

# Descendants of Sammie Jo Houston

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## Generation 1

1. **SAMMIE JO<sup>1</sup>HOUSTON** was born on 07 Oct 1916 in Tatum, Lea, NM. She died on 07 Feb 2007 in Lubbock, Lubbock, TX. She married Sidney Melvin Ethridge, son of James Sidney Ethridge and Fannie Mae Parker, on 10 Dec 1933 in Lovington, Lea, NM. He was born on 03 Nov 1911 in , Runnels, TX. He died on 25 Mar 1984 in Lubbock, Lubbock, TX.

Notes for Sammie Jo Houston:

7 Oct 1916 New Mexico Birth Certificate, corrected

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S. M. "Bo" and Sammie, with our two sons, Don and Dean, moved to Bailey County in 1948 from Dickens County, Texas. We bought a farm southwest of Muleshoe in the Longview community. FM 746 ran through our farm and was paved that year. Our third son, Gary, was born here. They all attended and graduated from Muleshoe public schools. They rode the school bus about an hour each morning and each afternoon. Don, Dean and Gary grew up on the farm, but we bought a house and moved into town in 1968 after the two older boys had left home and Gary was a junior in high school.

We farmed 1150 acres, 600 acres rented from Dr. L.T. and Dorothy Green. On July 4, 1953, our crop was hailed out. When it dried out enough to plant, our neighbors moved in with 14 tractors and planted the field in one day. The ladies brought covered dishes. We enjoyed the good food and fellowship and the children enjoyed the day, too. We always raised a large garden of corn, watermelons, cataloupes, etc., and our neighbors and friends from town would help themselves. In 1955, we drilled our first irrigation well on one of our farms. We tried furrow watering, but bought a sprinkler system that first year. Years later we put in underground pipe and watered with a sideroll sprinkler. We sold the irrigated land in 1978 when Bo retired but kept the dry land and rented it, which we still do.

Our family recreation was picnicing, boating and skiing, and movies. We would take our boat to Monument Lake to ski and picnic. A dam was built above the lake in the late 1950s and that did away with the skiing.

Don, Dean, and Gary attended Texas Tech University. Don got his Ph.D. in Economics from North Carolina State University and married LaNelle Boothe of Muleshoe. They have one daughter, Heather. Dean got his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics at the University of California at Berkely and married Lanell Lafon of Muleshoe. They have two daughters, Lisa and Tiffany. Gary married Melita King of Muleshoe and they have one daughter, Erin.

Notes for Sidney Melvin Ethridge:

3 Nov 1911 Texas Birth Certificate 186612

Sidney Melvin Ethridge's nickname was "Bo." Dean Ethridge wrote that his Grandpa Ethridge called Sidney Melvin, "Bo", because he thought Melvin was noticeably bow-legged as a baby. This condition did not persist into adulthood. Grandpa Ethridge gave nicknames to most (if not all) of his boys. Melvin's nickname stuck with him throughout his life. Many people who knew him well did not know his given name, Sidney Melvin.

Sidney Melvin Ethridge and Sammie Jo Houston had the following children:

2. i. **DON ERWIN<sup>2</sup>ETHRIDGE** was born on 23 Jul 1942 in Spur, Dickens, TX. He died on 12 Jun 2016 in Lubbock, Lubbock, TX. He married (1) **OLA LANELLE BOOTHE** on 31 May 1965 in Muleshoe, Bailey, TX. She was born on 08 Feb 1944 in Muleshoe, Bailey, TX. He married (2) **KATHIE LOUISE MOODY** on 22 Nov 1997 in Lubbock, Lubbock, TX. She was born on 25 Aug 1948 in Dallas, Dallas, TX.
3. ii. **MELVIN DEAN ETHRIDGE** was born on 30 Aug 1945 in Spur, Dickens, TX. He married **Wanda Lanell Lafon** on 18 Nov 1967 in Muleshoe, Bailey, TX. She was born on 08 May 1946 in Lubbock, Lubbock, TX.
4. iii. **GARY BRENT ETHRIDGE** was born on 08 Apr 1952 in Muleshoe, Bailey, TX. He married (1) **MELITA MARIE KING** on 11 Feb 1972 in Muleshoe, Bailey, TX. She was

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born on 23 Aug 1955 in , Hardeman, TX. He married (2) ASA GAIL MANN on 08 Aug 1987 in Lubbock, Lubbock, TX.

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### Generation 2

2. **MELVIN DEAN**<sup>2</sup>**ETHRIDGE** (Sammie Jo <sup>1</sup>Houston) was born on 30 Aug 1945 in Spur, Dickens, TX. He married Wanda Lanell Lafon on 18 Nov 1967 in Muleshoe, Bailey, TX. She was born on 08 May 1946 in Lubbock, Lubbock, TX.

Melvin Dean Ethridge and Wanda Lanell Lafon had the following children:

- i. LISA FERN<sup>3</sup>ETHRIDGE was born on 27 Jul 1971 in Lubbock, Lubbock, TX.
  - ii. JUSTIN DEAN ETHRIDGE was born on 15 Oct 1973 in Athens, Clarke, GA. He died on 19 Jan 1979 in Uruguay, South America.
  - iii. TIFFANY LANELLE ETHRIDGE was born on 01 Feb 1983.
3. **DON ERWIN**<sup>2</sup>**ETHRIDGE** (Sammie Jo <sup>1</sup>Houston) was born on 23 Jul 1942 in Spur, Dickens, TX. He died on 12 Jun 2016 in Lubbock, Lubbock, TX. He married (1) **OLA LANELLE BOOTHE** on 31 May 1965 in Muleshoe, Bailey, TX. She was born on 08 Feb 1944 in Muleshoe, Bailey, TX. He married (2) **KATHIE LOUISE MOODY** on 22 Nov 1997 in Lubbock, Lubbock, TX. She was born on 25 Aug 1948 in Dallas, Dallas, TX.

Notes for Don Erwin Ethridge:

Don was named after his Uncle Don Aud Houston

Don Erwin Ethridge and Ola LaNelle Boothe had the following child:

- i. HEATHER JO<sup>3</sup>ETHRIDGE was born on 03 Oct 1972 in Denton, Denton, TX. He married KATHIE LOUISE MOODY. She was born on 27 Aug 1947 in Dallas, Dallas, TX.
4. **GARY BRENT**<sup>2</sup>**ETHRIDGE** (Sammie Jo <sup>1</sup>Houston) was born on 08 Apr 1952 in Muleshoe, Bailey, TX. He married (1) **MELITA MARIE KING** on 11 Feb 1972 in Muleshoe, Bailey, TX. She was born on 23 Aug 1955 in , Hardeman, TX. He married (2) **ASA GAIL MANN** on 08 Aug 1987 in Lubbock, Lubbock, TX.

Notes for Gary Brent Ethridge:

Since Erin Elizabeth Ethridge was born in 1982 to Gary & Melita Ethridge, they must have gotten back together after their divorce in 1980.

Gary Brent Ethridge and Melita Marie King had the following children:

- i. JARED MICHAEL<sup>3</sup>ETHRIDGE was born on 06 Mar 1979. He died on 15 Mar 1979.
- ii. ERIN ELIZABETH ETHRIDGE was born on 19 Oct 1982 in Lubbock, Lubbock, TX.

Gary Brent Ethridge and Asa Gail Mann had the following children:

- iii. WHITNEY SKYE ETHRIDGE was born on 07 Jun 1990 in Lubbock, Lubbock, TX.
- iv. SIERRA BROOKE ETHRIDGE was born on 30 May 1995 in Lubbock, Lubbock, TX.