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PASCAL "PAS" MANN

PAS MANN AND HIS FAMILIES

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His name was Pascal or Paschal, and he was called "Pass," "Pas," or "Pashie." He probably got his name from a Paschael ancestor, but it is not known at this writing if the Manns were indeed related to the French Huguenot families by that name who lived in the area of Rockingham County, North Carolina, once occupied by the Manns.

Pas Mann was born in Virginia, lived for awhile in North Carolina, then moved to Tennessee before finally settling in Arkansas, where he died.

A Guilford County, NC marriage record shows Paschael Man wed Matilda Kernodle on Dec. 4, 1851.

Pas Mann's second wife was Elizabeth Loy Mann; they were wed in Rockingham County on Aug. 2, 1853. She is buried in Hempstead County, Arkansas, where the family had farmed for a year before Pas moved to Hot Spring County, Arkansas. They traveled via ox wagon.

My great-grandfather, James Andrew "Jimmy" Mann, was nine years old when they arrived in Arkansas and the year was approximately 1875.

Elizabeth Loy Mann was blind when Jimmy and his twin sister were born near Knoxville, Tennessee on Jan. 9, 1886. Her father had also been blind.

FIRST PHOTOSTAT MACHINE - This big black monster was purchased from county records photostated appear March 29 1968 From left, Ray K. Hart.

Elizabeth said she knew her babies were beautiful because she could feel their beauty with her fingers. The cause of her blindness is not known and she was not blind when she and Pas married.

Pas blamed himself for Elizabeth's death because she died of a fever that he believed was caused by their stopping in the "low country." It is thought they traveled from Knoxville to the site.

Pas Mann and his third wife, Elizabeth Matlock Mann, were believed to have been acquainted prior to their coming to Arkansas. She had two sons, Jess and John, by John Matlock, who went back to Tennessee to sell some property, leaving his family in Arkansas. He was never heard of again. It was believed that he died as a result of foul play but his body was never found.

Elizabeth Matlock Mann died of "congestive chill." She and Pas had no children together.

Grandmother Addie Irene Mann Sanders told me a story about Elizabeth Matlock when I was a child. Her first husband was gone. (Perhaps this was before his disappearance and he was serving as a Civil War soldier.) She was left with the farm, and, presumably, two sons to care for. She did this with the aid of a beloved and trusty mare. However, the notorious Home Guard came to take her mare, supposedly to be used by Rebel soldiers. One of the Home Guard members mounted the horse. As he attempted to ride away, Elizabeth ordered her mare to throw its rider. The mare did so and the man lay on the ground bleeding from a blow to the head. He was to carry the scar from that wound for the rest of his days. He got up and told Elizabeth he would kill her if she did that again and took the animal. A repentant Elizabeth asked that the man be called to her bedside as she lay dying some years later, and she begged for forgiveness for her deed.

(As a child, I always thought the wrong one did the asking for forgiveness.)

Pas' fourth wife was Mary Davis, a beauty with flaming red hair born in Tennessee. She was 22 and he was 47 when they were wed. Clarence Parsons, in his unpublished book about the DeRoche community, said the two made a very happy family and Mary was devoted to her husband. They had four children together.

Pas died March 11, 1919, at age 90 or 92.

In his old age, Pas applied for a pension from the U.S. Government but was turned down because his service in the Union Army was deemed questionable. His military service is documented in Washington, D.C., according to my sources, but I could not find him listed in a book that names all Tennessee soldiers who served on either side. Neither could I find John Brooks Loy, Elizabeth's brother, who served with him. John Brooks Loy testified that his brother-in-law was a "good sojer."

Pas was mustered in the Army in Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, along with John Brooks Loy. Pas had been serving time in the Davis County prison in Nashville, having been convicted of murder. He was released with the

understanding that he serve as a Yankee, so the story goes. He served in the 2nd Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry under a Capt. Nite, Col. Bob Johnson and Bill Broomlow, all under Gen. Sherman.

There is a document found in a Rockingham County deeds book dated Aug. 23, 1850. Philip Mann was in debt to Nicholas Brann because of a security (bond) for Paschal Mann. He (Philip) sold his field of growing corn to Thomas Pritchett -- located on the road from Lewis Bridge to Greensboro, NC. Pas was about 19 at the time.

The entire community laughed when Pas applied for the pension as a former Yankee soldier. My mother-in-law recalled that they said, "That old man is crazy. He thought he was a Yankee." Evidently Pas had kept his Yankee service a secret.

In 1983, I received a letter from Cathy Mikopajczak of San Juan Capistrano, California. She wrote that her father's grandmother was the illegitimate child of Pas Mann and Dolley Loy, Elizabeth Loy Mann's younger sister. Dolley had gone to the home to help Elizabeth after childbirth and was made pregnant by Pas, according to Cathy.

Elizabeth Loy Mann was born in North Carolina, the daughter of Henry Loy, born in NC in 1795, and Jane Discal Loy, born in 1815.

Pas was said to be about 5'11" with blue eyes and fair hair. He was a farmer.

A 1900 Hot Spring County census incorrectly indicates Pas was born in South Carolina and his parents in NC. On that same census, it is indicated that Jimmy Mann's father was born in Tenn. and his mother in NC. Most evidence shows Pas to be born in Virginia. His parents were William Ford Mann Jr. and Deny Hault, Haupt or Hauptman or Nancy Holt. Pas' death certificate has his mother's name as simply Hault. Records show William F. Mann Jr. married a Nancy Holt. An 1850 Rockingham County census shows: Mans, WM, 63, farmer, b. Va.; Nancy, 60, b. Va.; Pascal 19, laborer, b. Va.; Phill, 21, laborer, b. Va.; Yoakley, Nancy, 17, b. NC.

I was told by my grandmother that Deny or Nancy was of Cherokee ancestry. This is borne out by the fact that Cherokees lived in the Rockingham County, where she was probably born.

Children of William Ford "Billy" Mann and Deny or Nancy other than Pas were:

Phillip Man, born May 12, 1828, married Delitha Grissom, died Feb. 8, 1888, buried in DeRoche Cemetery, Hot Spring County, Arkansas.

Mary Susan, born 1814, wed Samuel Allen (who, incidentally, are my great-great-great grandparents on my father's side), left NC, settling in Clark County (now a part of Hot Spring County), then moved to Wallaceburg Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas; both buried in Bethel Cemetery near Blevins, Arkansas.

Sarah Jane Mann, wed Charles Allen, brother of Samuel Allen; she died 1897, probably buried in DeRoche Cemetery. He later married Catherine Howell. (They, too, are my great-great-great grandparents on my Father's side.)

Polly Mann married Jim Burroughs.  
Frances Mann married Alexander Montgomery.

Children of Pas and Elizabeth Loy Mann are:

William "Billy" Mann, born April 8, 1851, was a minister, wed Lucy Butler in 1871 in Knox County, Tennessee, died Dec. 5, 1933, buried in Oma Cemetery, Garland County, Ark.

Mary Mann, wed Davis Montgomery and John Brooks Loy Jr.

Frances, wed Jack Allen.

Suzie was James Andrew's twin; I have no information on her.

James Andrew, born July 26, 1866 in Tennessee, married Rosetta M. Killian on January 1, 1886, died August 20, 1944, buried in Bismarck, Cem.

Following are children of Pas and Mary Davis Mann:

Hettie or Hattie, Martha, Boston, Sherman. (Sorry I did not get into these particular relatives but I am descended from his first wife.)

Children of James Andrew and Rosetta Mann are:

Baby, born Oct. 15, 1887, lived three days, gender not known.

Dena Arizona, born Mar. 13, 1889 at Bismarck, wed F.D. Cates July 9, 1905, died and buried near Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Addie Irene Mann, born August 23, 1891, wed Alvin Sanders on April 17, 1910, died on Mothers Day, 1971.

Lydia Canelins, born Jan. 15, 1895, died Sept. 23, 1895.

Fredrick Ford, born Jan. 10, 1898, wed Johnnie Hardage, May 23, 1915, died in Tacoma, Washington.

Edith Camela, born Aug. 8, 1903, wed Sam L. McCowan Sept. 20, 1924, died in Wilmington, California.

Delter McCoy, born July 3, 1909, married Margie Keith Aug. 16, 1918, divorced; later married Laverne Burris, died in Arkansas, buried in Bismarck.

The Loys and the Manns came from Tennessee together from a place called Loy's Crossroads. John Brooks, Loy's son (also named John) married Pas' daughter. They would have been first cousins.

It is my guess that Pas' third wife, Mary, was the sister of Tennessee Davis, who married Cas Loy. Later Bob Mann, Pas' brother, married Tennessee. Bob Mann's previous wife, Kate, had been found murdered. Records show that Mrs. Robert Mann was killed in her home at Bismarck, Arkansas on January 1, 1885.

Margie Lee Sanders Allen writes these remembrance of Jimmy and Rosetta Mann, her grandparents. Her mother was Addie Irene Mann Sanders.

"We kids loved Grandpa Mann. The home they lived in was unpainted, made of boards and some split logs. There were cracks in the floors and the chimney was made of clay and straw. There were three large rooms with an L-shaped proch in front and a porch in back. It was always very clean.

"There was an old victrolia and Grandpa would jig dance for us kids and could he dance! I used to follow after Grandpa when he plowed his fields and

fixed fences.

"Grandpa had some ginnies, jacks and donkeys he kept at the rent house. I will never forget the sounds of them braying.

"We used to have to carry water from a spring about one-fourth mile uphill.

"Grandma Rosa was hard of hearing and wore a cap on her head all the time. They were made like sleeping caps. She always had big pots of food setting on the back of the wood cookstove. She would have pies baked and get a piece of pie and pulled it over on me. One time I remember climbing on a safe to

"Uncle Delter moved to Hot Springs. He was the baby child and Grandpa and Grandmother sold their home and bought a place close to Uncle Delter, who was a mail carrier at the time. Grandmother was sick by then with cancer of the breast. She died in her late 60s. After that, Uncle Delter moved to California and Grandpa went with him. He died there in his 70s and his body was shipped back and buried at the old Bismarck Cemetery.

"Aunt Edith, who was the youngest girl, died of cancer (breast and back) in San Pedro, California and was buried in a vault." Delter Mann died at 47. Edith died at age 35 or 37. Dena was 58; she also died of cancer.

Here are some census records involving the Manns:

An 1810 census of Cumberland County, Virginia lists William F. Mann Sr. and William F. Mann Jr. An 1820 census lists William F. Mann. An 1830 census lists William F. Mann Sr., age 60-70 and William F. Mann Jr. age 40-50.

An 1840 census lists no Mann in Cumberland County, Va. but the census taken in Rockingham County, NC that same year lists W.F. Mann. It also lists Samuel Allen and Joseph Allen; Samuel became the son-in-law of W.F. Mann Jr.

I recently visited Rockingham and Caswell counties, NC, where the Manns lived. The countryside looks much like Hot Spring County, pretty with rolling hills. Folks there are middle class, many earning their livelihood by working at nearby fabric mills and cigarette factories. They keep their homes and places neat. Tobacco farming was once prevalent, evidenced by the many log and mud-chinked drying barns still standing.

The Manns owned land on the Haw River, near its beginnings. As the river flows south, it fans out and is a beautiful stream.

Author's note: This was written as a result of the work of Carolyn Allen Chilton and Carlene Haney Holt, both of Reidsville, NC; Naomi Allen Lambert, Hot Springs, Ark.; Kathryn Diekman, Burlington, Colorado; Bonnie Stanley of Malvern, Ark. and the many people who took the time to talk with them and me. It is to my Grandmother Sanders that I owe the most, however. She spoon fed me stories of her family and piqued my interest in my ancestors. (And, may that dear, sweet lady forgive me for printing, for all the world to know, the story that her Grandfather Mann fathered an illegitimate