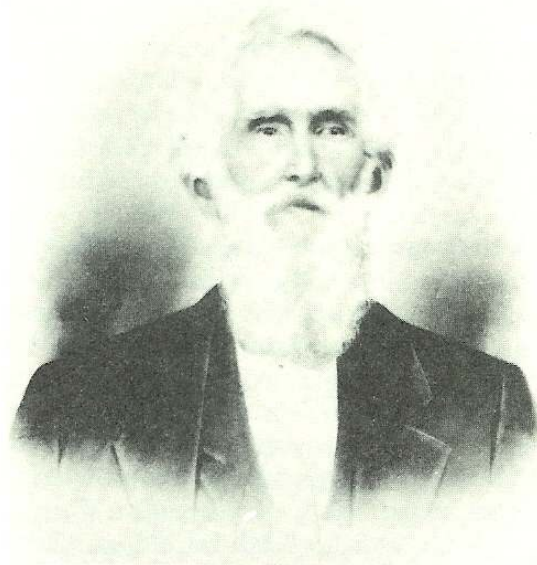


# Napoleon Bonaparte Perry

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The following story was researched and reported by Patrick McKenna, great grandson of Napoleon Bonaparte Perry:

One day (in Tarrant county), while with a group of people, Napoleon Perry was told that his daughter, Anna "is in love with John Couch". His immediate reply was, "If he marries her, I'll kill him". The cause of this violent feeling is not known. Some have said John was a Union soldier, but he is not listed among the Texas Union troops. Perry had known Henderson Couch (John's father) for three years and had served as an appraiser in his estate settlement. Napoleon and his son, Jodie were returning from hunting on another day when a rider galloped up with the news "John Couch and Anna got married today!" N. B. said "Come on, Jodie", and they took their guns to a spot along the road from Fort Worth. No one came. At sunset the two went home. Word of this news spread like wild fire. At dawn the next day, N. B. And Jodie returned to the roadside. John Couch was shot that day as he drove his buggy with his new wife sitting by his side. It appeared to be premeditated, cold blooded murder. Even so, this crime was never reported in any Texas newspaper, nor was Napoleon B. Perry ever indicted. No one denied that he did it, but there was never any public outcry, only silence. Anna Camille Perry Couch, bride and widow in an instant, never forgave her father and never returned home. Jodie Perry took the blame and ran away to West Texas. He returned to Tarrant County in late 1896 or early 1897. He always said, "I never killed that man". He was asked, "who did -- Paw?" And Jodie would only shake his head and say "Oh --someone".



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