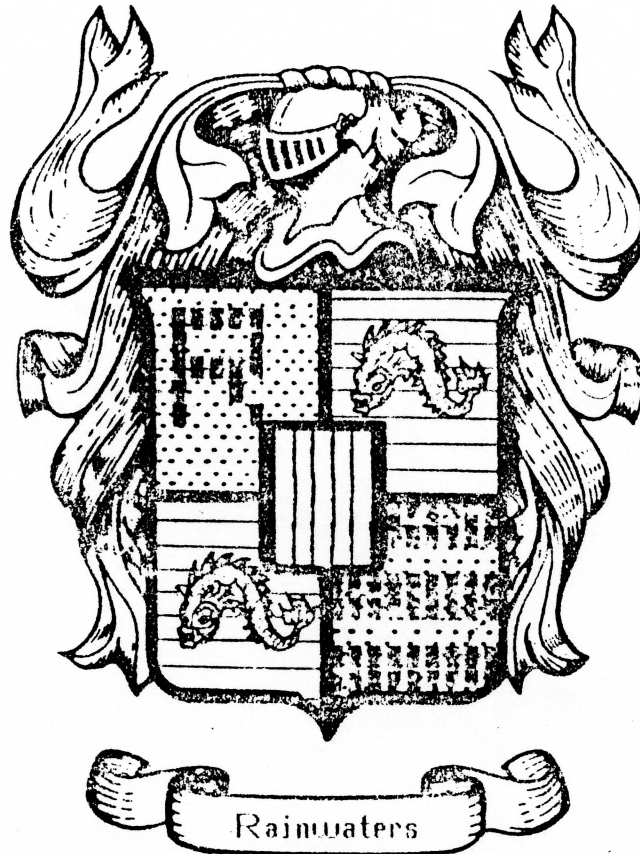


RAINWATERS



A FAMILY HISTORY
by
Richard James Rainwaters

A HISTORY OF THE RAINWATER(S)' FAMILY

The origin of the name along with the origin of the family is lost in obscurity. It is not even known whether the true spelling of the name is Rainwater or Rainwaters. My father, Earl Pat Rainwaters, said that his father always insisted that the true spelling was with an "s" and he in turn stressed the plural spelling to all his progeny. However, none of my fathers brothers or their offspring ever used the plural spelling. The entire family, except descendents of Earl, spell the name Rainwater. The Genealogical Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints records one Edward Jefferson Rainwaters, born 5 August 1888 at Waldron Arkansas, son of Thomas Rainwaters. The library lists many Rainwater families. Halberts, Inc. of Bath, Ohio, a heraldry research firm, stated that in 1972 there were fewer than 300 households in the U.S. with the name Rainwaters. Byron Huddleston, of N. Little Rock, Ark., after considerable research of his maternal family history, insists that his and my Great-Grandfather, Mancen Daniel Rainwater, spelled his name without the "s". His grandmother, Lydia, also spelled her maiden name "Rainwater". My ancestry has only been traced back four (4) generations to Desmond of whom we have no knowledge, not even how he spelled his last name.

Most people, upon hearing the name, assume it is of American Indian derivation. However, research to date fails to show any Indian connection with the name. According to the oldest members of my father's generation, my Aunt Grace Stark and my late Uncle Mike Rainwater, my great-great-grandfather, Desmond, came from Ireland with three of his brothers. Apparently this story was handed down by word of mouth and there is no way to verify the story to date. My late Uncle Mike also used to tell his son, Mike, Jr., that the name was originally hyphenated "Rain-Water" having been derived from two names "Rain" and "Water". My brother, David, met a sailor from Georgia during the Second World War named Rainwaters, whose ancestors came from Mississippi. The sailor claimed that name was originally a hyphenated British name "Raines-Waters". When I lived in Hamburg Germany in 1969, I was told that my name was an old German name "Regenwasser", having originally been two names "Regen" and "Wasser", later hyphenated with the hyphen eventually being dropped. However, in the 27 months that I lived in Europe, I found no evidence of the existence of either the German or English version of the name. I did, however, meet many people with hyphenated double names throughout Europe, especially Germany. It was common practice in the early days of European history for women from prominent or royal families to have her maiden name joined to her husband's sur-name with a hyphen.

There is evidence to support both an English and an Irish derivation, both supporting a German origination. There is a preponderance of Irish names in my family tree, such as Earl Pat, Mike, Desmond, Mancen Daniel.

Also, my father used to tell Irish jokes he had learned from his father, mostly about two not too bright Irishmen named Pat and Mike. One of their episodes remembered by my mother is as follows: "Pat and Mike were walking down a road when they saw a bird on a tree limb and Mike shot the bird. When they went to pick the bird up, they found a tree frog where they thought the bird would be. Pat said to Mike: 'Begorra, it sure was a pretty bird before you shot all the feathers off' ". According to the 1880 census, Mancen Daniel Rainwater was born in North Carolina. The LDS Genealogical records show a family named Rainwater living in North Carolina during this period and back to 1710 (John Rainwater, born 1710, Granville County, N.C.). The names in that family are mostly English type, such as: John, William, James, Miles, Abraham, Abram, Bartholomew, Enoch, etc. Since we have not found a link between that family and ours, it is possible we are talking about both an Irish and an English family. In support of the German connection; King George I, prior to his ascendancy to the throne of England upon the death of Queen Anne in 1714, lived in Germany as The Elector of Hanover. It is recorded that he took with him to England a large contingency of servants, ladies and friends. Perhaps someone in his entourage was named "Regen-Wasser". Also, it is known that Hessians (German mercenary soldiers) fought in the American Revolutionary War as well as in the Irish up-risings. Could one of them have been named Regen-Wasser? The country and western singer from Missouri, Marvin Rainwater, claims to be American Indian. I suppose all these theories leaves us with the choice of ancestry, so take your pick: Irish, English, German or American Indian. (or perhaps a mixture of all).

MANCEN DANIEL RAINWATER(S)

4/20/1832 - 12/22/1891

According to the 1880 census, Mancen Daniel Rainwater was born in North Carolina, April 20th. 1832. [The census also lists his father, Desmond and his mother as both being born in North Carolina. We do not know the mother's name and no further information about either Desmond or his wife.] The two oldest grandchildren of Desmond said that they heard that Desmond and three of his brothers came from Ireland and were separated soon after landing in the US and never saw or heard from each other again. This conflicts with the census report indicating Desmond was born in North Carolina, but then who can trust government statistics? The census lists Mancen's occupation as Blacksmith. Historically, at the time of Mancen's birth, the world was going through the Industrial Revolution; William IV, one of England's most insignificant monarchs, sat on the throne while the Reform Bill of 1832 was passed to bring about social reform and the beginning of democracy in England; Belgium revolted from Holland and became an independent country; Poland's revolt from Russia was unsuccessful; the US flag had only 24 stars and the capitol at Washington still had no dome; Andrew Jackson was elected to a second term as President following a hard campaign against Henry Clay; all of the United States except Louisiana was East of the Mississippi River, and a great spirit of adventure prompted young men to go west. So, Mancen Rainwater headed west, all the way to Arkansas. [He married L.V. who was born in Georgia in June 1942 (what the initials stand for or her maiden name is not known).]

SUSAN VICTORIA SWABBERTY

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The date of their marriage is not known, but their first child, Warren, was born 27 July, 1863, so it is assumed that the marriage was between 1860 and 1862. Their other children, in chronological order were Rosa Katie, born 16 August, 1864 who later married Jess Weaver and lived in Hot Springs. She died 6 November 1926 and was buried in Greenwood cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas. Rosa was born in Iowa. Lewis W. was born in Arkansas, 19 January 1871. He never married and died at age 41, on April 12, 1911 and was buried in Tranquil Cemetery, Hot Springs. Lydia Mary was born in Natchez, Mississippi on 23 March 1874. She married George Fulton on 3 November 1894. She died on December 4th, 1931 and was buried in Fourche Loupe cemetery in Arkansas. Apparently L.V. was quite ill for most of her life. The move from Mississippi to Arkansas was for her health. Lydia remembered her mother playing the piano on the riverboat on that trip up the Mississippi River, then up the Ouachita River as far as it was navigable. They settled near Rockport, just east of Malvern on what is now State highway no. 171. L.V. died on 19 August 1877 at the age of 35 and was buried somewhere in Arkansas. After LV died, Mancen moved around a lot, buying land for the timber, then letting the land go back to the county for taxes after the timber was harvested. He apparently repeated this process several times. The two sons apparently inherited their father's wanderlust, as they traveled around a lot buying and selling horses. Mancen Daniel Rainwater(s) died at age 59 on 22 December 1891 and was buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery near Hot Springs.

The progeny of Mancen Daniel Rainwater(s) is recorded in subsequent pages of this history. Much of the research for this part of the story was done by Byron Huddleston, Great grandson of Manson Daniel, to whom a special thanks is hereby given. Byron is 57 years of age and lives at 5006 Lakeview Road, in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Also a special thanks is due to George Brooks, great-grandson of Mancen Daniel, for his cooperation and research. I am especially grateful to my mother, Lacie Rainwaters, for her constant endeavors to find new sources and her willingness to run down all the answers to my many questions, and for supplying most of the pictures contained herein. This research is far from a complete history, but it is hoped that it may be a start to a continuing effort to find the missing links to our family's past and also serve as reflection of a valued heritage for our own progeny.

WARREN GRANDERSON RAINWATER(S)

7/27/1863 - 2/25/1917

Warren Granderson Rainwater(s), the oldest of the four children of Mancen Daniel and L.V. Rainwater(s), was born in Arkansas on the 27th. of July 1863, just 27 years after Arkansas became a state. The Civil War was underway which prompted the passage of the Conscription Act and the first draft of men into the Army in the history of our country was taking place in New York City that very month. Also taking place during the year my grandfather was born was the establishment of the National Banking System, President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and Gettysburg Address, Arkansas' defeat by the Union Army, and one of the greatest inflationary periods in the history of our country throughout the South (a cup of coffee cost up to \$5.00). Toward the end of the Civil War, my grandfather remembered seeing a troop of Union soldiers pass his house. He, not yet 3 years old, shouted "hooray for Jefferson Davis" which prompted one of the blue clad victors to pick Warren up, place him on his shoulder and carry him a distance down the road then put him down to find his own way back home. On the world scene at this time in history, Napoleon III invaded Mexico, Germany was being unified, Queen Victoria was on the Throne in England, Italy was being unified, Pius IX was head of Catholicism, an unsuccessful revolution took place in Poland, Czar Alexander II abolished serfdom in Russia, and Karl Marx was busy writing and lecturing in London. Warren grew up on a farm near Donaldson, Arkansas. On June 25, 1891 at the age of 28, he married 16 year old Sarah A. Clack, whose father, John Thomas Clack was "Bondsman" at the wedding. The officiating minister was James J. Swails. Three years later on 26 July 1894, Sarah gave birth to her only child, Mike Desmond, the name sake of his grandfather. Sarah died just one year later on Sept. 1, 1895 in Arkadelphia at tender age of 20 years. Sarah's younger sister, Naomi Roxanna, had just turned seventeen the year Sarah died. Shortly thereafter, Warren and Naomi were married. Starting married life with a year old baby, Naomi lost no time in providing a playmate for Mike. In fact, she provided seven playmates over the next 15 years. In chronological order, they were: Grace, Earl, Pete, Edith, Ted, Anna and Evelyn. After Warren married Naomi bought a farm about 7 miles SW of Hot Springs in Garland County where Highway 7 now crosses Lake Hamilton. Warren was a blacksmith as well as a farmer, doing hores-shoeing for the public, a business much in demand in those days before the motor car became so popular. Warren and his oldest son, Earl, butchered cattle raised on his farm and sold the meat in Hot Springs. Warren's younger brother, Lewis lived alone on the adjacent farm adjacent to the Hunkadorry Ferry across the Ouachita River (now Lake Hamilton). Before Warren's marriage, he and Lewis had gained quite a reputation as horse traders, having traveled around together buying and selling horses. Lewis had also gained a reputaion for his drinking habits. Warren al ways looked after Lewis, and would call to him every morning with a yodeling sound called a "nigger holler". Lewis would come out of his house, which was within sight of Warren's house, and answer with his own "nigger holler". After Warren had been away for a few days, he called out one morning

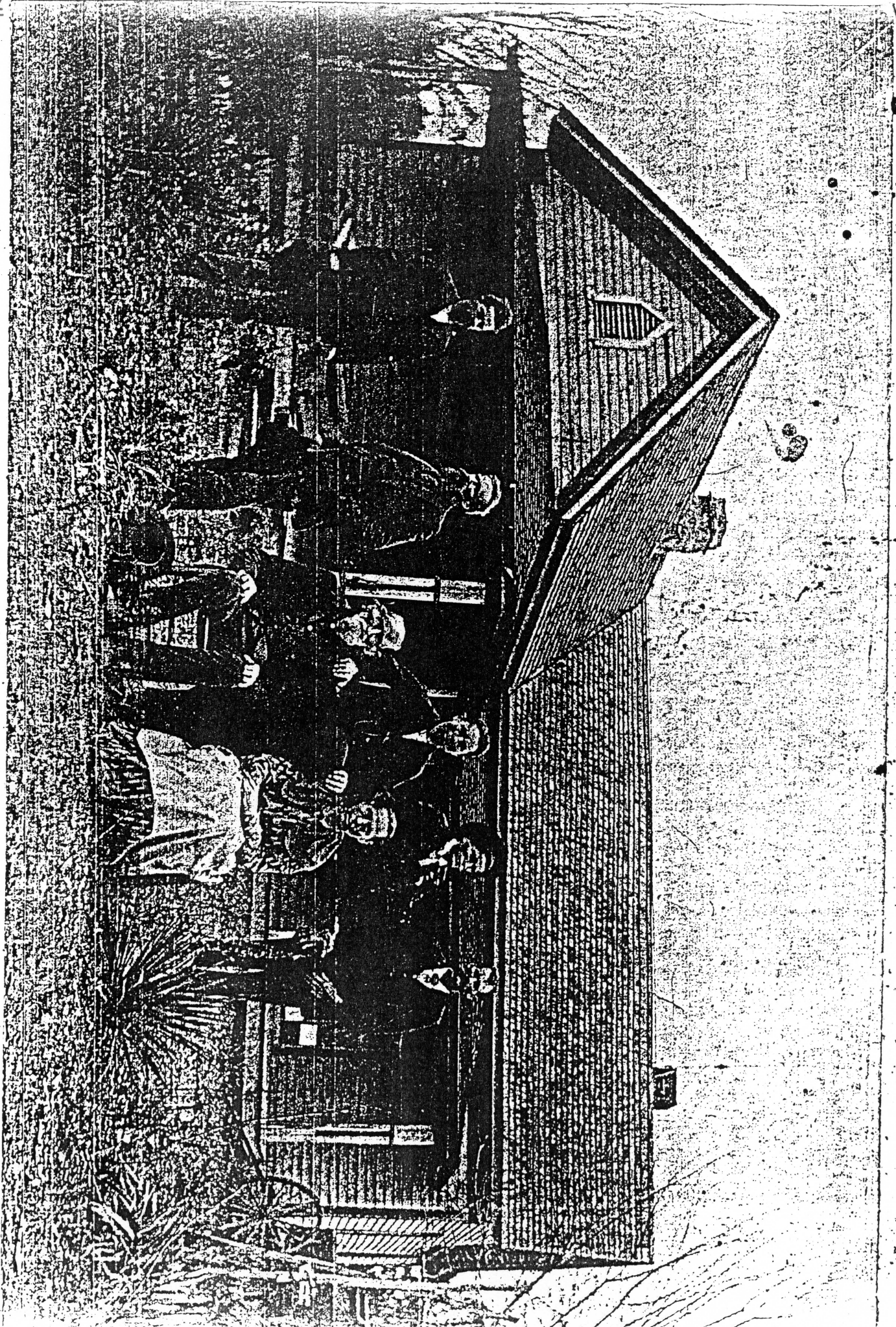
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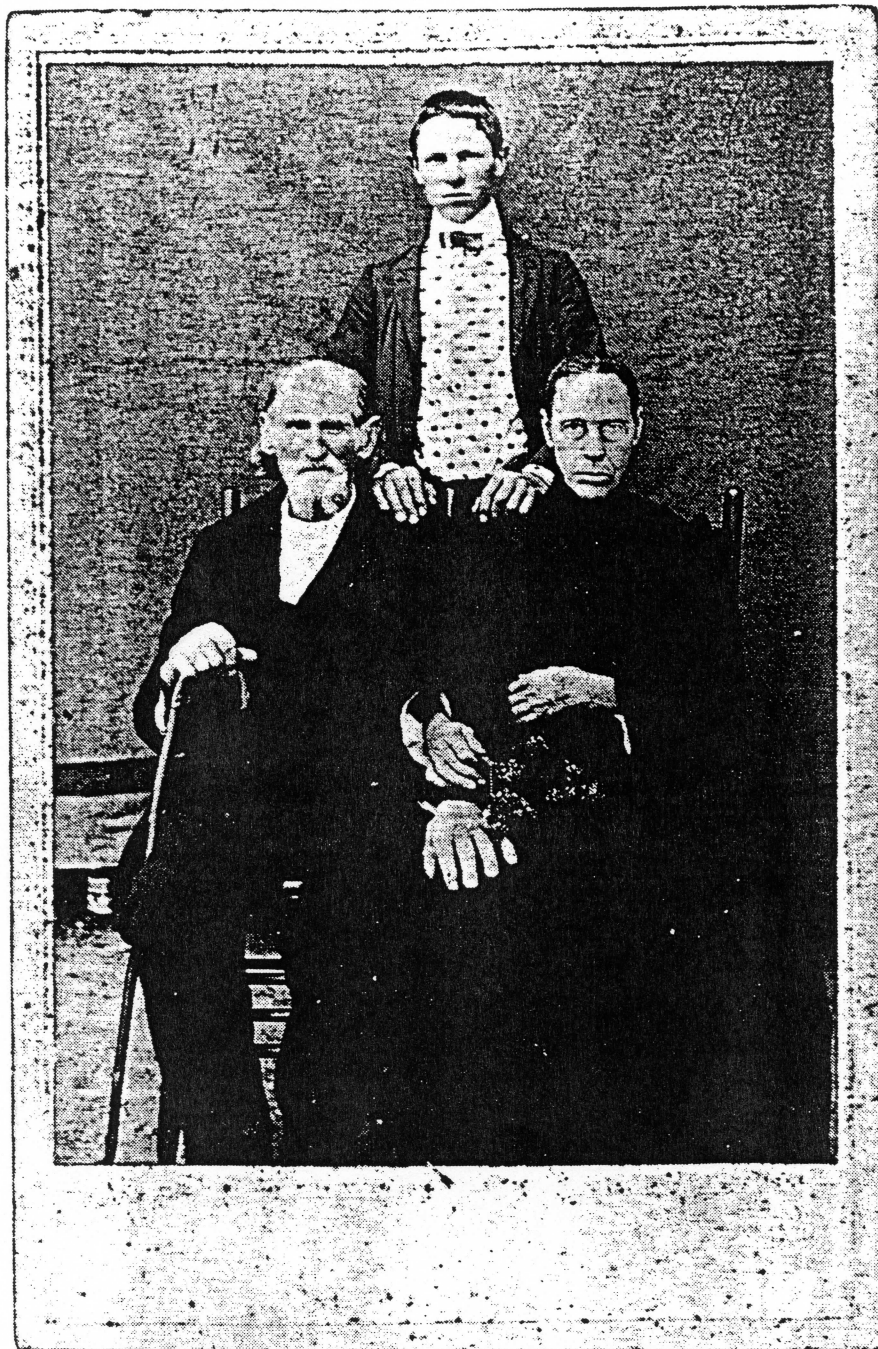
but got no response. When he investigated, he found Lewis dead across his bed, apparently dead for a few days. On one of Lewis' drinking sprees he had been arrested for disturbing the peace while carrying on a loud and profane conversation with the statue of General Robert E. Lee on his horse at Como Square in Hot Springs. Lewis is buried at Tranquil Cemetary in Hot Springs.

One of the most fascinating animal/human relationship stories I have ever heard was related to me by my father. When he was a child on the farm it was customary in the summer nights to have all the windows and doors open for air circulation because of the heat and humidity, just as it was customary when I grew up on the farm. One of the cardinal rules of farm living is that dogs are never allowed to come into the house. One hot summer evening while the whole family was snoozing, their faithful old dog broke the rule, came into the house and pawed and whined until he had Warren awake. While Warren got up and put his pants on, the dog ran back and forth to the front door whining. Warren grabbed his gun and followed the dog down into the corn field where the cows had broken through the fence and were eating the corn and trampling the crop. The heroic efforts of this faithful canine saved the crop from destruction and proved to be "Man's best friend".

Warren was bedfast for most of the last 3 years of his life following a stroke which left him partially paralyzed. When he did get out and around it was with the aid of a walking cane. During Warren's illness, his son Earl would get out of bed several times every night to check on his needs and take care of him. Warren died at age 54 on February 25th. 1917 and was buried in Tranquil Cemetary. After Warren's death, Naomi sold the farm because Lake Hamilton was to be put in. Instead of only selling the part to be covered with water, Naomi sold all of the farm. Today a new large Holiday Inn stands on the site of the family home and the rest of the old farm is covered in expensive homes, resorts, marinas and commercial property. Naomi bought a nice home at 401 Oaklawn Blvd. in Hot Springs where she lived the next four decades. On April 28th. 1962 at the age of 84, Naomi died and was buried beside Warren with twin headstones inscribed "Warren G. and wife, Naomi Roxanna, Rainwaters. The house on Oaklawn Blvd. still stands in good condition after 60 years.

The youngest daughter, Evelyn, now 64, still lives about a long block from Grandma's house. Grace, the oldest, now 79, lives on her farm on the Cedar Glades Road out of Hot Springs. Edith, now 67, lives in Longview Texas. Ted retired from the plumbing and hardware business, is divorced and lives on a farm near Prescott, Ark. Mike, the oldest, died in August 1969. Earl died February 4, 1958 of polycystic kidney disease. Pete died November 1964 of cancer. Anna died Feb. 29, 1972 of Polycystic kidney disease. Edith also has polycystic kidney disease but has lived with it for years, taking renal dialysis weekly. Another family victim of polycystic kidneys was my sister Ramona, daughter of Earl, who died at age 33.





Miles Rainwater
Sabra Jane Smith
Gordon Rainwater

John B. Gordon Rainwater
1886-1963

son of Miles Rainwater
1818-1903

grandson of
James Rainwater
& wife Appasley



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SOLOMON RAINWATER OUPHANT
+ SON, ANDREW JACKSON
OUPHANT ~~1863~~
CA 1863



WARREN AND NAOMI RAINWATERS' FAMILY
(AROUND 1908)

LEFT TO RIGHT: EARL, NAOMI, TED, GRACE, WARREN
MIKE AND PETE

HUSBAND RAINWATERS, RICHARD JAMES

Born. 18 April 1930

Place Oma Community (near Percy) Hot Spring County, Arkansas

Chr. 4 December 1954

Place 1st. Assembly of God Church, Wilmington, Los Angeles County, California

Died

Bur. EARL PAT RAINWATERS (10/12/1900 - 2/4/1958)

Place Place Lacie Elella Rainwaters (Williams)

HUSBAND'S FATHER

OTHER WIVES

WIFE Wanda Lee Rainwaters (Patterson)

Born 10 January 1935

Place Danville, Yell County, Arkansas

Chr.

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Bur. ALBERT LEE PATTERSON

WIFE'S MOTHER Ruby Cordelia Patterson (Moudy)

WIFE'S FATHER

OTHER HUSBANDS

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names Surname	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		STATE OR COUNTRY	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED	
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY			DAY	MONTH
1	ROBIN RENE RAINWATERS	15	October	1955	San Pedro,	Los Angeles	Calif.	10 Sept. 1977		
2	RICHARD JAMES RAINWATERS	10	June	1958	Lancaster,	Los Angeles,	Calif.			
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Official Records, Los Angeles County, Calif.

OTHER MARRIAGES

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vi

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER.
DATES: 14 -- or 1794

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD

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HUSBAND RAINWATERS, EARL PAT

October 12, 1900 Place Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas

Oct. August 27, 1922 Place Near Hot Springs, Red Oak, at home of S.H. Grandstaff, Justice of the Peace.
 Feb. February 4, 1938 Place St. Joseph's Hospital, Hot Springs Ark. of polycystic kidney disease.
 Oma Cemetery Place Oma, near Percy, Ark.
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER Naomi Roxanna (CLACK)

None

WIFE WILLIAMS, LACIE ELELLA

August 6, 1902 Place Saginaw, Hot Spring County, Arkansas

Oct. Elisha Lafayette Williams, Jr. Place Martha Charlotte (HENRY), called "Lottie".
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER

None

EX. No.	CHILDREN. List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN					DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	JACK DAVID	4	6	1924	Hot Springs			Garland	Ark.	1946-annulled		
2	LELA ROBERTA	11	11	1926	Hot Springs			Garland	Ark.	Ina Mae Bean *	5/30/42	
X	RICHARD JAMES	18	4	1930	Oma Community, Bonnerdale mail route (near Percy)			Hot	Ark.	James D "Hester" Harrison	12/4/54	
3	VADA RAMONA	12	5	1932	Oma Community			"	"	Wanda Lee Patterson-Divorced	7/28/55	4/16/64
4	BILLIE	18	11	1934	Hot Springs			Garland	"	Warren D. Blumberg		11/19/34
5	EDWARD EARL	22	5	1938	Oma Community			Hot Spring	"	Joan Marie Hunter	11/17/60	7/28/40
6	Infant Son (stillborn)	28	7	1940	Oma Community			"	"		11/29/60	
7	NAOMI RACHEL	5	4	1942	Oma Community			"	"	Ned Bucheit	6/29/62	
8	WINETTA RUTH	4	12	1944	Oma Community			"	"	Royce Burks		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Lacie Rainwaters, David Rainwaters and official records, Hot Spring and Garland Counties.

OTHER MARRIAGES

JACK DAVID RAINWATERS

- * (1) Ina Mae Bean, 1946, - annulled, Arkansas
- (2) Jean Massey, 1948, -annulled, "
- (3) Lilia Gomez, 1951, -divorced 1954
Morelos, Philippines (Son, Elisha)
- (4) Francis Limqueko Mayani, 7/6/56

HUSBAND RAINWATERS, WARREN GRANDISON

Born 27 July 1863 Place Arkansas (1880 Census)

Chr. (1st.) 6/25/1891 Place Clark County, Arkansas

Marr. 25 Feb. 1917 Place Hot Springs, Arkansas

Died Tranquil Cemetery Place Hot Springs, Arkansas

Bur. Tranquil Cemetery Place Hot Springs, Arkansas

HUSBAND'S MANSION Daniel Rainwaters (4/20/1832-12/22/1891) HUSBAND'S L.V. Rainwaters (1/1842)-(8/19/1877)

FATHER OTHER WIVES Sarah A. Clack (-9/1/1895) (Older sister of Anna, wife)

WIFE CLACK, NAOMI ROXANNA

Born 3/30/1873 Place Red Bay, Alabama

Chr. 4/28/1902 Place Hot Springs, Arkansas

Marr. Tranquil Cemetery Place Hot Springs, Arkansas

Died Clack, John Thomas WIFE'S MOTHER Nancy (4/3/1830-2/24/1930)

Bur. Tranquil Cemetery Place Hot Springs, Arkansas

WIFE'S FATHER OTHER WIVES None

SEX	CHILDREN	WHEN BORN	WHERE BORN	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	TO WHOM	DAY	WHEN BORN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Mike Desmond (of Sarah)	26 July 1894	Donaldson ?	Ark.	10/3/15	8/2/69	10/3/15
2	Grace Sarah	20 July 1898	Hot Springs	Ark.	4/7/20	David Lawrence Stark	4/7/20
3	Earl Pat	12 Oct. 1900	Hot Springs	"	8/27/22	2/4/58	8/27/22
4	Maurice Peter "Pete"	15 June 1903	Hot Springs	"	Lacie Elella Williams		Lacie Elella Williams
5	Theodore Roosevelt "Ted"	5 Oct. 1906	Hot Springs	"	*Anne Connely (divorced - 1893)		*Anne Connely (divorced - 1893)
6	Edith Mary Molly Polly	18 June 1910	Hot Springs	"	Edna Logan (divorced - 5 children)		Edna Logan (divorced - 5 children)
7	Jincy Jane	6 Nov. 1912	Hot Springs	"	10/10/33	2/29/72	10/10/33
8	Anna Marie "Annie"	13 Dec. 1913	Hot Springs	"	Vernon Oscar Brooks (4/11-5/22)		Vernon Oscar Brooks (4/11-5/22)
9	Mary Evelyn (Evelina?)		Hot Springs	"	Charles Luther Morgan		Charles Luther Morgan
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Grace Stark, David Rainwaters, Lacie Rainwaters, Byron Huddleston, George Brooks

OTHER MARRIAGES

* Pete & Anne had one son, Kenneth. Pete then married Bernice Dennison & had Bob, Bill & Maureen.

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HUSBAND WILLIAMS, ELISHA LAFAYETTE, SR.

Born _____ Place Alabama
 Chr _____ Place
 Marr 2 March 1842 Place
 Died _____ Place
 Bur _____ Place
 HUSBAND'S FATHER _____
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER _____
 OTHER WIVES _____
 HUSBAND _____
 Wife _____
 Ward Examiners 1 _____
 2 _____
 Stake or Mission _____

WIFE BURKS, NANCY

Born _____ Place
 Chr _____ Place
 Died 1907 Place
 Bur _____ Place
 WIFE'S FATHER _____
 WIFE'S MOTHER _____
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

SEX	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth. Given Names SURNAME	WHEN BORN		WHERE BORN		STATE OR COUNTRY	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	TO WHOM	DAY
1	William W. (Billie)	5	April	1858	Saginaw,	Hot Spring	Ark.	6 July 1938
2	Mary Tempie (Buddie)	Jan.	1862		Saginaw,	"	"	14 May 1920
3	X Elisha LaFayette, Jr. /	16	Dec.	1865		Clark	Ark.	12 Oct. 1890
4	Amanda						LaFayette Davis	27 Dec. 1932
5	John							Martha Charlotte Henry
6	Charlie							
7	Jessie						Tabitha Rowe	
8	NOTES: Jessie's children: John, Bud, Squire, Richardson, Henry, Walter, Nancy Jane (married Ben Ashley), Sidney (married Gupt Davis), Savanah (married John Prince), Francis, Mollie							
9	(2). Billie buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Donaldson, Ark.							
10	(3). Mary Tempie buried at Antioch cemetery, Ark.							
11	(4) Amanda & Lafayette Davis both buried Alford Cemetery, Ark.							

OTHER MARRIAGES

Jessie buried at Bismark, Ark.

(6.) Charlie moved to Okla. and lost track of.

(7) Elisha, Sr. & family (parents?) came to Ark. in a covered wagon around 1850 from Tenn. or Ky. Settled in Prestobtt, then moved to Saginaw.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION