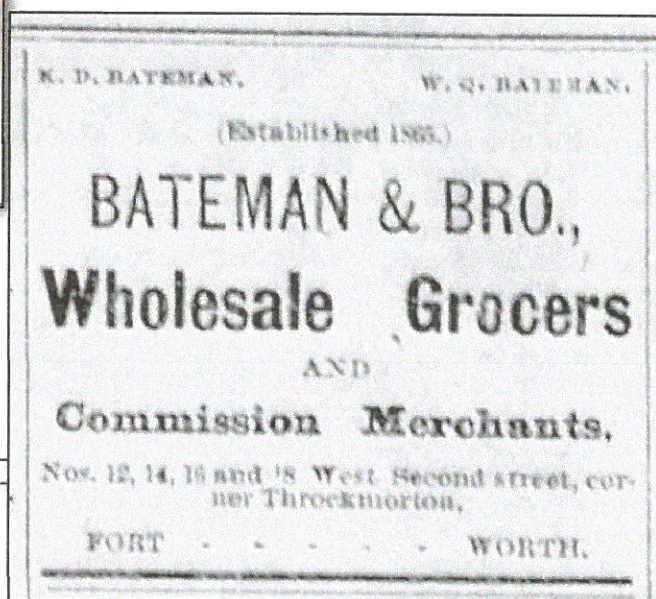


## G. Photographs



*King Daniel Thompson was associated with the Bateman & Brothers grocery business in Fort Worth before he moved to McKinney with his wife Frances Abernathy. Mr. Thompson worked as a traveling salesman for food-related products including the Hyman Pickle Company of Louisville, Kentucky.*



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*Two of K.D. Thompson's uncles started the Bateman & Brothers grocery firm in Jefferson, Texas shortly following the Civil War. The business moved to Fort Worth some time around 1880 where K.D. Thompson got his start in the trade.*

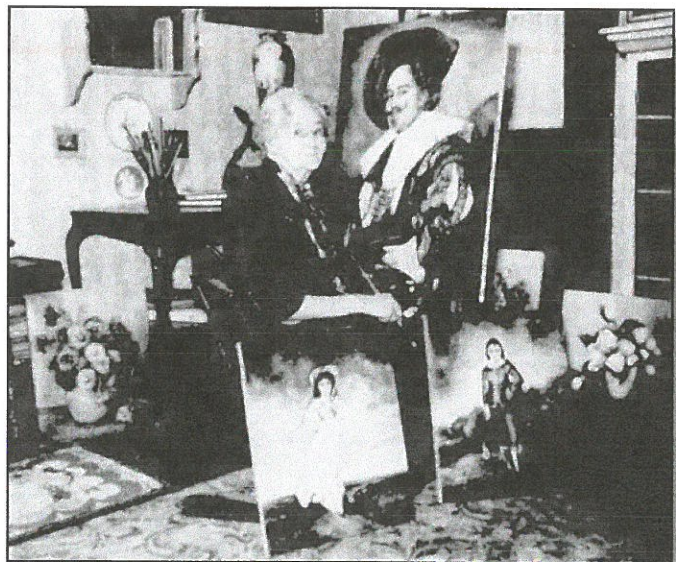


**Frances G. Abernathy** married K.D. Thompson in 1900. The couple lived in the Fort Worth area for three years before moving to McKinney with the help of Frances' father who gave them a lot across the street from his own house on West Virginia.

The photo at left shows four generations of women related to the Abernathy clan. From left to right: Lucy o. (Burkett) Thompson, Lucy Burkett, Frances (Abernathy) Thompson and Lucy (Roberts) Abernathy.

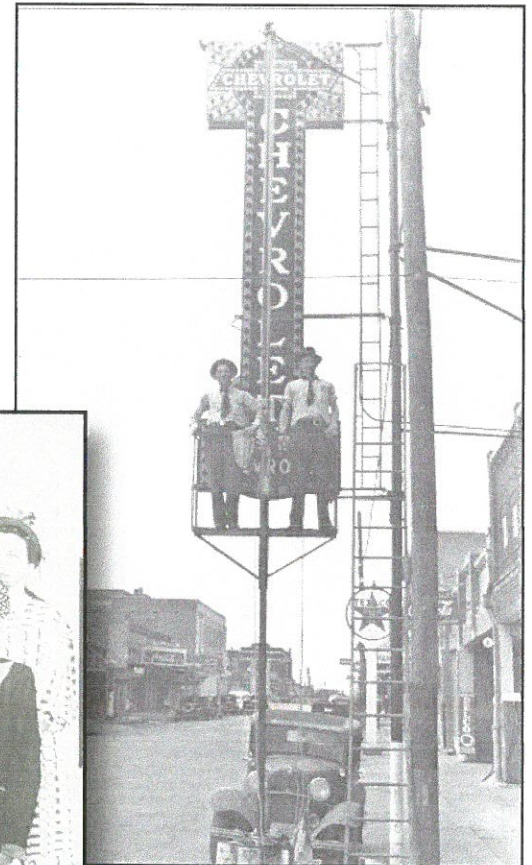
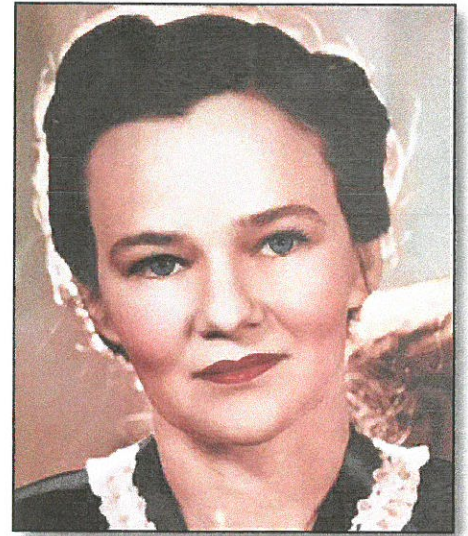


**Frances G. Abernathy** was active in the civic and cultural affairs of McKinney. She was well-known for her literary and artistic talents. When the statue of Governor Throckmorton was presented to the public in a 1910 ceremony, it was Frances who made the dedication speech and unveiled the statue. She was also a prolific artist who enjoyed above all reproducing the work of master artists.





**Lucy Burkett**, the daughter of Fances and K.D., was one of the founding members of the Heritage Guild of McKinney which began in 1974. The Guild is responsible for establishing Chestnut Square and the preservation of several McKinney area buildings. The photo above shows Lucy (on the left) preparing a fundraising brunch preceding a Bicentennial Fashion Show in 1976.



**Lucy Burkett** graduated from McKinney High School in 1922 and went to work as office manager for Underwood Chevrolet on South Tennessee Street.



**Lucy Burkett**, like her mother, was active in McKinney society. One of the social groups she belonged to was the Jeanne d'Arc Club, which began in 1918 in response to the boredom women experienced because of the lack of young men in McKinney due to WWI. In 1967 Lucy (first row, second from the left) was the group's treasurer.



*William Meshack Abernathy (1843-1911)*

## **The Abernathy Family**

*In 1876, two brothers William M. and Mercer G. Abernathy came to McKinney from Holly Springs, Mississippi and formed the law firm of Abernathy Brothers on the site now occupied by Spoons Cafe.*

*During the Civil War William M. Abernathy was a courier for Robert E. Lee and probably transported the last dispatch that passed between General Lee and General Grant regarding the surrender of the Confederate Army.*

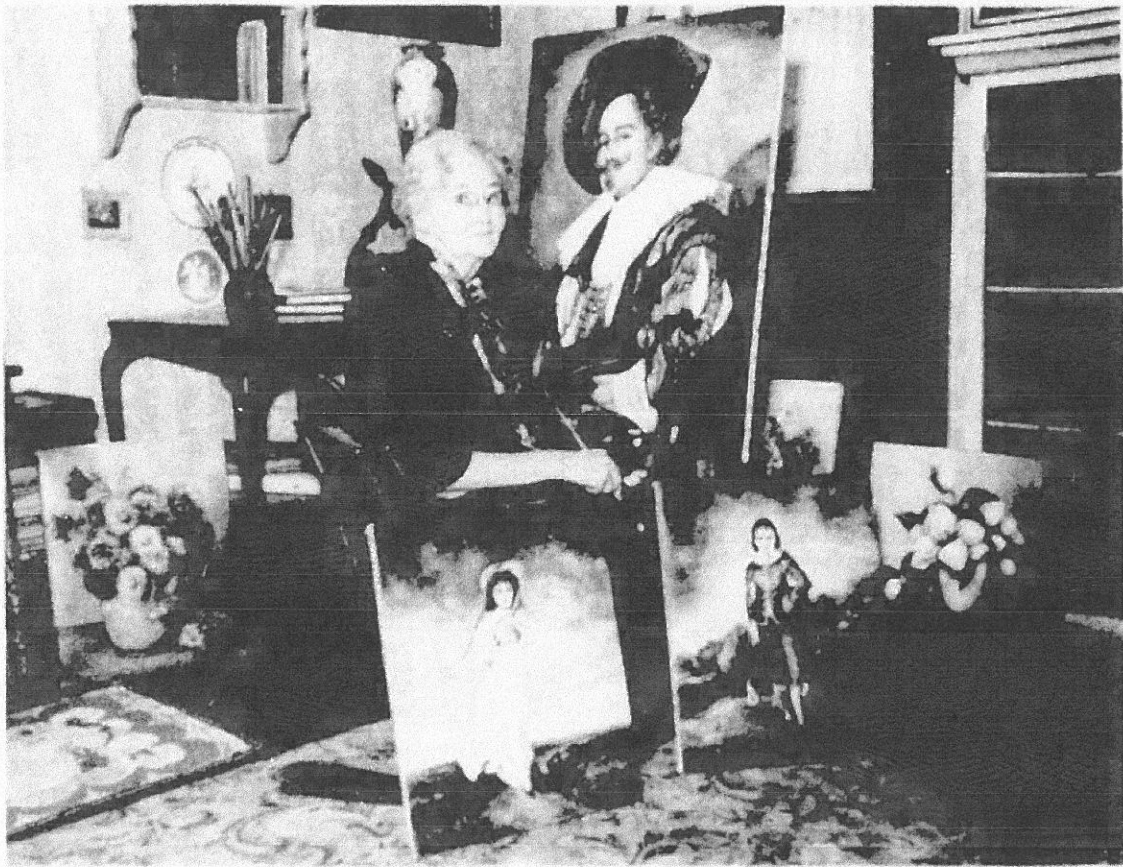
*Mercer G. Abernathy shared a practice with his brother until Mercer was elected County Judge in 1888. He later rejoined the practice after nearly a decade as Judge. The two brothers had children who eventually joined them in the practice. One of those children was William Roberts Abernathy, who became one of the wealthiest men in the Collin County.*

*When William M. Abernathy passed away in 1911, his son William Roberts Abernathy continued to office in the building owned by the Newsome family. The building was razed in 1926 and replaced with the building that now occupies the lot. W.R. Abernathy continued to be a tenant in the new building. When the new building was built, its owner William B. Newsome, placed a stone inscription on the building bearing the Newsome name. However, William R. Abernathy purchased the building in 1938 and renamed the building with an "Abernathy" inscription cemented over the name of the previous owner. Around 2011 the stone bearing the Abernathy name broke off unexpectedly from the building to reveal the Newsome name.*



*The photo above was taken around 1908 and shows William M. Abernathy with three of his Thompson grandchildren and one Abernathy. From left to right: Mary Frances (1902-1089), William Perry Abernathy (1906-1953), King Daniel, Jr. (1907-1992) and Lucy Ozella (1903-1997).*





MRS. K. D. THOMPSON

## Mrs. Thompson, prominent club woman, talented artist, dies

By FRANCES STOGDILL

Mrs. K. D. Thompson of 504 West Virginia Street, McKinney, passed away October 23 in Parkview nursing home where she had been a patient for the past few months.

She was born November 18, 1874 in Holly Springs, Miss., the eldest child of William M. and Lucy Roberts Abernathy. The family moved to McKinney in 1876, where she had resided for the past 92 years. Frances Abernathy was married October 23, 1900 to King Daniel Thompson of Ft. Worth in St. Peter's Episcopal Church of this city, and was the oldest member of that church at the time of her death.

Mrs. Thompson was a woman of many talents. She was keenly interested in local and state affairs, a tireless worker in the interest of women's rights to vote

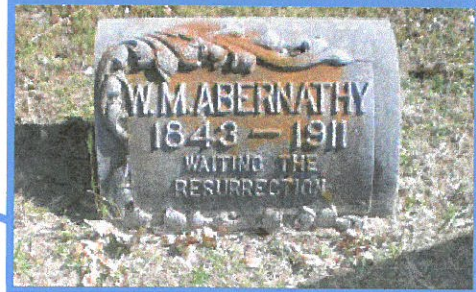
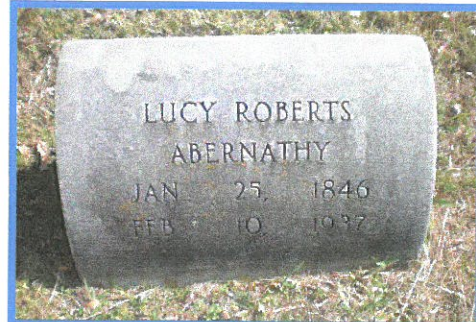
her. In her younger days she was a member of the Rush Light Club, the Eastern Star and was popular in social affairs.

As a child she showed a remarkable talent for drawing and painting and was given an art education. As a young woman she was appointed art instructor in Jones Academy in McKinney where she taught painting for several years prior to her marriage.

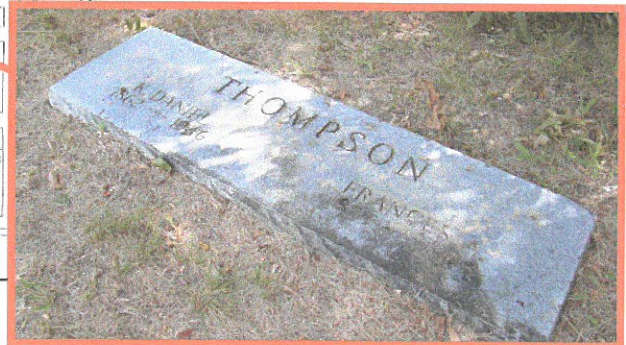
Throughout her life, Mrs. Thompson continued painting, and because of the excellence of her work her paintings have been much in demand. Only when holding her palette became a strain did she stop work at age 89. It is estimated her canvasses number more than 500 and can be found throughout the country.

# Pecan Grove Cemetery

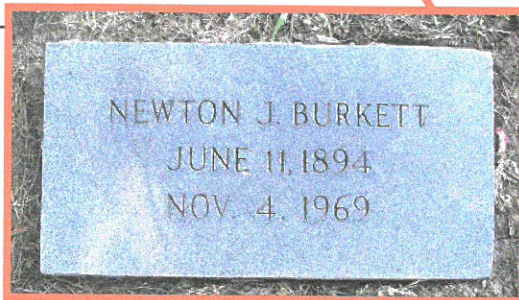
This map of Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney shows the final resting places of the King Daniel Thompson and wife Frances along with close family members.



Lucy (Roberts) Abernathy (1846-1937)  
William M. Abernathy (1843-1911)  
(mother & father-in-law of K.D. Thompson)



King Daniel Thompson (1862-1946)  
Frances (Abernathy) Thompson (1874-1968)



Newton J. Burkett (1894-1969)  
(son-in-law of K.D. Thompson)