

A Note from Joe G. Brannen

After hearing from literally dozens of Brannen's (around the U.S. and around the world) who have visited my Brannen Genealogy Website over the years, I realized that most were not aware of N. Quinton Brannen's book, **Brannen History** (subtitled "Genealogy"), published in 1953. Now that fifty years have passed since its publication, I saw no harm in scanning the book into my computer and converting it to the common Adobe Acrobat format, then posting it on my website. Thus, all Brannen's with Internet access can now gain access to the wealth of genealogical information that Quinton worked so hard to put together.

The book is basically a best-effort to identify each descendent of Sampson Brannen, Sr., who was born in Georgia in 1800. I am descended from Sampson through his oldest child, Harris C., through Harris C.'s thirteenth child, Jasper A., through Jasper A.'s oldest child, Joe, and through Joe's oldest child, Joe T. I am Joe T. Brannen's oldest child and consider myself grateful to carry the Brannen name. As you read through the pages of Quinton's book, you can see that the Brannen's as a whole have been a quite successful family.

I am also very grateful to N. Quinton Brannen for having the energy, the resources, and the discipline to compile this book. If only there were someone today with the ability to update this information! Of course, two or three more generations of Brannen's have come along since then, so the task would be truly daunting. It's hard enough for me to keep track of Jasper A. Brannen's descendents. Still, I hope that by putting this information up for public access, that someone else might be motivated to look into Brannen genealogy.

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PREFACE

It was my desire to give my contribution towards a better understanding of our ancestors and lineage than had been compiled previously that impelled me to commence the preparation for this work several years ago. A task at which I have steadily toiled to accomplish with incessant labor that has permitted but little time for other occupations and none for recreation.

It is with the utmost gratitude, that I present now to my people the results of those years of toil, study and research—work which will, I trust and hope, supply each of us with sufficient knowledge and material to acquire a fuller concept of feeling that will bind our devotion, and enhance our affection for our name wherever it may be contacted.

I do not present this work, claiming it to be perfect; for I too well know that the culminating point of perfection can never be attained for a GEN-EALOGY which has an uncertain beginning and much unrecorded data to the extent of ours. I have sought to make this research as perfect as adverse circumstances would permit.

Research is, for the most part, the result of the conjoined labor of many writers. In this work, I have obtained much of the information by direct contact and correspondence with many different people, and to each of them I owe a debt of gratitude; especially, to my brother, Professor R. Eugene Brannen of Phoenix, Ariz., for his untiring efforts in the magnificent help with the compilation of data.

I have endeavored to commit no errors; doubtless, there are some. I trust those who discover an error will patiently correct it with pencil or pen in the proper place in your volume that it may aid a future writer. You just hold in mind that the unwitting errors have occurred in the course of an exhaustive task; and, too, this is the first attempt to collect the complete data of our lineage extending over a period of several hundred years. One of the inevitable results of preparing a work containing such a varied and broad field, so large a number of articles arranged in numerical ancestry order, is the omission of a few things from their proper place. These may, however, be found in the Miscellaneous column. Any article not found in the body of this book, you are requested to refer to the Miscellaneous column where you may find it.

I feel that the historical research of the name, Brannen, and the many ways of spelling it as found in Ireland and often continued to be used in the United States, will be of valuable interest to the reader. Also, "Why you have a name and its meaning."

For a more complete family history, it is my greatest hope that another descendant may feel the urge to carry on this research to its culmination.

N. Quinton Brannen

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INTRODUCTION

PART I

ORIGIN OF SURNAMES

The surname Brannan, Branon, Brannen, and Brennan is derived probably from the old Irish term **bran**, signifying a mountain torrent. It may have referred to the location of the home of the earliest bearer of the name, or it may have been descriptive of his intrepidity in battle. Early Irish spellings of the name include O'Brenane, O'Brenon, O'Breanon, O'Brenan, O'Brinane, Brannon, Brinane, Brannin, Braonan, Branon, Branan, Branin, Branion, Brannin, Brannan, Brenan, Brennen, Brennon, and Brennan.

Families of the name were established at early dates in the Irish Counties of Kilkenny, Westmeath, Galway, Kerry, and Fermanagh. They were for the most part of the landed gentry and nobility of Ireland.

Possibly the oldest branch of the family was that seated in the County Milkenny, at Ossory. The head of the family was also chief of Ui Dnach tribe. The Westmeath County family was seated at Crevagh. In County Galway the family was seated in the Barony of Longford in Siol Ammachadha. The Kerry family was established at Dukenon; the Fermanagh County family was an ecclesiastical family, the heads of which were **erenaghs** of the Church of Derry and Derrywilliam.

The Ossory family mentioned above were descendants of Braonon, brother of the seventeenth king of Ossory. This Braonon was created first Prince of Idough, a title remaining in the family for many centuries. His son was Congalach, who was slain while leading a rebellion against the King of Ossory. Congalach was the father of Duirsleibhe, who has issue of Cearbhall, the father of Guidhelgedh. The last named was the father of Gillacounde, who was the father of Auliff Mor, who left issue of Awley, the father of Auliffuge. Murtoch, the son of Auliff Oge, had two sons, Dermond Reagh, Prince of Idough, who married the daughter of the King of Ossory, and John Ruadh. This John, with the Prince of Idough and his son Teige, fell in the battle against the English in 1397.

The title then passed to a near relative in the same county, Sir Geoffrey O'Brennan who was knighted by Richard II, King of England, and received his Patent of English liberty in 1392. Sir Geoffrey's son, Sir Gilpatrick O'Brenan who was knighted by the Earl of Ormonde. Sir Gilpatrick's son, Sir Art O'Brenan was the last to hold the title of Prince of Idough. He was the father of two sons, Teige, called "The Good," and Gilpatrick. The two took part in the uprising against the armies of Queen Elizabeth but were later pardoned by the Queen and their lands and titles returned to them. Teige's grandson, Gilbert of Rath Kyle Castle, was the last of his name recognized as a chief.

The O'Brannan family of Ulster Province were descendants of Olioll Olum, King of Munster. Their complete pedigree has not been found, but the first of the line to bear the name was Brannon, the son of Connor, who was the son of Fogharlhack, who lived about 700 A. D.

Under the spelling **Brenan** the family is listed as one of those most prominent in Ireland during the period from the English invasion to the reign of Henry VIII. In the list of principal families compiled in 1600 the name appears also as **Brenan**; while in the list at the close of the 17th century, it appears as **Brannon**.

One of the outstanding bearers of the name living in the 17th century was Dr. James Brenan of Dublin, president of the Society of Surgeons. He was a descendant of Richard Brenan of Ballybrenan, County Wexford.

The name appears in a variety of spellings in the 17th century documents. Connaught Certificates of 1653-1654, relative to claims of transplanted persons against the English government appear the names of Joan, Mor, Teige and William Brenan. The Enrollments of Decrees of Innocents, issued during the rule of the English Commonwealth, contain the names of John Brannon, Richard Brenon, and a Mr. Brenan. Listed as residents of Barony of Iveragh during the Protectorate are Daniell Brenean, Honora Brenane, John Oge Brenana, John MacDonough Brenan, Murrough Brenane, and Teige Brenane. Granted transplanter certificates in County Kilkenny were Dermott and Jeffry Brenane, Edmond Brenan, and James Brennan. In the acts of Settlement and Explanation appear the names of Teige Brenan and Nicholas Brenane.

For the most part, the families of names in this country were not established until a rather late date, many of them having come over in the 19th century. Although, they undoubtedly descended from the before-mentioned Irish lines, the exact connections are not in evidence in the majority of cases.

Among the first of the names to come to America was a Brannan family which emigrated shortly after the year 1760 from Ireland to Virginia. Several of the sons of the original emigrants in this line are said to have served in the Revolutionary War, but their early records are not at hand. John Brannon of this family, was living in North Carolina and thence to Georgia. By his wife, Nancy Parker, John had a son named Calvin John Brannon, who married Catherine Branon (also of Irish descent.) They had a son born in Newton County, Georgia, John Manson Brannon who live in Alabama, and whose progeny have all adopted the last mentioned form of name.

Possibly Thomas and William Brannon, both of whom were born in South Carolina and moved to Georgia in the early 19th century, were of the last-mentioned line, but there are no records to verify the assumption.

Three brothers, William, Hugh, and possibly John Brannen came from Ireland to America in 1765. William and Hugh settled first in South Carolina and later in Georgia; while the third brother went to Mississippi. The records of those lines are not complete, but William is called the father of James I. Brannen of Bulloch County, Georgia.

Among the earliest records of the name in Virginia are those of Mallekiah "Brannem" (Brannen?) and Martin Brannen of Albemarle, Amherst and Buckingham Counties of Virginia in 1776; those of Daniel Brannan of Spotsylvania County, Virginia in 1763, who was recorded in that year as the owner of eleven slaves; and those of John Brannon who emigrated from Ireland to Winchester, Frederick County in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, as early as 1789 and possibly before.

The last mentioned John Brannon may have been identical with the Revolutionary soldier of that name who served with the Virginia forces, but that is not certain. He is said to have had twelve children, most of whom went west and settled in Kentucky and Ohio. Three of his children, Robert, Levi and Rachael remained in Virginia. Of these, Robert became a well-known tavern keeper and politician at Winchester. Robert's children were: John, Harriet, Stewart, Morgan, Henry and Rachael. Levi brother of Robert, married Ruth Gray, and they had four children, namely, William, L. Gray, J. William and C. Coe Brannon.

The census of 1790 lists the following as heads of families: Cason, James, Joseph, Thomas, and William Brenan of North Carolina. Seabury Brannan, Abraham Brannen and Charles Brannon of New York; Thomas Branin, Jr., Alexander, three named John, Michael, Nathaniel, Patrick, Thomas, William and James Brannon, Pennsylvania; Matthew and William Brannon of Maryland; John Brannon and Hugh Branon of South Carolina; Thomas Branan of Maine and Silvanus of Massachusetts.

Later records of the family in Virginia include those of Thomas Brannon of Richmond before 1792; a John Brannon, Deputy Sheriff of Norfolk County in 1792; a John Branan or Brannan of Norfolk County who was Captain of the Watch in 1795; a Daniel Brannin of Virginia, who married Elizabeth Owen in the early part of the following century. Daniel and Elizabeth Brannin had seven children, namely,—Abraham Owen, John Samuel, James William, Mirian, Charles Lewis, Sophronia Smith and Agnes Brannin.

Among the numerous members of the Brannen family who came to America in the 19th century were Phillip B. Brannen who came (probably with his parents) from Cavan County, Ireland to America about 1830, or soon thereafter and settled first in Canada and later moved to Arizona. Also Hubert Brennan who was born in Savagh, County Roscommon, Ireland in the year 1823 and settled at Lowell, New Hampshire in 1845. He removed to Peterborough in 1851; also, New Hampshire. Hubert and his wife Mary (Mahoney) Brennan had nine children, namely, Mary, James, Hubert who died young, Alice, Catherine, Sarah, Ella, John and another Hubert. Also John Brennan and Ellen Bow of County Tipperary, Ireland, came to America in 1859 and settled for a time at New York, but he later removed to California. Then about 1887, Edward A. Brennan, who was the son of Patrick Brennan, came from Sligo, Ireland with Bridget McGinty and settled in Texas as a teacher; but he later moved to Arkansas where he became prominent in the educational field.

Generally speaking, members of this family have scored their greatest successes in professional and artistic fields requiring a high order of intelligence. A number of them have risen to positions in public life. On the whole they have continued to exhibit the traits of their Irish ancestors of loyalty, courage and warm-heartedness.

RECORDS OF DISTINCTION

Revolution Patriots of the Revolutionary War, who were original emigrants from British Isles, were numerous and helpful to the American army and the colonies struggling for Freedom and Peace. They are recorded as follows: Thomas, Michael, Christian, James, Jesse, Thomas and William Brannon of North Carolina; Richard Brannon of New Hampshire; Samuel Brenon of Massachusetts; Thomas Brannan of New Jersey; Abraham, Adam, Michael and Reuben Brannon of New York; James Branon, John Samuel and Thomas Brannan, John and William Brannon, and Menaser Brenon, John, Owen, Joseph and Timothy Brannon of Maryland; Calip, David and William Branan of Pennsylvania; also, Philip, John and Richard Brannan of Pennsylvania. Alexander, E. Benjamin, Charles, Darby, George, James, John, Richard and Timothy of Pennsylvania; Christian Branen and Alexander, Michael and William Branon of Pennsylvania. Some of the Pennsylvania soldiers of this period may have been recorded under more than one way of spelling their names.

The most common use of Christian names of early generations were: James, Thomas, John, Michael, Patrick, Joseph, William and Edward.

Those who have attained distinction in recent years in American History are:

John Milton Brannan (1819-1892) of Washington, D. C. was a Colonel of United States Army.

Henry Brannon (1837-1914) was a jurist of Virginia.

Alfred Laurens Brennan (1853-1921) was magazine illustrator and artist

John Winters Brannen (b 1853) of Ohio, Physician.

Andrew James Brennan (b 1877) of Pennsylvania, Roman Catholic Bishop.

Peter Alexander Brannon (b 1882) of Alabama, museum curator.

Herbert Brenon (b 1880) of Ireland and California, motion picture producer.

Claude O. Brannen (b 1884) of Texas, Professor of Economics and Sociology.

Vincent Morrison Brennan (b 1890) of Michigan, jurist, State legislator and Congressman from Michigan.

George Brennan (b 1881) of Vermont, banker.

The most ancient and best known of the coats of arms ascribed to the family is that described in (Burks' Encyclopedia of Heraldry 1844) as follows: Arms at "Gules, in base a garb or, supported by two lions rampant of the second: in chief three swords, two in saltire, the points upwards, and one fesseways, the point to the dexter side of the shield proper." Crest. — "An arm in armour embowed, holding a sword."

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WHY YOU HAVE A FAMILY NAME AND WHAT IT MEANS

Primitive personal names doubtless originated soon after the invention of spoken languages, in the dark ages long preceding recorded history. For thousands of years the first of given names were the only designations that men and women bore, and at the dawn of historic times, when the world was less crowded than it is today and every man knew his neighbor; one title of address was sufficient. Gradually, with the passing centuries and the increasing complexity of civilized society, did a need arise for more specific designations and symbols of writing developed likewise. While the roots of our system of family names may be traced back to early civilized times, actually the hereditary surnames as we know them today dates from scarcely more than nine hundred years ago.

A surname is a name added to a baptismal or given name for the purpose of making it more specific and of indicating family relationship or descent. Classified according to origin, most surnames fall into four general groups; (1) Those formed from the given name of the father; (2) those arising from bodily or personal characteristics; (3) those derived from locality or place of residence; and (4) those derived from occupations. It helps to understand the origin of our institution of surnames if those classifications are borne in mind.

As early as Biblical times certain distinguishing appellations were occasionally employed in addition to the given name, as, for instance, Joshua, the son of Nun; Amariah, the son of Nathan; Judas of Galilee, and Simon the Zealot. In Greece a daughter was named after her father, as Chryseis, daughter of Chryses. A son's name was often an enlarged form of his father's as Hieronymus, son of Hiero. The Romans, with the rise of their civilization, met the need of hereditary designation by inventing a complex system whereby every patrician took several names. None of them, however, exactly corresponded to surnames as we know them, for the "clan name", altho' hereditary, was given also to slaves and other dependents. This system proved to be but a temporary innovation; the overthrow of the Western Empire by barbarian invaders restored the primitive custom of a single name.

The ancient Scandinavians and for the most part the Germans had only individual names, and there were no family names, strictly speaking, among the Celts. But as family and tribal groups grew in size, individual names became inadequate and the need for supplementary designations began to be felt. Among the first employed were such terms as the Hardy, the Stern, the Dreadful-in-battle; and the nations of northern Europe soon adopted the practice of adding the Father's name to the son's, as Oscar, son of Carnuth and Dermid, son of Duthno.

The surnames, in the sense of hereditary appellations, date in England from about the year 1000. Largely they were introduced from Normandy, France; altho', there are records of Saxon surnames prior to the Norman Conquest. During the reign of Edward the Confessor (1042-1066)

there were Saxon tenants in Suffolk bearing such names as Suert Magno, Stigand Soror, Siuward Rufus, and Leuric Hobesune (Hobson); and the Domesday record of 1085-1086, which exhibits some curious combinations of Saxon fore-names with Norman family names, which shows surnames to have been in more general use. By the end of the 12th century hereditary names had become common in England. But by 1465 they were not universal. During the reign of Edward V a law was passed to compel certain Irish outlaws to adopt surnames. "They shall take unto them a Surname, either of some town, or some colour, as Black or Brown, or some Art or Science, as Smyth or Carpenter, or some Office, as Cook or Butler."

As late as the beginning of the 19th century, a similar decree compelled Jews in Germany and Austria to add a German surname to the single names that they had previously used.

As stated above, family names fall into four general classes according to their origin. One of these classes comprises surnames derived from the given name of the father. Such names were formed by adding a prefix denoting either "son of" or a diminutive. English names terminating in **son** (or the contraction of **s**), **ing** and **kin** are this type, as are also the innumerable names prefixed with the Gaelic **Mac**, the Norman **Fits**, the Irish **O** and the Welsh **ap**. Thus the sons of John became Johnson; the sons of William, Williamson or Wilson; the sons of Richard, Richardson or Richardsen; the sons of Neill, Mac Neills; the sons of Herbert, Fitz-Herberts; the sons of Reilly, O'Reilly; and the sons of Thomas, ap Thomases (ap has been dropped from many names of which it was formerly a part). There are also other European surnames of similar formation; such as, the Scandinavian names ending in **sen**.

Another class of surnames, those arising from some bodily or personal characteristic of their bearer, apparently grew out of what were in the first instance. Thus Peter the strong became Peter Strong, Roger of small stature became Roger Little or Roger Small, and Black-haired William or Alfred became William Black or Alfred White. A few examples of the type are: Long, Short, Hardy, Wise, Good, Gladman, Lover and Youngman.

A third class, perhaps the largest list, is that comprising local surnames. They originally designated the place of residence of the bearer. Such names were employed in France at an early date and introduced to England by the Normans, many of whom were known by titles of their estates. The nobility adopted this type, being used with the particles **de**, used in such names as John atte Brook, Edmund atte Lane. A vestige of this usage survives in the names Atwell, Atwood and Atwater. In other cases the Norman **de** was substituted; in others, as Wood, Briggs and Lane the particle was dropped. Some Pilgrim Fathers' surnames illustrate place designations. For instance, Winthrop means "of the friendly village"; Endicott, "an end cottage"; and Bradford "a broad ford". The suffixes "ford", "ley", and "ton", denoting locality, are in frequent use in English names, as Ashford, Bingham, Burley and Norton.

A fourth class of surnames arose about the time of Edward the Confessor, derived from occupations. The earliest of these were official names, such as Bishop, Mayor, Alderman, Reeve, Sheriff, Chamberlain, Chaplain, Deacon, Latimore (interpreter), Marshall, Sumner (Summoner); and Parker (Parkkeeper). Later development of names from Trade and Craft, were the same general type. Currier was a dresser of skins, Webster, a weaver, Wainwright, a wagon builder and Baxter, a baker. Such names as Smith, Taylor, Barber and Miller are self explanatory.

Many present day names defy classification. They are corruptions of ancient forms disguised beyond recognition. For instance, Troublefield was originally Tuberville, Wrinch was Renshaw, Diggles was Douglas, Sinnocks was Snooks, Barrowcliff and Berrycloth were Barraclough. Such corruptions of family names, resulted from ignorance of spelling, variations in pronunciations, or merely from the preference of the bearer. Shakespeare's name is found in some twenty-seven different forms, and other English and Anglo American surnames have, in their history, appeared in four to twelve variant spellings.

In the U. S. a greater variety of family names exists than anywhere else in the world. Surnames of every race and nation are represented. While the greatest number are English, Scotch, Irish and western European origin, brought to this country by scions of families who had borne these names for generations prior to emigration, many others have come from central and southern Europe and the Slavic countries, where the use of surnames is generally a more recently established practice. Some families had no surnames until after their arrival in America. In other cases emigrants from continental Europe or their descendants have translated or otherwise modified their names. Those factors contribute to the difficulties encountered by students of etymology and family history.

Those Americans who possess old and honored names, those who trace their surnames back to sturdy immigrant ancestors, or beyond, across the seas into the mists of antiquity, may be proud of their ancestors, or of their heritage. While the name, in its origin, may seem ingenious, humble, surprising, or as a matter-of-fact, its initial meaning; but in the many things that have happened to it since it first came into use, it should be viewed by us and future generations with the esteemed tribute due our surname. In the beginning, it was only a label to distinguish one John from his neighbor John who lived across a field. But soon it passed to his children, his children's children and so on. It became the symbol not of our man but of a family and all that the term stood for. Handed down from generation to generation, the surname became inseparably associated with achievement, the tradition, and the prestige of the family. Like the coat of arms—that vivid symbolization of the name which warrior ancestors bore in battle—the name itself has become a badge of family honor. It has become the "good name" to be proud of and to protect as one's most treasured POSSESSION.

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CHAPTER I

PROGENITOR'S LINEAGE A. D. 1800-1953

Also See Miscellaneous Pages

SAMPSON SR. AND PRISCILLA BRANNEN'S POSTERITY

Sampson Sr. born in 1800 in Georgia. He married Priscilla Gordon in the early 1820's. She was born in 1809 in Georgia. The records are somewhat obscure as to the exact location of their birth place. It could have been in the same vicinity they settled, since Alabama was a part of Georgia until December 14, 1819. Priscilla was of Pennsylvania Dutch descent, with unusual thriftiness and energy, which aided Sampson to become a leading citizen of Coffee County, Alabama. They settled at The Brannen Old Stand, as called in the early 19th Century, which was only a short distance from the well known Beaver Dam Church; about six miles south and east of Bullock. They developed a vast estate until the Civil Strife preceding the War, marred the growth of the South.

Their life is enriched with their POSTERITY of twelve; possibly thirteen children, for it is said they had one son named William, of whom records are not clear, but doubtless true.

→ Priscilla preceded Sampson in death in 1857, he followed four years later, 1856. They were buried in the family cemetery on or near their estate. Following is a list of their children:

Harris C.	Brannen born Jan. 1,	1824 in Coffee County, Ala. See Chapter II, Page 15.
Lucy Ann	Brannen born Oct. 24,	1825 in Coffee County, Ala. See Chapter XV, Page 73.
Puss	Brannen born (?)	1827 in Coffee County, Ala. Died single, death unknown.
Cynthia	Brannen born (?)	1828 in Coffee County, Ala. See Chapter XVIII, Page 77.
Joseph (Joe)	Brannen born April 2,	1829 in Coffee County, Ala. See Chapter XIX, Page 80.
Martha	Brannen born April 2,	1831 in Coffee County, Ala. See Chapter XXVIII, Page 100.
Harriet	Brannen born April 14,	1832 in Coffee County, Ala. See Chapter XXXV, Page 111.
Noah	Brannen born	1834 in Coffee County, Ala. Died single, 1855, Coffee County.
Charles	Brannen born	1836 in Coffee County, Ala. Died during the Civil War.
Molsie	Brannen born Nov.	1837 in Coffee County, Ala. See Chapter XLI, Page 119.
Richmond	Brannen born	1839 in Coffee County, Ala. Died during the Civil War.
Jasper	Brannen born	1846 in Coffee County, Ala. Died about 1875, buried four miles south of Gainesville, Cook County, Texas, Chadwell Cemetery.

CHAPTER II

HARRIS C. AND MARY ANNIE BRANNEN'S POSTERITY

Harris C., the first child of Sampson Sr. and Priscilla Brannen, was born January 1, 1824 in Coffee County, Alabama. Harris C. grew to manhood on his father's plantation and learned the ways of his father, which he used in developing a plantation himself before the Civil War. Records show a muster-in roll of Company F 30th, Alabama Infantry, where H. C. Brannen enlisted March 12, 1863 at Talladega as a drummer in the organization. He was mustered into the Confederate Service at Camp Curry on March 31, 1863.

Harris C. Brannen married Mary Annie Driskell about January 1845 at Bullock, Alabama. She was born August 1826. They were active workers for the Primitive Baptist Church of their community, civic leaders and successful ranchers with sheep, cattle, and agricultural products. Mary Annie was thrown from a buggy by a runaway horse as she and Harris were returning from a funeral and killed in October 1888. Harris died Nov. 23, 1905 at Bullock. They are buried in the Driskell cemetery about two and one-half miles south of Bullock, Alabama.

They had fourteen children, namely:

Calvin L.	Brannen	born	Dec. 7,	1845	at Bullock, Ala. See Chapter III, Page 16.
Priscilla	Brannen	born		1847	at Bullock, Ala. Died young, no date.
Harris L.				1848	at Bullock, Ala. See Chapter IV, Page 21.
(Bud)	Brannen	born	Aug. 16,	1850	at Bullock, Ala. See Chapter V, Page 26.
Sampson A.	Brannen	born	Feb. 23,	1852	at Bullock, Ala. See Chapter VI, Page 34.
Mary E.	Brannen	born		1854	at Bullock, Ala. See Chapter VII, Page 40.
Lucy Ann	Brannen	born		1856	at Bullock, Ala. See Chapter VIII, Page 44.
Noah	Brannen	born	April 11,	1858	at Bullock, Ala. See Chapter IX, Page 55.
William M.				1860	at Bullock, Ala. See Chapter X, Page 58.
(Bill)	Brannen	born	July 8,	1862	at Bullock, Ala. See Chapter XI, Page 60.
Joseph Nathaniel	Brannen	born	April 16,	1866	at Bullock, Ala. See Chapter XII, Page 62.
Charley R.	Brannen	born	July 10,		
Charlotte	Brannen	born	Jan. 24,		
Richmond	Brannen	born	?		at Bullock, Ala. Died young with diptheria.
Jasper (Jap)	Brannen	born	Aug. 8,	1871	at Bullock, Ala. See Chapter XIII, Page 68.
Andrew J.	Brannen	born	Nov. 5,	1873	at Bullock, Ala. See Chapter XIV, Page 70.

CHAPTER III

CALVIN L. AND SAMANTHA ELIZABETH (PUSS) BRANNEN'S POSTERITY

Calvin L., the first child of Harris C. and Mary Annie Brannen, was born December 7, 1845 at Bullock, Alabama. He grew up on his father's plantation, but he was drafted into the Confederate army the latter years of the Civil War. He returned to his home at Bullock after the end of the war with a horse which enabled the family to resume farming again, but the large plantation which he left was now depleted to a small farm that required the hardest kind of work to restore to a living condition for the family. He married Samantha Elizabeth Beard December 21, 1865, who was born January 17, 1845 at Bullock, Alabama. Calvin and Puss settled on a farm near Bullock for a few years, until Calvin accepted a position as a clerk for the Fate and Fox Henderson Mercantile Company of Troy, Alabama in 1880. He moved his family to Troy two years later where they lived and reared a large family, then went into business with a Mr. Wright and his own oldest son, Ezra Brannen. He continued in business at Troy for many years; however, he moved his business and family to Elba the latter part of life where he died January 8, 1911. He was buried at Troy and his family moved back there. Puss died September 27, 1920 and was buried at Troy. They had ten children, namely:

Laura, the first child of Calvin L. and Puss Brannen, was born June 25, 1867 at Bullock, Alabama. She married John T. Ogletree May 25, 1885. They lived at Troy for several years, then to Montgomery, and sometime after 1902 they settled in Lansing, Michigan, and Laura died there October 30, 1938 and her husband, John T. died there later. They had seven children, namely—

Tura Lee, the first child of Laura and John T. Ogletree, was born Feb. 15, 1886 at Troy, Alabama. She married (1) Percy Stevens; (2) Harry Howland. They live at 732 W. Allegan Street., Lansing, Michigan. No children.

Josie, the second child of Laura and John T. Ogletree, was born November 7, 1889 at Troy, Alabama. She married Lucien Hicks. They live in Round Lake, Necosta, Michigan, and have one child, namely—

Clarence Hicks. He is married and they have one son, but no data on either.

Oscar Brannen Ogletree, the third child of Laura and John T. Ogletree was born December 20, 1890 at Troy, and, he married Camille Shepherd who was born at Montgomery, Alabama. They live at 630 N. E. 6th Ave., Gainesville, Florida. They have three children namely—

O. B. Ogletree, Warren Ogletree, and a daughter. No data on these three.

Lillian, the fourth child of Laura and John T. Ogletree, was born October 20, 1891 at Troy, Alabama. She married October 1930 to Orville Ray. They live at 226 N. W. 3rd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. No children.

Ezra G., the fifth child of Laura and John T. Ogletree, was born December 10, 1893 at Montgomery, Alabama. He married Ruth.....? They live at 815 Gordon Street, Lansing, Michigan. Ezra Glenn and Ruth Ogletree have four children, but no data of births furnished.

Elie, the sixth child of Laura and John T. Ogletree, was born March 15, 1899 at Montgomery, Alabama. She married a Mr. De'Simone and live at 8 University , Natick, Massachusetts. No children.

Maggie, the seventh child of Laura and John Ogletree, was born June 24, 1902 at Montgomery, Alabama. She married Albert Houser. Albert is dead and Maggie lives at 515 Bank Street. Decatur, Alabama. They have two children, a boy, name not furnished, and Dorothy Houser. No birth dates furnished.

The second child of Calvin L. and Puss Brannen died in infancy.

Ezra Richmond, the third child of Calvin and Puss Brannen, was born June 21, 1869 at Bullock, Alabama. He attended the public schools of Troy and attended the University of Alabama. He married Ida Miller June 20, 1901, who was born February 2, 1876 at Troy, Alabama. They settled in Troy where he chose the profession of law and pursued the jurisprudence until his death December 19, 1916. Ida died Jan 12, 1942, they were both buried at Troy, Alabama. No children.

Nancy Ann Sophronia, the fourth child of Calvin L. and Puss Brannen, was born May 15, 1871 at Bullock, Alabama. She attended the public schools of Troy and married William R. Sellers January 17, 1921, who was born December 15, 1860 in Bullock County, Alabama. The writer had the esteemed pleasure of visiting in their home in May 1924. He operated a large farm, and was truly a successful business man. William R. died March 31, 1927 at Troy. Sophronia lives at 537 Elm Street, Troy, Alabama. No children.

Josephine, the fifth child of Calvin L. and Puss Brannen, was born April 18, 1873 at Bullock, Alabama. She, too, attended the public schools and graduated at Troy Normal in 1891. She married William R. Lane September 12, 1900, who was born December 2, 1870 at Troy, Alabama. Josephine and William R. lived in Birmingham, Alabama until William died April 23, 1928; he was buried at Troy. Josephine now lives at 537 Elm Street, Troy, Alabama. No children.

Elephare, the sixth child of Calvin L. and Puss Brannen, was born June 23, 1874 at Bullock, Alabama. She attended the public schools of Troy, married J. Frank Youngblood June 12, 1895 in Pike County, Alabama,, who was born May 12, 1866 in Pike County. Frank died January 4, 1925 at Troy, Alabama. Elephare died April 12, 1950 at Valdosta, Georgia. They had five children, namely—

Ruth, the first child of Elephare and J. Frank Youngblood, was born April 5, 1897 at Troy, Alabama. She married Dr. Robert Coker, M. D. on June 2, 1920 at Brewton, Alabama, who was born August 17, 1892. Dr. Coker died June 17, 1933 at Montgomery, Alabama. Ruth lives at Box 172, Tallassee, Alabama. Ruth and Dr. Coker had two children namely—

Ruth, the first child of Ruth and Dr. Coker, was born September 9, 1922, at Tallassee, Alabama. She married J. Gerald Laney who was born November 4, 1912 at Notasulga, Alabama, and they have two children, namely—

Ruth Laney, born July 30, 1944 at Tallassee, Alabama; and, Margaret Ann Laney, born July 6, 1948 at Tallassee, Alabama.

Ann, the second child of Ruth and Dr. Coker, was born July 8, 1927, at Tallassee, Alabama. She is single, and a teacher. Lives at Tallassee, Ala.

Mary, the second child of Elephare and J. Frank Youngblood, was born January 11, 1902 at Troy, Alabama. She married Rev. T. Baron Gibson May 15, 1923, who was born May 28, 1894 at Daviston, Alabama. They live at Box 466, Jasper, Georgia, where Rev. Gibson is pastor of a Baptist Church. Mary and Rev. Gibson have three children, namely—

John F., the first child of Mary and Rev. Gibson, was born September 6, 1925 at Andalusia, Alabama. John married Margaret Ray August 17, 1951, who was born December 12, 1924 at Starkville, Miss. They live at 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana, where John is pastor of a Baptist Church. No children.

Mary, the second child of Mary and Rev. Gibson, was born October 3, 1930 at Canton, Georgia. She lives at Valdosta, Georgia and is single.

Robert, the third child of Mary and Rev. Gibson, was born November 1, 1932 at Canton, Georgia and lives at Valdosta, Georgia. Single.

Margaret Frances, the third child of Elephare and J. Frank Youngblood, was born February 14, 1905 at Troy, Alabama. She is single; a teacher and lives at 905 Pendleton Street, Greenville, S. C.

John Calvin, the fourth child of Elephare and J. Frank Youngblood, was born September 3, 1906 at Troy, Alabama. He lives at 997 Spring St. N. W., Atlanta, Georgia. Single.

Mildred, the fifth child of Elephare and J. Frank Youngblood, was born February 19, 1912 at Troy, Alabama. She died March 17, 1913 at Troy, Alabama.

William Harris, the seventh child of Calvin L. and Puss Brannen, was born November 18, 1875 at Bullock, Alabama. William was educated in commercial work. He was his father's bookkeeper for many years at Troy and Elba, Alabama until his death July 5, 1910. He was buried at Troy. Single.

Adolphus Calvin (Dutch), the eighth child of Calvin and Puss Brannen, was born May 10, 1877 at Bullock, Alabama. He spent a short time in Texas in the late 1890's working on a farm. He returned to Troy and married Ruby Daniels January 1, 1903, who was born September 13, 1882 at Anderson, S. C. They had two children, namely—

Sarah, the first child of Dutch and Ruby Brannen, was born March 25, 1905 at Troy, Alabama. She married Fred Howarth June 2, 1927, who was born in Manchester, England, and now lives at St. Petersburg, Fla. Sarah and Fred have two children, namely—

John Howarth born January 26, 1929; and, Eleanor Howarth, born August 1, 1931. Both born at St. Petersburg, Florida. Eleanor is teaching in a naval base at San Juan, Puerto Rico. John is in the U. S. Navy.

Adolphus Calvin, Jr., the second child of Dutch and Ruby Brannen, was born August 10, 1912 at Roanoke, Alabama. He married Gertrude Battles who was born in Iowa. They live at 2609 13th Avenue N., St. Petersburg, Florida, and have two children, namely—

Charles Calvin, born November 13, 1946; and, Bonnie Brannen born August 13, 1948, both at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Ruby, Dutch's first wife, died January 1, 1949 at Daytona Beach, Florida. Dutch married Lurline Pratt who was born November 15, 1887 at Opelika, Alabama. They live at Haines City, Florida. No children.

Eugenia Viola, the ninth child of Calvin L. and Puss Brannen, was born November 16, 1879 at Bullock, Alabama. She grew to womanhood at Troy, Alabama. She married Frank A. Wood June 24, 1903, who was born July 3, 1876 in Pike County, Alabama. They had four children, namely—

Joe Frank, the first child of Eugenia (Genie) and Frank Wood, was born June 12, 1907 at Brundige, Alabama. He married Wilma Fair August 11, 1928, who was born November 11, 1906 at Okalona, Arkansas. They live at 1254 Florida Street, Corpus Christi, Texas and have three children, namely—

Barry, the first child of Joe Frank and Wilma Wood, was born June 17, 1932 at Mercedes, Texas and now lives at Corpus Christi.

Terry, the second child of Joe Frank and Wilma Wood, was born April 12, 1936 at Mercedes and now lives at Corpus Christi.

Larry, the third child of Joe Frank and Wilma Wood, was born January 19, 1947 at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Gordon Brannen Wood, the second child of Genie and Frank Wood, was born March 1, 1909 at Brundige, Alabama, married Mary Mitchell, who was born November 28,? at Huntsville, Texas. Gordon B. and Mary live at P. O. Box 772, Donna, Texas. They have three children, namely—

Genie Sue, the first child of Gordon and Mary Wood, was born October 30, 1938 at McAllen, Texas. Lives now at Donna, Texas.

Marilyn, the second child of Gordon and Mary Wood, was born March 13, 1941 at McAllen, Texas. Lives now at Donna, Texas.

Hazel, the third child of Gordon and Mary Wood, was born November 14, 1943 at McAllen, Texas. Lives now at Donna, Texas.

Hazel E., the third child of Genie and Frank Wood, was born March 18, 1916 at Brundige, Alabama. She died March 21, 1928 at Donna, Texas.

Ezra Richmond, the fourth child of Genie and Frank Wood, was born August 17, 1919 at Brundige, Alabama. He now lives at 3450 Topeka Street, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Frank A. Wood died September 4, 1925 at Brundige, Alabama. Eugenia (Genie) lives with her son, Ezra Richmond at 3450 Topeka Street, Corpus Christi.

Charlie Cleveland, the 10th child of Calvin L. and Puss Brannen, was born July 19, 1884 at Troy, Alabama. He attended the public schools of Troy and the University of Alabama. He was a scholarly man and chose law as his profession. He married Annette Murphree March 14, 1917 who was born October 10, 1893 at Troy, Alabama. Charlie C. esteemed highly by his associates and the electors of his district for his jurisprudence, exalted him to the position of Circuit Judge which honor he held at the time of his death, October 10, 1950 at Troy, Alabama. His wife, Annette lives at 301 Walnut Street, Troy, Alabama. They had three children, namely—

Elizabeth, the first child of Charlie and Annette Brannen, was born February 1, 1918 at Troy, Alabama. She married Walter McFarland Beale, June 1943, who was born January 10, 1917 at Montgomery, Alabama. They live at Montgomery and have three children, namely—

Walter McFarland, Jr., the first child of Elizabeth and Walter Beale, was born October 30, 1945 at Montgomery, Alabama.

Antoinette Murphree, the second child of Elizabeth and Walter Beale was born November 12, 1947 at Montgomery, Alabama.

Elizabeth Brannen Beale, the third child of Elizabeth and Walter Beale, was born June 13, 1952 at Montgomery, Alabama.

Thomas Eugene, the second child of Charlie and Annette Brannen, was born August 26, 1919 at Troy, Alabama. He married Marjorie Williams June 8, 1951 at Troy, Alabama, who was born September 25, 1925 at Troy, Alabama, and now lives at Jacksonville, Florida.

Eleanor (Nell), the third child of Charlie and Annette Brannen, was born October 21, 1924 at Troy, Alabama. She married Walter Arsic Sept. 21, 1951, who was born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. His native name Valmir Arsic. They live at 325 Lee Avenue, Florence, Alabama.

CHAPTER IV

HARRIS L. (BUD) AND NANCY JANE BRANNEN'S POSTERITY

Harris L. (Bud), the third child of Harris C. and Mary Annie Brannen, was born August 16, 1848 at Bullock, Alabama. He grew to manhood during the Civil War without much opportunity to obtain any education. He married Nancy Jane Gilchrist October 14, 1869 at Bullock, who was born March 10, 1854. They were an unusual couple, so judged by their own life and work as well as that of their children. They lived first at Bullock, Alabama where they farmed until about 1875 when they left Alabama and moved to Texas near Navasota in Grimes County. In 1877 they moved again, this time, they moved to Holly, Texas in Houston County and bought a large tract of land about 1200 acres.. They built a nice home at Holly, developed a nice farm of several hundred acres of rich alluvial soil. Any of their children who desired an education had their wish fulfilled by Bud and Jane Brannen. Bud and Jane were progressive farmers of an early date, who brought the first registered Hereford cattle to Houston County. In July 1906, they moved again; this time, it was to North West Texas at Peacock, Stonewall County, where they had purchased another 1200 acres of land. It is interesting to note that the land they bought was also unimproved. They hauled the lumber for their home sixty miles with wagon and teams. Evidence of their prosperity is, that after buying at Peacock, they still possessed their holdings in Houston County at Holly free of debt. In the spring of 1914, Bud and Jane built their third home in the town of Peacock two miles from their farm. Before the third home was completed Harris L. (Bud) Brannen died March 7, 1914, and Nancy Jane had the home completed and lived there until her death July 23, 1928. They were both buried at the county seat—Aspermont, Texas. Thirteen children were born to Bud and Jane, namely—

Elizabeth Ann, the first child of Bud and Jane Brannen, was born July 12, 1871 at Bullock, Alabama. She died October 19, 1878 at Holly, Texas.

Mary Jane, the second child of Bud and Jane Brannen, was born November 3, 1872 at Bullock, Alabama. She attended rural school at Holly, married Dr. Ezekiel Robert Young of Pennington, Texas, December 23, 1886 at Holly. They first settled in Holly, then moved to Charco, Texas, 1906 near San Antonio. They were devout workers in the Church of Christ through life. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in their lovely home at Charco, Texas December 26, 1938. Dr. Young died April 21, 1944; Mary Jane died a few months later, November 21, 1944 at Charco, Texas. Ten children were born to them, namely—

Jessie, the first child of Mary Jane and Dr. Ezekiel R. Young was born November 11, 1887 at Holly, Texas. Jessie Young died November 27, 1887 at Holly and was buried there.

Harris L., the second child of Mary Jane and Dr. Ezekiel R. Young was born May 8, 1889 at Holly, Texas. Harris attended Sabinal Christian College, and he is now a florist dealer in Dallas, Texas. Harris married

Ivy Mabel Weaver August 6, 1917, who was born August 18, 1890. Ivy Mabel attended the N.T.S.T. where she received her A. B. degree. They live at 4216 Buena Vista, Dallas, Texas, Phone LA-0096. They have two children, namely—

Marian Virginia, the first child of Harris and Ivy Mabel Young, was born March 5, 1923. She married Carlton J. Bursheim, who is in Korea. No children.

Francis Louise, the second child of Harris and Ivy Mabel Young was born Nov. 21, 1927. She married James A. Thomas, and they live at 4216 Buena Vista Street, Dallas, Texas. No Children.

Epsie, the third child of Mary Jane and Dr. Ezekiel R. Young, was born July 20, 1892 at Holly, Texas. Epsie is single, and she attended the University of Texas and N.T.S.T. College receiving her B. A. and M. A. Degree from the University of Ohio. She is a well qualified teacher in the Austin Schools, and lives at 808 Winsted Lane, Austin, Texas.

Roy, the fourth child of Mary Jane and Dr. Ezekiel R. Young, was born November 4, 1894 at Holly, Texas. He, too, received his A. B. Degree from N.T.S.T. College. Roy served in the United States Navy during World War I. He is now a pharmacist at Fabens, Texas. He is married but has no children.

Myra, the fifth child of Mary Jane and Dr. Ezekiel R. Young, was born March 20, 1897 at Holly, Texas. Myra attended San Marcos T. College at San Marcos, Texas. She married Leslie E. Roberts of Charco, Texas, who served in the 36th Division in World War I. They live at 818 S. Pine Street, Roseburg, Oregon. They have two children, namely—

Mary Nancy, the first child of Myra and Leslie E. Roberts, who married Andrew King lives at Atlanta, Georgia. They have two children, but no information.

Betty Jane, the second child of Myra and Leslie E. Roberts, who married Barney Shirley, live at Portland, Oregon. They have two daughters, but no data.

Thelma, the sixth child of Mary Jane and Dr. Ezekiel R. Young, was born March 6, 1902 at Holly, Tex. She attended Abilene Christian College and the University of Texas, and later taught in Yoakum and Kingsville, Texas. She married James Harris Williams Aug. 1927, a chemist, employed by the Celanese Corporation of America. Thelma teaches in the elementary grades of Ricardo School one mile from their 150 acre farm and ranch home, which is seven miles south of Kingsville, Texas on Highway 77. Address Rt. 1, Box 386, Kingsville, Texas. They have four children, namely—

James Harris, Jr., the first child of Thelma and James H. Williams, was born August 5, 1928. He is in Air Force Base at Bryan, Texas at present, but he has been over the Pacific and Korea.

Thelma Loraine, the second child of Thelma and James H. Williams, was born March 24, 1931. She is a graduate of A&I College, Kingsville, Texas. She is teaching in the elementary grades of the Kingsville School. She married Darald Barnard Franklin of St. Louis, Missouri August 14, 1952. Darald Barnard is with U. S. Navy and stationed at the Kingsville Base. No children.

Anne, the third child of Thelma and James H. Williams, was born October 10, 1932. Anne has finished her junior year at A & I College at Kingsville, Texas.

Epsie Jane, the fourth child of Thelma and James H. Williams, was born November 26, 1937 at Kingsville. She is a sophomore in Kingsville High School.

Betty, the seventh child of Mary Jane and Dr. Ezekiel R. Young, was born February 22, 1904 at Holly, Texas. She died May 29, 1926 at Charco, Texas.

Molly, the eighth child of Mary Jane and Dr. Ezekiel R. Young, was born May 10, 1907 and died Sept 6, 1910 at Charco, Texas.

Ruth, the ninth child of Mary Jane and Dr. Ezekiel R. Young, was born July 2, 1910 at Charco, Texas. She first went to the University of Texas, but she received her A. B. Degree from N.T.S.T. College at Denton, Texas. She teaches in Port Arthur schools. She may now have her M. S. Degree from the University of Texas.

Epsie Lee, the third child of Bud and Jane Brannen, was born November 16, 1874 at Bullock, Alabama or Navasota, Texas. She married Thomas Connor of Lovelady, Texas in October 1891. Epsie died about one year after her marriage when her son was born. Her son lived only one year and also died. Thomas Connor died later, and they were all buried at Holly, Texas.

John Wallace, the fourth child of Bud and Jane Brannen, was born December 23, 1876 at Navasota, Texas. He died May 10, 1878.

Martha Nettye, the fifth child of Bud and Jane Brannen, was born October 28, 1878 at Holly, Texas, and died March 16, 1880 at Holly.

Flora L., the sixth child of Bud and Jane Brannen, was born September 16, 1880 at Holly, Texas and died November 10, 1880 and buried also at the Holly Cemetery.

Willie, the seventh child of Bud and Jane Brannen, was born August 22, 1883 at Holly, Texas. She attended Holly and Lovelady public schools and a commercial college at Tyler, Texas. She moved with her parents in 1906 to Peacock, Texas, married Hugh Metcalf, an attorney. They settled at McAdoo, Texas until Metcalf died. They had two children, namely—

Juanita, born October 4, 1908, and Willie (Bill), born October 4, 1910. Willie (Brannen) Metcalf moved back to Peacock and ran the Post Office for a time, then she married Walter Fisher of Bakersfield, California, who was engaged in plumbing and steam fitting business. When Willie married Walter Fisher adopted Juanita and Bill, which changed their surnames to Fisher that the girls might become lawful heirs to his wealth. Juanita finished high school and later a commercial school in Los Angeles. Juanita divorced her first husband and married Arthur Hart. They have a farm and live at Lancaster, California.

Willie (Bill) also finished high school and the commercial college at Los Angeles. She worked several years, and then married Harry Spilman. They own a nice home in Los Angeles, California.

Minnie, the eighth child of Bud and Jane Brannen, was born May 8, 1886 at Holly, Texas. Minnie received a high school education at Holly and Lovelady, Texas. She moved from Holly to Peacock, Texas with her

parents in 1906. She had one term of advanced school work at the Sam Houston Normal at Huntsville, Texas, and she taught school afterward, two years. She married Elvin Lee Caraway at Peacock, and they settled on a farm near Peacock for a few years; but they started their business career with a drug store at Peacock. In a short time, however, they moved to Spur, Texas, where they acquired the Spur Motor Company Car Agency, which they have operated since. Their thriftiness is perceptible in their nice home, considerable business property and several farms. They are members of the Church of Christ. They have three children, namely—

Thelma, the first child of Minnie and Elvin L. Caraway, was born August 3, 1908 at Peacock, Texas. Thelma was educated in the Spur schools, Carr-Burdett Junior College at Sherman, Texas and Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas. She married Cash Wileman of Stamford, Texas, where they settled and lived for a time, but they now live at Lubbock, Tex. They have one child, namely—

Cash Caraway Wileman, born May 2, 1932. He is attending Texas Technological College at Lubbock, Texas.

Lois, the second child of Minnie and Elvin L. Caraway, was born December 28, 1909 at Peacock, Stonewall County, Texas. She died March 14, 1912 at Peacock.

Elvin Lee, Jr., (Bill), the third child of Minnie and Elvin L. Caraway, was born February 6, 1920 at Spur, Texas. Bill is a graduate of Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas. He married Mozelle Arthur, but they are separated. Bill is connected with the Spur Motor Company and Mozelle lives at Dallas, Texas. They have one child, namely—

Kay Caraway, born March 17, 1947 at Spur, Texas. Lives with her mother at Dallas, Texas.

Ula, the ninth child of Bud and Jane Brannen, was born February 11, 1888 and died August 29, 1889 at Holly, Texas.

Beulah, the tenth child of Bud and Jane Brannen, was born August 21, 1889. She was educated in the public schools of Holly, Lovelady and the Sam Houston Normal at Huntsville, Texas. She also attended Draughons Business College. She moved to Peacock with her parents in 1906. She first married James Edward Lucas of Meridian, Mississippi, December 16, 1906. They had one child, namely—

Lucille Lucas born October 7, 1907, who attended Abilene Christian College, the University of Texas and graduated from Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas and has a Masters Degree from the Teachers College, Greeley, Colorado. Lucille married Alfred Van Zant, divorced, and married Judge A. Beyer of Crane, Texas in 1952.

James Edward Lucas died in 1922, and Beulah married Riley R. Wooten of McAdoo, Texas. They have a very nice home built on their spacious ranch near McAdoo. They are members of the Church of Christ.

Malcom Harris, the eleventh child of Bud and Jane Brannen, was born February 4, 1891 at Holly. He attended the public schools of his home community, the Baylor Medical School of Dentistry and graduated. He first married Hilda Holly at Peacock, but soon ended in a divorce. Dr. Brannen settled at Spur, Texas during World War I, and has practiced dentistry there for more than 35 years where he has had a most successful career. His second marriage was to Alva Morrow of Robert Lee, Texas. She has a B.S.

Degree in Home Economics, and a Pre-Medical B. A. from the University of Texas and has done graduate work at the University of Colorado and at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas. She taught science in Spur High School for many years. They are members of the First Methodist Church, Spur, and they have two children, namely—

Jane, the first child of Dr. M. H. and Alva Brannen, was born December 16, 1928. She graduated from the University of Texas in 1950 as an honor student in the major of Home Economics. Jane married Charles Gordon Moore of Clarksville, Texas in 1950. They now live at Anchorage, Alaska. They have two children, namely—

Cindy Jane Moore, born August 9, 1952, and Richard Gordon Moore, born November 10, 1953.

Malcolm (Mac) Harris, Jr., the second child of Dr. M. H. and Alva Brannen, was born September 19, 1930 at Spur, Texas. Mac is also a graduate of the University of Texas, and he is now a sophomore in the University of Texas Medical School, Galveston, Texas. Mac married Barbara Ward of Bellaire, Texas, August 10, 1953 at three o'clock in the afternoon in the Church of Christ, LaMarque, Texas.

William Fletcher, the twelfth child of Bud and Jane Brannen, was born June 3, 1893 at Holly, Texas. He attended the N.T.S.T. College at Denton, Texas and taught two years in public schools. He quit teaching and established a mercantile business at Silver Valley, Texas, while retaining his farms at Peacock, Texas, where the family now lives. He married Myrtle McKinzie November 18, 1918 at Jayton, Texas, who was born June 8, 1895. Myrtle attended Simmons University of Abilene, Texas. They are members of the Baptist Church and have two children, namely—

James Harris, the first child of Fletcher and Myrtle Brannen, was born May 10, 1921. He took his advanced work at Texas Technological College at Lubbock, Texas. He married Othell Beard in 1942. He is now postmaster at Peacock, Texas. No children.

Margaret Myrtle, the second child of Fletcher and Myrtle Brannen, was born June 26, 1924 at Peacock, Texas. She also attended Texas Technological College at Lubbock, Texas. She married Donald R. Kennedy in 1946. They live at 301 Sunset Lane, Fort Worth, Texas, Phone SU-8318, and have one son, namely—

Don Brannen Kennedy, born July 5, 1949.

Robert Archie, the thirteenth child of Bud and Jane Brannen, was born June 28, 1895 at Holly, Texas. He died in 1910 at Peacock, Texas. He was buried at Aspermont, Stonewall County, Texas.

CHAPTER V

SAMPSON A. AND MARY M. BRANNEN'S POSTERITY

Sampson A., the fourth child of Harris C. and Mary Annie Brannen, was born February 23, 1850 at Bullock, Alabama. He grew to manhood on his parents plantation during the Civil War, learning the essentials of a livelihood in the conventional way of a farm hand. He married Mary Moore Taylor in 1871, who was born August 8, 1855 at Bullock. They settled on a farm in Alabama until 1876, then they moved to Grimes County near Navasota, Texas for one year. In 1877 they settled in Trinity County near Holly, Texas. They bought a farm which they sold to a brother, Noah, later, and purchased an adjoining farm where they lived until 1890. They sold the second farm and bought their third farm near Saron, Texas. Samp and Mary farmed a short time after moving to Saron. They acquired the management of the Saron Mill's boarding house for men working at the sawmill. They operated that house for several years, but acquired a larger boarding house at Dibol in Angelina County near Lufkin, Texas. Samp and Mary operated the Dibol house until Mary's death February 10, 1913. Samp A. lived with a son, Hansford, at Burke, a few miles from Dibol until his death June 3, 1923. They were buried at Ryan Chapel Cemetery near Burke and Dibol. Samp and Mary reared 14 children of theirs except one who had the misfortune of being badly burned when about three years of age and died later. The posterity of their children follow—

Ella Priscilla, the first child of Samp and Mary Brannen, was born December 12, 1872 at Elba, Alabama. She moved in 1876 with her parents to Grimes County and to Holly in 1877 where she grew to womanhood. She married Benjamin Franklin Tucker March 26, 1893 in Trinity, Texas. Frank was an employee of the sawmill company at Saron, and he and Ella lived there several years before moving to Dibol, where they lived many years. However, they lived at San Antonio at the time of Frank's death February 8, 1939. Frank was also buried at Ryan Chapel Cemetery near Burke and Dibol. Ella lives at 4920 Polk Street, Houston, Texas. Frank and Ella had four children, namely—

Claude Victor, the first child of Ella and Frank Tucker, was born January 12, 1894 at Saron. He married Alma Hennington July 12, 1915; died November 1941. They had one child, namely—

Jack Wilson Tucker, born April 11, 1917, who married Rosine Yeats, February 28, 1942, and they have two children, namely—

Jack Wilson, Jr. Tucker, born May 24, 1944, and Patricia Tucker, born April 7, 1949.

Bernard Farris, the second child of Ella and Frank Tucker, was born March 24, 1898. He married Zada Wendell, June 15, 1927. They live at Taylor, Texas, and they have one child, namely—

Betty Joyce Tucker, born March 9, 1929. She married Thomas Kiesler July 10, 1948. They have two children, namely—

Candace Kiesler, born August 29, 1950; and, Penelope, born July 12, 1952.

Juanita, the third child of Ella and Frank Tucker, was born November 26, 1900 at Dibol, Texas. She married Bryan Rieger June 14, 1922, divorced him. Juanita works for a beauty operator in Houston, Texas and she lives with her mother at 4920 Polk Street, Houston, Texas.

Hollis H., the fourth child of Ella and Frank Tucker, was born September 28, 1905. He married Ida Kelinek February 2, 1936. No children.

Richmond, the second child of Samp and Mary Brannen, was born June 5, 1874 at Bullock, Alabama. He moved to Texas with his parents and grew to manhood on a farm at Holly and Saron. He finished high school at Trinity Public Schools. He married Annie Evelyn Banahan December 25, 1906, who was born February 17, 1890. She attended Saron Public Schools. Richmond worked at the Saron sawmill several years. He also served as deputy sheriff for a time at Saron. Annie Evelyn died September 7, 1953, interment in Forest Park Cemetery, Houston, Texas. Richmond lives at 206 W. Pitts Street, Pasadena, Texas. Richmond and Annie Brannen have six children, namely—

Lillian Doris, the first child of Richmond and Annie Brannen, was born January 25, 1908 at Saron, Texas. She graduated from Pasadena High School in 1924. She married S. W. Brown July 19, 1924, who was born January 22, 1904. He is night superintendent for Sinclair Refining Company. Lillian and S. W. Brown live at 111 E. Pitts Street, Pasadena, Texas and they have one child, namely—

Doris Evelyn, who was born October 6, 1925. She graduated from Pasadena High School, attended Southern School of Fine Arts, Houston Conservatory, American Conservatory in Chicago, received her degree in Religious Education from the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. She married Rev. B. E. Cain August 5, 1947, who was born November 26, 1923. He is pastor of Easthaven Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. Doris and Buford Cain reside at 9325 Intervale, Houston, Texas. They have two children, namely—

Buford Earl, Jr., born January 7, 1949; and, Karen Lynn, born June 15, 1953.

Granville LaPrell, the second child of Richmond and Annie Brannen, was born September 1, 1910 at Saron, Texas. He graduated from Pasadena High School in 1929 and married Sarah Mae Brown, February 15, 1934. They live at 206 W. Pitts Street, Pasadena, Texas and they had four children, namely—

Carolyn Juanita, the first child of LaPrell and Sarah Mae Brannen, was born November 27, 1934.

Granville LaPrell, Jr., the second child of LaPrell and Sarah Mae Brannen, was born February 26, 1936.

Judy Annette, the third child of LaPrell and Sarah Mae Brannen, was born July 17, 1939.

Harriet Beth, the fourth child of LaPrell and Sarah Mae Brannen, was born October 27, 1942. She died September 13, 1945, interment in South Park Cemetery, Houston, Texas.

G. LaPrell Brannen is employed by the City of Pasadena, and resides at 206 W. Pitts Street, Pasadena.

Jessie Woodie, the third child of Richmond and Annie Brannen, was born November 30, 1914 at Trinity, Texas. She graduated from Pasadena

High School in 1931 and January 25, 1938, she married Ralph Aaron Davis who was born September 24, 1915. He is employed by Champion Paper & Fibre Company as Mill Foreman. They reside at 1905 Oaks Drive, Pasadena, Texas, and they have two children, namely—

Ralph Aaron, II, born October 23, 1941; and, John Phillips Davis, born February 17, 1946.

Janey Earline, the fourth child of Richmond and Annie Brannen, was born March 9, 1917 at Trinity, Texas. She graduated from Pasadena High School in 1933. She married Robert Bevis Fraizer, March 12, 1937, who was born October 10, 1914. He is employed as a machinist for Champion Paper & Fibre Company. They reside at 108 N. Spooner, Pasadena, Texas, and have three children, namely—

Bevis Brannen, the first child of Earline and Robert B. Frazier, was born March 4, 1939.

Robert Craig, the second child of Earline and Robert B. Frazier, was born April 18, 1944.

Sheila Rae, the third child of Earline and Robert B. Frazier, was born November 21, 1945.

Cecile Maurine, the fifth child of Richmond and Annie Brannen, was born February 15, 1923. She graduated from Pasadena High School and attended Sam Houston State Teachers College. She resides at 2206 Huntington, Pasadena, Texas, and is employed in the Pasadena Postoffice.

Richmond Drulane, the sixth child of Richmond and Annie Brannen, was born October 25, 1927 in Pasadena, Texas. He graduated from Pasadena High School; attended Texas A&M and Southwestern State Teachers College. He is now a Lieutenant in the United States Navy Air Corps. Drulane married Billie Marie Dougherty, who was born March 23, 1928. They have one child, namely—

Jan Carol Brannen, born July 20, 1953.

William ((Willie) Jefferson, the third child of Samp and Mary Brannen, was born January 5, 1876 at Elba, Alabama. He moved to Texas with his parents as a youth, and grew to manhood on a farm near Holly, Texas, but moved to Saron with his family in 1890. He married Charlotte (Lottie) Walker, who was born January 5, 1881 at Saron. They settled at Saron and Willie followed sawmill work for many years. Lottie died March 22, 1909 from a bad burn, and was buried at Saron, Texas. Willie died August 14, 1943, and was buried at Saron, Texas. Willie and Lottie had six children, namely—

Vera Ester, the first child of Willie and Lottie Brannen, was born November 28, 1897. She married George Stuart Murphy, December 14, 1914. They live at Vidor, Texas and they have four children, namely—

Johnnie Zulieme, the first child of Vera and George Murphy, was born September 17, 1915. She married Joseph Emil Duke May 18, 1935, and live at St. Cloud, Florida. They have one child, namely—

Joan Lee Duke, born January 19, 1936.

George Stuart, Jr., the second child of Vera and George Murphy, was born April 28, 1917. He married Opal Bargsley, February 18, 1943. They live at 4433 Darsey Street, Houston, Texas and they have two children, namely—

George Stuart III Bargsley, born October 13, 1946; and, Patricia Bargsley, born September 21, 1948.

Milton Deryck, the third child of Vera and George Murphy, was born August 8, 1920. He married Leta Isgitt July 24, 1947. They live at Crowley, Louisiana, and they have one child, namely—

Michael Deryck Murphy, born November 28, 1952.

James Brannen Murphy, the fourth child of Vera and George Murphy, was born October 14, 1925. He married Johannes Tighe February 6, 1948. They live at St. Cloud, Florida and have two children, namely—

Jamie, born August 20, 1950; and, Susan Joan Murphy, born March 3, 1952.

Carl Andrew, the second child of Willie and Lottie Brannen, was born February 19, 1899 at Saron, Texas. Andrew obtained an early education, taught school, served as County School Superintendent of Trinity County, but he advanced his credits at the same time. He was Captain in the U. S. Navy, World War II. Andrew married Bess Courtney September 7, 1924, and now lives at 510 Winding Way, Lake Jackson, Texas where Andrew is Consultant Audio-Visual Education Brazosport Schools, Freeport, Texas. Andrew and Bess had three children, namely—

Carl Andrew, Jr., the first child of Andrew and Bess Brannen, was born August 26, 1925. He was killed in World War II on Marcus Island, Pacific Ocean on May 9, 1945. Bomber shot down by anti-aircraft.

Joseph Patric, the second child of Andrew and Bess Brannen, was born December 27, 1927. He married Pat Lindveit in 1948. They live at Swinney, Texas. No children.

Willie Frances, the third child of Andrew and Bess Brannen, was born August 14, 1935. He lives with his parents at 510 Winding Way, Lake Jackson, Texas.

Leo Bergman, the third child of Willie and Lottie Brannen, was born October 8, 1900 at Saron, Texas. He married Viola Stokely Freeman February 3, 1934. Leo was County Judge of Trinity County at one time. Leo and Viola live at 6501 Helmers Street, Houston, Texas. No children.

Mary Evelyn, the fourth child of Willie and Lottie Brannen, was born November 24, 1903. She married Arthur Lee Nolan November 28, 1924, and lives at Vidor, Texas. They have one child, namely—

Billie Ramah Nolan, born September 22, 1925. She married James Duke, and they have one child, namely—

Jackie Lee Duke, born January 19, 1953. All live at Vidor, Texas.

Herschel Sampson, the fifth child of Willie and Lottie Brannen, was born November 27, 1905. He acquired an early education and pursued a professional career with credit to himself and his family, having attained a Doctorate Degree. He is now employed by the Houston City Educational Board. He married Bess Burgin May 23, 1931, who is also employed by the Houston City School Board as a teacher. Herschel and Bess live at 3527 Belfontaine, Houston, Texas. They have one child, namely—

Herschel Sampson Brannen, Jr., born July 21, 1932.

Laura Ophelia, the sixth child of Willie and Lottie Brannen, was born December 21, 1907, died January 29, 1923, and buried at Saron, Texas.

Martha Annie, the fourth child of Samp and Mary Brannen, was born November 27, 1877 at Holly, Texas. She grew to womanhood at

Saron, Texas, married James Arthur Sandlin Dec. 12, 1906. They lived at Dibol until Annie's death November 6, 1908. Annie and Arthur, Sr. had one child, namely—

James Arthur Sandlin, Jr., who was born August 20, 1908 at Dibol, Texas. He lived with Annie's parents until the age of nine, then his father re-married and took Arthur, Jr. to rear. Arthur, Sr. provided well for his son's education which Arthur, Jr. accepted with credit to his father and to himself. He studied law at the University of Texas and is a jurist at Austin, Texas. James Arthur, Jr. married Mavis Scott, August 10, 1930 at Austin. They live at 311 E. 35th Street, Austin, Texas, and they have two children, namely—

Annie Virginia Sandlin born October, 17, 1931, married Dick Dorman Wooten March 22, 1951, and they have one child, namely—

Cheryl Diane Wooten, born June 9, 1953 at Austin, Texas.

James Arthur, III, the second child of Arthur, Jr. and Mavis Sandlin, was born July 18, 1933, who died August 29, 1943 at San Antonio, Texas.

Charles Hansford, the fifth child of Samp and Mary Brannen, was born October 28, 1879 at Holly, Texas. He grew up on the farm at Holly and Saron, worked some for the sawmill companies at Saron and Dibol. He took a barber's course of study and followed barbering for a time. He married Mary Estelle Weeks, January 10, 1914 at Burke, Texas, who was born February 13, 1889. They settled on a farm at Burke where they were living at the time of Hansford's death, March 16, 1945. He was buried in Ryan Chapel Cemetery, near Burke and Dibol, Angelina County. Mary still lives at Burke, Texas. They had three children, namely—

Charles Hansford, Jr., the first child of Hansford and Mary E. Brannen, was born June 25, 1916 at Burke, Tex. Charles H., Jr. married Mae Dell Cobb August 29, 1946, and they live at 907 Moore Ave., Lufkin, Texas. They have one child, namely—

Brenda Gayle Brannen, born July 30, 1948.

Mary Estelle, the second child of Hansford, Sr. and Mary Brannen, was born September 15, 1917 at Burke, Texas. She married William John Alatalo, December 18, 1943, who was born September 3, 1899. Mary and John Alatalo live at Burke, Texas. No children.

James Allan, the third child of Hansford, Sr. and Mary Brannen, was born March 6, 1929 at Burke, Texas. He married Mary Ann Allen July 4, 1948. He is a Methodist Minister and they live at P. O. Box 578, Baytown, Texas, and they have two children, namely—

Mary Phyllis, born February 5, 1949; and, Deborah Elane Brannen, born November 12, 1951.

Rosa Lee, the 6th child of Samp and Mary Brannen, was born October 6, 1881 at Holly, Texas. She grew to womanhood at Saron, Texas, and married Will B. Goettee March 23, 1898 at Saron, Texas. They settled near Saron on a farm, but later moved to Trinity, Texas, where they reared their family. Rosa died July 27, 1936 at Trinity, Texas, where Will still lives. They had seven children, namely—

Earl Bazel, the first child of Rosa and Will Goettee, was born January 23, 1899. He married Lucy Jackson January 23, 1921. He died July 30, 1949. They have one child, namely—

Jerry Shaw Goettee, born October 1, 1922, married Clayton Earl Taylor, December 25, 1941. They have three children, namely—

Johnny Earl Taylor, born March 13, 1943; Thomas Neil Taylor, born February 6, 1944; and, Gordon Lee Taylor, born July 23, 1952. The latter died July 24, 1952.

Thelma Eva, the second child of Rosa and Will Goettee, was born January 29, 1901. She married Clyde J. Arnold and they had one child, namely—

Clyde Johnson Arnold, Jr., born November 16, 1922, who married Ann Elizabeth Henderson, June 28, 1948, and they have one child, namely—

James Clyde Arnold, born June 10, 1949. They live at 320 E. Houston Street, McAllen, Texas.

Travis, the third child of Rosa and Will Goettee, was born June 24, 1903, died June 26, 1903.

Frank Allen, the fourth child of Rosa and Will Goettee, was born January 1, 1905. He married Mary O'Donnell and they have five children, namely—

Francis Aliene, the first child of Frank A. and Mary Goettee, was born August 10, 1925. She married James A. Medley.

Ola Faye, the second child of Frank A. and Mary Goettee, was born October 6, 1926. She married Alvin Norris Smith, and they have three children, namely—

Patricia Faye; Alvin Norris, Jr.; and, Sharon Ann Smith. No birth dates on these three.

Howard Earl, the third child of Frank A. and Mary Goettee, was born October 3, 1928. He married Doris Jean Ringo, and they have two children, namely—

Michael Earl; and, Edwin Lee Goettee. No birth dates on these two.

Donald Wayne, the fourth child of Frank A. and Mary Goettee, was born July 19, 1933.

Janice Clara, the fifth child of Frank A. and Mary Goettee, was born August 28, 1935. She married Frederick J. Chesser.

Mary Lucille, the fifth child of Rosa and Will Goettee, was born September 22, 1907. She first married Mac Miller October 1925. They had three children, namely—

Rose Adele, the first child of Lucille and Mac Miller, was born July 6, 1926. She married George Tom Colbath, Jr., June 3, 1946, and they have two children, namely—

Dianne Colbath, born December 16, 1947; and, Donna Colbath, was born April 1, 1950.

Maxine, the second child of Lucille and Mac Miller, was born April 22, 1929. She married William Cody Nash August 1, 1948. They live at 3517 R 1/2, Galveston, Texas.

William Briscoe, the third child of Lucille and Mac Miller, was born December 16, 1927.

Mary Lucille and Mac Miller separated and her second marriage was to A. L. Archer and they live at 614 S. Cage Street, Pharr, Texas.

Woodrow Bruton, the sixth child of Rosa and Will Goettee, was born August 16, 1913. He lives in Roller Hotel, at Mexia, Texas.

Gordon, the seventh child of Rosa and Will Goettee, was born September 28, 1916, died September 24, 1928.

Dora, the seventh child of Samp and Mary Brannen, was born November 15, 1883 at Holly, Texas. She grew to womanhood at Saron and Dibol, Texas. She married James Jefferson Preston April 24, 1910, at Dibol. They have one child, namely—

Harry James Preston, who was born December 22, 1913. He married Elizabeth Henry February 13, 1937, and they have two children, namely—

Elizabeth Anne Preston, born January 3, 1938; and, James Rowe Preston, was born September 17, 1948 and live with Dora and James J. Preston at 207 Layton Street, Monroe, Louisiana.

Nettie, the eighth child of Samp and Mary Brannen, was born September 27, 1885 at Holly, Texas. She grew to womanhood at Saron and Dibol, Texas. She married Emory Eugene Stone April 20, 1903. They settled in Houston, Texas and they had one child, namely—

Tracy Eugene Stone, born March 7, 1904, who married Bernice Green September 1923. Tracy Eugene died July 4, 1927; but, they had two children, namely—

Tracy Eugene Stone, Jr., born June 27, 1924, who married Kathryn?, and they have one child, namely—
Phyllis Anne Stone. No data.

Edwin Emory Stone, born September 18, 1926, who married Barbara?, and they have one child, namely—

Edwin Emory Stone, Jr. No data.

Nettie's husband died at Houston, and Nettie lives at 1510 Austin Street, Houston, Texas with her sister Bonnie Weeks.

Alonzo Harris (Londie), the ninth child of Samp and Mary Brannen, was born April 10, 1887 at Holly, Texas. He grew to manhood at Saron and Dibol, Texas. He married Mabel Jackson. Londie died February 18, 1919, and was buried in Ryan Chapel Cemetery near Burke and Dibol, Texas. No children.

Bonnie Ruby, the tenth child of Samp and Mary Brannen, was born April 8, 1889 at Holly, Texas. She, too, grew to womanhood at Saron and Dibol, Texas. She married John B. Weeks June 6, 1906, who had a talented voice for music. They lived at Dibol for a time then moved to Conroe, Texas. They reared five children, namely—

Herbert Clay, the first child of Bonnie and John Weeks, was born January 16, 1907, who married Bernice Hood July 24, 1926; and, they have three children, namely—

Linda, the first child of Herbert and Bernice Weeks, was born February 6, 1930, who married Webb Woodland May 8, 1948, and they have one child, namely—

Russell Clay Woodland, born December 5, 1951.

Martha, the second child of Herbert and Bernice Weeks, was born December 26, 1935.

John Terry, the third child of Herbert and Bernice Weeks, was born September 6, 1937.

Paul Allen, the second child of Bonnie and John Weers, was born August 3, 1909, died September 6, 1936.

Mary Madeline, the third child of Bonnie and John Weeks, was born August 3, 1915. She married Glenn Hammer June 6, 1942, and they have two children, namely—

Ralph Bascom Hammer, born October 14, 1943; and, Karen Leigh Hammer was born October 28, 1946.

Littleton Fowler, the fourth child of Bonnie and John Weeks, was born July 21, 1917. He married Margaret Russell July 10, 1948. They have one child, namely—

Bonnie Beth Weeks, born August 17, 1951.

Bonnie Jean, the fifth child of Bonnie and John Weeks, was born May 5, 1928.

John B. Weeks died at Conroe, Texas, and Bonnie lives at 1510 Austin Street, Houston, Texas.

Caledonia (Callie), the 11th child of Samp and Mary Brannen, was born December 7, 1890 at Holly or Saron, Texas. Callie was badly burned which caused her death November 17, 1899. She was buried in the Saron Cemetery, at Saron, Texas.

Beulah, the 12th child of Samp and Mary Brannen, was born August 15, 1892 at Saron, Texas. She grew to womanhood at Saron and Dibol, Texas. She married William E. Wimberly December 25, 1917 at Houston, Texas. They operated a mercantile business at Bryan, Texas for many years, but they now live at 150 Jordon Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. No children.

Emma, the 13th child of Samp and Mary Brannen, was born May 7, 1894 at Trinity, Texas. She grew to womanhood at Saron and Dibol, Texas. She married James Blair Keefer, Jr. October 7, 1912 at Dibol, Texas. They have four children, namely—

James Blair III, the first child of Emma and James Blair Keefer, Jr., was born August 4, 1913. He died June 23, 1922.

Kathrine Killiane, the second child of Emma and James Blair Keefer, Jr., was born June 23, 1915.

Martin Junius and Betty Jane (twins), the third and fourth children of Emma and James Blair Keefer, Jr., were born October 10, 1924. M. J. is single. Betty Jane Keefer married Jack W. Kenner, July 20, 1943. They were divorced in 1947, but have one child, namely—

Kathrine Ronlee Kenner, born June 7, 1944.

Emma and James Blair and children live at 3202 Arbor Street, Houston, Texas.

Verna, the 14th child of Samp and Mary Brannen, was born October 7, 1896 at Saron, Texas. She grew to womanhood at Dibol, Texas. She married Charles M. Turner October 3, 1915. They live at 1209 Andrews Street, Lufkin, Texas, and have one child, namely—

Charles M. Turner, Jr., born May 27, 1916, who married Annie Evelyn Massingill Nov. 26, 1949. They live at 107 Chambers Street, Lufkin, Texas.

CHAPTER VI

MARY E. AND JOSEPH L. (JOE) DRISKELL'S POSTERITY

Mary E., the fifth child of Harris C. and Mary Annie Brannen, was born March 27, 1852 at Bullock, Alabama. She grew to womanhood during the Civil Strife as the older children did and had little opportunity to attend school. She married Joe L. Driskell who was born October 28, 1848 at Bullock, Alabama. They first settled in Alabama and farmed for several years before moving to Holly, Texas in the early 1870's. They continued to farm in Texas on a small farm in several communities; however, they finally settled on a small farm near Lovelady, Texas, which was an ideal location that gave them an opportunity to aid their children as they desired. Late in life, they sold their home at Lovelady and moved to Minera' Wells, Texas, where they truck farmed until they retired. They were living with their daughter, Dudlee at Whitesboro, Texas when Joe died March 1930. Dudlee moved to Sherman, Texas in June of 1930, and Mary E. died there in October 1930. Joe and Mary were both buried at the Holly Cemetery where they originally lived. Mary E. and Joe L. had twelve children, namely—

W. John, the first child of Mary E. and Joe L. Driskell, was born December 24, 1869 at Bullock, Alabama. He moved with his parents to Holly, Texas early in life and grew to manhood on his parents' farm, attended rural schools; but he acquired a limited education. John married Anna Hammon, who was born December 5, 1869. John and Anna farmed at Holly for a few years, but they bought an adjoining tract of land to his father, built a home and cleared a nice small farm and pursued farming through life. John died May 19, 1952; buried at Holly Cemetery. Anna continues to live on the farm with her sister, one mile from Lovelady, Texas. No children.

Sarah Charlotte (Sally), the second child of Mary E. and Joe L. Driskell, was born April 12, 1871 at Bullock, Alabama, and she, too, moved to Holly, Texas early in life. She attended rural schools, married Joseph Slayton in home wedding by Baptist minister at Lovelady country home, who was born November 14, 1875 at Saron, Texas. They settled on a small farm near Saron where they lived several years until divorced. Sally C. entered the ministry to which she devoted the rest of her life most earnestly. Joe died January 9, 1929, and Sally C. died March 4, 1944. They were buried in the Thornton Church Cemetery, Trinity County, Texas. They had nine children, namely—

Mary C., the first child of Sally and Joe Slayton, was born December 21, 1891 at Saron, Texas. She married a Mr. Davis—this portion incomplete. Mary C., like her mother, aspired to become a minister of the Assembly of God Church and did. She built her own church, or rather purchased her own church on E. Rosedale St., at Fort Worth, Texas and spent several years there; but she has sold it and is returning to Trinity County as soon as possible, where she will continue her church work as minister of her denomination. Until such time, she lives at 1819 Hemphill Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

Joe, Jr., the second child of Sally and Joe Slayton, died in infancy and buried in the Thornton Church Cemetery, Trinity County, Texas.

Tennie, the third child of Sally and Joe Slayton, was born March 4, 1893, died and buried in Thornton Church Cemetery, Trinity County, Texas.

Mollie Minerva, the fourth child of Sally and Joe Slayton, was born October 17, 1895 in Trinity County, Texas. She married Walter Dumont Latham July 21, 1912 at Thornton Methodist Church, Trinity County, Texas, who was born January 1892. Dumont was a successful business man; employed by the Humble Oil and Refining Company for many years, in the Oil Producing Department. He saved and invested his earnings with the company, leaving quite an estate to his family before his death, May 1951. Mollie owns a nice home at Kilgore, Texas, but is now living on Route 2, Trinity, Texas. Mollie and Dumont had four children, namely—

Jessie Fae, the first child of Mollie and Dumont Latham, was born November 30, 1914 in Trinity County, Texas. Fae is a graduate of Kilgore College; member National Scholastic Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa, Gamma Omicron, and teaches in the Kilgore schools; talented musician. She married Isaac Monroe King, Jr., September 3, 1934 at Henderson, Rusk County, Texas, by Rev. Hooker, at Presbyterian Manse. Isaac Monroe was born February 25, 1912 in Upland, Upton County, Texas, on King Mountain near McCamey. He is employed by the Humble Oil and Refining Company as a driller of oil wells. They live at 102 Thompson Street, Kilgore, Texas, and have two children, namely—

Martha Kay, the first child of Fae and I. M. King, Jr., was born July 14, 1938 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Paris, Lamar County, Texas. Martha is a talented violinist. She lives with her parents.

Isaac Monroe III, the second child of Fae and I. M. King, Jr., was born 8:30 P. M. June 11, 1945, died at the time of birth and buried in Eunice Cemetery, Louisiana.

Odna Bernice, the second child of Mollie and Dumont Latham, was born June 8, 1916 at Saron, Trinity County, Texas. Bernice acquired a good education; attended C.I.A. and T.S.C.W. Lives with her mother.

Walter Dumont, Jr., the third child of Mollie and Dumont Latham, was born October 11, 1919 at Goosecreek (now Bayton), Harris County, Texas. He was a high school senior in the New London High School in Rusk County at the time of the explosion, March 18, 1937, and was killed with more than a hundred other children. A most drastic incident.

Homer Clent, the fourth child of Mollie and Dumont Latham, was born March 15, 1922. He, too, was killed in the New London School explosion March 18, 1937. They were both buried in the Thornton Church Cemetery, Trinity County, Texas.

Elias, the fifth child of Sally and Joe Slayton, was born May 1, 1897

Ruth, the sixth child of Sally and Joe Slayton, was born April 19, 1900.

The seventh child of Sally and Joe Slayton, was an infant born dead.

Homer, the eighth child of Sally and Joe Slayton, was born November 24, 1905.

Billy, the ninth child of Sally and Joe Slayton, was born and died in infancy. All buried at Thornton Church Cemetery, Trinity County, Texas.

H. Jack, the third child of Mary E. and Joe L. Driskell, was born August

22, 1872 at Bullock, Alabama. He attended rural schools as he helped his parents farm until grown. He married Nannie Lucas November 11, 1895, who was born November 30, 1876 at Shubreta, Mississippi. They settled on a farm near Lovelady, Texas, and have been very successful ranchers. They now live in the town of Lovelady and have a nice home. They have five children, namely—

Chester, the first child of Jack and Nannie Driskell, was born January 29, 1898. He married Nell McCann, who was born August 8, 1899. Chester was killed by blast of nitrate on a ship at Texas City, Texas, April 16, 1947. Nell lives at 807 19th Avenue, Texas City, Texas. Chester and Nell had two children, namely—

Nannie Elizabeth Driskell, born December 2, 1926; and, Bobby Earl Driskell, born December 14, 1930. Bobby Earl is in the U. S. Navy Service.

Pearlena, the second child of Jack and Nannie Driskell, was born January 21, 1901 at Lovelady, Texas. She married L. C. Brown October 23, 1930, who was born February 19, 1897. No children.

Joe Judson, the third child of Jack and Nannie Driskell, was born February 28, 1906 at Lovelady, Texas. He married Opal Montzingo, and they have three children, namely—

Joe Lynn, the first child of Joe J. and Opal Driskell, was born September 10, 1931. He married Lillian Jordon, who was born November 11, 1930, and they have one child, namely—

Debra Lynn Driskell, born July 12, 1952.

Monte Jack, the second child of Joe J. and Opal Driskell, was born September 29, 1934, and lives with parents at Lovelady, Texas.

Judy Carolyn, the third child of Joe J. and Opal Driskell, was born January 3, 1945.

Laurah, the fourth child of Jack and Nannie Driskell, was born February 12, 1908. She married Jimmy H. King, who was born January 16, 1904. They live at Lovelady, Texas and have two children, namely—

Jack Howard, the first child of Laurah and J. H. King, was born November 24, 1936.

James Larry, the second child of Laurah and J. H. King, was born November 13, 1940.

Jasper, the fifth child of Jack and Nannie Driskell, was born May 2, 1910. He married Verna Mae Arnold, who was born November 17, 1911. They own and operate the Farm Service Company at Crockett, Texas, where they live. They have three children, namely—

John Arlen, the first child of Jasper and Verna Mae Driskell, was born February 14, 1939.

Linda Lou, the second child of Jasper and Verna Mae Driskell, was born May 29, 1942.

Thomas Laurence, the third child of Jasper and Verna Mae Driskell, was born May 27, 1946.

W. Jeff, the fourth child of Mary E. and Joe. L. Driskell, was born July 11, 1874 at Bullock, Alabama. He moved to Holly, Texas as a youth and grew to manhood on a farm. He first married Ella King at Holly. Ella died about a year after their marriage. Jeff worked for wages for several

years, went to Mineral Wells with his parents and married Lettie? at Mineral Wells. They ranched there until Jeff's death. They had eight children and 14 grand-children, but data is lacking. The names of Jeff and Lettie Driskell's children are:

1. Fount Driskell lives at P. O. Box 96, McCamey, Texas and works for the Humble Oil Company and is doing well.
2. Herbs Chell Driskell.
3. Charlie Driskell.
4. Florine Driskell.
5. Dollie Driskell.
6. Fletcher Driskell.
7. Letha Driskell, and
8. Josephine Driskell.

Richmond, the fifth child of Mary E. and Joe. L. Driskell, was born September 11, 1877 at Holly, Texas. He grew up on his parents farm; but he went to Colorado about 1898 and mined several years at Cripple Creek, Colorado. He returned to Texas and settled at Mineral Wells, Texas and operated a truck farm very successfully until he retired. Richmond was well able to go where he wished and has traveled considerably for the past six years. He now makes his home with Fount Driskell, a nephew at McCamey, Texas. He has a small poultry and truck business. Single.

Mattie (Bamma), the sixth child of Mary E. and Joe L. Driskell, was born between 1875 and 1885, but date incomplete. She grew to womanhood at Lovelady, Texas. She married Charles Nables at Lovelady. They soon moved to Oklahoma where they lived the rest of their lives. They had five children, but only two names are known; Austin and Mattie Nables.

Nathaniel, the seventh child of Mary E. and Joe L. Driskell, was born at Holly, Texas. He died July 17, 1886 and buried in the Holly Cemetery.

G. Frank, the eighth child of Mary E. and Joe L. Driskell, was born February 3, 1887 at Holly, Texas. He moved to Lovelady where he attended school. When almost grown, Frank moved with his parents to Mineral Wells, Texas, for a few years, but he returned to Lovelady and married Bettie Ann Parrott and they settled at Lufkin, Texas, where they have lived and reared three children, namely—

Rowena, the first child of Frank and Bettie Driskell, was born August 25, 1912. She married Ashley F. Soloman, who was born June 30, 1914, and they have one child, namely—

Jerry Lynn Soloman, born March 5, 1946. They live on Route 6, Box 354, Lufkin, Texas.

Joe Edward, the second child of Frank and Bettie Driskell, was born February 1, 1914. He married Winona O'Neal who was born September 28, 1917. They live on Rt. 1, Pollock, Texas and have three children, namely—

J. E. Driskell, born March 10, 1937.

Rose Marvis Driskell, born December 12, 1939.

Onealia Driskell, born January 14, 1945.

George Andrew, the third child of Frank and Bettie Driskell, was born January 16, 1921. He married Maggie Francis Capps who was born September 22, 1919. They live at Box 952, Lufkin, Texas, and have one child, namely—

Margarett Ann Driskell, born April 4, 1947.

Dudley, the ninth child of Mary E. and Joe L. Driskell, was born August 2, 1888. He died June 5, 1889 and was buried in the Holly Cemetery.

Dudlee, the 10th child of Mary E. and Joe L. Driskell, was born February 27, 1890. She married first, John J. Melton, who was born June 29, 1890. John J. died September 16, 1920, and Dudlee died April 28, 1947 and both are buried at Rose Hill Burial Park, Fort Worth, Texas. Dudlee and John J. had five children, namely—

Laurence, the first child of Dudlee and John J. Melton, was born October 17, 1910 at Marshall, Texas. He married Iwana L. Farren October 17, 1936, who was born August 19, 1916. They live at 1206 Keeler Street, Dalhart, Texas and have two children, namely—

Laurence H. Melton, Jr., born March 29, 1944; and, Lawana Lee Melton, born July 23, 1947 at Dallas, Texas.

Bessie, the second child of Dudlee and John J. Melton, was born January 1, 1913 at Marshall, Texas. She died July 31, 1937 and was buried at Sherman, Texas, where they were living at the time.

Jack, the third child of Dudlee and John J. Melton, was born July 23, 1915 at Marshall, Texas. He married Dortha Crain, who was born October 5, 1917 at Sherman, Texas. They married June 3, 1937. Jack and Dortha live at 405 Monsen Street, Dallas, Texas and have two children, namely—

Nancy Lee Melton, born August 11, 1944; and, Jack Rowe Melton, born October 1949 at Dallas, Texas.

John, the fourth child of Dudlee and John J. Melton, was born November 11, 1918 at Marshall, Texas. He married Rosemary.....? They live at Apartada 234, Maracaibo, Venezuela, S. A. and they have two children, namely—

Shelly Lee Melton, born February 11, 1951; and, Julia Lynn Melton, born November 18, 1952 in South America.

Maurice, the fifth child of Dudlee and John J. Melton, was born February 8, 1921 at Fort Worth, Texas. He married Laura Louise Battle September 21, 1946, who was born January 12, 1921 at Hope, Arkansas. They live at 5306 Laurel Street, Bellaire, Texas, and have one child, namely—

Maurice Melton, Jr., born November 29, 1947 at Houston, Texas.

Dudlee's second marriage was to Tom Autry, who was born November 8, 1882 in Montague County, Texas. Dudlee and Tom had two children, namely—

Geraldine, the first child of Dudlee and Tom Autry, was born May 5, 1926 at Whitesboro, Texas. She married O. M. (Cotton) Whitecotton, Jr., June 7, 1947, who was born July 13, 1927 at Bowie, Texas. Cotton is attending Arlington State College at Arlington, Texas. They live at 1005 S. W. 4th Street, Grand Prairie, and they have three children, namely—
Ronald Lynn, the first child of Geraldine and O. M. Whitecotton, Jr., was born April 11, 1947 at Dallas, Texas. He died at Dallas April 30, 1952.

Caila Sue, the second child of Geraldine and O. M. Whitecotton, Jr. was born January 2, 1952 at San Diego, California.

Gary Lynn, the third child of Geraldine and O. M. Whitecotton, Jr., was born July 3, 1953 at Grand Prairie, Texas.

William Thomas, the second child of Dudley and Tom Autry, was born January 13, 1928 at Whitesboro, Texas. He married Lou Jean Sparkman, who was born November 12, 1930. They live at 1514 Newport St., Dallas, Texas, and have two children, namely—

Jeannie Lee Autry, born August 27, 1950; and, Cynthia Ann Autry, born June 24, 1953.

W. Polk, the 11th child of Mary E. and Joe L. Driskell, was born August 3, 1892 at Lovelady, Texas. He married, but no data. He had eight children and seven grand-children, but no data for names and births.

Calvin, the 12th child of Mary E. and Joe L. Driskell, was born, 1895 at Lovelady, Texas. He married Sue, who was born at Calvin owns and operates a service station where they live at Lovelady, and is doing well with his business. They have three children, namely—

Calvin Driskell, Jr.; Hollis Driskell; and Joe Frank Driskell.

CHAPTER VII

LUCY ANN AND GEORGE MORROW, SR.'S POSTERITY

Lucy Ann, the sixth child of Harris C. and Mary Annie Brannen, was born 1854 at Bullock, Alabama. She grew to womanhood during the hard years of the Civil War without any opportunity for more than a rural school education. She married George Morrow, Sr., who was born June 10, 1852 at Bullock, Alabama. They were two of the enterprising citizens of Bullock community, and acquired considerable land and live stock wealth during their career. They contributed much to the Primitive Baptist Church and their community. George died June 10, 1925; Lucy Ann died April 24, 1926. They were living in Elba, Alabama at the time of their deaths, but buried at Bullock Cemetery. They had twelve children, namely:

Marion W., the first child of Lucy Ann and George Morrow, Sr., was born January 8, 1872 at Bullock, Alabama. He married Minnie Lee Stokes and they had three children, namely—

Mary Ann, the first child of Marion W. and Minnie Lee Morrow, was born March 8, 1901 at Bullock, Alabama. She married Joe Benton and they have two children, namely—

Betty, the first child of Ann and Joe Benton, was born May 21, 1922. She married Cecil Dorsey, and they have two children, namely—

Theron Dorsey, born April 4, 1950; and Joe Stephens Dorsey, born November 17, 1951 at Elba, Alabama.

Jane, the second child of Mary Ann and Joe Benton, was born July 1925, and she married Joe Davis, Sr. They have one child, namely—

Joe Davis, Jr., born April 17, 1951.

Joann, the third child of Mary Ann and Joe Benton, was born April 10, 1931.

George W. II, the second child of Marion W. and Minnie Lee Morrow, was born December 26, 1902 at Bullock, Alabama. George W. II married and settled at Graceville, Florida, and they have five children, namely—

George W. III, the first child of George W. Morrow II and wife, was born December 2, 1927 at Graceville, Florida, but now lives at Durant, Oklahoma. He has two children, namely—

George Bryant Morrow, born June 10, 1950; and Jack William Morrow, born September 3, 1952 at Durant, Oklahoma.

Marie Pender, the second child of George W. Morrow II and wife was born March 10, 1929 at Graceville, Florida, but now lives at Durant, Oklahoma.

John Marion, the third child of George W. Morrow II and wife, was born August 6, 1937 at Graceville, Florida, and lives at Graceville, Florida.

Joe Lewis, the fourth child of George W. Morrow II and wife was born December 2, 1940 at Graceville, Florida, and lives at Graceville, Florida.

Andrew Jackson, the fifth child of George W. Morrow II and wife, was born October 18, 1942 at Graceville, Florida, and lives at Graceville, Fla.

Mary Francis, the third child of Marion W. and Minnie Lee Morrow, was born August 1, 1908. She married a Mr. Taylor, at Graceville, Florida. They have two children, namely—

J. Clinton Taylor, born June 20, 1925; and, Francis Armor Taylor, born July 30, 1926, and they all live at Graceville, Florida.

Joseph Littleton, the second child of George Sr. and Lucy Ann Morrow, was born December 3, 1874 at Bullock, Alabama. He married Maggie Donaldson and they have four children, namely—

Dixie Alene, the first child of Joseph L. and Maggie Morrow, was born April 27, 1903. She married L. A. Clark, and they have two children, namely—

Maggie D. the 1st child of Dixie Alene and L. A. Clark, was born May 20, 1924. She married L. A. Boyd, and they have one child, namely—

L. A. Boyd IV, born October 12, 1950.

Joe Ann, the second child of Dixie Alene and L. A. Clark, was born September 19, 1927. She married a Mr. King, and they have one child, namely—

Dixann King, born October 12, 1952 and all live at Graceville, Florida.

Cupidean, the second child of Joseph L. and Maggie Morrow, was born at Graceville, Florida, and married a Mr. Woodham at Graceville, Florida. Cupidean is dead, but no further data is given.

Levy Powell, the third child of Joseph L. and Maggie Morrow, was born December 1, 1904. He married, but wife's name unknown. They have four children, namely—

Levy Powell, Jr., the first child of Levy Powell Morrow and wife, was born March 17, 1929.

John Edwin, the second child of Levy Powell Morrow and wife, was born January 28, 1933.

Joseph Moreman, the third child of Levy Powell Morrow and wife, was born January 29, 1935.

Mary Sue, the fourth child of Levy Powell Morrow and wife, was born January 8, 1940.

Jake Wise, the fourth child of Joseph L. and Maggie Morrow, was born May 4, 1908. He married but wife's name unknown. They had one child, namely—

Jake Lubert Morrow, born November 3, 1930.

Andrew Jackson, the third child of Lucy Ann and George Sr. Morrow, was born February 12, 1877 at Bullock, Alabama. He married Alzie Hamm and they have six children, namely—

Mattie Lene, the first child of Andrew J. and Alzie Morrow, was born March 16, 1899. She married a Mr. Franklin. They have two children, namely—

Andrew Haywood, the first child of Mattie L. and Mr. Franklin, was born January 7, 1922. He married but wife's name unknown. They have one child, namely—

Charles Denis Franklin, born October, 1947.

Charles Edwin, the second child of Mattie L. and Mr. Franklin, was born July 5, 1930.

Lillie Mae, the second child of Andrew J. and Alzie Morrow, was born November 27, 1900. She married a Mr. Vaughan and they have three children, namely—

Jack, the first child of Lillie Mae and Mr. Vaughan, was born May 20, 1925.

Carolyn, the second child of Lillie Mae and Mr. Vaughan, was born January 27, 1931. She married a Mr. McDowell and they have one child, namely—

David Lamar McDowell, born October 13, 1949.

Martha Anne, the third child of Lillie Mae and Mr. Vaughan, was born December 9, 1935.

Marvin, the third child of Andrew J. and Alzie Morrow, was born July 3, 1902. He married, but wife's name unknown. They have one child, namely—

Marlene Morrow, born March 7, 1933.

Wesley Washington, the fourth child of Andrew J. and Alzie Morrow, was born November 30, 1904. He married, but wife's name unknown. They had four children, namely—

Wilson Wesley Morrow, born December 23, 1933.

Dorothea Morrow, born August 17, 1936.

Gloria Anne Morrow, born January 17, 1939.

Andrew Joe Morrow, born June 29, 1945.

Felix M., the fifth child of Andrew J. and Alzie Morrow, was born September 16, 1906. He married, but wife's name unknown. They have two children, namely—

Felina Morrow, born November 2, 1935; and, John Andrew Morrow, born February 12, 1938.

Zelma, the sixth child of Andrew J. and Alzie Morrow, was born January 18, 1910. She married Roy Devane. No children.

Minnie, the fourth child of Lucy Ann and George Sr. Morrow, was born August 31, 1879 at Bullock, Alabama. She is single and lives at Elba, Alabama.

The fifth child of Lucy Ann and George Sr. Morrow died in infancy.

W. Harris, the sixth child of Lucy Ann and George Sr. Morrow, was born June 28, 1881 at Bullock, Alabama. He married Maebell Bryan. They live at Opp, Alabama. Harris was connected with a furniture store in Opp for many years, but at this time he holds a county office, and goes back and forth to Andalusia, the county seat of Covington County. He has been a successful man and has a political prestige that aids him. Harris and Maebell have four children, namely—

Orlean, Lucile, Bryan and Joseph Morrow who live at Opp, Alabama.

Lelia, the seventh child of Lucy and George Sr. Morrow, was born March 14, 1884. She died at Elba, Alabama.

Epsy, the eighth child of Lucy Ann and George Sr. Morrow, was born April 15, 1887. She died.

Lillie, the ninth child of Lucy Ann and George Sr. Morrow, was born June 5, 1890 at Bullock, Alabama. She is single and lives at Elba, Ala.

Viola, the tenth child of Lucy Ann and George Sr. Morrow, was born November 3, 1892. She married Albert Prescott. No data, but Viola lives at Elba, Alabama. They have two boys, namely—

Malcom Lar Prescott and Joe Morrow Prescott. No birth dates.

J. D., the eleventh child of Lucy Ann and George Sr. Morrow, was born July 10, 1895 at Bullock, Alabama. He married Ester Mae Donaldson, who was born July 25, 1898. They live at Elba, Alabama and have six children, namely—

Lawaha M., the first child of J. D. and Ester Mae Morrow, was born November 28, 1920. He married Jessie Woodman, who had a child by a previous marriage, namely—

Larry Hanks Woodman.

Farrah D., the second child of J. D. and Ester Mae Morrow, was born March 23, 1922. He married Annie W. Efurd, who had a child by a previous marriage, namely—

Joann Randall Efurd.

Farrah D. and Annie have one child, namely—

Donna M. Morrow, born March 4, 1952.

Theron D., the third child of J. D. and Ester Mae Morrow, was born December 26, 1923, deceased.

Patrick O., the fourth child of J. D. and Ester Mae Morrow, was born December 9, 1927.

Milan B., the fifth child of J. D. and Ester Mae Morrow, was born January 20, 1930.

Fred S., the sixth child of J. D. and Ester Mae Morrow, was born January 20, 1936. Deceased.

CHAPTER VIII

NOAH AND ELLA BRANNEN'S POSTERITY

Noah, the seventh child of Harris C. and Mary Annie Brannen, was born April 11, 1856 at Bullock, Alabama. He was reared in the manner of the other children older than he. He learned the essentials of farming by doing his share of the daily chores of a large plantation. His education was limited as the other members of the family, due to the civil strife at the time. Noah married Ella Harris November 19, 1876 at Bullock. Noah and Ella migrated to Grimes County, Texas, near Navasota, Texas within a month after their marriage. They rented land and farmed one year on Wallace Prairie, then they moved to Holly, Texas the latter part of 1877. They settled on an unimproved tract of land, built a log house for a home and cleared land and rented some to resume their livelihood of farming. They bought Samp and Mary Brannen's home later and lived there until 1904, when they leased their home and moved to Lovelady, Texas for two years. In 1906 they moved again; this time, they went to Northwest Texas.

First, to Rule where they made a crop, then they moved to Stonewall County and rented land from Bud Brannen and made another crop. They had already bought a tract of unimproved land in Kent County near Jayton. They built a nice home at Jayton and moved there in 1909 where Noah settled for the rest of his life. He died May 6, 1912 at Jayton and was buried in the Jayton Cemetery.

Ella (Harris) Brannen was born February 4, 1855 at Griffin, Georgia. She moved with her parents to Coffee County, Alabama when she was two years old and became paralyzed in her right limbs when she was three. She received her education from rural schools and an Academy at Griffin, Georgia. She had a mind for learning things well and applied herself through life. She taught school in Alabama and continued to teach after she married for several years in Texas. She died at Jayton and was buried in the Jayton Cemetery, also. She died March 4, 1930. Noah and Ella had nine children, namely—

Richmond Eugene, the first child, was born January 6, 1878 at Holly, Texas. He grew up on a poor farm and had no opportunity for an early education. However, he aspired an education sufficiently to begin at the age of twenty-one years. With one year of grade school, two years high school, he obtained a teachers certificate. He taught school and farmed to finance his advance studies and completed the work of the Sam Houston Normal, which gave him a life certificate to teach. He married Bertie Horn August 25, 1909 at Pennington, Texas. Eugene and Bertie taught two years at Dickens, Texas where Eugene was superintendent, then moved to Wilcox, Arizona. They continued their profession together, and attended summer sessions of University of Arizona until Eugene acquired his A.B. and M.A. Degrees, and Bertie her B. S. in dietetics and Home Economics. Eugene retired from teaching in 1939; and Bertie is still teaching, starting her seventeenth term at Avondale, Arizona. They had two children, namely—

was born Oct. 4, 1887

Gladstone W., who was born November 10, 1911 at Wilcox, Arizona. He died August 2, 1922 at Flagstaff with meningitis. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery at Phoenix, Arizona.

Edna Jean, the second child of Eugene and Bertie Brannen, was born July 10, 1918 at Duncan, Arizona. She attended the public schools of Buckeye and Tuscon, but she graduated from the Phoenix Union High School. She took her advance work at the University of Arizona, receiving her A.B. Degree before she was 21 years of age. She taught school several years, also. She married Harold R. Keebler, an accountant and worked for an accounting firm for a time. He is a member of a construction company and does their bookkeeping with other duties. Edna Jean and Harold live at 1650 W. Monte Rosa Street, Phoenix, Arizona. They have two children, namely—

William (Billy) Allen, born August 8, 1945 at Phoenix, Arizona.

Vivian Sue, born April 16, 1948 at Phoenix, Arizona.

Calvin Ernest, the second child of Noah and Ella Brannen, was born July 27, 1880 at Holly, Texas. Ernest was reared on the farm in the conventional way without much opportunity to attend school, but he did continue to increase his knowledge after he was grown by going to high school, and Hill's Commercial College, at Waco, Texas. He clerked for a time, worked at the Dibal sawmill and also at Caro, Texas, where he acquired some mechanical knowledge. Ernest left the mill work in 1908 and went to Peacock and farmed with his father for one year. He married Iva Galloway January 10, 1909 at Peacock, Texas, who was born February 2, 1889 at Murray, Kentucky. They settled on a farm only for a few months, after which, Ernest accepted the management of a general mercantile store for Peacock Brothers at Swenson, Texas; a little later, he accepted a position with the Swenson bank; remained there for several years, after which, he was elected County Clerk of Stonewall County for several terms, then to County Judge. He acquired an abstract plant at Aspermont in Stonewall County, Texas during his tenure of county clerk and judge, which established him in a successful business career in land trading, hotels and oil business. Ernest and Iva live at 2474 Merchant Street, Abilene, Texas, Phone 2,9022, where they look after their business property. They had twelve children, but four of them died in infancy. The posterity of the eight living children follows:

Ernestine, the first child of Ernest and Iva Brannen, was born November 3, 1909 at Swenson, Texas. Ernestine finished the public schools and took advanced work at Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, Texas, and her degree from University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas. She married Dr. Durwood L. Dodd March 5, 1937 at Abilene, Texas. They settled at Aspermont, where Dr. Dodd carried on his profession until his death, June 30, 1939. Ernestine taught some, but she is a stenographer for Attorney Joseph Geary, Dallas, Texas. Ernestine lives at 4712 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas, Phone TA-1922.

Celestia, the second child of Ernest and Iva Brannen, was born June 20, 1915 at Swenson, Texas. She attended the Aspermont Public Schools, took advance work at Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, Texas. Later

acquiring her degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Since moving to Arizona a few years ago, Celestia has been teaching and attending Tempe State Teachers College, where she received another degree this year, 1953. She is a talented musician which has been a great asset to her church and school work, to which she has devoted herself for many years. She married Rev. Paul Davis October 6, 1935, who served several churches in Texas, but Celestia and Paul moved to Arizona in 1946 and settled at Glendale. Paul worked for the Southern Baptist Board as Youth Development which he promoted until 1952 when he accepted another pastorate at Chandler, Arizona, where he had been their supply pastor for a year. Celestia continues to teach and has a position at Sacaton, Arizona for the ensuing year 1953-54. They live at 537 N. Washington Street, Chandler, Arizona. They have a daughter, namely—

Wendalin Ann, born October 21, 1936 at Abilene, Texas, who is a junior in high school. Wendalin is also talented in music.

Lila Marie, the third child of Ernest and Iva Brannen, was born August 10, 1917 at Swenson, Texas. She, too, finished high school at Aspermont. She received her degree from the University of Oklahoma. She married Olan J. Hagins September 28, 1941. They first settled at Dallas, Texas where Olan worked for a loan company; but they moved on to Longview, Texas where they established their own loan business. They have a son,

O. J., Jr., born June 14, 1945 at Dallas, Texas.

Iva Ella, the fourth child of Ernest and Iva Brannen, was born May 12, 1922 at Aspermont, Texas. Iva Ella was an outstanding student in public schools and college. She acquired her degree in chemistry from the Texas Technological College at Lubbock, Texas, graduating with honors. She married Hollis G. Oliver January 6, 1945, who also is a chemist major and now employed chemist engineer of an oil company at Pecos, Texas. They have a son,

Steve Guy, born November 8, 1948 at Woodbury, N. J. where Iva Ella and Hollis lived several years.

Noah Samuel, the fifth child of Ernest and Iva Brannen, was born February 2, 1924. He attended Aspermont public schools, attended the University of Arkansas, but attained his A.B. Degree from Washington University, Topeka, Kansas. He took three years work at Andover Newton Seminary, Boston, Massachusetts, then returned to the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he received his Bachelors Degree, Fort Worth, Texas. He has one year of advanced work on his Doctors Degree at Yale University. He preached in Connecticut and Massachusetts while doing advanced work at Yale to prepare for work in missionary fields. He married Ann Lou Pruett near Birmingham, Alabama, May 21, 1949. Noah and Ann have been in Japan studying the Japanese language to better the work they anticipate doing as missionaries. They have a daughter Christalyn Ann, born June 20, 1951 at New Haven, Connecticut.

Derah Frances, the sixth child of Ernest and Iva Brannen, was born December 6, 1925 at Aspermont, Texas. She, too, attended the public schools of Aspermont and advanced studies at Texas Technological College

at Lubbock and graduated with distinction in geology as a major. She worked for Shell Oil Company at Abilene, Texas for several years. She married Miles Stanley at Abilene, Texas in 1951. They settled first at San Angelo, Texas, but recently moved to Houston, Texas, where Miles is employed by an oil company. They have a daughter, Marsha Lou, born December 27, 1952.

Barbara, the seventh child of Ernest and Iva Brannen, was born November 27, 1927 at Aspermont, Texas. She attended the Aspermont public schools. She obtained her degree from the N.T.S.T.C. at Denton, Texas. Barbara, too, worked for an oil company at Midland, Texas before she married Eugene Lynch McKenzie July 1, 1950 at Abilene, Texas. They settled at Midland where Eugene was employed as an engineer for an oil company. They have recently moved to Big Spring, Texas where Eugene is employed. They have one child, Randal Lynn, born May 31, 1951.

Charles, the eighth child of Ernest and Iva Brannen, was born April 3, 1930 at Aspermont, where he attended the grade school; but he did his high school studies at Ralls, Texas. He acquired his college degree at the University of Arkansas. He joined the U. S. Navy in February of 1952 and went across to Korea.

Annie Belle, the third child of Noah and Ella Brannen, was born July 17, 1882 at Holly, Texas. She had little opportunity for education, being only eleven years old when her mother's hip was broken. She became chief cook and home maker for several years. She moved with her parents to Lovelady in 1904, then to Rule, Texas, in 1906. She married Lewis Henry Mason March 24, 1907 at Rule. They settled at Rule and farmed for a few years, then they moved to Hill County where they continued their farming for a short period. They moved back to Northwest Texas, to Jayton, where they have lived since. Annie Belle and Lewis have had a car distributing agency for many years; first, the Ford agency, but now they have the Chevrolet agency. Lewis is a good business man and has succeeded in acquiring considerable property at Jayton and Aspermont. They have three children, namely—

Cecil W., born January 9, 1908 at Rule, Texas. Cecil advanced his education beyond high school, but he never attained his college degree. He married Johnny Reed, first, but they were divorced. They have a daughter, Ann Mason, born October 7, 1935, who is a talented student and musician. She lives at Sweetwater, Texas with her mother. Cecil entered the U. S. Navy in World War II, and became (Bull) Halsey's air plane technician during the War, and his experiences were broadened with a knowledge of travel to all parts of the world. Following the War, Cecil married Annice (Ann) Ingram of Opelika, Alabama. They first settled in Dallas, Texas; but they now live at Aspermont, Texas where they have a Chevrolet agency with his brother Odell Mason. Cecil and Ann are both artistic and have built themselves a home at Aspermont, which is artistically designed and uniquely decorated. Ann teaches in the Aspermont Public Schools. No children.

Garland Odell, the second child of Annie Belle and Lewis H. Mason, was born July 10, 1910 at Jayton. Odell attended Jayton grade school and Spur High School. He chose mechanics as a career and has pursued some form of car business continuously. He worked in Fort Worth on planes

during World War II, but he accepted a position with the Baldwin Chevrolet Company of Los Angeles, California, after the war for several years, until he and Cecil formed a Chevrolet agency for themselves in Aspermont, Texas, which speaks for their success. Odell married Sybell Henderson at Spur, Texas, who is well read and accomplished. Odell and Sybel have a son, Garland Wayne Mason, born November 11, 1936.

Mozell, the third child of Annie Belle and Lewis H. Mason, was born December 22, 1913 at Jayton. She advanced her education one year beyond high school at the University of Arkansas and she took a Beauty Culture Course at Lubbock, Texas. Mozell married first John DeCordova and they have two children, namely—

Johnny Mason DeCordova, born October 16, 1937; and Lewis Henry DeCordova, born October 21, 1941. Mozell divorced DeCordova several years ago, and she has followed beauty culture work since. She married Willard Bush July 5, 1952 at San Angelo, Texas. Willard is employed with an oil company.

Claude O, the fourth child of Noah and Ella Brannen, was born September 28, 1884 at Holly. He was reared on the farm in the conventional way, but Claude inherited that superior urge of his mother for learning well the things he desired to know. Consequently, he made more progress in the rural school than the other issues did. Too, he was permitted to attend a term of school at Trinity, Texas, at an earlier age when he was only 17 years old, which boosted his ambition for higher learning. He began teaching rural schools at an early age. He entered Denton Normal without going to high school, made the grade. He taught a few terms in small high schools at Dickens, Jayton and Tehuacana, Texas. He advanced his knowledge while teaching with correspondence courses that gave him college credits. He entered Peabody University at Nashville, Tennessee in 1917, received his A. B. degree in 1918, and his M. A. degree in 1919 majoring in Agriculture, Economics and Sociology. He specialized also in taxation, and he wrote a book on the Taxation of Tennessee while at Peabody. The year Claude received his M. A. degree at Peabody, his major instructor, Dr. Gray, was selected by President Woodrow Wilson to fill the cabinet position of Secretary of Agriculture. Dr. Gray asked Claude to become his first assistant in the department, which he accepted. During his seven years stay in Washington, D. C., Claude carried work for advancement with the University of Columbia, N. Y. City. He was elected by the Board of Regents of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Arkansas to head the department of economics and sociology of the University of Arkansas in 1925. While at the University of Arkansas, he was assistant director of the University's experiment station from 1928 to 1943 and director in 1944-1945. He was director of the Research Bureau from 1943 until he left the University in 1948, to become associated with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the second time. Dr. Brannen was chairman of the State Soil Conservation Committee of Arkansas from 1937 to 1945, president of S. W. Social Science Association in 1938-39, and was appointed chairman of the S. W. Regional Land Tenure Research Committee in 1942. He went to Germany in 1947 at the request of the U. S. Army of Occupation to study post-war German Agricultural problems. He was continually used for his

authority of Arkansas's state and local tax problems. His work is recognized by Who's Who and the U. S. Government as authority. Claude married Annie Ola Holman June 1, 1910 at Seymour, Texas, who was born October 9, 1886. She was a teacher before and several years after her marriage. They called Fayetteville, Arkansas, home, for they spent their best years there; and, too, they had a nice home and some other property. Annie Ola stayed in Fayetteville after Dr. Brannen returned to Washington, D. C. in 1948. Annie Ola died January 21, 1953 at Fayetteville and buried there; Dr. Brannen followed soon after. He died March 19, 1953 at Washington, D. C. and buried at Fayetteville, Arkansas. They had two children, namely—

Claudine, born in 1911 at Jayton, Texas. She graduated from the University of Arkansas, but lived only a short time afterward. She died October 1, 1935 at Fayetteville and was buried there.

Cecil Gray, the second child of Dr. Claude O. and Annie Ola Brannen, was born September 18, 1919. Cecil G. received his A. B. and M. A. degrees from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, but he did his advanced work for a doctorate degree at Ames University of Iowa. He majored in chemistry and spent two years in the U. S. Army Laboratory at Savannah, Georgia during World War II. He married Dorothy Frances Kries, born March 22, 1921. Dorothy received her A. B. degree at the University of Arkansas. They now live at 8945 Bunker Hill Drive, Munster, Indiana, where Cecil is employed by the Standard Oil Company as research engineer for Oil Products. Cecil and Dorothy Brannen have three children as follows:

Judith Lynn (Judy), born March 24, 1944; Barbara Jean (Bobbie), born March 5, 1946; and, Margaret Lee Brannen, born August 29, 1947.

Minnie Estelle, the fifth child of Noah and Ella Brannen, was born December 5, 1886 at Holly, Texas. She died June 5, 1889 and buried in the Holly Cemetery.

Noah Quinton (Author of this book), the sixth child of Noah and Ella Brannen, was born September 12, 1889 at Holly, Texas. I shared the hardships of a poor farm with the rest of the family, much work, little time for school. However, my parents moved to Lovelady in 1904, where I attended my first and only graded school for two terms, which was a great advancement. The latter part of 1906, we moved to Rule, Texas, for only one year; thence to Peacock, Texas, where I took special work under the tutorship of my brother, the late Dr. Claude O. Brannen for the purpose, not only for my educational advancement, but anticipating a State Board examination for a certificate permitting a teaching career; which I never did do, for my greatest ambition was to be a merchant. December 20, 1908, I married Dicy Loretta Looper of Cleburne, Texas, at Peacock, who was born April 27, 1887 in Johnson County, Texas. We farmed there for one year, that is, until the first of November, 1909, at which time we moved to Spur, Texas, where I had my first clerking job. In 1913 we opened our own grocery store, which I immediately converted into the first known Self-Service grocery, continuing the grocery business until 1919. After retiring from the grocery business, a Mr. Oscar Jackson and I built an Ab-

stract Plant in Dickens County, Texas, which we sold in 1924 and moved to Fort Worth. During this time I continued to study. Bookkeeping was one of my greatest assets acquired, together with my study of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, which has been of great value in rearing my family, plus the unspeakable satisfaction of advanced knowledge acquired. In the early 1930's my inventive mind began to work on some better way for folks to do their family laundry, so for two years I studied and drew blue prints for a set-up of that sort; reaching my conclusion in 1936 I opened my place and called it Brannen Wash-A-teria; later having the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to register the name with the government, in order that the newly made name might be listed in the phone book. The business is still being operated under our supervision, and I see no needed change from its original arrangement. It has been a very successful small business, and I am most delighted in having been instrumental in lightening the burden "on washday" for so many people in the world. Address: 1911 Vaughn Blvd., Fort Worth 5, Texas, Phone LA-9152. Dicy and I have five children, namely—

Guy Mays, the first child of Quinton and Dicy Brannen, was born October 12, 1909 at Peacock, Texas. Guy attended Spur, Aspermont and Fort Worth schools, employed with Alta Vista Creamery of Fort Worth for many years; after which he drove trucks from Fort Worth to Houston, Texas for a transfer company until he was mustered into the U. S. Navy in World War II and went across to do his duty in winning the war for his country. He returned to Fort Worth after the war, married Alice (Riley) Bross May 5, 1946. Guy and Alice are operating grocery stores with a brother N. Q. Jr., which is developing into a thriving chain of grocery business at Fort Worth. Guy and Alice live at 4308 Avenue J, Fort Worth 5, Texas, Phone LA-1187. Alice has a daughter by a former marriage and Guy and Alice have a son, namely—

Riley Joe, Guy and Alice's son, was born August 5, 1948 at Fort Worth, Texas.

Diane Bross, Alice's daughter, was born March 29, 1938, a sophomore in high school.

Mervine M., the second child of Quinton and Dicy Brannen, was born November 29, 1911 at Spur, Texas. Mervine attended Spur, Fort Worth and Aspermont public schools. She married James Pruett Rash, December 29, 1928 at Guthrie, Texas, who was born September 4, 1909 at Peacock, Texas. Mervine and Pruett settled first in Aspermont, Texas where Pruett began his mechanical career, which has been a success. He has worked for the Chevrolet company for many years, at Hobbs, N. M., Los Angeles, California, and is now stationed at Kermit, Texas. Mervine is a well qualified beautician and bookkeeper, presently employed in a clinic at Kermit, Texas. Mervine and Pruett live at 620 S. Avenue D., Kermit, Texas. Phone 2723, and they have two daughters, namely—

Loretta, who was born April 5, 1930 at Aspermont, Texas. She completed high school in 1949 and married Donald Eugene Nix at Kermit, Texas, October 4, 1949, where they now live. Loretta and Don have two children, namely—

Karen Kay, born July 23, 1950; and, Ronald James Nix, who was born July 1, 1952.

Martha Jean, the second child of Mervine and Pruett Rash, was born October 30, 1933 at Aspermont, Texas. She attended several schools, but finished high school at Fort Worth, Texas in 1952. She married Charles Alva Phillips December 21, 1951 at Kermit, Texas, who was born August 2, 1930 at Norris City, Illinois. Charles is in the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. They have one son, namely—

Charles Ray Phillips, born December 26, 1952 at Kermit, Texas.

N. Q. Jr., the third child of Quinton and Dicy Brannen, was born September 28, 1913 at Spur, Texas. He attended the Spur, Fort Worth public schools but he graduated from Aspermont High School. He married Lois Pauline Harvey at Aspermont, Texas, May 3, 1936. N. Q., Jr. and Lois settled at Fort Worth, where he followed the tailors trade until he went into the U. S. Navy during World War II and spent most of service on the Pacific Ocean, arriving at Guam during the invasion. He caught the malarial fever which impaired his health for several years; but after he returned home to Fort Worth, the wonderful doctors seemed to have restored his health to almost normalcy. N. Q., Jr. and Lois are in the grocery business with his brother, Guy and Alice, and developed a thriving business presently three grocery stores in Fort Worth. They live at 3430 Ada Avenue, Phone LA-8747, Fort Worth, Texas. N. Q., Jr. and Lois have two children, namely—

John Paul, born December 9, 1947 at Fort Worth 5, Texas.

Deborah Ann, born May 19, 1951 at Fort Worth 5, Texas.

Wilburn Kipling (Shorty) the fourth child of Quinton and Dicy Brannen was born April 25, 1916 at Spur, Texas. Kipling finished high school and had some advanced study at T. W. C., Fort Worth, Texas, then entered the postal service at Fort Worth and worked quite some time in the main post office. He resigned the postal service to operate his parents Wash-a-teria until his father's health permitted him to return to work. Shorty entered the cleaning business for himself, which he and Gaile carried on for several years. He married Gaile Hampton at Hamilton, Texas, July 25, 1937, who was born September 21, 1919. Kipling (Shorty) operates a grocery store for Guy and N. Q., Jr., and lives at 3329 Baylor Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, Phone LO-2251. They have three children, namely—

Buster Duke, born April 8, 1938, a sophomore in high school.

Mickey Lee, born August 19, 1941; and Barry Alan Brannen, born August 30, 1942 at Fort Worth 5, Texas.

Elvis Cary (Red), the fifth child of Quinton and Dicy Brannen, was born March 24, 1919 at Spur, Texas. He attended the Fort Worth public schools and was quite studious. During the Summer vacation period from school he worked for a service station operator, at which time he had the misfortune of getting badly burned when a tanker of gasoline exploded in a wreck with a car driven by two drunk men (according to witnesses that saw them before the wreck). He was thrown between 50 and 100 feet from the wreck; the man in the truck with him and the two men in the car died instantly. Red's clothing, shoes and everything were completely burned from his body; yet he lived from about 1 A.M. to 4 A. M., three hours perfectly rational until the very moment he died, according to the doctor's statement to me at Archer City, Texas. The wreck was about 100 miles N.W.

of Fort Worth in Archer County, near the Jack County line on highway 281 July 28, 1937. Elvis (Red) is buried in Laurel Land Memorial Park (Cemetery, near the Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Clifford C., the seventh child of Noah and Ella Brannen, was born March 6, 1892 at Holly, Texas. He died June 8, 1896 and buried in the Holly Cemetery.

Rupert Guy, the eighth child of Noah and Ella Brannen, was born June 19, 1894 at Holly, Texas. He moved to Lovelady with his parents in 1904, to Rule, Texas in 1906 and grew to manhood at Jayton, Texas. Rupert took advantage of all educational advantages and acquired the best public school education of any other member of his family. He began teaching at a young age and taught several years in rural communities to aid him with his advanced studies at Hardin Simmons University at Abilene, Texas. He married Dena Mayfield in 1915 at Aspermont, Texas. He taught and preached in several districts until he and Dena were divorced. They have seven children, namely—

Virginia, the first child of Rupert and Dena Brannen, was born June 23, 1916 at Aspermont, Texas. She married James O'Reilly August 5, 1934, who was born June 23, 1912 at Dallas, Texas. They live at 2510 Melbourne Street, Houston, Texas. Phone Mulberry 6977. They have five children, namely—

James O'Reilly, Jr., born June 10, 1935, married Wanda Cox, May 8, 1953, who was born September 2, 1937 at Jacksonville, Texas. They live at Kountz, Texas.

Mike, the second child of Virginia and James O'Reilly, was born December 30, 1936 at Houston, Texas.

Timothy, the third child of Virginia and James O'Reilly, was born January 13, 1938, at Houston, Texas.

Molly, the fourth child of Virginia and James O'Reilly, was born February 13, 1946, at Houston, Texas.

Aerin, the fifth child of Virginia and James O'Reilly, was born March 22, 1950, at Houston, Texas.

Rupert Guy, Jr., the second child of Rupert and Dena Brannen, was born April 1, 1918. He finished high school, advanced his education by attending night school until he became an accountant. He worked for the U.S. Internal Revenue Department at Atlanta, Georgia for several years and built a nice home. He continued his night school study at Atlanta in a law school, completed the course and passed the Bar requirements to practice jurisprudence in 1952. Rupert, Jr. left the Internal Revenue Department in 1953 to accept a position as Instrumental Flying Instructor at Whitting Field Base at Pensacola, Florida. Some years ago, Rupert, Jr., married Madge Williams and they now live at Warrington, Florida. They have three children, namely—

Helen Brannen, born December 9, 1945; but no birth dates given for Claire and Lucy Brannen.

Lora Catherine, the third child of Rupert and Dena Brannen, was born July 10, 1919 at Floydada, Texas, and died October of 1919—buried at Floydada.

Truett Groner, the fourth child of Rupert and Dena Brannen, was born July 1, 1920. Truett continued his education beyond high school at Har-

din Simmons University to become a Baptist minister, but he accepted a position with the American Air Line Company at Dallas, Texas after he graduated at college and worked in Dallas about a year, when the company transferred him to El Paso where he now lives. He married Dorothy Snipes, at Dallas, Texas. They have two children, namely—

Truett Groner, Jr., and Jerry Brannen, but no data on births.

Ester Lena, the fifth child of Rupert and Dena Brannen, was born in 1924, died in infancy.

Eugenia, the sixth child of Rupert and Dena Brannen, was born June 26, 1926. She married a Mr. Maddox. They live in Houston, Texas and they have one child, namely—Tommy.

Robert, the seventh child of Rupert and Dena Brannen, was born July 1, 1934 at Texline, Texas. Robert graduated from high school June 4, 1953 at Hapeville, Georgia. He and his mother have since moved to Houston, Texas. Robert is in the U. S. Navy.

Rupert G. Brannen, Sr.'s second marriage was to Corine (Hill) Walker about 1946. They live at 836 W. 9th Street, Dallas, Texas. Phone Yale 9155.

Ted R., the ninth child of Noah and Ella Brannen, was born March 8, 1897 at Holly, Texas. He moved to Rule, Texas in 1906, after about three years the family settled at Jayton, Texas where Ted attended the Jayton public schools. He began public work as a boy, clerking and other job work, which he followed until he married Renelle Adams at Spur, Texas September 5, 1919. They settled in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Ted began his electric car service. He worked for the Street Car Service Company at Tulsa a few years, up until the company transferred him to Oklahoma City. Ted and Renelle had a son—Teddy Roe, Jr., born February 24, 1924 at Tulsa, Oklahoma, but Ted and Renelle were divorced soon after moving to Okla. City and Teddy Roe went to live with his mother, first at Spur, then Corpus Christi, where he had his public school education. Teddy Roe was studious and advanced his studies at the University of Arkansas and received an A. B. degree with honors. He took his M. A. degree at A. and M. College, Bryan, Texas. He finished his dissertation early in September 1953 at the University of Texas for his Ph. D. degree, and his major professor was quite flattering and declared his work was a contribution to economic theory and that it should be published immediately. Teddy Roe hopes to have finished all the requirements to complete the Ph. D. by January 1954. In the meantime, however, he is making a study of the Waco-San Angelo tornado disaster, for the National Research Council, which is connected with the Defense Department. Funds having been granted to the University for the study. The purpose of the study is to show what happens in an American community following such a disaster, which is analogous to a flash bombing attack. Teddy Roe had two marriages, first, married at Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has a daughter by the first marriage—Priscilla who lives with her mother at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The second marriage was at Oklahoma City to Betty Marie Mathis, who was born August 8, 1925 at Oklahoma City. Teddy Roe and Betty have one child—Michael Sean Brannen, born July 8, 1952 at Dallas, Texas. They live at 3210 Hampton Road, Austin, Texas.

Ted R. Sr. Brannen's second marriage, June 5, 1934 to Gladys Gramlin was at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They live at 1017 N. W. Park Place,

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Phone Jackson 3-3007. They have two children, namely—

Gene, born December 27, 1935 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Gene finished junior high school and joined the U. S. Navy. He is stationed at a Wyoming Base where he is doing mechanical work for the Navy base.

J. B., the second child of Ted and Gladys Brannen, was born May 21, 1938 at El Reno, Oklahoma. He lives with his parents.

Gladys Brannen has been employed by the S. W. Bell Telephone Company for several years at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

CHAPTER IX

WILLIAM M. AND MATILDA (TEE) BRANNEN'S POSTERITY

William M., the eighth child of Harris C. and Mary Annie Brannen, was born July 8, 1858 at Bullock, Alabama. He grew to manhood on his parent's plantation, and his energy and strength made him a leading handiman on the farm, which remained with him as a living drive through life. Bill left Alabama a young man for Holly, Texas where he pursued farming. He married Matilda Brent October 23, 1879 at Holly, Texas, who was born Nov. 29, 1861 at Holly. They were devout workers in the Primitive Baptist Church and civic leaders in their community. Bill died November 29, 1935. Matilda died September 1, 1937, and they are buried in the Holly Cemetery. They had eight children, but only two are living. All their posterity follows:

Rebecca, the first child of Bill and Tee Brannen, was born July 31, 1880 at Holly, Texas, who grew to womanhood at Holly. She married Dave Smith of Shady Grove, in Houston County, Texas, where they lived through life on a farm. Dave Smith died December 24, 1952. Rebecca died July 10, 1953; both buried at Shady Grove Cemetery in Houston County, Texas. They have two children, namely—

Cader Smith was born October 24, 1919 in Houston County, Texas.

Juanita Smith, birth date not furnished; however, she married Jack Peek, but no data.

Harris S., the second child of Bill and Tee Brannen, was born January 4, 1882 at Holly, Texas. He attended the local schools and farmed with his parents until he was grown. Harris married Jessie Reese, who was born August 3, 1885 at Pennington, Texas. They settled on a farm at Groveton, Texas and diversified their farming with some business avocations that have helped them give their children better opportunities. Harris and Jessie have four children, namely—

Cleo, the first child of Harris and Jessie Brannen, was born October 9, 1911 at Groveton, Texas. She attended the public schools of Groveton, and married Clifford Bitner, a Superintendent of Kennard schools, May 2, 1936 at Groveton. They have two children, namely—

Lynn Bitner, born October 4, 1938; and, Zelda Bitner, born October 14, 1944.

Blanche, the second child of Harris and Jessie Brannen, was born December 16, 1912 at Groveton, Tex. She, too, attended the public schools of Groveton. She married Kenneth Cushion January 3, 1942, who was born June 11, 1909. They live at Freeport, Texas; and, have two children, namely—

Kenneth Edward Cushion, born March 25, 1943; and Kathleen Cushion, born December 30, 1944.

Doris, the third child of Harris and Jessie Brannen, was born November 28, 1914 at Groveton, Texas. She, also, finished the public schools at Groveton. Doris first married Mason Weir, who died June 17, 1939. Doris remarried recently to Edward C. Conner, and they live at Freeport, Texas. Doris and Mason Weir had two children, namely—

Paul Weir, born September 30, 1937; and, Bill Mason Weir, born May 28, 1939.

Bernice, the fourth child of Harris and Jessie Brannen, was born October 21, 1919 at Groveton, Texas. She attended the Groveton public schools. She married Ted Teaters. They are stock and produce farm ranchers, and live at DeQueen, Arkansas. They have two children, namely—

Terry Bob Teaters, born August 4, 1945; and, Loa Rea Teaters, born June 22, 1947.

Cader, the third child of Bill and Tee Brannen, was born December 10, 1883 at Holly, Texas. He was a strong, able hand on his parents farm, but he went to Rule, Texas a young man where he contracted pneumonia and died April 22, 1906. Cader was buried three miles east of Rule at Pinkerton Cemetery, in Haskell County, Texas.

Emma, the fourth child of Bill and Tee Brannen, was born January 10, 1886 at Holly, Texas. She died July 16, 1887 and buried in Holly Cemetery.

Walter, the fifth child of Bill and Tee Brannen, was born September 23, 1888 at Holly, Texas and died July 13, 1889 and buried in Holly Cemetery.

Euna, the sixth child of Bill and Tee Brannen, was born July 21, 1890 at Holly, Texas. She attended the school at Holly and Groveton, Texas. She taught school one or two years. She married Woody Rosser, first and they had one child, Floy Rosser, born April 7, 1911. She is a trained nurse. Floy married Leonart Hopmann and they live at 5512 Michaux Street, Houston, Texas. Euna's second marriage was to Lon Butler. She died June 4, 1929, at Willis, Texas.

Ira, the seventh child of Bill and Tee Brannen, was born May 7, 1893 at Holly, Texas. She married George Melvin Jeffus, Sr., April 22, 1917 at Holly, Texas, who was born March 1, 1885 at Lovelady, Texas. They settled at Austonia on a farm near Crockett, Texas. George and Ira were progressive farmers who diversified their culture to meet the new developed methods from time to time as demanded. They were very successful in bee culture, nursery, vegetables as well as the conventional crops and stock. Ira died September 23, 1932 at Austonio, but she was buried in the Holly Cemetery. George and Ira had six children, namely—

George M., Jr., the first child of George M. Sr. and Ira Jeffus, was born March 5, 1918 at Lovelady, Texas. George M., Jr. married Nell Wilson in Alabama in 1944. They live now at Liverpool, Texas.

Beth, the second child of George M., Sr. and Ira Jeffus, was born July 17, 1919 at Crockett, Texas. She married William Charles Wedemeyer August 21, 1939 at Huntsville, Texas, who was born September 24, 1915 at Crockett, Texas. Beth and William have three children, namely—

Charles Edward, the first child of Beth and William Wedemeyer, was born July 26, 1944 at Crockett, Texas.

Phil David, the second child of Beth and William Wedemeyer, was born June 2, 1949 at Crockett, Texas.

Thomas Hilton, the third child of Beth and William Wedemeyer was born October 4, 1952 at Crockett, Texas.

Lou Grace, the third child of George M., Sr. and Ira Jeffus, was born February 2, 1921 at Crockett, Texas. She married Frank Blount, date of

birth not known, but born presumably in Georgia. They were married September 24, 1942 in New York City. No children.

Mary Jane, the fourth child of George M., Sr. and Ira Jeffus, was born September 18, 1924 at Crockett, Texas. She married George Douglas Hardy June 14, 1947 at Houston, Texas, he was born November 9, 1918 at Houston, Texas. They live at Beaumont, Texas, and have two children, namely—

Karen Rebecca Hardy, born November 9, 1949 at Houston, Texas; and, George Douglas Hardy, Jr., born October 27, 1951, at Beaumont, Texas.

Billye E., the fifth child of George M., Sr. and Ira Jeffus, was born April 6, 1926 at Crockett, Texas. She married Edwin Fulton Simms, who was born August 22, 1918 at Camden, Arkansas. They have one child, namely—Paul Edwin Simms, born September 13, 1949 at Houston, Texas.

Ada Faye, the sixth child of George M., Sr. and Ira Jeffus, was born June 11, 1930 at Crockett, Texas. She married Thomas Day Myrick January 29, 1949 at Marshall, Texas, who was born November 16, 1927 at Monroe, Louisiana. They live in Shreveport, Louisiana and have one child, namely—Ira Kathryn Myrick, born September 18, 1950 at Marshall, Texas.

Grace the eighth child of Bill and Tee Brannen, was born September 30, 1895 at Holly, Texas. Grace has been studious from childhood. She began teaching soon after finishing high school. She loves her professional work and has continued to improve her knowledge and methods for elementary teaching for schools. She attended the Sam Houston State Teachers College during Summer sessions after regular teaching terms to attain her degree—Bachelor of Science in elementary education and high school mathematics in 1949. Her success is verified by her long tenure of teaching at Centerville Consolidated School in Trinity County. Her P. O. address is Groveton, Texas.

CHAPTER X

JOSEPH NATHANIEL AND LILLA IDILLA BRANNEN'S POSTERITY

Joseph N., the ninth child of Harris C. and Mary Annie Brannen, was born April 16, 1860 at Bullock, Alabama. He developed asthma at an early age, which impaired his health. Although Joe was not a strong youth like his older brothers, he assisted with the farm work in a helpful way. He was studious and ambitious and applied himself to attain an education. He accomplished all the inferior schools of his community could furnish and became a teacher at an early age, which he followed for several years. He continued his studies while teaching to learn bookkeeping which he accomplished and transferred his work to bookkeeping and business. Later he became a successful underwriter of insurance. Joseph N. married Lilla Idilla Colquitt who was born May 14, 1866 at Bullock, Alabama. They were an unusual energetic and proud of their family heritage, as demonstrated by the advantages they gave their children. They educated and positioned them in a manner and sphere of influence that commands social and professional commendation throughout their states. Joseph N. died August 9, 1920 at Brantley, Alabama. Lilla I. died November 28, 1933, at Bradenton, Fla. and both buried at Brantley, Ala. They had seven children, namely—

Dr. Clem C., the first child of Joseph N. and Lilla I. Brannen, was born August 22, 1889 at Bullock, Ala. He married Anna Warren Clark at Moultrie, Georgia, who was born November 29, 1893. Dr. Clem died November 16, 1949 at Moultrie, Georgia, where his wife, Anna W. still lives. They have two children, namely—

Anna Elizabeth, the first child of Dr. Clem and Anna W. Brannen, was born July 24, 1919 at Moultrie, Georgia. She married Earl Allen Taylor, September 1941 at Moultrie. Anna E. and Earl A. Taylor have two children, namely—

Earl Allen Taylor, Jr., born December 5, 1942 at Moultrie, Georgia.
Warren Brannen Taylor, born July 1, 1944 at Moultrie, Georgia.

Dr. Joseph Harrison, the second child of Dr. Clem and Anna W. Brannen was born November 12, 1921 at Moultrie, Georgia. He married Vivian Mc Ilvaine at Baltimore, Maryland, September 12, 1946, where he received his M.D. Dr. Joseph H. and Vivian have two children, namely—

William McIlvaine Brannen, born December 1, 1949, at Atlanta, Ga.

Joseph Clem Brannen, born December 1, 1950, at Atlanta, Ga.

Annie Jo, the second child of Joseph and Lilla I. Brannen, was born March 7, 1891 at Bullock, Alabama. She married Nowell James Ganey January 10, 1915, who was born October 4, 1891 at Rutledge, Alabama. Annie Jo had two years of college. They own and operate the Brannen-Ganey Drug Company at Bradenton, Florida, which has been and still is a most successful business. Annie Jo and Jim have given their children every educational advantage possible, which they accepted with honor to themselves, and likewise to their parents. Annie Jo and Jim have four children, namely—

Nowell James, Jr. the first child of Annie Jo and Jim Ganey, was born November 28, 1917 at Brantley, Alabama. He died December 22, 1921 at Brantley.

A boy, the second child of Annie Jo and Jim Ganey, was born January 17, 1920 at Troy, Alabama, who died February 16, 1920 at Troy, Ala.

Dr. Joseph Brannen Ganey, the third child of Annie Jo and Jim Ganey, was born May 28, 1921 at Brantley, Alabama. He married Eleanor Mays Bass at Bradenton, Florida October 17, 1946. He is a surgeon, and they live at Bradenton, Florida. Dr. Joseph B. and Eleanor M. Ganey have two children, namely—

Joseph Brannen Ganey, Jr., born July 25, 1949 at Baltimore, Maryland.

James Nowell Ganey, born July 16, 1950 at Baltimore, Maryland, where Dr. J. B. Ganey received his M. D.

Mary Lilla, the fourth child of Annie Jo and Jim Ganey, was born December 3, 1923 at Brantley, Alabama. She graduated in Home Economics and is head of that department in Bradenton High School. She married Jackson Dallas Miller III at Bradenton, Florida on February 7, 1953, who was born March 29, 1921 at Tampa, Florida. Jackson D. is a lawyer, and they live at 170½ Manatte Avenue, Bradenton, Florida.

Jesse Cleo, the third child of Joseph N. and Lilla I. Brannen, was born March 14, 1893 at Bullock, Alabama. He married Emily Neel at Savannah, Georgia. Jesse Cleo died October 12, 1939 at Bradenton, Florida.

Dr. Ollie Colquitt, the fourth child of Joseph N. and Lilla I. Brannen, was born January 2, 1895 at Luverne, Alabama. He married Winnie Davis Sanders June 24, 1924, who was born October 12, 1898 at Troy, Alabama. Dr. Ollie Colquitt Brannen is an outstanding M. D. and his office address is 416-419 Murrah Building, Columbus, Georgia.

Dr. Cecil Nathaniel, the fifth child of Joseph N. and Lilla I. Brannen, was born November 15, 1899 at Brantley, Alabama. He married Ethel Morris October 25, 1937 at Moultrie, Georgia, who was born March 5, 1906. Dr. Cecil N. Brannen is also an outstanding M. D. and they live at Moultrie, Georgia. They have one child, namely—

Rebecca Dean Brannen, born January 17, 1941 at Moultrie, Georgia.

Margaret Pearl, the sixth child of Joseph N. and Lilla I. Brannen, was born in 1902 at Brantley, Alabama, and she died when only nine months old.

Mary Dean, the seventh child of Joseph N. and Lilla I. Brannen, was born May 5, 1904 at Brantley, Alabama. Mary Dean was a graduate of a women's college at Montgomery, Alabama. She was teaching school at Bradenton, Florida, but she died January 14, 1940 at Asheville, N. C.

CHAPTER XI

CHARLIE R. AND ELLA BRANNEN'S POSTERITY

Charlie R., the 10th child of Harris C. and Mary Annie Brannen, was born July 10, 1862 at Bullock, Alabama. He grew to manhood with other members of the family on the farm near Bullock. However, Charlie had better educational advantages than the older children of the family. He began teaching school at an early age and taught several terms in Alabama. He left Alabama, yet a young man for Holly, Texas, where he continued to teach school for a short period. He clerked for the Phipp's mercantile company and was Post Office operator after he quit teaching. He married Ella Spear December 26, 1888, who was born in 1875 at Holly, Texas.

The Farmers' Alliance Fraternity organized the second store at Holly, and it made Charlie the manager and clerk of the business. The store was soon abandoned by the Alliance Fraternity and absorbed by Sampson A., Noah, and C. R. and operated several years with Charlie's continued management. The store was eventually disposed of and Charlie moved to Lovelady where he and Ella operated a hotel for several years. He returned to the store business, this time with another brother, Jasper A., who also had come to Holly from Bullock, Alabama. They ran their business at Lovelady only a few years, then they moved their business to Crockett, the County Seat of Houston County. Ella died March 5, 1900 and Charlie and Jasper disposed of their business soon after.

At the turn of the century, Charlie sought new fields of livelihood. First, he went to N.W. Texas for a short period; then to Houston, where he continued a business career for several years. Success lured him to move again. He moved to San Antonio, Texas where he operated a lake resort; but that life did not satisfy his wandering desires; so, he finally settled in the beautiful State Capitol City at 1200 Norwood Road, Austin, Texas, Phone 5-8667. He was 91 years old July 10, 1953. His wife, Martha Ann (Moss) Brannen was born March 2, 1890, devotedly shares the nice home and Charlie's health as an ex-nurse only could. They were married November 17, 1940. No children.

Charlie and Ella had four children, namely

Alto, the first, was born in 1890 at Holly, Texas. Alto attended Lovelady and some other public schools and must have acquired a high school education, at least, for he was working in a U. S. Post Office at Houston, Texas before he died, September 1, 1924. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery at Houston, Texas.

Clara, the second child, died very young and was buried at the Holly Cemetery.

Marshall Benjamin, the third child, was born November 22, 1892 at Holly, Texas. He grew up in the home of Dr. McCamett at El Paso, Texas. He received educational advantages and became a druggist. He worked for a drug company for some time at El Paso, Texas. He married Virginia

Thompson July 22, 1915 at El Paso, who was born in 1891 at Linwood, Kansas. They have an adopted daughter,—Ruth Nadine Brannen who was born December 1921 at El Paso, Texas. She married Ronald Blasche in 1943, and they have two children, namely—

Robin Blasche, born in 1945; and, Marsha Blasche, born in 1950.

Marshall and Virginia Brannen live now at 9054 Amorita St., Downey, California.

Katy, the fourth child of Charlie and Ella Brannen, was born about 1895, but she only lived about seven months. She was buried at Holly, Tex.

CHAPTER XII

CHARLOTTE AND FRANKLIN P. RICHBURG'S POSTERITY

Charlotte, the 11th or 12th child of Harris C., and Mary Annie Brannen, was born January 24, 1866 at Bullock, Ala. She grew to womanhood on her parent's plantation and married Franklin P. Richburg, October 5, 1882 at Bullock. Franklin P. Richburg was born December 30, 1858 at Bullock. They settled on a farm in the vicinity of Bullock and pursued farming for a short period. Franklin studied to become a school teacher and also to be a bookkeeper which he did both as a young man. He clerked and kept commercial books also for several years at New Brockton, Alabama. When New Brockton developed into a boom town, Franklin was made manager of a lumber yard business where he continued to work until about 1899. He then moved with his family to Lovelady, Texas in the autumn of 1900. He developed truck farming at Lovelady for several years; but in 1905, H. L. and Noah Brannen and Franklin moved to Haskell County and Stonewall County. Franklin and his family built a new home in Rule, but they lived there only a short period when they acquired an interest in a mercantile company at Aspermont, the County Seat of Stonewall County. He operated the mercantile business several years; but like others, Franklin could visualize greener fields to the west and moved on to Pecos, Texas and lived there until his death October 1, 1927. Charlotte continued to live in their home in Pecos after Franklin P. died to foster the eleven children to successful careers. Charlotte died March 7, 1950 at Pecos, loved for her kindness and patience toward all whom she chanced to meet and know. Their posterity follows:

Charles F., the first child of Charlotte and Franklin P. Richburg, was born July 27, 1883 at Bullock, Alabama. He moved to Texas with his parents in 1900, grew to manhood at Lovelady, Texas. Charley left home as a young man and went to Mart, Texas where he began railroading. He pursued that vocation until he reached the retiring age June 26, 1952. But, he advanced during his long career to become conductor for several years before retiring. He married Amelia McGuffin October 21, 1906, who was born September 16, 1883 at Huntsville, Texas. Charley and Amelia live at 1108 Texas Avenue, Mart, Texas, where they have reared two children, namely—

Evelyn, the first child of Charley and Amelia Richburg, was born July 29, 1907 at Mart, Texas. She attended the Mart public schools and married Charles T. Douglas June 4, 1924, who was born January 4, 1907. Charles and Evelyn moved to Phoenix, Arizona early after their marriage and lived there several years where he worked for a creamery company. They returned to Texas and now live at 304 Arena Street, Lufkin, Texas. They have two children, namely—

Charlene E., born August 29, 1926 at Phoenix, Arizona. She grew to womanhood in Lufkin and married L. L. Shivers September 19, 1946 at Lufkin, Texas. Charlene and L. L. have a daughter—Ellen Shivers, born April 23, 1951 at San Angelo, Texas.

Evelyn and Charles' second child, Zelda Douglas was born August 29, 1933, single, attending the Stephen F. Austin College, a 1953 - '54 senior.

Zelda, the second child of Charley and Amelia Richburg, was born May 26, 1908. She attended Mart public schools, advanced her education at Huntsville State College and qualified for a teacher. She taught in the Dallas public schools several years until she married Donald K. Kyler, February 10, 1933, who was born in 1905 at Little Rock, Arkansas. They live in Glendale, California. No children.

James H., and a twin, Annie Leigh, the second issue of Charlotte and Franklin P. Richburg, were born January 31, 1885 at Bullock, Alabama. James came with his parents to Lovelady, Texas in 1900, attended the Lovelady public schools, moved to Rule and Aspermont in 1905 with his parents. He worked as a carpenter at Rule and Aspermont and other jobs until they moved to Pecos, Texas. Jim started railroading at Pecos, married Sarah Schumm June 21, 1913 at Pecos, Texas. They lived there several years, moved to Clovis, New Mexico, where Jim has continued his career with the railroad. Sarah was born at Temple, Texas, October 24, 1886. Jim and Sarah have three children, namely—

Anna Leigh, the first child of Jim and Sarah Richburg, was born September 15, 1915 at Pecos, Texas, but, she grew to womanhood at Clovis, N. M., and, married Marvin O. Weatherby April 5, 1934 of Miles, Texas. Anna and Marvin have two children, namely—

Billy Harold, the first child, was born June 15, 1937; and, Garry Marvin, the second child of Anna and Marvin O. Weatherby, was born February 14, 1943 and lives at Miles, Texas.

Aileen, the second child of Jim and Sarah Richburg, was born May 23, 1918 at Pecos, Texas. She moved to Clovis where she attended the public schools. She married William R. Blandford May 8, 1943, who was born December 6, 1919 at Powatan, Virginia, where they now live. They have two children, namely—

William, R., Jr., born December 6, 1946; and, James R., born June 9, 1950.

J. H., Jr., the third child of Jim and Sarah Richburg, was born December 30, 1920 at Clovis, N. M. He attended the Clovis public schools. He was drafted into the U. S. Navy and is stationed at 3937 Junius Street, Dallas, Texas.

Annie Edith, twin with James H., was born December 31, 1885. She also moved to Lovelady with her parents from Alabama in 1900, to Rule in 1905 and on to Pecos. She attended several schools and very capable in whatever she did; besides, she possessed her mother's traits of kindness and patience. She shared the responsibilities of the family. She clerked for the Love mercantile company of Pecos several years. She married Green L. Selman October 22, 1919 at Pecos, who was born October 28, 1875. Green and Annie are thrifty cattle ranchers and settled at Freedom, Oklahoma. They have four children, namely—

Samuel Franklin, the first child of Annie and Green Selman, was born November 13, 1920. He married Shirley Vloedman of Woodward, Oklahoma, September 20, 1952 at Freedom, Oklahoma.

James Lee, the second child of Annie and Green Selman, was born June 13, 1922, married Betty Ruth Hinton (Anderson) who had two children, namely—

William David Selman, born June 27, 1945; and, Charles Lee Selman, born July 20, 1946.

Betty Jo, the third child of Annie and Green Selman, was born June 13, 1922. She died in infancy.

Doris Annie, the fourth child of Annie and Green Selman, was born December 5, 1924, and lives at Freedom, Oklahoma.

Henry R., the fourth child of Charlottee and Franklin P. Richburg, was born February 2, 1887 at New Brockton, Alabama. He moved to Lovelady, Texas with his parents and worked on the farm. He moved again in 1905 to Rule, Texas, where he followed carpentering and other public work for a short period. He went farther west and home-steaded several sections of land and ranched a few years until he met and married Mabel Crawford of Alpine, Texas, May 30, 1918 at Fort Davis, Texas, who was born February 2, 1896. Mabel and Henry lived a short time in Texas before they moved to Phoenix, Arizona where Henry operated an automobile garage for several years. He sold his garage and took an engineering job building roads. He resigned the engineering position in 1930 and moved back to Texas, where he carried on his engineering work building reservoirs on large cattle ranches for several years. He bought a large farm which he operated several years, but he sold the ranch and is now a foreman for a cattle ranch near Alpine, Texas. Their address is 206 W. Avenue A., Alpine, Texas. Henry and Mabel have six children, namely—

Nona Anne, the first child of Henry and Mabel Richburg, was born March 11, 1919 at Alpine, Texas. She attended the public schools of Phoenix, Arizona and a business college. She was employed by the Valley Bank at Phoenix for several years. She first married Jack Busey of Phoenix, March 1, 1941, who was born February 17, 1918. Jack was a graduate of the University of Oregon, majoring in architecture. He entered the Air Corps in World War II, became Major and went over seas to Burma and China where he contracted polio and was flown to Calcutta, India, where he died July 16, 1945. Nona and Jack had one child—David Busey who lives with his mother at 1247 Oregon Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Nona married Ralph Alden of Phoenix September 13, 1949, who was born December 20, 1918 at Portland, Oregon. Ralph is also a graduate of Oregon University majoring in Business Administration. He is now employed by the Arizona Electrical Service Company. Nona and Ralph have two children, namely—

Aileen, born September 6, 1950 at Phoenix, Arizona. John A., born May 20, 1952 at Alpine, Texas.

Nancy, the second child of Henry and Mabel Richburg, was born December 18, 1920 at Phoenix, Arizona. She grew to womanhood in Phoenix, attending the public schools and a business college. She married Captain J. A. Reilly. They have one child,—John Henry Reilly, born November 14, 1951 and live at 302 Central, Killeen, Texas.

Hallie, the third child of Henry and Mabel Richburg, was born March 4, 1925 at Phoenix, Arizona. She grew up in Phoenix, attending the Phoenix public schools. She married Captain C. T. Matlock of Noble, Oklahoma in May 1944. Captain C. T. Matlock is stationed in Germany and Hallie is there with him. They have one child,—Elsie C. Matlock who was born April 9, 1945.

Doris, the fourth child of Henry and Mabel Richburg, was born September 30, 1929 at Phoenix, Arizona. She moved to Texas with her parents in 1930 and attended public schools of Texas. She married Kenneth Lee Stephens and they live at 1606 W. Tansill Street, Carlsbad, New Mexico. They have two children, namely—

Kenneth Lee, Jr., born July 14, 1952; and, Kathleen Stephens, born September 22, 1953.

Mary Henry, the fifth child of Henry and Mabel Richburg, was born August 7, 1934 at Iran, Texas. She attended the Texas public schools at several different places, for her parents moved several times. She also attended a commercial college. She is now engaged as a secretary for a radio company in San Angelo, Texas and lives at 19 N. Washington Street, San Angelo, Texas. Single.

Glenn, the sixth child of Henry and Mabel Richburg, was born October 6, 1936 at Iran, Texas. She attended the public schools of Texas, except her senior year, which is being completed at North Phoenix High School, Phoenix, Arizona. Glenn is living at 1247 Oregon Street, Phoenix, Arizona with her sister Nona Ann Alden. She plans to attend Arizona State Teachers College in 1954-55. Single.

Dozier, the fifth child of Charlotte and Franklin P. Richburg, was born December 21, 1889 at New Brockton, Alabama. He moved to Lovelady, Texas with his parents in 1899 and attended the Lovelady school and worked on his father's truck farm until they moved to Rule and on to Aspermont, Texas in 1905. He began clerking in stores before he was grown. He had a steady job after moving to Pecos, Texas. He married Mamie L. Davis but moved to Phoenix, Arizona, soon after. He was employed by the Goldberg clothing store at Phoenix for several years before moving to the State of Washington. He continued his vocation clerking for several years, but he and his boys have established their own business at Ephrata, Washington on March 15, 1953. Dozier and Mamie have four children, namely—

Dozier Lee, the first child of Dozier and Mamie Richburg, was born December 12, 1915 at Pecos, Texas. Dozier Lee attended the public schools of Phoenix, Arizona and Yakima, Washington. He married Laura Vonne Merrill March 23, 1933, who was born April 8, 1916. He served in the U. S. Navy 45 months during World War II as Chief in the C. B.'s refrigeration unit. Dozier Lee and Laura Vonne are now in business with his father at Ephrata, Washington. They have two children, namely—

Mary Jo and James Clifford Richburg (twins), were born January 22, 1934.

The second issue of Dozier and Mamie Richburg were twins. Died in infancy.

Ned Franklin, the fourth child of Dozier and Mamie Richburg was born September 11, 1920 at Phoenix, Arizona. He attended the public school of Yakima, Washington. He served 2½ years as gunner's mate with the Bull Halsey's fleet. He married Joyce Elaine Wilmot March 29, 1947, who was born May 30, 1927. No children. They are also in business with his father at Ephrata, Washington.

Kathleen Louis, the fifth child of Dozier and Mamie Richburg, was born March 15, 1922 at Phoenix, Arizona. She was reared in Washington State and attended the public schools. She married Thomas Jefferson Stewart, Jr. February 16, 1941 in Washington, who was born January 21, 1919. They have seven children, namely—

Thomas Douglas, born January 21, 1942; David Dozier, born March 21, 1944; Dale Lee, born March 7, 1946; Dan Russell, born October 29, 1949; Dean Erwin, born December 30, 1950; and, Louise Elaine Stewart, born May 1, 1952.

Tommy, the sixth child of Dozier and Mamie Richburg, was born August 16, 1927 at Phoenix, Arizona, moved to Washington State in youth and attended the public schools at Ephrata and advanced his education at the University of Washington and Central College of Education at Ellensburg, Washington. His major was pharmacy, and he is now an employed Pharmacist at Cashmere, Washington. He served three years in the Medical Department as Army Sergeant in the U. S. and Italy in World War II.

Bernice, the seventh child of Charlotte and Franklin P. Richburg, was born November 3, 1894. She attended Pecos public schools. She married R. T. Somes in 1917. They settled at Longview, Washington where Bernice died in 1918. They have one child—Robert Somes, born July 31, 1918 and lives in Longview. Robert is a college graduate. Bernice's husband died in 1952 at Longview, Washington.

J. Dewey, the eighth child of Charlotte and Franklin P. Richburg, was born June 10, 1897 at New Brockton, Alabama. He moved with his parents to Texas as a youth and attended the public schools at Pecos, Texas. He married Jesse Heard, who was born September 5, 1902. Dewey and Jesse settled in Pecos and are ranchers, stock and farming and doing well. They have two children, namely—

Ann, born Oct. 12, 1934 at Pecos, Texas. She has finished high school

Charlotte, the second child was born January 5, 1938 at Pecos. She is almost through high school.

Mary Lee, the ninth child of Charlotte and Franklin P. Richburg, was born March 22, 1900 at Lovelady, Texas. She attended the public schools of Pecos and married Dr. Paul Heiser, Sr. who carried on his dental profession at Pecos for several years, but they now live at San Angelo, Texas. Dr. Heiser has a nice office and a good business. They have two children, namely—

Paul H., Jr., born September 7, 1930; and, Martha, born December 27, 1934 at Pecos. She is married and her husband is stationed at Carswell Air Base, Fort Worth, Texas.

Gussie P., the tenth child of Charlotte and Franklin P. Richburg, was born October 15, 1902 at Lovelady, Texas. She attended the public schools of Pecos, Texas. She married Bill Hamilton, a rail road dispatcher, which necessitated their living in several different towns. Bill died when his chil-

dren were young, and Gussie has done an excellent job rearing their three children, namely—

Mary Frances, was born May 28, 1926, lives at Big Spring, Texas Air Base. She has a good education and works for the U. S. Air Corps.

Billy Paul, the second child of Gussie and Bill Hamilton, was born June 24, 1927. He went through public schools and is advancing his knowledge in the Dental College at Dallas, Texas. He will finish his courses in the spring of 1954.

David, the third child of Gussie and Bill Hamilton, was born November 19, 1929, has finished high school.

Eva Lou, the eleventh child of Charlotte and Franklin P. Richburg, was born September 22, 1906 at Rule, Texas. She attended the Pecos public schools and married Jesse F. Grammar, who was born October 18, 1896. They settled in Pecos, Texas and have three children, namely—

Franklin Lou, the first child of Eva and Jesse F. Grammar, was born May 10, 1938, and has finished the Pecos High School.

Jesse Charles, the second child of Eva and Jesse F. Grammar, was born December 14, 1939 and has almost finished high school at Pecos.

Bryan K., the third child of Eva and Jesse F. Grammar, was born April 10, 1941 and is pursuing an educational career. They live at 606 S. Hickory Street, Pecos, Texas.

CHAPTER XIII

JASPER A. AND DELLA BRANNEN'S POSTERITY

Jasper A., the 13th child of Harris C. and Mary Annie Brannen, was born August 8, 1871 at Bullock, Alabama. Jasper inherited many good traits of his father—energy, strength, ability, and faith in daily labor to win success. His training under his tutor father served him well through a long active life. Jasper left Bullock at the age of 19 and joined his brother Charlie at Holly, Texas. He farmed for Charlie one year then they both moved to Lovelady, Texas. Jasper took a position as clerk for the Jim Phifer business and continued to clerk for several years, until he and Charlie acquired the Phifer business. They moved their business soon to Crockett, the county seat of Houston County. His business prospered for a time, and he married Della Rhoden December 6, 1896, who was born April 5, 1877. With the dissolving of their business, Charlie went to N. W. Texas, and Jasper returned to farming for a short period until Della died December 1, 1907. He sold his farm after his wife's death and bought a store at Pennington, Texas. He diversified his business with stock ranching and merchandising. His success has been extraordinary. He retired only a few years ago to promote his children to continue his life's work. Jasper and Della Brannen had four children, namely—

Minnie Ola, the first child of Jasper and Della Brannen, was born September 6, 1897 at Crockett, Texas. Mrs. Joe Rhoden, Minnie Ola's grandmother, mainly reared Minnie Ola at Shady Grove, Texas. Minnie Ola married a Mr. Glenn, but she divorced him and moved back to Crockett and operates her apartments. No children.

Joe, the second child of Jasper and Della Brannen, was born September 8, 1899, and he, too, grew up with his grand-parents, but Joe joined his father early in life at Pennington, Texas. Joe is endowed with his father's thriftiness as a farmer and business man. He first succeeded as a farmer at Pennington, then he went into business at Crockett for a time; but he sold the business and bought his father's store at Pennington, which has continued to grow through the years. Joe married Hazel Dominy October 19, 1924, who was born September 14, 1905 at Pennington. Like his father, Joe and Hazel have diversified their business with registered stock and the mercantile business. They have four children, namely—

Joe Thomas Brannen was born August 12, 1925. He married Jean Gordon June 4, 1949. They have two children, namely—

Joe Gordon, born April 28, 1951; and, Brenda Carol, born September 30, 1952 at Pennington, Texas.

Bennie Ruth, the second child of Joe and Hazel Brannen, was born July 17, 1927 at Pennington, Texas. She married Osia Walker June 10, 1951, who was born December 21, 1918 at Dickinson, Texas. No children.

Jack Binford, the third child of Joe and Hazel Brannen, was born September 15, 1930. He married Pansy Nell Pinkston, born October 31, 1930, Palestine, Texas. No children.

John Richard, the fourth child of Joe and Hazel Brannen, was born October 9, 1933. Single. John Richard clerks for his father and lives with his parents.

Joe and Hazel have given their children exceptional educational advantages.

Jasper W., Jr., the third child of Jasper and Della Brannen, was born January 1, 1905 and grew to manhood on his grand-parents ranch. He was very studious and received an early education. He received his B. S. degree in 1935, and his M. S. degree in 1943 at the Sam Houston State Teachers' College at Huntsville, Texas. He married Ada Mae Smith April 26, 1929, who was born December 31, 1905. Ada Mae received her B. S. degree, also, from the S. H. S. T. C. They are now employed in the Houston City School system. Jasper, Jr. and Ada Mae Brannen have three children, namely—

Jasper, III, born April 9, 1940; the second, Jimmy Newton, born February 20, 1942; the third, Jerry, born May 10, 1945. They live at 3319 Virginia Street, Houston, Texas.

Calvin, the fourth child of Jasper A. and Della Brannen, was born November 8, 1907. He, too, chose the professional career, and attained an early education. He, too, attended the S. H. S. T. C. and received his B. S. and M. S. degrees in 1935 and Calvin married Cleo Arnold April 4, 1929 at Pennington, Texas, who was born March 9, 1910 at Pennington, Texas. Calvin and Cleo have a daughter—Sue Ann, born July 31, 1939. They live at Gladewater, Texas where Calvin is principal of the public schools.

Jasper A. married Lucy Dominy in 1911 at Pennington, Texas. She was born July 3, 1883 at Pennington. Jasper A. and Lucy built a large home near their store and church and were active workers in the Baptist Church. They had a son who died before he was two years old. Lucy died August 24, 1943 and was buried at the Pennington Cemetery. Jasper A. still lives in their home at the age of 82, August 8, 1953.

CHAPTER XIV

ANDREW J. AND ADA V. BRANNEN'S POSTERITY

Andrew J., the 14th and youngest child of Harris C. and Mary Annie Brannen, was born November 5, 1873 at Bullock, Alabama. He grew to the age of nineteen on his parent's farm near Bullock, but he was lured to Holly, Texas by other brothers who had gone to Texas ahead of him. Andrew J. worked as a farm hand for his brothers about Holly for a short period, then he went to Saron, a sawmill town where he worked for the mill company until 1897, when he returned to Bullock, Alabama. He planned to only visit a short time and return to Texas, but he found his father aging to the extent that he was unable to do the necessary work on his small farm. A sympathetic heart put aside the idea of returning to Texas, and he took the management of his father's farm. He married Ada V. Weed January 1, 1899, who was born April 3, 1878 near Bullock, Alabama. Andrew J. and Ada V. continued to farm for a few years, but they bought a mercantile business at Bullock, which paid well for their thriftiness and enabled them to acquire a 400 acre farm in the vicinity of Bullock.

They relinquished farming in the 1920's at Bullock and moved to Opp, Alabama to resume a business career for several years, then to Luverne, Alabama for a short time. However, Andrew J. disposed of the business in Luverne in 1938 to accept a position at the state capitol, Montgomery, Alabama. He continued to work there until retiring a few years ago. They live at 26 Riverside Drive, Montgomery, Alabama. They have seven children, namely—

James H., the first child of Andrew J. and Ada V. Brannen, was born October 12, 1900 at Bullock, Alabama. Jimmie has a very good education and business talent that assures a successful career. He married Emma Lee Stoddard April 26, 1927, who was born December 9, 1905 at Montgomery, Alabama. Jimmie H. is Credit Sales Manager for the Lawrence Furniture Company. Emma Lee is employed by the S. W. Bell Telephone Company. They are thrifty hustlers for the companies they work with, and excellent providers for their children. They live at 102 Calhoun Road, Montgomery, Alabama, and have a large nice home. They have two children and one grand-child, namely—

James H., Jr., the first child of Jimmie and Emma Lee Brannen, was born June 11, 1928 at Montgomery, Alabama. He is well educated, served through World War II, and he married Maude Plowden, December 25, 1946, who was born May 1, 1927 at Montgomery, Alabama. They own and operate the Capitol Drug Company in Montgomery. They live at 3329 Ashley Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama. They have a son, namely—

Bruce, born May 24, 1948 at Boston, Massachusetts.

Donald L., the second child of Jimmie and Emma Lee Brannen, was born August 11, 1933 at Montgomery, Alabama. He is in the U. S. Navy, in the USS Telfair Division. He went across to Korea, but is now back in the United States.

John Austin, the second child of Andrew J. and Ada V. Brannen, was born November 24, 1901 at Bullock, Alabama. He married Laraine Busby, who was born October 7, 1901 at Montgomery, Alabama. Austin is a salesman for the Merritt Bread Company, and is also a Minister in the Church of Christ Denomination. Austin and Laraine live at, Montgomery, Alabama. No children.

Calvin Roy, the third child of Andrew J. and Ada V. Brannen, was born March 12, 1907 at Bullock, Alabama. He married Ona Mirle February 12, 1928 at Opp, Alabama, who was born March 3, 1904 at Opp, Alabama. Roy is Court Bailiff in the city government of Montgomery, and he and Ona live at 486 Japonica Street, Montgomery, Alabama. They have two children, namely—

Nancy Lillian, born March 31, 1931 at Opp, Alabama. She married Franklin Chalker, who was born August 21, 1929 at Montgomery, Alabama. They are operators of a Sand and Gravel Business and live at 3452 Gilmar Court at Montgomery, Alabama.

Jack, the second child of Roy and Ona Brannen, was born April 6, 1937 at Opp, Alabama and now lives in Montgomery, Alabama.

Annie Ruth, the fourth child of Andrew J. and Ada V. Brannen, was born August 12, 1908 at Bullock, Alabama. She married W. A. Wagner, who was born August 13, 1896 at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, married December 7, 1932. He died July 1949 in Itaciku, Japan after 35 years in the U. S. Army. Ruth lives at 28 Bradley Drive, Montgomery, Alabama. She has two children, namely—

Billy Wagner was born May 30, 1933 at Montgomery, Alabama and lives at 28 Bradley Drive. He is in the U. S. Service, Maxwell Field, Ala.

Rogers, the second child of Ruth and W. A. Wagner, was born June 19, 1939, at Montgomery, Alabama and also lives at 28 Bradley Drive, Montgomery, Alabama.

Ralph, the fifth child of Andrew J. and Ada V. Brannen, was born January 8, 1912 at Bullock, Alabama. He married Eloise Bush March 8, 1943, who was born March 22, 1916 at Fort Deposit, Alabama. Ralph is custodian at the State Building for the State of Alabama. They live at 149 Oak Forest Drive, Montgomery, Alabama. No children.

Doris L., the sixth child of Andrew J. and Ada V. Brannen, was born September 12, 1915 at Bullock, Alabama. She married A. B. Newsome February 28, 1936, who was born January 6, 1911 at Montgomery, Alabama. A. B. is with the Civil Engineering Atomic Energy Corporation. Doris and A. B. Newsome live at Richland, Washington. They have two children, namely—

Patricia, the first child of Doris and A. B. Newsome, was born November 17, 1938 at Montgomery, Alabama, but lives at Richland, Washington.

Lee Roy, the second child of Doris and A. B. Newsome, was born October 30, 1940 at Montgomery, Alabama, and he, too, lives at Richland, Washington.

Mozelle, the seventh child of Andrew J. and Ada V. Brannen, was born August 23, 1917 at Bullock, Alabama. She married John T. Carr June

CHAPTER XV

LUCY ANN AND GREEN M. COOK POSTERITY

Lucy Ann, the second child of Sampson, Sr. and Priscilla Brannen, was born October 24, 1825 at Brannen Old Stand, Coffee County, Alabama. She married Green M. Cook in Coffee County, Alabama, who was born October 10, 1822. They settled in the same community on a farm and were reasonably successful farmers; notwithstanding Green loved hunting and did quite a little, which aided in their livelihood. Lucy Ann died February 9, 1907 and Green M. died January 28, 1908, both were buried in Bullock Cemetery, Crenshaw County, Alabama. They had nine children, namely—

Louisa Cook—For full lineage see Chapter XVI.

Joseph Cook was born October 14, 1849 in Coffee County, Alabama. He died March 1856.

Milissa and Alonzo Cook, twins, were born June 30, 1852 in Coffee County, Alabama. Milissa died single. Alonzo—for full lineage see Chapter XVII.

Sarah P. Cook was born January 10, 1855 in Coffee County, Alabama. Information incomplete.

William H. Cook was born September 15, 1856 in Coffee County, Alabama. Information incomplete.

Malzie E. Cook was born August 26, 1859 in Coffee County, Alabama. Information incomplete.

Harriet Cook was born June 3, 1862 in Coffee County, Alabama. Information incomplete.

Leddie Cook was born February 2, 1865 in Coffee County, Alabama. Information incomplete.

CHAPTER XVI

Louisa, the first child of Lucy Ann and Green M. Cook, was born 1847 in Coffee County Alabama, married Jim White. Dates, etc. are incomplete, but they are both dead. They had five children, namely—

George White lives at Lakewood, Florida; Billie White, also lives at Lakewood, Florida.

John White; Bun White; and Pearl White. Incomplete.

CHAPTER XVII

Alonzo, the twin of Milissa, and the third and fourth children of Lucy Ann and Green M. Cook. Alonzo married Sarah J. Tisdile. Alonzo died November 2, 1927. Sarah—incomplete. They had eight children, namely—

Dessie, the first child of Alonzo and Sarah Jane Cook, was born 1885, married Eugene Dees, and they live at Winter Haven, Florida. They have seven children, namely—

Willie G., the first child of Dessie and Eugene Dees, was born December 22, 1906 in Coffee County, Alabama. Lives at Winter Haven, Florida.

James R., the second child of Dessie and Eugene Dees, was born March 12, 1909 in Winter Haven, Florida. Died 1932, buried at Winter Haven, Florida.

Jessie C., the third child of Dessie and Eugene Dees, was born December 25, 1910 in Winter Haven, Florida. Died 1929, buried at Winter Haven, Florida.

Maelene, the fourth child of Dessie and Eugene Dees, was born May 1, 1913. Lives at Eagle Lake, Florida.

Woodrow, the fifth child of Dessie and Eugene Dees, was born 1916 at Red Oak, Alabama, died 1917.

Doris, the sixth child of Dessie and Eugene Dees, was born June 4, 1921. She married a Mr. Collins, and they live at Corona, California.

Johnny L., the seventh child of Dessie and Eugene Dees, was born December 19, 1923. Lives at Miami, Florida.

Joe Green and Annie—twins, of Alonzo and Sarah Cook, were born August 19, 1887. Information on Annie incomplete, but Joe Green married Genie Sunnestin. They live at Route 1, Florala, Alabama and have eight children, namely—

Alice, the first child of Joe and Genie Cook, was born December 28, 1912, married Jesse Lee Ramsey. They live at Route 5, Andalusia, Alabama, and have one child, namely—

Jimmy Lee Ramsey, was born September 18, 1939.

Ollie Jo, the second child of Joe and Genie Cook, was born December 8, 1914, married Orell Sexton. They live at Route 2, Andalusia, Alabama and have one child, namely—

Gary Joe Sexton, was born August 4, 1949.

Fred, the third child of Joe and Genie Cook, was born November 3, 1917. Killed in France, World War II, body returned to the States and buried at Red Oak Cemetery, twelve miles south of Andalusia, Alabama.

Richard, the fourth child of Joe and Genie Cook, was born June 27, 1921. Killed in Italy World War II, body returned to the States and buried at Red Oak Cemetery, twelve miles south of Andulsia, Alabama.

Etter Florence, the fifth child of Joe and Genie Cook, was born 1924, married George Smith. They live at Route 6, Andalusia, Alabama, and have one child, namely—

Gail Smith, was born March 25, 1953.

Ferrell, the sixth child of Joe and Genie Cook, was born (?). Died February 10, 1929, and buried in Red Oak Cemetery, twelve miles south of Andalusia, Alabama.

Cecil, the seventh child of Joe and Genie Cook, was born October 11, 1928. She is single and works for Western Auto Associate Store at Andalusia, Alabama. Lives with parents at Rt. 1 Florala, Alabama.

Marie, the eighth child of Joe and Genie Cook, was born February 9, 1931. She married Truman Smith, and they live at Route 6, Andalusia, Alabama.

Mae, the fourth child of Alonzo and Sarah Jane Cook, was born October 31, 1890. She married Jimmy Carter. They have four children, namely—

Limmie Rexford, the first child of Mae and Jimmy Carter, was born August 8, 1910; died May 21, 1918, and buried in Mount Guilied Cemetery.

Mertie Irene, the second child of Mae and Jimmy Carter, was born March 20, 1914. She married Almer Dauphin April 18, 1932. They have one child, namely—

Sarah Elizabeth Dauphin, who was born February 15, 1933. She married Russell Chimentio March 1951, and they have one child, namely—

Shairon Chimentio, who was born September 23, 1952. They live at Pueblo, Colorado.

Mertie Irene divorced her husband in 1940, and married Richard M. Smith March, 1942, and they live at Frankfurt, Germany.

Bessie Rae, the third child of Mae and Jimmy Carter, was born June 12, 1919. She married Walter Corbett, December 10, 1940, who died November 15, 1943 and buried at Red Oak, Alabama. Bessie Rae's second marriage was to Terry M. Knox, November 30, 1946. Bessie Rae and Terry have one child, namely—

Larry Carter Knox, who was born June 11, 1951; died June 12, 1951 and buried at Jacksonville, North Carolina. Bessie Rae and Terry live at Quantico, Virginia.

A. L., the fourth child of Mae and Jimmy Carter, was born April 22, 1921. He married Juanita Brown, November 24, 1944, and they have two children, namely—

Diannia Carter, born March 24, 1946; and, Brinda Carter, was born November 23, 1951. They live at Jacksonville, Florida.

Bobbie, the fifth child of Alonzo and Sarah Jane Cook, birth and death dates unknown.

Willie Cleone, the sixth child of Alonzo and Sarah Jane Cook, was born June 12, 1893. She married James Arthur Robbins, Sr., who was born September 11, 1888. They have four children, namely—

Willie Cleone, (Clee) died March 19, 1947 and buried in the Opp Cemetery, Opp, Alabama. James A. Robbins, Sr. lives at Dorsey Street, Opp, Alabama.

Farrell Gaston, the first child of Clee and James A. Robbins, Sr., was born December 4, 1913. He married Mary Nell Woodham, and they have one child, namely—Lynne Gail Woodham, born January 9, 1946.

CHAPTER XVIII

CYNTHIA AND JOHN HUDSON'S POSTERITY

Cynthia (Syntha), the fourth (?) child of Sampson Sr. and Priscilla (Gordon) Brannen, as born (?), 1828 in Coffee County, Alabama, married July 6, 1849 to John Hudson. They settled several miles south, southeast of Bullock in Coffee County and reared their family. Syntha died October 24, 1868. John re-married November 21, 1868 to Mary Ann Williams; he died December 23, 1895, buried at Beaver Dam Cemetery, Coffee County, Alabama. Syntha and John had eight children, namely—

Giles B., the first child of Syntha and John Hudson, was born September 1, 1852 in Coffee County, Alabama, married (1) Peg Wood; (2) Mollie McKnight; (3) July Taylor. Giles died, buried at Hudson Cemetery. Giles had four children, namely—

Pony; Charlie; and Pete; these three dead and buried at Hudson Cemetery.

Lodus Hudson still living, but address unknown.

James Sampson, the second child of Syntha and John Hudson, was born February 19, 1857 in Coffee County, Alabama, married (1) Rebecca Stinson; (2) Sarah Rebecca Taylor. Sampson died, buried Valley Grove Cemetery and had four children, namely—

Oreata; Albert; Bonnie Coon; and Purvis Hudson. No data.

Noah Randal, the third child of Syntha and John Hudson, was born August 16, 1859 in Coffee County, Ala., married (1) Nancy Gillis Helms; (2) Ola Evans. Noah R. died and was buried at Cool Springs Cemetery Noah R. and Nancy had three children, namely—

Eady; John Edmund; and Joe Lee Hudson. No data.

Francis (Fanny) fourth child of Syntha and John Hudson, was born December 31, 1861 in Coffee County, Alabama, married Lewis Taylor. Fanny died, buried at Donnelley's Cross Roads Cemetery They had nine children, namely—

Mary; Minnie; Cora, died and buried at Donnelley's Cross Roads Cemetery. Annie died and buried at Hudson Cemetery; Jewel; Anderson; Marion; Gordy; and Julian Taylor. No data.

Charles Richard, the fifth child of Syntha and John Hudson, was born August 28, 1864 in Coffee County, Alabama, married R. Miller Augusta Adams, who was born August 9, 1874 in Crenshaw County, Alabama. Miller died March 11, 1920, and Charles died January 10, 1949, both buried in Antioch Cemetery, Coffee County, Alabama. They had nine children, three died and two were never named. Six children listed, namely—

Charles Ester, the first child of Charles and Miller Hudson, was born September 11, 1894, married Julie Caniline. They have two children (boys), namely—

Verlyn, the first child of Charles E. and Julie Hudson. He married Edith Johnson, and they have two children, namely—

Verdis Verlyn; and, Mickey Hudson.

P. Charles Preston, the second child of Charles E. and Julie Hudson. He married Janie Cook. They have one child, namely—Judy Hudson. No data.

Effie, the second child of Charles and Miller Hudson, was born August 11, 1899. Not married.

Estelle, the third child of Charles and Miller Hudson, was born August 29, 1902. She married Fletcher King, who died May 26, 1948. They had three children namely—

Fletcher Norris, was born May 31, 1935; Charles Aurbia, was born May 14, 1938; and George King was born October, 1942.

Zeanus, the fourth child of Charles and Miller Hudson, was born July 13, 1905. He married Alice Morgan December 7, 1929. They have one child, namely—Carilyn Hudson, who was born November 16, 1935.

Lucile, the fifth child of Charles and Miller Hudson, was born December 23, 1908. She married Henry Bryan. They have two children, namely—Allen Legtha Bryan, who married Horace Weed February 22, 1947. They have two children, namely—

Jerry; and Joanie Weed.

Neldacretha, the second child of Lucile and Henry Bryan, who married James Brown in 1951. No children.

Green Mack, the sixth child of Charles and Miller Hudson, was born January 17, 1911. He married Veneria Wambles December 18, 1932. They live at Rt. 1, Elba, Ala., and have one child, namely—

Corena Hudson who was born December 8, 1938 in Coffee County, Alabama.

Alfred M., the sixth child of Syntha and John Hudson, was born October 8, 1866 in Coffee County, Alabama. He married Ada Dubose. No further information on Ada, but Alfred died and buried at Beaver Cemetery in Coffee County, Alabama. They had seven children, namely—

Fanny; Mattie; Mary; Julie; Lena; P. A.; and J. D. Hudson. No data.

Annie and Tranquila Jane (called Qullia and Quillie) twins, seventh and eighth children of Syntha and John Hudson, were born October 3, 1868 in Coffee County, Alabama. Annie died single and buried at Hudson Cemetery. Tranquila married Oscar Flanigan May 10, 1898. She died April 3, 1948 and buried at Beaver Dam Cemetery, Coffee County, Alabama. Oscar died February 9, 1952. They had seven children, namely—

Jessie, the first child of Qullie and Oscar Flanigan, was born March 2, 1900. She married Claude Davis August 8, 1928, and they have four children, namely—

O. Nize, the first child of Jessie and Claude Davis, was born November 23, 1929.

Mollie Bell, the second child of Jessie and Claude Davis, was born April 16, 1932.

Robert, the third child of Jessie and Claude Davis, was born December 19, 1935.

Connie B., the fourth child of Jessie and Claude Davis, was born Nov. 24, 1942.

Willie, the second child of Tullie and Oscar Flanigan was born December 20, 1901, died September 5, 1902.

Gaston, the third child of Qullie and Oscar Flanigan, was born August 12, 1904. He married Jessie Haper, January 25, 1936. No children.

Thelma, the fourth child of Qullie and Oscar Flanigan, was born November 6, 1906. She married Alto Calhoun, June 5, 1953. No children.

Vandetty, the fifth child of Qullie and Oscar Flanigan, was born January 15, 1909. She married Roy Danforth February 28, 1926. They have two children, namely—

Cupid Deen, the first child of Vandetty and Roy Danford, was born April 27, 1928, died June 16, 1933.

Peggy Pauline, the second child of Vandetty and Roy Danford, was born December 28, 1934. She married Walter Edd Copton January 24, 1953.

Farrest, the sixth child of Qullie and Oscar Flanigan, was born March 15, 1911. He married Vera Mae Sutlen February 1, 1939, and they have one child, namely—Kimbly Ann Flanigan, who was born June 21, 1946.

Vera, the seventh child of Qullie and Oscar Flanigan was born October 13, 1913. She married Willie M. Davis, December 14, 1935, and they have three children, namely—

Vivian Jane, the first child of Vera and Willie M. Davis, was born July 26, 1938. She married Melvin Banks, July 4, 1953.

Jackie, the second child of Vera and Willie M. Davis, was born February 27, 1943.

Max, the third child of Vera and Willie M. Davis, was born May 12, 1949.

John Hudson's second marriage November 21, 1868 to Mary Ann Williams; and they had two children, namely—

Zackariah, was born October 19, 1869; and, A. I. Hudson was born March 14, 1881.

Mary Ann died November 30, 1896.

CHAPTER XIX

JOSEPH (JOE) AND MARY ESTER BRANNEN'S POSTERITY

Joseph (Joe), the fifth (?) child of Sampson Sr. and Priscilla Brannen, was born April 2, 1829 in Coffee County, Alabama. He married Mary Ester Rushing November 25, 1850, who was born August 15, 1832.

Joe and Mary Ester migrated westward, starting in 1866 by land as far as Vicksburg, Mississippi. There the heavy rains made the roads impassable. They sold their wagons and teams, proceeded by boat to Shreveport, Louisiana. Mary Ester drove a mule drawing the surry which carried the children and her on to Texas with the wagons carrying supplies and the men drivers.

Joe had left his holdings, 1600 acres of land near Bullock, Alabama, which he planned to return to and sell the following year. But, the spirit of adventure lured him on and on; and he did not return until thirty-six years later and his land was gone, a total loss.

Joe and his family stopped the first year in Cherokee County, Texas and made a crop; but that autumn, he moved on and secured work cutting cord wood for a flour mill in Cook County. Broke, but without a murmur, built a camp two and one half miles from Gainesville near the Red River. There his children became sick and a doctor had to be summoned. Dr. Tate answered the call and came to the camp.

While there, Dr. Tate informed Mary Ester that he and his wife were going east to their old home to spend the Winter; and that, he would like to have her and her family move into his home until he and his wife returned. Joe moved his family into Dr. Tate's home the next day.

It was a most fortunate move for Joe's family; because, that night a band of Indians crossed the Red River from Oklahoma or Indian territory, as it was then, and killed a man by the name of Shegog, captured Mrs. Shegog and a negro girl to take back across the river into the Indian territory. Mrs. Shegog was put on a horse behind an Indian rider. A snow storm came the same night as Mrs. Shegog was being carried away. She slipped from the horse and crawled through the snow to a log to hide. The Indian threw a buffalo robe over her and rode away. She was comfortable during the night; and with the crowing of chickens the next morning, she made her way through the woods to the chicken roost and spread the alarm. The alarm was given to the citizens of the small town and the people made an effort to locate the Indians. But the Indians hid so well in the under brush along the river banks that they could not be seen. The Indians escaped when night came by the aid of the moon and shining stars.

Joe Brannen was the first cotton grower of Cook County. He made six bales of cotton on four acres of a rich sheep corral, which enabled him to buy a home on Denton Road, four miles from Gainesville, Texas. He farmed there until 1876, then traded his farm for another in Freestone County, Texas.

He only stayed in Freestone County a short time then moved back to Louisiana. But the past experience in the west remained freshly in his spirited nature for adventure; and he returned to Texas, going to Luling in Gonzales County for a short time. The next move took him to Hill County where he remained to rear his children. There Mary Ester died, November 2, 1899, buried in Derden Cemetery, Hill County, Texas.

The lure of adventure came back to Joe again late in life, after Mary Ester's death, he went to the Plains of Texas to live with his son Jack E. Brannen, and his daughter, Susan (Brannen) Blackshear. His meandering disposition would not permit him to be satisfied for any length of time in the same place. His energetic spirit urged him on to greener pastures until the end. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, and lived according to the principles as taught in Masonry.

Joseph (Joe) died December 29, 1918 in the home of his daughter, Susan Blackshear in McAdoo, Texas on the Plains where vision has no bounds short of the horizon which he doubtless hoped to reach.

Joe's death came at a critical time, since there was a two foot snow on the ground, which made it impossible to return the body to be buried beside his wife, Mary Ester in the Derden Cemetery. Therefore, interment was in the McAdoo Cemetery, Dickens County, Texas.

Joe, Sr. and Mary Ester had twelve children, namely—

Francis Marion Brannen, born January 6, 1852. Died May 4, 1852 in Bullock, Alabama.

Oliver Harris Perry (Bud) Brannen, for full lineage see Chapter XX.

Noah Arthur Brannen, was born October 12, 1855 in Bullock, Alabama. He died February 19, 1875, and buried in Chadwell Cemetery, four miles south of Gainesville, Cook County, Texas.

Victoria Ann Brannen, was born September 15, 1857 at Bullock, Alabama. Information incomplete.

Freedonia (Donia) Brannen, for full lineage see Chapter XXI.

Joseph Zeblon Brannen, for full lineage see Chapter XXII.

Costellar (Cos) Jane Brannen, for full lineage see Chapter XXIII.

William Richmond (Bill) Brannen, for full lineage see Chapter XXIV.

Elizabeth Sarah Brannen, was born January 4, 1867 in Cherokee County, Texas, died and buried there February 14, 1867.

Thomas Charles Brannen, for full lineage see Chapter XXV.

Jackson Edward Brannen, for full lineage see Chapter XXVI.

Susan Desy Brannen, for full lineage see Chapter XXVII.

CHAPTER XX

Oliver Harris Perry (Bud), the second child of Joe, Sr. and Mary Ester Brannen, was born August 7, 1853 in Coffee County, Alabama. He moved to Texas with his parents in 1866; later married Sally, surname unknown. Little is known about this line, but the writer remembers that, some time in the 1890's, or early 1900, Bud lived around Palestine, Texas, and operated a Ferry on the Trinity River. Sally's death is unknown, but Bud died in 1936; place unknown. They had five children, namely—

Marion Brannen, no data, but lives in San Antonio, Texas.

Lillie Brannen, not much data, but she married D. L. Henderson, and they have one adopted son, namely—Gordon Henderson who lives in El Paso, Texas.

Emmett Brannen, no data, but lives in San Antonio, Texas.

Esther Brannen, no data, only she married Harry Wall, who died August 4, 1950. Esther Wall lives at 6831 Marlow Street, Bell Gardens, California.

Birtie Brannen, no data, only she lives at Nederland, Texas.

CHAPTER XXI

Freedonia (Donia), the fifth child of Joe Sr. and Mary Ester Brannen, was born December 4, 1859 at Bullock, Alabama. Donia moved to Texas with her parents in 1866. She married Lee Roy Day November 2, 1879, who was born March 30, 1858. They lived at Austin and Hill County, Texas. Donia died July 8, 1917, and Lee Roy died August 5, 1943, both buried at Derden Cemetery, Hill County, Texas. They had ten children, and Posterity as follows:

Joseph Wiley, the first child of Donia and Lee Roy Day, was born July 19, 1880, died October 8, 1880.

Oliver William Lee, the second child of Donia and Lee Roy Day, was born May 30, 1882. He married Lois Perryman December 2, 1902. Data incomplete. Oliver died June 17, 1938 at Austin, Texas. Oliver and Lois had five children, and Posterity as follows:

Robert Lee and Lee Robert, twins, the first children of Oliver and Lois Day, were born 1904 at Austin, Texas. Robert Lee lives at 1514 Hooper Street, Los Angeles, California; and, Lee Robert lives in Houston, Texas. Lee Robert married Elan? and they have one son, Lee Paul Day. He is in the U. S. Army—Korea. This line is incomplete.

Lula Bell, the third child of Oliver and Lois Day, was born in 1906, died in 1908 and buried at Austin, Texas.

Chester Leon, the fourth child of Oliver and Lois Day, was born January 31, 1908 at Austin, Texas. He married Margie Wallace, who was born November 17, 1910. They live at 3319 N. Fitzhugh Street, Dallas, Texas, and they have one child, and Posterity as follows:

Marceline Day, born June 28, 1930 at Austin, Texas. She married Don W. Taylor, who was born November 7, 1926 at Gunter, Texas; where they now live, and they have two children, namely—

Cynthia Taylor, born August 24, 1948 at Dallas, Texas; and, Don Webb Taylor, Jr., was born November 24, 1949 at Gunter, Texas.

Dorothy, the fifth child of Oliver and Lois Day, was born February 14, 1912 at Austin, Texas. She married Sidney Lee, who was born June 28,

1908. Dorothy has one child by a previous marriage to Buddy Gene Wolf, namely—Buddy Gene Wolf, Jr., who was born August 9, 1931. He lives at Dallas, Tex. Dorothy and Sidney Lee live at Lancaster, Texas.

Rosa Eleanor, the third child of Donia and Lee Roy Day, was born January 11, 1886. Rosa first married a Mr. Venable; second marriage to a Mr. Land; and, third marriage to George Mahan, who was born October 7, 1879. Rosa and George live at 4121 Harvey Street, Fresno, California. Rosa had two children by Mr. Venable; and, one child by Mr. Land. They are, namely—

Ollie Mae, the first child of Rosa and Mr. Venable, was born October 14, 1905. She married Gene Hieatt, who was born September 26, 1903. They live at 804 Brett Street, Inglewood, California. No children.

Raymond, the second child of Rosa and Mr. Venable, was born March 2, 1908. He married Cecilia Harris, who was born June 11, 1907. They live at 2912 Lamona Street, Fresno, California. They have two children, namely—

Diane Venable, was born December 25, 1936; and, Skippy Venable was born March 12, 1945.

Eleanor, the third child of Rosa by her second husband, Mr. Land, was born October 13, 1913. She married J. Edward Miller, who was born December 27, 1907. They live at 4592 Madison Avenue, Fresno, California, and they have two children, namely—

Eleanor Miller, born May 28, 1937; and, Edwina Miller, born January 29, 1939.

Lillie Mary, the fourth child of Donia and Lee Roy Day, was born November 1887, died October 26, 1889.

Nettie Julia, the fifth child of Donia and Lee Roy Day, was born June 28, 1890. She married John Henry Beeks, who was born November 28, 1875. Nettie died June 25, 1916, buried in Derden Cemetery, Hill County, Texas. Henry died October 1, 1947, buried at Hermleigh, Texas. Nettie and Henry had one child, and Posterity as follows:

Raymond Orval Beeks, was born December 15, 1911. He married Sarah Lavell Pettitt, who was born January 22, 1915. They live on Route 3, Hermleigh, Scurry County, Texas. They have two children, namely—

Orvella Jane Beeks, born December 14, 1941; and, Raymond Neil Beeks, born October 3, 1944.

Julius Edward, the sixth child of Donia and Lee Roy Day, was born September 25, 1892, San Antonio Street, Austin, Texas. He married Velma Marguerite Mitchell of 367 N. 21st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, June 14, 1924, who was born August 19, 1902 at Parkerville, Morris County, Kansas. They live on Route 2, Box 165, Chowchilla, California, and have two children and Posterity as follows:

Raymond Wesley, the first child of Julius and Velma Day, was born June 14, 1926 at Chowchilla, California. He married Winnifred Mae Boyer February 14, 1948 at Chowchilla. They live at P. O. Box 434, Chowchilla, California, and they have four children, namely—

Barbara Arlene Day, born February 2, 1949 at Merced, California; Alyce Margaret Day, born February 12, 1950 at Merced, California; Harold Raymond Day, born August 24, 1951 at Merced, California; and, Partrica Lorraine Day, born February 17, 1953 at Merced, California.

Florence Bertha, the second child of Julius and Velma Day, was born November 6, 1929 at Chowchilla, California. She was killed in an auto accident June 19, 1946, buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Merced, California.

Louis Columbus, the seventh child of Donia and Lee Roy Day, was born May 11, 1895, died June 25, 1895. Louis C. and Laura Lue were twins. Laura Lue, the eighth child of Donia and Lee Roy Day, was born May 11, 1895, died May 14, 1895.

Walter Jefferson, the ninth child of Donia and Lee Roy Day, was born October 4, 1896. He married Lucille Goodwin, who was born August 11, 1914. Walter is a Cement Contractor; his office is at 3315 N. Fitzhugh Street, Dallas 4, Texas, and his telephone number is Justin 4857. Walter and Lucille have a spacious home and yard at Route 2, Box 576 D, Irving, Texas. They have two children, namely—

Linda Carolyn Day, born September 3, 1947; and, Ronald Edward Day, born July 12, 1948.

Andrew Jackson, the tenth child of Donia and Lee Roy Day, was born January 14, 1899. He married Viola Ruby Stevens, who was born July 29, 1902. Jack is connected with his brother, Walter, in the cement business. Jack and Viola live at 1123 W. Morrell Street, Dallas, Texas. Phone WO-5394. They have eight children, and Posterity as follows:

Ruby Viola, the first child of Jack and Viola Day, was born August 12, 1925. She married Louis Gaudreau, who was born December 19, 1921. They live at 4627 W. Stanford Street, Dallas, Texas and have three children, namely—

Louis Wayne Gaudreau, born July 26, 1945; Delores Gaudreau, born November 26, 1946; and , Janet Gaudreau was born January 20, 1948.

Andrew Jack, Jr., the second child of Jack and Viola Day, was born January 22, 1928. He married Joyce Brack, who was born August 13, 1929. They live at 4114 Buena Vista Street, Dallas, Texas, and they have three children, namely—

Sandra and Andrea, twins, born August 30, 1946; and, Diane Day, was born August 19, 1950

Theada Maxine, the third child of Jack and Viola Day, was born February 21, 1931. She married Rev. Alton Hayes, who was born June 12, 1929. They live at 1838 Norfolk Street, Dallas, Texas, and they have three children, namely—

Brenda Hayes, born November 22, 1947; Priscilla Hayes, born January 11, 1949; and, Alton Hayes, Jr., born September 15, 1952.

Lillian Marie, the fourth child of Jack and Viola Day, was born February 14, 1933. She married Sam McCasland July 1952. They live at 2818 Denley Drive, Dallas, Texas. No children.

Barbara Colleen, the fifth child of Jack and Viola Day, was born January 1, 1936.

Walterine Rose, the sixth child of Jack and Viola Day was born November 6, 1938. Lives with Walter and Lucille Day at Irving, Texas.

Priscilla Jean and Patricia, twins, seventh and eighth children of Jack and Viola Day, were born May 9, 1941. Live with parents at 1123 Morrell Street, Dallas, Texas.

CHAPTER XXII

Joseph Zeblon, Jr., the sixth child of Joe Sr. and Mary Ester Brannen, was born March 10, 1861 at Bullock, Alabama. He moved with his parents to Texas in 1866. Joe married Sarah Jane Karl in Louisiana. She was of French descent. Sarah died in 1924; and, Joe, Jr., died in 1936, both buried at Lonesome Dove Cemetery, near Grapevine, Tarrant County, Texas. They had four children, and Posterity as follows:

Jack Z., the first child of Joe, Jr. and Sarah Brannen, was born August 19, 1888. He married Nellie Boone. Jack Z. is a building contractor, and they live at 2021 Layton Street, Fort Worth, Texas. They have two children, and Posterity as follows:

Thea, the first child of Jack Z. and Nellie Brannen, was born June 20, 1914. He is with Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Texas.

Betty Jacqueline, the second child of Jack Z. and Nellie Brannen, was born October 8, 1930. She married Robert Blankenship, who was born October 19, 1925. They live at 2021 Layton Street, Fort Worth, Texas, and they have two children, namely—

Bobby (Robert) Blankenship, born February 29, 1948; and, Joy Nell Blankenship, born October 16, 1952.

Oscar R., the second child of Joe, Jr., and Sarah Brannen, was born July 21, 1891. He married Jewell Mallette, who was born April 5, 1899. They live at 808 E. Lowden Street, Fort Worth, Texas, Phone WI-7529. No children.

Emory Edgar, the third child of Joe, Jr. and Sarah Brannen, was born about 1901. Emory went to Alaska in 1923; and in 1936 his brother Joe W. and wife, Sudie, received a letter from him, stating he had married some time previously, but his wife had died, and he and his little seven year old daughter would be seeing them soon in Fort Worth. They have never seen or heard of them since. The child, Katherine Brannen, born about 1929 in Alaska.

Joseph W. III, the fourth child of Joe, Jr. and Sarah Brannen, was born October 16, 1903. He married Sudie Bateman, who was born June 14, 1900. They live at 933 Maddox Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, Phone FA-4036. and have five children, and Posterity as follows:

Joe W. IV, the first child of Joe W. III and Sudie Brannen, was born July 28, 1922. He married Betty Wreay. They live at 1940 5th Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas and have three children, namely—

Linda Fern Brannen, born March 22, 1942; Carolyn Ann Brannen, born November 20, 1944; and, Pamela Jean Brannen was born August 13, 1952 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Elbert Treman and Delbert Truman, twins, the second and third children of Joe III and Sudie Brannen, were born August 31, 1924; Elbert is fifty minutes older than Delbert.

Elbert married Josephine Dudley. They live at 3533 Vinetta Drive, Fort Worth, Texas, and they have two children, namely—

Brenda Joe Brannen, born March 14, 1946; and, Vicki Darlene Brannen was born June 6, 1953.

Delbert married Jimmie Katherine Lester. They live at 2351 S Riverside Drive, Fort Worth, Texas and they have three children, namely—

James Truman Brannen, born January 12, 1943; Jerry Glenn Brannen, born July 13, 1948; and Ronald Eugene Brannen, was born February 26, 1952. All in Fort Worth, Texas.

J. T., the fourth child of Joe III and Sudie Brannen, was born December 31, 1925. He married Donna Marshall. They live at 3712 Knox Street, Fort Worth, Texas, Phone LO-0662, and they have two children, namely—

William Durwood Brannen, born April 4, 1946; and, Marshall Lee Brannen, born September 13, 1948.

Wanda Lee, the fifth child of Joe III and Sudie Brannen, was born February 18, 1928. She married Jack Eldrige. They live at 925 Maddox Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas. No children.

CHAPTER XXIII

Costellar (Cos) Jane, the seventh child of Joe, Sr. and Mary Ester Brannen, was born December 1, 1863 at Bullock, Alabama; moved to Texas with her parents in 1866. She was living in Freestone County, Texas at the time of her marriage to Martin Jefferson Reddell about 1880, who was born August 1, 1861. In 1887, they moved to Louisiana, stopping for a short time at Bayou Chcot, Louisiana, shortly moving from there to Ville Platte Prairie; remaining there for two years, then moved to Big Mamou Prairie, Louisiana, where they acquired a homestead of 160 acres of land; first farming the land with one oxen, continuing as best they could until they proved their claim to the land, after which, receiving title to same. This gave them courage, and no doubt, a new determination to succeed in their career; which they did, for it was only a few more years they owned thirty-five span of good mules, a large number of sheep, cattle and hogs; then about 1903 they purchased a store at Virdrine, Louisiana, and moved from the farm "about four or five miles", near the store; after a short time, a little town had grown up; then when the Rock Island Railroad was built about three miles west of Virdrine, they purchased a tract of land running on both sides of the railroad, and put in another store, and this place grew into a town, and it was named Reddell, Louisiana. After two years they sold the store at Virdrine, and moved the family to Reddell; then built a larger store; they built a school house, a big warehouse, cotton gin and nineteen miles of railroad out of Eunice, Louisiana. They bought cotton, rice and just anything the public had to sell. For many years, Martin was depot agent, postmaster, and was still running the store at the time of his death June 22, 1926. Cos died April 25, 1925, both buried at Reddell, Louisiana. They had eleven children. Posterity follows:

Jessie, the first child of Cos and Martin Reddell, was born September 24, 1881 in Texas. She moved with her parents to Louisiana in 1887. Jessie married J. N. Paulus August 1, 1936, who was born September 2, 1911 at Port Arthur, Texas. They live at Nederland, Texas.

Joseph, the second child of Cos and Martin Reddell, was born May 18, 1884 in Texas. He moved with his parents to Louisiana in 1887, died December 9, 1902 and buried at Reddell, Louisiana.

Martin Jefferson, Jr., the third child of Cos and Martin Redell, was born December 6, 1885 in Texas. He married Maude Holman of Jennings, Louisiana. Jeff died May 24, 1949 and buried at Jennings, Louisiana.

Willie Lee (Bill) the fourth child of Cos and Martin Reddell, was born December 8, 1887 at Bayou Chcot, Louisiana. He first married Ada Ardoin January 21, 1905 at Vidrine, Louisiana, who was born April 6, 1889. They had three children, namely—

Lee Vorance, the first child of Bill and Ada Reddell, was born January 19, 1908 at Vidrine, Louisiana. He married Ada Hauver March 2, 1929, who was born October 29, 1910 in Jefferson County, Texas. They live at 2526 Forrest Street, Beaumont, Texas, and they have three children, namely—

Morna Lee and Norma Lee, twins, the first two children of Lee Vorance and Ada Reddell, were born August 20, 1933 at Beaumont, Texas; Morna

married Carl K. Wall July 19, 1952 at Beaumont, Texas, and they have one child, namely—Rand Reddell Wall, was born March 9, 1953. All live at 2526 Forrest Street, Beaumont, Texas.

Norma married Robert A. Hearn November 1, 1951. No children.

Rebecca Anne, the third child of Lee Vorance and Ada Reddell, was born October 29, 1943, and all live at 2526 Forrest Street, Beaumont, Tex.

Ethel, the second child of Bill and Ada Reddell, was born December 24, 1909 at Reddell, Louisiana. She married George Labon Turk May 12, 1928, who was born at Beaumont, Texas. They now live at Silsbee, Texas, and they have three children, namely—

George Labon Turk, Jr., was born December 12, 1934; Clifford Otrede Turk, was born January 21, 1936, and James Terrell Turk, was born November 1, 1940. They all live at Silsbee, Texas.

Willard Dallas, the third child of Bill and Ada Reddell, was born August 8, 1912. Willard first married Daphna Best September 1, 1931. No children. Willard's second marriage to Guendolyn Hall April 16, 1938, who was born May 6, 1923 at Beaumont, Texas. Willard and Guendolyn have three children, namely—Willard Norman Reddell, born October 2, 1938; Barbara Given Reddell, born December 25, 1939; and, Lawrence Gene Reddell, was born April 20, 1941. All live at Silsbee, Texas.

Willie Lee (Bill) Reddell's second marriage to Annie Cohen August 18, 1927, who was born March 11, 1901 at Derby, England. They live at Forest Hill, Louisiana, P. O. Box 134. Bill and Annie have one child, namely—

Gerald William Reddell, was born November 22, 1931. He lives at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Violet (Dink), the fifth child of Cos and Martin Reddell, was born November 21, 1889 at Mamou, Louisiana. She married Nerious Ewell Guillory January 26, 1907, who was born August 3, 1878 at Mamou, Louisiana. He died March 28, 1945, and buried at Forest Hill, Louisiana. Dink lives at Forest Hill, Louisiana, P. O. Box 75. They had ten children, and Posterity follows:

Ermogene (a boy), the first child of Dink and Nerious Guillory, was born September 21, 1907. He married Erma Gallagan January 24, 1936. They live at Forest Hill, Louisiana, and have three children, namely—

Bobby Gene Guillory, born December 4, 1936; Violet Clarice Guillory, born January 10, 1942; and, Erma Ann Guillory, was born February 14, 1944.

Alice, the second child of Dink and Nerious Guillory, was born October 25, 1908 at Reddell, Louisiana. She married C. Clyde Johnson, June 8, 1927, who was born February 3, 1906 at Beaver, Louisiana. They live at Turkey Creek, Louisiana (%Gifford Hill). They have four children, and Posterity as follows:

Kenneth C., the first child of Alice and Clyde Johnson, was born July 31, 1928. He married Beverly Cobb November 16, 1951.

Joyce, the second child of Alice and Clyde Johnson, was born December 5, 1930. She married Rudolph L. Wiley September 12, 1951. They have one child, namely—

Deborah Wiley, who was born January 4, 1953.

Clyde C., the third child of Alice and Clyde Johnson, was born October 22, 1934.

Myrna Loy, the fourth child of Alice and Clyde Johnson, was born April 23, 1938, Turkey Creek, La.

Darrell, the third child of Dink and Nerious Guillory, was born June 17, 1912. He married Vida Smith July 3, 1942. They have one child, namely—Darrell Guillory, Jr., born October 28, 1950.

William C., the fourth child of Dink and Nerious Guillory, was born August 3, 1913. He married Lucille Robertson November 17, 1939. They have two children, namely—

Janet Guillory, born March 20, 1943; and, William C. Guillory, Jr., was born January 9, 1947.

Nerious Ewell, Jr., the fifth child of Dink and Nerious Guillory, was born December 26, 1914. He married Pearl Brown March 26, 1938. They have six children, namely—

Nerious Ewell III, the first child of Nerious, Jr. and Pearl Guillory, was born November 20, 1938.

Joylin, the second child of Nerious, Jr. and Pearl Guillory, was born December 19, 1939.

Russell, the third child of Nerious, Jr. and Pearl Guillory, was born December 19, 1945.

Bud, the fourth child of Nerious, Jr. and Pearl Guillory, was born August 20, 1947.

Violet and Viola, twins, the fifth and sixth children of Nerious Jr. and Pearl Guillory, were born July 1, 1950.

Exa Mae, the sixth child of Dink and Nerious Guillory, was born January 11, 1916. She married Glenn Edward Barton October 10, 1936. They have two children, namely—

Glenda Fay Barton, born August 15, 1936; and, Clyde Guillory Barton, was born January 27, 1943.

Winnifred, the seventh child of Dink and Nerious Guillory, was born May 5, 1918. She married Murray H. Mizell May 25, 1941. They have one child, namely—Brenda Katherine Mizell, was born August 20, 1951.

Ewell, the eighth child of Dink and Nerious Guillory, was born November 7, 1919. He married Louise Chevalier March 29, 1943.

Walter Russell, the ninth child of Dink and Nerious Guillory, was born March 24, 1927.

Dot, the tenth child of Dink and Nerious Guillory was born October 30, 1933.

Charles Edward (Dalce), the sixth child of Cos and Martin Reddell, was born July 1, 1892 at Reddell, Louisiana. He married Grace Lambert July 19, 1913 at Reddell, Louisiana, who was born November 9, 1890 at Reddell, Louisiana. They are rice growers and cattle raisers; and live at Lake Arthur, Louisiana, Route 1, Box 50. Dalce and Grace have two children, namely—

Charles G., Jr., the first child of Dalce and Grace Reddell, was born

April 29, 1917 at Reddell, Louisiana. He married Oro Chicot of New Orleans March 8, 1941. They live at 5101 Piety Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana, and they have one child, namely—Nancy Reddell, born September 4, 1943 at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Gloria, the second child of Dalce and Grace Reddell, was born June 6, 1924 at Eunice, Louisiana. She married Edgar Lee Guidry May 24, 1946 in Jennings, Louisiana, who was born at Lake Arthur, La. They live at Lake Charles, Louisiana, and they have two children, namely—

Ronald Guidry, born December 3, 1948; and, Karen Guidry, was born November 10, 1950 at Jennings, Louisiana.

The seventh child of Cos and Martin Reddell was born dead in 1894.

Clifford C., the eighth child of Cos and Martin Reddell was born March 14, 1896 at Reddell, Louisiana. He married Maybelle Guidry of West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, who was born June 21 1897. They were married by the Catholic Priest at Opelousas, Louisiana, January 12, 1918.

On August 15, 1953, Clifford celebrated his 20th anniversary with the Federal Land Bank, in charge of the Baton Rouge Office. They own their home and have lived at 430 Delgado Drive University Hills, Baton Rouge, Louisiana for the past sixteen years, and have one child, namely—

Clifford Carol Reddell, known as "Boots" was born August 21, 1919 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She married Harry J. Kron, Jr., Attorney-at-Law November 28, 1939, who was born September 3, 1912 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Boots died October 29, 1944. They had two children, namely—

Judith Ellen Kron, was born July 15, 1941; and, Linda Gale Kron, was born August 27, 1942. Harry and the two girls lived with Clifford and Maybelle until he remarried Mary Ellen Frost of Thibodeaux, Louisiana, October 14, 1947. She was Boots room-mate at L. S. U., 1936-1937. Harry and Mary Ellen live at 3059 Belmont Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and they have one child, namely—Sally Kron, was born December 12, 1948.

Ella, the ninth child of Cos and Martin Reddell, was born February 14, 1898, died November 27, 1913, buried at Reddell, Louisiana.

Winnie, the tenth child of Cos and Martin Reddell, was born February 27, 1900. She married William Keller at Eunice, Louisiana March 6, 1920, who was born January 17, 1900 at St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana. They live at 513 Third Street, Franklin, Louisiana, % Keller's Bakery Shop.

Vivion, the eleventh child of Cos and Martin Reddell, was born April 6, 1902, died August 18, 1902, buried at Reddell, Louisiana.

Rose, the twelfth child of Cos and Martin Reddell, was born July 1, 1903. She married first George Platner Norris June 14, 1925 at New Orleans, Louisiana, St. Patrick Catholic Church. They had two children, namely—Rose Mary Norris, born November 3, 1926; and, George Platner Norris, Jr., was born June 22, 1928. George P. died May 4, 1928 at New Orleans, and Rose remarried to Robert James Coburn of New Orleans July 1, 1936, who was born August 31, 1883; he adopted Rose Mary and

George Norris, Jr. August 9, 1946. Act of Adoption by Judge Fred A. Middleton, New Orleans, Louisiana. Names changed from Norris to Coburn. They live at 92 N. Rio Vista, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Rose Mary Coburn married Robert Reilly Graham November 30, 1946, and they have three children, namely—

Sharon Ann Graham, was born August 31, 1947; Roberta Louise Graham, was born February 14, 1949; and, Nancy Sue Graham, was born September 8, 1952.

George Platner Coburn married Vernon Francis Barrios January 17, 1953.

CHAPTER XXIV

William Richmond (Bill), the eighth child of Joe Sr. and Mary Ester Brannen, was born February 23, 1865 at Bullock, Alabama. Moved to Texas with his parents in 1866. He married Ada Fogleman. There is little known of this line; but Bill was a Section Foreman on a railroad. He died 1898 in Brazoria County, Texas. Date of Ada's death not known, but they were both buried at Austin, Texas. We know of five children they had, namely—

Hubert, possibly the first child of Bill and Ada Brannen. No data, only, died and buried at Austin, Texas.

Alyce, possibly the second child of Bill and Ada Brannen. No data, only, died and buried at Austin, Texas.

William Richmond (Bill), Jr., possibly the third child of Bill and Ada Brannen. No data; except, he may live at San Antonio, Texas.

Lula, possibly the fourth child of Bill and Ada Brannen. No data; except she married a Mr. Higgins.

John, possibly the fifth child of Bill and Ada Brannen. No data; except it is said he is a Taxi Cab Driver in San Antonio, Texas.

CHAPTER XXV

Thomas Charles, the tenth child of Joe Sr. and Mary Ester Brannen, who was born November 6, 1868 in Cook County, Texas. He married Ida Richburg. They lived at Sayre, Oklahoma at the time of Charles death, 1935. Full information is not available, but it is known, that they had been very successful, and had quite a little property left to their Posterity of which, little is known, but the following is, at least, a partial list of those established, namely—

Allie, possibly the first child of Charles and Ida Brannen, was born in 1900. She married, but to whom is unknown. It is said Allie died in California and body cremated.

Malcom, possibly the second child of Charles and Ida Brannen, was born in 1902, killed in World War II.

Mary Thelma, possibly the third child of Charles and Ida Brannen, was born in 1905 at Delhi, Oklahoma. She married Everett Albert Mitchell in 1921, who was born December 9, 1900 in Texas. Mary Thelma died in 1926 in California, and it is said her body cremated. They had one child, and Posterity as follows:

Mamie Lucille, first child of Mary Thelma and E. Albert Mitchell, was born March 1, 1922 in Sayre, Oklahoma. She married Naaman Allen Ferguson July 10, 1938, who was born Jan. 13, 1916 in Batesville, Arkansas. They have five children, namely—

James Allen Ferguson, was born April 4, 1942 in Whittier, California; Geraldine Marie Ferguson, was born September 12, 1943 in Lahabra, California; Barbara Jean Ferguson, was born October 28, 1947 in Chico, California; Patricia Ann Ferguson, was born February 7, 1949 in Chico, California; and, Johnney Lee Ferguson, was born August 13, 1950 in Grants Pass, Oregon.

CHAPTER XXVI

Jackson Edward, the eleventh child of Joe Sr. and Mary Ester Brannen, was born April 2, 1871 in Cook County, Texas. He married Blanche Martin January 16, 1894 in Gonzales County, Texas, who was born in 1875. Jack has had quite a varied, yet a very profitable life. Soon after 1900 he was a traveling salesman for Mr. Schenecker—produce business in Fort Worth. Later he owned his own business at Blum, Hill County, Texas, but he sold his business there, and he and his family were on their way to establish a new home and business at McAdoo, Texas; while on their way, Blanche was accidentally killed, November 16, 1916, and buried in the Dickens Cemetery, Dickens County, Texas, near where the accident occurred. The writer was living at Spur, Texas, about ten miles from Dickens at the time. After the funeral, with a burdened heart and a heavy responsibility, Jack and his large family of children continued their journey to their destination, established their new home and business. He was appointed postmaster of McAdoo, which he carried on in connection with his general mercantile business. After a few years of successful business operation he traded his holdings at McAdoo for four leagues of land in Bailey County, Texas, which he cut-up into labores and sold to individual farmers; and built a store, got a U. S. Postoffice, called Baileyboro, this he turned over to his brother-in-law, George Blackshear and his sister, Susan (Brannen) Blackshear, who was George's wife. Jack had already moved to Littlefield, Texas where he had established a hardware store and had been appointed postmaster. His success continued to grow, until shortly after 1945, at which time, his health forced his retirement; and his doctors advised moving to Brownsville, Texas, where he and his second wife, Cora (Faucet) Brannen now live at 1606 Grant Street, Phone 2-2817. Jack E. and Blanche had eleven children, and Posterity follows:

Mary Irene (SISTER FRANCIS XAVIER), first child of Jack and Blanche Brannen, was born October 16, 1894. She is at Mt. Carmel Academy, 2006 N. Houston Street, Fort Worth 6, Texas.

Edward Earl, the second child of Jack and Blanche Brannen, was born August 16, 1896, was killed on a work train at Park City, Utah, September 12, 1923. His body was shipped back and buried in the Dickens Cemetery, Dickens County, Texas.

Huron Bland (Hube), the third child of Jack and Blanche Brannen, was born May 9, 1899. He married Muriel Horton, who was born February 7, 1900. They live at Fort Defiance, Arizona, and they have three children, namely—

Hugh Wayne, the first child of Hube and Muriel Brannen, was born February 17, 1922. He married Josephine Martines; and they have two children, namely—

Marcia Wayne Brannen, who was born September 19, 1944; and Michael Patrick Brannen, who was born March 26, 1946.

Dorthyet, the second child of Hube and Muriel Brannen, was born April 6, 1924, died March 1936.

Edward Giles, the third child of Hube and Muriel Brannen, was born April 28, 1933.

Grace Martin, the fourth child of Jack and Blanche Brannen, was born May 7, 1901. She teaches school at Aztec, New Mexico. Not married.

Vesta Louise, the fifth child of Jack and Blanche Brannen, was born September 10, 1903. She married Everett Gerald Johnson. They have a stock farm and Vesta teaches in the Cebolla school where they live, Cebolla, New Mexico. No children.

Agatha Lucile, the sixth child of Jack and Blanche Brannen, was born November 10, 1905. She married George William McLaughlin of McAdoo, Texas November 1, 1921. They separated and were divorced in 1945. Lucile has a Civil Service job in the Revenue Department, Austin, Texas. Her address is 4716-B Caswell Avenue, Austin, Texas. Lucile and George had six children, namely—

Asa Reid, the first child of Lucile and George W. McLaughlin, was born August 27, 1922. He married Eva Joyce Wilson March 24, 1951. He is a lawyer, and they live at 1915 20th Street, Lubbock, Texas. No children.

Mary Louise, the second child of Lucile and George W. McLaughlin, was born February 27, 1924, died March 8, 1952 at Austin, Texas.

Billie Joyce, the third child of Lucile and George W. McLaughlin, was born August 6, 1925. She married Merrill Nathaniel Lustgarten July 1, 1947. He is a civilian co-ordinator, White Sands Proving Grounds. Profession—student. Present address—2004 Bellamah Drive. Las Cruces, N. M. No children.

Mae Adell, the fourth child of Lucile and George W. McLaughlin, was born March 6, 1927. Profession, Journalist. Present address, 4716-B Caswell Avenue, Austin, Texas.

Doris Jean, the fifth child of Lucile and George W. McLaughlin, was born March 6, 1929. She married Robert Mason Lands April 21, 1952, medical technician, also his profession. They live at 131 North 5th Street, Clinton, Indiana, and have one child, namely—Robert Michael Lands, was born 9:30 A. M. December 23, 1952 in Vermillion County, Indiana.

Theresa Jo, the sixth child of Lucile and George W. McLaughlin, was born January 3, 1932. Profession, student nurse, Rebecca Sealy Nursing Residence, 815 Avenue C., Galveston, Texas.

Anna Mae, the seventh child of Jack and Blanche Brannen, was born January 21, 1908. She first married Jesse Ross Leming, January, 1927. He died November 1949. They had three children, namely—

Lowell Yerex, the first child of Anna Mae and Jesse Leming, was born December 28, 1927. He married Virginia Louise Harrieson, and they have one child, namely—Anna Louise Leming, was born February 22, 1952.

Jesse Ross Leming, Jr., the second child of Anna Mae and Jesse Leming, was born March 20, 1930.

Edward Allen, the third child of Anna Mae and Jesse Leming, was born February 11, 1932.

Anna Mae (Brannen) Leming's second marriage September 1952 to Robert C. Hubbard at Aztec, New Mexico. Anna Mae works for the State Department of Public Welfare at Aztec.

Stella Muriel, the eighth child of Jack and Blanche Brannen, was born in 1910, died February 17, 1913, buried in Derden Cemetery, Hill County, Texas.

Jackson Edward, Jr., the ninth child of Jack and Blanche Brannen, was born April 26, 1912. He married Virgie Mae Smith February 15, 1935. They had one child, namely—

Loretta Jean Brannen, was born in 1937.

Jackson Edward, Jr.'s second marriage October 2, 1942 to Tobiatha Loitz, who was born April 2, 1914. He has a government Civil Service job at Sandia Base, and Tobiatha teaches in Sandia Base school. They live at 720 Madeira Drive, Albuquerque, New Mexico and they have one child, namely—Jeffrey Richard Brannen, was born August 27, 1945.

Blanche Inez, the tenth child of Jack and Blanche Brannen, was born June 26, 1914. She married Michael Morek September 16, 1942, who was killed in Italy during World War II. Blanche was translator and interpreter for the War Department during the war and did juvenile court work; is now a pharmacist at Gallup, N. M. Address: Box 1093 Gallup, New Mexico. They have one child, namely—Michele Marie Morek, was born February 13, 1944.

Mary Sue, the eleventh child of Jack and Blanche Brannen, was born July 24, 1916. She first married Lloyd Reid of Littlefield, Texas. He died in the Philippines during World War II. Sue taught school after Lloyd's death, and did radio advertising in Fort Worth. Sue's second marriage in 1945 to Rollie I. Simon. They live at 310 Oblate Drive, San Antonio, Texas, and they have one child, namely—Myrna Lee Simon, who was born June 2, 1946.

Jackson Edward Brannen, Sr.'s second marriage November 18, 1918 to Cora Faucet at Blum, Hill County, Texas. Jack and Cora have one child, namely—Marguerite Brannen, who was born November 27, 1921 at Littlefield, Texas. She married James Layton Snyder of Moran, Texas, who was born June 28, 1919. They live at Baird, Texas, and they have one child, namely—Cyrus Byron Snyder III, who was born June 8, 1948.

CHAPTER XXVII

Susan Desy, the twelfth child of Joe Sr. and Mary Ester Brannen, was born September 3, 1876 in Cook County, Texas. She married George Luther Blackshear December 18, 1898, who was born July 21, 1877. George died July 27, 1941 at Baileyboro, Texas. Susan lives at 1004 S. Main Avenue, Portales, New Mexico. Susan and George had six children, and Posterity as follows:

Floyd Emmitt, the first child of Susan and George Blackshear, was born July 9, 1901, died September 17, 1903.

Blanche Meluina, the second child of Susan and George Blackshear, was born June 24, 1903. She married Charles David Durham December 26, 1926, who was born October 4, 1898. They have seven children, namely—

Charley Beth, the first child of Blanche and Charles David Durham, was born September 30, 1927. She married Jesse Allen Ziegenfuss, Jr. December 25, 1947, who was born October 24, 1927. No children.

Fannie Sue, the second child of Blanche and Charles D. Durham, was born March 18, 1930. She married Donald Lee Hammontree August 24, 1952, who was born February 11, 1930. No children.

Glenda Ray, the third child of Blanche and Charles D. Durham, was born May 6, 1932. She married Kenneth Tipton July 10, 1951, who was born January 26, 1929. They have one child, namely—David Glen Tipton, who was born August 19, 1952.

George Wilson, the fourth child of Blanche and Charles D. Durham, was born March 24, 1934.

Marshall Darrel the fifth child of Blanche and Charles D. Durham, was born May 30, 1936.

Dana Lee, the sixth child of Blanche and Charles D. Durham, was Born May 26, 1938.

Jerry Lynn, the seventh child of Blanche and Charles D. Durham, was born April 3, 1940.

Noble Carl, the third child of Susan and George Blackshear, was born October 2, 1905. He married Mary Alice Hall February 13, 1932, who was born in 1912. They have three children, namely—

D. W., the first child of Noble and Mary Blackshear, was born June 25, 1934.

Dickie Don, the second child of Noble and Mary Blackshear, was born May 29, 1941, died May 29, 1941.

Sammy Eugene, the third child of Noble and Mary Blackshear, was born March 9, 1950.

Opal Denyil, the fourth child of Susan and George Blackshear, was born October 13, 1908. She married Clifford Burton Wallis November 30, 1924. They have five children, namely—

Eldon Tex, the first child of Opal and Clifford B. Wallis, was born September 5, 1926. He married Elaine Boan July 1950, and they have one child, namely—Gary Mike Wallis, born January 7, 1952.

Rena Denyil, the second child of Opal and Clifford B. Wallis, was born January 1, 1929, died March 2, 1929.

Patsy Loree, the third child of Opal and Clifford B. Wallis, was born March 6, 1930. She married Harold Miller in 1946. They have three children, namely—

Eldon Harold, the first child of Patsy and Harold Miller, was born in November 1949.

Joedy Loretta, the second child of Patsy and Harold Miller, was born in May 1950.

Eddie Dean, the third child of Patsy and Harold Miller, was born January 4, 1952.

Neva Joy, the fourth child of Opal and Clifford B. Wallis, was born July 27, 1932.

Reta Louise, the fifth child of Opal and Clifford B. Wallis, was born October 5, 1933.

Marshall Otto, the fifth child of Susan and George Blackshear, was born December 15, 1910. He married Ruthie Freudiger January 31, 1931, who was born December 1910. They have two children, namely—

Jo Ann, the first child of Marshall O. and Ruthie Blackshear, was born March 6, 1936. A baby girl, the second child of Marshall O. and Ruthie Blackshaw, was born February 1953. They all live at Boise City, Oklahoma.

Syble Artie, the 6th child of Susan and George Blackshear, was born July 15, 1913. She married John Curtis Moore December 23, 1928, who was born November 15, 1909. They live at 1004 S. Main Avenue, Portales, New Mexico, and they have three children, namely—

Kenneth Eugene, the first child of Syble and John Curtis Moore, was born December 25, 1929.

Harroll Dean, the second child of Syble and John Curtis Moore, was born March 5, 1932.

Leon Hugh, the third child of Syble and John Curtis Moore, was born December 21, 1942.

CHAPTER XXVIII

MARTHA AND CALEB BECK'S POSTERITY

Martha, the sixth child of Sampson Jr. and Priscilla Brannen, was born April 2, 1831 at Brannen Old Stand, Coffee County, Alabama. She married Caleb Beck March 9, 1851, who was born November 29, 1830. Caleb died at his residence in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama June 11, 1864. Martha and Caleb had seven children but the youngest, or seventh, Mary Ann, born December 29, 1863, died September 1864 in Elba, Alabama.

In 1866 Martha with her remaining six children, together with a Mrs. Montgomery who had lost her husband during the Civil War, and who, also, had children, loaded two wagons with their children and headed for Texas. They all settled in Kaufman County; soon thereafter, Martha died, June 4, 1867, buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Scurry, Kaufman County, Tex. The oldest child was William Jasper (Billy) who was fifteen years, six months, two days old. The other children ranging in age down to five years and about nine months old. So, the great hospitality of different people took the children and reared them, and the outstanding fact is, they grew up to be among the most outstanding citizens of Kaufman County. May we ever pay tribute to the Beck lineage and rejoice in the Beck name for its honor and glory to Martha and Caleb Beck, as carried out through their Posterity.

Martha and Caleb Beck had seven children, namely—

William Jasper (Billy) Beck, for full lineage See Chapter XXIX.

Harris Nathaniel Beck, for full lineage See Chapter XXX.

Amanda Beck, for full lineage See Chapter XXXI.

Julia A. Beck, for full lineage See Chapter XXXII.

Charles Caleb Beck, for full lineage See Chapter XXXIII.

Martha (Mattie) Beck, for full lineage See Chapter XXXIV.

Mary Ann Beck, who was born December 29, 1863, and died September 1864 in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama.

CHAPTER XXIX

William Jasper (Billy), the first child of Martha and Caleb Beck, was born December 27, 1851 in Coffee County, Alabama. He married A. Cordelia McPeters August 2, 1871, who was born March 25, 1849 in Kaufman County, Texas. Billy was quite an outstanding citizen and christian gentleman. He was Tax Assessor and Collector; also County Clerk of Kaufman County for many years. He was postmaster at Kaufman, Texas for many years, also. His name will go down in Kaufman County history as one of the great men in that section of Texas. Cordelia died March 8, 1891; Billy died May 16, 1922, both buried in the Kaufman Cemetery, Kaufman, Texas. They had five children, namely—

Mary Martha and Johnathan Caleb, twins, the first children of Billy and Cordelia Beck, were born March 13, 1874 in Kaufman County, Texas. Mary Martha lived only one day, she died March 14, 1874.

It is the desire of the writer to give a portion of John C. Beck's life as taken from the Frost Enterprise, Frost, Texas, Navarro County, Friday, February 19, 1932. May I say there was far more than a full page of eulogy pertaining to the life of John C. Beck. He came to Frost in early manhood, having resided here for a period of forty years. He began his career as a bookkeeper for the Sanders Mercantile store and later went into the employ of the late G. J. Heflin. In 1903 the Heflin interests organized the First National Bank and upon its organization he was given a position as cashier. He held this position continuously until his untimely death last week.

The whole record of his life was that of unselfish generosity. One would have to think long if asked to name one who has done more valuable service in Frost section than John C. Beck. He was a fine example of self-forgetfulness, always putting friends first in his every consideration.

In the language of one well-known writer: "He sided with the weak, and lovingly gave alms. With loyal heart and with the purest hands he faithfully discharged all public trusts. He added to the sum of human joy."

He had a wonderful faculty of making friends and it is said that there are few, if any, towns within a radius of one hundred miles of Frost but what there lives a man who knew him most intimately.

He was a member of the Navarro Democratic Committee. He was a member of the Texas Bankers Association and it is said he could call more bankers by their first name than any other man in the association. He was a Mason, serving the lodge as Worshipful Master at the time of his death.

John C. Beck first married Molly Tullis in the middle 1890's. She was born July 28, 1876. They had one daughter, namely—Alice Beck, who was born February 14, 1896 at Frost, Texas. John and Molly separated thereafter, he married a second time. No data. But this third marriage to Clyde Daniel November 16, 1916, who was born February 4, 1885. To this couple, one child was born, namely—John Keitt Beck, December 28, 1920 in Frost, Texas. John K. lives with his mother in Kerens, Texas. He has a stock farm and works for the Ford Dealer in Kerens.

Alice, the only child of John C. and Molly Beck, first married Jerry Brophy, and they had one child, namely—

Alice Clyde Brophy, who was born December 17, 1915 at Corsicana, Texas. She married Vernon Harwell January 5, 1945, who was born February 22, 1913. They live in Corsicana, Texas, and they have two children, namely—

Jerry Harwell, born October 17, 1945; and, Allyson Harwell was born October 31, 1952.

Alice (Beck) Brophy's second marriage to Durwood B. Lattimore March 23, 1919, who was born April 20, 1898. They live at 1128 N. Bagley St., Dallas, Texas, and they have two children, and Posterity as follows:

Virginia, the first child of Alice and Durwood Lattimore, was born September 13, 1921. She married W. Q. (Bill) Burns November 22, 1944. They live at 2415 Marfa Street, Dallas, Texas, and they have two children, namely—David Burns, born September 12, 1945 in California, and, Susan Burns was born September 15, 1947 in Texas.

Durwood B., Jr., the second child of Alice and Durwood Lattimore, was born June 13, 1922. He married Jessie Lee September 1, 1942, who was born September 1, 1924. They live at 3858 Donalee Street, Fort Worth, Texas, and they have two children, namely—

Virginia Lou Lattimore, born May 12, 1944; and, Ronny Lattimore was born October 12, 1946.

Erastus (Rat) Richardson, the third child of Billy and Cordelia Beck, was born March 12, 1877 in Kaufman County, Texas. He married Bessie, No data. Rat died in 1946 and buried in the Kaufman Cemetery at Kaufman, Texas. Bessie, Mrs. E. R. Beck lives at 1507 E. 4th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Rat and Bessie had one child, namely—

E. R. (Richard) Beck, Jr. No data. He is married, but no data. They live in California and they have one child, namely—L. R. (Dick) Beck. No data; except he is married and they have one child, namely—Linda Beck.

William James, the fourth child of Billy and Cordelia Beck, was born December 27, 1878 in Kaufman Co., Texas. He married Allie Rhea McCollum, who was born October 2, 1896 (?). William J. died August 20, 1944, and buried in Kaufman Cemetery, Texas. Data on Allie incomplete. William and Allie had one child, namely—

William James Beck III, who was born September 29, 1920. He married Elizabeth Jane McBain, who was born February 22, 1922. He is a major in the U. S. Army and they live at 2607 Park Hills Drive, Sacramento, California, and they have two children, namely—

Bruce Beck, born August 2, 1944 in Florence, South Carolina.

Brian Beck, born June 3, 1949 in Sacramento, California.

Lorena Cordelia, the fifth child of Billy and Cordelia Beck, was born November 25, 1882 in Kaufman, Texas. She married Claude McKee Shears September 20, 1905. Lorena died March 10, 1929, buried in Kaufman Cemetery at Kaufman, Texas. Claude lives at K of P Temple, Weatherford, Texas. No children.

CHAPTER XXX

Harris Nathaniel, the second child of Martha and Caleb Beck, was born June 11, 1853 in Coffee County, Alabama, moved to Kaufman County, Texas in 1866 with his mother. He married Amanda Melissa McPeters January 9, 1873 in Kaufman County, Texas, who was born October 4, 1858. Harris died January 10, 1888; Amanda died August 10, 1927, both buried in Wilson Chapel Cemetery about six miles south, southwest of Kaufman, Texas. They were farmers. Harris and Amanda had six children, but three died with no names listed. Therefore, we shall list three children, namely—

Claudia, the first child listed of Harris and Amanda Beck, was born January, 1879 in Kaufman County, Texas. She died January 1903, single, in Kaufman County, Texas.

Sally, the second child listed of Harris and Amanda Beck, was born March 6, 1881 in Kaufman County, Texas. She married Horace Cawthon November, 1902, who was born July 11, 1884 in Kaufman County, Texas. Sally died November 22, 1909 in Kaufman County, Texas. Horace lives in Forney, Texas. They had two children, namely—

Claudia, the first child of Sally and Horace Cawthon, was born October 6, 1903 in Kaufman County, Texas. He married Virginia Lightfoot. No data. Claudia and Virginia had one child, namely—

Billie Jo Cawthon, who was born August 20, 1925 in Kaufman County, Texas. She married Floyd Burks July 30, 1944 in Dallas, Texas. They have three children, namely—

Billy Wayne Burks, born July 5, 1946; Judy Burks, born July 18, 1948; and, Deborah (Debra) Burks, who was born August 30, 1950.

Lola, the second child of Sally and Horace Cawthon, was born October 3, 1907 in Kaufman County, Texas. She married Cecil Percival August 20, 1927, who was born June 9, 1902. They live at 4410 Hartford Street, Dallas 19, Texas, and they have three children, namely—

Cecil, Jr., the first child of Lola and Cecil Percival, was born May 26, 1928 in Dallas, Texas. He married Dale Scott September 29, 1947, who was born July 16, 1930. They married in Dallas, but now living in Anchorage, Alaska. In service. They have one child, namely—

Charles David Percival, who was born June 21, 1949 at Waco, Texas.

Patsy LaRue, the second child of Lola and Cecil Percival, was born April 19, 1934 in Dallas, Texas. She married Robert Brewer in Dallas October 3, 1952. They live at 2915 Knight Street, Dallas, Texas. No children.

Charles Ray, the third child of Lola and Cecil Percival, was born April 19, 1934 in Dallas, Texas. Lives with parents at 4410 Hartford Street, Dallas 19, Texas.

Martha, the third child listed of Harris and Amanda Beck, was born March 21, 1884 in Kaufman County, Texas. She married Oris T. Cody November 28, 1906, who was born February 12, 1883 in Meridian, Mississippi. They live at 8432 Scyene Road, Dallas, Texas, and they have one child, namely—

Oris T. Cody, Jr., who was born December 2, 1915. He married Lillian Walker March 13, 1936 in Dallas, Texas, who was born March 8, 1918. They have two children, namely—

Mary Francis Cody, born December 3, 1937; and, Carolyn Cody, who was born January 26, 1942.

CHAPTER XXXI

Amanda, the third child of Martha and Caleb Beck, was born August 17, 1855 in Coffee County, Alabama, moving to Kaufman County, Texas with her mother in 1866. She married John W. Montgomery, who was born October 1, 1854, also in Coffee County, Alabama. He, too, had moved to Kaufman County, Texas with his mother in 1866. They were farmers. However, John was serving his County as deputy sheriff and was killed while attempting to make an arrest April 30, 1899. Amanda died March 13, 1925, both were buried in Wilson Chapel Cemetery, about six miles south, southwest of Kaufman, Texas. They had seven children, and other posterity, but complete data has not been obtained. Therefore, the following will be very crudely listed:

Ida and Ada Montgomery, twins; Ida married a Mr. Brown; Ada—No data.

Molly Montgomery was highly educated. She was a teacher or instructor in the State University of Texas. She died single, and buried at Sherman, Texas.

Burt Montgomery, the only child in this family still living, and it is said: he had to retire from his job with Mrs. Tucker's Foods, Inc. at Sherman, Texas, on account of ill health. He is married and they live at Sherman, Texas, and they have two children, namely—

Bernice Montgomery; and, Marguerite Montgomery. No data.

Gertrude, another daughter of Amanda and John Montgomery. She married T. C. Creighton. No data. Gertrude is dead and buried at Sherman, Texas.

Lela, another daughter of Amanda and John Montgomery, was born in 1883 in Kaufman County, Texas. She married Emanuel Elzworth Robinson. Lela died in 1934; E. Elzworth died January 14, 1953; they were buried in Kaufman Cemetery, Kaufman, Texas. Lela and Elzworth had four children, of which I can only list three, namely—Elzworth Robinson, Jr.; Gertrude Robinson; and, Cleo Robinson.

Clyde, possibly the youngest child of Amanda and John Montgomery. He married a Miss Kelley and they lived in Sherman, Texas. He was a railroad man. Died and buried at Sherman, Texas. All the Montgomery children were born in Kaufman County, Texas.

CHAPTER XXXII

Julia A, the fourth child of Martha and Caleb Beck, was born November 29, 1857 in Coffee County, Alabama. She moved with her mother to Kaufman County, Texas in 1866. Julia married Lemuel (Lem) Nash in Kaufman County, Texas, who was born February 3, 1850. After their marriage they lived a short time in Comanche County, then a year or so in Erath County, Texas, moving to Denton County in 1886, where they settled about seven miles north east of Roanoke, Texas, and spent the remainder of their lives there, farming and rearing their family, and may I say, they did a good job for their Posterity are good, up-right, honorable citizens, of which, we may be proud. Julia died March 7, 1922; Lem died April 22, 1932, both buried in Shiloh Cemetery not very far from their home place. (All of which I have visited). Julia and Lem had five children, and Posterity as follows:

Walter, the first child of Julia and Lem Nash, was born June 21, 1883 in Comanche County, Texas. He married Nora Taylor November 3, 1902, who was born August 17, 1882 in Denton County, Texas. They live on a farm, which they own, and Shiloh Baptist Church and cemetery was cut out of one corner of their tract of land, being the southeast corner, and they live a short distance north. Walter and Nora have six children, namely—

Frank, the first child of Walter and Nora Nash, was born December, 1903 in Denton County, Texas. He married Opal Bounds, who was born in 1912. They have a farm on the north side of Denton creek about three miles north of Roanoke, Texas. No children.

Gladys, the second child of Walter and Nora Nash, was born September 10, 1905 in Denton County, Texas. She married Ace Wilkinson. They live in Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, and Ace is employed by the Midway Motor Company, E. Main Street, Grand Prairie, Texas. No children.

Rena Fay, the third child of Walter and Nora Nash, was born May 27, 1907 in Denton County, Texas. She married Carl L. Fleming. They live in Dallas, Texas, and have one child, namely—

Barbara Fleming, who was born May 26, 1929. She married Marcus Clay, and lives in Dallas, Texas.

Bernice, the fourth child of Walter and Nora Nash, was born September 13, 1908 in Denton County, Texas. She married Hubert Black, and they live at Denton, Texas. No children.

Eva Mae, the fifth child of Walter and Nora Nash, was born July 3, 1913 in Denton County, Texas. She married Reed Alexander, who was born in 1909. They live at Wycliff Street, Dallas, Texas, and they have three children, namely—

Bobbie, the first child of Eva Mae and Reed Alexander, was born May 29, 1929. She married Wilson Crawford, and they live at Terrell, Texas, and they have one child, namely—

Allen Crawford, who was born June 17, 1950 at Terrell, Texas.

George Reed, the second child of Eva Mae and Reed Alexander, was born in 1932. He married Julia Couch in 1952, who was born October 15, 1931. George Reed is in the U. S. Army.

Danny, the third child of Eva Mae and Reed Alexander, was born 1949 in Terrell, Texas.

L. J., the sixth child of Walter and Nora Nash was born September 22, 1915 in Denton County, Texas. He married Pauline Barkley. They live at Nederland, Texas, and have one child, namely—

Robert Sidney Nash, who was born November, 1947.

Neeley Jasper, the second child of Julia and Lem Nash, was born September 20, 1885 in Erath County, Texas. He moved to Denton County as a baby with his parents in 1886, where he married Gertrude (Gertie) Sams March 17, 1917, who was born March 11, 1894 at Roanoke, Texas. Gertie died September 29, 1929, and buried in Shiloh Cemetery, about one mile east of where Neeley now lives on Route 1, Roanoke, Texas. They have four children, namely—

Neeley and Gertie's first child was born and died in infancy October 17, 1918.

Alma Fae, the second child of Neeley and Gertie Nash, was born September 19, 1919 in Denton County, Texas. She married Grady Powell August 17, 1938, who was born November 28, 1917 in Roanoke, Texas. They live at Keller, Texas, and they have one child, namely—

William Ray Powell, who was born November 16, 1950.

Lillian Mae, the third child of Neeley and Gertie Nash, was born Dec. 14, 1921 in Denton County, Texas. She married Burl Mullins June 30, 1948, who was born May 5, 1913 at Buffalo, Texas. They live at Lewisville, Texas, and have one child, namely—

Kathleen Mullins, who was born August 16, 1951 in a hospital at Denton, Texas.

Billie Jo, the fourth child of Neeley and Gertie Nash, was born January 8, 1927 in Roanoke, Denton County, Texas. She works in Denton and lives at home with her father, Route 1, Roanoke, Texas.

Myrtle, the third child of Julia and Lem Nash, was born September 21, 1887 in Denton County, Texas. She married Brack Sams. No data.

Verna, the fourth child of Julia and Lem Nash, was born March 26, 1895 in Denton County, Texas. She first married a Mr. Wood, and they had one child, then later married George C. Clynch, who was born June 4, 1887. They own and operate a cafe in the 2400 block Azle Avenue, Fort Worth 6, Texas. They live at 2313 Chestnut Avenue, Fort Worth 6, Texas. Phone Market 2596.

Verna's son by first marriage, namely— Travis Wood, who was born June 20, 1911. He married Leona Kottie of Fort Worth, Texas. Travis operates a Service Station at 2424 Azle Ave., Fort Worth 6, Texas. Phone MA-0015. Travis and Leona have three children, namely—

Gerald Travis Wood, who was born September 8, 1940 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Paul Lemuel Wood, who was born September 8, 1948 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Karen Ruth Wood, who was born December 1, 1950 in Fort Worth, Texas.

CHAPTER XXXIII

Charles Caleb, the fifth child of Martha and Caleb Beck, was born December 6th 1859 in Coffee County, Alabama, moved with his mother to Kaufman County, Texas in 1866. He married Myrtle Hart, who was born September 16, 1862. Charles was also an outstanding business man. He was employed by the Francis Hardware Company in Fort Worth at the time of his death, September 2, 1894, "death caused by appendicitis". Myrtle died January 25, 1938, and they were both buried in East Oakwood Cemetery, Block 19, lot 22, Fort Worth, Texas. They had three children, namely—

Walter Hart, the first child of Charles C. and Myrtle Beck, was born March 29, 1887 in Fort Worth, Texas. He married Gladys Richardson, who was born March 24, 1889. Walter was a very alert business man; he owned and operated the Beck Motor Company, "Olsmobile and Reo Trucks" for quite some time; and was elected State Representative from Tarrant County and represented his county most efficiently. He died December 30, 1946 and buried in West Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas. His wife, Gladys lives at 3351 Park Ridge Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas, Phone WI-1430. They had three children, namely—

Mary Gladys, the first child of Walter H. and Gladys Beck, was born May 24, 1910 in Fort Worth, Texas. She married Charles Holmes McCollum, Jr., M. D., October 22, 1930, who was born April 17, 1907 in Hico, Hamilton County, Texas. Dr. Charles' office is at 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, Phone Fannin 8168, Fort Worth, Texas. They live at 3137 Stadium, Fort Worth, Texas, and they have three children, namely—

Charles Holmes McCollum III, was born August 14, 1934. Now in the State University of Texas.

Dick-Richard George McCollum, was born August 16, 1936.

Gayle McCollum, who was born April 19, 1943.

Kathryn (Kay), the second child of Walter H. and Gladys Beck, was born December 11, 1918 in Fort Worth, Texas. She married Reed Sass of Fort Worth, who was born March 24, 1909. Reed is employed with the Fort Worth National Bank. They live at 2717 Colonial Parkway, Fort Worth, Texas, and they have two children, namely—

Sharon Sass, who was born March 9, 1947; and, Brent Sass, who was born September, 1951. He died in May 1953 at Fort Worth, Texas.

Walter Hart, Jr., the third child of Walter H. and Gladys Beck, was born November 5, 1920. He married Jane Stevens, who was born May 5, 1922. Walter H., Jr. died April 8, 1952, and buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas. Jane lives at 2532 Frazier Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas. It is said they have one son, but no data.

Frank E., the second child of Charles C. and Myrtle Beck, was born September 12, 1890 in Fort Worth, Texas. He married Beatrice Pate, who was born May 26, 1890. They live at 4126 Newton Avenue, Dallas, Texas, Phone La-3589. No children.

Fay Virginia, the third child of Charles C. and Myrtle Beck, was born 1894 in Fort Worth, Texas. She married Wesley Alexander Beckett on October 19, 1910 in Fort Worth, Texas by Rev. J. Frank Norris; of this union

on December 16, 1911 a son, Charles Wesley Beckett, was born and Faye died only a matter of days after his birth. Raised by his grandmother Myrtle Beck, after having been deserted by his father, Charles (Charley) dropped the "ett" from his name, thus changing it to Beck. In 1932 he married Evelyn Patterson, born July 21, 1912 in Springfield, Missouri. They separated in 1935 and were divorced in 1936. They had one child,

Charles Wesley II, born June 26, 1933, who lived with his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Beck, 2604 May, Fort Worth, Texas, until he finished high school in Fort Worth with high honors in 1950, and entered the University of Texas on a N.R.O.T.C. Scholarship in 1952. He was named outstanding Sophomore in addition to other honors. A most brilliant young man. Charles W. Beck remarried in 1937 and lives at 802 Oak Street, Grand Prairie, Texas. He is an engineer with the Aluminum Company of America, Dallas, Texas. No children by this second marriage.

CHAPTER XXXIV

Martha (Mattie), the sixth child of Martha and Caleb Beck, was born March 13, 1862 in Coffee County, Alabama. She moved with her mother to Kaufman County, Texas, in 1866. She married Thomas Jefferson Dooley, who was born January 3, 1851 in Tennessee. They owned and operated a market in Fort Worth for many years. Thomas J. died April 5, 1911; Mattie died September 11, 1927. They were both buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas. They had one child, namely—

Ruth Dooley, who was born August 20, 1897. She married Walter Trent, January 20, 1915 of Luther, Tennessee. Ruth and Walter separated and divorced in 1951. Ruth is employed at Monnig's Department Store in Fort Worth. She lives at 2101 Avenue B., Phone Lamar 2853, Fort Worth, Texas. They have one child, namely—

Lucile Trent, who was born July 31, 1917 in Fort Worth. She married Pat Kelly of Caldwell, Texas. They are separated and Lucile lives at 1910 Clover Lane, Fort Worth, Texas, Phone Pershing 9104. No children.

CHAPTER XXXV

HARRIET AND WILLIAM MacDONALD RUSHING'S POSTERITY

Harriet, the seventh child of Sampson Sr. and Priscilla Brannen, was born April 2, 1833 at the Brannen Old Stand, Coffee County, Alabama. She married William MacDonald Rushing in 1852 in Coffee County, Alabama, who was born July 12, 1825. They moved to Robertson County, Texas in 1879, thinking perhaps a change of climate would help Mac's T. B. condition. However, it must have been too late, for he died July 24, 1879, about six months after arriving in Texas. Harriet continued their farm life and reared their children, and with their help she purchased more land in the vicinity of their original home, which is about four miles east of Bremond, Texas. The writer had the privilege of observing the old home place and its surroundings only yesterday. The observation thrilled him, as well as, the pleasure to establish the birth dates and death dates from the tombstones. Harriet Rushing died May 7, 1896 and buried in Walnut Cemetery with her husband. They had nine children, namely—

Rebecca Telitha Rushing—for full lineage see Chapter XXXVI.

Mary Priscilla Rushing—for full lineage see Chapter XXXVII.

N. Andrew Jackson Rushing was born March 22, 1859 in Coffee County, Alabama. He married Ollie Long. Jack died February 24, 1891. This lineage is not complete.

Lucy Annie Rushing was born January 17, 1863 in Coffee County, Alabama. She died October 24, 1880, single. She was buried in Walnut Cemetery, Robertson County, Texas.

Elizebeth Jane Rushing was born 1864. She died April 27, 1912, single. She was also buried in Walnut Cemetery.

Francis Emerline (Fannie) Rushing—for full lineage see Chapter XXXVIII.

William Frances Marion (Bill) Rushing—for full lineage see Chapter XXXIX.

Charles Thomas Rushing was born November 23, 1873. He died September 21, 1913, single. He, too, was buried in Walnut Cemetery.

Martha Alabama Rushing—for full lineage see Chapter XL.

CHAPTER XXXVI

Rebecca Telitha, the first child of Harriet and MacDonald Rushing, was born December 4, 1854 in Coffee County, Alabama, married Edward Leonidas Caldwell November 1889, who was born August 4, 1853 at Griffin, Georgia. He moved to Coffee County, Alabama in 1856, but Rebecca and Ed did not know each other in Alabama. It just so happened that they moved to Robertson County, Texas a week apart, met and were married a little more than a year from the time they met. They lived in several counties of Texas and five years in New Mexico. Their last move together was from New Mexico back to Randolph, Texas in Fannin County where Rebecca died October 14, 1931, and buried there. In a year or so, Ed moved back to Bremond in Robertson County where he has lived with his daughter Susan (Caldwell) Cline. The writer had the esteemed privilege only yesterday, August 4, 1953 of being present for the celebrating of Ed's 100th birthday in their home. It will be a day for Dicy, my wife, and I to ever remember. He is a marvelous character, indeed, active and alert, was he!

Rebecca and Ed Caldwell had six children, namely—

Stella Rebecca and Annie Estelle, twins, were born August 16, 1881. Annie Estelle died September 1884, and Stella Rebecca died July 3, 1885. They were buried in Walnut Cemetery five miles east of Bremond, Texas.

James MacDonald, the third child of Rebecca and Ed Caldwell, was born September 9, 1883. He died August 1, 1885 and buried in Walnut Cemetery.

William Henry, the fourth child of Rebecca and Ed Caldwell, was born November 25, 1885. He married Ona Aldridge of Randolph, Texas, who died November 8, 1918 and buried at Randolph, Texas. William's second marriage to Della E. Rice was November 22, 1919. William died October 9, 1952 at Bremond, Texas. He was buried in Walnut Cemetery five miles east of Bremond, Texas. William H. and Della Caldwell had four sons, namely—

Tom William, the first child of William H. and Della Caldwell, was born August 28, 1920, died February 26, 1947.

Allen Eugene, the second child of William H. and Della Caldwell, was born August 1, 1922, lives at Dallas, Texas.

Joe Leon, the third child of William H. and Della Caldwell, was born November 17, 1924. Lives at Bremond, Texas.

Hugh Smith, the fourth child of William H. and Della Caldwell, was born September 2, 1930. He married Shirley Joyner August 23, 1952, who was born March 18, 1935. Hugh is in Germany and Shirley lives at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Marcus Edward, the fifth child of Rebecca and Ed Caldwell, was born May 4, 1890. He died May 6, 1908 from a horse kicking and bursting his lungs near Ogle, Lampassas County, Texas, where they were living at the time. He lived 27 hours after the accident.

Susan Harriet, the sixth child of Rebecca and Ed Caldwell, was born May 3, 1892. She married James W. Cline December 9, 1917, who was born July 9, 1883. They are divorced. Susan lives at Bremond, Texas. They had one child—Retha Marjorie Cline, born August 11, 1918. She died October 23, 1932 and buried in Walnut Cemetery five miles east of Bremond, Texas.

CHAPTER XXXVII

Mary Priscilla, the second child of Harriet and MacDonalld Rushing, was born October 11, 1857 in Coffee County, Ala. moved with her family to Texas in 1879. She married Francis Marion Fleming in Bremond, Texas about 1881-82, who was born April 14, 1850 in Coffee County, Alabama. They returned to their native state and settled around Jackson, Alabama. Mary died April 24, 1910 at McVay, Alabama, Clarke County, buried in Penile Baptist Church Cemetery. Marion died January 27, 1926 at Jackson, Alabama, Clarke County, buried in Penile Baptist Church Cemetery. They were farmers. Mary and Marion had six children, namely—

Charlie William, the first child of Mary and Marion Fleming, was born January 5, 1883 in McVay, Alabama. He was employed at Brices Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, until his death September 7, 1909 at McVay, Alabama, buried at Penile Baptist Church Cemetery.

Hattie Magdaline, the second child of Mary and Marion Fleming, was born February 16, 1885, married December 22, 1922 to Lee Brady of Jackson, Alabama, who was born December 11, 1870. He owned and operated the Jackson Drug Company for several years. Hattie died March 26, 1938 in Jackson, Alabama, buried in Penile Baptist Church Cemetery. Lee is retired and lives at Jackson, Alabama.

Solomon Lee and Bonnie Blue, the third and fourth children of Mary and Marion Fleming, were born November 10, 1886 at McVay, Alabama. Solomon Lee married Lillie Dubose at Jackson, Alabama. Sol died July 6 1948 and buried at Jackson, Alabama. His wife, Lillie D. lives at 1009 Forest Avenue, Jackson, Alabama. Sol and Lillie had eight children, namely—

Sol Lee, Jr., the first child of Sol, Sr. and Lillie Fleming, was born November 16, 1922. He is a high school graduate and employed by the Alabama Power Company, of Mobile, Alabama. He married Olivia J. Mills, April 18, 1947. They have two children, namely—

Sol Lee, III, the first child was born December 18, 1950; and, Ashley Wayne, twin, was born December 18, 1950.

Nelda Faye, the second child of Sol, Sr. and Lillie Fleming, was born June 27, 1924. She died January 5, 1925.

Frances Marion, the third child of Sol, Sr. and Lillie Fleming, was born March 2, 1926. He is employed by the Alabama Power Company of Jackson, Alabama. He married Lillie Thomasene Hayes October 13, 1948. They have two children, namely—

Arthur Daniel, born May 31, 1950; and, Edith Loraine Fleming, born February 10, 1952.

Pomroy, the fourth child of Sol, Sr. and Lillie Fleming, was born September 16, 1927. He died July 1, 1947 while in service in the U. S. Army.

Hattie Clair, the fifth child of Sol, Sr. and Lillie Fleming, was born August 26, 1929. She is a registered nurse. She married James C. Gunter, Jr. June 24, 1950 of Birmingham, Alabama. No children.

Gloria Annette, the sixth child of Sol, Sr. and Lillie Fleming, was born

May 27, 1933. She is a high school graduate and now employed by the R.E.A. for clerical work at Jackson, Alabama. Single.

Billie Clifton, the seventh child of Sol, Sr. and Lillie Fleming, was born September 20, 1936, and attending high school at Jackson, Alabama. Single.

Carol, the eighth child of Sol, Sr. and Lillie Fleming, was born January 13, 1944. Carol is attending the grade school of Jackson, Alabama.

Bonnie Blue Fleming, above mentioned twin to Solomon Lee, married Allen Ernest May of Salitpa, Alabama January 11, 1905, who was born August 6, 1883 at Salitpa, Alabama. They are farmers. Bonnie and Ernest live on Star Route, Jackson, Alabama. They have eleven children, namely—

Kathaleen Estelle, the first child of Bonnie and Ernest May, was born April 24, 1906 in Salitpa, Alabama. She was a school teacher. Married Brady McCorquodale, Sr. of Salitpa, Alabama, who was born September 15, 1902. He worked at Lock No. 1, now retired. They have one son, namely—

Grady Banks McCorquodale, Jr., who was born February 22, 1931. He graduated at A. P. I., Auburn, Alabama, August 22, 1953. Commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant of Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Allen Marion, the second child of Bonnie and Ernest May, was born August 27, 1907 in Salitpa, Alabama, married April 16, 1930 to Pauline Small of Jackson, Alabama, who was born March 6, 1909 at Dixons Mills, Alabama. Allen Marion was employed by Jackson Drug Company for fourteen years; also employed by Fendly Department Store for sixteen years; now with Glover Shoe Store in Jackson, Alabama. Pauline has worked for the Bell Telephone Company for twenty-seven years as Chief Operator.

Pauline, the third child of Bonnie and Ernest May, was born June 10, 1909 at McVay, Alabama, married Minyard McClinton of Jackson, Alabama. He was a machinist. He died June 5, 1943, buried at Pine Crest Cemetery, Mobile, Ala. Pauline lives in Rochester, New York and works for the government.

Thomas Lamar, the fourth child of Bonnie and Ernest May, was born February 22, 1911 in Salitpa, Ala. He is a celrk in the Hardware Dept. of Sears, Roebuck & Co., Montgomery, Alabama. Married December 21, 1936 to Eva Joes of Montgomery, Ala. Thomas and Eva have two children, namely—

Willie Roy, the fifth child of Bonnie and Ernest May, was born October 8, 1913 at Salitpa, Alabama, married March 6, 1946 to Alva Lee Brandon of Quincy, Florida. He works with Soil Conservation at Selma, Alabama. They have two children, namely—

Willie Roy, Jr., born July 11, 1947; and, Steve Allen May, born March 6, 1950.

Clansell (Steve), the sixth child of Bonnie and Ernest May, was born July 6, 1915 in Salitpa, Alabama, married April 10, 1947 to Grace Wilson of Jackson, Alabama, who was born September 10, 1910 in Clarksville, Alabama. Steve is Piling Inspector for American Creosote Company. Grace is employed as Forelady by Vanity Fair Silk Mills, Jackson, Alabama for twelve years. No children.

Sollie Lee, the seventh child of Bonnie and Ernest May, was born Jan. 20, 1917 at Salitpa, Ala. Occupation, farming and cattle business.

Coble Gray, the eighth child of Bonnie and Ernest May, was born May 18, 1918 in Salitpa, Alabama, married June 4, 1946 to Elois Huston of Coffeerville, Alabama, who was born May 28, 1918. Coble is employed by the Bell Telephone Company as cable repairman. They had one child,

Coble Clansell May, Jr., was born May 16, 1948 in Jackson, Ala. Died May 18, 1948, buried at Nkanush (sp) Church Cemetery, Coffeerville, Ala.

Mary Willette, the ninth child of Bonnie and Ernest May, was born June 27, 1920 in Salitpa, Alabama. Employed twelve years by Gulf-Mobile-Ohio Railroad, Mobile, Alabama.

Ellaowise Williams, the tenth child of Bonnie and Ernest May, was born January 27, 1921 at Salitpa, Alabama. Employed by Tann Finance Company eleven years as assistant manager. Single.

Maurice Elaine, the eleventh child of Bonnie and Ernest May, was born February 12, 1923 in Salitpa, Alabama, married August 17, 1946 to George Hutchinson Shepard of Rochester, New York, who was born February 13, 1920 in Rochester, New York. He is employed by Whiting Buick, Rochester, as salesman. They have two children, namely—

George Hutchinson Shepard, Jr., born July 7, 1947 in Mobile, Ala.

Daniel Paul Shepard, born July 22, 1948 in Rochester, New York.

CHAPTER XXXVIII

Francis Emerline (Fannie), the sixth child of Harriet and MacDonald Rushing, was born 1866 in Coffee County, Alabama, moved to Texas with her family in 1879. She married John Blalock, who was born 1851. Fannie died May 1903. John died February 21, 1948. They had three children, namely—

Minnie Mae, the first child of Fannie and John Blalock, was born November 8, 1885. She is employed by the Southland Hotel, Dallas Texas. Single.

Sarah Harriet, the second child of Fannie and John Blalock, was born December 30, 1890. Single. Lives at 5001 Valley Oak Drive, Austin, Texas.

Francis Ruth, the third child of Fannie and John Blalock, was born August 7, 1902. Single. Lives at 5001 Valley Oak Drive, Austin, Texas. One of the latter two teaches in the Austin schools.

CHAPTER XXXIX

William Frances Marion (Will), the seventh child of Harriet and MacDonald Rushing, was born November 24, 1871. He was sheriff of Robertson County for sixteen years, and it is said that he never had a gun on more than twice, during his tenure in office, and one of those occasions happened to be when his brother Charles Thomas was killed by a Negro, but it was not needed then, for when he arrived at the scene of the crime, which was on their farm, the citizens and neighbors of the family had already hung the Negro. Will has been very prosperous. He owns several hundred acres of good land near Marlin, Texas; also a stockholder in one or more banks, and continues to look after his farming interests. He has never married, and now lives at Marlin, Texas.

CHAPTER XL

Martha Alabama, the ninth child of Harriet and MacDonald Rushing, was born July 18, 1878 in Coffee County, Alabama. She moved with her family to Texas in 1879, married in 1905 to M. Tobe Hammond. She died October 10, 1938. Tobe lives at Bremond, Texas. They had four children, namely—

Sidney, the first child of Martha and Tobe Hammond, was born May 8, 1906, died in 1915.

Thelma, the second child of Martha and Tobe Hammond, was born in 1909, married October 1934 to G. W. (Doc) Melton. They live at Lake Charles, Louisiana, and have four children, namely—

William Edward, the first child of Thelma and Doc Melton, was born in 1936.

Roy, the second child of Thelma and Doc Melton, was born in 1939.

Ernest, the third child of Thelma and Doc Melton, was born in 1944.

Michael, the fourth child of Thelma and Doc Melton, was born in 1949.

They all live at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

William Ernest, the third child of Martha and Tobe Hammond, was born in 1912, married in 1933 to Opal McKinney. They live at Detroit, Michigan, and have three children, namely—

Carline, the first child of William E. and Opal Hammond, was born June 3, 1934.

William T., the second child of William E. and Opal Hammond, was born in 1938.

Ernest, the third child of William E. and Opal Hammond, was born 1945. They all live at Detroit, Michigan.

Pauline Mildred, the fourth child of Martha and Tobe Hammond, was born 1915, married Theodore (Ted) Wasik. They live at Detroit, Michigan, and have three children, namely—

Louise, the first child of Pauline and Ted Wasik, was born July 15, 1935.

Barbara Ann, the second child of Pauline and Ted Wasik, was born February, 1942.

E. William, the third child of Pauline and Ted Wasik, was born in 1946.

CHAPTER XLI

MOLSIE AND SAM PEEK'S POSTERITY

Molsie, the tenth child of Sampson Sr. and Priscilla Brannen, according to the family record and tombstone, was born November 1837 in Coffee County, Alabama, but the records in Alabama shows her birth to have been in 1842. She married Sam Peek about 1859 in Coffee County, Alabama. Date not established, but Sam died very early after their marriage, possibly during the Civil War. Molsie moved to Texas about 1874 with her only son, Joseph Samuel Peek. She died April 18, 1932, and was buried at Crystal City, Texas. Their only child and Posterity follows:

Joseph Samuel, the only child of Molsie and Sam Peek, was born April 6, 1860 in Coffee County, Alabama. He was about fourteen or fifteen years old when he came to Texas with his mother. Joe was their only support for a livelihood and worked hard at various jobs. He married Emma Rush December 14, 1898, who was born January 18, 1877 at Buffalo, Texas. Joe and Emma spent most of their married life around Lufkin, Texas. Emma died October 21, 1943 and buried at Abilene, Texas. Joe continued to live mostly in Abilene, but some of the time was spent at Crystal City until his death January 13, 1953, and he was buried at Abilene, Texas. Joe and Emma had seven children, namely—

Lenard Lee, the first child of Joe and Emma Peek, was born February 28, 1900 at Lufkin, Texas. He died December 31, 1940 at Hayden, Arizona.

Lillie May, the second child of Joe and Emma Peek, was born February 8, 1902 at Lufkin, Texas. She married O. L. Wilmon.

Letha Estelle, the third child of Joe and Emma Peek, was born September 21, 1903 at Lufkin, Texas. She married F. W. Miller April 1, 1951.

Johnnie Violet, the fourth child of Joe and Emma Peek, was born December 18, 1906 at Kerrville, Texas. She married J. Herbert Hendricks August 4, 1928, who was born May 16, 1907 at Wellington, Texas. They live at 702 Palm Street, Abilene, Texas, and have two children, namely—

James Lee Hendricks, was born July 29, 1931 at Abilene, Texas.

Rita Jan Hendricks, was born May 4, 1942 at Abilene, Texas.

Sam Marvin, the fifth child of Joe and Emma Peek, was born May 8, 1910 at Lufkin, Texas.

Bonnie Pearl, the sixth child of Joe and Emma Peek, was born September 12, 1911 at Lufkin, Texas. She married John O. Lueders June 18, 1936, who was born January 10, 1907 at Mt. Sharp (?), Texas.

Morris Lenwood, the seventh child of Joe and Emma Peek, was born August 31, 1916 at Lufkin, Texas. He married Olivia Taylor April 5, 1942, who was born September 28, 1925 at Milam, Tennessee.

They live at Abilene, Texas.

MISCELLANEOUS LIST INCOMPLETE

PART I

The following list of names in Part I pertains a special interest to the writer of this book, and he believes that it will be to the readers as a basis for future research which he is confident will come. To illustrate his meaning he repeats some vague information by Jack E. Brannen of Brownsville, Texas, of Josephine (Brannen) Lane of Troy, Alabama, and of Susan (Caldwell) Cline of Bremond, Texas. Their statements were made independently by correspondence.

Jack asserts: Grancer Brannen who settled near Elba, Coffee County, Alabama was his great-grandfather and the father of Sampson Sr. Brannen. Jack quotes his own father, Joseph Sr. Brannen who said Grancer Brannen was living in 1866 when his father left Alabama for Texas. He further states that Grancer lived to be 117 years old, and Grancer's wife lived to be 115 years old.

Josephine avers Jack's statements thus: When I was a small girl in the late 1870's and early 1880's, I made long visits with grandfather Harris C. and his wife Mary Annie Brannen at Bullock, during my stay two very old people and their daughter would visit my grandparents frequently. Everyone called the old gentleman "Grandsire Brannen" and the daughter was called Patsy. Evidently the Patsy was Sampson Sr.'s sister: for he had a sister Patricia (Patsy) who is said to have lived to be 112 years old and died single. Sampson Sr. had another sister and brother, namely—Cynthia Brannen who married Press Hemphill and they had several children, but only one is known—Victoria Hemphill. The brother's name was James Brannen.

Susan Cline confirms the above two statements with her mother's narratives of the family history, which are almost identical to Jack's and Josephine's declarations. Susan's mother was Harriet (Brannen) Rushing, a daughter of Sampson, Sr. Brannen. She moved from Alabama to Texas in January 1879.

The following was obtained from the 1850 census records of Montgomery, Alabama.

A Harris Brannen was born in 1776, married Cynthia, surname unknown; but she was born in 1766 in North Carolina. They had one daughter at home—Martha, born in 1805.

James Brannen, who was born in 1895, married Tamar, surname unknown; but she was born in 1812 in Georgia. They had nine children recorded in the 1850 census record, as follows:

Martha, born in 1828; James, born 1830; Zephia, born 1833; Cynthia, born 1837; Elizabeth, born 1838; Susan, born 1842; Jane, born 1843; John born 1844; and, Tamar Brannen, born 1848. All nine children were born in Alabama. Also the record reveals the following:

A Joseph Brannen, who was born in 1814 in Georgia, married Elizabeth, surname not known. She was born in 1815 in South Carolina. They had three children listed, namely—

Sampson E. Brannen who was born in 1837 in Alabama; Mathew Brannen who was born in 1838 in Alabama; and, Martha Brannen who was born in 1841 in Alabama.

The above list of names seems to have a convincing proof which could connect with Sampson Sr. and Priscilla (Gordon) Brannen, if carried to completion; but that at present is not an established fact.

The writer now desires to include some personal knowledge which he feels most likely to be the posterity of James and Tamar Brannen mentioned above. The reason for including this information is—"I was reared in the same community that a Morrow family lived. I knew the two families were distantly related, but I did not know our relationship at the time, being quite young. There was an elderly lady who lived with the Morrow family, whom we called grandma Tidwell. Her maiden name was Bettie Brannen. In my research, I have learned that Bettie's father was James Brannen of Coffee County, Alabama. Therefore, my conclusion is—Bettie (Brannen) Tidwell was Elizabeth (Brannen) born in 1838, the daughter of James and Tamar Brannen. Bettie's only child was Tamar who married Theodore Morrow and moved from Alabama to Texas where they lived and died on a small farm. They were buried in the Holly Cemetery. They reared six children, namely—

Andrew, born about 1875 and died in the 1940's; Louisa, born 1877; Oscar, born in 1880; Hansford, born in 1883; Oren, born in 1889, married Mattie Reed. They live at Holly, Texas; and, Ola, born in 1892. No other data on the family."

PART II

FROM STATESBORO, BULLOCH COUNTY, GEORGIA

James Alonzo (Lonnie) Brannen was an attorney, and one of the most outstanding citizens of Bulloch County, Georgia. He compiled a short history of some of their Brannen relations in 1910, of which I have a pamphlet that was reprinted in 1950 by his daughter, Maude Brannen, Mrs. W. W. Edge of Statesboro, Georgia, who was born November 7, 1881. She married Rev. W. W. Edge, a Presbyterian Minister, who died in 1934. Maude is the great, great granddaughter of William and Elizabeth (Gross) Brannen. James Alonzo had five children, but only one other living, namely—

Grover Brannen, who was born November 1892, he is a druggist. James Alonzo died January, 1922.

The above mentioned pamphlet was obtained from Hattie Powell, Clerk, Bulloch Superior Court, Statesboro, Georgia, who is a great, granddaughter of Cyrene (Brannen) Powell, who was born November 9, 1804. She married Christopher Wesley Powell. Moved to Alabama.

A portion of the pamphlet as follows: Only a few families can boast of a family tree, that is, trace their ancestors back for hundreds of years. This can be done only in a few cases, for the reason that only a few families have taken any interest in properly recording the facts and handing them down to posterity and accurate history.

Our fathers came to this country when it was a wilderness. Most of them were without education, which largely accounts for the little knowledge we have of them.

We, who now live, have some information of the Brannen families, which may be appreciated by some of those to come after us, reaching back to the coming of our first ancestors from across the sea, and here we give it.

No effort is made to give an extended account of the families, but any collateral member of the family can easily trace his or her relationship.

We give only the lineal relatives of a single line, for the reason that the posterity of the name covers the land by thousands, and would take a large book. So far as we can learn none of our ancestors were kings or of other royal blood. Only a few ever went to the penitentiary, and none were millionaires.

It is not known by just what route the family came to Bulloch County, Georgia, but it is probable that the first came to Pennsylvania to old Don-egal Church, which was a Scotch-Irish stronghold, and from this point travelled through the valley of Virginia, and thence to Georgia.

Mrs. Julian Lane found records in Screven County, Georgia (which during Colonial times was called St. Phillip's Parish, after the Revolution—first called Washington County; and in 1896 Bulloch County) of a Major Thomas Alexander Brannen, who fought against the Spanish in the Colonial Wars. He married Susannah Terrell. They lived on the Ogeechee River, probably at Blich. The sons were: Hugh, Thomas, Alexander, William and John Brannen.

We have no positive proof that this Major Thomas Brannen was our ancestor, but I have in my possession William Brannen's family record which my father obtained from Cyrene Brannen, a daughter of Solomon.

William Brannen married Elizabeth Gross, whose mother was Mary Erwin, daughter of Major James Erwin. Elizabeth Gross was born in 1754.

William Brannen owned the place later known as the William P. Donaldson home at Blitch. William died in 1840, and buried at Lower Lotts Creek Church. William and Elizabeth had twelve children, namely—

Elizabeth, born November 11, 1787. No children; Solomon, born June 10, 1791. He married Nancy Stanford. He died at the age of 75; Thomas Jefferson, born July 18, 1792. He married Nancy Hendrix. He died at the age of 83; Sarah, born April 6, 1794. She married John Newsome. Moved to Alabama; William, born April 24, 1795. He married Nancy Hodges. They had a large family. He died at the age of 50; Mary, born January 7, 1797. She married John Allen. He died at the age of 80; John, born November 6, 1798. He married Elizabeth Donaldson. He died September 29, 1870, and was buried at Lower Black Creek in Bryan County, Georgia; Hugh, born August 11, 1800. He married a Miss Wooten. Moved to Meriwether County; Lucretia, born April 25, 1802. She married Henry Smith. Moved to Alabama; Cyrene, born July 3, 1804. She married Christopher Wesley Powell. Moved to Alabama; Edmund, born July 3, 1806. He married Jane Jones. Moved to Florida after the war. Died at the age of eighty-six and Rhody Brannen was born May 10, 1808. Married William Moore. Moved to west Georgia.

Two of John's children are mentioned in the record; Nancy, born December 21, 1791; and, Hetty was born October 1, 1794.

Hugh, brother of William and the son of Thomas, had a son named Tom, who married Nancy Donaldson and moved to Florida. His son came back to Bulloch County and was known as "Florida" Bill. His son was Dr. Tom Brannen.

The following might be of interest to many, which is a part of the above pamphlet: PROGRAM—BRANNEN REUNION—Held on Sunday, October 29, 1950 at Bethlehem Church, three miles west of Statesboro, 11:00 A. M. Regular preaching service by Elder Pat Bird.

12:15—Adjourned for dinner. 1:45—Song by Banks Quartett. Congregational singing. Prayer by Elder A. L. Brannen, Jr. Address by Col. H. G. Williams, Dublin, Georgia. Address by Hon. J. E. Brannen, Stilson, Georgia. Secretary's Report, Questions and Answers, Resolutions, Election of Officers, Remarks by the Chairman, Song by the Congregation, and Benediction. J. Solomon Brannen, Chairman.

We had a special invitation to attend their Brannen Reunion the fifth Sunday in November, 1953.

PART III

Most of the following: Reference—National Cyclopedia of American Biography. James T. White and Company. Vol. 21, P-281 University of Arizona Library.

Great, great, great grandfather Thomas Brannen from Ireland.

Great, great, grandparents Thomas and Eleanor (Jones) Brannen.

Great Grandparents William and Elizabeth (Gross) Brannen.

Great grandparents William and Elizabeth (Gross) Brannen.

Grandparents, John T. and Elizabeth (Donaldson) Brannen.

John Franklin Brannen, judge and banker, was born at Stilson, Bulloch County, Georgia, April 8, 1853, son of the last above mentioned. He married Lena, daughter of William Judson Tullis of Stilson, Georgia November 29, 1883. As stated above, his earliest paternal American ancestor was Thomas Brannen who came from Ireland, was in North Carolina about 1750, and subsequently settled in Screven County where he received a land grant of 250 acres for service in the Revolutionary War. From him the line of descent is traced as above listed. The Brannens were pioneers in Bulloch County, Georgia, participating in every progressive movement. John Franklin's father was a farmer and merchant, served as Captain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

John Franklin was educated in the public schools and at the University of Georgia where he was graduated A. B. in 1873. He taught school for some years; served two years as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives, and was in the State Senate during 1886-87. He studied law and was admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1890, and in that year began the practice of his profession at Stilson, Georgia. Settling at Statesboro in the same County in 1895, he was appointed judge of the county court upon its creation in 1902 and served for sixteen years. Meanwhile he continued the operation of a large farm near Statesboro, and was one of the founders and for twenty years was president of the Sea Island Bank of Statesboro.

He was president of the Statesboro Board of Education for six years; mayor of Statesboro for two terms, and a member of the building committee for the construction of the Bulloch County Courthouse.

He was a charter member of the Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church of which he was long clerk. He was a stalwart Democrat; liked music and outdoor sports; was upright and conservative; dependable in judgment and enterprising. John Franklin died July 26, 1927 at Statesboro, Georgia. They had nine children, namely—

Jesse Ewell; Lessie, wife of Fred A. Brinson of Millen, Georgia; William Alexander; Cliff; Ouida, wife of John W. Peacock, of Eastman, Georgia; Shelton; John Franklin, Jr; Lena Belle; and, Nellie Ruth Brannen, wife of Malcom James of Waverly, Georgia.

PART IV

Original list of Protestant Immigrants to South Carolina 1761. Found in the Montgomery, Alabama records.

Ann Margaret Brannen, born 1738; Alexander Brannen, born 1741; and, Mary Brannen, born 1741.

Obituary column found in Montgomery, Alabama records:

Seth Brannen, Opp, Alabama; and, James Brannen, Coal Springs near Enterprise, Alabama, sons of C. C. Brannen.

Query No. 471, Montgomery, (State Department), Alabama.

Information wanted as to the descendents of Thomas Brannon, Revolutionary soldier who bought land in 1778 on Nurse River near Raleigh, North Carolina, his son John married Nancy Parker in 1802 in Wake County; John's son Calvin married Catherine (Kate) Crautcher Brannen, a widow of South Carolina in Georgia 1827.

Reference—Kinfolks by William Curry Harlee, p. 1776, Carnegie Library—Tucson, Arizona.

Daniel Koonler Brannen, married Catherine Ann Plank, records show two daughters; Ann Margaret Brannen, who married Andrew Jackson Bear March 31, 1880, they had a daughter, namely—

Gertrude Ann Bear, who married Francis (Frank) Amos Curry in 1894 at Bradenton, Florida, and they had a son, namely—Edgar Hayden Curry, graduated law, University of Florida, 1930.

Milledge Brannen—Refugee. Refugee—Civil War, p. 1763, the second child of Daniel K. and Catherine Ann Brannen.

James Brannen (Barnum) Sgt. 3 CL. Virginian in the Revolution pp. 88-99. Carnegie Library—Tucson. Married Sarah Tommy. Also Reference Historical Col. of the Georgia Chapter National Society D. A. R. Vol. IV, p. 112 Carnegie Library, Tucson. Also listed as James Branan, son of Kenyon Brannan of Virginia. James and Sarah had sixteen children, namely—

Harris, born August 25, 1796; Polly, born January 11, 1798; Adam, born December 19, 1799; Winnie, born July 7, 1801; Vashti, born April 1, 1803; Joseph, born January 18, 1805; Caswell, born August 10, 1807; Paschal, born March 3, 1809; James, born December 29, 1810; Alfred, born July 21, 1812; Sarah, born December 4, 1813; Frances, born March 1, 1815; John Tommy, born February 21, 1817; Littleton, born December 18, 1818; Almeto, born April 28, 1821; and Elizabeth Brannen, born January 18, 1822.

Note:—All of whom lived in Wilkinson County, Georgia, except Vashti who lived and died in Taylor County, Georgia; Joseph who went to Texas; Paschal who went to Alabama; and Fannie ? who married Joseph T. Ethredge and lived and died in Baldwin County, Georgia.

Last above taken from a bible owned by Miss Effie Cooper, Coopers, Georgia.

PART V

The following is an established Brannen line acquired from James Arthur Brannen's wife, Jessie Lee (Waren) Brannen, 900 Broadmoor Street, Amarillo, Texas, but has not been established as a part of the Sampson and Priscilla Brannen line.

This William Brannen line has a wonderful history, but space will not permit my using it in its entirety.

William Brannen who had settled in the mountainous part of Georgia near Atlanta. There, he married Jessifia Payne, a young widow with one child, Rastus. Jessifia, whose maiden name was Hooten (Wooten), was born in Pennsylvania March 12, 1802; moved to South Carolina when she was a child, grew up there and married (?) Payne, who died about the time their son Rastus was born. Soon after that, Jessifia moved to Georgia where she married William Brannen. About the middle 1850's they moved to Alabama, but only for a short time, then moved on out to Mississippi, and when the Civil War broke out, they were living in the vicinity of Vicksburg. Two sons were in that conflict, William Adam ("Sarge") and Cicero ("Shug"); Cicero died of disease during the war. In 1866, Jessifia Brannen (her husband had died in the meantime) and several of her children, including "Sarge", Rastus, Polk and probably her daughters Martha and Frances, moved to Hazeldell in Comanche County, Texas. About the same time two of her daughters, Serena (Mrs. Jacob Hill) and Adley (Mrs. Tom Thomas) settled in Limestone County near Thornton, Texas. Jessifia spent the last years of her life with her daughter Serena at Coolidge; she is buried in Chism Cemetery four miles west of Thornton, Texas. William and Jessifia Brannen reared seven children, all born near Atlanta, Georgia. Namely—

Martha (Mrs. Fulce) Brannen; Serena J. Brannen married Jacob A. Hill in Mississippi in 1859; they moved to Texas after the Civil War and settled near Thornton in Limestone County, where they reared a large family; they later moved to Coolidge where Serena died; she is buried in the Chism Cemetery four miles west of Thornton, Texas. Frances (Mrs. Barrett) Brannen; John Adam William "Sarge" Brannen, was born 1840, served in the Confederate Army from Mississippi. Before he came to Texas in 1866-67, he married Ann McGee, who was born 1851 near Jackson, Mississippi. They settled in Comanche County at Hezeldell, but later moved to Erath County near Huckaby. Sarge and Ann Brannen reared four children, namely—Jessifia (Mrs. Webb) Brannen, who was born December 12, 1871, lives in Fort Worth; Thomas Brannen, who was born January 17, 1874, lives at Las Vegas, New Mexico; Adley Brannen, who was born October 13, 1876; Oliver Brannen, who was born July 6, 1885, lives at Stephenville, Texas; Cicero "Shug" Brannen served in the Confederate Army from Mississippi; he died of disease in an army camp during the war. Adley (Mrs. Tom Thomas) Brannen married in Mississippi, and moved to Texas after the Civil War and settled near Thornton in Limestone County. James Knox Polk Brannen, was born June 6, 1845. After the Civil War he moved to Texas where he married Harriet Ellen Ferguson near Thornton on November 13, 1872; they lived near Thornton until their first child.

William O. was born, then went to Hazeldell, Comanche County, where they stayed only a short time, for their second child, Martha Elizabeth, was born two years later near Thornton after their return to Limestone County. Around 1890, Polk bought a farm in the Pine Prairie community near Kennard in Houston County and moved there. After the children were grown, Polk and Ellen moved to Groveton, Trinity County, and a few years later bought a farm at Westville in the same county and lived there until Polk's death June 1, 1920 and is buried in the Ivy Cemetery near Kennard, Texas. About 1925 Ellen married L. M. Grisham and lived in Groveton until her death, April 8, 1938; she is buried in the Groveton Cemetery.

Polk and Ellen Brannen had seventeen children, fifteen listed, namely:

William Ogburn, first child of Polk and Ellen Brannen, was born March 4, 1874 near Kosse, Texas, married September 3, 1899, to Nora Denman, who was born 1878 at Belotte, Houston County, Texas, died 1939 at Huntsville, Texas; William O. died February 23, 1952 at Huntsville, Texas. They had four children, namely—

Maebelle, the first child of William O. and Nora Brannen, was born January 25, 1902, married George A. Petrie; they have one child, namely—George Petrie.

Pauline, the second child of William O. and Nora Brannen, was born September 12, 1903, married Jack J. Scott; they have one child, namely—Nora Ann Scott.

Lela, the third child of William O. and Nora Brannen, was born April 11, 1906, married William Lawrence Wilcox; they have one child, namely—Barbara Wilcox.

John Jerome, the fourth child of William O. and Nora Brannen, was born January 10, 1909, married Inez Cook who was born 1910, died December 19, 1952 at Huntsville, Texas. John and Inez had two children, namely—John Cooke Brannen, was born in 1934, and this is his third year in A. & M. College; and Carolyn Sue Brannen, was born in 1937 and lives with her father in Huntsville, Texas.

Martha Elizabeth Betsy, the second child of Polk and Ellen Brannen, was born February 14, 1876 near Thornton, Texas, married Frank Coleman, Lufkin, Texas. They had ten children, but five girls died in childhood, the other five children, namely—

Tom Coleman, born near Kennard, Texas, married Josephine Johnson.

Webb Coleman, born near Kennard, Texas, married twice, second time to Etta Keel.

Marvin Coleman, was born near Kennard, Texas.

Sid Coleman, was born near Kennard, Texas, married Fay.....?

Jewell Coleman, married Floyd Deck.

Charley, the third child of Polk and Ellen Brannen, was born November 16, 1878 near Thornton, Texas, died November 16, 1899; he was thrown from a horse and died from the injury; buried in Ivy Cemetery near Kennard, Texas.

Isabel (Booty), the fourth child of Polk and Ellen Brannen, was born in 1880 near Thornton, Texas. Married first to John Popham; second to John Pike; third to Jim Baker; and fourth to Joab Odem. Children: Homer Popham, married Mrs. Bob Carson; Jim Baker, married Clare Perrino; Odell Odem, and Linadine Odem (Mrs. Eugene McAdams), Lufkin, Texas.

Hugh Foster, the fifth child of Polk and Ellen Brannen, was born July 18, 1881 near Thornton, married Rebecca Wadsworth February 6, 1909. They live at Jacksonville, Texas.

James Arthur, the 6th child of Polk and Ellen Brannen, was born August 28, 1883 near Thornton. Married first to Uda Brownlee in 1913 at Electra, Texas; she died at the birth of their daughter, Uda Mae in June 1914. On November 15, 1918, he married Jessie Lee Warren, a teacher in the Electra High School, she was born February 7, 1889, in her parents' homestead cabin near the west bank of Bell Branch, three and one-half miles of Dublin, Texas. On Sept. 12, 1932 James Arthur died of cancer of the liver, buried in Llano Cemetery, Amarillo, Texas. Jessie Lee lives at 900 Broadmoor Street, Amarillo, Texas.

Uda Mae, the only child of James Arthur and Uda Brannen, was born June 12, 1914. Within a few days after her birth, Uda Mae's mother realized that she could not live. She asked a friend and neighbor, Mrs. Charles A. Whitener to care for her baby, which Mrs. Whitener did, and a year or two later adopted the child. About 1916 the Whiteners moved to Spur, Texas, (at which time, the writer became quite well acquainted with the Whiteners and baby, Uda Mae.) She married Ernest Russell December 13, 1936, who was born March 17, 1911 at Stephenville, Texas; they now live at Eunice, Louisiana. They have two children, namely—

Jimmy Charles Russell, was born March 22, 1942, died March 25, 1942.

Sylvia Russell, was born March 31, 1948.

James Arthur and Jessie Lee Brannen had two children, namely—

Ann Claire, the first child of James A. and Jessie L. Brannen, was born July 12, 1920 at Electra, Texas. On September 21, 1950, she married Charles Lee Canvess, an attorney for Phillips Petroleum Company; he was born June 21, 1921 at Cherokee, San Saba County, Texas. They live at Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Fern, the second child of James A. and Jessie L. Brannen, was born October 5, 1922 at Electra, Texas. She is now Home economist for Southwestern Public Service Company, Amarillo, Texas.

Polly and Elosia—twins, of Polk and Ellen Brannen, were born 1885 near Thornton, Texas. Polly married Steve Baker; they live at Groveton, Texas, and have three children, namely—

James Reuben Baker, born December 1906 at Kennard; Dora Lee Baker, (Mrs. Cody Ferguson) was born October 22, 1908; Erlene (Mrs. Henry Beard), was born December 1914.

Eloisa (twin), married Wade English, they live at Port Arthur, Texas, and have three children, namely Clifton; Vivian; and, William Morris English.

Lula, the ninth child of Polk and Ellen Brannen, was born in 1887 near Thornton. She married Archie Smith Daniel, who was born 1885. They live at Rusk, Texas. They have eleven children, namely—

Gertie Lee, born 1907 at Arbor, married first Jonas Thomas; second Jewell Manness. Arlene, who was born 1909 at Arbor, married Ellis Desmuke; Dorsey, who was born 1911 at Arbor, married Jessie Loyd; Yola, who was born 1912, married R. H. Brazil, who was born 1913 near Kennard, married Edna Cook; Herman, who was born 1915 at Arbor, married

Lucille Langston; Hilton, who was born 1917 at Arbor, married Evelyn Bonner in 1936.

Waymaa, who was born 1919 at Arbor, married Dorothy Conley in 1944; Charlie Burness, who was born 1921 at Arbor, married Margurite Meadow in 1936; Ima Lena, who was born 1923 at Arbor; and Billy Lou Daniel, who was born 1925 at Rusk, Texas.

Ransom, tenth child of Polk and Ellen Brannen, was born November 24, 1888 near Thornton, married September 14, 1919, to Cynthia Ray; he served in World War I. They live at Port Arthur, Texas. They have two children, namely—

Edith La Verne, was born April 18, 1923 at Port Arthur, married April 22, 1944 to Harley Mowery.

Cynthia Ray, was born January 12, 1929 at Port Arthur, married September 6, 1947 to John Erickson.

John, eleventh child of Polk and Ellen Brannen, was born December 6, 1891 near Kennard, married first to Aleene, second to Sally Money, third to Lillian Byrd, who was born 1900. They live at Jacksonville, Texas.

Della, twelfth child of Polk and Ellen Brannen, was born September 1, 1892 near Kennard, married May 14, 1916 to Wiley Blueford Thomas; they live at Groveton, Texas; they have three children, namely—

Vera James Thomas, was born December 10, 1919 at Huntington, married Chester Albritton May 14, 1940; they have one child, namely—Robert Thomas.

Wiley Blueford Thomas, Jr. was born January 25, 1923 at Woodville; Sam Thomas was born March 24, 1924 at Woodville, was killed February 22, 1945 in World War II in the Pacific.

Oma, the thirteenth child of Polk and Ellen Brannen, was born 1898 near Kennard, married Harry F. Wells; lives at Fannin, Texas. They have one child, namely—Dwight Russell Wells.

Sam, the fourteenth child of Polk and Ellen Brannen, was born 1896 near Kennard, married first to Bertha Eanons, second to Lillian They live at Conroe, Texas.

Roy, the fifteenth child of Polk and Ellen Brannen, was born July 26, 1898, married June 14, 1923 to Omie King; they live at Groveton, Texas, and in the grocery business; they have two children, namely—

Margaret Ellen, was born August 3, 1924 at Westville; Mary Marcette, was born March 18, 1927, married Bob Williams June 14, 1946; they have one son, namely—Robert Williams. They live in Groveton, Texas.

PART VI

There is a Walter Brannen, born in Georgia, moved to Little Rock, Arkansas. His son, namely—Horace Brannen, grew up in Little Rock, now in Tucson, Arizona.

Rev. Dent Brannen of Milledgeville, Georgia, brother of Walter.

There is a L. C. Brannen, lives at 1715 Beach Street, Beaumont, Texas.

Oscar D. Brannen, married Blanche McElyea, who died the latter part of 1940's or early 1950's in San Antonio, Texas, where Oscar now lives at 1146 Elsmire Street. The writer knew of this family about 1910, while they were living at Post, Texas. Their children, namely—

George Brannen, New Orleans, Louisiana; Leroy Brannen; Ruth Brannen, address unknown; and Russell F. Brannen, who was born at Post, Texas. He was awarded the Air Medal with cluster for combat service over Europe as an 8th Air Force Flying Fortress pilot. He entered military service as an officer in the Field Artillery of the 36th Division at Camp Bowie in 1940 and transferred to the Air Corps in January, 1942, getting in flight training with the grade of Captain. He lives at San Antonio, Texas. The identity of this line is not known, but they came from Alabama.

Good Luck: God bless you, always,

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