

Aura Fraser (Frazier) was born in Cap-St-Ignace, Quebec, on September 20, 1841.(Drouin Collection, Quebec Vital and Church Records). Her parents are Fabien Fraser (1812-1864) and Marie-Flore Godreau (1817-1891). The Thomas Besse family emigrated to Bourbonnais, Kankakee, Illinois around 1848 as her sister Agla Agnes Fraser was born in Illinois in 1849. The family is traceable on both the 1850, 1855 Illinois State Census and 1860 Census in Bourbonnais, Kankakee, Illinois. She married Thomas Besse in 1862 in Kankakee, Illinois. They are listed as Mary and Thomas Besse in 1870. By 1880 they made their way to Ellis County, Texas. She died on July 15, 1888 in Ellis County.

Both the Besse and Fraser families can be traced to many of the first pioneers in Quebec in the 1600s, including four Filles du Roi, (Daughters of the King); Marie Major, Marguerite LaVerdure, Ambroise Doigt and Marie Sel. These women were often orphans or widows who emigrated to Quebec as pioneers with a dowry from the King.

The family of Aura Fraser and Thomas Besse included in the 1870 Census in Manteno, Kankakee, Illinois:

William Besse b. 1865, b. Illinois

Marie-Olivine E. Besse b. 1868, Kankakee, Illinois, d. abt 1900, probably Rowena, Runnels, TX, buried Ellis Co, TX

Amanda Besse m. (James Matthew Treadaway) b.28 Dec. 1868, Illinois; d. 20 Oct 1916, Victoria, Texas
Clodine Besse b. Feb 1870, Manteno,Kankakee, Illinois

The 1880 Census in Precinct 3, Ellis, Texas includes Mary Aura and Thomas Besse, William, "O" for Olivine, Amanda and three more children:

Ida Besse b. 2 Jul 1871, Bourbonnais, Illinois; d. 12 June 1955, Ennis, Ellis, TX

Laura Besse b. 1876, Illinois, d. 1904 Texas

Charlie Thomas Besse b.17 Aug 1879, Ellis, Texas; d. 10 Jan 1965, Ennis, Ellis, TX

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