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McILHANEY-CARTER

W.J.G. McIlhaney and his wife Mollie Carter came to Texas in 1853. He was born in Tippah County, Mississippi on May 8, 1839. She was born in Mississippi in September of 1844. James McIlhaney, his father settled with him on Rainey Creek, and they lived out their years until his death on July 30, 1904 and his wife died in October 1914. Both of them are buried at the Coryell Church Cemetery in the family plot. Of this marriage were ten children, and seven of them lived to be grown. James, Cordia, J.F. W.A., Ollie Lee, Frank B., and Ethel, and W.J.G. W.J.G. spent some time in the Texas militia. He was a member of the company that disbanded the U.S. troops at Camp Colorado in Coleman County. Then he served under Captain Hartgraves company in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1861. He was in the hospital for three months and was discharged and he returned to Coryell County.

W.J.G. and his wife took great interest in church affairs. He was a deacon on the board when the church building was being built in 1888. The building was built of cypress — money was scarce. W.J.G. was sent as delegate to the Sunday School convention in Dallas, Texas.

He served as a Justice of Peace. While he was serving he had a colored family living on his farm. The colored man beat his wife, so W.J.G. had someone go to Gatesville for the sheriff. He came out to the house to see about the trouble. In those days the sheriff carried a county map with him. He asked where the county line was and W.J.G. told the sheriff that the county line ran through the center of the house. It had two rooms. The sheriff asked which room the negro beat his wife. That room was in McLennan county so, they would need to get the sheriff from that county. The Coryell County sheriff got on his horse and went home. W.J.G. ran a store in a place called Walden. The old store building is gone now.

One grandchild, Cullen Davis, still lives in Gatesville.

W.J.G. owned property in Coryell and McLennan counties before his death. *T.H. McIlhaney*



McILHANEY-GIBSON

James McIlhaney was born in Ireland in 1795 and came to the state of Tennessee in the early 1800. He married Rebecca Gibson of Tennessee in 1825. They lived here until 1835 and then moved to Tippah County, Mississippi and made this their home until 1853 when they moved to Texas. They stopped in Dallas county, but in 1853 they bought 225 acres in what is now Coryell County on Rainey Creek. They spent the balance of their years at this place.

When they came to Rainey Creek they had seven children. They were: Margert, Cardine, Rebeca, Minevr, W.J.G., Randle. They ranged in age from 24 years down to 9 years old.