

Sidney R. Ross

Sid Ross (1863-1940) was "Uncle Sid" to many of the Farrar, Humphries, Hunsucker and Sutton children in Rockett, Ellis Co., Texas of the early 1900s. [Ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) reports that he is my "Great Grand Uncle", and I have no doubt he was great and grand as well!

Sid was the son of John L. Ross (1840–1864), who died in the Civil War, and Louisa Angeline Arrington (1844–1925), who then married Archibald Anderson Hunsucker (1818–1899) in March 1869 and moved to Texas. One of their children Viola Hunsucker (1875–1956) was born in Tennessee and came to Texas with the family. "Archie" and "Ola" likely settled in Rockett because David Buckner "Buck" Hunsucker (1863-1952), a son of Archie's by a previous marriage, had already settled here. Buck was the father of Jennie Angeline Hunsucker Humphries (1902-1989), the namesake of Sid's mother, who is also buried at Bell's Chapel Cemetery.

Sid decided to join his mother and family around 1886 and brought his friend and my GGF Samuel Franklin Sutton (1866–1936) with him from Tennessee. Frank quickly met Sid's half-sister Viola and married her in 1890 when she was 15 years old, becoming kin with Sid and Buck, all of them being about the same age. When in Feb 1903 Frank went to the Texas State Hospital in Austin for treatment and left Viola and her children to manage the farm, I have no doubt that Sid played a large role in assisting her until Frank came home in Jan 1904. I can remember when growing up my dad talking about "Uncle Sid".

After Archie Hunsucker died in 1899, Sid and his mother moved in with Buck Hunsucker and his family for awhile. Sid ran the last store in Henry, an Ellis County town which no longer exists, just .75 mile north of Harry Hazard's home on the Rockett-Ferris Road, north of the Hunsucker farm. About a quarter mile from the town of Henry was the Lawndale Schoolhouse where the Prices, Pratts, Pattesons, Robertsons, Hazards, Hendricks, and other families went to school. No doubt they visited Sid's general store for penny candies.

Sid bought the section of plots in the northwest corner of Bell's Chapel Cemetery where he is buried. Frank, Viola and many their children, grandchildren and cousins are also buried close by.

If you want to see Ancestry.com information about Uncle Sid, go to:

<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/422300/person/-1322597446>

For more information on Sutton Family Tree

<http://bellschapelcemetery.org/familytree/>

Listen to interview with Samuel Anderson Sutton discussing his grandmother and uncle, approx. 1980

<https://www.suttonco.com/sam-sutton-interview>

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