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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-March 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.

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.
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.
8. Name and place of birth unknown.

Jean Rainwater

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