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Christmas in January???

No. It isn't what you think. Christmas and the holiday season have bid us farewell until next year. The Christmas that I am mentioning is the surname Christmas and its connection to the Rainwater family. Gilliam Rainwater married Nancy Christmas in Warren Co., NC in the 1780's. We know that Gilliam Rainwater served in the Revolutionary War, but what became of him is anyone's guess.

Later in this issue you will see why it may be important to study this Rainwater and possibly the first new approach is to check out what information can be learned about his wife's family. When I first ran across the marriage record, I immediately checked the 1790 NC census, where I found not one listing of the surname CHRISTMAS. I began to think that possibly she was in fact an Indian girl who was given the name upon her conversion to Christianity. That is until I recently uncovered the following research in the LDS Ancestral File. I submit this as a possible research strategy to obtain more information on our early RAINWATER family in the United States.

The following information was submitted by Rebecca Blackwell, 20009 Sweetgum Circle #33, Germantown, MD. I have not yet attempted to contact this person, but it would seem that they may be able to connect the Nancy Christmas to this same family and thereby give us some clues as to what happened to her and her husband and their family.

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Hey!!! All you Techno-Rainwaters. A Web Page is soon to appear for our RAINWATER RESEARCH. More to come in the next issue. Anxious. Try Yahoo-ing for "Rainwater"

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD

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HUSBAND: John CHRISTMAS (AFN:MZ96-1K)

BORN: Abt 1720	PLACE: Manover Co., Virginia	LDS ORDINANCE DATA
CHR.:	PLACE:	B:
DIED: 1783	PLACE: Orange Co., North Carolina	E:
BUR.:	PLACE:	SP:
MAR.:	PLACE:	SS:

FATHER: Thomas CHRISTMAS (AFN:MZ95-28)
 MOTHER: Unknown
 OTHER WIVES:

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WIFE: Mary GRAVES (AFN:MZ95-SD)

BORN: Abt 1720	PLACE:	
CHR.:	PLACE:	B:
DIED: Aft 1783	PLACE: Orange Co., North Carolina	E:
BUR.:	PLACE:	SP:

FATHER:
 MOTHER:
 OTHER HUSBANDS:

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Sex CHILDREN

1. NAME: Thomas CHRISTMAS (AFN:MZ95-TK)

----	BORN: Abt 1740	PLACE: Warren Co., North Carolina	B:
M	CHR.:	PLACE:	E:
	DIED: 1 Sep 1810	PLACE: Warren Co., North Carolina	SP:
	BUR.:	PLACE:	
	SPOUSE: Sarah DUKE (AFN:MZ6K-LP)		
	MAR.: 26 Nov 1764	PLACE: Granville Co., North Carolina	SS:

2. NAME: John CHRISTMAS (AFN:MZ95-VQ)

----	BORN: Abt 1742	PLACE: Warren Co., North Carolina	B:
M	CHR.:	PLACE:	E:
	DIED: 1777	PLACE: Warren Co., North Carolina	SP:
	BUR.:	PLACE:	
	SPOUSE: Manny DUKE (AFN:FHFB-7N)		
	MAR.:	PLACE: Granville Co., North Carolina	SS:

3. NAME: Mary CHRISTMAS (AFN:MZ96-3W)

----	BORN: Abt 1744	PLACE: North Carolina	B:
F	CHR.:	PLACE:	E:
	DIED:	PLACE:	SP:
	BUR.:	PLACE:	
	SPOUSE: William GREEN (AFN:MZ96-2Q)		
	MAR.:	PLACE: Warren Co., North Carolina	SS:

4. NAME: Henrietta CHRISTMAS (AFN:MZ96-58)

----	BORN: Abt 1750	PLACE: North Carolina	B:
F	CHR.:	PLACE:	E:
	DIED:	PLACE:	SP:
	BUR.:	PLACE:	
	SPOUSE: John POWER (AFN:MZ96-43)		
	MAR.: 28 Jul 1775	PLACE: Bute Co., North Carolina	SS:

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Codes: AFN=Ancestral File Number B=Baptized E=Endowed SS=Sealed to Spouse SP=Sealed to Parents

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Prelude to Wm. Rainwater Pt. III

Well, I am still receiving data from people out there who have not seemed to have heard the message yet. I will endeavor to continue to persevere in my quest to obtain Rainwater uniformity in regards to how the first Rainwaters appear on a descendency chart. Here is what we know and what is currently conjectured at this point:

1. There were two Rainwaters, most likely brothers, named John and William. They were born in the late 1600's to early 1700's.
2. They were both married. John Rainwater married Mary Fussell. William Rainwater married Ann, possibly GILLIAM (will discuss her name later). They both had children. Here is a listing of those children.

JOHN/MARY RAINWATER

James
John
William (retarded)
Milley
Molley
Betty
Winney
Mary

WILLIAM/ANNE RAINWATER

Moses
Gilliam
William Jr.

3. At present I believe there is evidence to support people claiming to descend through John's son James only!!!! We have NO record that John Jr. was married or ever had children. There are many theories, but no proof as of yet. I would like to get the proof this line has established so far.
4. John & Mary Fussell Rainwater's son William was retarded and never married!!! No children from this line. This is a dead line. NO ONE descends from this branch. It is ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE that anyone descends from this branch. I cannot state heartily enough just how impossible this really is, but you can count on it. It is a fact!!!! Any questions????? If you have this Wm. in your family tree, get rid of him quick. This William is not the one who married Anne either. John's son William would have had to have married either as an infant or the gleam in his father's eye for this to be true. Anne and William Rainwater appear in a deed in 1751. I would bet that John's son William was but a child, if he was even born by 1750. I cannot stress emphatically enough just how important it is to get this one point. Look at your records carefully.
5. If you do not descend from John's son James, unless you have the prestigious honor of descending from one of James' sisters, who until this very day have never had any descendants researching their family trees that I know or have heard of, or one the UNCONFIRMED descendants of John Rainwater's son John Jr., then you are left with only one possibility..... YOU ARE A DESCENDANT OF WILLIAM RAINWATER!!!!!! It is that simple. Let's face it. There are only a handful of RAINWATERS in the early NC records. The two families can be split up easily based on their separate migration patterns.

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Gilliam's Island

Just sit right down and I tell you this.
A story that is true, you'll see;
that a Gilliam married right into
our Rainwater family, our Rainwater family!!!

Okay so I am not going to win a Grammy, but the idea is nonetheless important. As I have been going on and on about for so long, I can see two separate branches of our RAINWATER family moving into distinct regions of the country. Since I have already split up the family in a previous article, I will assume that you already know that I believe that William was married to Anne. I believe that their children were Moses, Gilliam, and William Jr. In my research of many branches of the Rainwater family (as well as other families for that matter) I have noticed that often the second son gets his mother's name or her side of the family is represented. In my particular case, my ancestor Moses FOWLER Rainwater is a son of a Miss Fowler who married James Rainwater. If this holds true for a most likely great grandson of William Rainwater, then why not for William himself. That would definitely explain why we have a Gilliam Rainwater showing up in Revolutionary and post-Revolutionary records. It is true that he seems to have disappeared from the scene rather quickly, but his name may hold a key for our continual quest for information about our Rainwater family. Here is a list of those paying taxes in North Carolina with the name Gilliam/Gillam. Notice that the families appear to be in much the same counties as William's family. Coincidence????? **NOT!!!!**

Gillam, Charles	Granville	1769	Gilliam, John	Granville	1784
Harris	Granville	1755	William	Granville	1784
Harris	Granville	1769	Gillam, Charles	Granville	1771
Harris	Granville	1784	Ephraim	Bute	1766
Jesse	Bute	1771	Harriett	Granville	1785
Jesse	FVW	1771	Harris	Granville	1771
Robert	Granville	1769	John	Granville	1785
Wm.	Granville	1769	Moses	Bertie	1781
Wm Jr.	Granville	1769	William	Granville	1785
William	Granville	1771	William Sr.	Granville	1771

I also checked the book "The Granville District of North Carolina: 1748-1763" Abstracts of land grants, Volume II and found the following entries:

1609 Pg. 370 **HARRIS GILLIAM** 27 October 1752 20 acres in Granville County in the Parish of St. John on both sides of Flat Creek, joining the branch and Jordans line OR: /s/ Harris Gilliam Wits: Jno Haywood, Jas Paine surveyed 3 Sep 1751 SCC: George Jordan Jr, (?) Robert Harris, Dan Weldon Surveyor

1614 Pg. 371 **ROBERT GILLIAM** 14 March 1760 540 acres in Granville County in the Parish of St. John on both sides of Lick Creek, joining Brickells line OR: /s/ Robert Gilliam Wits: Tho Fox, Phil Hawkins surveyed 18 Oct 1756 SCC: Robert Mitchell, James Henderson Sher Haywood Surveyor

1606 Pg. 369 **ROBERT GILLIAM** 1 March 1762 680 acres in Granville County on both sides of Lick Swamp, joining Gillams corner, Hawkins line, Ferry's line, Mitchels line, and the County line OR: /s/ Robert Gilliam Wit: Jos Long surveyed 31 _____ 1762 SCC: Charles Gilliam, Saml Chapman Thos Person Surveyor

MAKING A CASE FOR WM. RAINWATER

PART III

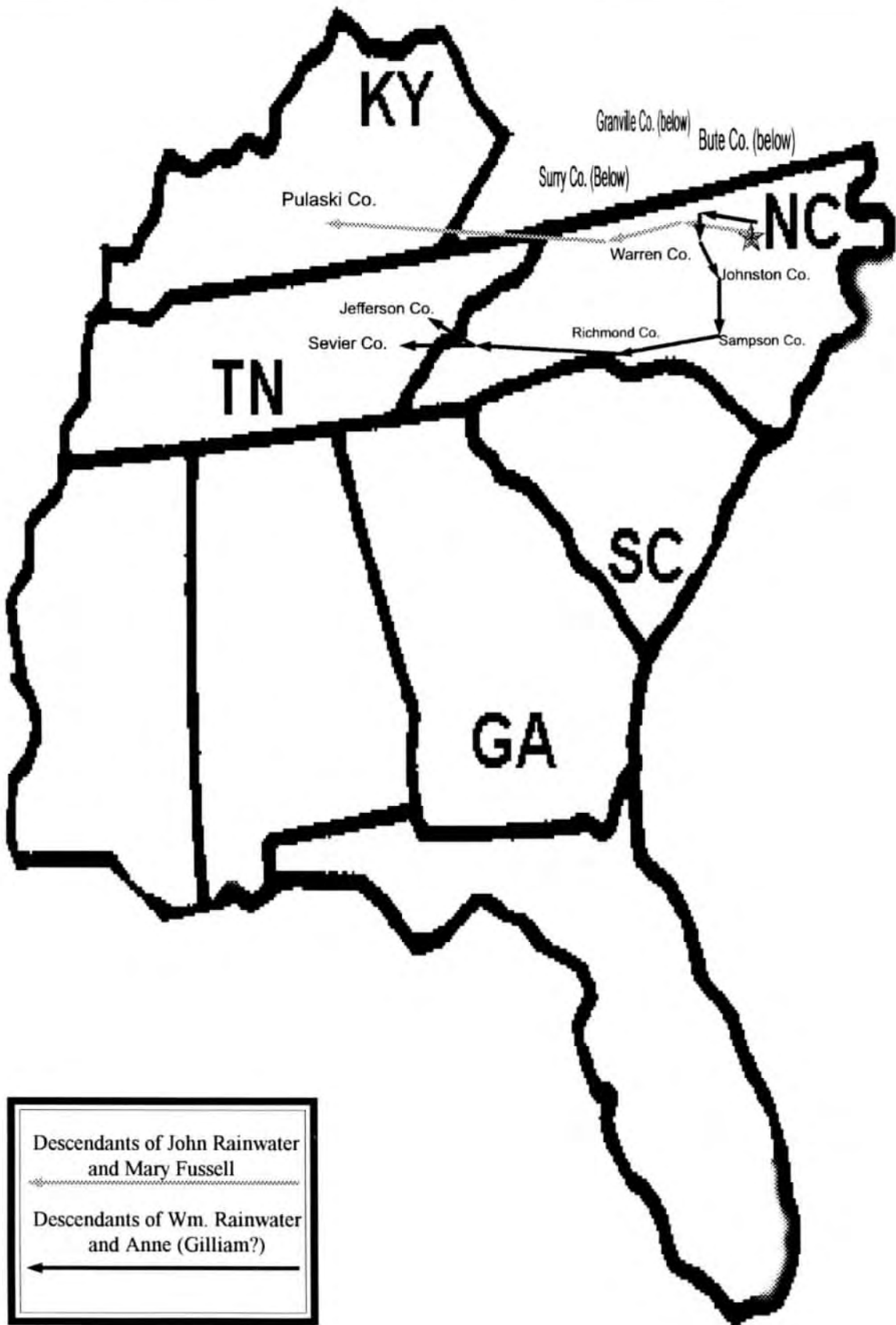
Although this article bears the name "Making a case for William Rainwater: Part III", there are several articles contained in this issue which discuss and debate the issue. I would almost suggest reading every other article first and finish up with this one to have a full understanding of exactly how I am arriving at my conclusions. Having already established three sons for William and Ann, I will now go into who I believe are the descendants of those children.

We will start with the youngest child first, namely William Rainwater Jr. If you once again look at who were the living Rainwaters at the turn of the 18th century and then compare that with everyone's research, it would be apparent to me that those claiming to descend from a William Rainwater who married a "Cherokee" indian woman are his descendants. The facts are this:

1. This William had a son named James Rainwater who was born in NC about 1790. Several members of the descendants of James Rainwater and Katie McCall compiled their information from ancestors who were living in the early to mid 1800's and should have known at least in part more than we do now. Several different records from these people state James' father's name as William.
2. For a William Rainwater to be a father of James he would have to have been born by at least 1770 and could have been born as early as perhaps 1740. If the 1787 census in NC is in fact a listing of this William, then he has a couple sons and daughters, leading me to believe that he might be in his mid-thirties, thus giving him a birthdate of around 1755 or so.
3. There are NO other William Rainwaters left in any uncovered records besides this one who could have fathered James Rainwater in 1790. William Sr. was already dead and would have been quite ancient by 1790 had he lived that long.
4. A great-granddaughter of James Rainwater lists his 7 brothers as: William, Newsom, Moses, Joshua, Mathew, John, and Vincent. I believe this to be correct. I have seen these same names recorded in several different records, although some are obvious duplications of passed around information and could be challenged as verifiable fact. I have personally traced Vincent's line to see if what was said by James' descendants in regards to Vincent in Jefferson Co., TN matched up with actual records and they were dead on.

Based on this I would feel safe in stating that with reasonable certainty, but still wishing to gather more documentation that this line would now look like the following:

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12 November 1793 Tuesday

POWER of attorney from Elizabeth Bullard to Thomas Frazer was proved by oath of **William Rainwater** and ordered registered.

11 August 1795 Tuesday

Owen HOLMES vs **William RAINWATER**: Thomas Frazer, constable, returned into court an attachment levied on 50 acres, there being no other property to be found, the property of said Rainwater. Ordered that the Clerk issue an order of sale directing the Sheriff to sell the same.

12 May 1796 Thursday

TAX COLLECTORS: Ordered that the collectors of tax for 1794: Jesse Davis, Samuel Perkins, **William Rainwater**, James Davis, **Moses Rainwater, Sr.**, William Davis Edmond Nelms, Thomas Little, Jr., Thomas Little, Sr., Elisha Norris, Baker Walker, Richard Price, William Ryall, Cooper Vick, and Thomas Strickland, Jr., be allowed in their list of taxes as insolvents, to wit: 3 pounds, 6 shillings and 1 pence.

15 November 1796 Tuesday

CHILD: **Moses Rainwater** was brought into court being charged with begetting a bastard child on the body of Mary Harrod (**Goodness gracious sakes alive!**). Ordered he enter into bond for 200 pounds to prevent said child becoming chargeable in any ways to this county. He offers William Owens and Thomas Frazer as securities.

13 August 1798 Monday

NEW ROAD: Ordered that a new road be laid off leading from Richard William's to Maxwell's Bridge on Black River (South Black?) and that Frederick Mathis, Duncan McPhail, William Keen, Thomas Mathis, Theophilus Autry, Cornelius Autry, Duncan Gillespie, Joel Mathis, **John Raintree (RAINWATER!!)**, Alexander Campbell, Richard Williams, Archibald Culbreath, Lashlin Phillips, and Alexander McPhail be a jury to lay off the same, and George Jackson, constable, summons the same.

8 February 1799 Friday

Eduard Blackmore for 1240 acres proved by Andrew Hurst; from Needham Vann to Abner Fort for 150 acres proved by Fleet Cooper; from Owen Ryall to William Ryall for 84 acres proved by John Boyt; from Hezekiah Bell to George Taylor for 50 acres was acknowledged; from John Simmons to John Simmons, Jr. for 100 acres proved by Nicholas Parker; from **Moses Raintree(RAINWATER)** to Isaac Sessums for 100 acres was ac-

knowledge; from Thomas Peterson to John Colwell for 80 acres proved by Lewis Spell; from Owen Holmes to Simon Ryall for 350 acres in two pieces was acknowledged; from Coore Cooper to Nehemiah Scott, Jr. for 40 acres proved by Fleet Cooper; from Christopher Edmunds to James Ashe for 100 acres proved by Silas Myhand; and from Ezekiah Bell to George Taylor for 200 acres was acknowledged.

11 February 1799 Monday

ROAD WORK: Ordered that Lewis Parker, **John Rainwater** and **Samuel Fowler** work on the road under Sessums Parker, overseer.

William Rainwater

sp- Anne Gilliam

ch- Moses Rainwater

Gilliam Rainwater

William Rainwater

sp- Molly Reaves (perhaps 1/2 Cherokee or more I do not know)

ch- Newsom Rainwater

Joshua Rainwater

Mathew Rainwater

Vincent Rainwater

John Rainwater

William Rainwater

Moses Rainwater

James Rainwater

sp- Katie McCall

The next child to discuss is Moses Rainwater, the brother to William Jr. He undoubtedly was the eldest child of William and Anne, as by the 1787 census he has a house full! I believe that for certain he was the father of: William Rainwater born in 1775, and James Rainwater who eventually married a Miss Fowler. Here is what I base this hypothesis on:

1. Moses Rainwater apprentices a William Rainwater to a Mr. Bunch (or Burch) in 1787. I seriously doubt he was doing this for a nephew, but for his own son. That also make sense as Moses' father was William, and so was his brother, and if you believe the aforementioned data, then you know that William Jr. named one of his sons Moses!
2. James Rainwater who married Miss Fowler was the father of Moses Fowler Rainwater. He was the SECOND son of the family and got what I believe is his Grandfather Rainwater's first name and his mother's maiden name as his middle name.
3. There are undoubtedly many others who could descend from this line as Moses had quite a few sons as well and several years older than William Jr.'s children. In fact, I believe that many of

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Notes about Wood... Rainwater that is!!!

Wood Rainwater was born at Oakland, Mississippi in 1865, a son of Margaret Tinnin and James A. Rainwater. He received his early education in the public schools there and then attended the Mississippi Male and Female College at Sardis. After graduation, he attended Goodman's Business College of Nashville, TN and at the age of twenty-one, in 1887, he came to Morrilton as a bookkeeper for the firm of Doyle and Henley. Three years later he became a member of the firm of Earle and Rainwater.

This general mercantile business eventually became Rainwater Brothers, when his brother, Night Rainwater, became associated in business with him. When the Rainwater Bank was formed in Morrilton, about 1913, Mr. Rainwater became its president. He continued in that position for fifteen years, until his retirement from active business in 1928, when the family moved back to Little Rock.

About 1925, Mr. Rainwater, together with Charles Frauenthal and R.E. Earle, formed the Merchants Plant Food Company of North Little Rock. Of this company, too, he was elected president and retained that post even after his retirement from his other business interests. Mr. Rainwater also aided the formation of a ginning company, a cotton compress and several other concerns at Morrilton. He made many important contributions to the development of Conway County and, indeed, of Arkansas.

Wood Rainwater became known throughout the entire county because of his writings of a humorous and philosophical nature which were widely published in newspapers and magazines. They were expressive of his keen wit and of his kindly nature, characteristics which distinguished him throughout his life and greatly endeared him to a large circle of friends. Although several attractive offers had been made to engage him professionally in writing, he refused to accept payment for any of his articles, wanting nothing more as an author than the pleasure to others. He also became well-known as an interesting and witty speaker, and the humor contained in his writings and his addresses gained him the title of the "Will Rogers of Arkansas".

Wood Rainwater met Carrie Belle Cherry (dau. of George A. and Catherine Caroline Caroline Cherry) while she was attending Oak Cliff College in Dallas, TX. They were married in Dallas on 26 Dec 1896. Wood and Carrie Belle were the parents of two daughters, Olive and Margaret. Olive married Ralph Farris of Conway, and they had one daughter, Cherry. Margaret married Warren Mercer of Little Rock, and they had one son Warren.

(Information from Olive Rainwater Farris and Cherry Farris Downs)





Reason Rainwater and Family

Reason Rainwater was born 30 May 1836 in Campbell Co., GA, son of James Rainwater and Apposley ??? He married Julia A. Britt of North Carolina, who was born of 12 June 1839. They had three children:

1. Mary Clementine, born 12 June 1857, who married Thomas B. Vaught in Montgomery County on 8 Dec 1878. Mary died 26 Feb 1931 in Post, TX.
2. Melvina, born in 1859 in Carroll County, GA died at age 12 and is buried in Black Springs.
3. George F. was born in October of 1862 in Carroll County, GA. He had a lumber business in Black Springs. He died in 1955 and was buried in Black Springs by his two wives, Eula and Ellen Hart.

Reason served with company K, 39th regiment, Georgia Volunteers, enlisting in 1861 and then again in 1862. His rate of pay was .25 cents. He left Georgia and came to Arkansas after 1870, where Julia died. She is probably buried in the Vaught-Tweedle Cemetery in Montgomery County, AR. Reason married Jane Elder on 9 Mar 1876, and they had the following children: W.E., James, Sarah, John, and Reason L.

Reason's brother Zebulon moved to Franklin County, AR; sisters Melvina, Rhosannah and brothers Eber and George went to Logan Co., AR; Miles, Elisha and sister Elizabeth Hightower remained in Georgia. The whereabouts of Sarah and John are unknown

*Information from an article written by Thelma Sargent
which appeared in "Our Heritage" compiled by the
Montgomery County, AR Historical Society*

Reason and Arilda Jane Elder's children were:

1. William Elisha Rainwater (1876-1947), buried in Sulphur Springs Cemetery
2. James Allen Rainwater (1880-1929), New Blaine, AR
3. Sarah Jane Rainwater (1883-1963), Black Springs
4. John Newton Rainwater (1889-1963), Santa Maria, CA
5. Reason Leroy Rainwater Jr.(1889-1977), Charleston, AR

*Information from Volume II of "Our Heritage", submitted
by Elmer Rainwater*

Biography of William Elisha Rainwater

William Elisha Rainwater was born at Caddo Gap, AR on 25 Jan 1877. His parents were Reason Leroy Rainwater Arilda Jane Elder. William Elisha's early childhood was spent mostly in Caddo Gap and hopper communities. This is where he attended school. During his lifetime, he lived in most parts of Montgomery County, spending a long period of his life in the Sulphur Springs Community. In his adult life he worked as a farmer, merchant and salesman. He served many years as a Sundal School teacher and superintendent. He was a member of the Frewill Baptist Church and he served as a Justice of the Peace for many years. He also served several terms as a school board member.

William Elisha married Caroline Hunter in 1905. Caroline died in 1918. Their children were:

1. Esther Rainwater, born in 1905. Married Alex Prince in 1922. Died in 1929 and is buried in Sulphur Springs Cemetery. She had one daughter, Lois Monroe Prince who lives in Malvern, AR.
2. William Albert Rainwater, born 20 Feb 1909. Married Nell Jeter, 2nd to Pauline Hill. He died and is buried in Palo Alto, CA.
3. Parthine Alice Rainwater, born 20 Feb 1909. Married Claud Dunson and lives at Langley, AR. She has one son, Terry Dunson.

Albert and Alice graduated from Mount Ida High School and Henderson State University and East Texas State University. Both were teachers in Montgomery, Polk, and Pike Counties for many years.

William Elisha married Sarah Lucinda Porter in 1922. Sarah Lucinda was born near the Hopper community in 1880. She died in 1964 and is buried in Sulphur Springs Cemetery. They had one son, Elmer, born 11 May 1923, at Sulphur Springs. Elmer attended school at Sulphur Springs, Norman and graduated from Big Fork High School. He taught 38 years in Hot Springs and Polk County Schools. He married Juanita Holman and they have two sons: Charles Randy and Jerry Wayne.

the South Carolina bunch are descendants of this Moses and not of John and Mary Fussell Rainwater. If you look at the other article showing migration patterns, it would seem a "gimme" that William's descendants were in SC, far above the other family. This would now make the chart appear thusly:

William Rainwater

sp- Anne Gilliam

ch- Moses Rainwater

sp- Unknown

ch- James Rainwater

sp- Miss Fowler

ch- Moses Fowler Rainwater

William Rainwater

Gilliam Rainwater

sp- Nancy Christmas

William Rainwater

sp- Molly Reaves (perhaps 1/2 Cherokee or more I do not know)

ch- Newsom Rainwater

Joshua Rainwater

Vincent Rainwater

John Rainwater

Mathew Rainwater

William Rainwater

Moses Rainwater

James Rainwater

Newsom Rainwater

sp- Katie McCall

The pieces fall simply in to place. There is no forcing, cutting corners, inventing documents or pasting together weak theories. It is clear to me at least that this is all beginning to take shape. It must stand the test of time and scrutiny as more documents are uncovered and we grow in membership and add more pieces to the puzzle. I think we can now begin to look for anything that doesn't seem to fit as a sign that there is still a problem and we haven't got it just right yet!! Please feel free to drop me a line and let me know if this is helping us out or if it is making any sense. I welcome all criticisms as I want to test this theory out with every possible contrary fact that might be out there. That is what a good researcher does. They are never afraid to put their data to the test and are open to new suggestions and/or ideas.

We haven't forgotten all the John and Mary Rainwater descendants either, so we will continue to illuminate the facts and fantasies about this line as well. Stay tuned for more exciting articles in future issues on both lines of the family. Keep sending in info and articles if you can as well. The writing portion takes a lot of time (and don't I know that!!!), but it is of so much value to everyone else. Please, if you can send them in!!

Queries!!!

DENMAN, SWAGERTY, RAINWATERS: My great-frandfather, Mancen B. **RAINWATERS** (born NC 20 Apr 1834) married Susan Victoria **SWAGERTY**, 24 Aug 1858. Susan was the daughter of Doctor Grandison F. **SWAGERTY** (b. TN 1814) and Nancy **DENMAN** (b. GA 1824). The 1860 census of Pulaski Co. AR lists Mathew Rainwater, age 68, b. NC, who I believe to be the father of Mancen D. Other Rainwaters in the same area in 1860 census were J.M.S. age 22, J.C. 33, and W.H. 30. Any help to confirm a Mathew as father of M.D. and whether this Mathew is the son of Moses Sr. would be appreciated.

RICHARD RAINWATERS, 10549 E. DEMOCRAT RD., PARKER, CO 80134-5004 (303) 841-3447

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, 6541 S.E. 111 PLACE, BELLEVIEW, FL 34420

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

MARJORIE 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 MOORHEAD, 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, 6541 S.E. 111 PLACE, BELLEVIEW, FL 34420

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

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

NICK-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 Isaac **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; Drewry 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

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; Ozina **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

RAINWATER: What was the relationship of Gabriel **RAINWATER** (b. 1805) to Levi **RAINWATER** (Levi was the son of John **RAINWATER**, b. 1752)? Was Gabriel the son of Levi and Elizabeth **RAINWATER**? Will appreciate any information.

OBIE THURMAN, 6541 S.E. 111 PLACE, BELLEVIEW, FL 34420

EMMETT, RAINWATER: Seeking information on the ancestors and siblings of John N. **RAINWATER**, born in NC (1798) and married to Barbara **EMMETT**. The family moved from Sevier Co., TN to Ray Co., MO. Would also like to correspond with anyone descended from this Rainwater as all of his children have not been identified, proven, found or researched.

STEVE BURKHART, P.O. BOX 44, WINSTON, MO 64689

MCDONALD, RAINWATER: On the 1850 Cobby Co., GA census, William **MCDONALD** age 21 and Hephizibah **MCDONALD** age 22 are living with Job **RAINWATER**. this is assumed to be the daughter and son-in-law of Job. Does anyone have any information on this McDonald family and their connection with the **RAINWATERS**?

MARY ANN ANGELIN, 4020 ALABAMA RD., APISON, TN 37302

EMMETT, LEABO, RAINWATER: Seek proof that Lucinda Caroline **RAINWATER LEABO**, b. 1831 in TN, M. Jeremiah W. **LEABO** on 27 May 1846 in Ray Co., MO, d. 24 Jun 1905, Springfield, Greene, TN, buried Evergreen Cemetery, Republic, Greene Co., MO, is the daughter of John N. (1798-1867) and Barbara **EMMETT RAINWATER**. Have much data on Rainwater throughout the U.S. Did anyone buy a **RAINWATER** family book with names and addresses of many **RAINWATERS** now living in the U.S.?

ROSS CAMERON, 6462 ROCKSHIRE STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22315-3437

RAINWATER, ROBERTS: Elizabeth **RAINWATER** married Isaac **ROBERTS** in Pulaski Co., KY on 24 Nov 1843. Elizabeth was the daughter of William and Patsy **RAINWATER**. Need info on the parents of Issac **ROBERTS**.

JOHN D. ROBERTS, U.S.N. RET., 1804 SO. LYNDAL, SIOUX FALLS, SD 57105

LONG, RAINWATER: Need help/info on the ancestors and descendants of John Franklin **RAINWATER**, b. 11 Mar 1866 in Little Rock, AR, m. 1st to Ida **LONG**, 2nd to Viola **MACY**. Any information will be helpful. WANDA MAROUN, 1081 ELODIE DRIVE, FLINT, MI 48532