

Mary Perry Schmick

About 1856, Isaac Peter, known as Ike P., married Mary Perry Hickey, born on Jan. 17, 1836. They had one daughter, Mary L. "Molly", born Dec. 24, 1858, while they lived in Arkansas. In 1868, Ike P., Mary, Molly, Henry S. and James K. Schmick came to Texas. They settled in the Alameda community near Mansker Lake. Henry S. and James K. later moved to and helped establish the town of Eastland.

Ike P. and Mary had three more children, Cora Lorena "Luttie" born March 25, 1868, James H. born May 11, 1871 and Sallie Alice born July 17, 1874. Sallie Alice would later become my grandmother. They lived on 160 acres of land that Ike P. had bought from McLennon County. It was located between Nash Creek and the Leon River. He raised cattle. On May 12, 1874, he registered his cattle brand, "Ike" on the left hip. On Oct 28, 1875, he registered a brand for his wife Mary, which was "Ike+". Over three years later, on May 10, 1879, he registered three more brands. "Ike L" for his daughter Cora "Luttie", "Ike H" for his son James H. and "Ike A" for his daughter Sallie Alice.

On January 4, 1878, Mary P. died, leaving Ike with three children at home, ages ten, seven and three years.