

The Family of Joshua Rainwater

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JOSHUA RAINWATER appears to have been the ancestor of most of the Rainwaters of Marlboro County. He was born about 1784 and ~~may have been the son of Richard or William Rainwater~~ who were early residents of the old Cheraw District. His wife, whose name is not known to us, was a few years younger than he. According to census records they had at least eight children, five sons and three daughters. They lived in the northwestern part of what is now Marlboro County, probably in Smithville Township. Joshua and his wife apparently died before 1850 because neither of them appeared on that census. None of these individuals has been linked to Joshua, but they fit what we know of his family from census records. No grave has been found.

I. SIMON PETER RAINWATER was born 20 May 1813 in Marlboro District. He was almost certainly the eldest son of Joshua. About 1832, he married Mary Jane Smith (Mar1812-22Aug1885) daughter of George and Martha Smith Smith. He first appeared on the census record of 1840 with a wife and four children, two sons and two daughters. A female age 15-20 was also in the household. On the 1850 Census Simon is listed as an overseer and the family then included six children. Two young sons had died during the decade. ~~He was probably the overseer for Andrew Jackson and Sarah Jane Grant because he was enumerated with their household on the next census.~~ On 5 September 1859, he received the deed for a tract of land for which he paid John W. Harrington \$1000. The land is described as "on Davis Branch lying on the south side of Telegraph Rd leading to Laurel Hill containing 198 acres. Said land is part of a tract of 290 acres conveyed by the Commissioner of Equity for Cheraw District to Calvin Smith on 16 May, 1844 and by Calvin Smith conveyed to me (JWH)". Simon P. Rainwater was the highest bidder (\$175) on a tract of land, acreage not specified, sold by Sheriff B. F. McGilvary to satisfy a debt of \$44.99 owed by David L. Smith to D. Mallory. The land was sold under a Writ of Fieri Facias out of the Court of Common Pleas in 1857. The deed was filed on 1 December 1873 and Calvin Smith resided on the property at that time. Simon and Mary Jane continued to live in Smithville Township until their deaths. Simon died 18 May 1895 and is buried with his wife at Oak Grove Methodist Church on County Road 203 near its junction with SC 177.

A. MARTHA RAINWATER was born about 1834 in Marlboro County. About 1852, she married Herbert M. Smith (ca1829-16Sep1964). Herbert was the son of James and Elizabeth McGee Smith. He enlisted in Company E, 4th SC Cavalry Regiment on 27 November 1863. He was captured and his horse was killed at Trevilian Station, Virginia, on 11 June 1864. He died in a prison camp at Elmira, NY, on 16 September 1864. On the 1880 Census, Martha's daughter, Saphronia Smith, was living in

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the household of her grandfather, Simon P. Rainwater. We have found no further information on Martha. We have a photo of Martha that was taken in Augusta, date unknown.

1. Mary Jane Smith was born 12 December 1854 in Marlboro County. She married Thomas Fletcher Bennett (12Oct1848-10Oct1910) son of John and Rebecca Welch Bennett. They lived in Marlboro County for several years but later moved to the Olympia section of Columbia where Thomas worked in Olympia Mills. Mary Jane died 23 October 1924. She is interred in the Elmwood Cemetery with Thomas. Their family is included with the family of John and Rebecca Bennett.

2. Martha Jane Smith was born 9 March, 1856 in Marlboro County. She married (30Oct1876) Charles Henderson King who was born in 1839 in North Carolina. He had two small sons from an earlier marriage. They were living near Chesterfield, SC in 1880 and in Mechanicsville Township, Darlington County in 1900. They later moved to Hartsville. Martha died 19 June 1938. They are buried in Magnolia Cemetery in Hartsville. They had four known children.

- a. Sidney King born about 1865.
- b. Smiley King born about 1867. (First marriage)
- c. Emily King born ___ Jan 1880.
Married Elisha Blackwell born ___ Apr 1875
- d. Thomas King born ___ Jan 1882
- e. Charles King born ___ Jan 1884
- f. Leland Hannah King (10Jul1891-4Sep1965). She married Dock Lee O'Neal (8Oct1885-19Mar1939). Magnolia Cem.
1) Kathleen O'Neal (4Sep1912-27Sep1987) Magnolia
2) Charles Robert O'Neal (11Jan1929-3Mar1930) "

3. Lugenia (Virginia) Smith was born about 1858. She was living with her aunt Ellen Rainwater Smith and Thomas S. Smith in 1880. No further record.

4. Sarah Smith was born about 1860. No further record.

5. Saphronia Smith was born about 1862. Her name appeared on the 1880 Census with Simon Peter and Mary Rainwater.

6. Caroline Smith born about 1864. She married W. K. Thomas. They lived in Red Springs, NC.

B. GEORGE M. RAINWATER was born in July 1836 in Marlboro County. He married Amanda Smith (15Aug1842-6Dec1901) in 1860. She was the daughter of Henry H. Smith and Eleanor Smith. He and his new wife were living with his parents in that year. About 1871, he moved his family to North Carolina where the three youngest children were born. After the death of Amanda, George married Mattie C. Milam (ca1857-24Jun1918) a widow with two grown children living in South Carolina. Her will indicates that she had loaned George \$1000 at 7% interest in 1908. The loan had not been repaid, not even the interest, when the will was made 30 September 1914. The will

left \$50 to George and excused the debt with the remainder of her estate going to her children. Amanda is buried in the Old Eastside Cemetery in Rockingham, NC. George and Mattie may be buried there also. George was living with his daughter, Addie Hall, in Roberdel in 1920.

1. Charles Walsh Rainwater (2Nov1863-18Dec1940). His wife was Minnie S. Tinsley, born in Mar 1870. Charles was a farmer and merchant in Hodges, SC. He was a member of the Hodges Methodist Church and had resided in Hodges for the last 52 years of his life. He is buried in the Hodges Cemetery. They had no known children.

2. Julius E. Rainwater (19May1866-15Aug1893). Buried at Oak Grove Methodist Church.

3. Maggie Rainwater born about 1869. No further record.

4. Mary Ada "Addie" Rainwater born 5 October, 1871. She married Wilburn Riley Hall (13Oct1870-11Jul1934) and lived in Roberdel, NC in 1920. Her father resided with them. She died 8 January, 1954 and is buried in the Old Eastside Cemetery with her husband and her mother. Two known children.

a. Manda Hall born about 1910.

b. George Hall born about 1914.

5. Henry R. Rainwater (1Jun1874-19Apr1895). Buried in the Old Eastside Cemetery in Rockingham.

6. George M. Rainwater, Jr born in June 1877. He married Susan _____ born in April 1877 in North Carolina. They were living in Charlotte, NC in 1910. George was not on 1920 Census and a George M. Rainwater, age 7, was listed as the step-son of Walter C. Morton.

a. Francis L. Rainwater born about 1903.

b. Robert G. Rainwater born about 1905.

c. George M. Rainwater, III born about 1913.

C. SON born 1835-40. ??? Died young ?

D. MARY JANE (Polly) RAINWATER was born 6 October, 1837. She was married about 1859 or 1860 to Hiram Wright of Chesterfield County. He enlisted on 2 April, 1862 in Sumter, SC in Capt. Hugh R. Garden's Company, Light Artillery, SC Volunteers. He died in Orange, VA on 25 May, 1863 and is most likely buried in a Confederate cemetery in Virginia. There is one known child from this union. Next she married James Brooks (25Mar1845-20Mar1871). James is buried at Oak Grove Church. Polly was living with her parents in 1880 with young Samuel. In 1900, she was living in Aiken County with her older son and his family. She died 31 August, 1902 and is buried in the cemetery of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Aiken County.

1. J. H. Wright (3Nov1861-8May1911) born in Marlboro County. He married Catherine C. (Kate) _____ (19Jan1860-22Jan1946) and both are buried at Mt. Pleasant Church.

- a. Bessie Wright born about 1884.
- b. Nettie Wright born about 1886.
- c. Pearl O. Wright (4Aug1889-26Apr1891) Mt. Pleasant Ch.
- d. Sallie Wright born about 1892.
- e. Nannie Wright born about 1894.
- f. Kate Wright (2Sep1899-2Sep1902) Mt. Pleasant Church.

2. Samuel James Brooks (21Jul1871-7Aug1942) born in Marlboro County. He was never married. He drove a taxi in Columbia and worked in Real Estate. He was living in Aiken County with his half-brother in 1900. He is also buried in Aiken County with his mother.

E. WILLIAM T. RAINWATER was born in 4 March, 1840 in Marlboro County. He served in Company C, 8th SC Infantry Regiment and was wounded at Gettysburg on 1 July 1863. He married Caroline Bennett (16Jan1844-19Mar1915) born in Marlboro County. She was a daughter of John and Rebecca Bennett. They were living in Smithville Township in 1880 but moved to the Rockingham, NC area between 1882 and 1885. William and his family were on the 1900 Census for Rockingham Township. Listed with them was a 7-year old grandson, Russell Shaw born in South Carolina. William was a Methodist minister according to the inscription on his grave marker. He and Caroline are buried in the Old Eastside Cemetery in Rockingham beneath a large oak tree. They had eight known children.

1. Kirby Lee Rainwater was born 23 December, 1867 in Marlboro County. In 1910, he was married to Annie Sinclair (ca.1874-6Jun1941) born in North Carolina. They were living in Wadesboro, NC, in 1900. Kirby died 2 January, 1935 and is buried in the family plot in Old Eastside Cemetery.

- a. Pauline Rainwater born about 1901.

2. Rufus Rainwater (16Jul1867-15Oct1971) Oak Grove Cem.

3. Jennie M. Rainwater born 21Aug1869 in SC. She married William Shaw.

- a. Russell Shaw born about 1893.

4. Mary Jane Rainwater born 30Jun1872 in SC. She married Arny Alden. No further record.

5. Sarah E. Rainwater 17Aug1874-9Oct1889). Oak Grove Cem.

6. Henrietta Rainwater born 4Aug1877 in SC. She married Claude C. Reynolds

7. Roland William Rainwater was born 4Dec1879 in SC. He married (12Aug1900) Sallie Margaret Dawkins born in NC about

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1885. They were living in Roberdel, NC in 1920. Roland died 22 September 1939.

- a. Bennie Rainwater born about 1902.
- b. Fred Rainwater born about 1908.
- c. Harold Bell Rainwater (20Feb1914-29Dec1983)
Married Alma Leach (-30Sep1992)
They are buried at Richmond Memorial Park in Rockingham
 - 1) Shirley Ann Rainwater born about 1941.
Married _____ Rogers
 - 2) Margaret Joyce Rainwater born about 1947.
Married _____ Shankle
- d. Roland Rainwater, Jr born about 1920.

7. Cora Rainwater was born 20 April 1882 in SC. She married James Howell. They lived in Richmond County, NC.

8. Blanche Rainwater was born 20 April 1885 in NC. She married John C. Culp. Blanch died in September 1981. They lived in Richmond County, NC.

F. JAMES T. RAINWATER (9Oct1842-12Jul1845) Oak Grove Cem.

G. JAMES C. RAINWATER (8Dec1844-3Jul1857) Oak Grove Cem.

H. ELLEN (Elvane) RAINWATER was born 2 September, 1847. She married Thomas S. Smith (1Jul1843-15Apr1905) son of Henry H. Smith and Eleanor Smith Smith. She died 8 May 1901. They are both buried at Oak Grove Methodist Church.

1. Della Smith (2Nov1863-9Dec1911). She married John G. Smith (10May1856-6Jan1894) son of Avender (Abner) and Martha Driggers Smith. Both buried at Oak Grove Church.

- a. John Boyd Smith __Aug1886.
- b. Gertrude E. Smith born __Jul1888.
- c. Rowena G. Smith __Aug1892.

2. Mary Julia Smith (25Sep1871-16Jul1957). She married Daniel Franklin Buie (21Sep1873-7Dec1963).

- a. Thomas Stephen Buie born about 1900.
Married Louise C. Burgess
 - 1) Julia Patricia Buie m. Roy G. McKinney, Jr.
 - 2) Franklin Burgess Buie m. Becky Lineberger
- b. Vera Shaw Buie (5Jan1902-20Sep1960) Oak Grove Cem.
- c. Glenn Smith Buie born about 1906.
Married Agnes D. McNair
 - 1) Eleanor Glenn Buie
- d. Bennett Frank Buie born about 1911.
Married Susanna Pierce
 - 1) Susanna Buie m. John Matthew
 - 2) Julia Buie m. George Steinitz
 - 3) Caroline Buie
 - 4) Margaret Buie

3. Alma Smith (1Dec1883-8Jul1924). She married James Frank Bennett (19Apr1881-14Jul1955) son of James Jefferson Bennett and Chelley May Lewis. Their family is shown with the John and Rebecca Bennett family.

4. Annie Evans Smith was born about 1888. She married Spofford C. Goodale born about 1881.

- a. Edith Goodale born about 1909.
- b. George Goodale born about 1910.
- c. Nell Goodale born about 1912.
- d. Annie L. Goodale born about 1914.

I. ELIZABETH RAINWATER was born 16 September 1851 in Marlboro County. She married Amos Preston Quick. She died 17 May 1896 and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. Amos' grave has not been located.

- 1. Ella M. Quick born about 1868.
- 2. Rutha E. Quick born about 1870.
- 3. Willie Quick born about 1872.
- 4. Roxena Quick born about 1876.
- 5. Josephine Quick born about 1877.
- 6. James Quick born about 1879.

II. STEPHEN RAINWATER was born about 1817 in Marlboro District. He was listed as a 33-year old laborer on the 1850 Census with Elizabeth, 38, and Caroline, 24, one of whom may have been his wife. Relationships were not recorded on that census. No further record has been found, although another Stephen born in 1864 did appear later.

III. A daughter born 1815-1819. No one found who fits this slot unless it is Elizabeth mentioned above. Presumably she married and we do not know her husband's name.

IV. JAMES RAINWATER was born in 1820 in Marlboro District. He was probably the third son of Joshua Rainwater. He married Laura Turner (ca 1820-1862). Laura's maiden name comes from the Death Certificate of John R. Rainwater, her son. Laura is most likely the Lurah Rainwater buried in the Old Ebenezer Church Cemetery who "died in 1862, aged about 45". She may have died at the birth of Nathan. James then married Annie J. Smith (23Dec1837-13Oct1909) a widow with one child, Rebecca born about 1862. Annie was the widow of George Smith and the daughter of John and Elizabeth Bennett. The census records are extremely muddled on James' family, especially in 1850 and 1860. Tombstone dates seem more accurate. James and Annie were living in Richmond County, NC, in 1870 and were back in Marlboro County in 1880. James

died 5 February 1897 and is buried in the cemetery of Oak Grove Methodist Church. Annie is interred there also. James was the father of twelve known children.

A. SAMUEL R. RAINWATER was born about 1838 in Marlboro County. His gravestone gives the year of birth as 1834, but the 1850 Census is probably more nearly correct. He married Elizabeth Bennett (1841-13Jun1909) daughter of John and Rebecca Welch Bennett. Both are buried at Oak Grove Methodist Church. Their family is included with the family of John Bennett.

B. LUCY RAINWATER (1843-1862) is buried at the Old Ebenezer Church Cemetery.

C. MOSES RAINWATER (1845-1862) is buried at Old Ebenezer Church Cemetery.

D. JOHN R. RAINWATER was born in 1848 in Marlboro County. He first married Sarah R. _____ (ca.1838- 1873) who is buried in the Old Ebenezer Church Cemetery. He was next married to Sarah Isabella "Sallie" Lisenby (1860-12Jul1914) They lived in Smithville Township, probably near the New Hope Methodist Church where John and Sallie are buried. John died 7 October 1918. Twelve known children.

1. Joshua Aaron Rainwater was born 25 July 1872 in Marlboro County. He married Annie Laurie Brigman (18 Aug1879-5Jul1968) daughter of Jacob and Laura Wilkes Brigman. They lived in Chesterfield County near Cheraw. Joshua died 11 December 1948 and both he and his wife are buried at Pleasant Grove Church on SC 9 about three miles west of Cheraw.

- a. Arthur William Rainwater (20Jun1903-5Jul1958) He never married. Buried at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church.
- b. John Gary Rainwater born about 1906. Living in Fayetteville, NC in 1968.
- c. Frances Rainwater born about 1908.
- d. Xena Rainwater born about 1910.
- e. Rosa Rainwater born about 1913.
- f. Elbert Rainwater born about 1915. Living in Cheraw in 1968.
- g. Ruth Rainwater born about 1918.
- h. Daughter born about 1920.

NOTE: Five daughters were married to Claud McDougal, Neal Turner, J.D. Summerlin, Ken White and Boyce M. Morgan.

2. Rosa Rainwater born about 1874. No further record.

3. John Murray Rainwater was born 21 January 1875 in Marlboro County. He married Charlotte E. Brigman (21Jan1882-30Dec1919) daughter of J.H. Brigman. John died 10 December, 1937 and is buried at New Hope Church with Charlotte.

- a. Nora Rainwater born about 1905.

- b. Robert (or Ray) Rainwater born about 1908.
- c. William Rainwater born about 1910.

4. Mary Rainwater born about 1877.
5. Infant (18Apr-22Apr1882) New Hope Church.
6. Allien Rainwater born about 1883.
7. Moton Rainwater born about 1885. Married Vera (or Dora) _____ born about 1887.
 - a. Gladys Rainwater born about 1906.
 - b. Robert Lee Rainwater born about 1907.
 - c. James Rainwater born about 1909.
 - d. Thelma Rainwater born about 1912.
 - e. Daniel Rainwater born about 1914.
 - f. Rufus Rainwater born about 1916.
 - g. Grace Rainwater born about 1918.
8. Ida Rainwater born about 1888.
9. Shady Rainwater born about 1889. Married Daniel B. Hatcher born about 1880 in SC. Living in Rockingham in 1920.
 - a. Paul Hatcher born about 1911 in DC.
 - b. James W. Hatcher born about 1917 in SC.
10. Maurice Shelton Rainwater was born 20 May, 1893. He was a Seargent in the US Army in WWI. He married Civila Crawford and lived near New Hope UMC where he is buried. He died 5 October, 1978.
 - a. Daughter: Mrs. Neil R. Seals of Charleston.
11. Wallace Rainwater (26May1896-21May1907) New Hope Church.
12. Infant (25Feb-1Mar1900) New Hope Church.

E. SARAH F. RAINWATER born about 1850. No further record.

F. PETER RAINWATER was born 19 May 1851 in Marlboro County. He married Harriet Frances _____ (1Sep1854-25Jun1890). His scond wife was Celia Ann _____ born about 1850. He died 18 December 1904 and is buried at Pleasant Hill Church. Harriet is buried in the Old Ebenezer Cemetery.

1. Hattie Rainwater born about 1885.
2. Harrison Rainwater born about 1889.

G. THOMAS RAINWATER was born in 1852 in Marlboro County. He married Lucy Ann _____ (ca.1860-9Jan1899). Next he married Elmira _____ (ca.1857-1920+). In 1900, they were living in Laurel Hill Township, Scotland County, NC. Thomas died in June 1912. Thomas and Lucy Ann are buried in the cemetery of Pleasant Hill Methodist Church.

1. John R. Rainwater was born 23 June 1881 in North Carolina. He married Almena _____ (12Aug1885-19Aug1942). John died 6 June 1934 and is buried with Almena at Pleasant Hill Church.

- a. Jennie Rainwater born about 1904 in NC.
- b. Infant (b. & d. 1Sep1905) Pleasant Hill
- c. Elizabeth Rainwater born about 1906 in NC.
- d. Peter Rainwater (1909-1953) Pleasant Hill
- e. Alberta Rainwater born about 1913 in NC.
- f. Nathan Rainwater (13Sep1917-3May1965) Pleasant Hill
- g. Thomas Rainwater born about 1918 in NC.

2. Zack Rainwater born about 1882 in NC.

3. Sally Rainwater born about 1885 in NC.

4. Viola Rainwater born about 1886 in NC.

5. Stanley Rainwater born about 1887 in NC.

6. Alden Rainwater born about 1889 in NC.

7. Mary Rainwater born about 1890 in NC.

8. Ellen Rainwater born about 1891 in NC.

9. Thomas Rainwater born about 1894 in NC.

10. Leeo Rainwater (3Dec1898-19Jul1899). Pleasant Hill

H. SILAS RAINWATER was born about 1854 in Marlboro County. In 1900, he was living in Wolf Pit Township, Richmond County with a wife, Ellen born about 1853, and a daughter Lillie, born in 1880 in North Carolina.

I. JOSEPHINE RAINWATER (1858-1867). She is buried in the Old Ebenezer Church Cemetery.

J. JAMES W. RAINWATER was born in 1861 in Marlboro County. He married Telatha _____ (15May1861-1Jul1928). James died 2 February 1939 and is buried at New Hope Church where Telatha is also interred. They lived in North Carolina until after 1900 and moved to Smithville Township where they lived for the rest of their lives.

1. Carrie Rainwater born about 1882 in North Carolina.

2. James Rainwater born about 1884 in NC.

3. Lillie Rainwater born about 1886 in NC.

4. Infant died in 1887, age 7 weeks. Buried at Pleasant Hill

5. Evander Rainwater born about 1887.
6. Andrew J. Rainwater (5Apr1888-12Sep1889). Pleasant Hill.
7. Ellen Rainwater born about 1890 in NC.
8. Anna Rainwater born about 1893 in NC.
9. Maggie Rainwater (29Jan1896-13Jan1955). Born in NC. She married Alexander Brigman (27Jul1894-31Jan1989). They are both buried at New Hope Church.
10. Mary Rainwater born about 1899 in NC.
11. Lula Rainwater born about 1901.

12. Vernal Rainwater born about 1903.

NOTE: A grandson, Simon Rainwater born in 1907, was listed with the family in 1910 and 1920..

K. NATHAN RAINWATER was born 12 August 1862 in NC. He was living in Wolf Pit Township in 1900 with a wife, Flora B. Coward (ca1872-18Oct1931) daughter of Henry and Isabelle Smith Coward, born in NC. They had one known daughter, Zollie born about 1903 in NC.

L. LIZZIE RAINWATER (24Jul1867-30Oct1887). Buried at Oak Grove Methodist Church. Lizzie was the daughter of Annie.

M. LUCY RAINWATER was born 17 February, 1869 in Smithville Township. She was married (8Dec1889) to Kindred Grant (1Jan1869-16Mar1941) son of Archie Grant and Martha Jane Williams. She died 19 August, 1936 in Richmond County, NC. Both are buried in Wolf Pit Township. They had ten children.

1. Ardsworth W. Grant (22Feb1890-21Jul1965). He married (15Dec1907) Minnie Cole. He later married Betty Dawkins.

a. Fairley J. Grant (2Feb1912-19Jun1985)

Married Edna Saunders

b. Joseph W. Grant (5Aug1916-11Jan1962)

c. Archie Grant (3Dec-17Dec1930). Child of Betty.

2. Lizzie Grant (23Jul1893-1993). Married Samuel Roller.

3. Lucy Grant (17Mar1896-10Mar1972). Married (19Aug1936) Eli English.

4. Annie Jane Grant (23May1898-14Jun1980). Married Carl Caulder (29Apr1922).

5. Martha Jane Grant (23May1898-__Jun1977). Twin of Annie. Married (21Jul1918) Joe Diggs.

6. Kindred Grant (4Aug1900-12Dec1954). Did not marry.

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7. Madge Grant (4Dec1902-29Dec1994). Married Frank D. Inman.

8. Nathan L. Grant (30Oct1906-17Mar1931). Did not marry.

9. Helen Grant (21May1909-8May1972). Married (1Feb1935)
Thurman Britt.

10. Vernon Everette Grant (14Nov1914-

V. Daughter born 1820-25. Could be Harriet Rainwater listed
on the 1860 Census with Joshua.

VI. Son born 1826-30. ???

VII. Daughter born 1826-30. Could be Nancy Rainwater listed
on the 1850 Census with James and Laura.

VIII. JOSHUA RAINWATER was born about 1831 in Marlboro
County. In 1850, he was enumerated with Wesley Quick as a
laborer. In 1860, he was the head of household with Harriet
and 8-year old Elizabeth. He enlisted in Company E, 4th
Cavalry Regiment on 12 January 1862 in Bennettsville. His
regiment saw action near Richmond, Virginia. His horse was
shot and killed in action on 11 June 1864. Joshua was
captured near Louisa Court House on 4 July 1864. He was a
Prisoner of War at Lookout Point and died 11 October 1864 of
chronic diarrhea at Elmira, NY.