

# ❖Rainwater Researcher❖

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## The Rainwater family and Me The History of the Rainwater Researcher

Much of this issue is going to discuss MY Rainwater connection. It is my intent that by discussing the trials and tribulations that I have gone through in obtaining information on this family, that it might give others suggestions as to how to proceed on their own respective lines.

Many may wonder just exactly how I got "stuck" writing a newsletter and why this line has been so interesting to me. It all began when I first traced my line back to this surname. The day I found out that my ancestor Joseph C. Grimes of Ray Co., MO was married to Juliett Oliver Rainwater I thought as many do: "Aha!!! I have finally found that Indian my family has always been talking about!"

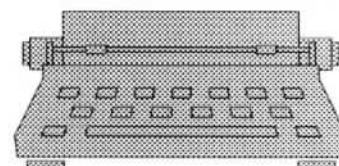
That quickly was to be dispelled by the information that I subsequently found on her, her siblings, and her parents, Moses Fowler Rainwater and Elisabeth Clay Oliver. As I researched and researched I found that the family was more than likely German in origin, although there seemed to be an awful lot of Rainwaters who married Indian women and carried on the misinformed idea that the Rainwater family was descended from an Indian family.

I was having so much trouble in finding out who Moses Fowler Rainwater's father was, until I came upon the "Folmar Chart". This seemed to quickly finish up my research as someone had seemingly meticulously researched the early generations of Rainwaters and we all descended from John Rainwater who married Mary Fussell. It made sense on my line at first glance. Moses' father was Moses Jr., and his father Moses Sr., and his father John Jr., son of John and Mary Fussell Rainwater. WOW, wasn't that great! I was done with this line and could move on to other lines..... Well, not really.

Having done research that conflicted with this data, I was divided between what I thought was the "truth" about Moses Fowler Rainwater's ancestry, and what I was seeing on this chart. I found out the Mr. Folmar was married to a woman who was descended from TWO Rainwater lines, one of which was through my Moses Fowler Rainwater. This further annoyed me as I would sure have hoped that someone working on my line was going to have been really thorough in his methodology, but the more I searched the less likely

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# My Rainwater Connection!!!

James Rainwater was born in NC about the year 1780, the son of Moses Rainwater (wife's name not known at present). The exact county of his birth is not known, but is presumably either Warren or Johnston Co. as that is where his father and family is listed in the 1790 census. We do know that Moses was later in Sampson Co., and then eventually in Richmond Co., NC. James married his wife, \_\_\_\_\_ Fowler circa 1797, most probably in Richmond Co., NC and they were the parents of the following children:

John N. Rainwater	born	1798	North Carolina
	marr		Tennessee
	died	20 Oct 1867	Ray Co., MO
	spouse	Barbara EMMETT	
Moses F. Rainwater	born	18 Jul 1804	Richmond Co., NC (from Moses' family bible)
	marr	18 Oct 1832	Clinton, Anderson Co., TN
	died	3 Jan 1886	St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
	spouse	Elizabeth Clay OLIVER	
James Rainwater	born	1 May 1811	North Carolina
	marr	abt 1832	Sevier Co., TN
	died	9 May 1894	Dayton, Columbia Co., WA
Cessum Rainwater	born	abt 1812	North Carolina
	marr	abt 1837	Tennessee
	marr	20 Nov 1850	Johnson Co., IL
	died	bef 1870	??????
	spouse	1st wife Unknown	
	spouse	Elizabeth HURD	
Catherine Rainwater	born	abt 1819	North Carolina
	marr	abt 1836	Tennessee
	died	aft 1870	??????
	spouse	Calvin BAKER	
Ann Rainwater	born	3 Jul 1824	Tennessee
	marr	abt 1843	Johnson Co., IL
	died	21 Aug 1899	Bentonville, Benton Co., AR

The names of all the children come from the following transcription of a record inserted into the bible of one of the descendants of James Rainwater Jr., who married Delilah Kiefer. After reading the bible record I will then attempt to show you how I have come upon the other information or how I postulate it to be at this point.

- ① James Rainwater died in Sevier Co. Tennessee. He was born about 1780 - died about 1841. He was your great grandfather, Jessie my gg grandfather.
- ② These are your great Uncles and your grandfathers Brothers + sisters
1. John R. married Barbara Einrutt - ENRUTT or EMMETT
  2. Besame R. died young
  3. Moses R. (don't know anything about him her.
  - 4 Ann R. " " " "
  5. Catherine Rainwater married a man named Baker
  6. James R. father of Jacob - your grandfather. He was born in 1810 in Sevier Co. Tenn. Died Jan. 9 - 1894 at Dayton. He married Delilah Kiefer. They had the following children:
    1. John R. married first Nancy Sparks 2nd aunt Viola.
    2. Jacob R. married Lucinda Williamson 2nd Nellie Pintler
    3. Wynn married Rhoda Le Bow (or Beaux)
    4. Press married Mary Carter
    5. Martha Susan first - Smith 2nd - Abner Mal.

There may have been 2 more boys - (do you know if your grandfather was married twice? There was a Catherine Regan - and a Sanderson - I think Mother said - Sanderson was the name of your great grand father James 2nd wife, maybe Catherine Regan was one of his wives - she was either his or your Grandfather James 2nd (if he had a 2nd, I don't know - I just know Catherine Regan belongs in somewhere. They lived in Sevier Co. Tenn. Too. "

This letter was in Jacob Rainwater's family bible then owned by his daughter Jessie Rainwater Thompson. She said that her Cousin "Judge" Clyde Pettijohn had wrote it to her. He was a son of Ezra Rainwater Pettijohn who wrote + published a book on The Pettijohn family.

This next part is going to be extremely tricky to type in a coherent form and much harder to comprehend. I hope you will be able to see the documentation and the thought processes that went into uncovering all of this information. In the bible record on page 3 are the children of a James Rainwater (1780-1841). To establish just who these exact people were we had to use certain clues found within the text of the document.

1) The first child is listed as John Rainwater who married a Barbara Emmett. In another document we knew that Barbara Emmett was an aunt of Lucinda Catherine Williamson who married the son of child #6 (James Rainwater Jr.), namely Jacob Sessum Rainwater. This means that Lucinda's father John Nelson Williamson was married to Catherine Emmett. This has been confirmed. So knowing this does what for us? Who is this John Rainwater and where does he appear on any records? John Nelson Williamson family lived in Sevier Co., TN. Sometime in the 1830's the family moved to Ray Co., MO. In the 1850 Ray Co., MO census we find the John Williamson family and the John and BARBARA Rainwater family. This would seem to be our John Rainwater who married Barbara Emmett. One down, five to go.

2) The third child is listed as Moses Rainwater with the following phrase attached: "don't know anything about him". In this same time period, just how many Moses Rainwater's were living say in 1850. One, maybe two, but that is about all. Was there a Moses Rainwater listed in either the 1840 or 1850 MO census records? Yes, and he was living in Ray Co., MO coincidentally! In fact, he is the first to carry that surname into Missouri as he is the only Rainwater listed in the 1840 census having traveled to Ray County via Howard Co., MO in about 1836. Not too much stretching of the imagination to find two brothers living next to each other in MO!!! Another down, four to go.

3) The sixth child, James Rainwater Jr. is not listed in Ray Co., MO. Darn. So it isn't going to be all that easy you think. James and his family were in Washington Co., AR in 1850. The bible record lists only the children of him, as Jacob Sessum Rainwater, in whose bible was put this piece of paper, was his son and it is logical to think that they would be most interested and have the most information on their line ahead of any of the others. But, is there a connection between this James in AR and the two up in Ray Co., MO? Of course there is! James is listed in Benton Co., MO in 1870 having moved there from AR. Some of his children moved out west to OR and WA, but one son Pressly Rainwater lived in none other than Ray Co., MO and in fact, there are descendants from this line who are subscribers to the newsletter. And two of Moses' children were in Benton Co., MO in 1860, so there seems to be some sort of familial connection between James and the Rainwaters of Ray Co., MO.

One of the sons of John and Barbara Rainwater, Alexander Martin Rainwater had headed out to Oregon before the others, and in a family history of Philip Rile Williamson, son of John N. Williamson, he says that the Holmans, Williamsons, and others came out to Albany, Oregon where they had family, Martin and Lizzie Rainwater, who had come out earlier. If that were not enough, Alexander's wife Lizzie was an EMMETT too!!! She was the daughter of Daniel EMMETT who was the brother of Barbara Rainwater and Catherine Williamson. Okay, enough evidence to tie James into the family???? Another down and now only three are left!

4) Child five, Catherine Rainwater is listed as married to a man named Baker. It would seem that the family knew at least a little more about her than some of the other siblings, so perhaps the family might be living closer to James' family. Indeed this is the case. Calvin Baker is listed in 1850 and 1860 in



Washington Co., AR. By 1870 they are listed in the Labette County, KS census. I have looked all over for a descendant of this line as they had nine children, but none have been found to date. Perhaps some day we will locate where their line went, but so far no luck. Okay, another down and only two more to go.

5) The second child listed, Sesame (Sessum.Cessum) Rainwater is more of a challenge. He is supposed to have died young according to the bible record. Well, just how young is young? If you are writing this and you happen to be 75 years old, sixty might seem young and 50 would be real young. Does a Cessum Rainwater show up in any records though? Yes! In 1840 there is a Sessum Rainwater listed in Marshall Co., TN with a wife 2 children under age five, both he and she aged 20-30. In 1850, in Massac Co., IL is Sessum Rainwater, aged 38, born in NC and his soon to be 2nd wife, Elizabeth Hurd which he marries in November of 1850, the census having been taken in October of that year. Included are two children a boy and a girl. They are listed as being under 10, but their ages are so close together that one wonders if they might have been the two children listed in the 1840 census. Their names are James (just a coincidence???) and Sarah J. James is age 9, born in TN, and Sarah J. is 7, born in IL, so it is possible that the first two children died as well. No record of them is found again after 1850. What happened to these children is a mystery, but did Cessum and Elizabeth Hurd Rainwater have any children, and if they did and it is to be believed from the bible record that Cessum died young, then who would have raised their children if the mother died as well?

And the answer is.....James Rainwater Jr!! I neglected to tell you that in that 1870 census record in Benton Co., MO were living three women from none other than Illinois: Matilda Rainwater, Charity Rainwater and Jane Beard (perhaps Sarah Jane Rainwater Beard, a widow). Who are these teenage girls born in the 1850's and what were they doing with James in Benton Co., MO??? I would purpose that they were the children of Cessum and Elisabeth who went to live with their uncle James after their parents died in some accident, Indian raid, or of one of the many illnesses that swept through the countryside back then. Well, although not quite as thoroughly proven as of yet, I highly believe that this is in fact the Cessum that is listed on that bible record. I am still trying to find descendants of one of the three girls to see what is known about their ancestry, but to date nothing has been found to corroborate further my theory.

6) That leaves one child left: Anne Rainwater. Nothing is known about her either from the bible record. This is the one child which I am still not 100% convinced of but will show you what we have come up with at present and you can let me know if you think that I am out to lunch on this one (and please do!). In the adjoining county in IL to Massac which is where we find the brother Cessum is listed the Burrell Henderson Wright family. Burrell's wife is Anne Rainwater and they were married in IL. The significance to this family is that there is a 70 year old woman living with them by the name of Charity Rainwater, born in NC. Let's see.... she would have been born about 1780 (where have I heard that date before?.....Hmmm....). Her name is familiar to me. John and Barbara Rainwater had a daughter Charity Elisabeth Catherine Rainwater. Could he have named her for his mother?? What about Burrell and Ann children. Is it a coincidence that they have a son James K. Polk Wright born the same year as Moses Fowler Rainwater's son, James K. Polk Rainwater? Or their other child named Jacob Ashley Wright, VERY similar to James Rainwater Jr.s' sons, Jacob Sessum and Ashley Wynn Rainwater. The fact that Moses Fowler Rainwater was ordained a minister in TN with his friend Ashley Wynn might give a reasoning for the choice of the Ashley name by both families. According to a newspaper article, Moses

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it seemed this to be the case. In his zealously to complete his wife's genealogy he made SWEEPING generalizations and in doing so some grievous errors. Can we say that it was just HIS fault alone...no! He was just like me, going on the work that had been done before him, much of which had been unfortunately speculation, passed around for about 30 years until it became hard-core fact.

While I was wrestling with the past, I was also trying to find descendants of my line to see who had the family bible. I know that it did not make it down my branch of the family, so I was going to find a living relative who knew where the bible was if it still existed. That put me directly in the path of the person who was to start me on this quest: Charles Rainwater Wollard of Richmond, MO.

Charles Rainwater Wollard was a descendant of another of the daughters of Moses Fowler Rainwater and was much better than finding any old descendant. He was (and is) a genealogist extraordinaire, a past president of the Missouri Sons of the American Revolution and had traced (with documentation) over 20 lines between he and his wife back to Revolutionary War Veterans. I was ecstatic to have made such a great connection, until I found that after 30+ years of research, he too was stuck in the same boat I was: Who was Moses Fowler Rainwater's father and mother. This was very disheartening I can tell you. At 25 years of age, the fact that someone had looked for more years than I had lived and could not find the right set of clues made me think that this was going to be "Situation Hopeless"!

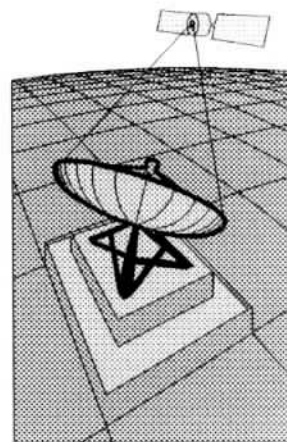
I decided that I needed to visit my cousin back in Missouri so I made the trip out there in 1991. Talk about gathering documentation!!! Charles had so many file cabinets of documentation on all his family lines, that I was in complete awe. He had a wall filled with plaque after plaque of awards and records of his Rev War ancestry. It was quite impressive I must say. We discussed for days our theories and compared notes and I was beginning to feel that maybe, just maybe that I could further our research efforts now.

Charles walked out of the room and several minutes later came back with two very, very old books. One was a cowhide bound bible, once held in the hands of Rev. Dr. Moses Fowler Rainwater, the other was his concordance. The copyright of the bible was 1821 and the concordance 1816. This was remarkable! I could not believe that something like this would still be around. I was envious that it had been his line that the bible had been passed down through, but what he was to do next would forever change the course of my research.... He gave me the bibles! Just gave them to me!!!... Well, not exactly!



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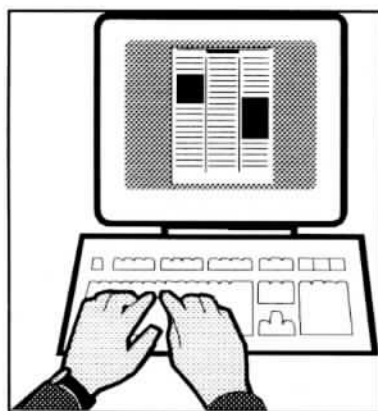
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I got to keep the bible and concordance, but only after swearing an oath to find the true ancestry of our Moses Fowler Rainwater. I swore that I would not stop until I did and told him that he would be around for the celebration when I did. I returned to California and kept digging for clues. I then ran into the second important person in this saga: Lyle Rainwater.

I was at a Mormon FHC in Ventura one day doing some research. Someone next to me was having some trouble in using some of the microfiche records and I began to try to explain to them how the system worked. As an example I used my Moses Fowler Rainwater's name to explain how an entry might appear. Little did I know, but Barbara Rainwater, Lyle's wife was the librarian that day! The minute she heard the name, when I finished helping the other person she started talking to me asking me about my Rainwater connection and telling me that her husband Lyle Rainwater would most likely like to talk to me. Although it did not appear to me that we were related in any way other than way back, I got in touch with Lyle and we compared notes.

At first, we did not make a definite connection. Months went by, meetings infrequently to compare notes, but nothing. Then we made a breakthrough in that it appeared on the surface of things that my Moses Fowler Rainwater was a brother to his James Rainwater who married Delilah Kiefer. This kept up the momentum and I told Lyle at that time that it would really be great if we could find someone doing a newsletter on this line as we could pull together everyone's resources and help everyone to find their correct lineage from this line. Then while Lyle was digging through old correspondence he ran across a transcription he made of a bible recorded inserted into the Jacob Sessum Rainwater family bible. It listed our family connection and from there we have been able to fill in the blanks.

The rest is history. After finally making this connection and not having a place to display the fruits of our efforts I began the Rainwater Researcher. I believe in the adage, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." Since there was no newsletter out there, who better than I to start the whole thing. I hope that the newsletter will continue to provide the clues necessary for countless Rainwater researchers to make their own great discoveries and help us all to gain a better picture of this branch of their family tree.

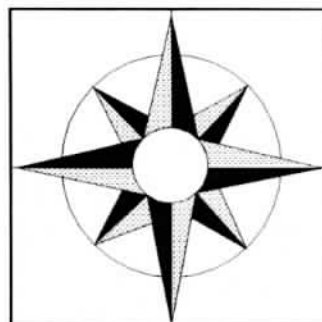


## WEB PAGE UPDATE

WELL, IT IS EXTREMELY MUCH MORE  
DIFFICULT TO GET A WEB PAGE SET UP THAN I  
ORIGINALLY THOUGHT!

I AM STILL WORKING ON IT AND HOPE TO HAVE  
ONE UP AND RUNNING SOMETIME BEFORE THE  
END OF THE YEAR.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY HELP FOR ME OUT THERE  
ON HOW TO GO ABOUT CREATING A WEB PAGE, LET



## My Rainwater Connection Cont'd

Fowler Rainwater said he came to TN with his father's family in 1822. Anne was born in TN (most likely Sevier Co.) in 1824. That fits the pattern as well, and if the father James had died in 1841, survived by his wife wouldn't she be living with one of the children, perhaps the youngest child. Sounds like a good possibility to me. If this is indeed proven, then Charity's maiden name would be what????

This is where we start to have a seemingly big problem with the bible record. A problem that on the face of things looks to be insurmountable. When the author of the bible record, Judge Clive Pettijohn was a grandson of Jacob Rainwater and Lucinda Williamson, finishes listing James and Delilah Kiefer Rainwater's kids he states that James Jr. may have been married twice and that perhaps there were two more kids from this second marriage. He then remembers the name Sanderson which is indeed the maiden name of his second wife, but of the elder James Rainwater not the younger (which is documentably incorrect) and then he interjects another memory bit... the name of Catherine Regan. He then attempts to make her a wife of either of the James' and then finally ends up stating that she just belongs in there somewhere. So what is the problem then. She must be James Rainwater Sr.'s wife, right? Well that creates a problem because a newspaper article from the daughter-in-law of Moses Fowler Rainwater who bore the maiden name Fowler as well said the following:

*One day my father-in Law Moses Rainwater said to me, 'I am not so sure that you and Charley [Charles Cicero Rainwater] haven't committed a sin in getting married'. When I asked him why he replied, 'because my mother was a FOWLER'.*

That means that Moses who was born in 1804 was the son of James Rainwater and a Miss Fowler! That makes the bible record seem to contradict itself. That is unless we can find a Catherine Regan somewhere. Can we? We Can! And it is through the EMMETT line that it comes. It is plain to see that they knew more about the Rainwaters and Emmetts than any other family and simply got confused. Here is the Regan connection.

Husband: Frederick EMERT-1025

Wife: Barbara KNIGHT-1023

Marriage: Abt 1775

Place: ,Sevier, TN

1-Barbara EMERT-1022

2-Polly EMERT-1021

3-Catherine EMERT-1020

4-Mary EMERT-1019

5-Elizabeth EMERT-1018

6-Phillip EMERT-82

7-Margaret EMERT-1017

8-Louisa EMERT-1016

9-Frederick E. EMERT-1015

10-Daniel EMERT-1014



## CORRECTION:

## Family of Timothy and Elizabeth Trigg Reagan:

- |     |  |                                |   |
|-----|--|--------------------------------|---|
| 1.  | RICHARD REAGAN<br>m Julia Ann Shultz                 | b 1776/1777<br>d 1829          | Maryland<br>Sevier County, TN                 |
| 2.  | ROBERT NELSON REAGAN<br>m                            | b ca 1779<br>d                 | Pittsylvania County, VA                       |
| 3.  | RACHEL REAGAN (?)<br>m Edward Mahan (?)              | b ca 1781<br>d                 | Pittsylvania County, VA                       |
| 4.  | REASON REAGAN<br>m Rachel Thomas                     | b ca 1783<br>d ca 1814         | Pittsylvania County, VA<br>Madison County, IL |
| 5.  | ELIZABETH REAGAN<br>m Phillip Emert                  | b ca 1785<br>d bef 1840        | Caswell County, NC<br>Sevier County, TN       |
| 6.  | SARAH REAGAN<br>m Daniel Emert                       | b 16 Oct 1787<br>d 6 June 1855 | Caswell County, NC<br>Sevier County, TN       |
| 7.  | NANCY JANE REAGAN<br>unmarried                       | b ca 1789<br>d 4 Mar 1844      | Caswell County, NC<br>Macoupin County, IL     |
| 8.  | CELIA DRUSILLA REAGAN<br>m Frederick Emert Jr.       | b 15 Feb 1792<br>d 29 Aug 1869 | Caswell County, NC<br>Blount County, TN       |
| 9.  | CATHERINE REAGAN<br>m Davis Carter                   | b ca 1794<br>d ca 1844         | Caswell County, NC<br>Greene County, IL       |
| 10. | RHODA REAGAN<br>m James Huskey                       | b ca 1796<br>d 10 Oct 1855     | Sevier County, TN<br>Macoupin County, IL      |
| 11. | JEREMIAH REAGAN<br>m Mary Huskey; Louisa             | b ca 1798<br>d aft 1880        | Sevier County, TN<br>Bartow County, GA        |
| 12. | TIMOTHY REAGAN Jr.<br>m Barbara Shultz; Martha Moore | b 1 July 1800<br>d 21 Aug 1883 | Sevier County, TN<br>Bollinger County, MO     |
| 13. | JOSHUA REAGAN<br>m Jane Huskey                       | b ca 1804<br>d aft 1860        | Sevier County, TN<br>Phelps County, MO        |

EMERT BROTHERS



Well, there you have it. Three Emert (Emmett) brothers married into the Reagan family of Sevier Co., TN. That alone explains why the bible record insisted that a Reagan fit in somewhere in their family tree, they were just off on which branch. It was through Lucinda Williamson Rainwater's mother, Catherine EMMETT, whose mother was a Reagan that the name Catherine Reagan came about. And while on this point it should be pointed out that this is where the BIG TIME LIE sent to the Mormon IGI comes about as well. Someone claimed that John Rainwater and Mary Fussell's son James Rainwater was married to a Reagan, simply from a bunch of notes about another completely different line of the family!!! Oh what a

hard job they have made for us latter twentieth century researchers!!! In fact the book written by Donald B. Reagan, **SMOKY MOUNTAIN CLANS**, has been revised as you can see by the correction page from his book to show that Catherine Reagan was married to Davis Carter and she died in Greene Co., IL in 1844. I hope that this helps put to rest another big misinformation campaign on the part of some careless researchers who want the fast truth and not the real truth!!! It might be interesting to note that the Emert line is of GERMAN origin as well, so we have Germans marrying Irish, Germans marrying Germans, Indians marrying Irish Germans, Germans marrying Indians, and it goes on and on and on!!!

So it can be postulated at this point that Charity Rainwater in IL in 1850 is most likely the mother of the James Rainwater Sr. family and her maiden name is FOWLER, they having gotten married in North Carolina around the year 1797 which would have placed them either in Sampson or Richmond Co., NC. Looking for a will for a Fowler with a daughter named Charity Rainwater is my line's best bet at this point to help corroborate the theory, along with further documents to prove Ann as the daughter mentioned in the bible record.

Those of you Rainwaters who descend from SC and or GA ancestors might want to check around in southern NC records for clues to your exact ancestry as well, as Moses Fowler Rainwater, a Methodist Episcopal preacher was preaching in SC in 1830. Although many of the SC Rainwaters were Baptists, there were many Rainwaters from this area who were preachers of one kind or another. I am not certain if this holds true for the Kentucky bunch, not meaning them to be any the less religious, just an interesting point to bring out.

Well to let you see what has been gathered from this point onward would be extremely lengthy, so I will limit my descendency chart to five generations:

## Descendants of James Rainwater Sr. and (Charity?) Fowler Rainwater

- 1-- William RAINWATER-969 (1715-1783)
  - sp-Anne GILLIAM (?) -968
- 2-- Moses RAINWATER-908
  - 3-- James RAINWATER-80 (1780-1840)
    - sp-Charity FOWLER-81 (1780-1850)
  - 4-- John N. RAINWATER-20 (1798-1867)
    - sp-Barbara EMMETT-21 (1808)
  - 5-- John Berry RAINWATER-979 (1820-1910)
  - 5-- Enoch F. RAINWATER-45 (1828-1861)
    - sp-Catherine REMLEY-46 (1837-1915)
  - 5-- Alexander Martin RAINWATER-117 (1829)
    - sp-Sarah Elizabeth EMMETT-1010 (1834)
  - 5-- Lucinda Caroline RAINWATER-7 (1831)
    - sp-Jeremiah LEABO-6 (1825)
  - 5-- Angelina RAINWATER-22 (1835)
    - sp-Adam ARTMAN-606
  - 5-- Charity Elizabeth C. RAINWATER-23 (1845)
    - sp-Mathew SWITZER-263 (1830)

- 4-- Moses Fowler RAINWATER-9 (1804-1886)
- sp-Elizabeth Clay OLIVER-10 (1815-1895)
- 5-- Juliett Oliver RAINWATER-11 (1833-1901)
- sp-Joseph C. GRIMES-156 (1826-1889)
- 5-- Catherine Clay RAINWATER-12 (1835-1907)
- sp-Sebron Sneed YOUNG-232
- 5-- Charles Cicero RAINWATER Major-13 (1838-1902)
- sp-Sarah Hannah FOWLER-230
- 5-- Margaret Ann RAINWATER-14 (1840-1900)
- sp-John H. YOAKUM-231
- 5-- Sarah Frances RAINWATER-15 (1842)
- sp-Christopher Columbus PETREE-233
- 5-- James K. Polk RAINWATER-16 (1845-1852)
- 5-- Amelia McPherson RAINWATER-17 (1847)
- sp-Joseph Richardson PUGH-234 (1840-1898)
- 5-- Mary Elizabeth RAINWATER-18 (1850-1927)
- sp-John W. PINKARD-235 (1847)
- 5-- Alice Mansur RAINWATER-19 (1857-1912)
- sp-SANDERSON-236
- 4-- James RAINWATER-131 (1811-1894)
- sp-Delila KIEFER-498 (1815-1849)
- 5-- John Kiefer RAINWATER-273 (1834-1920)
- sp-Mary Ellen SPARKS-272 (1829-1889)
- sp-Viola THOOPE-751 (1860-1908)
- 5-- Jacob RAINWATER-50 (1835-1906)
- sp-Lucinda Catherine WILLIAMSON-87 (1833-1879)
- sp-Nellie Laura PINTLER-483 (1865-1938)
- 5-- Ashley Wynn RAINWATER-53 (1839)
- sp-Rhoda M LEBOW-746 (1844-1895)
- 5-- Martha Susanna RAINWATER-395 (1843-1932)
- sp-Richard SMITH-745 (1842-1865)
- sp-Albert M NEAL-659 (1838-1903)
- 5-- Presly R. RAINWATER-323 (1847-1931)
- sp-Mary Catherine CARNER-744 (1849-1931)
- sp-Julia Jane SANDERSON-743 (1819)
- 5-- William Finis RAINWATER-741 (1853-1923)
- sp-RAINWATER-422
- 5-- James Donald RAINWATER-662 (1856-1933)
- 4-- Cessum RAINWATER-132 (1812)
- 5-- RAINWATER-961 (1838)
- 5-- James RAINWATER-958 (1840)
- 5-- Sarah J. RAINWATER-922 (1842)
- sp-Elizabeth HARD-899 (1820-1870)
- 5-- Charity RAINWATER-914 (1851-1870)
- 5-- Matilda RAINWATER-912 (1852-1920)
- sp-Jacob FAILER-911 (1852-1900)

- 4-- Catherine RAINWATER-133 (1819-1870)
  - sp-Calvin BAKER-834 (1817-1870)
  - 5-- Alexander BAKER-130 (1837)
  - 5-- Rachel BAKER-917 (1839)
  - 5-- Amanda Susan BAKER-955 (1841)
  - 5-- William BAKER-959 (1845)
  - 5-- Lafayette BAKER-980 (1849)
  - 5-- Martha BAKER-932 (1851)
  - 5-- Sarah BAKER-978 (1853)
  - 5-- Cessum BAKER-933 (1860)
  - 5-- Lydia BAKER-977 (1852)
- 4-- Ann RAINWATER-129 (1824-1899)
  - sp-Burrel Henderson WRIGHT-900 (1829-1906)
  - 5-- James K. Polk WRIGHT-948 (1845-1874)
  - 5-- George Washington WRIGHT-938 (1850)
  - 5-- John Henry (Jeremiah) WRIGHT-918 (1851-1930)
  - 5-- Mary Ann WRIGHT-975 (1852-1912)
  - 5-- William Thomas WRIGHT-966 (1854)
  - 5-- Angeline WRIGHT-901 (1855-1946)
  - 5-- Jacob Ashley WRIGHT-954 (1858-1933)
  - 5-- Ozina WRIGHT-976 (1860-1940)
- 2-- Gilliam RAINWATER-996
  - sp-Nancy CHRISTMAS-994
- 2-- William Jr. RAINWATER-995
  - sp-Molly (Cherokee Ind) REAVES-993

# Rainwater Reunions

Well you can rest assured that there are several Rainwater reunions every year spread out across the United States. The most recent one occurred on the weekend of June 8th and 9th in Natural Dam, AR, where many of the descendants of John Sanford Rainwater, son of James and Katie McCall Rainwater have met now for the third year in a row. They were expecting a bigger crowd than last year which I believe was at over 100!!!

Please send in announcements well in advance of any Rainwater Reunions or plans for reunions and I will be glad to put them in the newsletter. Maybe some day someone special can coordinate a Mega-Rainwater Reunion for all of us!!!!





# What's in Store Next Issue

Next issue we will be looking at branches of the Ky Rainwaters, as well as some new records found in miscellaneous and often unchecked records sources throughout the United States. If while doing any research you come across something with the name Rainwater attached to it, then make a copy and send it in and we will print it in the Bits and Pieces section of the newsletter. If you have any data that you would like to see submitted in this issue, please get it to me as quickly as possible. I am already working on the next issue which plans to be several pages longer than the previous issues.

This is a special issue for everyone doing such a wonderful job of spreading the news that the newsletter is hear and helping to increase our membership. Starting with this 4th issue of Volume 2, every consecutive fourth issue will contain a list of the current membership and which line they are descended from and/or are currently working on. This will help us to cross communicate amongst ourselves more efficiently and help each other out in our research endeavors.

It will also be time to renew subscriptions for the following year and a subscription form insert (2 of them) will be included for your convenience. Some members signed on for 2 and 3 year subscriptions, and will continue to receive a subscription without a stop in service. This is really the time to send it in. If you wait, then you will, and I mean WILL forget and miss out on the first issue of year number 3!!!!!! I hope that everyone has enjoyed these as much as I do putting them out. Will keep working on the format to keep it interesting and informative as ever.



## 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. LYNDALE, 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