

# Descendants of Alfred Lansing Sharpe

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1. **ALFRED LANSING<sup>1</sup> SHARPE** was born on 21 Nov 1858 in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio. He died on 19 Apr 1916 in Binghamton, Broome County, New York, his home @ 212 Court Street. He married (1) **LUCY R. OAKLEY** about 1888. She was born on 12 Jan 1865 in South Carolina. She died on 10 Feb 1893 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. He married (2) **CATHERINE LEAVELL** (daughter of John Henry Leavell and Lula Holland) on 28 Mar 1895 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. She was born on 21 Oct 1873 in Circleville, Williamson County, Texas. She died between 1900-1910. He married (3) **ADDIE C. CROWELL** (daughter of Benjamin F. Crowell and Louisa Hill) on 28 May 1884. She was born on 28 Jan 1866. She died on 02 Jun 1885. He married (4) **ALLIE E** after 1910.

Notes for Alfred Lansing Sharpe:

Alfred Lansing Sharpe, known as Fred, is my great uncle, born November 21, 1858. His surname was spelled "Sharp" in references we see while living in his native born Ohio. However, after relocating in Texas, he began using "Sharpe" as the spelling. His two brothers also did this as they moved from their Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio home to Texas and to Chicago respectively. Interestingly, their half brother, Charles Sharp, remained the rest of his life in Ravenna, and never added the "e" to his surname, nor did any of Charles' descendants do so.

Fred began work as a boy telegraph operator for the Erie Railroad, which is natural, his father having work for that railroad as well. Following that, he was employed by the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Railroad, then with the Gould System. Subsequently, he went into the mercantile trade, then into cattle ranching and politics.

He is named for his Uncle Alfred Lansing Kellogg, the 10 year old brother of his mother at the time of Fred's birth. That uncle's name was derived from two of the great uncles Alfred had in the Kellogg family.

Fred migrated from Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio to Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas in 1882. By 1880, at age 22, he no longer was listed in the household headed by his father, John Elsefer Sharp II, according to the U.S. Census in Ravenna. He embarked in the hardware, implement and vehicle business in Georgetown in 1892. His activities from prior to 1880 to 1892 are undocumented for me.

Williamson County (Texas) Courthouse has an Affidavit on file in it's Record of Births, page 13, dated February 1, 1940 certifying as to the accuracy of John Oakley Sharpe's birth being November 11, 1889. The Affidavit was requested by an Emma Seery of Austin, TX, though we do not know of her interest or motivation to secure the Affidavit. It does provide interesting family information. It cites the father's birth date and place. There is a handwritten note on the certificate which states that the father, Alfred Lansing Sharpe, died in 1916. This is the only official record I have purporting to indicate his death date, and it is only a handwritten "unofficial" note. It does not indicate the location when he died. It states that Alfred is age 31 at the time of John's birth, which is compatible with my records. It states that Alfred's Trade or Profession was that of a railroad agent, a merchant, a member of the Texas Legislature and the Collector of Revenues in El Paso. It states that John was one of two children born to this mother, but that John was the only child of those two living at the time of the Affidavit. For later evidence, we see legal notices posted, which show his status as a licensed attorney.

Fred's second son, Alfred Lansing Sharpe, Jr., died on Fred's 33rd birthday, when the son was just less than six months old. Fred's wife, Lucy, died nine months later. We have no information about the cause of either of the two deaths, nor whether the causes of death had any relationship. I have visited their grave markers at the cemetery in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas where so many of the Sharpe family are interred, including my

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parents. It is the IOOF Cemetery, a couple of blocks NE of the Southwestern University Campus.

In early 1894, Fred was included in a new six member Board of Directors to oversee the publication of the town's newspaper, the *Williamson County Sun*, a publication which began in 1877 that still publishes in 2017. It's web site is <http://www.usnpl.com/addr/addressresult.php?id=4243>.

Williamson County is named after Robert McAlpin Williamson ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert\\_McAlpin\\_Williamson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_McAlpin_Williamson)), a leader and veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto, that famous 18 minute conflict on April 21, 1836, which sealed the break of the Texans from the nation of Mexico to create the Republic of Texas.

Fred relocated to El Paso County, Texas about 1899 to began ranching. This was cutting edge adventure. El Paso County only had been organized as a county since 1850. He became very successful at this endeavor, and was particularly known for his ability to supervise effectively the many workers, young and old, that were needed. His *U Bar Ranch* was described as being near the town of San Elizario, and was along the Rio Grande, the river bordering the United States with Mexico. The ranch was near the small town of Ysleta, which is the oldest town recognized in what is now the State of Texas, having had its beginnings attributed at about 1682.

My contacts with the El Paso County Offices and the El Paso Historical Society have revealed that records do not survive today which could identify the exact property location and boundaries for the ranches of that day.

Fred and his family resided in the city of El Paso. He may have continued a law practice activities in Williamson County while residing in El Paso County, as his name appeared on numerous property transactions filed in Williamson County as late as 1905, showing him as a Trustee.

An aside note is appropriate at this point, to recognize that the first Thanksgiving celebration to take place on ground that ultimately became the United States happened on April 28, 1598, twenty-two years earlier than the Plymouth Colony celebration, most of America recognizes as the first Thanksgiving. It was a group of Spaniards, led by the Spanish explorer, Juan de Onate, that feasted on the river banks of the Rio Grande after arriving near what now is El Paso, Texas. They had come through a 350 mile trek from Santa Barbara, Mexico, across the Chihuahuan Desert, so they had plenty to celebrate. In 1990, the Texas Legislature passed a resolution recognizing San Elizario, Texas, on the outskirts of El Paso, as the site of the first true Thanksgiving. The historians of El Paso do not now know where the location of this first Thanksgiving was, outside of the description given here. However, it really does sound in or close to what became Fred's ranch. So, it is exciting to think of our family having this connection to the first Thanksgiving, in Texas, as well as the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth Colony. That Thanksgiving, celebrated in 1621, was called by Governor William Bradford, who is Fred's fifth (and my seventh) great grandfather.

It perhaps can be said (with tongue in cheek) that Fred started the Republican Party revolution in Texas. He was elected to the twenty-ninth Texas Legislature from district #100 encompassing El Paso County in 1904. He was the only Republican to win any race in El Paso County, and this Legislative position was taken with a 1,050 to 1,028 vote (22 vote margin - 50.5%). He won seven out of twelve precincts. These were the out-of-the-city precincts that carried him to victory, as the city precincts were heavily Democratic in their voting patterns.

I took occasion to browse the microfilm files of the *El Paso Evening News* covering news for

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a couple of months leading up to the 1904 election day. It can be said that the newspaper was overtly a Democratic Party supporter, actually endorsing the Party, as a whole, in its print. There were numerous articles over those months about Democratic Party activity and meetings. However there was no mention of even the existence of Republican Party candidates or activities, except for an occasional mention of the Presidential race, with Theodore Roosevelt running for what would be his successful second term.

The article reporting the election news on November 9 was headlined, "Patrick A. Dwyer only Democrat who lost." The unseating of Mr. Dwyer by Fred Sharpe was acclaimed with awe and surprise. Words from Dwyer's interview were quoted and quite a bit of narrative was given by the newspaper. Sharpe's name was mentioned only three times: (1) stating who beat Dwyer, (2) in a quote of Dwyer saying he'd sent a congratulatory telegram to Sharpe and (3) the precinct vote count table. There was no lauding or congratulation of Mr. Sharpe by this Democratic newspaper, nor was anything said in the way of description of just who Sharpe was or any attribute for him!

Fred's election received attention even in his home state of Ohio. *The Athens Messenger and Herald* reported in its issue of December 29, 1904, page 7, about his home time friends in near-by Ravenna, Ohio who had received word of "the election of Alfred L. Sharpe of El Paso County, Texas as the only Republican member of the legislature of the Lone Star state over Saloonist Pat Dwyre, his Democratic opponent, whom he easily defeated." A 22 vote margin of victory might be a slim margin to claim easy defeat!

It is reported that he was the first Republican elected to a Texas state level office since the days of post Civil War Reconstruction period. It also is reported that he authored the first anti-gambling legislation adopted by the Texas Legislature. The vitality of that bill was tested and sustained by the Texas Supreme Court, thereby placing into the hands of law enforcement officers a reliable instrument to support their arrests. A water irrigation bill also was authored by Alfred and passed. Legislative commentary claims these were two of the most important bills of that Legislative session, and that their success attested to the legislative skill plied by Representative Sharpe. There was a called session of that 29th legislature that met April 15-May 14, 1905. The Governor was S. W. T. Lanham and the Lt. Governor was George D. Neal.

Fred served only part of one term, as he resigned December 22, 1905 to receive an appointment from President Theodore Roosevelt to be the Collector of Customs at the Port of El Paso. This was considered one of the most important federal positions in all of Texas. President Roosevelt is the fifth cousin of subsequent President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who was Fred's half sixth cousin, twice removed.

A picture of 1910 El Paso seen in the pages of some of the *El Paso Times-Herald* issues show the increasing incidents of automobile accidents there. Lots of Democratic Party and some (negligible) Republican Party activities are reported in the paper. A census of churches in the community are shown:

- 5 Baptist Churches
- 4 Presbyterian Churches
- 3 Methodist Churches
- 2 Episcopal Churches
- 1 Congregational Church
- 1 Disciples of Christ - Christian
- 3 Roman Catholic Churches
- 2 Lutheran Churches
- 1 Non-Denominational Church
- 1 Salvation Army Ministry
- 1 Y.M.C.A

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Others religions  
2 Christian Science  
2 Synagogues

Theodore Roosevelt was the military officer who recruited my grandfather Sharpe (Henry [Harry] Seth Sharpe) and other new soldiers at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio for the Spanish American War in 1898.

The February 28, 1910 issue of the *Wichita Daily Times* (Wichita Falls, TX) carried a report on page 5 that U.S. President William H. Taft, the father-in-law of my seventh cousin, once removed, sent to the Congress a nomination of Alfred L. Sharpe to become the Collector of Customs at Paso Del Norte, Texas. This was a re-nomination for a new Presidential Administration, carrying over from the immediately previous Republican Administration. Another report of this nomination appeared in the *Washington (D.C.) Post* on Tuesday, March 1, 1910, page 4. The *Rio Grand Republican of Las Cruces, New Mexico*, March 4, 1910, carried an article about Sharpe's re-appointment, citing the names of three other contenders for the nomination.

Fred's third wife, Catherine Leavell, died by 1910, leaving Fred with their 13 year old daughter, Holland Sharpe. There was a 21 year old son, John (Jack) Oakley Sharpe from Fred's second marriage, which was to Lucy Oakley, who had died at a young age. It wasn't long before Jack moved to California for the rest of his life. We hear that he was in the entertainment business, possibly as an actor.

About 1914, Fred moved to Binghamton, New York to become the superintendent of the office buildings owned by his cousin, Willis Sharpe Kilmer. Fred is a first cousin to Willis' mother, Julia Sharpe Kilmer, so he is first cousin, once removed to Willis. Fred had his daughter, Holland, living with him and his fourth wife, whose name apparently is Allie E. Sharpe, but whose maiden name I do not know. They resided at 212 Court Street in Binghamton, New York.

Holland reportedly inherited an estate of some proportional significance from her mother, Catherine Leavell. We know this only by reference to that fact the newspaper articles cited below about Alfred Sharpe's death called her an heiress who argued with her father over management of the money. Fred had been designated as the guardian or trustee of those funds to manage on behalf of Holland. She had been contending with her father for him to release guardian control of them to a San Antonio attorney of her choosing, and Fred apparently had steadfastly declined such request.

On the evening of April 19, 1916, Holland, along with her supportive step-mother, had reopened the issues on guardianship. The discussion ended when Holland and her step-mother went upstairs in somewhat of a heated conclusion. Fred was described as following them up the stairs when he discharged a revolver handgun he had obtained. All of this description comes from the various newspaper articles cited below about the incident.

Fred is reported as shooting his 18 year old daughter, Holland, wounding her with two shots in the back. This incidence is reported in at least these newspaper accounts: The *Middletown Daily Press*, April 20, 1916 (Middletown, New York); the *Trenton (NJ) Evening Times*, April 21, 1916; the *Altoona (PA) Mirror*, April 20, Page 1; the *Hutchison (KS) News*, April 20, 1916; the *Fort Wayne (IN) News*, April 20, 1916; the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, April 20, 1916; the *Bakersfield Californian*, April 20, 1916; the *Reno Evening Gazette* (NV), April 20, 1916; the *Des Moines (Iowa) Daily News*, April 20, 1916; and the *Orange County (NY) Times Press*, April 21, 1916.

All of these stores report that on the evening of April 19, Alfred Sharpe and his daughter

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argued over his management of her inheritance, which concluded in the shootings. In Texas, the Laredo Times, April 23, 1916 and the *Victoria Daily Advocate* published the story with the same details in its issue of Friday afternoon, April 22, 1916. It is evident that this occasion received fairly wide national attention. There is a repeated error in most all of these articles. Apparently there was an early misunderstanding on the part of the press about Holland's name. It is repeatedly cited as "Helen."

Mrs. Sharpe is quoted in the newspaper articles as having taken Miss Sharpe (Holland) to her bedroom to recline there in her wounded condition while awaiting for medical help. Mrs. Sharpe said that she heard another gunshot downstairs. That apparently was the one wherein Fred took his own life, shooting himself in the heart, in an apparent moment of despair.

Holland is quoted as saying "It's all my fault. I hounded Papa too much over the money." She also was quoted as saying "I would rather have lost all the money in the world than have had this awful thing happen." One article described more details of Holland's wounds. One bullet penetrated her left lung. The second bullet penetrated her chest and right hand that was grasping her bosom.

Coroner Hank reported that reviewing Alfred Sharpe's papers revealed indications of suicidal thoughts.

Holland Sharpe survived the tragedy. Later, she married Mr. Thomas Frost Woodhull and she lived the rest of her life in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

I have been unable to locate documentation as to Alfred Lansing Sharpe's funeral and burial.

Sources: "Members of the Texas Legislature, 1845 - 1962, Editor WILL. Smith, publisher the State of Texas, pages 207 and 209.

"Land of Good Water," Page 263  
<http://www.genealogymagazine.com/alfredsharpe.html>

"Texas Curiosities" by John Kelso, The Globe Pequot Press, Builford, Connecticut, 2000, page 160

"The El Paso Evening News," Wednesday, November 9, 1904  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Williamson\\_County,\\_Texas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Williamson_County,_Texas)

"Texas Co-op Power," November, 2007, page 37, ?Thanksgiving as a TexasThing, a Footnote in Texas History? by Clay Coppedge

R. Carlton Dumas, e-mail: [rdumas@reynoldscable.net](mailto:rdumas@reynoldscable.net), 2011-10-14 (&15).

Death Notes:  
Self-inflicted gun shot wound

Notes for Lucy R. Oakley:

Lucy was born in South Carolina, 1865. We do not know how, where or why she met Alfred Lansing Sharpe.

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We do not know why Lucy died at the early of age 28, nor do we know how that may relate to her son, Alfred, who died as a six month old infant, merely 10 months earlier. Though undocumented, it is believed that Lucy came to Texas with Alfred as his wife who probably came directly from Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio the hometown of her husband. Lucy was the third of four wives Alfred Lansing married. She died February 10, 1893 and is buried at the Odd Fellers Cemetery in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, along with her infant son.

The 1940 Birth Record filed in Williamson County, Texas about her son, John Oakley Sharpe, says she was age 24 when John was born in 1889. She is indicated as being born in South Carolina and dying in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas in 1893, which is consistent with her grave marker citation.

Alfred Lansing Sharpe and Lucy R. Oakley had the following children:

- i. JOHN E. OAKLEY<sup>2</sup> SHARPE (son of Alfred Lansing Sharpe and Lucy R. Oakley) was born on 11 Nov 1889 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. He died on 13 Feb 1955 in Oakland, Alameda County, California. He married ANN. She was born in 1883 in California.

Notes for John E. Oakley Sharpe:

John E. Oakley Sharpe was born the month before Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, died in New Orleans at age 81 on December 6, 1889. I am Jack's first cousin, once removed. President Jefferson Davis is the husband of my 33rd cousin, Varina Anne Banks Howell. Davis also is the Uncle of my great, great aunt Susanah Elizabeth Davis Abney, wife of James Addison Abney of Lufkin, Texas.

The Record of Births, page 13, in Williamson County, Texas has an affidavit on file February 1, 1940 affirming the accuracy of John E. Oakley Sharpe's birth as being November 11, 1889.

Jack became an actor and spent much of his life in California. He took his mother's maiden name as his stage surname, being known as Jack Oakley.

He was born on the very same day as Washington became the 42nd state. He spent some time living with his family in Jeff Davis County and in El Paso, El Paso County, Texas. These citations were in the Census reports for those locations in 1900 and 1910, when he was ages 10 and 20. The rest of his life was on the West Coast in California, as far as we know.

A browse through some El Paso newspapers of 1910, when Jack was age 21, showed something of the social establishment which the Sharpe family apparently enjoyed. There is a report in the El Paso Times-Herald of August 19 about a visiting New York guest Jack had out at the family's ranch by the name of Bruce Cortelyou (kŪr't?lyu). He was the son of former Postmaster General and Secretary of the Interior, George B. Cortelyou. At that point, the newspaper identified him still as John O. Sharpe.

Cortelyou, George Bruce, (1862?1940), was an American public official and business executive, born in New York City. He taught school, and after learning stenography, he became secretary to several New York City and federal officials. Appointed (1895) stenographer to President Cleveland, Cortelyou became secretary to Presidents McKinley (1900) and Theodore Roosevelt (1901). He also served under Roosevelt as Secretary of

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Commerce and Labor (1903-4), Postmaster General (1905-7), and Secretary of the Treasury (1907-9). He then left government service, and became prominent as an executive of public-utility companies. Such were the family friends of the Sharpe's.

Source: <http://www.answers.com/topic/george-b-cortelyou>

The 1920 Census shows John E. Oakley Sharpe listed under the name of Jack Oakley. He was shown as an actor, married to an actress by the name of Ann. She had an age indicated as 37 and his age was indicated as 35. According to our knowledge, he really was age 30. One can only conjecture why the older age was given to the Census taker. It might have something to do with her age being so much older than his. The household was shown in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. Their residence is shown as being owned by them, rather than rented. However, it does not indicate whether any mortgage was on it.

We have found no records to indicate that Jack Oakley gave issue to any children during his life.

- ii. ALFRED LANSING SHARPE (son of Alfred Lansing Sharpe and Lucy R. Oakley) was born on 21 Nov 1891. He died on 10 May 1892 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

Notes for Alfred Lansing Sharpe:

Alfred lived only about 6 months, and is buried beside his mother, Lucy, who died only about 10 months later. He appears to be named entirely after his father, but the grave stone does not reflect a "Jr."

Notes for Catherine Leavell:

Catherine (Kate) Leavell, was born the year Enrico Caruso (2/25/1873 - 8/2/1921), the Italian operatic tenor, was born. Kate, being born October 21, was born the same month as the famous pharmacist, Charles R. Walgreen, was born (October 9, 1873 - December 11, 1939).

Sources: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enrico\\_Caruso](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enrico_Caruso)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\\_Walgreen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Walgreen)

Kate was born in Circleville, Williamson County, Texas October 23, 1871 at 3:00 AM. She was 12 years younger than her husband, Alfred Lansing Sharpe. The county birth record for their daughter, Holland, indicates Kate's occupation as a housewife. Circleville is east of Georgetown, the county seat, about 15 miles and north of Taylor about 5 miles.

According to the 1900 Census, Jeff Davis County, Texas, the father of Kate (John H. Leavell) was born in South Carolina and the mother (Lula Holland) was born in Alabama.

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That same Census report indicates that Kate was the mother of only one child, and that she had been married six years in 1900.

A copy of a photograph is in my possession, purporting to be an image of the Leavell Mansion in Georgetown. I have been unable to locate further information about it or its location, but the photograph reflects an apparent level of economic well-being of the occupants. Presumably this status is compatible with the information learned later that Kate's daughter, Holland Sharpe, inherited enough from her mother to be termed in newspaper accounts as an heiress.

Alfred Lansing Sharpe and Catherine Leavell had the following child:

2.     iii.     **HOLLAND SHARPE** (daughter of Alfred Lansing Sharpe and Catherine Leavell) was born on 17 Sep 1897 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. She died on 09 Jun 1946 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. She married Thomas Frost Woodhull Jr. (son of Josiah Townsend Woodhull and Lulie "Lula" "L F" Frost) in 1925. He was born on 02 Jun 1887 in Texas. He died on 07 Mar 1939 in San Antonio, Texas.

Notes for Addie C. Crowell:

Fred and Ada married May 28, 1884. There were no children from this marriage that lasted only a year until Ada died, June 2, 1885.

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2.     **HOLLAND<sup>2</sup> SHARPE** (Alfred Lansing<sup>1</sup>) was born on 17 Sep 1897 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. She died on 09 Jun 1946 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. She married Thomas Frost Woodhull Jr. (son of Josiah Townsend Woodhull and Lulie "Lula" "L F" Frost) in 1925. He was born on 02 Jun 1887 in Texas. He died on 07 Mar 1939 in San Antonio, Texas.

Notes for Holland Sharpe:

Four days after Holland was born, The *New York Sun* published an editorial that answered a question from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon: "Is there a Santa Claus?"

Source: <http://www.stormfax.com/virginia.htm>

Holland Sharpe is my first cousin, once removed. Her mother apparently came from sources of wealth, as the newspaper articles about the family surrounding the time of her father's death, when she was age 18, indicated that Holland was the beneficiary of an estate received from her mother, who had died when Holland was about age 12 or 13.

Tragically, Holland was shot in their Binghamton, New York home with a handgun by her father on April 19, 1916 in a family dispute over his management control of her inheritance. In an additional tragedy, her father, going to another part of the home, turned the firearm upon himself, inflicting a fatal wound. She survived the wound he gave her.

Holland went on to live with her uncle and aunt, George and Lula Gillette of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. Holland was still in that home at the occurrence of the 1920 US Census.

Holland married Mr. Thomas Frost Woodhull and resided for many years in San Antonio,



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Texas at 1510 Howard Street. The Woodhull family was a prominent family in San Antonio and was related, as well, to the Frost family, which were significant participants in the banking industry. Thomas' grandfather was Thomas Claiborne Frost, the founder in 1899 of San Antonio's Frost National Bank.

Notes for Thomas Frost Woodhull Jr.:

Thomas Frost Woodhull was born in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas June 2, 1887.

A January 2, 2013 e-mail from Dr. Justin M. Glenn of Tallahassee, Florida, gave me this information. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy, and he graduated from the U. of Texas-Austin [LL.B., 1912]. Promptly admitted to the state bar, he was a prominent lawyer and a county judge in San Antonio, Tex. He was a WW I veteran and in 1925 he became president of the Alamo Abstract and Title Guaranty Company in San Antonio.

he died in San Antonio March 7, 1939. He gave issue to one child each in his two marriages.

Holland Sharpe and Thomas Frost Woodhull Jr. had the following child:

3. i. JOHN FROST WOODHULL (son of Thomas Frost Woodhull Jr. and Holland Sharpe) was born on 10 Mar 1930 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. He died on 18 Apr 2001 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. He married Louise Kessler McManus (daughter of George Henry McManus and Marie Louise Hornsby) on 21 Apr 1956 in Washington, DC. She was born on 25 Jul 1931 in Saint Louis, Missouri. She died on 06 Mar 1989 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

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3. **JOHN FROST WOODHULL** (Holland<sup>2</sup> Sharpe, Alfred Lansing<sup>1</sup> Sharpe, Thomas Frost Woodhull Jr., Josiah Townsend Woodhull) was born on 10 Mar 1930 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. He died on 18 Apr 2001 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. He married Louise Kessler McManus (daughter of George Henry McManus and Marie Louise Hornsby) on 21 Apr 1956 in Washington, DC. She was born on 25 Jul 1931 in Saint Louis, Missouri. She died on 06 Mar 1989 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

Notes for John Frost Woodhull:

John Frost Woodhull, born March 19, 1930 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, is my second cousin. Our ancestor in common is our great grandfather, John Elsefer Sharp (1830-1897), born in New York state, who lived most of his life in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio, where he'd moved about 1850 from Sharon Springs, New York.

Much of what we know of John Frost Woodhull is leaned from his obituary publication on April 20, 2001 in the *San Antonio Express-News*. John attended Balboa Heights High School in Balboa Heights, Panama in the 1940's. We do not have information about why he attended school in Panama, except to assume he has father, most likely, had professional assignment there at the time. John graduated from the Texas Military Institute in 1948, a stalwart institution of military education made famous in the San Antonio area. He graduated in 1952 from Texas A&M University.

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His professional work following college was service in the U. S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in Korea for two years. He married Louise Kessler McManus. John lost her to death in 1989. Their son, John Frost Woodhull, Jr. died in 1980. John died April 18, 2001, and was survived by his two married daughters and one grandchild.

John's son-in-law, Dr. David Hildebrand, gave me some insight into John in an e-mail message of 2011-11-06: "Margaret's dad was a lifetime Aggie (Texas A&M University) with a maroon Suburban to show his pride!"

The Memorial Service for John was at 2:00 PM at the Porter Loring Chapel in San Antonio, the presiding minister being the Rev. Ms. Mary Anne Collins. Interment was at the cemetery in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, where my parents and many other Sharpe family members are.

My parents both died while living in San Antonio in 1979 and 1981. Porter Loring Funeral Home was the same one taking care of them as well.

John Frost Woodhull died the same month as when William Howard Taft, the 27th president and a former chief justice of the United States, died in Washington, D.C., at age 72 on March 8, 1930. Taft was the father-in-law of Eleanor Kellogg Chase Taft, my sixth cousin, once removed. The ancestors in common with Eleanor and me are Joseph Kellogg and Joanne Foote, both born in the 1620's. They are her sixth great grandparents and my seventh great grandparents.

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_Howard\\_Taft](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Howard_Taft)  
cousin, once removed.J

Dr. Justin Glenn shared genealogical information on this lineage in an e-mail to me January 2, 2013. He said that John married in Chevy Chase, Montgomery Co., Maryland. [April 21, 1956] Louise Kessler McManus [born in St. Louis, Missouri., July 25, 1931.

Dr. Glenn's citation: [F. CHABOT, *Makers of San Antonio*, 283; E. DAVIS-E. GROBE, *New Encyclopedia of Texas*, 393-394; 1920 census Bexar Co., Tex., E.D. 55, p. 8A; 1930 census *ibid.*, E.D. 76, p. 6A; RootsWeb.com/WCP, entry by EdithF; FGS by WDC]

John Frost Woodhull and Louise Kessler McManus had the following children:

- i. JOHN FROST WOODHULL JR. (son of John Frost Woodhull and Louise Kessler McManus) was born on 03 Oct 1960 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. He died on 12 Dec 1980.

Notes for John Frost Woodhull Jr.:

Dr. Justin Glenn, a Washington Family genealogist, shared with me by e-mail on January 2, 2013 that John Frost Woodhull, Jr. was born in Bexar County, Texas October 3, 1960.

He was adopted by the Woodhull family, and we have no information regarding his natural parentage. He died December 1, 1980 at age 20 in Williamson County, Texas, unmarried.

4. ii. MARY HOLLAND WOODHULL (daughter of John Frost Woodhull and Louise Kessler McManus) was born on 21 Dec 1962 in San Antonio, Bexar County, TX. She married TODD ALEXANDER.
- iii. MARGARET LOUISE WOODHULL (daughter of John Frost Woodhull and Louise

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Kessler McManus) was born on 05 Feb 1966 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. She married David Louis Hildebrand on 04 Oct 1997 in Austin, Travis County, Texas. He was born in 1964 in New York, New York.

Notes for Margaret Louise Woodhull:

Margaret Louise Woodhull Hildebrand is my second cousin, once removed, our ancestor in common being John Elsefer Sharp, a New York State born gentleman who lived most of his life in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio.

Margaret and her husband, David Louis Hildebrand, married October 4, 1997 in Austin, Travis County, Texas. They resided in Houston, Harris County, Texas, according to the 2001 San Antonio obituary of Margaret's father.

In 2011, I located on Facebook Margaret L. Woodhull. The Information Page indicates employment at the University of Colorado in Denver since 2005. She is associated with the Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies Program. She has a Masters and PhD in Art History from the University of Texas at Austin, my alma mater! Her undergraduate degree in Art is from Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.) She is a 1984 graduate of St. Mary's Hall, San Antonio, Texas. Her husband is on the faculty in that school's Philosophy Department since 2003.

Dr. Justin M. Glenn, Registrar General of the National Society of the Washington Family Descendants, residing in Tallahassee, Florida, contacted me January 2, 2013, sharing information on Margaret's family, as it has a lineage to to English immigrant John Washington, the great grandfather of President George Washington. Besides her academic achievements cited above, he reported she was a Fullbright Scholar.

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## Generation 4

4. **MARY HOLLAND WOODHULL** (John Frost Woodhull, Holland<sup>2</sup> Sharpe, Alfred Lansing<sup>1</sup> Sharpe, John Frost Woodhull, Thomas Frost Woodhull Jr., Josiah Townsend Woodhull) was born on 21 Dec 1962 in San Antonio, Bexar County, TX. She married **TODD ALEXANDER**.

Notes for Mary Holland Woodhull:

Mary Holland Woodhull Alexander is my second cousin, once removed, our ancestor in common being John Elsefer Sharp, a New York State born gentleman who lived most of his life in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio.

After her marriage, Mary and Todd resided in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.

Mary Holland Woodhull and Todd Alexander had the following children:

- i. PAUL FROST ALEXANDER (son of Todd Alexander and Mary Holland Woodhull).
- ii. LAUREN HOLLAND ALEXANDER (daughter of Todd Alexander and Mary Holland Woodhull).

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