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Families of Williamson County Past and Present

EMANUEL M. ADERHOLT
By Frances Aderholt Smith

Emanuel M. Aderholt, son of Frederick William Aderholt (1800–1879) and Anna Baker (born circa 1819), was born in Calhoun County, Alabama, 9 October 1846. As a volunteer at age eighteen in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, Emanuel was enrolled in Company H, Sixty-third Alabama Infantry Regiment. He was captured at Blakely, Alabama, on the Eastern side of Mobile Bay on 9 April 1865 and paroled at Meridian, Mississippi 13 May 1865. Being a prisoner of war for a brief time, he received beatings he never forgot, and for which he never forgave the perpetrators.

Emanuel married Saphronia Elizabeth Stone (1851–1885) in Springville, Alabama, 17 August 1866. Eleven children were born to this union. Following the birth of the eleventh child, Saphronia died 26 March 1885. Emanuel married Amanda Jane Jones, a cousin of Saphronia, 20 August 1885. Of this marriage, four children were born.

Early in 1891 Emanuel sold his holdings in Springville and moved to Texas, settling near Taylor, Williamson County, Texas, in a little place called Waterloo, which was located across a little creek from the general store and post office operated by Josiah Wilson Rainwater. Here Emanuel operated a cotton gin.

Though Emanuel and Josiah were neighbors, and two of Emanuel’s sons married two of Josiah’s daughters, the two men never spoke to one another; the probable cause being that Emanuel had been a Confederate Veteran and Josiah Rainwater, a Union Veteran.

In 1905 Emanuel moved to Lubbock, Texas, where he ran a cotton gin. He later returned to Taylor, Texas, and resided there until his death on 2 July 1916. He is buried in the City Cemetery in Taylor. Amanda, his surviving wife died 16 December 1940, and is also buried in the City Cemetery.

Emanuel was tall of stature, with black eyes, auburn hair and a flaming red beard. He always carried a riding crop, and could be heard coming long before his arrival because of his habit of slapping the crop against his boot as he walked.

JOHN PINKNEY ADERHOLT
By Frances Aderholt Smith

John Pinkney Aderholt was born in Springville, St. Clair County, Alabama on 21 June 1871, the second child of Emanuel M. Aderholt (1846–1916) and Saphronia Elizabeth, Emanuel’s first wife (1851–1885) and the daughter of James F. Stone and Nancy T. Jones. Pink Aderholt came to Texas with his family about 1891, working as an engineer at the cotton gin, which was operated by his father, and as a carpenter in the off seasons.

He married Lucy Isadore Rainwater (1872–1963) on 14 December 1892 in a double-ring ceremony with Lucy’s sister, Dorretta (1874–1966) and Rhaza Lee Luttrell (1872–1972). Five children were born to Pink and Lucy, the first three being Joseph Walter, Esta Mary and Howard Wilson. These three were all born at Taylor, Texas.

In 1893 Pink Aderholt joined the Baptist church. In 1907 Pink moved his family to Wilbarger County, Texas, where he purchased farmland in the Waggoner Colony and built a house with two friends.

A member of the Oddfellows, he was a successful farmer, active in church and community affairs in and around Oklahoma, Harrold, and Vernon, Texas. John Pinkney Aderholt died in Vernon, Texas, on 6 July 1946 and is buried in Eastview Cemetery.

His wife, Lucy, passed away 12 January 1963 in Vernon and is buried beside her husband at Eastview Cemetery.

JOSEPH WALTER ADERHOLT
By Frances Aderholt Smith

Joseph Walter Aderholt was born in Taylor, Williamson County, Texas 11 November 1893, the first of five children born to John Pinkney Aderholt (1871–1916) and Lucy Isadore Rainwater (1872–1963).
Joseph Walter Aderholt and Dollie Annie Nichols

1946) and Lucy Isadore Rainwater (1872—1963). In 1907 he moved with his family to Wilbarger County, Texas, where he joined the Baptist Church in 1912.

After completing high school, Walter moved to Waco where he was apprenticed as a pharmacist. On 1 April 1915, he married Dollie Annie Nichols (1891—1975), the youngest of ten children of John Tyler Nichols (1844—1917) and Frances Jane Freeman (1844—1926).

In 1917 Walter and his wife moved to Dallas where he attended Baylor School of Pharmacy until the pharmaceutical school was moved to Waco. He was employed by the Wholesale Drug Company in Dallas, and later earned his pharmaceutical license, which he retained actively until his death.

On 5 June 1917, he registered for the World War I draft, but was never called to active duty. Through the depression years he made several moves throughout Texas due to hard times. He was the father of two children.

A faithful Baptist, he was a charter member of the Optimist Club in Sherman, Texas, while living there. A Master in the Weslaco, Texas Masonic Lodge, a 32° degree and Knight Templar Mason, Past Master, Past High Priest, Past Thrice Illustrious Master and Past Commander, he also served as Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star in Weslaco, Texas.

Joseph Walter Aderholt died 29 November 1982 and is buried in the Restland Cemetery at Dallas, Texas. His wife, Anna, preceded him in death on 19 December 1975 and is also buried in Restland.

WILLIAM AKE
By Ruth Cline

William Ake, Sr., was born 23 December 1790 in Tennessee. He probably also married in Tennessee as at least five of his seven children were born in Tennessee. His seventh child was born in Arkansas.

The 1840 census lists him in Madison County, Arkansas, with two sons and two daughters in his household. Apparently, his wife was already deceased by this time. Before 1850, he and some of his family moved to the Georgetown area in Williamson County, Texas, where he engaged in farming. Living with him were his sons, Joseph and Cashelton C. "Cash" and a daughter, Penelope. Later "Cash" married Margaret C. Tuggle and Penelope married Joseph T. Mileham. Not listed in William Ake's household at the time of the 1850 census enumeration were Melvina, who married a Mr. Smith and John J. "Jack" Ake and his wife, Jane, who operated the Ake Hotel in Georgetown.

WILLIAM AKE, SR.
By Christine and Joe Ware, Sr.

The Ake family came to Texas from Kentucky and Arkansas. William Ake, Sr., (1790—1871) married Penelope Cunningham. The surviving children listed in the Estate is the only information on John Jake and Penelope that has been found.

The 1850 Federal Census lists: William Ake, 59, farmer, $300; John J., 35, Hotelkeeper, wife Jane, 28, daughter, Penelope, 10; Joseph Ake, 27, farmer; Casleton, 24, farmer; Penelope, 15.

John Jake and wife, Jane Williams, built the first log house in Georgetown proper. Frank Nash sold his hotel to J. J. Ake in 1853. Penelope married Jack Steel, son of Moses E. Steel and Nep. Ake Steel. The Steel's were early bankers in Georgetown. The record shows the firm to be Steel and Sparks.

The other Penelope, daughter of William Ake and aunt to Penelope (Ake) Steel, married Joseph T. Mileham, Jr.
Josiah Wilson Rainwater was born and reared on a farm near Somerset, Pulaski County, Kentucky. Born 11 October 1843, he was the youngest of thirteen children born to Bartholomew Rainwater (1804–1889) and his wife, Nancy McLaughlin (1807–1883). He volunteered for service in the Union Army of the Civil War 5 November 1861 at Camp Woldorf, Kentucky. He was enrolled in Company “D,” Third Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers, and discharged as captain 10 January 1865 at Louisville, Kentucky. He received wounds at the Battle of Stone River and again in a battle near Marietta, Georgia.

On 11 January 1866, Josiah Rainwater married Elizabeth Jane Weddle (1847–1943), daughter of Solomon Weddle (1822–1890) and his wife, Martha Tartar (1822–1896). To this union were born seven daughters and two sons.

Josiah was engaged in farming and in the mercantile business in Waterloo, Pulaski County, Kentucky, where he served as postmaster and county tax assessor several years. Raised a Master Mason in Kentucky in 1867, he later served as Worshipful Master. He also was a census enumerator each listing from 1870–1910.

Josiah joined the Baptist Church in March 1871, and was active in church affairs until his death. He was a deacon in the First Baptist Church, Vernon, Texas, at the time of his death.

In December 1890, he sold his holdings in Kentucky and moved to Williamson County, Texas. There he settled on a farm outside Taylor, establishing a general store and post office in a little community he called Waterloo after his former Kentucky home. He took an active part in community and school affairs, as well as church and Masonry. He served on the local school board several years.

In 1907 Josiah Rainwater moved from Taylor to Wilbarger County, where he resided on a farm northwest of Oklaunion. He was a director of the First State Bank there from 1914–1927. He left the farm and moved into the nearby city of Vernon, Texas, in 1919. Here he made his home until his death 16 March 1934. He is buried in Eastview Cemetery, Vernon. His wife, Elizabeth Jane, died 25 June 1943, and is buried in Eastview beside Josiah.

ERNST GOTTLLOB RAMSAIER
By Ruth S. Parker

Ernst Gottlob Ramsaier (1862–1940) came to the United States in 1888 from Warmbronn, Wurttemberg, Germany. He had mastered the metal working trade in his native Germany and worked at it a short time in Switzerland before coming to America. Because work in his line was none too plentiful in the late eighties and as he was a versatile mechanic, he turned his talents into whatever was offered at the moment. He worked for several business establishments in Bartlett before going into business for himself, specializing in plumbing and metalsmithing.

In December 1894, he married Bertha Sdithke (1870–1961) who emigrated to America with the Jan Janacek family. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsaier were the parents of William who lives in Lubbock, and Mary who resides in Waco.

Mr. Ramsaier’s shop was located in the building that was used as the first mercantile establishment in Bartlett. It was in this building that Captain John Beetlett and Mr. Tom Fowler operated a general store. In Mr. Ramsaier’s business was found the largest and most complete stock of plumbing, roofing, sheet metal and tinners supplies in the area. He supplied essential hardware for windmills, cisterns, furnaces and similar...