1997 Starts off with lots of improvements and quite a bit of changes!

Well I am sure that many of you are by now wondering what has happened to your first issue of the newsletter!!! I have been wondering this myself, and frustratingly not been able to do much about it until very recently due to several situations that have arisen in my life.

The first big situation that occurred that has had me on the run since December is that I moved. If you are like me, then you hate moving. You don’t just mildly hate it. You LOATHE it!!!! Well, when I found out that I was going to relocate to Bakersfield (my hometown and birthplace) I was excited, although the thought of boxing everything up and the hassle of loading up trucks and moving them and then unpacking them over the next several months was enough to make me crazy. The computer equipment alone along with all the Rainwater research and data as well as the many other things I have gathered has taken the better part of two months to completely unpack, and then it still really is not done! I moved into my first home on 24 January 1997. For anyone and everyone who wishes to contact me regarding the newsletter the new address is:

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The move was brought about by the second major situation to inhibit my ability to get the newsletter typed, printed and mailed, and that is because my job was the reason for the relocation. I have been managing the McDonald’s restaurant in Fillmore, CA for the last 8 years. The owners and myself have longed to grow as an operation beyond the one store we had and expressed a desire to return to Bakersfield. It took 8 years, but the dream has now become a reality and we are in the process of acquiring 3
existing and 1 new store in Kern County.

Of course the reason that I wanted to "grow" the business is that I wanted to expand my horizons and develop skills as a multi-store supervisor, helping develop even larger amounts of crew and management through the system. Well, I got my wish, and the old saying is definitely true...."Watch out! You might just get what you wished for!!!" Well, I am in the process of developing management and crew at a store about 30 miles outside of Bakersfield in Taft, CA; I am going to have to start hiring next week for our new store which is scheduled to open about April 15th, which means I have to hire and train about 40 or so crew and develop some people to manage the restaurant as well. Then we will be acquiring the other two restaurants in May that are located in Bakersfield, while giving up the one we have had for so long in Fillmore about the 15th of April as well. So, needless to say, I have been a busy little beaver!!!!! Working 18 hour days for a few weeks can certainly take the energy out of you.

I am tired!!!!! I am so busy that I cannot even enjoy my new home. I should have just bought a sleeping bag to take with me to work. It would have been cheaper and would have saved me on driving time<G>!!! Okay... I know that some of you are already looking for the violins, as if my life is just so horrible that we need some sad musical accompaniment to help it along. Well, I am not looking for pity (Lord knows it is as hard to find as gold!), but just wanted to let everyone know that the newsletter is late for more reasons than just "I haven't gotten around to it!"

Although I have been busy, I have not completely abdicated my post and have busily been working on some new things that will make this our best year yet. Some of you may know of many of these things already, but I am sure many of the readers will be glad to get updated on the current goings on here at central headquarters, and be glad that as an organization we are beginning to spread our wings and take to the air. The next few articles in this issue will discuss in greater detail what new improvements we have made to our research group and some of the changes that have been made to help expand the direction we wish to take in the future.

We are constantly looking for members who wish to help us in our many endeavors and have begun developing a core staff of people to help in these areas. I just want to thank everyone that helped in this whole idea into reality, and am delighted that others have now signed on as compatriots in our struggle to expand. I never wanted to be the sole support and force behind this group, but merely a director/supervisor (hey, that sounds an awful lot like what my career path seems to have been<G>) and back seat driver for the whole group of us working on our mutual research on the Rainwater Family. It's time to get excited about the research possibilities on our elusive ancestors in this branch of our family. Let's all commit ourselves this year to working harder on critiquing, tearing down, and then reconstructing from the "good" data out there our tree the way it REALLY is and not from the bunches of speculative, wishy-washy, heresay at best poor research of the past many decades. Yes, some of that research was well done, but some was not, and it is OUR responsibility as thorough investigators/researchers to gleen out the good from the bad. Let's make 1997 our best year ever!!!!!!!
New Person Drops From Sky
To Help Grow Our Membership

Well, she didn’t actually fall from the sky... She kind of dropped in from the Information Superhighway and has already become my right hand person and I would like the entire membership to welcome her to the fold. Her name is Debbie Rainwater Anderson and she is the query editor for our WEB SITE on the Internet, as well as our Rainwater Family Association’s promoter and general all-around helper. She and I correspond via email on a very regular basis as to the status of the WEB SITE and are working on ways to increase our membership as well as deal with the “freeloaders” who want info and effort for nothing.

Yes, there are those out there who think that we should just open up the floodgates and at what I assume would be MY own personal expense publish a newsletter that was completely FREE OF CHARGE!! Well, let me say to everyone that when I win the CA lottery I will reduce the yearly membership dues to $0, but since at $15 a year, I already lose about $200 of my own moolah, I think we can all agree that as Associations go, we have reasonable fees (Sorry to be on my high horse here, but the Internet tends to get a greater share of these type of people. You see they would not waste a 32¢ stamp to find out if there was a cost to become a member, so I do not get mail like that very often).

Anyway, let me give you some biographical data on Debbie so that you will know what her connection to the Rainwater family is and maybe help her out too with information that she is looking for and cannot find (sound familiar to anyone out there?? <G>) Debbie was born in 1958 in New Mexico, the daughter of Air Force Sargeant Leonard and Doris Rainwater. Her father was born in Arden, AR, the son of Earl E. Rainwater and Mary Ellen Darneal. He was the youngest child, so her grandparents were elderly in most of her childhood memories. Her grandfather died in 1973, when she was 15 of a heart attack. His family was not close, so there were no memories of stories of his siblings or parents.

Her father was often away in the service when Debbie was growing up in Arizona. He retired from the military there. It is there that she was introduced all through school to the very rich Indian heritage the United States has. She was surrounded by ancient ruins, museums and monuments. They did not, however, mention the tribulations placed on these peoples. Her family felt a deep connection to these people through weekend visits to the many historical sites and Pow Wow’s in the state. We assumed that any actual Indian connection to the Rainwater line was remote at best, but were still drawn to the Indian ways.

After retirement, my father opened his own heating and air conditioning business and remained there until it was obvious that my brother was not interested in continuing in the business, so he sold the business and moved to northern California. He worked on Civil Service projects until he retired. Her father’s father had moved around alot, living in AR, TX, OK and CA as a child. Debbie’s father and mother built their first home in a small town in Central TX, near the Llano River. It was while her father was in TX that he found relatives and became interested in genealogy (yes, we have a location site where he aquired the genealogy bug<$G$>). He had no computer at the time, so initially Debbie was his “input” source. This is how she became “infected” and who one day was cont'd next page
New Helper, Cont'd...

In a correspondence from her she writes:
"I am very excited to be a part of the new "ASSOCIATION" and be able to 'give back' some of the assistance I have been given. Thanks to Robert Albert (VGPE22A@prodigy.com) for starting the newsletter in the first place and for setting me straight when I tend to wander! I look forward to speaking with more of you as time goes on and our "Association" grows and blooms into a connection between us all! — Happy New Year and may all of your genealogical wishes come true!"
What's In a Name?
A Rose By Any Other Name
Would Smell As Sweet...

Well, I cannot remember if I got that quote right or not, but I wanted everyone to know that the newsletter, heretofore known as the RAINWATER RESEARCHER is now going to be the name of the quarterly published and sent to all MEMBERS of the organization known as the:

RAINWATER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

This is a not-for-profit organization (which if you caught my stump speech earlier you will know IS the case <G>) whose membership dues are to be used solely for the publication of said newsletter and any other projects begun by said organization to further our common goal, namely to find and corroborate data regarding the surname Rainwater and other pertinent connecting lineages that have a bearing on our efforts to find more documentation about our early ancestors in America and their European roots, as well as possible Indian connections/marriages into this family, or any documentation to prove any claims of pure Native American ancestry and also any proof thereof of an Indian origin to the surname if one does exist.

Since we as members are not located in one central location, I will be looking into how we should go about electing a governing body, if necessary, and the method by which we would actually govern since there is no cohesive group residing all in one central location. If anyone knows or has information regarding these issues, I would be glad to have their input. It is possible that we could continue on with everything in place as it currently is now, and that would be fine with me.

I currently have two people on my "staff", so-to-speak, and they would be Debbie Rainwater Anderson and Barbara Seager. Debbie's... Cont'd page 6

Rainwater Research Compilation

Descendants of Richard Rainwater

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As one story goes, two Rainwater brothers, John and William, emigrated from Germany around 1709. Another says John Rainwater was born about 1695 near Danbury, Virginia and he married in Surry County, North Carolina on 6/24/1735. How could John have been born in Virginia if he emigrated from Germany? Many researchers believe that all Rainwaters descend from John and William. But I know of other Rainwaters that have not been "linked" into this family and may well descend from other ancestors.
Barbara’s position is that of coordinating efforts, making arrangements, and analyzing and deciding if enough support exists for a MEGA RAINWATER REUNION to be held sometime in 1998 in Salt Lake City, UT. More info on this can be found later in this issue.

I am hoping to grow our membership to a level that is sustainable and constant. My goal has and will continue to be 200 members. We are at least 130 shy of this number. If we could get to 200, then the cost of postage would drop considerably as I would be able to apply for bulk rate mail for non-profit organizations. This would at the very least make my extra contribution of about $200 a year, not counting the staff’s time and efforts in bringing new things your way, to the break even point!!!!

Unless someone wishes to take over my position of Editor in Chief and current President of the Rainwater Family Association, I will continue to publish the newsletter and direct our research efforts and be the general director/coordinator for the Association’s projects. With all I am currently involved in, if the membership rolls do not increase to the necessary level within the next two calendar years, I will resign my post as Editor in Chief, and pass the baton to any taker, or disband the organization altogether. Any membership dues paid beyond that calendar year, would be refunded completely to that member.

Starting in 1998, the membership dues will be paid on a yearly basis, with no prepayment discount available. I am not trying to scare any of the membership, but my original goal three years ago was to be at 200 readers by the end of the third year. We have lost subscribers for whatever reasons as renewal approaches and spend most of the next calendar year rebuilding our levels. I cannot financially continue to “donate” funds ad infinitum, so it would only be for this reason that I would resign. I enjoy doing this for everyone and hope that it is enjoyed by all as much as by me.

So there it is!!!! Wow!!! We have come a long way from the first issue to today! And we have much more in store for the members as we continue to make plans for our growth and success as an organization. If there are any members out there who would like to be on the “official” officers/Helpers list, please write me and we would be glad to have you help in any way possible. We are definitely not currently “overstaffed” with helpers and would be greatful to anyone who can give of their time and expertise in any areas.

MEGA RAINWATER REUNION SLATED FOR 1998

Barbara Seager, one of our original members is checking out locations in Salt Lake City, UT and has asked me to ask the readership and our Associations’ members if there is any interest in getting the WHOLE FAMILY together some time in 1998? I will be sending out postcards with postage on them in our next issue which will almost piggyback this issue when it comes out in mid-May. Please take the time to fill them out and let us know if this is something that everyone can/will commit to. We will also be needing several/many volunteers for various and sundry tasks as the process gets underway. This sound like an exciting event, and we will be a Genealogy Central and will allow time for people to use the Family History Library there as well as to enjoy getting together and sharing histories and memories and Rainwater memorabilia. Talk to relatives too and
Who were these early Rainwaters? We know for fact that John Rainwater of Edgecombe Precinct sold land in 1742 to William Rainwater and that this land had originally been patented to John in 1739⁴. We also know that a Robert Rainwater came to America in 1706 in King William County, Virginia as an indentured servant.⁵ It is probably safe to say that Robert Rainwater was born between 1670 - 1700 (6 - 36 years old). Nothing more is known about this Robert Rainwater as he has never been found in any of the early census or patent records except perhaps in the 1790 Federal Census for South Carolina in the 96-District, Spartanburg County.⁶ If this is the same Robert Rainwater he would be VERY old and as such, this is unlikely. However, it is possible that this Robert Rainwater is related in some way to Robert Rainwater - indentured servant. Living near Robert Rainwater in the 1790 South Carolina census are John Rainwater and a Thomas Rainwater. These families do not seem to be directly related to the John and William Rainwater descendants shown in the 1790 North Carolina Census. Could these three be brothers and descendants of the first Robert Rainwater?

As we move to the 1800 Federal Census for South Carolina, Thomas Rainwater is no longer found, but instead we find a Richard Rainwater in Chesterfield County. Based on this census, Richard was born before 1755 and only one other male, between the ages of 10 and 16 (b 1790-1784) is in his household. Living right next door to Richard is Jesse Rainwater, which is short-hand for Jesse. Jesse Rainwater is shown as being already married and between the ages of 26-45 (b 1774-1755). No other Rainwaters reside in Chesterfield County, however several others can be found in Spartanburg County, including a John and Robert Rainwater, and a Solomon Rainwater in Pendleton County, South Carolina.⁷ I believe, and I have no proof, that Jesse Rainwater is the son of Richard Rainwater and the son listed in the household of Richard is Richard Rainwater Jr., who later moves to Alabama with Jesse Rainwater.

By the 1810 Federal Census for Chesterfield County, South Carolina, Richard and Jesse Rainwater cannot be found, but in their stead is a William Rainwater, between the ages of 25-45 (b 1785-1765).⁸ This William may have claimed the land from Richard and Jesse. Robert Rainwater is no longer found in Spartanburg County.

Let me provide some perspective on current events in the lower half of our country at that time. In 1795, the Treaty of Lorenzo was struck with Spain and they agreed to withdraw to the 31 degree line leaving land to the United States in the South. In 1798, the United States then created the Mississippi Territory which included this area. At that time, only two population centers existed in the Mississippi Territory, Natchez on the Mississippi River, and the Tombigbee Settlements at the forks of the Tombigbee and Alabama Rivers. On June 4, 1800, the Mississippi Territory was divided into three counties - Adams, Pickens and Washington, from the Natchez District west of Pearl River and the Tombigbee or Mobile District east of Pearl River. At that time, there were only about 1000 white inhabitants of Washington County, with over half of these residing in what is now the state of Mississippi.

The State of Georgia relinquished all claims to lands in Alabama and Mississippi in 1802. In 1804, the Mississippi Territory effectively included major portions of the present states of Mississippi and Alabama. However, with the Spanish still in control of the Gulf Coast, the territory was land locked, and its white settlers were required to pay heavy tariffs to get their goods through the ports at Mobile and Pensacola.

The settlement growth in the southeastern portion of the Mississippi Territory was severely hampered because the area was completely surrounded by hostile Indians. This problem was partially alleviated when the
United States obtained an agreement with the Creek Indians to cut a road from Georgia across their land to the Tombigbee Settlements. This road, which became known as the Federal Road, entered the present state of Alabama near where Columbus, Georgia now stands and ran west to the present location of Montgomery. From there it ran southwest along the divide that separates the water sheds of the Alabama and Conecuh Rivers to the Tombigbee settlements. This was the only road across the Creek nation prior to 1817, therefore most of the early settlers from Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia traveled this road. Nearly all the military forts and the early settlements in south Alabama were located along its path.

We now know that Richard Rainwater and his son Jesse Rainwater moved to Alabama between 1800 and 1805. Richard, now in his 60's, and son Jesse Rainwater, likely traveled this road to St. Stephens, Alabama which is located on the Tombigbee River in present day Washington County, Alabama. However, I have not been able to locate any reference to passes issued by the Governor of Georgia which was usually required to get through the Indian territory along this Federal Road. They were apparently the first Rainwater's to migrate to present day Alabama. Shown in the figure is a map of the Tombigbee River showing locations of St. Stephens, Ft. Mims, Ft. Stoddard and residents in 1805. Jesse Rainwater is known to have settled along Tawler's Creek, near an open area in the creek (see land plat). Shown in the photograph is what is very likely the site of Jesse Rainwater's home site in Washington County, Alabama.

Jesse Rainwater very quickly became involved in the democratic process in St. Stephens, Alabama by serving numerous times as a juror. The first time he is mentioned is in July 1807 where he is listed as a free holder or permanent house holder available for jury duty. The names of 112 people were put into a box and 36 names were drawn to serve as jurors in the next term of Superior Court. Jesse was not chosen in this first draw. In May of 1808, Jesse was selected to serve on the Grand Jury in Washington County and then again in September of 1808.

The 1808 Census for Washington County in the Mississippi Territory lists Jesse Rainwater's household with 2 males over age 21 (I believe Jesse and his father Richard), 1 male under 21 (Wesley), 1 female over 21 (Mary Madora - Jesse's wife), 3 females under 21 (unknown) and 2 slaves. Also listed in this census is a Richard Rainwater whom I believe to be the brother to Jesse and son of Richard Sr. listed in the 1800 South Carolina Census. The fact that Jesse Rainwater was a slave owner suggests that he had some modest wealth and was not a poor pioneer settler.

In June 1809, Richard Rainwater served on a Jury for 2 different cases. In October 1810, Richard Rainwater was one of 108 men listed as freeholders eligible for Jury duty.

By the 1810 Mississippi Territory Census for Washington County, the household for Jesse has changed to reflect what I believe is the death of his father - Richard Sr. Richard Jr's household has decreased by 2 males and 3 females under 21 and they now have 1 slave. Could this reflect the departure of another family that traveled with the Rainwater's from South Carolina to the Mississippi Territory?

Richard Rainwater was commissioned March 10, 1810 as an Ensign in the 6th Regiment of the Washington County Militia.

In August 1811, Jesse Rainwater was sworn in as Grand Juror for a special session of Superior Court held
at St. Stephens. Then again in March of 1812, he served as a juror in Superior Court held at Rodney.

During the War of 1812, the English and Spanish had engaged Tecumseh, the Shawnee Chief, to incite the Creek Indians to fight the white settlers in south Alabama. This brought about the Indian War with the first major battle being fought near Burnt Corn Creek, in present day Conecuh County, Alabama in July 1813. Richard Rainwater had moved across the Tombigbee River into Clarke County by 1813.

One month later, Fort Mims on the Alabama River was attacked by Indians and all but about 50 of the fort's 553 inhabitants, including women and children, were killed. This led to the systematic destruction of the Creek Indian Confederacy in Alabama by General Andrew Jackson and his army from Tennessee, which culminated at the Battle of Horse Sho Bend. A treaty was signed on August 9, 1814 when the Creeks ceded all their lands in the Mississippi Territory west of the Coosa River and east of Tombigbee.

In the summer of 1996, I found in the Chatom, Alabama court house, the county seat for Washington County, a document that contained a "List of Families in Washington County Entitled to aid under the act of Legislature providing for the relief of the families of Indigent Soldiers absent in the army."

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This would mean that Jesse Rainwater served either in the War of 1812 or in the Indian War and was away from home (up to a year) leaving 7 members of his family behind. The document was not dated.

In March of 1814, Jesse Rainwater was selected to serve as a juror for Superior Court. In St. Stephens on September 20, 1815, Jesse was selected again to serve as a juror.

The St. Stephen's Land Office records show that Richard Rainwater & William Murrell purchased land in Clarke County in November of 1815, range 9, township 1W. Then again, in February 1816, R. Rainwater, Wm. Murrell, M. T. Grantham & Thos. Figures purchased land in Clarke County, range 9, township 1W. The 1816 Census for the Alabama Territory lists Jesse Rainwater in Washington County and Richard in Clarke County. Richard's household lists 4 males over 21, 1 male under 21, 1 female over 21, 2 females under 21 and no slaves.

In Superior Court records for March 1816, Jesse Rainwater was one of 12 men listed as having served as a Grand Juror for 3 days. In September 1816, Jesse served on a jury that heard a contested will, and the case of the Mississippi Territory vs John Philips for Petit Larceny. In the latter case, the jury ruled John Philips guilty of the value of the bridle, $2.00. He is listed on 5 other cases heard during this period including one for assault with intent to kill - they found the prisoners not guilty. Also during this period, Richard Rainwater and Moses Pickering were brought to court by George Buchanan The jury ruled against Richard Rainwater and they had to pay $16.00 plus court costs.

On March 1, 1817, an act of Congress created the Alabama Territory out of the Mississippi Territory, with the Capitol located at St. Stephens in Washington County.

Jesse Rainwater served again as a juror for Superior Court in St. Stephens in March 1818. He is listed
a a juror in 6 cases ranging from Assault and Battery to Slander.

In March of 1819, Richard Rainwater and Nancy Rainwater (his wife?) give a Deed of Conveyance to Leonard P. Rush and Henry Franklin for purchase of land near Coffeenville in Clarke County. This deed was witnessed by Thomas Figures and James Brunson. Evergreen is located along the Tombigbee River north of St. Stephens and right across from Choctaw County. Also in March of 1819, Richard and Nancy Rainwater deed to Joseph Williams, Abner Turner, William Murrell, Robert Duglass & James Bowman for $2 for one acre of land in Coffeenville for a church - witnessed by Wm. Murrell and Alfred Thompson. On May 3, 1819, the US Congress authorized citizens of the Alabama Territory to form a state. Of interest too is a reference to a William Rainwater that served on a Jury in Clarke County in November of 1819. Possibly a brother or son of Richard? On December 14, 1819, President Monroe signed the resolution making Alabama the 22nd State in the Union.

Richard Rainwater, Robert Douglas and John E. Hill were appointed to a committee to divide a tract of land known as Mitchell's Reserve in January of 1820, as requested by Jubie B. Hancock. From Probate records, Richard Rainwater, George Steed, Thomas Figures, William Murrell, Joseph Williams, G. B. Taylor
and J. B. Hancock received claims on the Estate of L. J. Bush. Possibly the father-in-law of Richard Rainwater?

The 1820 Census for Washington and Clarke County, Alabama were lost to fire. No Rainwaters are found in the 1820 Mississippi Census. By the 1830 Census, Richard Rainwater is no longer found in Alabama, but is found in Covington County, Mississippi. Jesse Rainwater remains in Washington County, Alabama with a household of 1 male under 5 (George), 1 male 5-10 (John J.), 1 male (Green) and 1 female (Martha?) 10-15, 1 male (Wesley) and 1 female 15-20 (Lavina?), 1 female 20-30 (Lucinda?), 1 female 40-50 (wife-Mary), and 1 male 50-60 (Jesse). I am uncertain of the DOB's for the females listed in Jesse's household and they don't seem to match up with the three listed in the 1808 Census.

According to the Old St. Stephens Land Office records, Jesse and Wesley Rainwater purchased land in Monroe, County, Alabama in March of 1835. In the 1840 Census, Jesse Rainwater is listed in Washington County right next door to Green Rainwater:

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Wesley Rainwater cannot be found and may have been missed as a result of their land dealings in Monroe County. Lucinda is not listed in Jesse's household as she married in June of 1832 and Lavina married in July of 1835, which would leave only Martha. The lone male in Jesse's household is John J. Rainwater.

The 1850 Washington County, Alabama Census lists the following families:
Rainwaters, Jessy 76, born in NC Farmer 495
Mary 65, born in NC
John J. 25, born in AL Farmer
Milledge 6, born in AL (John's son)

Rainwater, Wesley 38, born in AL Farmer
Elizabeth 24, born in AL
Jessy 10, born in AL
Harriet 8, born in AL
Aury 6, born in AL
Albert 5, born in AL
Margaret 4, born in AL
Exer 3, born in AL
Mary 1, born in AL

Rainwater, Green 30, born in AL Farmer
Hetta 30, born in AL
Edwin 11, born in AL
Jane 9, born in AL
Moses 7, born in AL
July 5, born in AL
Madora 3, born in AL

Other Rainwater's in 1850 AL Census:
Fayette Co Richard Rainwater
Silas M. Rainwater
Miles Rainwater
Mobile Co John Rainwater
Marion Co John F. Rainwater
Cherokee Co Irwin Rainwater
Marion Co Elkaney Rainwater

Were Jesse Rainwater and his wife both born in North Carolina? By the 1790 North Carolina Census, Jesse would have been about 18 years old, and yet he nor his father Richard Rainwater Sr. are listed. Jesse owned a significant amount of real estate in 1850 valued at $495. He was a farmer and his son John was living at home. I don’t know anything about John’s first marriage, but apparently it was over by 1850 as he and his son Milledge are living with Jesse and Mary Rainwater. Wesley and Green Rainwater did not own any real estate listed in the Census.

Is the Richard Rainwater in the 1850 Alabama Census the same Richard - brother to Jesse? No, this Richard is 26 years old.

*to be continued in the next issue*

As the editor, I would just like to thank Jim Jordan for the tremendous effort he has put forth in compiling this history. I still hold out hope that we can find documentation that will tie his and others who are descended from these Rainwaters to the descendants of John and William, but as he has shown, we really do not know yet where or if they tie in. And please be aware that he is not stating that he has proof that this line descends from the Robert Rainwater in Virginia. At this point the only thing we know about that Robert is that he did come to this country. After that there are no other records to date found on him anywhere.
MCCARTER, MILLS, RAINWATER, WEAVER, WYATT: Searching for the family of James and Katy. 
RAINWATER’s son Mastin Crawford Rainwater, b. 18 Jun 1822 TN, d. 25 Nov 1863 AR. Married Martha Jane MCCARTER 20 June 1844 TN. Who were Martha’s parents? Their children were: Laura/Louisa Catherine Rainwater, Andrew I. Rainwater, Malinda E. Rainwater (md. Jacob MILLS), James S. Rainwater, Margaret E. Rainwater, Thomas H. Rainwater, Nancy E. Rainwater, Robert Allen Rainwater (md. Katy WYATT in 1879 AR). Who did the other children marry? Also searching for descendants of Robert Allen Rainwater’s second wife, Melissa WEAVER in 1902 OK.
BARBARA SEAGER, 306 E. HACIENDA DR., CORONA, CA 91719 (909) 735-4625

DENMAN, SWAGERTY, RAINWATERS: My great-grandfather, Mancen B. RAINWATERS (born NC 20 Apr 1834) married Susan Victoria SWAGERTY, 24 Aug 1858. Susan was the daughter of Doctor Grandson 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 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 Sciotia B. RAINWATER has a middle name listed. Is it Belle or Bethene? I have the Bible belonging to John Levi ELDER and Sciotia 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

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
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 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, m. Mary LOVEALL; Drewry Woodrow ROBERTS, b. 1850, m. Hattie Holland CARTLICH; Kelsa LOVEALL, 2nd Clara Mac SMITH, 2nd Matilda Maria SEYMOUR, 2nd 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 55115-4543

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 Burrel 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 Aug 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, Burrel was in Benton Co., AR with a grandson, John L. CLEVELAND. Ann died 21 Jul 1899, and Burrel on 10 Dec 1906. Both are buried in Bentonville, AR. Any help appreciated.
MADINE WILLIAMS, P.O. BOX 30853, MIDWEST CITY, OK 73140-3853


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

RAINWATER, ROBERTS: Elizabeth RAINWATER married Issac 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