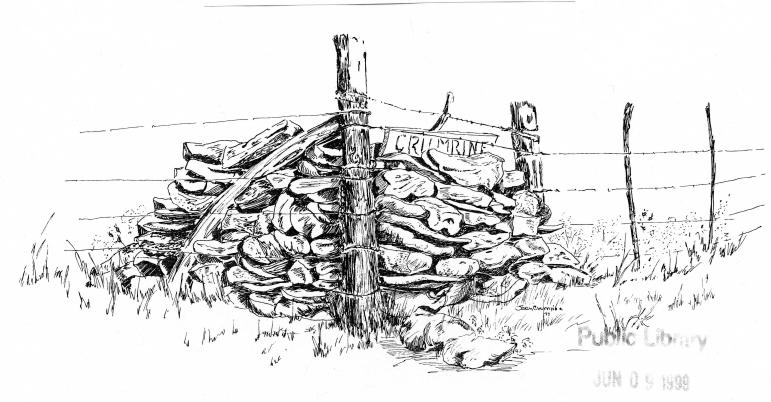
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FRED RAINWATER FAMILY

Fred Levi Rainwater was born on July 13, 1901 and died on January 25, 1969. His parents were Joseph R. Rainwater and Mary Mills Rainwater. He married Willie Marguerite McCutcheon (Whitson), daughter of J. E. (Pate) McCutcheon and Mauzee Goyne McCutcheon Whitson, and step-father O. E. Whitson.

Fred was a rancher and County Commissioner at the time of his death, having won election on a write-in ballot in 1956-1969. He was sworn in for another four year term a few days before his death. Marguerite, his wife, served out the term of office. She was the first woman commissioner of Hamilton County.

Their children are: Elva Jo (Judy), born

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on May 23, 1927, who married Emory L. Gamble (born in 1917 and died in 1954), son of Mr. and Mrs. Barto Gamble of Hico, Texas. Later Elva Jo married William F. Funk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Funk of Danville, Illinois. They have three children, Wm. F. Funk III, born on September 17, 1957, Beverly Carol, born on December 31, 1958 and Mark Sharel, born on

August 30, 1960.

The second child, James L. Rainwater, was born on June 11, 1929. He married Mildred Ermine Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Ellis of Hico, Texas. They have five children, La Donna, born on May 17, 1951, and married Gavin Pou. Two children were born to this union, Laurie M'Liss born on April 5, 1973 and Lisa Susanne born on July 29, 1974. The other children of James' are Nelda Jo, born on September 27, 1952, Peggy Jean, born on October 8, 1954, Dina June, born on March 8, 1963 and Carol Joy, born on December 15, 1964.

Marguerite Rainwater married Ray Haile, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Haile, on July 21, 1972. Marguerite has a dress shop in Hico and Ray farms and ranches.

Mrs. Ollie Haile was Dora Mae Lainy before her marriage to Ollie Lee Haile.