

# Here's the Plan of the Rainwater Clan

Genealogical research of Roscoe Rainwater  
Vernon, Texas

1972

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## MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME

----- Narrator, Roscoe Rainwater - 1966

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 Banks opened Monday morning, since 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 \$23.60 for gas. Distance travelled 188 miles.

We drove on to San Saba, where we visited with Bess and Worth 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 Gertrude and I with Myrtle. I told Myrtle we were going to spend 30 days with her - and incidentally it 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 Burleson's, whom we visited for about one and a half hours, and then on to Littlerock, 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 Lonoak, about 20 miles beyond Littlerock 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 Tartar. 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 Tartar 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 676-5910 - just reeled 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 we all had a good laugh over the incident.

After eating we checked back into our rooms and I gave Juge 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 Rainwaters' boy" I answered in the affirmative, when he then said "I thought I recognized your voice" and we must get together while you are here. He told me he would be out of town the following morning, as he had to hold court in Faubush, 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 Hobert Warner and asked for directions to Waterloo. After telling him whom we were his wife suggested that Hobert just take off and show us around. He had already been out to the farm and fed the cattle, and she 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 grand parents back of them; so she feels that this 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 Hobert starts talking, never stopped during the entire tour. Showed us his farms - at least four or five of them which we passed, then on to Waterloo. When the Highway was built it missed Waterloo and Cain Town. Waterloo all dried up and the only building there which remains from the Nineteenth Century is the old Waterloo School house - Hobert and I had our pictures made standing in front of the building. He showed us where my Dad and Uncle Johnson's store stood, also where my Grand-Parents Weddle's home place once stood - not there no more. 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 and 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 Hobert home and invited them to have lunch with us. But he insisted we have lunch with them, so we did. Our lunch consisted of Pickled Bologna, cheese and crackers, and soda pop. Some Lunch. Hobert 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 Patio, etc. home. Panel Ray heating in the ceiling - wall to wall carpets, Outside veneered 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.

Thursday 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 guy by 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 has four years to go on this term. Said he could retire on a very handsome annuity, but he would be lost if he did so; since he has no family, so will just keep working as long as he can.

The Judge then wanted to take us next door to visit with another Cousin - Dr. R. 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 whom needed immediate attention.

Lots of folks were brought back 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 1814. Also, the Will he made and was Probated after his death in 1827. Also, found Dad & Mother's marriage License dated January 11th, 1866. Judge Tartar examined it and remarked "Your dad must have been a very prominent citizen when he bought that License; since they did not require him to file a bond with it." All others appeared with a bond attached, which was the usual custom. Also, while rumaging 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 10:00, 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 on 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. I introduced myself and asked her 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 hers and invited us to go by and visit him. ~~Remembering our directions~~ I told her Judge Tartar is also my cousin, so I guess she and I are kinfolks. 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 customer 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 hear from him, so decided to stop long enough to visit a few minutes. Stopped at the first telephone booth in sight, but his name did not even show up in the Directory. Then looked for another one and rang - no answer. So decided to eat lunch, then look for the Judges office. However, when we stopped at a cafe for lunch and turned in our order I looked around for some one who looked like a real native of the burg - 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 1950" he told me. Then he told me he had written me 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) My letter was handed this man, Judge Phillips, by a daughter of Judge Rankin, and he had answered it. Well, he gave me James Bennett Spilman's address and suggested that I stop by and talk with him. However, I told him he did not answer his '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 SEMINARY \* WHICH IS REALLY some fantastic institution in size. Next, we drove on to Indianapolis, arriving there about 6:00 P.M. with a total mileage of 1,764 miles since leaving Vernon on Monday morning.

We attended Church across the Street from Cris' on Sunday, then Monday the preacher came over to visit us. Tuesday, shortly after lunch we left for southern Illinois, to visit Clois, Nancy and the children. We drove along the banks of the WABASH some distance on our way down, crossing near Lawrenceville. Had dinner at Gateway, some 35 miles north of our destination at Vienna, then on in for the night. Cris spent the night there with us, leaving Wednesday morning for Indianapolis.

Wednesday night Bonnie 'phoned us that Doretta died a few hours earlier, so we had Clois and family to drive us over to Paducah, Kentucky, to enpl and for Vernon at 10:07 Thursday morning. Our mileage up to Paducah was 2,038 miles, and with the mileage from Paducah to Memphis, Tenn, to Dallas, to Wichita Falls, to Vernon made our mileage approximately 3,000 miles for the trip. We reached Vernon at 4:30 P.M. Lost 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 Tuscaloosa, Ala. and we had a very nice visit with her. She got air 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 our mail was a postal card addressed to me postmarked CAINS STORE, Kentucky, dated April 1, 1966 - signed "Gertrude". On our way to Tick 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 hailed him and asked if he lived around here. He said he did, then I asked him if he knew Judge Roscoe C Tartar of Somerset. He also answered in the affirmative to that, and further added that his wife was a cousin of the Judge.

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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 we all went into the Post Office and introduced our selves 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 RAINWATER, and responding the man said "My name is Thunder and Lightning". S he 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-incidence. 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, MERTLE, if you haven't cashed my check yet, I still have that fifty dollars.

May 6th, 1966

To Mr. & Mrs. Clbis R ainwater & 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.

Mae 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

# Here's the PLAN

## OF THE RAINWATER CLAN

It is believed the name R A I N W A T E R 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 bearing 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  
 ROSCOE 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); Joycie (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).
- BARTHOLOMEW 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, Sarelida 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).
- ROSCOE RAINWATER (1883- ) Born 7/4/1883 at Waterloo, Pulaski Co., Ky. Moved with family to Taylor, Texas Dec 1890. Married Gertrude Caughron May 23, 1906. Taught school three years (1901-1904). Held positions as bookkeeper, stenographer, auditor, merchant, banker. In 1905 Civil Service Commission in various positions in connection with construction of the Panama Canal (1905-1909.) Deacon Baptist Church, 32<sup>o</sup> Scottish Rite Mason. Wife Gertrude passed away August 17, 1969. Children: R. Compton (1908); Cristine (1910), John Wayne (1913); Walter Eugene (1915); Clois Miles (1923).

BARTHOLOMEW RAINWATER AND CHILDREN

BARTHOLOMEW RAINWATER (1804-1889) Son of William (1774). Born near  
(son of Danbury, N.C. Came from N.C. to Kentucky with his  
William (1774)) 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.
2. Emily: born 5/17/1827. Married Alexander Eastham 9/1/1844.
3. Daniel M. Rainwater: born 11/10/1828; married Ann Whitaker  
12/14/1848. Ann Whitaker born 3/22/1829 - died 8/28/1898.  
Daniel and Ann had a son - Enoch.
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.
6. Susannah: born 2/12/1834. Married Thomas D. Haynes 1/16/1856.
- 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.
10. Polly: born 12/20/1837. Married Holbrook.
11. Ciota: Born 12/26/1838. Married John Elder 2/24/1859.  
(see letter under Items of interest from John Elder).
12. Sarelda Ann: born 12/9/1841. Married Alexander Chumbley  
on 2/6/1859. They moved to Whitewright, Texas in the 1880's  
and lived there remainder of their lives.
13. Josiah W.: born 10/11/1843 at Waterloo, Kentucky. Moved  
to Taylor, Texas Dec 1890; moved to Vernon, Texas 1907. Died  
March 16, 1934. Married 1/11/1866 to Elizabeth Jane Weddle,  
daughter of Solomon and Patsy Weddle. Elizabeth Jane died 1943.

RAINWATER, Josiah Wilson (1843-1934) Son of Bartholomew and Nancy Rainwater.  
(son of Born October 10, 1843 at Waterloo, Kentucky. Died at  
Bartholomew) Vernon, Texas March 16, 1934. Left Kentucky Dec 1890;  
arrived Taylor, Texas same year. Left Taylor June 1907  
for Oklaunion, Texas, then later moved to Vernon, Texas.  
Served in Union Army. Married Elizabeth Jane Weddle,  
(daughter of Solomon and Patsy Weddle) 1/11/1866. Was  
farmer, merchant, Tax Assessor and Collector, School  
Trustee, banker, U.S. Census Enumerator, Master Mason,  
Deputy Sheriff, Postmaster, and Deacon in Baptist  
Church.

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. P. 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

Minnie: born 7/15/1885; died 7/15/1971 at Electra  
Texas. married John Brownlee 2/27/1908; John  
died in 1939. Married Tom Powers in 1955. Tom  
died in 1960

NOTE: Entire family were members of Baptist Church



CHILDREN OF JOSIAH W. RAINWATER and their children

Martha Jane born 10/24/1866 - died 1962. Married P.C. Rainwater 6/28/1893.  
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

Lucy Isidore born 1/7/1872 - died 1962. Married J.P. Aderholt 12/14/1892.  
" died about 1945.

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.	"	Jane 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	"	Chester Guyton
Ruby	"	Bob Harrell
Bess	"	O. F. Clark
Mary Adele	"	Don Smith

Cornelia

born April 17, 1881; died Oct 17, 1966. Married Al F. Gaston Oct 29, 1902. Al died Nov 1949.

Following children:

Louise	married	Charles Partlow
Ada	"	Percy Mason
Effie	"	Jim Moon
Edgar	"	Lois Waggoner
Bob	"	Louise
Miles	"	Madeline
Gayle		

Minnie

born July 15, 1885 - died 7/15/1971. Married John Brownlee Feb 27, 1908 - died about 1938. Married Tom Powers about 1955. Tom died about 1960.

Children:

Bob Brownlee	married	Lula Mae Garrett
Jack	"	Mary Engelhart

Roscoe

born July 4, 1883 - married Gertrude Caughron May 23, 1906. Gertrude was born Oct 19, 1884, died Aug 17, 1969.

Following children:

Roscoe Compton	married	Daisy Jane Rutland
Cristine MINNIE	"	Leonard E. Lee
Johnie WAYNE	"	MARY Katherine Barnett "KAY"
Walter Eugene	"	Georgia Isbell
Clois Miles	"	Nancy McIlhaney
		JANE

RAINWATER, Roscoe (1883- ) (Continued)

<sup>LALICE</sup>  
Gertrude Caughron Rainwater (1884-1969)

Roscoe Compton Rainwater (1908)

Daisy Jane Rutland (1908) (M1934)

Jane Ann Rainwater (9-29-37)

Joe White

{ Glynda Ann (5-31-1955)

{ Melinda Leigh (4-24-57)

{ Brynda Jane (5-6-61)

James C Rainwater (11-3-1940)

Margie Crane

{ Jamie (11-19-1964)

{ Stacey (8-31-69)

<sup>MIKE</sup>  
Richard C Rainwater (11-22-1943)

Cristine M Rainwater (12-5-1910)

Leonard E Lee (12/1923)

John Wayne Rainwater (6-29-1913)

<sup>MARY</sup>  
Kathryn Barnett (1919) (M1943)

Jerri Wayne Rainwater (8-15-44)

Mike McLennon

Lane B Rainwater (12-9-47)

Jan Dobbs

Walter E Rainwater (7-18-1915)

Georgie Isbell (M1946) 11/23

David B Rainwater (1-28-1951)

Sidney <sup>Isbell</sup>

Celeste (10-9-1970)

Paul E Rainwater (3-5-1955)

Clois M Rainwater (3-12-1923)

Nancy McIlhenny (M10-1-1949)

Randy W Rainwater (11-2-1950)

Linda Anne R (8-23-1952)

Vicki Lynn R (3-1-1954)

Kelly Jane R (5-6-1959)

Robert S Rainwater (12-12-1962)

FATHER  
RONALD  
BREX

THEIR  
MOTHER  
WAS KITTY

1 CHILDREN  
3 CHILDREN

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.

Solomon - born 5/9/1822 - died 3/21/1890; married Patsy Tartar (1822-1896).

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:

Elizabeth Jane - born Sept 7, 1847 - died in Vernon, Texas June 25 1943. Married to Josiah W. Rainwater on 1/11/1866. (Mother of Roscoe Rainwater).

Johnson - married Minnie Cain

Lincoln - married Lizzie Cain

Mollie - married J. L. Jasper

Galen E. - born 9/6/1843; died 1/10/1905. Wife was Kissiah F. born 1850 - died 1931.

Jenetta - born 4/3/1842; died 7/25/1908. Married Jacob Warner who was born 7/3/1834, died 11/19/1923.

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

Doretta - 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 (1736- ) Born in Surry Co., N.C., son of John, Sr. (son of John) 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 (son of James) (1765-1814) Born in Surry Co. N.C.; Moved to Henderson Co., S.C. in 1785. Had 11 children: 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 Hembre. 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 (1784-1863) Moved to South Carolina in 1785; then  
(son of Solomon, Sr) 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 (1812-1865) Children: Lemuel F. (1848), lawyer  
(son of Job Rainwater) 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); Fatsy; Susanna; Betsy; Sukey; Joycie (1806). Bought a farm west of Faubush in 1813 according to deed on record dated 1814 in Somersset, 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.

BARTHOLOMEW (1804-1889) Born Jan 20, 1804 near Danbury, N.C. Moved with parents to Kentucky around 1813. Married Nancy McLaughlin in 1825. Was a country school teacher. Died June 28, 1889. Children: Anne, Emily, Daniel, Samantha Jane, Sally, Susanna, twin girls who died at birth, Miles, Polly, Ciota, Sarelda Ann, Josiah Wilson (1843-1934).

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.

~~JOYDIE (1806)~~

WRONG

JAMES (Jimmie) (1816)

MILES (5/15/1818-1887). Born near Faubush, Ky. Married Frances Chaney. Children: Silas, Erasmus, Betsey, Terrell, David (1847-1871), Mary E., Fountain, Frances, Cotena, Sarah Ann, James (1855-1944).

PATSY

SUSANNA

BETSEY

~~SUKEY~~

WRONG



ELISHA GENTRY RAINWATER (1802- ) and CHILDREN

ELISHA GENTRY RAINWATER (1802- ) Moved to Georgia in 1812 at age 10.  
(son of Married Elizabeth Grant in 1820. Children: Ira  
Solomon, Sr) 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.

IRA SIMPSON RAINWATER Married Nancy Smith. Children: James, William, Oscar,  
Rufus, Fannie, Molly, Lena, Ida, Allie, Patience.

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.

CHARLES ALLISON RAINWATER (1850-1924). Married Cornelia Jane Veasey (1855-1893).  
Children: Josephine, Paris and others.

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 R; George Alfred; Nancy; Susanna.  
(son of William)

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); Ella (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.

PATSY (11/12/69) Died young. Never married.

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 Gosser. 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).

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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)

CHUMBLEY

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  
Bristow married Sue Campbell

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Copy of will of JOHN RAINWATER (1695-1777) Page 19
2. Copy of will of WILLIAM RAINWATER (1774-1825) Page 20
3. Reproduction of Family Records from Family Bible of BARTHOLOMEW RAINWATER (1804-1889) Page 21-27
4. Reproduction of Family Records from Family Bible of JOSIAH WILSON RAINWATER (1843-1934) Page 28-31
5. Letter to JOSIAH W. RAINWATER from brother-inlaw 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

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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 SURRY COUNTY, SUPERIOR COURT, NORTH CAROLINA

WILL of WILLIAM RAINWATER - SOMERSET, KENTUCKY

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 WHITELEY

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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 20<sup>th</sup> day 1804  <sup>Died June 23. 1889</sup>

Fancy M. Laughlin  
was born August the  
2<sup>nd</sup> day 1807  <sup>Died Jan 20. 1883</sup>

~~Births~~

Anne Rainwater  
Daughter of Bartholomew  
and Nancy Rainwater  
was born April the  
15<sup>th</sup> day 1826  <sup>Saturday</sup>

Emily Rainwater  
was born May the  
17<sup>th</sup> day 1827  <sup>on Thursday</sup>

Daniel M. Rainwater  
was born November  
the 10<sup>th</sup> day 1828  <sup>on Monday</sup>

Samantha Jane  
Rainwater was born  
January the 19<sup>th</sup> day 1830  <sup>on Tuesday</sup>

Sally Rainwater was  
born February the  
16<sup>th</sup> day 1832  <sup>on Thursday</sup>



June the 17.. 1840

## FAMILY RECORD.

### BIRTHS.

Susanah Rainwater  
was born February the  
12 day 1834 — on Tuesday

Two girls Born and  
Deceased March the  
13 day 1835

Miles Rainwater was  
Born April the 7 day  
1836 — on Friday

Polly Rainwater was  
Born December the  
20 day 1837

Giota Rainwater  
was Born December  
the 26 day 1839

Marelda ann Rain  
water was Born  
Decem ber 9 day  
1841

### DEATHS.

Josiah M. Rainwater was born  
October 11 day 1843  
on Wednesday

Galen E. Middle  
was Born May  
the 10 1829

J. E. Middle married  
H. Sally Rainwater  
July the 6 = 1847

Lucy Isadore Holbrook was  
born March 5 1860

Francis M. Holbrook was  
born July 14 1861

Nancy Belle Holbrook, was  
born May 1st 1863,



# FAMILY RECORD.

## MARRIAGES.

Bartholomew  
Rainwater was married  
To Nancy McLaughlin  
February 24<sup>th</sup> day 1825

Alexandria Eastham  
& Emily Rainwater  
was married Sept.  
the 1<sup>st</sup> day 1844

Daniel Weddle  
and Anne Rainwater  
was married July  
the 26<sup>th</sup> day 1846

Daniel Williams  
was married  
the 14<sup>th</sup> day December  
1848

## MARRIAGES.

John T. Allen  
was married to  
Emily Rainwater  
July the 6<sup>th</sup> day 1844

Thomas D. Haynes  
was married to  
Susanah Rainwater  
January  
the 16<sup>th</sup> day 1856

John A. Channing  
and Mary Ann  
was married  
the 16<sup>th</sup> day 1855

John A. Channing  
and Mary Ann  
was married  
the 16<sup>th</sup> day 1855

John A. Channing  
and Mary Ann  
was married  
the 16<sup>th</sup> day 1855

# FAMILY RECORD.

## BIRTHS.

John Perry Chumley  
was born January  
the 10 day 1860

James M Chumley  
was born May 7<sup>th</sup> 1862

Mailes R Chumley  
was born 27<sup>th</sup> March 1864

George A Chumley was  
born Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1866

c Nancy Jane Chumley  
was born Sep. 17- 1869.

Bartholomew Chumley  
was born Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1872

Robert Chumley was born  
January 12<sup>th</sup> 1875

Margaret Ann Chumley  
was born March 27<sup>th</sup> 1877

Lewis Milton Chumley  
was born July 8<sup>th</sup> 1879

William Chumley  
born June 12<sup>th</sup> 1883

Essie Chumley  
born November 5<sup>th</sup> 1886

## DEATHS.

John and Maria Eastman  
departed this life Decem  
ber the 4 day 1859

Polly Holbrook, daughter  
of Bartholomew & Nancy Rainwater  
departed this life, in Linn  
county Kansas, Jan'y 20<sup>th</sup>  
1865. — aged 27 years & 1 month

~~Bartholomew Chumley  
departed this life  
Jan'y 20<sup>th</sup> 1865. — aged 27 years & 1 month~~

~~Bartholomew Chumley  
departed this life  
Jan'y 20<sup>th</sup> 1865. — aged 27 years & 1 month~~

Daniel Weddle was born march  
the 14<sup>th</sup> day 1817.

Anne Weddle his wife was born  
April 15<sup>th</sup> day 1826.

Wm. S. Weddle was born June  
the 10<sup>th</sup> day 1840

Daniel C. Weddle was born April  
the 10<sup>th</sup> 1842

Nancy Jane Weddle was born  
May 31<sup>st</sup> day 1844

Francis Marion Weddle was born  
June 12<sup>th</sup> 1847

Joseph Milton Weddle was born  
Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1848

Sarah Ellen Weddle was born  
February 24<sup>th</sup> day 1850

John Perry Weddle was born  
February the 6<sup>th</sup> day 1852

James Madison Weddle was born  
January 12<sup>th</sup> day 1854

Willard Fitmore ~~weddle~~ was born  
July the 3<sup>rd</sup> day 1856

Bartholomew Franklin Weddle  
was born November 13<sup>th</sup> day 1857

1 Martha C. Weddle Was Born  
October the 16<sup>th</sup> 1848.

2 Mary Jane Weddle Was Born  
"May the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1850

3 George M. M<sup>d</sup> Weddle Was Born  
December the 14<sup>th</sup> 1852.

4 Miles R. Weddle Was Born  
April the 4<sup>th</sup> 1853

Emily C. Weddle Was Born  
December the 10 - 1856

6 Daniel F. Weddle Was Born  
April the 20 - 1859

7 F. B. Weddle Was Born  
Sept the 11<sup>th</sup> 1861

Leritta B. Weddle Was  
Born November 18<sup>th</sup> 1863

Madison Weddle Was Born April  
1867

E. C. Weddle E. E. E. E.

- 1 Elizabeth M. Eastham was Born  
July the 25<sup>th</sup> day 1845
- 2 Polly Ann S. Eastham was Born July  
the 8<sup>th</sup> day 1847
- 3 Zachary Taylor Eastham was Born December  
the 15<sup>th</sup> day 1848
- 4 Nancy J Eastham was Born May  
the 9<sup>th</sup> day 1850
- 5 Obediah Eastham was Born September  
the 10<sup>th</sup> day 1851
- 6 Lucinda Frances Eastham was Born  
November 27<sup>th</sup> day 1852
- 7 Susannah Eastham was Born October  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> day 1854
- 8 John Hester Eastham was Born  
July the 5<sup>th</sup> day 1857
- 9 Fidelity Isabel Eastham was Born  
February the 6<sup>th</sup> day 1859



# FAMILY RECORD.

## MARRIAGES.

J. W. Rainwater and  
Elizabeth J. Middle  
was married <sup>Thursday</sup> Jan  
The 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

P. Adersholt &  
Lucy Rainwater.

R. L. Luntrell &  
Donetta Rainwater  
was married  
Wednesday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>  
1892.

P. C. Rainwater  
and Martha Rain-  
water was married  
Wednesday June  
28<sup>th</sup> 1893.

C. M. Gossett  
and Nannie Rain-  
water was married  
Wednesday Nov.  
15<sup>th</sup> 1893.

## MARRIAGES.

Miles Rainwater  
and Ollie Cooper  
was married Wednesday  
March 16<sup>th</sup> 1898

Charlie Adersholt  
and Mollie Rain-  
water was married  
Wednesday Dec.  
27<sup>th</sup> 1898.

A. F. Gaston and  
Cornelia Rainwater  
was married <sup>Wed</sup> Oct 29<sup>th</sup>  
1902

Roscoe Rainwater  
and Gertrude Gage  
was married  
Wed May 23-1906

John Browlee  
and Minnie  
Rainwater was  
married Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>  
1908

# FAMILY RECORD.

## BIRTHS.

Josiah W. Rainwater  
was born Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1843

Elisabeth J. Rainwater  
was born Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1847

Martha Jane Rainwater  
was born  
(Thursday)  
Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1866

Vancey Frances Rainwater  
was born  
(Saturday)  
August - The 28<sup>th</sup> 1869

Lucy Gaden Rainwater  
was born  
(Sunday)  
January  
The 7<sup>th</sup> 1872

Dorothy Rainwater  
was born  
(Thursday)  
March  
The 18<sup>th</sup> 1874

Miles. Rainwater  
was born Thursday  
June 15<sup>th</sup> 1876

## DEATHS.

Died at Vernon Tex  
March 16. 1934 = 12.30 am  
Friday - age 90 yrs 5 mos 5 days

Died at Vernon Texas  
June 25, 1943. 11.15 P.M.  
Friday  
age 95 yrs 4 mos 15 days

Died 1962  
age 96

Died at Jay Lov Texas  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1942  
age 72 yrs 11 mos 5 days

Died at Vernon Texas  
1962  
age 90

Died after 6. 1966  
age 92 yrs 18 mos 21 days

Died May 20 1956  
age 74 +



# FAMILY RECORD.

## BIRTHS.

## DEATHS.

Mary Rainwater  
was born Monday  
April the 28<sup>th</sup> 1879

Cornelia Rain-  
water was born  
Sunday Apr 17<sup>th</sup>  
1881

Roscoe Rainwater  
was born Wednesday  
July the 4<sup>th</sup> 1883.

Minnie Rainwater  
was born Wednesday  
July 15<sup>th</sup> 1885-

Gertrude Loughron  
was born at Tyler Texas  
October 19. 1884.

Died in Calif 1967  
age - 26  
Buried in Vernon Tex

Died El Paso Texas  
July - 15 - 1971 - Buried  
Vernon - East View Cem

Died at Vernon Tex  
Aug 17 - 1969 - 3 PM

# FAMILY RECORD.

## BIRTHS.

Solomon Waddle  
born May 9<sup>th</sup>  
1822.

Patsy Waddle  
was born July 18<sup>th</sup>  
1822.

## DEATHS.

Solomon Waddle  
Departed this life  
on Friday  
March 21<sup>st</sup> 1890  
Aged 67 yrs. 10  
months & 12 days

Patsy Waddle  
Departed this life  
at her home in Pulaski  
County, Ky. Thursday  
Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 1896  
Aged 73 yrs. 7 months  
& 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 ritch 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 verginna. he lives with us. noboddy 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 frozed 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 minuts 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 shal soon all pass away and if we are prepared to dye we will all meete again whar we can enjoy each others society in piece.

So farewell for a while but we will meate 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. 1880

read for the 3 family & sold my cow  
 This morning 11:00 for \$10.00 that we  
 would sell and have and I hope these few  
 cows may make good feed for all well  
 against house we got out 100 lbs of corn  
 & 100 lbs of hay & I was not so fat  
 is a grand view the river & the other  
 than I ever saw my life in Canada  
 has in both good and all of the  
 children & even all 3 of them times is  
 very hard for a lot of money but  
 we have corn and wheat plenty but  
 no money corn was the best for feed  
 wheat was 100 cents bushel brown wheat 110  
 calico 12 to 15 cents per yard  
 I left hotel for last fall and moved  
 to Johnson too Kansas site on the  
 line between Kansas and Missouri in  
 at the corner of cars to me just  
 18 miles down the river house with

a good watered country  
 and as hot this country  
 as you ever saw is now it is a heap  
 better than Kentucky  
 I know the black look where  
 it belongs to and knows that  
 gave up the land till he of lat  
 and the people think it will  
 in the case of Kentucky and this  
 land is rich and you can buy a lot  
 for 1000 to 2000 dollars  
 now that has got for land and  
 stock would do well to turn it  
 in to stock and come out for and buy  
 nearly all of the connection in  
 that lived in hotel I live on what  
 is called the big blue river it is a nice  
 little stream and I can the best fish  
 when I please and that is pretty of the  
 is a good farm from a lot of men  
 from Virginia he lives with us  
 no body of his family but him  
 self in this country and he wants  
 me to still remain on his farm



2-5  
I gave him the third of what  
I make and his land is in the  
the low bottom and just as  
rich as can be old even is only worth 20  
for bushel and we have got fine  
crops of ~~potatoes~~ and ~~go~~ ~~more~~ ~~the~~ ~~even~~  
will be sheep we have had a heap of  
rain here this summer I lost all of my  
crop last year on the account of the  
grasshoppers I before it got ripe  
it froze and all the sheep and  
lost it all and they ate all of my  
wheat up but I have got five corn  
this year

The 1 day of September 1875  
my mother died she was well and hearty  
as ever now ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~her~~ ~~super~~ ~~and~~ ~~went~~  
to bed and about 10 o'clock she as I came  
and it seemed as tho she could not get  
her breath good and in 30 minutes  
she was dead just seemed as though  
she went off to sleep she was buried in

1200  
the country in Oregon had to be  
I still live in the Christian  
church and am trying to live the  
Christian life and I want to live  
so for me I shall do all I can  
and if I am prepared to give we will  
all unite again when we can get each  
other's society in piece I am well for  
a while but we will meet again  
give my best respects to all inquiring  
friends I am in the same old and fail not

So I must close  
I hope L. C. Eldon and family  
to P. M. Hammett and family  
father and mother all as

direct your letter  
to letter case to your store  
15-28-75

Bellevue

1st Row

1st Row Summer Fruit

1-6 Early Harvest 7-13 Summer Cherry

10 King

2nd row 1-5- Summer Queen 6-10 Black

Boughs Sweet 11-13 King

3rd row 1 King 2-12 Maiden Blush

4 (Fall) 13 Red Astrachan

4 " row 1-5 Black Amette 6-10

Early red June 11-13 red Astrachan

5 " row 1-2 red Astrachan Thinned

Fall Fruit

6 " row 3-11 Greenstee 12-13

Minions Sweet

6 " row 1-4 minions Sweet 5-14 yellow

Belle flower

7 " row 1 yellow B. flower 2-10 tender

Queen 11-14 Rambos

8 " row 1-6 Rambos 7-14 Early Queen

Winter Fruit

9 " row 1-5 Winter Fruit

10 " row 1-5 Winter Fruit

Small Fruit

1st Bartlett 1st 2nd Sweet 1st Concord

3rd Sweet Cherry

2nd Grape 1st Concord

2nd Golden Hamburg

4 Apple Tree row Jewell

3rd Cherry

3rd Apple row Heavy plum

4 " " Wild Goose plum

J. W. Linnwater

mark 11/17 3-13

14/16 - Luke 3-21

From H. L. G.

1st Row  
~~1st~~ 1st Horse apple 2nd Striped green 3rd Summer  
green 4th Early Harvest

2nd Row  
1st 2nd Maiden Blush 3rd Fall Green  
4th 5th Rome Beauty

3rd Row  
1st 2nd Winter green 3rd Ben Davis 3rd 4th  
Ben Davis 5th 6th Ky Red Street

4th Row  
1st 2nd 3rd Nine Sap 4th Rambo 5th L. S.  
Pear main

5th Row  
1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th Yellow Gem 6th Ky Street

6th Row  
1st 2nd Black Gem 3rd 4th Fall Green  
5th 6th Mistmellow

7th Row  
1st 2nd E. Harvest 3rd Maiden Blush 4th Summer  
Chase 5th 6th King

8th Row  
~~1st 2nd Rambo 3rd 4th Winter Green~~  
5th 6th Ben Davis



15- Rawls Garrett  
12" row 1-9 Rawls Garrett 10-15-

Rome Beauty

13" row 1 Rome Beauty - 1-15-

14" - 5" Rome Beauty - 6-11 Maxey

12- 5- Black Apple

10<sup>th</sup> row 1 13<sup>th</sup> Apple - 6 Roxbury

Row 11 - 5- yellow Limber Twig

16 row 1-2 Yellow Limber Twig

3-15- Ben Davis

17 row 1-14 Ben Davis 15 Ramada

Sweet

18" row 1-15 White (from 17-18-19)

- 18-19-20-21 5-15 Ramadell Sweet

17" row 1 Ramadell Sweet 2-12

15-16-17-18-19-20-21 Striped parmain

16 White Winter parmain

2<sup>nd</sup> row 1-8 Striped parmain

7-16 2<sup>nd</sup> St. parmain

2<sup>nd</sup> row 1 11<sup>th</sup> St. parmain 2-16 yellow

Garrett

2<sup>nd</sup> row 1-16 yellow Garrett

10<sup>th</sup> row 1-15-16-17-18-19-20-21

1<sup>st</sup> Row

No. 1 Nov 1-2 Striped

3<sup>rd</sup> summer 1-2 1<sup>st</sup> summer

5<sup>th</sup> row 1-2 1<sup>st</sup> summer 1-2

7<sup>th</sup> Full grown 1-2 1<sup>st</sup> summer 1-2

9<sup>th</sup> row 1-2 1<sup>st</sup> summer 1-2

11<sup>th</sup> row 1-2 1<sup>st</sup> summer 1-2

- 1<sup>st</sup>

J. H. R.

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6<sup>th</sup> Row 1-2 3<sup>rd</sup> summer 1-2

8<sup>th</sup> row 1-2 1<sup>st</sup> summer

10<sup>th</sup> Row 1-2 1<sup>st</sup> summer 1-2

12<sup>th</sup> Lush 4<sup>th</sup> summer 1-2 1<sup>st</sup> summer

14<sup>th</sup> Row 1-2 1<sup>st</sup> summer 1-2

16<sup>th</sup> row 1-2 1<sup>st</sup> summer 1-2