

The Page Quadruplets

~ World's Most Famous Babies in 1890 ~

Pictured, L/R: Genevieve (Page) Kennedy, Nancy Maas' Grandmother, known as 'Patience': Annie (Page) Warden, known as 'Faith'; Jessie Page, known as 'Charity', died of small Pox at 11 years of age, and soon after this picture was taken. Nora Page, known as 'Hope', died of measles at 6 months of age while on the U.S. Tour. Newspapers so named the Quads.



Famous 'PAGE' Quartettes' of The 1890's

Newspapers named them FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY, and PATIENCE
(NANCY MAAS' GRANDMOTHER BELOW WAS 'PATIENCE')

**“Even though he [Mr. Page] was a Democrat,
Republican President Benjamin Harrison
reappointed him postmaster”** . The Fort Worth Press ~ 6/30/1957



Texas Quartette

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Town's Name changed From Ingersoll, Texas, to Redwater, Texas, by E. T. Page



E. T. Page, better known as East Texas Page, and the great-grandfather of Nancy Maas, could not stand to live in the same town that was named after an atheist, Mr. Ingersoll; however, at the time it was reported 'he' supported a movement which resulted in the town being renamed.

Mr. Page was President of the bank in Redwater, a businessman, and was interested in mercantile affairs. He was a no-nonsense Englishman from London and had great influence in Redwater, Texas.

In the photo above Mr. Page is standing outside of the Ingersoll Train Station. The sign also denotes that Memphis, TN is 302.6 miles from Redwater. (Note: Photo above was very faded and was greatly enhanced). E. T. Page is in photo at right.



THREAT SENT TO REDWATER BANK HEAD

\$5,000 Demanded; Officers
Link Case With Recent
Shooting of Son-in-Law.

Message Warns 'We Got
Wrong Man Last Time;'
May Refer to Kidnaping.

By Associated Press.

TEXARKANA, Texas, Feb. 6.—A letter demanding \$5,000, received by E. Tam Page, president of the Redwater State Bank at Redwater, Texas, near here, today caused Bowie County officers to reopen an investigation into the mysterious kidnaping and shooting of R. W. Hanks, cashier of the bank, and Page's son-in-law, last Dec. 7.

Page, who received the letter earlier this week in a package of sand and

gravel mailed from Dallas, reported the case to officers, but declined to discuss the letter.

The letter demanded that \$5,000 be left at a place to be designated later and said it would be picked up by an airplane.

Officers said the letter warned, "We got the wrong man last time, but we won't make a mistake again," apparently referring to the shooting of Hanks.

The letter warned Page that communication with officers would bring misfortune to him, but Page said he had no intention of meeting the demand.

Hanks was abducted from the yard of his home at Redwater on the night of Dec. 7, while feeding chickens. He was taken to an abandoned saw mill nine miles south of Texarkana and 10 miles from his home. He said a lone gunman forced him at the point of a gun to walk the entire distance. At the sawmill, the man began drinking and after threatening Hanks, shot him and left him wounded. Three bullets struck Hanks about the head.

J. D. Simons, aged trapper, and a negro found Hanks and gave the alarm. A coat and cap furnished Hanks by his abductor and a torn piece of envelope in the pocket of the coat were the only clues.

Six men were arrested and two were held for several days, but they finally were released after investigators failed to identify them with the kidnaping. A motive for the abduction never was established, but officers believed the kidnaper intended to demand from Page a ransom for his son-in-law.

***Correction: In this photo, E.T. Page Home
was in Redwater, TX, not Texarkana, TX***



**Banker E. T. Page's large stately home in
Texarkana, TX where his family lived, including
the world famous Page Quadruplets**



**The Page General Store in Redwater, TX. Bank
President E. T. Page had other business interests
here, and was a driving force in Redwater.**

Time Runs Out For Redwater Landmark



The old E. T. Page store, in its heyday, was a popular gathering place as well as the business center of Redwater area.

A historical landmark of Bowie County, the old E. T. Page Store building in Redwater is being abolished. Many of today still remember when the store was a thriving and familiar place of business. It's founder was E. T. Page, an Englishman who came to this country and after many miles of travel

to various points and various jobs, finally settled in Redwater and built the store in 1895.

After his death in 1937, a daughter, Mrs. Ernestine Smith continued to operate the business. Mrs. Smith still resides in Redwater. "We feel as if we lost an old tradition in Red-

water," she said, adding that to her it was a sad ending.

The property is now owned by Kenneth Walker who is razing the old building. Doubtlessly each plank could represent an entertaining tale of events which transpired in the structure in the early days of this century.

Hooks Reporter

SERVING THE HEART OF BOWIE COUNTY