncle Robert and Aunt Lula and Grandad then. I don't think Uncle Robert's wife was good to Granny Easter. She took many hard falls, and my mother said she would fall and could not get up and would call for Grandmother altho she was dead. My mother tried to get her but Granddad would not give his consent – he had her so long, as in one of Grandma's letters she said 29 years.

I remember the spring she mentioned it was across the road that is front of the home back of the Garden. It was such clear cool watter we children would help bring watter to the house tho sometime I don't remember Grandpa and the boys put a dug well in the front yard it had a shelter over it. Once Grandmother sent me to fetch some watter from the well and the Pully came louse (loose) and almost pull me in the well. Grandmother would tie her milk pails to the rope and let the milk in the well and it was nice & cool.

I have written to my Brother and his wife to see about having reprints of Grandmother and Granddad. I know they have enlarged pictures of them but I think they have a 8x10 which I ask if I could get a reprint of them if it could be done.

I written to Mr. Meyer I have not heard from him.
What I am interested in is would be my great-grandparents.
Grandmother's Dad and Grand Dads family back as far as I
can get them it will be appreciated very much.

Forgive writing and spelling. I am 75 years old 4th of
last April – not old if my health was better. Please write me
again.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Viola Lee.