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INGRAM

Soloman Ingram was born in Georgia in about 1827. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in North Carolina in 1829. In 1850 this family was living in Jefferson County, Alabama (family number 30) and their children at this time were: Zachariah, 1848; and Martha, 1840.

By 1860 the Ingram family had moved to Greene County, Arkansas and settled in Cache Township. By this latter date four more children had been added to the household: William W., 1852; Indiana, 1855; John T., 1857; and George R., 1859. The census record indicates that Zachariah and Martha Ingram were born in Alabama while William was born in Mississippi. The three younger children were born after the family came to Arkansas. The 1860 census is the last known record of the Ingram family.

IRBY

James N. Irby was born in Illinois in July of 1858. His wife Virginia, was born in Indiana in the same year. In 1880 this family was living in Rock Creek Precinct in Hardin County, Illinois and at this time they had only one child, Laura, born in Illinois in 1880.

By 1900 the Irby family had moved to Greene County and settled in Lake Township. James' wife is listed, in the 1900 census record, as Jennie M., born in Tennessee in 1873. They had two children at this time: Effie M., 1894; and Mary B., 1897. Effie was born in Arkansas, but Mary was born in Tennessee.

ISLER

Harry B. Isler was born in Tennessee in about 1851. His wife, Minor G., was born in Mississippi in 1859. In 1880 this family was living in Lake County, Tennessee and at this time they had only one child, William T., born in 1879.

By 1900 the Isler family had moved to Greene County and settled in Clark Township. Harry's wife, Minor G., had died some years prior to 1900. By this latter date two more children had been added to the household: Etta A., 1881; and Mina, 1883. Both these children were born in Tennessee.

In 1916 Harry B. Isler was living at 720 Kingshighway in Paragould. Some persons bearing the name of Isler are buried at the Linwood Cemeter.

JAMES

#2049

William C. Pigg (Pigue) was born in Tennessee in 1870. His wife, Mattie, was born in the same state in 1877.

In 1900 the family was living in Weakley County, Tennessee and their children were: Richard J., 1891; Collier, 1894; Ansey J., 1897; and Dewey, 1899.

By 1910 the Pigg family had moved to Greene County and settled in Clark Township. By this date four more children had been added to the household; Addie, 1902; Elvis E., 1904; Alvin, 1906; and George, 1908.

PORTER

Rev. John H. Porter was born in Mississippi in about 1828. His wife, Catherine E. (believed to be his third wife), was born in Indiana in 1840. In 1880 this family was living in Jonesboro Township in Craighead County, Arkansas and their children at this time were: Elizabeth E., 1867; Johnnie L., a daughter, 1870; James H., 1872; Albert d., 1875; and Robert Lee, 1878. All of the children were born in Arkansas.

John H. Porter and his wife, Catherine Eliza, are buried at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in western Greene County near Lorado. John's marker shows dates of 1826 and 1892. The marker for Catherine Eliza bears dates of 1839 and 1893. Their son, James H., Jr. died at the age of fifteen years and is buried near his parents.

PULLEY

The reader is referred to the PULLEY sketch Volume II of this book. The June 6, 1918 issue of the Paragould Soliphone carried a personal item indicating that flowers had recently been placed on the graves of a number of veterans buried at the Linwood Cemetery. It was stated that one of these veterans, Daniel Pulley, had served in the Mexican War. Apparently Daniel Pulley was the oldest soldier ever buried at Linwood.

RAGLE

Jacob Ragle was born in Indiana in 1873. His wife, Sarah, was born in the same state in 1881. In 1900 this family was living in Washington Township in Daviess County, Indiana and at this time they had only one child, Bertha, born in 1900.

By 1910 the Ragle family had moved to Greene County and settled in Hurricane Township. By this date three more children had been added to the household: Hazel, 1902; Alma, 1904; and Alva C., 1907.

RAINWATER

R.G. Rainwater was born in Alabama in 1846. His wife, Nancy, was born in Arkansas in 1848.

In 1880 this family was living in Black River Township in Lawrence County, Arkansas and their children were: Henry, 1868; Viola, 1870; Hugh, 1872; and Mary W., 1880.

Hugh M. Rainwater, son of R.G., married a woman named Mary L., born in Arkansas in January of 1875. In 1900 Hugh and Mary were living in Dent Township in Lawrence County and their children were: Alva W., 1895; and Everette, 1900.

Everette W. Rainwater became a dentist and, as of 1939, he was practising at 107 1/2 North Pruett in Paragould. He and his wife, Faye, lived at 803 West Main. Hugh M. Rainwater died in 1930 and his obituary appeared in the June 5 issue of the Daily Press. He was buried at Imboden, Arkansas. He was survived by his sons, Alva W., Everette W., and Charles. Alva Rainwater was Superintendent of Schools for Walnut Ridge, Arkansas at the time of his father's death.