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## WILLIAM A. RAINWATER

William A. Rainwater (Oct. 22, 1841-Jan. 23, 1931) came to Lampasas County in 1882. He rode the railroad to Copperas Cove, then came on to Lampasas by oxcart. His wife and children followed the next year, making the trip by themselves. They settled about 7 miles east of Lampasas on Mesquite Creek.

William was born in Alabama to Wesley and Elizabeth (Martin) Rainwater. He served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He was a Union prisoner held in Mississippi. He married Jeanette W. King (July 8, 1861-Mar. 31, 1932) on July 17, 1878, in Franklin Parish, Louisiana. They lived at Baskin, Louisiana, before moving to Texas. He was a farmer and rancher and died as the result of a stroke.

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They were the parents of eight children:

1. Sarah Elizabeth (Aug. 18, 1879-July 9, 1938) was born in Louisiana.
2. A son born in Louisiana who died on the trip to Texas in Copperas Cove or Belton.
3. Louis (Dec. 4, 1883-Feb. 1, 1960).
4. Martha E. (Mattie) (Apr. 30, 1889-July 30, 1968).

5. Mary L. (Aug. 5, 1892-1979).

6. Willie Baskin (Rainy) (May 31, 1895-Dec. 29, 1962). Their children were Forrest A. and Gladys.

7. Elijah Moore (Lige) (July 20, 1897-Aug. 8, 1962) was born in Lampasas County and lived most of his life on the home place. He was married to Lois Louise Hendrix (Jan. 8, 1905-Jan. 31, 1984) of Joppa, Texas, in 1937. They were the parents of two children: William A. (b. June 8, 1938) and Jo Ann (b. Mar. 30, 1940). Lige was a carpenter at Fort Hood at one time but he primarily farmed and ranched. Lois worked as a clerk at Stokes Brothers and later at Mullican Dry Goods until her retirement.

William A. (Bill) married Jean Carter, daughter of Joseph and Peggy Carter, on July 15, 1958. Bill and Jean had two children, both born in Lampasas. Jeffrey Glenn (b. June 16, 1961) married Angela Jean Reavis (b. May 14, 1963) on October 24, 1981, and they have two children: Lamara Jean (b. Dec. 4, 1984) and Justin Glenn (b. Feb. 4, 1990). Mark Andrew (b. April 19, 1968) married Mary Lynette Brooks (b. Oct. 1968) on June 10, 1989.

8. Name and place of birth unknown.

Jean Rainwater

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