Goodykoontz Tidbits

12/18/09 Margaret Farmer nee Goodykoontz and her family, including Johnny, arrive this year from Cole Creek (now Lake City, TN). It commences growing mainly cotton 1 ¼ miles north of town. Years later she would recall the town having three saloons, one general merchandise store, Bott's hardware, Frank Brown's harness and saddle shop, the blacksmith, and a furniture store run by a Mr. Brenner. Apparently she was born in 1894 and her given name was Mary M.

2/19/10 The First Methodist Church is founded by 31 charter members. At that time it is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. With the Rev. R.L. Pyleas as its minister, the church's list of members provides an indication of whom some of Harlingen's and its nearby citizens are. They are: Mr. and Mrs. David Allen Barbee and children Lucille and Archie; Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Bullard and children A.T. and Beatrice; W.T. Campbell; Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Clift; Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Chambers; Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Chaudoin and children Eva, Mack, Barney, Morris, and Lily (later Lily Liston Cleary); Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Cunningham; Miss Mildred Davis; Mrs. Bertha Dorough; Miss Moody Dorough; Mr. Bunny Shook Dorough, J.D. Dorough; Mrs. Wil D. Darfy; Mr. and Mrs. S.P. Eaton, Sr. and S.P. Eaton, Jr.; Mrs. E.L. Fender; G.E. Goodykoontz; Mrs. Minnie G.; Miss Katie Mags; M.M. Osborn; Mrs. Nellie Osborn; Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Perry, Mr. G.H. Pletcher; Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Posy and daughter Lola; Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Snavely and children Doris, Ed and Berta.

1919 In this year Minnie Goodykoontz is to arrive in the Valley. For many years she is superintendent of the first hospital in Mercedes. When she dies 8/26/62, this resident of 815 Van Buren leaves behind her husband Joe Goodykoontz, whose trade has been carpentry, but no children.

[There may be some discrepancy here. Who is Mrs. Minnie G. in 1910 along with a G. E. Goodykoontz? Likely this should be Miss G. Maybe there are two Minnies. One was born a Goodykoontz and the second married into the family.]

The 1900 US Census taken June 18, 1900 shows the very large Goodykoontz family living in Anderson County, TN. Father George E. was born in 1854 in north Carolina. His father had been born in Virginia while his mother was a native of Tennessee. His wife Sarah J. had been born in 1861 in Tennessee. In 1900 their children all born in Tennessee were:
Minnie born 1879
Charles 1880
Edgar M. 1882
William L. 1884
James R. 1889
Joseph W. 1892
Mary M. 1894 and John H. 1898
In the January 6, 1920 census of Harlingen George is now 66 and Sarah 57. Having accompanied them to Harlingen are Thomas R. 31 (apparently the earlier census name was incorrect or this was is), Joseph W. 26, John H. 21 and Albert 18. All the men are house carpenters except Albert who is yet to be employed. Albert was born in Tennessee likely in 1902.