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of the two daughters of Allison Copers Folk and his wife Mary Elizabeth  
Oliver ("Minnie") Folk. Her mother, Minnie had been born in Colleton  
County, South Carolina 22 Nov. 1868 and as an infant had travelled  
to the Brazos de Dios River in Texas with her parents: John Jacob  
Folk and his wife Margaret R. Dyer, a daughter of John S. Dyer  
(1820-1867) and his wife Mary Margaret Byrd (1821-1848). The name  
Margaret is traced to Margaret ("Peggy") Symbert who married  
c. 1789 John William Fairley (c. 1772-1849), their daughter Mariah  
Fairley (8 July 1806-17 June 1865) marrying 15 April 1819 Nathaniel  
Byrd, III (6 March 1792-30 Oct. 1850) parents of Mary Margaret (Byrd)  
Dyer. On the banks of the Brazos River in Texas on 26 May 1850  
Margaret R. C. (Dyer) Folk died <sup>she was buried there.</sup> Her only daughter Minnie  
was brought back to Colleton Co., S.C. in her father's arms. John  
Jacob Folk had served as a corporal, Co. K, 11th Regt. S.C. Infantry,  
C.S.A. 1861-1865, his father, John Francis Folk had died in 1861  
and his mother, Rebecca Elizabeth (Platts) Folk had married William  
Marion Carter. His mother gladly welcomed Minnie into her  
home until Jake married again on 25 Feb 1877 Ella Elizabeth  
Ayres. Minnie was educated in Brayton Township and was a  
devoted member of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church where in 1890  
she married her cousin, Allison Copers Folk who was born 24 April  
1869 at the Whippy Swamp Plantation home of his parents in  
nearby Pinckney William Parish, soon to become Hampton County in  
1878. Their first child was born in Colleton Co. 12 Dec. 1892, christened  
in Wesley Chapel Mahala Vanie for her great-grandmother Mahala.  
Shortly afterwards the young family determined to emigrate to  
Orange, Texas where Margaret Anne was born. Minnie's health  
deteriorated, despite "the Christian ministrations of Dr. Hodge, Mrs.

# MARGARET ANNE FOLK FEE PLES

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Call, Mrs. Kipler, Mrs. Sims and others" as her obituary noted, and she died on 25 Nov. 1895, buried in Evergreen Cemetery where a substantial stone epitaph marks her resting place. She was, her obituary continued, "inherently of noble character, but cultivated a quiet, modest, unassuming, loving and amiable disposition and lived a most beautiful and exemplary life. As a daughter, scholar, friend, wife and mother, she was obedient, devoted and affectionate." As a remarkable coincidence her young husband brought her two infant daughters back to South Carolina in his arms.

Margaret and her daughters were warmly received by his mother, Elizabeth Anne (Weissinger) Folk, into the rambling, four-bedroom home she and her late husband, Jacob Levi Folk, Lt., CSA, had built in 1866 after Sherman's U.S. troops had in February 1865 burned the



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some of his parents in Prince William Parish, <sup>South Carolina</sup> soon to become  
Hanilton County in 1878. His father, Jacob Levi Folk, Lt. C.S.A.  
had built <sup>in 1866</sup> a rambling <sup>four-bedroom,</sup> one-storey home, <sup>the kitchen & dining room</sup> surrounded by an open  
numerous outbuildings, including a grist mill and cotton  
gin operated by water power from the lake created by a  
dam across Whippy Swamp. There was an orchard of apple,  
peach, pear, <sup>hazelnuts, black walnuts, hickory nuts</sup> plum, pecan and fig trees. Sixteen live oaks stood  
before the house with a garden of crepe myrtles, cherry  
laurels, pomegranates, roses and flowering bulbs. The kitchen  
garden produced beans, <sup>raspberries</sup> peas, cabbage, peppers, pumpkins,  
squash, tomatoes and featured a herbarium with garlic,  
pennyroyal, onions, rosemary, sage, thyme and mint. <sup>There was a rice patch, the rice prepared with <sup>minced</sup> <sup>peas,</sup> not milled.</sup> The original Folk home  
where Jacob Levi and his wife, Elizabeth Anne, called "Miss  
Lizzie", a daughter of John Weisinger, of Midway Plantation,  
near present Bamberg, and his wife Martha Mildred Zeigler,  
<sup>settled after their 23 Dec. 1858 marriage, had</sup> had been burned by Sherman's U.S. troops in February 1865  
as they devastated the country from Savannah to Columbia.