

## FINCH FAMILY

Matt Scruggs Finch born 1814 in Tennessee and Julia Ann Boyd born in 1817 the daughter of Laird B. Boyd and Sally Faucett were married in 1834 at Mt. Reserve, Tennessee. They moved to Texas from Bedford Co., Tennessee in 1854 settling in Navarro Co. between Richland and Wortham. The family traveled by covered wagon to Texas bringing their household goods, farming equipment and livestock with them. They purchased land in 1854 which is still in the family and is known as the Circle F. Both are buried in the Wortham, Texas cemetery.

Matt S. Finch was the son of William Finch and Elizabeth Scruggs and the grandson of William Finch and Rachel Clay of Kentucky and Matt Scruggs and Mary Elam of South Carolina and Tennessee. The family is of English descent and were early settlers in Virginia. It can be traced to the Manor of Finch in Kent, England and earlier ancestors were Normans that accompanied William of Normandy to England from France. Many prominent individuals of this name appear in English history.

To Matt and Julia Finch were born 10 children. They were: Nancy Ann Finch married James B. Shaw; Laird B. Finch; William Povall Finch; Matt S. Finch, Jr. married Martha M. Reid; Mary E. Finch; John Thomas Finch married Agnes Zollicoffer; Rufus King Finch married Elizabeth Yerby; James Hayden Finch married Addie Lee; Lucius Boyd Finch married Martha Campbell; Robert Eugene Finch married Martha Hayter.

Matt Scruggs Finch, Jr. and Martha Reid raised their family at Chatfield and he was a farmer and livestock man living about a mile southeast of Chatfield. Both are buried in the old cemetery at Chatfield, Texas. Their children were: James Hayden Finch married Alice Scales; Elizabeth Finch married Ed. Zollicoffer; Matt Finch; Julia Finch married Jess Lowe; John Shaw Finch married Lillie Porter Wasson; William Boyd Finch married Beulah Jeffers and Gus Wright; Annie Finch; Robert Finch; Mattie Finch married W. Carroll.

John Shaw Finch and Lillie Porter Wasson were my grandparents who lived on the Finch place at Chatfield and raised their family. Their children were Matt W., Mary E., John S. Jr., and William R. They are both buried in the New Cemetery at Chatfield, Texas.

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