Making a Case for William Rainwater and his

Well it seems appropriate as this is the last issue of Volume 1 to continue to explore the information regarding the “other” branch of the Rainwater family. The first part of this series was printed in the very first issue, and it is from this point I will discuss the documentation, theories, research needs and interests of this lesser discussed Rainwater line and open up possibilities to a great many of us who are “stuck” on our Rainwater research.

As stated in the first issue, William Rainwater, most likely the brother of John (who married Mary Fussell) was married to Anne (maiden name unknown) and died sometime between 1765 and 1780, most likely in North Carolina. Is there any indication in the records of North Carolina that this William and Anne were parents of any sons to carry on the name????? I submit the following record as the first piece of evidence to the descendants of William and Anne Rainwater:

9 Sept 1776 William Rainwater JR. witnessed deed from Alexander and Mary Anderson, both of Bute Co. to Henry Beuford of Amelia Co. for 300 acres in Bute Co. Warren Co. Book 7, Page 128

If you will recall, William Rainwater had also witnessed a deed in Bute County back in October of 1772. Whether or not this deed was witnessed by William or William Jr. (as sometimes Jr. was only mentioned to differentiate if necessary), the fact that they mention the existence of a junior William Rainwater leads us only to one conclusion: that William and Anne Rainwater had at least one son named William. We know that John and Mary Fussell’s son William was mentally incapacitated and is presumed to have never married or lived long.

Now we should look at the 1790 census to see which Rainwaters are listed and if they can be attached to either John and Mary’s or William and Anne’s family tree. The census which is actually abstracted from the state census of 1787 lists the following:

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Vincent Rainwater: Private, Captain P.M. Mask's Company of North Carolina Militia detached from the Militia of the County of Richmond. Captain Pleasant M. Mask appeared with the detached Militia of the county of Richmond at Wadesborough on the 24th of February and remained at said town with the troops under command until the 2nd day of March, 1815, on which day they were discharged.

James Rainwater: Private, Captain George Gregory's Company of East Tennessee Drafted Militia, Colonel Samuel Bunch's Regiment. He was mustered in January 10, 1814; furloughed till better health the 28th of January, 1814 and not returned. He was paid to January 28, 1814. He enlisted at Dandridge, Jefferson County, Tennessee.

James Rainwater: Private, Captain James Churchman's Company, 4th Regiment East Tennessee Militia, commanded by Colonel Samuel Bayles. Joined November 13, 1814 and discharged May 18, 1815. Same as above listed individual. In 1851, the soldier was residing in Dandridge, Tennessee, and in 1855, in Crawford County, AR. James was allowed a pension on his application executed 27 July 1871, at which time he was aged about eighty years and a resident of Crawford County, AR, with Post Office at Van Buren, in that county. James Rainwater married in Richmond County, North Carolina on 1 May 1809 to Katie McCall.

Burrell Rainwater: Private, Captain James Gray's Company, 26th Regiment Tennessee Militia, served from June 17 to 24, 1812.

Burrell Rainwater: Private, Captain Edward Clement's Company, 1st Regiment South Carolina Militia, served as a substitute for John Fortenberry from October 1 to 31, 1814, when he was discharged by furnishing a substitute. Same as above listed individual.
Joshua Rainwater: Private, Captain Jacob Reed's Company, Lieutenant Colonel, William Austin's Regiment South Carolina Militia from February 1 to March 24, 1815. Joshua volunteered at Pendleton Courthouse, South Carolina. In 1850, the soldier was a resident of Carroll County, Georgia, and was still living there in 1855. He was allowed a pension on his application executed 19 January 1874, at which time he was aged eighty-two years and a resident of Upshur County, Texas, with post office as Coffeeville, in that county. The soldier died 15 August 1878, in Hamilton, Hamilton County, Texas.

***More may follow in a future issue as information is available.***
Allen P. Rainwater was born on 17 July 1800 in North Carolina. Not having done the research on this individual myself, I am not certain as to where this Rainwater was exactly until about somewhere in the 1850's when, according to Jeannie Rainwater Johnson, he was in Lawrence County, AL. The copy of her pedigree chart and family group sheet is sketchy at best, but may be of use to someone, so I felt it necessary to include the information therein contained.

According to her records, Allen P. Rainwater was a Methodist minister, a trade that seems to pop up in many of our Rainwater families. He was married twice, the first wife's name unknown at present (possibly Ola), and Nancy Brown being the latter, her marriage occurring on 5 September 1854, possibly in Alabama. From his first marriage he had the following children:

Charlie Rainwater  (no other information available at this time)
Mary C. Rainwater  (no other information available at this time)
Jane Rainwater     (no other information available at this time)

From the second marriage were born the following children:

Thomas Benjamin Rainwater  md. Tippie Cornelia DeRamus
James P. Rainwater         md. Mattie Wells
Henry Edward Rainwater     md. Mary Edna Turner
died at age 17 of pneumonia Novella Rainwater

It is from this second marriage that Jeannie Johnson descends as her pedigree chart lists son Thomas Benjamin Rainwater who was born in Hillsborough, Lawrence Co., AL on 24 April 1857. Thomas married Tippie Cornelia DeRamus. They were the parents of the following children:

Mittie Myrtle Rainwater    died as an infant
Maude Mae Rainwater        md. Lum Owens
James Bascom               md. Mae Askins
Oscar Thomas Rainwater     md. Katie Dennis
Acie Benjamin Rainwater    md1. Ophelia Askins, md2. Clara Jones
Joe Wheeler Rainwater      md. Bell Askins
Bertha Rainwater           md. Charlie M. DeRamus
Sid Rainwater              md. Naomi Kennedy
Morris Rainwater           md. Lottie Vines

Her descendancy is through James Bascom Rainwater who was born on 7 July 1889 at Chilton Co., AL and married on 31 July 1906 to Mae Askins. They were the parents of the following children:
Alabama

Myrtle Rainwater
Ruby Rainwater
John Thomas Rainwater
James Alvin Rainwater

md1. Sam Stewart, md2. Aubrey Middlbrooks
md. Lawrence Wyatt
md. Daisy Thelma DeRamus
md. Ruby Mae DeRamus

Family history tells of three brothers, Allen being one (or possibly the fourth) that went to Alabama. Allen stayed, but one brother went to Mississippi, the other to Texas or Arkansas, and the other to Georgia. Anyone that has more information or knows Jeannie Johnson or another descendant of this line can send in the information or put us in contact with them so we can know more about this line.

ALLEN RAINWATER - MY GREAT GRANDFATHER
by Mrs. Obie Thurman

My great grandfather, Allen Rainwater, was born in 1814 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Allen was the son of Burrell Rainwater, who was the son of John and Susannah Rainwater. It has been reported by family members that Allen was one quarter Cherokee Indian and that when he was a young boy he was kidnapped by the Indians (yet no record has been uncovered to support that story). It is quite possible that Burrell, his father, was married to a woman who was half-blooded Cherokee. We know that Burrell served in the War of 1812 in Tennessee and South Carolina, so it is possible that he met an Indian woman and married her.

My great grandfather Allen was a champion swimmer as a young man. It was reported by his daughter, Susan Caroline Bryant, nee Rainwater, that he competed against Indian braves in athletic events such as foot races and diving. They would throw wagon wheel rings into deep water and dive for them. In one particular competition, Allen retrieved the most rings, and the Indian braves celebrated this by letting out a big war whoop. Allen was about 20 years old when they lived at Cherokee County, Alabama, and undoubtedly that is where these events took place.

Allen Rainwater married his first wife, Nancy Lambert, on 27 December 1840 at Benton County (now Calhoun County), Alabama. Allen and Nancy Rainwater had three children:

1. John Daniel (Dan), born 4 November 1842 at Cherokee Co., AL. He married Rebecca Linton, daughter of John Hugh and Elizabeth Linton, in Heard Co., GA in 1861 or 62. John Daniel died 19 August
1920 at Clay County, AL. Rebecca died there also on 23 February 1937. They are buried in marked graves at Pole Bridge Cemetery.

2. Samuel P., born 1844 in Cherokee Co., AL. His first marriage was to Sarah Lakey on 24 May 1861 at Talladega Co., AL. It appears that by 1880 he married for the second time, to Martha P. (maiden name unknown) who was born in 1854 in Virginia.

3. Mary Jane, born 1846 in Cherokee Co., AL. Mary Jane married Robert Wesley Dison, son of Eli and Harriet, nee Johnson, Dison. They most probably married around 1869 in Clay Co., AL, but by
1870 they were living in Colbert County, Alabama. By 1880 they had moved back to Clay County. After 1890, they moved to Texas, living their briefly, later settling in Union Parish, Louisiana, near Junction City. (Mary Jane Rainwater was my grandmother)

At some point, Nancy, Allen’s first wife died. Around 1868, Allen married Elizabeth (Whatley) Stokes. It was Elizabeth’s second marriage as well. She had been previously married to Benjamin F. Stokes. Allen and Elizabeth had three daughters:

1. Sarah Ann, born 1869, who married Frank M. Davis.

2. Susan Caroline, born 1871, who married James Henderson Bryant.


My great grandfather Allen served in the Home Guard Unit of Josh McCain’s company in the state of Alabama during the Civil War. The Home Guard Units were composed mostly of older men, and Allen would have been about forty-six years old at the time. I have a copy of his application for pension based on his service. There is a notation on the back of one page that he had “loss of vision in right eye from being struck”.

Allen Rainwater died on 8 September 1899, at Clay County, Alabama, when he was eighty-five years old. I do not know for certain where he is buried, but believe he may be buried in an unmarked grave in Pole Bridge Cemetery in the same area as his son, John Daniel Rainwater, his wife Rebecca, and other family members. A tornado hit that area in the 1930’s, destroying the church and along with it any records that may have existed. My search goes on for more information on Allen Rainwater and other Rainwater ancestors.

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ALL HAVE RAINWATER SURNAME
Information supplied by Ross Cameron. There will
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SURREY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA-1787

James Rainwater 1 male 21-60
1 male under 21 or over 60
5 females of all ages
no slaves

This is obviously the son of John and Mary Fussell as he was listed in John Rainwater’s will and appears in the records of Surry County, along with his father John Rainwater. I doubt that anyone will even debate this, but if anyone can show proof that this is not in fact the son of John and Mary, this newsletter would be grateful to print it. This leaves the two remaining entries:

WARREN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA-1787

William Rainwater 1 male 21-60
2 males under 21 or over 60
4 females of all ages
no slaves

This would have to be the only William living that would have been living, married and in this part of the state: William Rainwater Jr., the son of William and Anne Rainwater. There is also a marriage that occurs in Johnston County in November of that same year between William Rainwater and Molley Reavis (or Reaves). This might possibly have been a second marriage to this William Rainwater Jr., as he had several children listed in the census above.

JOHNSTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA-1787

Moses Rainwater 1 male 21-60
6 males under 21 or over 60
4 females of all ages
no slaves

This Rainwater has obviously been married for some time as he has 9 children, if he and his wife are still living and no one else was recorded in the household. Since James Rainwater above was the oldest son of John and Mary Fussell Rainwater, then this would most definitely have to be the eldest son of William and Anne Rainwater, if only by the process of elimination. John and Mary had no son by the name of Moses (or at least none was listed in John Rainwater’s will) and his children would not have been old enough to have had a son who would have married and had this many children by 1787!!! But there is also another clue that this Moses was a child of William Rainwater Jr.

In 1787, Moses Rainwater apprentices William Rainwater then age 13 to Mr. Robert Burch (or Bunch). It is HIGHLY likely that Moses was apprenticing his own son and not some other Rainwater’s son to a trade, so it would make sense for Moses to name a son after his father, just as John Rainwater(Fussell) named a son William Rainwater after his brother. Moses Rainwater is also witnessing the Will of Robert

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pt. IV: A letter written by a granddaughter of Eli Rainwater

James and Katie's children were:

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To Eli Rainwater and Catherine Slover were born 12 children:

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The first three of these children died within three weeks. All of the others except the stillborn lived to be grown. Camillas (Dunk) and Melissa never married.

George A. Rainwater and Lizzie Hill had three children: Lucy, Tommy, and Ralph Rainwater. Lucy Rainwater married Mack Felkner and had five children. (Lucy Rainwater Felkner was 99 years old at the original writing of this history!) Tommy married Bud Foust and had one child. Ralph married Jessie Fox and had no children. He died in 1947.

George A. Rainwater had no children by his second wife.

William H. (Shank) Rainwater married Dicy Reneau and had one son.

Rachel C. Rainwater married Rhoten Swann and had eight children.

Mary A. Rainwater married Robert Swann. They had two children: Pet and Ralston Swann.

Martha H. Rainwater married George Nance and had nine children.

Brad Rainwater married Nancy Moore of Greene County. They were the parents of three children: Nelle, Mollie, and Agnes Ruth Rainwater. Brad lived to be 86 years old. He died in 1947. Brad was born in 1861.
A letter Cont'd

He became a doctor and married at age 31 to Nancy Moore. He received his education at the old Maury Academy in Dandridge and where he studied his medicine under Dr. Cawood a very noted physician of his day. He did his internship with his brother George who was also a doctor in Rockwood, TN. Due to the death of his father and his mother's need for him to come back to Sandy Ridge where he practiced medicine for many years, was Post Master and active in church and schools as well as managing the farm for his mother who was then in her middle seventies but still pretty much the boss herself.

His courtship with Miss Nancy was pretty much of a whirlwind. They met and never saw each other again till they were married. Dr. Brad was tall and carried a good bit of weight. A very handsome man and well thought of. He was always jolly. How he lived to be 86 after all the hard life he had riding horseback all over the country through all kinds of weather is amazing.

He always called his wife "The Little Blue Hen", but I never knew why. He used to tell the children that they better not do so and so as the Blue Hen might flog them.

There were only three girls. He was a great one for music and dancing. He belonged to a band when a youngster and played other instruments. He loved young folk and enjoyed having them about him. Miss Nancy died in 1941 and he in 1947.

George Alexander Rainwater was conscripted into the army during the Civil War, when barely 18 years old. The only one of the family doing service in the Civil War. His mother always blamed her sister in law for his going. The story goes that she got up a bunch of real young boys and helped them slop away from home. He happened to get in on the wrong side. His father would take no side in the conflict but he really leaned toward the South. He suffered a lot of injustice during the War because of this, each side accusing him of one thing or another. George took sick pretty soon after he joined and spent most of his time in hospitals where he almost died.

When he returned from the war he was elected Registrar of Jefferson County, TN. During this time he met and married Lizzie Hill, daughter of John and Eliza Hill. The girl was about 14 years of age and the parents objected very much. One objection was her age and the other was that he was on the wrong side in the Army, they being strong rebels.

It was a stormy courtship and marriage. A shotgun wedding with the groom carrying the gun. Some strong threats had been made against George by the Mills. They assembled for the wedding, George with his gun in hand and the little bride to be by his side. Amid the objections, George turned to Lizzie and asked her if she wanted to go with him or her father. She said, "with you". He told the magistrate to proceed with the ceremony and he did. The Hills never let them live in peace.

It was at this time George had decided to become a doctor and started his studying. I am told he was a very handsome man, not a very large man. He was very popular among the younger set, a grand dancer. At this time dances of balls were held in the auditorium in the Court house. Both George and his brother William were great dancers and did a lot of team
dancing, entering contests, etc. The Hills never allowed them to visit their home much as they disliked George. There were two girls born to them, Lucy and Tommy, before George decided to move to Rome, Georgia to work as a clerk in a hotel while he was finishing his medical training. While living there, their son Ralph was born, all the time the Hills begging Lizzie to return home.

It was then that George had reached the boiling point and put Lizzie and the children on a train and sent them to her parents, the Hills. Lizzie had an idea that he would come of send for her, but he never did. The Hills had their way. Years later when he would happen to be in Dandridge, he would never see or talk to the children or Lizzie. They finally divorced, and George married Patsy Duncan and settled in Rockwood, TN where he was employed as a company doctor for the mines there.

There were no children. He was a very good doctor. Only one real bad habit or fault - during his trying times with his family he took to drink which finally killed him. When he was on one of his drinking sprees he would not see a patient or give one dose of medicine. When he snapped out of his spell no one would ever know he ever drank a drop. He would go for months before he ever drank.

While he lived in Rockwood his youngest brother Brad had begun his practice and joined him. Brad never drank and didn’t have too much patience with George when he did. George died in Rockwood shortly after Brad had returned to his home in Sandy Ridge.

Lizzie never remarried. Lived out her days caring for her parents, rearing the children and grieving over the loss of her George.

Lucy, the oldest child will be 99 years old in October of 1966, if she can make it that long. She is real feeble now and can hardly hear anything and a stroke in her throat has left her where she can’t speak so she can be understood. Her daughter Anne, a registered nurse, cares for her. Lucy was well educated for her day and taught for many years before she married Mack Felknor. He and the two oldest children died some years ago. Tommy, George’s second girl married Bud Foust, had one child and both she and the child died. The only son Ralph married late in life, had no children, died in 1947, well up... 

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Burch on 27 Aug 1788 (Johnson Co. Will Bk. 1, p.14). If this still isn’t enough to convince you that William Jr. and Moses were brothers then perhaps the following will:

1795- Moses Rainwater is granted land (100 ac.) in Sampson Co., NC, on west side of Beaverdam Swamp, entered 2 Feb 1795, issued 7 June 1799.

1800- William Rainwater is granted land (50 ac.) in Sampson Co., NC in fork of Beaverdam Swamp, entered 2 Aug 1793, issued 3 Apr 1800.

There most undoubtedly has to be a connection between these two Rainwaters, and it is MY OPINION, although based on fairly strong evidence, that Moses and William are brothers!!!! If anyone, ANYONE, can add to, modify, change, eliminate ANY of the information in this series of articles on the descendants of William and Anne Rainwater, please, PLEASE speak up and send in your theories, conjectures, facts, arguments so that we may debate or decide if we are proceeding along the right path. That is the purpose for this newsletter and this article will be continued in the next issue to show a possible third brother and then start to unravel the children of these descendants of William and Anne Rainwater.
Illinois Deed Record

State of Georgia
Cherokee County
This indenture made this seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six between Daniel Pettit and Letty Low and James E. Rainwater and Gabriil Rainwater each of the County and State aforesaid and heirs of Levi Rainwater deceased who was a private in Allison's seventh Regiment of Infantry in the Regular Army of the United States in the War of 1812 parties of the first part and Gain Robinson of Roseville, state of Illinois and Solomon King of Andersonville, state of South Carolina parties of the second part Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of fifty dollars lawful money of the United States of America to them in hand paid by the said Solomin King one of the parties of the second part at or before the ensealing and delivery of the presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have remised released and forever quit claimed and by these presents do remise release sell and forever quit claim unto the said parties of the second part and to their heirs and assigns forever all of their right title and interest with which they may be seized or visted with or in or to all of a certain tract of land situated in the tract appropriated for military boundaries in the state of Illinois for the War of 1812 described as follows to wit: being the NE quarter of section fifteen (15) of Township twelve North of the base line and of Range three (3) West being the same tract Granted by the United States to the aforesaid Levi Rainwater a private in the War of 1812 and by letters patent dated the fifteenth day of December 1818 reverence to which will more fully explain and the said parties of the first part for themselves their heirs and assigns do forever revise relinquish sell and quit claim all their said right title and interest in or to the above mentioned premises unto the said parties of the second part their heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and Seals the day and year above written.

Signed and sealed and delivered in presence
of John D. Pettit, James P. Wigley,
L.V. Rodgers

James Rainwater (Seal)
Gabriil Rainwater (Seal)
Letty Low (Seal)

State of Georgia
Cherokee County

Before me a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid personally appealed John D. Pettit who being duly sworn according to the law saith that he did see Daniel Pettit, Letty Low, James E. Rainwater and Gabriil Rainwater, sign seal and deliver the foregoing deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and that James P. Wigley was a subscribing witness with himself to the signing of James E. Rainwater and Gabriil Rainwater and that said conveyors are the heirs of Levi and Elizabeth Rainwater referred to in the deed above.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written

N. G. Newton JP
**Queries!!!**

**RAINWATER:** Seeking Bible records and any information on my great-great grandfather, Burrell Rainwater, b. ca. 1782 in Spartanburg, SC. Also seeking Bible records and any information on his children, particularly my great grandfather, Allen Rainwater. Allen Rainwater stated that his mother was born in SC, yet a census states Elizabeth Rainwater’s State of birth as GA. Did Burrell Rainwater have a wife prior to Elizabeth?? Burrell Rainwater was the son of John Rainwater, b. 1752 in SC (maybe NC). Any help will be appreciated.

OBIE THURMAN, 1324 McKinley Ave., WOODBURY, NJ 08096-1210

**ELDER-RAINWATER:** Seeking Bible records of Bartholomew RAINWATER and Nancy McLAUGHLIN to see if my great grandmother Scioita B. RAINWATER has a middle name listed. Is it Belle or Bethene? I have the Bible belonging to John Levi ELDER and Scioita B. RAINWATER but it doesn’t tell.

MARGIE THOMAS, 618 NO. GRACE AVE., BATTLEGROUND, WA 98604-4587

**DESERCEY-DORR-GREEN-MUNCY-RAINWATER-ROBINSON-ROBNETT-SPARKS-TURNER-WHITE:** Looking for information concerning the children of John Kiefer RAINWATER and wife Mary Ellen SPARKS, dau of Solomon and Susan. Children are: Delilah b 10 Oct 1854 in AR, m George A. MUNCY on 10 Nov 1875; Susan Jane b 17 Feb 1856 in AR, m Oliver Cromwell WHITE on 5 May 1880; Lucinda Ellen b 13 Feb 1860 in AR, m William ROBINSON on 23 May 1882; Arthur L. b 28 Feb 1863 in OR, m Clarissa ROBNETT on 3 Oct 1883; Mary Elizabeth b 12 Jan 1866 in OR, m 1st A. H. TURNER, 2nd Frank DESERCEY. All marriages are believed to have been at Dayton, WA.

LYLE JAMES RAINWATER, 1215 ANCHORS WAY, VENTURA, CA 93001

**CONNER-COX-DORSEY-RAINWATER:** Looking for information of Abraham RAINWATER, b 1784 in Surry Co., NC. Son Gideon m Martha Ellen CONNOR. Dau Martha Ellen RAINWATER m Martin Van Buren COX. Son Oliver COX m Lena Lee DORSEY. Wish to exchange information with anyone researching this line.

MALYNN COX MOOREHEAD, 7449 MAR VISTA WAY, CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA 95621

**RAINWATER:** The 1850 census of Cobb County, GA shows the following Rainwaters living in one household: Burrell, 68; Elizabeth, 58; Jane, 42; John James, 15; John, 12; and Joseph, 7. We know the names listed after Jane’s were her sons. Was Jane married to one of Burrell’s sons who died, and she then moved in with Burrell and his wife Elizabeth?? If so, do you know his name?? Wish to exchange information with anyone researching this line.

OBIE THURMAN, 1324 McKinley Ave., WOODBURY, NJ 08096-1210

**ADCOCK-MATHIS/MATHEWS-POSEY-RAINWATER:** Need information on Robert Rainwater, d. circa 1820-1825 in Stewart County, TN. Married Morning/Mourning , Children: Sarah b circa 1808 in SC, m Warren Monroe POSEY; Wesley b circa 1808, m Mary "Polly" ADCOCK, lived in Bedford Co., TN and possibly John H. whose descendants lived in Stewart Co., TN. Morning/Mourning m 2nd Andrew MATHIS/MATHEWS circa 1840-50 possibly in Bedford Co., TN. She died between 1870-78.

LAUREL L. POSEY, 12709 DORINA PLACE, GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344-1418
FALER-SCOTT-RAINWATER: Looking for information on Matilda RAINWATER b. 1850 in IL, m Jacob A. FALER on 2 Apr 1873 at Benton Co., MO, and her sister Charity RAINWATER b. 1852 in IL. Both living with James RAINWATER (b 1811 in TN) and son Pressly RAINWATER and his wife Mary in Benton Co., MO in the 1870 census. Children of Jacob and Matilda are: Richard b 1873 in MO; Eliza b 1876 in MO; James b 1879 in MO; Charley b Sep 1884 in MO; Vallie b Oct 1889, m George C. SCOTT; Alexander b Feb 1892 in MO. Matilda was living with the SCOTT family in 1920 at Benton Co., MO, Cole Township. It is believed that these two might be daughters of Cessum Rainwater listed in the 1850 IL census in Johnson County. ROBERT ALBERT JR., 24406 McBEAN PKY #111, VALENCIA, CA 91355-1974

McLAUGHLIN-RAINWATER: Seeking information on Daniel McLAUGHLIN b in Ireland in 1775-1827 and unknown wife. They are the parents of my great great grandmother, Nancy McLAUGHLIN b 2 aug 1807 at Surry Co., NC. D 20 Jan 1883 at Pulaski Co., KY. Married 24 Feb 1825 at Adair Co., KY to Bartholomew RAINWATER. Her sister Anna married Abraham RAINWATER, who was a brother of Bartholomew. MAJORIE THOMAS, 618 NO. GRACE AVE., BATTLEGROUND, WA 98604-4587

ICK-NIX-PRISOCK-RAINWATER: Does anyone know of any connection of a NIX/NICK to a Rainwater? They can be found in the same counties throughout NC, SC, and GA. On the sale of personal property of the estate of Job RAINWATER, October 1863, Milton Co., GA, there is a Lucinda NICKS who purchased several items. For NIX information correspond with: WANDA GREGORY, 1696 SE BANKROFT RD., MCDONALD, TN 37353
For RAINWATER information correspond with: MARY ANN ANGELIN, 4020 ALABAMA RD., APISON, TN 37302

CARTLICH, LOVEALL, RAINWATER, ROBERTS, SEYMOUR, SMITH, WEST: Looking for information on the parents of Elizabeth RAINWATER, b ca. 1808. Married first two Issac ROBERTS; m 2ns to Zachariah LOVEALL, b 1810 in KY. Had the following children: William Harrison ROBERTS b 25 Nov 1844 m Sarah Ann WEST?; Abraham Mitchell ROBERTS b 1848; Drewy Woodrow ROBERTS, b 1850; Miles LOVEALL b 18 Sep 1856, in Lawrence Co., IN, m Hattie Holland CARTLICH; Kelsa LOVEALL b 22 Apr 1858 in Lawrence Co., IN, m 1st Clara Mae SMITH, 2nd Matilda Maria SEYMOUR; Zachariah LOVEALL b 22 Nov 1859 in Lawrence Co., IN, m Jessie Ann CARTLICH. Elizabeth probably died near Wells, in Faribault Co., MN. Just started researching this line. Any help appreciated. CAROL NAUMAN, 1903 KATHLEEN DR., W. ST. PAUL, MN 77115-4543 (I think that any descendants of William and Patsy Hodge RAINWATER, might just have found a missing sibling!!!! Of course, that is just a good guess based on her date of birth and her son's names. FYI)

RAINWATER, WRIGHT: Looking for the families/ancestors of my great-grandmother Ann RAINWATER b. 3 July 1824. Place of birth, parent's names UNKNOWN. Married Burel Henderson WRIGHT, b 22 Oct 1829, about 1844. Date and place of marriage UNKNOWN. Children were: James K. Polk WRIGHT b. 20 Nov 1845 in Johnson Co., IL; George Washington WRIGHT b. 28 Feb 1850 in Johnson Co., IL; John Henry "Jeremiah" WRIGHT b. 28 Apr 1851 in IL; Mary Ann WRIGHT b. 7 Oct 1852 in AR; William Thomas WRIGHT b. 8 Feb 1854 in AR; Angeline WRIGHT b. 8 Dec 1855; Jacob Ashley WRIGHT b. 20 Jan 1858 in AR; Ozine WRIGHT b. 28 Feb 1860. Family lived in Johnson Co., IL in 1850, in Madison Co., AR in 1860, and in Washington Co., AR in 1870 and 1880 according to Census records. In 1900, Burel was in Benton Co., AR with a grandson, John L. CLEVELAND. Ann died 21 Jul 1899, and Burel on 10 Dec 1906. Both are buried in Bentonville, AR. Any help appreciated. MADINE WILLIAMS, P.O. BOX 30853, MIDWEST CITY, OK 73140-3853
DOBBS, HILBURN, NEELY, RAINWATER, RICHARDSON, STARKEY: Looking for information on Wilks Berrywine RAINWATER b. 10 May 1812 d. 3 Apr 1893 and is buried in Warrenton, Marshall, AL. Married (1) Rutha ______, Children: Cynthia S., John Daniel, and Martha Ann. (2) Martha ______. Children: Miles Avery m. Nancy E. NEELY, Mary Frances m. Jabus W. STARKEY, Etna Sybil Kansas m. Robert L. DOBBS, Lydia Lee m. Isham HILBURN, James Warren m. Georgia M. RICHARDSON, Robert, and Albert. Please write me at:
CINDY RAINWATER McMEANS, 820 COLOCKUM RD., ELLensburg, WA 98926

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