The Life & Legacy of John Jenkins Evatt

1857-1926 | Danny R. Evatt and Ellen Evatt White

Foreword

John Jenkins Evatt, his wife and family, represented a true pioneer family. From his birth in Alabama to his death in Texas, John and his family displayed the courage, struggles, disappointments and triumphs of a generation of pioneers to a new and virgin land.

The daily struggles of life, however, were not unique to John and the other early settlers of Texas. Settlers on most of the land west of the Mississippi in the 1800's faced similar or even worse hardships. As we read and contemplate what life was like for so many people so many years ago, we are reminded of the plenty that we have today.

The life of John Jenkins Evatt may have been quite common and ordinary for his time. Viewed from today's perspective, it was, however, quite uncommon and extraordinary! The hard work and strengths John Jenkins Evatt and our other ancestors exhibited should give us all the courage and determination to help make our small part of the world better for the generations to follow.

Please note that we attempted to include all of the descendants of John Jenkins and his wife Martha, though we certainly know we were probably not successful. We also are aware that there are possibly errors, mistakes and omissions. Please feel free to write and/or e-mail any changes and additions and we will be more than happy to include them for the second edition. In addition, some document copies presented in the book have been touched-up and enhanced for readership clarity, though the content of such documents has not been altered. So please sit back and enjoy our little project--"The Life & Legacy of John Jenkins Evatt."

John and Martha’s Family, circa 1888



John and Martha Evatt with their children Nim, Lydia, and Mary. Photograph by M. L. Sanders, Brownwood, Texas. Reproduced from the book.