

- 3a. Paradine Lester, b. March 31, 1820(M), d. Feb 24, 1902(F), bur White Oak Grove Cem, m. Feb 5, 1840(M), Daniel L. Peterman, b. May 1, 1816(M), d. Dec 22, 1862 (White Sulphur Springs Hospital, Montgomery County); bur White Oak Grove Cem; Pvt, Co. E, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; son of Daniel and Susannah (Lucas) Peterman; 10 children: Octavia, George, Ellen, William, Dudley, Susan, Giles, Virginia, Harvey, Catherine.

Paradine was the eldest child of Hulen and Nellie Lester. The name was usually spelled Peradine, and pronounced that way; however, it was spelled Paradine in Hulen Lester's will and she had a card printed with her name spelled that way.

After their marriage, Daniel and Paradine Peterman lived in Montgomery County and all their children were born there. In 1860 they bought land and moved to the White Oak Grove section in Floyd County.

Daniel enrolled in the Confederate States Army in 1862 and eight months later died of diphtheria in Montgomery White Sulphur Springs hospital. Paradine brought him back to the White Oak Grove cemetery for burial.

Paradine lost her husband, her oldest son, and her son-in-law in the Civil War. Years later she applied for and received a pension as the widow of a Confederate soldier. The amount was \$100 a year, now considered a pittance but a good income for that time and it meant a great deal to her. She had the farm but, as her granddaughter said, "It was all she had to go on."

Paradine had a difficult time making ends meet after Daniel's death. She ran the farm with the help of her teen-age sons. In 1870 Hulen and Eleanor Lester made the payments for the farm and deeded it to Paradine.

A young girl named Vinie Ratliff came to live with the family and to help with the work, and this became her permanent home. She was called Aunt Vinie by the grandchildren who all loved her.

In the last years of her life, Paradine's grandson Willard Pugh and his wife Sally lived with her and ran the farm. After her death it passed out of the family's ownership. The house was destroyed by fire on December 24, 1943.

(The family of Paradine Peterman has been given in greater detail in The Peterman Family; the main outline is given here.)

- 4a. Octavia Elizabeth (Tavie) Peterman, b. Dec 16, 1840(M), d. Feb 3, 1914 (Blue Rapids, Kansas), bur Fairmont Cem, Blue Rapids, m. (1) Aug 22, 1858(M), Michael H. Surface, b. Feb 11, 1840(M), d. April 17, 1863 (Petersburg, VA), of typhoid fever, bur Riner Cem; Pvt, Co. E, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; son of George & Catherine Surface; Octavia m. (2) Feb 28, 1866(F), John Jackson Akers, b. Sept 1845(M), d. Aug 1, 1925 (Blue Rapids), bur Fairmont Cem, son of James & Eliza Akers; 2 children first marriage, 6 children second marriage.