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- ② These are your great Uncles and your grandfathers Brothers + sisters
1. John R. married Barbara Einnett - ENNETT or EMMETT
 2. Besame R. died young
 3. Moses R. (don't know anything about him her.)
 - 4 Ann R. " " " "
 5. Catherine Rainwater married a man named Baker
 6. James R. (father of Jacob - your grandfather He was born in 1810 in Sevier Co. Tenn. Died Jan. 9 - 1894 at Dayton. He married Delilah Kifer, they had the following children
 1. John K. married first Nancy Sparks 2nd aunt Viola.
 2. Jacob S. married Lucinda Williamson 2nd Nellie Pintler
 - 3 Wynn married Rhoda Le Bow (or Beauty)
 4. Press married Mary Carter
 5. Martha Susan first - Smith 2nd - Abner Mal.

There may have been 2 more boys - (do you know if your grandfather was married twice? There was a Catherine Regan - and a Sanderson - I think Mother said - Sanderson was the name of your great grand father James 2nd wife, maybe Catherine Regan was one of his wives - she was either his or your Grandfather James 2nd (if he had a 2nd, I don't know - I just know Catherine Regan belongs in somewhere - they lived in Sevier Co. Tenn. Too. "

This letter was in Jacob Rainwater's family bible they owned by his daughter Jessie Rainwater Thompson. She said that her Cousin "Judge" Clyde Pettijohn had wrote it to her. He was a son of Ezra Rainwater Pettijohn who wrote + published a book on The Pettijohn family.

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"James Rainwater died in Sevier Co., TN. He was born about 1780 and died about 1841. He was your great-grandfather, Jessie, my great-great grandfather.

These are your great Uncles and your great-grandfather's brothers and sisters:

1. John R[ainwater] married Barbara Einutt, Ennutt or Emmett¹
2. Sesame R[ainwater], died young²
3. Moses R[ainwater], don't know anything about him³
4. Ann R[ainwater], don't know anything about her⁴
5. Catherine R[ainwater] married a man named Baker⁵
6. James R[ainwater], father of Jacob, your grandfather. He was born in 1810 in Sevier Co., TN. Died Jan 9, 1894 at Dayton. He married Delilah Kiefer.⁶ They had the following children:
 1. John K. married first Nancy Sparks⁷, 2nd Aunt Viola
 2. Jacob S. married Lucinda Williamson, 2nd Nellie Pintler
 3. Wynn married Rhoda LeBow (or Beaux)⁸
 4. Press married Mary Carter
 5. Martha Susan married first ____ Smith⁹, 2nd Abner Neal

There may have been two more boys - (do you know if your Grandfather was married twice)? There was a Catherine Regan and a Sanderson - I think Mother said Sanderson was the name of your great-grandfather James' 2nd wife. Maybe Catherine Regan¹⁰ was one of his wives. She was either his or your Grandfather James' 2nd (if he had a 2nd), I don't know. I just know Catherine Regan belongs in somewhere. They lived in Sevier Co., Tenn. too."

NOTES

¹ John Rainwater's (1798-1867) wife was indeed Barbara Emmett

² Sesame Rainwater is believed to be Sissum, Sessom or Cessum Rainwater, who is found in the 1850 census of Massac Co., IL

³ The third son is Moses Fowler Rainwater (1804-1886) of Ray Co., MO

⁴ Ann Rainwater (1826-1899) married Burrell Henderson Wright and the family is found in the 1850 census of Johnson Co., IL

⁵ Colton Baker. There is some degree of controversy over whether Catherine was a Rainwater or Kifer by birth.

⁶ James Rainwater Jr.'s 2nd wife was Julia Jane Sanderson.

⁷ Mary Ellen Sparks

⁸ Ashley Wynn Rainwater

⁹ Richard Smith

¹⁰ Wrong generation