

The Family of John and Rebecca Bennett
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JOHN BENNETT was the grandfather of Lula Jane Bennett who married William John Purvis. John was born about 1801 in North Carolina according to the 1850 Census of Marlboro County. He was married to Rebecca Welch, also born in North Carolina about 1812. Rebecca may have been the daughter of Matthias Welch of Randolph County, NC. An LDS record to that effect is at the Family History Center in Columbia. They lived in upper Marlboro County near the Oak Grove Methodist Church. John died during the 1850's and is probably buried in the cemetery of that church, but no marker exists. Rebecca died 15 July, 1886, aged 74, and she is interred there. They had seven known children.

I. ANNIE JANE BENNETT was born 23 December 1837. She was married about 1852 to George Smith (c.1835- c.1864) son of George Smith and Martha (Patsy) Smith. George (Jr) died in the ~~war~~ war. Annie Jane was later married to James Rainwater (c.1820-5Feb1897) who was probably the son of Joshua Rainwater. She had five children from the first marriage and two from the second. She died 13 October 1909 and is buried at Oak Grove Methodist Church with James.

A. Henry Smith born about 1853. He married Sarah Frances Driggers.

1. Martha J. Smith born ca 1878.
2. Julia Smith born ca 1879.

B. John Smith born about 1854. He married Amanda Rivers. Living in Cheraw in 1880. (May be the wrong John)

1. Carrie Smith born ca 1877.
2. Pauline Smith born ca 1880.

C. Julia Ann Smith born 2 October 1857. She married Jesse Able Keith (23Oct1857-23Mar1931) son of John and Elizabeth Polk Keith. Living in Steerpen Township, Chesterfield County in 1900. Jesse is buried at Harris Creek Church in lower Chesterfield County.

1. Charles Keith born ___ June 1878. He married Mary Caroline Petty.
2. John Keith born ___ June 1878. He married Sue Waters.
3. James Keith born ___ October 1881. He married Bessie Brazell.
4. Minnie Keith born ___ August 1883. She married Joseph D. Edwards. They lived in Chesterfield County.
 - a. Elmer R. Edwards born ca 1908.
 - b. Jesse D. Edwards born ca 1911.
 - c. Josephine Edwards born ca 1912.
 - d. Julia May Edwards born ca 1914.
 - e. William O. Edwards born ca 1916.
 - f. Etheleen Edwards born ca 1918
5. Agnes Keith
6. Fernetie Keith

D. Rebecca Smith born 20 June 1863. She married Matthew Broach. They are buried in Cheraw.

1. John Broach m. Marsha Rainwater
2. Jim Broach
3. Nathan Broach
4. Tom Broach m. Lucy _____

E. Martha Smith born about 1865. She married Jim Russ.

F. Lizzie Rainwater (24Jul1867-30Nov1887) Oak Grove Cem.

G. Lucy Rainwater was born 17 February 1869. She married (8Dec1889) Kindred D. Grant (1Jan1869-16Mar1941) son of Archibald "Archie" Grant and Martha Jane Williams. They lived in Wolf Pit Township, Richmond County. Lucy died 17 February 1936 and is buried in Wolf Pit Township as is Kindred. They had ten children.

1. Ardsworth W. Grant (22Sep1890-21Jul1965). He married 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). Son of Betty.
2. Lizzie Grant (23Jul1893-1993). She married Samuel Roller.
3. Lucy Grant (17Mar1896-10Mar1972). She married (19Aug1936) Eli English.
4. Annie Jane Grant (23May1898-14Jun1980). She married (29Apr1922) Carl Caulder.
5. Martha Jane Grant (23May1898-__Jun1977). Twin of Annie Jane. She married (21Jul1918) Joe Diggs.
6. Kindred Grant (4Aug1900-12Dec1954). Did not marry.
7. Madge Grant (4Dec1902-29Dec1994). She married Frank D. Inman.
8. Nathan L. Grant (30Oct1906-17Mar1931). Did not marry.
9. Helen Grant (21May1909-8May1972). She married (1Feb1935) Thurman Britt.
10. Vernon Everette Grant born 14 Nov 1914.

II. SARAH BENNETT born about 1840. No further info.

III. MARTHA BENNETT born about 1842. No further Info.

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IV. CAROLINE BENNETT was born 16 January, 1844. She married Rev. William T. Rainwater (4Mar1840-14Aug1909), son of Simon Peter and Mary Jane Rainwater. They lived in Smithville Township in 1880 but moved to the Rockingham, NC area about 1884. Both are buried in the Old Eastside Cemetery in Rockingham. They had eight known children. For their family see The Family of Joshua Rainwater, I, E.

V. ELIZABETH BENNETT was born in 1841 in Marlboro County according to her grave marker. The 1850 Census lists her as three years old. She married Rev. Samuel R. Rainwater (1838-18Nov1894) son of James and Laura Turner Rainwater. They lived in the vicinity of Oak Grove Church where both are buried. Elizabeth died 13 June, 1909. They had eight children.

A. George Washington Rainwater (8May1865-2Jan1927) He married Rachel Grant (13Apr1869-4Feb1953) daughter of Andrew Jackson Grant and Sarah McLeod Grant. They are buried at Mt. Olivet UMC in Chesterfield County.

1. Norfleet Whittier Rainwater (8Dec1887-28Jan1961)
Married Lizzie May Liles (8May1889-19Oct1918)
Daughter of John I. Liles and E. Phropheet Liles of NC
Married 2nd Ruth Grant
N. W. and Lizzie are buried in McColl Cemetery, Marlboro County.
2. William Rufus Rainwater (8May1890-16Oct1968)
Married 24 Dec, 1914 to Susannah _____
3. Henrietta Rainwater (19Oct1892-7Oct1968)
Married 24 Dec, 1922 to Willie Harvel Caulder
Henrietta is buried at Mt. Olivet. No known children.
4. Samuel Jackson Rainwater (23Dec1895-24Feb1964)
Married Mary Eunice Grant (24Nov1903-29Aug1977)
Daughter of Arthur Griffin Grant and Della C. Watkins
 - a. Vera Rachel Rainwater (1Dec1923-30May1991)
Married Fred Phillips
 - b. Samuel J. Rainwater, Jr (8May1925-
Married Marie McConnell
 - c. George W. Rainwater (17Aug1927-19Jan1970)
Married Juanita Brooks
George is buried at Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Bennettsville
 - 1) Kelly Rainwater
 - d. Edna Ramona Rainwater (13May1929-
Married Russell H. Hansen
 - e. Sylvia Louise Rainwater (4Oct1931-
Married Karl S. Ryser
5. Jennings Earl Rainwater (8Sep1901-15Nov1971)
Married Ruth Kirkley
6. Geneva Rainwater (10Dec1909-24Apr1979) Mt. Olivet Cem.
Married Elbert R. Turnage (30Dec1910-28Mar1960) son of Wade and Alene Wallace Turnage. Buried at Mt. Olivet.
 - a. Rachel Turnage m. _____ Taylor
 - b. Joseph R. Turnage

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B. Randolph D. Rainwater (Oct1867-20May1930) He married Julia Hatcher (10Aug1870-28Oct1898) daughter of Simeon J. Hatcher and Mary Jane Grant Hatcher. They had four children. He was next married to Julia Quick (12Sep1871-1938) daughter of Peter M. Quick and Malinda Grant Quick. Julia Hatcher Rainwater is buried at Oak Grove Church. R. D. and Julia Quick Rainwater are buried at Mt. Olivet.

1. Henry Rainwater born about 1893.
2. Miner Rainwater born about 1894.
3. Lizzie Rainwater (10Dec1895-10Mar1896) Oak Grove Cem.
4. Berta Rainwater (F) born about 1897.
5. Marge Mae Rainwater (16Dec1900-11Feb1959)
Married James D. Wright
6. Annie Estelle Rainwater born 1Dec, 1904
Married Lloyd P. Rushing
7. Lola Melinda Rainwater (26Dec1906-16Jun1986)
Married Harris Stafford
 - a. Richard H. Stafford m. Margaret _____
 - b. Sylvia Stafford m. Otis Polson
8. Rouse Rainwater (29Apr1909-24May1988) Did not marry
Buried at Mt. Olivet UMC.
9. Shelton Blease Rainwater (31Mar1911-2Dec1916)

C. Lula (Louise) Rainwater born May 1871. She married Henry Thomas Grant (9Sep1865-3Jun1938) son of Archie Grant and Martha Williams Grant. Thomas is buried in Grove Hill Cemetery in Darlington County.

1. Augustus "Pete" Grant (Feb1890-17Jan1992) Grove Hill Cem.
2. Cora Grant (Aug1891-
3. Becky Grant (Sep1892-

D. Alice Rainwater born about 1873.
Married (?) Alex Brigman

E. Samuel Rainwater born about 1877. Married Maggie (Martha) _____ (Oct1878-ca. 1901) Married 2nd to Keturah Quick (14Aug1875-11Oct1925) daughter of Peter M. Quick and Malinda Grant Quick. Keturah is buried at Mt. Olivet UMC with her parents.

1. Maude Rainwater born about 1901.
2. William Douglas Rainwater (21Aug1904-
Married Annie Mae Quick
3. Herman Rainwater born about 1907.
4. Bettie Rainwater born about 1909.
Married _____ Skipper
5. Samuel Peter Rainwater (27Nov1911-15Feb1962)
Married Myrtle Freeman
Samuel is buried at Hickory Grove Church in Marlboro County (Jct CR 55 & 204).
 - a. Richard Rainwater
 - b. Samuel Rainwater
6. Dortha Rainwater born about 1915.
7. Viola Rainwater born about 1918.

NOTE: Three daughters married Herman Bullard, H. M. Ballard and Perry Potter.

F. Laura Rainwater born about 1878. Married William P. Cox.

G. Thomas Rainwater was born 20 June, 1881. He married Annie _____ (1Mar1886-26Aug1962). They probably lived near the Good Hope Church on US 1 near the North Carolina border where both are buried. Thomas died 18 December, 1941. They had three children.

1. Lee Rainwater born about 1908.
2. Woodrow Rainwater (18Aug1913-23Jun1991) New Hope Cem. Married Pauline B. _____ (18Jul1918-_____)
3. Tracy Rainwater (22Jul1921-5Dec1983) New Hope Cem.

H. John Dude Rainwater (1888-1964). He married Callie Sweat (11Apr1898-20Aug1949) daughter of Charles Sweat. They are interred at Pleasant Hill Church on County Road 37 near the North Carolina border. Their children were:

1. Lendo Rainwater (14Oct1911-20Oct1912) Pleasant Hill Cem.
2. Sadie Rainwater born about 1914. Married _____ Leviner
3. Zena May Rainwater (4Mar1916-10Oct1928) Pleasant Hill Cem.
4. Lizzie Rainwater born about 1918.
5. Wallace Rainwater born about 1920. Married Thelma Quick
6. Monnie Cecil Rainwater (_____ -12Mar1994) Pleasant Hill Married
 - a. Larry Rainwater
 - b. Cecil Rainwater, Jr
 - c. Loretta Rainwater
 - d. Sadie Rainwater m. _____ Leviner
7. Eary Rainwater m. _____ Campbell
8. Ethel Rainwater

VI. JAMES JEFFERSON BENNETT was born 3 December, 1846 in Marlboro County. He married Chelley Mae Lewis (22May1854-21Jun1915) daughter of Wright Lewis of North Carolina. James died 9 April, 1917 and is buried with his spouse at Oak Grove Cemetery. They had ten children.

A. SYLVESTER BENNETT was born in 1872 in Marlboro County. In 1900, he was living in Wolf Pit Township, Richmond County, NC. He had married Rosie _____ born in April 1879 in South Carolina. They had three sons, Ernest, James and Walter. Rosie died about 1902. He later married Helen Diggs (27Dec1879-25Jul1975) born in North Carolina. He lived most of his married life in North Carolina, but he lived in Marlboro County from about 1906 to 1916. Helen Bennett is buried in the Eastside Cemetery in Rockingham, NC. He probably died and is buried in North Carolina. He was the father of 13 children.

1. Ernest Bennett born October 1893 in NC.

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2. Theodore Bennett (29Jun1895-16Jan1896) Oak Grove Cem.
3. James Bennett born April 1897 in NC.
4. Walter Bennett born May 1899 in NC.
5. Susan Bennett born about 1906 in NC.
6. Simon Peter Bennett (12Jul1905-1Apr1971). He is buried in the Eastside Cemetery in Rockingham, NC.
7. Mary Bennett born about 1908 in SC.
8. Kennie Bennett born about 1910 in SC.
9. Charlie Bennett (18Jan1912-29May1943) Eastside Cemetery.
10. Bettie Bennett born about 1914 in SC.
11. Amos Bennett born & died 5 January, 1916 in SC.
12. Wilma Bennett born about 1918 in NC.
13. Robert M. Bennett (31Oct1923-22Dec1978) Eastside Cem.

B. CARRIE BENNETT born about 1875 in Marlboro County.

C. JAMES FRANK BENNETT was born in May 1879 in Marlboro County. He married Alma E. Smith (1Dec1883-8May1924). She was the daughter of Thomas S. and Ellen Rainwater Smith. He lived in Cheraw much of his life. He died in Cheraw at the home of his son on 14 July, 1955. He and his wife are interred at Oak Grove Church in Marlboro County.

1. Russell Evans Bennett was born 20 November, 1902. He was married to Mary Ella Gandy (2Sep1905-19Aug1986). He was an officer in several auto dealerships and banks. He served as mayor of Cheraw for 14 years. He died 19 July, 1972 and is buried in Old St. David's Cemetery. Mary Ella was also buried there.

2. Lottie Bennett was born about 1919.

D. WILLIE BENNETT born and died 2 May, 1882. Oak Grove Cem.

E. CALVIN LUTHER BENNETT was born 5 September 1886. He married Nancy Creech (27Aug1886-24Nov1950). Calvin died 15 April 1948. He and Nancy are buried at Old St. David's Church in Cheraw.

1. Benjamin Franklin Bennett (25Nov1913-12Apr1883)
 2. Joe (?) Bennett (1920-1924) Old St. David's Cem.
 3. Lucile Bennett (11Dec1924-25Sep1982) St. David's
- Married Frank Abbert Jones (9Nov1918-25Sep1979) "

F. MITTIE BENNETT (28Nov1885-2Dec1888) Oak Grove Cem.

G. SALLIE J. BENNETT was born 13 June 1886. She married J. D. Pond. The 1910 Census shows two grand-daughters living in the home of James Bennett. Sallie died 8 May 1905 and is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery.

1. Nella Pond born about 1904.
2. Lollie Pond born about 1905.

H. Infant daughter born and died in June 1886. Twin (?) of Sallie.

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I. LAWTON BENNETT was born in October 1891. He was married to Minnie _____ and living in Pamplico, SC in 1920.
1. Mildred Bennett born in 1920.

J. MARY BENNETT was born in October 1895. No record after the 1910 Census.

VII. THOMAS FLETCHER BENNETT was born 12 October, 1848 in Marlboro County. He married Mary Jane Smith (12Dec1854-23Oct1924) daughter of Herbert Smith and Martha Rainwater Smith. Their early married life was spent in Marlboro County. They moved to the Olympia section of Columbia where they lived during their later years. Thomas died 10 October 1910 and was interred in Elmwood Cemetery in Columbia. Mary Jane was later buried there. They had eleven children.

A. LULA JANE BENNETT was born 29 February 1872. She married William John Purvis (28Aug1866-9May1918) son of Stephen David Purvis and Effie Freeman Purvis. Lula Jane Purvis died 11 May 1917 and is buried in th Olympia Cemetery in Columbia. Their family and descendants are included with the section on John "Jack" Purvis.

B. ALEXANDER S. BENNETT was born 9 October 1873 in Marlboro County. He married Ollie Queen (8Sep1887-1Mar1973). Alex died 19 June 1932. He and Ollie are interred in Elmwood Cemetery in Columbia.

1. Gladys Bennett born about 1905. She married R. Talmadge Haynes.
2. Lillian Bennett born about 1907. Living in 1973. She did not marry.
3. Thomas Fletcher Bennett born about 1909. He married Ethel Barber. Tom was not living in 1973.
 - a. Brian Butler Bennett
4. Mary Bennett born about 1911. She married Hub E. Harling.
5. Lucy M. Bennett born about 1914. She married Robert Whitmire. She later married M. E. Robbins.
 - a. Robert Whitmire, Jr.
 - b. Karen Whitmire
6. Thelma Bennett born about 1915. She married Nick Sayers. She later married Jessie D. Taylor.

C. JOHN HERBERT BENNETT (20Mar1875-20Jun1876)

D. BESSIE BENNETT (29Mar1877-2May1877)

E. THOMAS SMITH BENNETT was born 21 April 1878 in Marlboro County. He married Hattie M. Randall. He was married next to Alice Wilson Eddings (1887-May1966). Thomas was connected with Pacific Mills for about 50 years. He was a member of Southside Baptist church and Mahogany Lodge W.O.W. They lived at 505 Georgia Street in the Olympia section of Columbia. Thomas died 24 July 1950 and is interred in the Elmwood Cemetery. Alice is also buried there.

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1. Dorothy Bennett born 14 November 1911.
Married (16Jan1944) Robert Walton Short (20Oct1917-
a. Dorothy E. Short (14Aug1946- m. Daniel Outlaw
1) Diane Michelle Outlaw (2Feb1972-
2) Melissa Daniele Outlaw (31Dec1976-
3) Michael David Outlaw (13Apr1988-
b. Robert W. Short, Jr (31May1953-
2. Thomas Jackson "Jack" Bennett born 14 June 1915. He was
married (6Mar1937) to Veo Darcas Derrick born 26 Jan 1918
Jack died 10 May 1995 and is buried at Celestial Memorial
Gardens.
a. Thomas J. Bennett, Jr born 13 Feb 1940
Married (15Feb1962) Ruth Ardella Porter b.4Sep1941
1) Amanda Ruth Bennett (19Feb1964-
Married (31Jul1984) Dale Adrian Halacka (21May1965-
2) David Thomas Bennett (21Mar1967-
3) Michelle Lee Bennett (15Jul1969-
Married (29Apr1990) Joseph E. Leitner (3Sep1969-
4) Jonathan Clay Bennett (21Oct1972-
Married (11Sep1991) Angela Marie Holovacko
5) Rachel Lauren Bennett (28Nov1978-
b. Barbara Jane Bennett born 17 Sep 1941.
Married (9Oct1960) Raymon B. Brown b. 2 Oct 1936.
1) Gerald Allen Brown (6Jul1963-
2) Charles Steven Brown (18Aug1967-
c. George Douglas Bennett born 11 Ay 1944.
Married (2Jul1971) Sharon J. Davidson b. 4 Feb 1951
d. Veo Janet Bennett born 24 Mar 1948.
Married (12Apr1969) Forest S. Dekle b. 10 Jul 1948
1) Tara Leigh Dekle (13Apr1972-
2) Christopher Lee Dekle (24Mar1976-
Married Henry C. Hager III b. 7 Mar 1949.
3) Henry Arthur Hager
4) Tiffany Michelle Hager
e. Ernest Reed Bennett born 3 Nov 1951.
Married (24Jun1978) Susan Diane Thompson (20 May 1957-
3. George Bennett born about 1917. Died at age four.
4. James William Harbert Bennett born 5 March 1922.
Married Reesie Linton (21Nov1923-
a. Shirley Jean Bennett (3Dec1948-
b. Wanda June Bennett (26Apr1950-
c. Donald Joseph Bennett (7Nov1953-

F. HENRY PRESSLEY BENNETT was born 9 December 1879 in Marlboro County. He married Daisy Sanders born about 1885 in North Carolina. Henry was a Baptist preacher and one of the churches that he served was Beaver Creek Baptist Church near Heath Springs in Lancaster County. He is buried there.

1. Henry P. Bennett, Jr born about 1912.
2. Ruth Bennett born about 1916.
Married _____ Warren.
3. Kathleen Bennett born about 1918.
Married _____ Barr.
4. Mary Helen Bennett born about 1921.

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Married _____ Acker.

G. Infant daughter (13Apr1882-18Jun1882)

H. GEORGE MORRIS BENNETT was born 3 June1883 in Marlboro County. He married Callie Bradley (9Feb1885-10Aug1918) daughter of James T. and Lella Johnson Bradley. Callie is buried in Lancaster County. He was married second to Beulah Outen (30Dec1896-6Nov1979). He was living in Charlotte, NC in 1950. George is buried in Kershaw.

1. Clyde Bennett (10Dec1910-__Aug1925)

2. Elsie Bennett (11Oct1911-

Married Pink Beam

a. Iris Beam

b. Thomas Beam

3. Louise Bennett (Feb1916-

Married Floyd Helton

a. Floyd Bennett Helton

4. Juanita Bennett (22Apr1922-

Married Walter Smith

a. Ann Smith (4Aug1943

b. Judy Smith (14Jan1947

c. Richard Smith (4Jan1951

d. Craig Smith (15Oct1952

e. Melody Smith (28May1959

5. Frances Bennett (4Aug1925

Married Martin J. Setter

a. Jimmy Setter (8Dec1951

b. Michael Setter (31Jul1958

c. Barbara Setter (23Jul1959

6. Peggy Bennett (23Aug1928

Married Jack Belk

a. Donnie Belk (19Jan1954

b. Lynn Belk (15Apr1956

c. Tammie Belk (10Sep1959

d. Kelly Belk (15Nov1961

e. Elaine Belk (21Sep1964

7. George M. Bennett, Jr (21Dec1929

Married Adeline Molino

a. Allen Bennett

b. George M. Bennett, III

c. Richard Bennett

d. Lynn Bennett

e. Susan Bennett

8. Richard Bennett (11Jan1931-

Married Arletta _____

a. Judy Bennett

I. MARTHA S. BENNETT was born 3 February 1885 in Marlboro County. She married Conrad Arthur. In 1950, she was married to George Robinson and living in Charlotte. Mattie died 26 August 1979.

1. Evelyn Arthur

2. John Arthur

m. Bertrude Bennett

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3. Edith Arthur m. George Buchert
4. Robert C. Arthur
5. William Robinson

J. MAUD B. BENNETT was born 27 August 1890 in Marlboro County. She married Ollen B. Fulmer. Maud died 10 January 1923 and is buried in Olympia Cemetery in Columbia.

1. Phillip Fulmer m. Mae Corley
2. Herman Fulmer
3. Earl Fulmer
4. Allan Fulmer m. Kathryn _____
5. Marcella Fulmer

K. JEFFERSON DAVIS BENNETT was born 28 April 1893 in Marlboro County. He married Lillie M. Krepps (14Dec1905-11May1973). He was living in West Virginia in 1950. He died 26 January 1955.

1. Willie Bertrude Bennett m. John Arthur
a. Evelyn Diane Arthur
2. Maude Lavina Bennett m. Morris Clayton Weller, Jr
a. Davis James Weller
3. Thomas Davis Bennett m. Rosemary Loss
4. Mary Jane Bennett Died as an infant
5. Dolly Jean Bennett (20May1927- m. Harland S. Hartman
6. Lois Blondel Bennett m. _____ McFail
a. James M. McFail
7. Hoyt James Bennett m. Roberta Wilson
8. Richard Morris Bennett m. Dolores _____
a. Kimberly Ann Bennett
b. Gail Bennett