Here's the Plan of the Rainwater Clan

Genealogical research of Roscoe Rainwater
Vernon, Texas

1972
On Friday morning, March 25, 1966, Cristine phoned from Indianapolis that they would leave there right after lunch the next day (Saturday) for Vernon and for us to be ready and go right back with them on Monday.

Well, they started Friday instead of Saturday and came breezing in here about 4:00 P.M. Saturday. They wanted to start back early Monday morning, but I told them I could not make the trip just now—had some things pending that needed to be done before making the trip—and, too, could not leave until after the Sanks opened Monday morning, since they would need some expense money and only had $22.37 on hand. They said you don't need money to travel anymore—just sign your name for everything.

They won, so we left Vernon, Texas, Monday morning at 8:00 A.M. March 28th — Lee did all the driving and I was the Pilot. Reached Brownwood at 11:30 so we stopped there for lunch at the STEAK HOUSE, which cost $3.88 for the gang, then $3.50 for gas. Distance travelled 188 miles.

We drove on to San Saba, where we visited with Beas and Nettie and had light refreshments — those homemade cookies were delicious — and we had a very delightful visit there — then on to Taylor, via Waterloo, Hoxie Ranch, etc., and old homes around there, finally arriving at Taylor at 4:00 P.M., where we spent the night. Cristine and Lee with Ze Ze and Girrude and I with Myrtle. I told Myrtle we were going to spend 30 days with her — and incidentally I got out that I was short of expense money; so Sister Myrtle figured it would be cheaper on her to give me enough money to get out of town than to feed the gang 30 days; so we left Taylor at 9:30 Tuesday morning March 29th.

We drove thru Jacksonville, Henderson, Texarkana (However we stopped in Jacksonville for lunch) and our next stop was Arkadelphia, where we ran into some people we met when in California eight years ago — the Burissons', whom we visited for about one and a half hours, and then on to Little Rock, where we meant to spend the night; but missed the Highway around town which we meant to take and thereby missed all the Motels — so drove to Lonoke, about 20 miles beyond Little Rock before we could find a Motel. It was near the Railroad tracks and trains kept pouring thru there all night long — so we spent a very noisy night.

After a very nice breakfast we pulled out March 30th, going thru Forrest City, Memphis, Tenn, Arlington, Jackson, and made Holiday Inn at Milan for Lunch. Then on our way thru Clarksville and across the border into Old Kaintuck — Russellville, Bowling Green, Columbia, Nancy and into Somerset, where we checked into Quality Courts Motel around 7:00 P.M. However, at Nancy we stopped a few minutes, as we noticed the name TARTAR on some of the commercial signs, and found out the name was very common around there. In fact Linville Tarter was Manager of the Motel we check into. We had travelled 1,373 miles since we left Vernon Monday, and we were all about ready for a rest. First, though, we had to satisfy the inner man; so over to the Cafe. When the waitress came to take our order I asked her if she knew Judge Tarter. She replied that she knew him very well indeed. Then I told her I formerly lived here, but got run out of the State 76 years ago and this was the first time I had been back since 1890 — that Judge Roscoe Tarter took me into his home my last night here and I wanted to get in touch with him and thank him for being so nice and kind to me on that sad occasion — that I looked in the Directory for his telephone number to call him but his name was not listed. She remarked, you must surely call him while you are here, or he will be sorely disappointed — he has an unlisted telephone and his number is 678-9110 — just read off his telephone number like that without referring to any record.
Then I said to her, "How come you know my COUSIN well enough to have his unlisted number?" Well she explained about it and so all had a good laugh over the incident.

After eating we checked back into our rooms and I gave Judge Tarter a ring, told him whom I am and that we were just passing thru on our way to Indianapolis, and had to be there April 1st. Then he said - "Are you Uncle Joe Rainwater's boy" I answered in the affirmative, as he had to hold court in Paubush, but would be back in the afternoon and I would find him at his office in the Court House. He then told of a cousin of ours who lived in Nancy, who was getting old, semi-retired, and would be available to show us around at Caintown, Waterloo, etc.

Well, early Thursday morning, March 31st, we took off to visit the Old Home Place. Stopping at Nancy we called on our Cousin Robert Warner and asked for directions to Waterloo. After telling him whom we were his wife suggested that Robert just take off and show us around. He had already been out to the farm and fed the cattle, and said she would mind the store. Mrs. Warner cautioned him though to go home first and change clothes, especially those old dirty shoes. So off he goes thru the back door, saying I'll be back in a minute. While he was changing his shoes his wife told us the history of their business. Her father and mother ran the store before them, and her grandparents back of them, so she feels that the store must keep going, rain, sleet or snow. Small store right by the side of the highway - been there perhaps 100 years or more - they sell groceries, dry goods, feed, fertilizers, etc., have a barber chair in the back end - he is the country barber - in addition he is a Notary Public, Insurance Agent, Farmer, Good Will missionary to all visitors, etc.

Well, off we go, and Robert starts talking, never stopped during the entire tour. So we saw his farms - at least four or five of them which we passed, then on to Waterloo. Then the Highway was built it missed Waterloo and Caintown.

Waterloo all dried up and the only building there which remains from the Nineteenth Century is the old Waterloo School house - Robert and I had our pictures made standing in front of the building. We showed us where my Dad and Uncle Johnson's store stood, also where my Grand-Parents Weddle's home place once stood - not there now.

Then tried to get over to where our old homestead stood, but the lane had grown up in thickets so impassable for a car. We then went thru a gate and thru Clarence Rainwater's farm, which adjoins our old place, but still could not get any closer to our old spring house. However, could see across there and nothing left but the hills. 75% of our farm, when we left, was in timber. Today no timber left on any of it. The hills still there but don't look half as tall as they did in 1890.

Branches and old roads washed out 15 or 20 feet deeper.

We drove on around the farm just mentioned and went to New Hope Baptist Church, where we all attended when I was a little kid. A Cemetery in the back yard of the Church - there we found Grandfather and Grandmother Weddle's graves, as well as a number of other graves of our relatives. We visited five Cemeteries during the morning, and listed a great number of our relatives buried therein. We also visited some of the old Battlefields of the Civil War. Especially the Cemetery of the Confederates who were killed in battle under General Zollicoffer in 1863. There a large monument, about 25 feet high was erected, giving a history of the battle which took place there where General Zollicoffer lost his life and was buried.

The weather turned cold - was down to 25° and the wind was really whipping across those old hills, so we called it a day and took Robert home and invited them to have lunch with us. But he insisted we have lunch with us. So we did. Our lunch consisted of Pickled Bologna, cheese and crackers, and soda pop. Some Luncheon Robert told us that is what he has for lunch most all the time.

Then he insisted we take a tour of his new home right behind the store. And believe me they really had a nice three-bed room, two full baths, large Lots, etc. home. Panel Ray heating in the ceiling - wall to wall carpets. Outside walled with Bedford stone and the finish just the best. Value $30,000.00 or more, yet they were just poor farmers - Incidentally all his land would sell for more than $500.00 per acre. 
The day afternoon Gertrude and Cris rested; so Lee and I went down town to visit with Judge Tartar. First, we went to his chambers on the second floor of the Court House, but no one was there. The Court House looks like it must have been built before the Civil War. Then we went to the Circuit Clerk's office, introduced ourselves and asked for the Judge. The Clerk first introduced us to everyone in the office, then said the Judge left instructions to be called in case a man be the name of Rainwater showed up. The Clerk left the office for a telephone booth and in a jiffy the Judge showed up. He has been Judge for 40 years and yet his feet never go to meet him. Said he would retire on a very handsome annuity, but no one would be lost if he did so; since he has no family, so will keep working as long as he can.

The Judge then wanted to take us next door to visit with another cousin, Dr. C. F. Jasper - who is an M.D. - a Preacher and a Senator - about 75 years of age, and still sees 50 to 75 patients each day in his office. The office was full of patients when we got there at 2:30 P.M., so we were taken to his private reception room to wait until he could get caught up - and in a few minutes the Doctor came on back where we were waiting and visited with us for some 30 minutes. In the mean time however, his Office Nurse would break in about every two minutes about something or other or about a special patient who needed immediate attention.

Lots of folks were brought over to meet us, and Judge Tartar seemed to get quite a thrill telling folks that his mother, my mother, and the Doctor's mother were sisters. After a very interesting visit here we then went to the Clerk's Office and went thru some old records. There I found the original DEED to a grant of land to William Rainwater, my great Grand Father. Dated 1844. Also, the Will be made and was Probated after his death in 1846. Also, found Dad's Mother's marriage License dated January 14th, 1866. Judge Tartar examined it and remarked Your dad must have been a very proud man when he bought this land - since they didn't require him to file a bond with it." All others appeared with a bond attached, which was the usual custom also, while rummaging thru the records many customers kept coming thru the Court Room - a number were introduced to me and were relatives. It seemed that about half the folk we ran into were relatives.

That evening we had Judge Roscoe Tartar as our guest at the Quality Courts Motel Cafe, where he often frequented - then after dinner he visited with us in our motel rooms until about 10:30, when Cris and Lee drove him back to his apartment.

The following morning, Friday, April 1st we planned to take off for Indianapolis, but first I asked Lee to drive us to Nancy to bid farewell to our newly found cousins, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Warner. Robert was out at the farm feeding his herd of cattle, so we had to settle with telling his wife goodbye for both of them and thank her for all the nice things they did for us. We just happened to have three or four cans of shelled pecans we took along with us, and since they don't grow them there we gave them a can. We then drove over to Hick Ridge Cemetery, which was almost in our way out, and visited quite a number of graves - a lot of Gertrude's relatives were buried there, as well as mine, but did not find Grand Father Rainwater's grave there; although many other Rainwater's showed up.

Just as we entered the Cemetery a middle aged lady came walking by, introduced herself and asked if she lived near here. She said she lived in that house about 200 yards away. Then I asked her if she knew Judge Tartar. She said yes, "HE IS MY COUSIN - her name was Tartar. Said her father lived in that other house about 100 yards from here and invited us to go by and visit him. Rainwater's.

I told her Judge Tartar is also my cousin, so I guess she and I are kin Folk. Not finding what we stopped for, we decided to catch the Louisville Highway and take off, however, about one mile further on we came across another small cemetery, and Lee stopped and said for me to stay in the car on account of the cold weather and he would take a look. He took about three steps into the Cemetery and yelled "I think I've found something - come on over here". On the head stone of the grave he had found was :

JOHN RAINWATER, born in North Carolina 1811 - died 1889. It happened he was an Uncle, being a brother of my Grand Father.
Then we drove on thru Danville, which is the second oldest white settlement in Kentucky. Next stop was Harrodsburg, in Mercer County, the oldest white settlement in the State. Some of my friends and customers of more than fifty years ago lived in Harrodsburg. In fact, I had written a Judge Rankin about a business matter, but had not had time to meet him, so decided to stop long enough to visit a few minutes. Stopped at the First National Bank, which was built by Judge Rankin, but his name did not appear on the sign. Then looked for another one and rang - no answer. So decided to eat lunch, so I drove to the Judges office. However, when we stopped at a cafe for lunch and turned to the order I looked around for some one who looked like a real native of the town - so I picked on one fellow, approached his table; introduced myself and asked him if by chance he knew Judge Rankin. "Judge Rankin died in 1930," he told me. Then he told me he had written a letter (Judge Rankin was a former business law partner) but presumed I left Vernon before my letter arrived. (I had previously written Judge Rankin, not knowing he had been dead for nearly 16 years.) He said he was a cousin of Judge Rankin, and had never heard of the letter. However, I told him he did not answer my phone, so I would just write him when I got back home.

Then after this unusual experience we headed out for Louisville, where we visited the EMMETT, our home for a few days. We spent the night there and then returned to Nashville, arriving there about 6:00 P.M., with a total of 1,764 miles since leaving Vernon on Monday morning.

We attended Church across the street from Cirtis on Sunday, then Monday the preacher came over to visit us. Tuesday, shortly after lunch we left for southern Illinois to visit Cicis, Nance and the children. We drove along the banks of the WABASH river, stopping at our way down, crossing near Lawrenceville. Had dinner at Gateway, some 35 miles north of our destination at Vincennes, then on in for the night. Cicis spent the night there, and we left Wednesday morning for Indianapolis.

Wednesday night Cicis phoned us that Dorset died a few hours earlier, so we had Cicis and family to drive us over to Paducah, Kentucky, to enroute to Vernon at 10:07 Thursday morning. Our mileage up to Paducah was 1,758 miles, and with the mileage from Paducah to Memphis, Tenn., to Dallas, to Wichita Falls, to Vernon made our mileage approximately 2,000 miles for the trip. We reached Vernon at 4:130 P.M. Laid our baggage on the plane somewhere, since it did not show up in Wichita Falls when we got off. One piece of Luggage came in the following day by bus, then two days later the other suit case was located in Amarillo and forwarded to Vernon - so everything came out all right.

A Japanese woman was in the waiting room at Memphis, Tenn., when we got there. She was on her way to San Francisco from Tuscusloua, Ala, and wanted a very nice visit with us. She got sick before reaching Memphis, and when we caught an American Airline plane for Dallas and was served a delicious lunch, she was so sick she could not eat a bite. She caught a JET out of Dallas for San Francisco the same time we took a Braniff for Wichita Falls, Texas, and her schedule was to put her into San Francisco five minutes ahead of our arrival in Wichita Falls.

CAINS STORE:

On arriving home, in my mail was a postal card addressed to me postmarked CAINS STORE, Kentucky, dated April 1, 1956 - signed "Gertrude"

On our way to Tock Ridge Cemetery we stopped at Cains Store. As I approached the Post Office, after getting out of the car, a man was just coming out of the P.O. He was dressed more like Davie Crockett - with a Coon Skin cap, so I called him and asked if he lived around here. He said no, then I asked him if he knew Judge Reagan C. Tartar of Somerset. He also answered in the affirmative to that, and further added that his wife was a cousin of the Judge.
I introduced myself then, and told him I was formerly of Somerset, some three quarters of a century in the past, and that Judge Tartar was a first cousin of mine. Then he really developed a smile and we got real friendly. While we were thusly visiting Lee crawled out of the car and snapped our picture right there in front of the U.S. Post Office. This man's name was Carter.

Then we all went into the Post Office and introduced ourselves to Mr. & Mrs. Daulton, the Postmaster and his wife. While the Post Office was right on this Highway, or rather paved Country road, no other buildings were close, other than the P. O. Building and their dwelling. Mrs. Daulton's folks were Compton's, and related to Gertrude - Mr. Daulton's people were Tartar's and related to me. Mrs. Daulton said she well remembered Uncle Joe Rainwater (my dad) and remembered a joke he told many years ago on one of his return visits to Kentucky. He introduced himself to a man on the train as HAWK, and responding the man said "My name is Thunder and Lightning." She got quite thrill relating this story to us - and since we had never seen them or heard of them before this time it struck us as being quite a co-incident. However, so many odd things happened all thru this trip that some of them just seem like imaginations.

To say the least, we enjoyed the trip very much, and since Cristine and Lee made the entire trip possible we just want to say THANK YOU A MILLION. And too, we found out that you can really travel just about anywhere without money - JUST SIGN YOUR NAME - we did more than 3,000 miles of it this way. And that reminds me, MIRTHE, if you haven't cashed my check yet, I still have that fifty dollars.

May 6th, 1966

To Mr. & Mrs. Climbis Rainwater & Children,
Vienna, Illinois.

We enjoyed our visit with you very much, and thank you for running us over to Paducah to catch the plane. Mom got sick before we got home and she had to land in the Hospital with the FLU; but is all right now and we are doing fine.

Joe is here today cleaning house and getting things together for lunch. Weather is fine and we are enjoying the nice pleasant weather; so are spending a lot of time out on the Patio.

Love to all of you.

Mom & Pappy
Here is a compilation of information about the RAINWATER Clan that I have been working on for the past several years. Information has been garnered by bits and pieces with the help of a lot of people. If you have corrections, or if you note discrepancies, would appreciate your letting me know since it has not been possible for me to verify all the facts and figures presented.

Let me have your comments - hope you enjoy this as much as I have enjoyed working on it.

ROSCOE RAINWATER
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Vernon, Texas 76384

May 1, 1972
It is believed the name RAINWATER is of English origin. The earliest trace of the RAINWATERS of whom we have record is:

JOHN RAINWATER (1695-1777), born around Danbury, Virginia, and moving later to Surry County, North Carolina. Evidently the Rainwaters were farmers since we find a grant of land to JOHN RAINWATER, SR., in 1739 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, (later subdivided into Granville and Edgecombe Counties). JOHN married Mary Fussel, daughter of Thomas Fussel, on June 24, 1735. Later in 1735 MARY inherited the estate of her father.

JOHN RAINWATER made his will on November 4, 1771. (see copy under Items of Interest). He lived until May 1777, and his will was probated in Surry County, North Carolina. In the will he named his children - nine of them - daughters: Mary, Sarah, Betty, Winnie, Milley, Molley; and sons John, James and William. MARY, the widow of JOHN, was given the plantation and the Negro man Jack. James was named manager of the Estate and Mary was named Executrix. Son William was to share in the Plantation with his mother during his lifetime. From best information, John, Jr. was never married, and this being during slavery times, owned seven slaves.

JOHN, Sr. and sons James and John were members of the Militia of Granville County, N.C. in 1754. Sons John and James were listed in the Census of 1790.

Most all hearing the name of RAINWATER have been Baptists; and we have never heard of one being a member of the "CHAIN GANG". Not many millionaires, but scores have been preachers, teachers, cobblers, farmers, bankers, merchants, singers, lawyers, doctors, etc.

PICTURED: The Roscoe Rainwater Family, Vernon, Texas
FROM: JOHN RAINWATER to the children of ROSCOE RAINWATER

JOHN RAINWATER and MARY FUSSELL RAINWATER
(1695-1777)
nine children - among them

JAMES RAINWATER and not known
(1736- )
six children - among them

WILLIAM RAINWATER and PATSY HODGE RAINWATER
(1774-1825)
nine children - among them

BARTHOLOMEW RAINWATER and NANCY McLAUGHLIN RAINWATER
(1804-1899)
thirteen children - among them

JOSIAH W. RAINWATER and ELIZABETH JANE WEDDLE RAINWATER
(1843-1934)
nine children - among them

ROSCOE RAINWATER and GERTRUDE CAUGHRON RAINWATER
(1883- )
five children:

Roscoe Compton Rainwater
Cristine Rainwater Lee
John Wayne Rainwater
Walter Eugene Rainwater
Clois Miles Rainwater
Detail of Line of descent from JOHN RAINWATER (1695-1777) to children of
ROSCEO RAINWATER (1883- )

JOHN RAINWATER
(1695-1777) Born near Danbury, Virginia; occupation, Farmer. Moved to Surry County, N.C. Married Mary Fussel in Surry County, N.C. June 24, 1735. A Grant of Land to him in Edgecombe County, N.C. in 1739 (later subdivided into Granville and Edgecombe Counties). His wife Mary inherited the estate of her father, Thomas Fussel in 1735. At that time she was already married to John Rainwater. His will was probated in Surry County, N.C. in May 1777 and names the following children: James (1736), John, William, Mary, Sarah, Betty, Winnie, Milley, and Molley. Son John never married that we have record of. Son John had seven slaves. William probably died young and without issue.

JAMES RAINWATER
(1736- ) Born in Surry County, N.C. Children: Solomon (1765-1814), Elizabeth (1769-1850), William (1774-1825), Miles (1787-1826), John, Moses.

WILLIAM RAINWATER
(1774-1825) Born in Surry Co., N.C. Moved to Faubush, Pulaski County, Ky, in 1813. Married Patsy Hodge in N.C. about 1800. Was a farmer. Children: Abraham (1802); Bartholomew (1804-1889); Joyce (1806); William, Jr (1808) (known as Billy); Miles (1818); Patsy, Susanna, Betsy, and Sukey. (The farm on which William lived was owned in 1971 by Charlie Roberts).

BARTHOLOMOW RAINWATER
(1804-1889) Born near Danbury, N.C., Jan 20, 1804. Moved with his parents to Pulaski Co., Ky in 1813 at the age of 9. Married Nancy McLaughlin Feb 24, 1825. (Nancy died Jan 1883). Bartholomew died June 28, 1889 at Waterloo, Pulaski Co., Ky. He was a country school teacher and farmer. Lived with his son, Josiah W. Rainwater from 1866 until his death. Children: Anne, Emily, Daniel M., Samantha Jane, Sally, Susan (twin girls died at birth), Miles, Polly, Ciota, Sarelda Ann, and Josiah W. (1843-1934).

JOSIAH W. RAINWATER
(1843-1934) Born at Somerset, Key. Married Elizabeth Jane Weddle January 1866 following close of Civil War. Moved to Texas Dec 1890. Moved to Vernon, Texas 1907. Died 1934. Was a soldier in Civil War, discharged as Captain, served under General U.S. Grant in 1866. Was Farmer, Postmaster, merchant, Tax Collector, banker, deacon in Baptist Church, School Trustee. Children: Martha Jane (1866-1962); Nancy Frances (1869-1939); Lucy Isidore (1872-1962); Miles (1876-1956); Doretta (1878-1966); Mary, known as Molly (1879- ); Cornelia (1881-1966), Roscoe (1883- ); Minnie (1885-1971).

ROSCEO RAINWATER
BARTHOLOMEW RAINWATER (1804-1889) Son of William (1774). Born near Danbury, N.C. Came from N.C. to Kentucky with his family about 1813 when he was about 9 years of age. Married Nancy McLaughlin (1807-1883) on 2/24/1825. Nancy was the daughter of Daniel McLaughlin (1775-1827). Bartholomew was a school teacher. Children:

1. Anne: born 4/15/1826 - married Daniel Weddle 7/26/1846. Daniel was a brother to Solomon Weddle and died in 1885.


4. Samantha Jane: born 1/19/1830.

5. Sally: born 2/16/1832. Married Galen E. Weddle on 7/6/1848. Galen Weddle was born 5/10/1829.


7 and 8: Twin girls born and died March 13, 1835.

9. Miles: born 4/7/1836. Married Cornelia ___. They had two daughters. Both died without issue. Miles moved to Kansas, then to California where family lived until their deaths.


Children: nine

Martha Jane Rainwater, born 10/24/1866; died 1962, age 96. married to P.C. Rainwater June 28, 1893

Nancy Frances: born August 28, 1869; died 8/3/1942, age 73. married to C.M. Gossett, Nov. 15, 1893.

Lucy Isidore; born 1/7/1872; died 1962, age 90. married J. F. Aderholt 12/14/1892

Doretta: born 3/18/1874; died 4/6/66. Age 92. married Ranzy L. Luttrell 12/14/1892

Miles: born 6/15/1876; died 5/20/1956. Age 79. married Ollie Cooper 3/16/1898

Mary: born 4/28/1879
married Charlie A. Aderholt 12/22/1898

Cornelia: born 4/17/1881; died 1966
married Al F. Gaston 10/29/1902

Roscoe: born 7/4/1883
married Gertrude A. Caughron 5/23/1906


NOTE: Entire family were members of Baptist Church
CHILDREN OF JOSIAH W. RAINWATER and their children

Their children:

Hobart married Jimmie Gribble
Eva " Walter Kirk
Bristow " Sue Campbell
Elizabeth " Robert Arnold
Vivian Died 1903 at about age 6

Nancy Frances born 8/28/1869 - died 8/3/1942. Married Chas M. Gossett 11/15/1893
Their children:

Itha married Byron Hamilton
Carroll " Izetta
Louise " Lex Word
Winifred " Sam Darden -- Warren

Their children:

Walter married Anna
Esta " A. T. Lemon
Howard " Mollie
J.P. " Elizabeth
Morris " Lucille Hall

Doretta born 3/18/1874 - died 4/6/66. Married Ranzy L. Luttrell 12/14/1892
Their children:

Edward E. married Margaret Bennett
Ira B. " Clara Pulliam
Otis " Lucy Haynes
Cecil " Beulah - Mildred
Roscoe " Wanda Rush

Miles born at Waterloo, Ky June 15, 1876 - died Vernon, Tex 5/20/1956.
Married Ollie Cooper March 16, 1898.
Following children:

Clarence married Odessa Copeland
Helen " Ballard Stallings
Roscoe " Rebecca Kays
Lucille " Raymond Koontz
Lloyd " Mattie Lee Rowden
Dorothy " Randolph Eure
J.T. " June Robinson
Bettie Joe " Dale Parker

(continued)
CHILDREN OF JOSIAH W. RAINWATER – and their children (continued)

Mary

known as Mollie – born April 28, 1879. Married Chas. A. Aderholt Dec 22, 1898.

Following children:

Irene married Walter Skinner
Ruth
Ruby
Bess
Mary Adele

Cornelia


Following children:

Louise married Charles Partlow
Ada married Percy Mason
Effie
Edgar
Bob
Miles
Gayle

Minnie


Children:

Bob Brownlee married Lula Mae Garrett
Jack married Mary Engelhart

Roscoe


Following children:

Roscoe Compton married Daisy Jane Rutland
Cristine classified as Johnie Wayne
Walter Eugene
Clois Miles
RAINWATER, Roscoe (1883-) (Continued) 

Roscoe Compton Rainwater (1908) 
Jane Ann Rainwater (9-29-37) 
Raymond Ann (5-31-1955) 
Melinda Leigh (4-24-57) 
Brynda Jane (5-6-61) 

James C Rainwater (11-3-1940) 
Jamie (11-19-1964) 
Stacey (8-31-69) 

Richard C Rainwater (11-22-1943) 

Cristine M Rainwater (12-5-1910) 

Leonard E Lee (12/1923) 

John Wayne Rainwater (6-29-1913) 
Jerri Wayne Rainwater (8-1-1944) 
Lane B Rainwater (12-9-47) 

Walter E Rainwater (7-10-1915) 
Georgie Isbell (Mil946) (H1946) (H1946) 

David B Rainwater (1-18-1951) 
Celeste (10-9-1970) 
Paul E Rainwater (3-5-1955) 

Clois M Rainwater (3-12-1923) 
Nancy Mollhaney (Mil10-1-1949) 

Rayna W Rainwater (11-7-1940) 
Andra Anna R (8-22-1952) 

Vicki Lynn R (3-1-1954) 
Kelly Jane R (5-6-1959) 

Robert S Rainwater (12-12-1962) 

Daisy Jane Rutland (1908) (Mil1934) 
Joe White 

Margie Crane 

1 Child
FROM JOHN M. WEDDLE (maternal family) to ROSCOE RAINWATER

JOHN M. WEDDLE

(1776-1842) John was born Sept 1776 at Wyethville, Virginia; died July 3, 1842. Came from Virginia in 1811 and took up land for each of his children in Pulaski County, Kentucky; was the first white settler in the county. Wife was Polly Weddle, born 10/5/1783; died June 1852. John and Polly had eleven children:

Lizzie - no information.

Daniel - born March 1817, died 1885. Wife was Anne Rainwater, born 4/15/1826. Married 7/26/1846.


Galen E. - born 5/10/1829. Wife Sally Rainwater, born 2/16/1832. Galen and Sally were married 7/6/1848.

Other children --no information: Spence, George, James (Jimmy), Jackson, William, Peggy and Polly.

SOLOMON WEDDLE

(May 9, 1822-March 21, 1890) in Pulaski Co, Kentucky; married Patsy Tartar (1822-1896). Patsy's father was Jake Tartar. Children of Solomon & Patsy Weddle:


John - married Minnie Cain
Lincoln - married Lizzie Cain
Mollie - married J. L. Jasper
Galen E. - born 9/6/1843; died 1/10/1905. Wife was Kessiah F. born 1850 - died 1931.

Jake
John M. married Elvira Brown
Helen married Chris Compton
Margaret - married Jerome Tartar (mother of Judge Roscoe Tartar)
Lucy - married Dave Cooper
Emily - married Jim Eastham
Doretha - married Hannibal Gosser

JOSIAH W. RAINWATER and ELIZABETH JANE WEDDLE married January 11, 1866. Had nine children - among them:

ROSCOE RAINWATER born July 4, 1883
JAMES RAINWATER (1736- ) and CHILDREN

JAMES RAINWATER (son of John) (1736- ) Born in Surry Co., N.C., son of John, Sr. Was member of Militia, Granville County in 1754. Was listed in the Census of 1790. Children: Solomon (1765); Elizabeth (1769); William (1774-1825); John; Miles; Moses. Son William moved to Faubush, Pulaski Co Kentucky in 1813 with his family and possibly his sister Elizabeth. Solomon, (1765-1814) moved with his family in 1785 to Henderson County, South Carolina.

SOLOMON RAINWATER (1765-1814) Son of James (1736). Born in Surry Co, N.C. Moved to Henderson County, S.C. in 1785 with his family. Children: Job (1784-1863); Joshua (1785- in N.C.); John (1786-1837); Abner (-); Elisha (1802 - ); Solomon, Jr (-); daughters: Delilah, Rebecca, Rhoda, Rachel, Ruth. 11 Children.

ELIZABETH RAINWATER (1769-1850) Born near Danbury, N.C. 1769. Sister of William (1774) and Solomon (1765).

WILLIAM RAINWATER (1774-1825) born in Surry Co., N.C.; moved to Kentucky 1813; married Patsy Hodge in N.C. about 1800. Was a farmer. Children: Abraham (1802- ); Bartholomew (1804-1889); William, Jr (1806 - ) known as Billy; John (1811-1889); James (1816- ); Miles (May 15, 1818 - ). Girls: Patsy, Susanna, Sukey. (Note: farm on which William lived was owned in 1971 by Charlie Roberts.)

John Rainwater
Miles Rainwater
Moses Rainwater
SOLOMON RAINWATER, SR. (1765-1814) and CHILDREN

SOLOMON RAINWATER, SR
Job (1784-1863); Joshua (1785 - ); Solomon, Jr. (?); John (1786-1837); Abner ( - ); Elisha (1802 - );
daughters: Delilah, Rebecca, Rachel, Ruth, Rhoda

JOB RAINWATER
(1784-1863) Moved to S.C. in 1785, and to Georgia in 1835). Married Didana Hombre. Job was a Baptist
preacher. Job and Didana had 11 children: Sidney (1820-1899); John; Lacy; Pinkney (1812-1865); William; Joe;
and five others.

JOSHUA RAINWATER
(1785 - ) Went to South Carolina in 1785; went to Georgia in 1835. Children: Job and William

SOLOMON, Jr.
( - ) Born in Warren Co. Georgia (perhaps Alpharetta).
Children: Virgil; Horace; Cicero; Stacer; daughter Samantha.

JOHN RAINWATER
(1786-1837) Married Martha Adams in Pendleton, S.C. in 1815. Was a farmer. Was in the War of 1812. Lived in
S.C. 7 seven years, then in Georgia one year. Martha went to Washington County, Texas after death of John
and was living there in 1878.

ABNER RAINWATER
Lived in Powellton, Georgia. Children: Thaddeus; Cosby; and Alva.

ELISHA GENTRY RAINWATER
(1802 - ) Moved to Georgia at age 10 in 1812. Married Elizabeth Grant in 1820. She died in 1846. Children:
Ira Simpson; James Washington; L.B. (Berry); William Thomas; Marion Green.
Elisha was a Baptist preacher. Elisha's second wife (1848) was Dona Mensa Sturdivant, cousin to his first wife.
Their children: Charles Allison (1850-1924); Joseph H.; Lou Ellen; A. Peek; and Mary Elizabeth.
JOB RAINWATER (1784-1863) and CHILDREN

JOB RAINWATER (son of Solomon, Sr) (1784-1863) Moved to South Carolina in 1785; then to Georgie in 1835. Married Didana Hembre. Job was a Baptist preacher. Children: Sidney (1820-1899); John; Lacy; Pinkney; William; Joe, and five others.

PINKNEY RAINWATER (son of Job Rainwater) (1812-1865) Children: Lemuel F. (1848), lawyer in Sardis, Mississippi; Jackson, and Captain James Allison.
WILLIAM RAINWATER (1774-1825) and CHILDREN

WILLIAM RAINWATER (son of James) (1774-1825) Born near Danbury, N.C., son of James. Moved to Pulaski County, Faubush, Ky in 1813. Married Patsy Hodge. Was a farmer. Had eleven children: Abraham (1802); Bartholomew (1804-1889); William, known as Billy (1808); John (1811-1889); James (1816); Miles (1818); Patsy; Susanna; Betsy; Sukey; Joycie (1806). Bought a farm west of Faubush in 1813 according to deed on record dated 1814 in Somerser, Kentucky. Died in Pulaski County, Ky in 1825 according to probated will on record in Somerset, Kentucky (Book 2, Page 192). (See copy of will in Items of Interest).

CHILDREN:

ABRAHAM (1802) Witnessed father's will in 1825.


WILLIAM (1808), known as Billy. Moved to Casey County.

JOHN (1811-1889) Married Elizabeth. Was buried in a little cemetery north of Somerset, Kentucky. Children: Giles R. (1841-1920); George Alfred; Nancy; Susanna.

JOYCE (1806) WROTE

JAMES (Jimmie) (1816)


PATSY

SUSANNA

BETSEY

SUKEY WROTE
ELISHA GENTRY RAINWATER (1802- ) and CHILDREN

ELISHA GENTRY RAINWATER (1802- ) Moved to Georgia in 1812 at age 10. Married Elizabeth Grant in 1820. Children: Ira Simpson; James Washington; L.B. (Berry); William Thomas; Marion Green. Elisha's second wife (1848) was Dona Mensa Sturdivant, cousin to his first wife. Their children were: Charles Allison (1850); Joseph H.; Lou Ellen; A. Peek; and Mary Elizabeth.


L.B. (BERRY) RAINWATER Went to Texas in 1840. Married a Parker.

JAMES WASHINGTON RAINWATER - Never married

WILLIAM THOMAS RAINWATER had two wives - Asthena Wright and Eula Curry. One child - Annie.

MARION GREEN RAINWATER married Jessie Macon (from Scotland). Two children: Lizzie and one other.

JOHN RAINWATER (1811-1889) and CHILDREN

JOHN RAINWATER (1811-1889) Married Elizabeth. Born in North Carolina and moved with family to Faubush, Pulaski Co., Kentucky in 1813. Children: Giles Ri; George Alfred; Nancy; Susanna.

GILES RAINWATER (1841-1920) Married Sarah Emerson in 1862. Eight children: Tilitha (1863); Daniel F. (1865); Matilda (1867); Patsy (1869); John Silas (1872); Durham (1874); George Mitchell (1879); Herbert (1882).

CHILDREN OF GILES RAINWATER (1841-1920)

TILITHA (1863) Married Jim Wells. They had three children.

DANIEL F. (1865) Married Serena Henson (1865-1910). Children: Elbert Lee (1886-1913); Johnnie (1888-1966); Hattie Rainwater Barber (1890-1964); Joseph (1893); Everett (1896-1913); Eila (1896); Sarah Rainwater Greenwell (1898); Ruth Rainwater Irving (1900); Ralph Rainwater (a half brother (1913).

MATILDA (4/22/67) Married John Wells. They had six children.


JOHN SILAS (4/21/1872-8/29/1960) Wife Nancy Catherine Vest Rainwater. Nancy was born 1/18/1883 - died 6/10/55. Children: Dovie Rainwater Groover (8/6/1901); Arthur L. Rainwater (9/17/1903); Arlis D. (7/9/1908); Orville R. (1/5/1906); Joe Earl (10/31/1910); Charles Edward (4/17/1911); Ruby E. Rainwater Flanagan (6/16/1916); Mary Juanita Rainwater Williams (9/25/20); John Silas, Jr. (1/19/1924).

DURHAM (5/18/1874-1944) Wife Hattie Vest Rainwater. Eleven children: Bertha; Clay (4/4/1905); Ernest; Cecil (6/16/1909); Ulen (11/18/11); Essie (2/12/13); Hazel (8/17/15); Vertis (6/1/19); Etheridge (12/15/21); Aldena (6/24/24); Orville (10/21/26).

GEORGE MITCHELL (1879-1959) Married Sarah Jane Weddle (1884-1913) Their children: Howard (1904); Edith Rainwater Ivy (1906); Jason (1908); Velber (1909-1915); Half-brothers and sisters: Marie Rainwater Grider (1915); Woodrow (1917); Harlie Rainwater Nolden (1919); Catherine Rainwater Tartar (1921); Effie Rainwater Roberts (1926); Elbert (1929).

HERBERT (7/16/1882). Married Della Gossor. Children: Alma Violet (8/13/1902); Alpha Mae (4/12/1908); Myrtle (5/19/1910); Winnie Dew (11/19/1911); Edward Vernon (10/4/1914); Mazie Maxine (8/22/16); Beecher (1/31/20); Richard Lee (7/15/22).
ALEXANDRIA EASTHAM

Born ? - Died Dec 4, 1859. Married to Emily Rainwater, daughter of Bartholomew Rainwater. Emily was born 5/17/1827. Married September 1, 1844.

Children:

Elizabeth M. (7/25/1845)
Polly Ann (5/8/1847)
Zachary Taylor (12/15/1848)
Nancy P. (5/9/1850)
Obediah (9/10/1851)
Lucinda Frances (11/27/1852)
Susannah (10/2/1854)
John Foster (7/5/1857)
Talitha Isabel (2/6/1859)
SARELDA ANN RAINWATER CHUMBLEY (daughter of Bartholomew Rainwater)

ALEXANDRIA CHUMBLEY married Sarelda Ann Rainwater (12/9/41) on February 6, 1859. Their children:

JOHN PERRY 1/10/1860
JAMES M. 5/7/1862
MILES R. 3/27/1864
GEORGE A. 12/20/1866
NANCY JANE 9/17/1869
BARTHOLOMEW 4/3/1872
ROBERT 1/12/1875
MARGARET ANN 3/27/1877
LEWIS 7/8/1879
MALINDA C. 6/12/1883
JOSIAH W. 11/3/1886
STANTON RAINWATER

Children: Wesley Oliver; Peter Christopher
Grandfather of: Jesse, Pierce, Charles

STANTON PIERCE RAINWATER

Children: George Willis; Perry

ENOCH RAINWATER

Children: William Harrison
Grandchildren: Oscar, Herbert, Hershel
Great Grandchildren: Velber, who lives about 5 miles west of Nancy, Kentucky, on highway 80 (this was learned on 6/22/67).

DANIEL RAINWATER

Children: Bart, Warner

PETER CHRISTOPHER RAINWATER married Martha Jane Rainwater (daughter of Josiah Wilson Rainwater) in 1893 at Waterloo, Texas

Children: Eva married Walter Kirk
Hobart married Jimmie Gribble
Elizabeth married Robert Arnold
Brstow married Sue Campbell
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

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5. Letter to JOSIAH W. RAINWATER from brother-in-law JOHN L. ELDER and family after leaving Kentucky in 1876. (original letter is also reproduced but printed for easier reading) Page 32-34

6. Reproduction of detailed planting record of fruit trees and garden of JOSIAH W. RAINWATER Page 35-37
WILL of JOHN RAINWATER
Filed in Surry County, North Carolina May 1777

I, John Rainwater of Surry County, North Carolina, being now in perfect sense and memory, thanks be to God, but yet considering that life and sense is uncertain, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament (viz). My soul I recommend unto the hands of God. My body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a christian manner, and as to my worldly estate I give, demise, bequest and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First, I give to my daughters, Mary, Sarah, Betty, Winney, Milley and Molley, to each Five Shillings Prov., money to them and raised out of my estate the same is in full, and a bar from their obtaining any more.

Item I give to my son John Five Shillings Prov., money to be raised as aforesaid, the same is in full and a bar from his obtaining any more unless he should succeed his brother James as Trustee in the management of that part of my estate which I give for the support of my wife and son William.

Item I give my PLANTATION AND ALL MY LAND, MY NEGRO MAN JACK and all other of my estate of what kind soever to the whole and sole use, support and maintenance of my wife and son William during their lives, and do hereby will and subject the same into the hands, care and management of my son James whom I hereby constitute and make Trustee to appropriate the said estate to their sole use, support and maintenance as aforesaid, to them either jointly or single in such way and manner as he the said James shall judge and think most to their profit and best for their support and comfort. And if any part of the said estate should remain after their decease, my will and intent is that he, the said James, his heirs and assigns, enjoy the same forever.

Item If my son James decease before my wife and son William I will that my son John succeed my said son James in every point as Trustee.

Lastly I appoint my wife, Mary, Executrix and my son Jon and James, Executors of this my last will to see that all things be performed according to the true intent and meaning thereof. And I do hereby disannul and revoke every former will and ratify and confirm this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Fourth day of November 1771.

JOHN x RAINWATER. (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared in the presence of us.
Jesse Brimp       John (x) Pain

NORTH CAROLINA, Surry County, May Court 1771:
Jesse Brimp, one of the subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of John Rainwater made oath that he saw the said John Rainwater publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that he was of sound and disposing mind and memory and that at the same time he saw John Pain sign the same as a witness and on motion it was ordered to be recorded.

Recorded Accordingly---------------------- Jo Williams, C.C.

A True Copy Test: Fred Llewellyn
Asst. Clerk Superior Court,
Surry County, North Carolina

SEAL SURREY COUNTY, SUPERIOR COURT, NORTH CAROLINA
RAINWATER
Wm.

WILLS

We, the undersigned, being called upon by William Rainwater, do in his last sickness to hear what disposition he wished made of all his goods and chattels, do declare that the said Decedent wished and desired all his goods and chattels, both real and personal, remain in the possession of his wife Patsy during her life or widowhood, to support herself and raise and educate his infant children. He made no further distribution.

DISTRIBUTION January 6, 1825

THOMAS WHITELY

ABRAHAM RAINWATER

Exc

At a County Court held for Pulaski County, Kentucky, at the Courthouse thereof, in the town of Somerset, on Monday this 7th day of February AD 1825, this instrument of writing was exhibited to the Court as the Nuncupative Will of William Rainwater, Deceased, and proved by the Oaths of Thomas Whitely and Abraham Rainwater, and ordered to be recorded and the same is done accordingly.

ATTEST: Will Ford, Clerk
Pulaski County, Ky

(copied from the records of Wills in Book 2, Page 192 on June 15, 1966 by Roscoe Rainwater)
FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Bartholomew Rainwater was born January the 20th day 1804.

Nancy McLaughlin was born August the 2nd day 1807.

Anne Rainwater, daughter of Bartholomew and Nancy Rainwater, was born April the 15th day 1826.

Emily Rainwater was born May the 17th day 1827.

Daniel M. Rainwater was born November the 10th day 1828.

Samantha Jane Rainwater was born January the 19th 1830.

Sally Rainwater was born February the 17th day 1839.
FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Susan Rainwater was born February the 12 day 1834.

Two girls born and deceased March the 13 day 1835.

Althea Rainwater was born April the 5th day 1836 on Tuesday.

Polly Rainwater was born December the 24 day 1837.

Ciota Rainwater was born December the 26 day 1839.

Harelda Ann Rainwater was born December the 1 day 1841.

Deaths.

Joseph M. Rainwater was born October 11th day 1843 on Thursday.

Galen E. Meadell was born May the 10th day 1829.

E. E. Meadell married to Sally Rainwater July the 6th 1847.

Lucy Isabella Holtbrook was born March 3rd 1860.

Francis M. Holtbrook was born July 14th 1861.

Nancy Belle Holtbrook was born May 10th 1863.
FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

Bartholomew Rainwater was married to Nancy McCauley, daughter of Sally McCauley, February 14th, 1825.

Alexandria Casto was married to Emity Rainwater, the first day of January, 1825.

Daniel Weddle and Anne Rainwater were married July the 26th, 1846.

Daniel Rainwater and Sarah Chamberlain were married February the 14th, 1848.

Thos. Rainwater and Elizabeth Middle married January 11th, 1845.
**Family Record**

**Births**

John Ferry Chumbley was born January 30th, 1860.

James McChumbley was born May 17th, 1862.

Miles McChumbley was born March 27th, 1864.

Adams A. Chumbley was born Dec. 7th, 1864.

Fancy Jane Chumbley was born Sept. 17th, 1870.

Bartholomew Chumbley was born Apr. 12th, 1872.

Robert Chumbley was born Jan. 15th, 1875.

Margaret Ann Chumbley was born March 27th, 1877.

Lewis Milton Chumbley was born July 8th, 1879.

**Deaths**

Polly Holbrook, daughter of Bartholomew & Nancy Ramote, departed this life, in Lisa County, Kansas, Jan. 20th, 1863, aged 24 years 4 months.
Daniel Weddle was born March 14th, 1817.

Anne Weddle, his wife, was born April 15th, 1826.

John Weddle was born June 10th, 1840.

Daniel C. Weddle was born April 10th, 1842.

Nancy Jane Weddle was born May 31st, 1844.

Francis Marion Weddle was born June 12th, 1847.

Joseph Milton Weddle was born October 5th, 1848.

Sarah Ellen Weddle was born February 24th, 1850.

John Perry Weddle was born February 6th, 1852.

James Madison Weddle was born January 12th, 1854.

Millard Fillmore Weddle was born July 3rd, 1854.

Barnabas Franklin Weddle was born November 13th, 1857.
1. Martha C. Middle was born October 6th, 1843.

2. Mary Jane Middle was born May 10th, 1850.

3. George M. Middle was born December 14th, 1852.

4. Michael P. Middle was born April 4th, 1855.

Emma P. Middle was born December 10th, 1859.

Daniel C. Middle was born April 20th, 1857.

J. B. Middle was born Sept. 7th, 1861.

Lettie Bell Middle was born November 18th, 1863. Madison Middle was born April 1869.
1. Eliza Beth Eastham was Born July the 25th day 1845
2. Sally Ann Eastham was Born July the 8th day 1847
3. Zachary Taylor Eastham was Born December the 15th day 1848
4. Nancy P Eastham was Born May the 9th day 1850
5. Obadiah Eastham was Born September the 10th day 1851
6. Lucinda Frances Eastham was Born November 24th day 1852
7. Susannah Eastham was Born October the 2nd day 1854
8. John Foster Eastham was Born July the 5th day 1857
9. Jalieta Isabel Eastham was Born February the 6th day 1859
FAMILY RECORD.

MARriages.                      MARriages.

J. H. Rainwater and            Miley Rainwater and Olive Jasper
Elizabeth J. Wedge             was married Wednesday
were married Jan 26th,         March 16th, 1878.
1866.                         

J. A. Adcock and              Charlie Adcock
Lucy Rainwater.                and Mollie Rainwater
K. L. Luthell and              were married Wednesday Dec. 27th, 1878.
Dorothy Rainwater
was married Wednesday Dec. 14th,1878.

P. C. Rainwater
and Martha Rainwater
were married Wednesday Jan 25th, 1878.

C. W. Everett
and Hannah Rainwater
were married Nov. 15th, 1873.

A. T. Lenton and
Cornelia Rainwater
was married Sep 29th, 1804.

Aston Rainwater
and Hannah C. Rainwater
were married May 23, 1906.

John Brownlee
and Minnie Rainwater
were married Feb. 27th, 1908.
**FAMILY RECORD**

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**Age**
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<td>Minnie Rainwater was born Wednesday, July 16, 1885</td>
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<td>Lestrycole Coughlin was born Oct 19, 1883</td>
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FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Solomon Medley
was born May 9th
1822.

Patsey Medley
was born July 18th
1822.

DEATHS.

Solomon Medley
Departed this life
March 21st 1833
Aged 67 yrs 10
months 12 days.

Patsey Medley
Departed this life
at her home in Pulaski
County, Ky. Thursday
Dec. 17th 1816.
Aged 73 yrs 7 mos.
0 1 day.
NOTE: This is a letter from John L. Elder to Josiah W. Rainwater dated August 6, 1876. Printed from original letter on following pages.

"August 6, 1876. Dear brother and family. I seate myself this morning to inform you that all are well and harty and I hope these few lines may reach yo and find you all well. Yo must excuse me for not writing sooner. I expect yo thought i was ded, but it is a grand mistake. sir i am helthier than i ever was in my life and Ciota has her helth good and all of the children, i mean all 8 of them. time is vary hard here about money but we hav corn and wheat plenty but no money. corn worth 20 cts per bushel. wheat worth 60 cts bushel. bacon 14 cts lb. calico 4 to 5 cts per yard.

i left Polk County last fall and moved to Johnson Co, Kansas, rite on the line between Kansas and Missouri, rite at the corner of Cass Co, Mo, just 18 miles dew south from Kans Citty. A good wattered country and as helthy a country as you ever saw. I no it is a heap helthier than Kentucky. i live on the Black Bob Reserve so cald it belongs to some Indens that never gave up the land till her of late, and the people think it will come in in the corse of twelve months. This land is rich and yo can buy a claim her from 300 to 500 dollars 160 acres. now that has got pore land and stock would do well to turn it all into stock and corn out her and buy. Nearly all of the connection lives her that lived in Holt. I live on what is cald the Big Blew River. It is a nice little streeme and I can ketch fish when i please and that is pretty often. i rented a farm from an old man from verginia. he lives with us. nobody of his family but himself is in this country and he wants me to still remain on his farm. i gave him the third of what i make and his land lays rite in the Blue bottom and just as rich as can be. Old corn is only worth 20 cts per bushel and we hav got fine crops her and yo may no that corn will be cheeper. we have had a heap of rain her this summer. i lost all of my crop last yer on the account of the grasshoppers. before it got ripe it frozred and all short and i lost it all and they eat all of my wheat up but i have got fine corn this year.

the 2 day of september 1875 my mother died. she was well and harty as common. eate her super and went to bed and about 10 o'clock she cald me and it seemed as tho she could not get her breth good and in 30 mins she was a corps. Just seemed as though she went of to sleepe. she was burried in the semetry in Oregon, Holte County, Missouri.'

i still live in the christian church and am triing to live the christian life and i want us all to live so for we shall soon all pass away and if we are prepared to dye we will all meete again what we can enjoy each others society in piece.

So farewell for a while but we will meete again. gave my best respects to all inquiring friends if any. rite soon and fail not. so i must close.

John L. Elder and family
to J.W. rainwater and family.

father and mother also.

direct your letters to Belton, cass Co, Missouri."
August 6, 1916

My brother, I honestly in studying this morning 11 I see the reason why we are all well and happy. The thought of how all of Japan may make this land fall will you not please me for not trying some of your friends. I was not but it is a great time in the service. Suffer this I am writing my life and want to live good and all of the children. If all of them live loving hard for our country, but just hard work. We are in our farm and what happens but the money can make it possible for us to work. What will costs less than the oil and live in it. We have to think and care of the land and the children. If all of the connections are on that I lived in front of it here on what we are the huge detail up it is in the little stream and it can be told. When I was there that is pretty of the inserted a farm door. And an old man knew recognized he lives with us nobody of his family but kind and self. This country and he wants me to still remain on his farm.
I gave him the third of what I make and his land has more in the back bottom and and just as rich as and he old corn only worth 50 for bushel and we bought five ceps and go more the corn will be cheaper we have had a crop of rain her this summer I lost all of my crops last year on account of the grasshoppers. I lost all before it got ripe it froze and fell short and I lost it all and they took all of my wheat up but I have yet five corn this year.

The 2 day of September 1875 my mother died she was well and hearty as usual until she supper and went to bed and about 10 o'clock she could not get her breath good and in 30 minutes it was over just so sure as though she went to sleep. She was buried in the burying ground.

I still live in the Christian church and am trying to live the Christian life and do what is right and do for me the good all the way and if we are poor and need we will all have to do what we can take and give the kind and wise pieces I fare well for a while but we will meet again gave my best respects to all my cousins and all.

So I must close

John L. Elder and family
To all my near and dearest
father and mother all is

Direct your letters to better care to Missouri

Polly and others
Small Fruit

Fruit Trees

1st Row
12ft. Bartlett pears. Saucer de corps
1st Chery
4th Golden Hamburg
3rd Apple tree now Dewall. Black cherry.
5th App. St. Henry plum
6th App. St. Jude plum

Mark 14. 16, Luke 3. 21
Row
1st & 2nd Winter Green 3rd & 4th
Ben Davis
5th & 6th Fye Red Sargent

1 1/2 & 3rd Third Safe 2nd Rambo L. S.
Pier main

6th Row
1st & 2nd Black Cornell 3rd & 4th Fall Green
6" 6" Washington

7th Row
5th & 6th Havens Black 4th Summer
Cheese 3rd & 4th King

8th Row
Rambo 3rd Winter Green
5th & 6th Ben Davis
15. Paul C. Garrett
12" roo, 1-9 Paul C. Garrett 10-15
Pine Beauty
13" roo Pine Beauty — 1-15
14" - 15 Pine Beauty 6-11 Maple
12" - 8 Black Apple
10" roo 1 Red Maple 6 Poplar
Decid. 5 - Yellow Lumber Twig
16" roo 1-2 Yellow Lumber Twig
5 – 13 Red Davis
17 roo 1-14 Blue Davis 15 Ponder
Lime
18" roo 1-5 White Pine 2 Hemlock
2-15 Red Davis
19 roo 1 Red Davis 5-12
10" roo 1 Red Davis 5-12
No. 3 - 15 Striped Frankm
16 White Winter Frankm
18" roo 1-8 Striped Frankm
7 - 16 H. W. Frankm
28" roo 1-17 H. W. Frankm
28" roo 1-16 Yellow Garret
28" roo 1-16 Yellow Garret