

WILL  
ROGERS  
FAMILY  
TREE

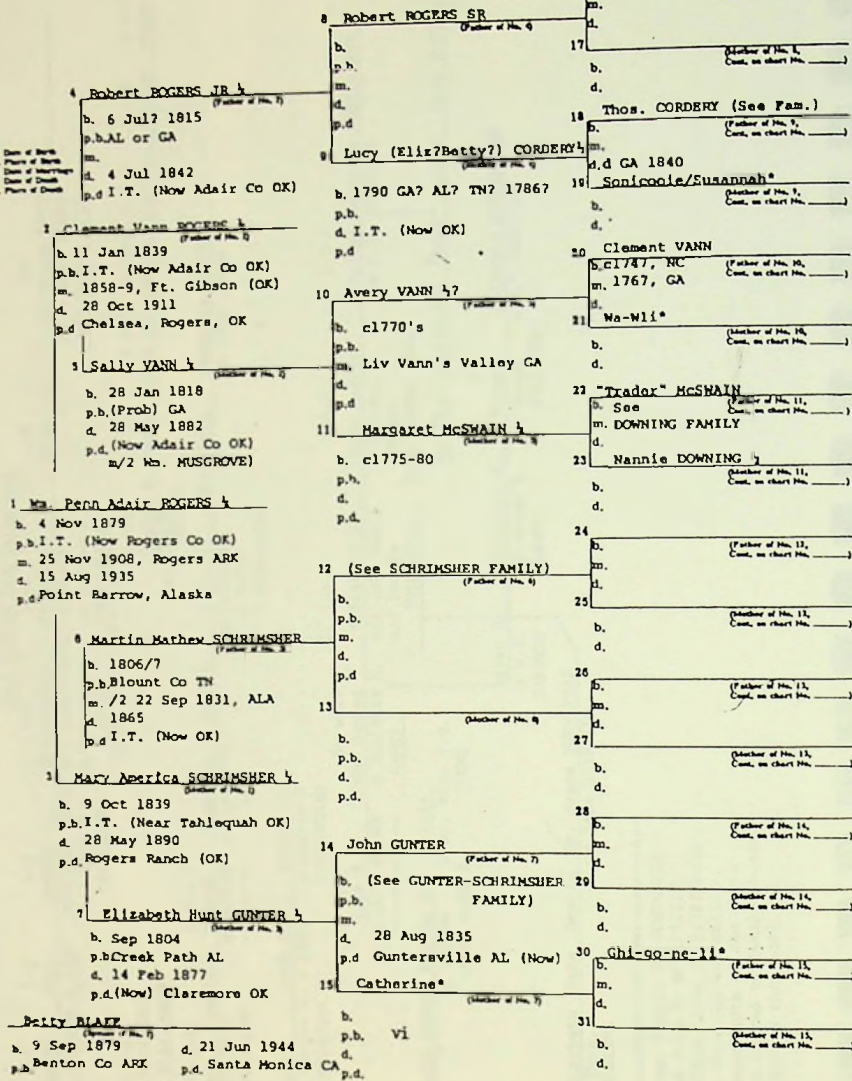




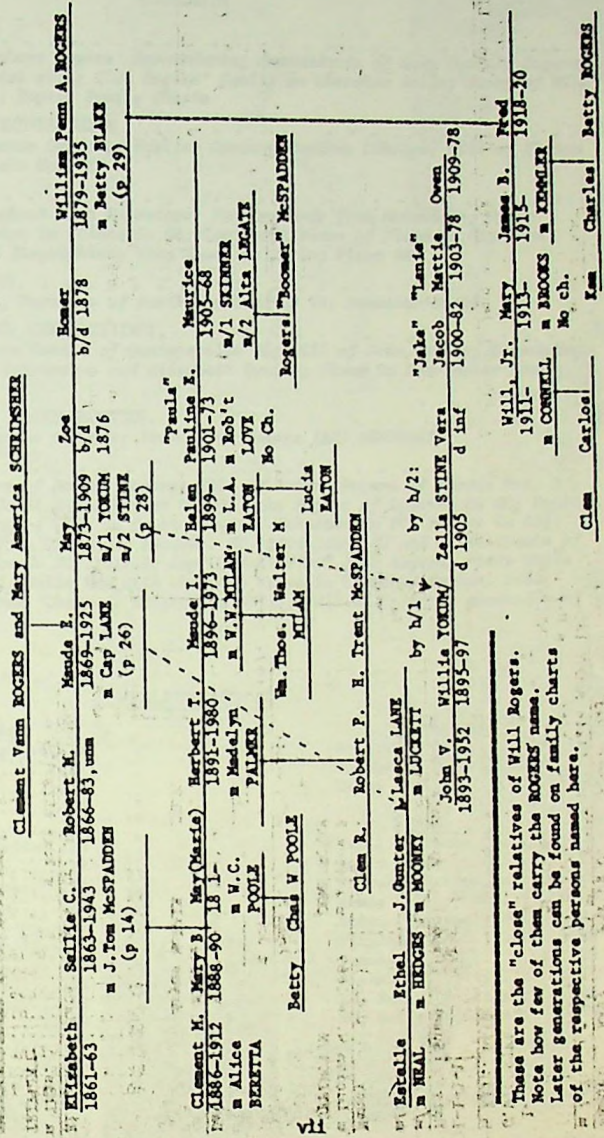
*Ancestor Chart*  
Fractions-Degree of Cherokee Blood  
\*Full Blood Cherokee

Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

(SEE ROGERS FAMILY)



ROGERS  
(Three Generations)



These are the "close" relatives of Will Rogers.  
Note how few of them carry the ROGERS name.  
Later generations can be found on family charts  
of the respective persons named here.

Will, Jr. Mary James B. Fred  
1911- 1913- 1918- 1918-20  
m CORWELL m BROOKS m KEMMLER  
Mo. Ch. Mo. Ch.  
Clem Carol Clem Charles Betty ROGERS





Will Rogers

#### ROGERS ANCESTORS OF WILL ROGERS

“My ancestors didn't come over on the Mayflower, but they met 'em at the boat.”

Will Rogers liked to kid about folks who put too much stock in their family trees. Writing from Washington in May, 1925, he described the D.A.R. convention and the hundreds of members who stood in line to shake the hand of the President. He wondered if the initials stood for "Damned Annual Rumpus." He added: "The Spanish American War is as far as we can trace back and I can't find any of us in it. But it gives these women something to do to get away from husbands perhaps who are terrible to live with!"

In April, 1931, he flew into Washington after an extended trip to South America, expecting to find it pretty dull. But, he wrote in his daily column, "I run into a D.A.R. convention and these old colonial dames gave me one of the wildest nights I have had in years. I got their wind off their ancestors and they are just as human as anybody." Proof of their love for Will Rogers, the D.A.R. national association planned a row of trees—extending from Tulsa to Clarence—*in his honor* after his death in 1935. A redwood tree and a bronze marker on the Memorial grounds attest to their intentions, even though the 20-plus acres of trees were never planted.

It is almost certain that neither Will nor Glen Vann Rogers ever made any attempt to "claim" their family tree, except for obtaining the information necessary to prove their Cherokee ancestry in order to be listed on the Indian Rolls. Thus genealogists have had little to go on in a study of the Rogers lineage before certain men named Rogers moved to the Cherokee Country in Georgia about the time of the Revolution.

Part of the problem in tracing the Rogers lineage is the fact that it is such a common name. Robert—the given name of his first proved Rogers progenitor—is even more common. Also, we have information about at least three branches of Rogers that intermarried with the Cherokees between 1775-1835, and as yet we have not been able to prove or disprove possible connections among them.

For these reasons, the Rogers line that can be directly linked to Will Rogers is one of the smallest in the book. More possibilities are given in the Appendix and we hope that in future volumes much more data will be available for publication.

## ROGERS

HUSBAND Robert J ROGERS (Sr?)  
 Born c1785-90 Place GA?  
 Marr. 1810 Place GA?  
 Died bef 1828? Place GA? (need proof)  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Not proved Husband's Mother Not proved

WIFE (Betty/Lucy, prob Elizabeth) CORDERY (CORDURY, COMDRI, etc.)  
 Born c1784 Place  
 Died before 1895 Place Prob near Westville (now Adair Co OK)  
 Cemetery unknown Place  
 Wife's Father Thomas CORDERY Wife's Mother Sonicoola (Susannah) f/d Cher  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Catherine	c1811	Prob GA	1830 Alexander McDANIEL
2 Nannie	c1812		1. 1833 Alex. JORDAN 2. John ANDERSON
3 Robert (Jr?)	16 Jul? 1815 4 Jul 1842	GA (Now) Adair Co OK	c1835 Sallie VANN
4 John (?)	c1817		No issue
5 Lucy	c1819		No issue

Because the husband of Lucy CORDERY ROGERS did not sign the petition to come to the "Arkansas Country" of the Western Cherokees in 1829 when Lucy and her children signed, it has been assumed he died before that date. But we need proof. Perhaps he chose not to remove for some reason. Possibly he had left his Cherokee family earlier and returned from whence he came. We simply do not have proof of his birth, marriage, or death. The only indication we have of his name is from Starr; other sources refer to Starr, and there are many errors in his work. HISTORY OF OLD ALBERMARLE gives Robert ROGERS as son of William ROGERS and wife Mary (she w/2 ERAGG), but there is no valid proof of this.

Among those who voluntarily enrolled themselves as emigrants for the Arkansas Country under the treaty between the US and the Cherokees of AR (the Western Cherokees) of 6 May 1828, relinquishing rights to all lands East of the Mississippi, were ROGERS families from Big Tallapoosa GA. Richard signed on March 14, 1829; the others all signed on Mar 24, 1829. (They are numbered consecutively on the list of those who signed, numbers 14 through 18.) Richard had 3 in family; Lucy ROGERS had 2; the others, John ROGERS, Robert ROGERS, and James ROGERS each signed as 1 in family. We believe these were the sons of Lucy CORDERY ROGERS plus her daughter Nannie. Directly under these names, #19, is Alexander McDANIEL, 5 in family, including 2 blacks, who was the husband of Catherine ROGERS, also of Big Tallapoosa. We are not sure of the identity of Richard ROGERS on this list. He may have been a married son of Lucy CORDERY ROGERS, but we need further proof.

Note: See a separate ROGERS family lineage later in this book as well as the ROGERS records in the Appendix.

## DESCENDANTS OF LUCY CORDERY ROGERS

From: "Old Settler Cherokee Census Roll, 1895/and/Index to Payment Roll, 1896," from National Archives & Records Service, w/ Copy #T-965, Roll 1. (Additional info, evidently the source of qualifications for Lucy ROGERS: Roll of 1861, G.S. 13, Card No. 246; O.B. No. 2165.) I-Desc of Catherine ROGERS & Alexander McDANIEL; II-Desc of Robert and Sally VANN ROGERS; III-Desc. of Nannie ROGERS by Alexander JORDAN and John ANDERSON. Because this is for payment, it probably includes all descendants who could be found in 1895. Note: C.V. is the only ROGERS.

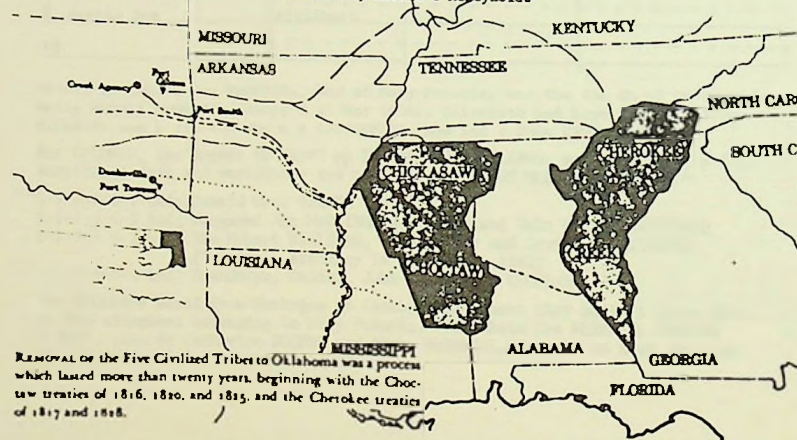
Roll No.	Name	Age	Residence
7676	A. Catherine DUNCAN	gdr	56 Claremore
7677	B. Robert McDANIEL	gson	58 Webber Falls
7678	1. Alex L. McDANIEL	gson	34 Claremore
7679	2. John M. McDANIEL	gson	32 Catoosa
7680	3. Molly ANSHUTZ	gdr	30 Catoosa
7681	I. C. a. Penny CUMMINS	ggdr	12 Catoosa
7682	b. Gracie CUMMINS	ggdr	10 Catoosa
7683	c. David CUMMINS	ggson	8 Catoosa
7684	d. Edna CUMMINS	ggdr	6 Catoosa
7685	e. Ruby CUMMINS	ggdr	4 Catoosa
7686	f. Mary CUMMINS	ggdr	2 Catoosa
7687	II. A. Clea MUSGROVE (C.V. ROGERS)	gson	55 Claremore
7688	B. Peggy TIMBERLAKE	gdr	57 Gwendale
7689	1. Mary E. NEUMALLEE	ggdr	45 Braggs
7690	2. Sally McNALLY	ggdr	36 Wagoner
7691	3. Marsha BRADY (BRODY?)	ggdr	42 Wagoner
7692	4. Jennie PETTIT	ggdr	23 Matova
7693	5. Belle POSTER	ggdr	31 Matova
7694	6. Dolly PETTIT	ggdr	33 Braggs
7695	A. a. John HENSLEY	ggson	12 Braggs
7696	b. Jennie HENSLEY	ggdr	9 Braggs
7697	c. Sam HENSLEY	ggson	5 Braggs
7698	d. Houston HENSLEY	ggson	5 Braggs
7699	e. George HENSLEY	ggson	4 Braggs
7700	f. Joseph HENSLEY	ggson	2 Braggs
7701	g. James HENSLEY	ggson	2 Braggs
7702	III. B. I. Richard ANDERSON	gson	50 Braggs
7703	C. 1. Sarah HAYS	ggdr	45 Lordsburg? NM
7704	D. J. Alexander JOORDAN	gson	58 Muskogee
7705	1. W.W. IVY	gson	40 Linn Flat TX
7706	E. a. Della IVY	ggdr	13 Muskogee
7707	b. Ada IVY	ggdr	11 Muskogee
7708	2. J.D. JOORDAN	gson	40 Pauling?
7709	3. J.M. JOORDAN	gson	34 "
7710	F. 4. Sarah V. JOORDAN	ggdr	32 Pauling?
7711	a. Bell JOORDAN	ggdr	14 "
7712	b. Myrtle JOORDAN	ggdr	12 "
7713	c. Alex. JOORDAN	ggson	10 "
7714	d. Vannie JOORDAN	ggdr	10 "
7715	1. B.F. PAYNE	gson	38 Louisville? TX
7716	2. Alex POPE	gson	17 Gataville TX (47?)
7717	3. John POPE	ggson	40 Muskogee
7718	4. Dewey POPE	ggson	47 Muskogee
7719	5. James POPE	ggson	50 Muskogee
7720	a. John CASH	ggson	17 Muskogee
7721	b. Sam CASH	ggson	14 Muskogee

HUSBAND Alexander McDANIEL  
 Born 1795 Place rem from Big Tallapoosa GA to IT 1827  
 Marr. 1830 Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Wm, s/o Wm. McDANIEL Husband's Mother

WIFE Catherine ROGERS  
 Born c1811 Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Robert ROGERS Wife's mother Lucy/Battle CORDERY  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Lucy McDANIEL	1832		
2 David McDANIEL(S)	1834	Galveston, TX	Emma/Emily McCALL
3 Ellis McDANIEL	1836		1 Rachel BELL 2 Emma McLAUGHLIN
4 Robert McDANIEL	1838		Cinderella LINDER
5 Catherine McDANIEL	1840		1 Seaborn CORDERY 3 Edy WARD 3 Stephen DUNCAN
6 Sarah McDANIEL	1842		Robert KLAUS
7 Lewis McDANIEL	1844		

From: HISTORICAL ATLAS OF OKLAHOMA by Morris & McBeynolds



HUSBAND William Anthony CUMMINS US Deputy  
 Born 20 Aug 1856 Place Morrow, Washington Co. AR  
 Marr. 31 Aug 1881 by F.T. Beaver Place Muskogee (OK)  
 Died 9 Dec 1937 Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Wm. CUMMINS d 1864 AR Husband's Mother PEAROOK d 1856

WIFE Elizabeth Ora McDANIELS  
 Born 8 Apr 1865 Place Texas  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Dick Duck Cem. Place Catoosa OK  
 Wife's Father David McDANIELS Wife's Mother Emily McCALL (McDELL?)  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Pemie	c1884		Henry MALONE
2 Grace (Emily Grace)	c1886 1953		1901 Joseph BOBBINS
3 David	c1888		Fanny GREEN
4 Edna	c1890		Arthur BRASHEAR/BRASHLER?
5 Ruby	c1892		Hugh JOHNSON
6 Mary Francis (Mae)	11 Apr 1892 19 Jan 1961	Catoosa IT Catoosa OK	17 Sep 1909, Catoosa George COCHRAN JR
7			
8			

Sources: Letter from Thelma COCHRAN MARTINDALE, Tulsa. ROGERS CO. HISTORY (1979). Also, Starr, p 394, etc.

George COCHRAN, Jr., was son of Geo. Washington COCHRAN and Nancy VANN. Geo. W. COCHRAN like W.A. CUMMINS, served as US Deputy under Judge Isaac PARKER at Ft. Smith in 1891.

The six ch listed above are on the Cherokee Roll, 1896, as descendants of Lucy CORDERY ROGERS, #'s 7681-7887. Births from ages 1896. Ma CUMMINS, f of Mm. A., above, b Isle of Night, killed by bushwhackers in ARK during Civ. War. Nancy VANN who m Geo. W. COCHRAN, SR, was m first to Tom GILCATCHER SR. We do not know her VANN ancestry at this time.

As a widow, Emily McCALL McDANIEL owned and operated hotels in Claremore, Vinita and Catoosa. Most of the family remained at Catoosa and they are buried there in Dick Duck Cemetery.

ROGERS 1-1-2-4-6

HUSBAND George Washington COCHRAN, Jr.  
 Born 29 Dec 1889 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. 17 Nov 1922 Place Claremore  
 Died 28 Apr 1976 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband's Father Geo. W. COCHRAN, Sr. Husband's Mother Nancy VANN

WIFE Mary Francis (Mae) CUMMINS  
 Born 11 Apr 1892 Place Catonsville  
 Died 19 Jan 1961 Place Catonsville  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's Father Mr. Anthony CUMMINS Wife's Mother Ellis Ora McDANIEL  
 Wife's other husbands \_\_\_\_\_

Children	When Born	Where Born	Marriage Date & Place
Order	When Died	Where Died	To Whom
1 Son Bill	living in Tulsa 1979	Claremore	1. James Olen KEETER 2. Ernest T. WILLETT
2 Thomas	living in Catonsville 1979	_____	9 Nov 1929 Cecil C. MARTINDALE
3 Ruth	_____	_____	1. Hubert B. WILLIAMS 2. Loy BRIDGES
4 Stanley COCHRAN	_____	_____	Hera Virginia CONLEY
5 Anna Star	d bef 1929	_____	_____
6 Harold Earl	_____	_____	_____
7 Harold John (twin)	_____	_____	_____
8 Betty June	_____	_____	_____
9 Martha Lou	stillborn	_____	_____
10	_____	_____	_____

(1-1-2 Elizabeth Ora McDANIEL, mor of Mary Francis, was the 4th ch of David and Emily W. CALL McDANIEL (Emily d 21 Mar 1906); Elizabeth had bros Alex and John McDANIEL and a sis Ida who m a CRITCHFIELD and had a Cuba CRITCHFIELD)

For COCHRAN, see "Rogers Co Hist" pp 147-48. For WILLIAMS, see same book, p 448. Additional data and variations are on p 368, "ROBBINS-McDANIEL-CUMMINS."

1-1-2-4-6-1 had: Donald Olen KEETER

1-1-2-4-6-2 had: Margaret Ann MARTINDALE NICHOLS and John Cecil MARTINDALE

1-1-2-4-6-3 had: Tom Hubert WILLIAMS, Richard Joe and David Lee WILLIAMS (Tom is an attorney in Claremore, 1982)

1-1-2-4-6-4 had: Owendolyn, Daniel, John and Marcia COCHRAN

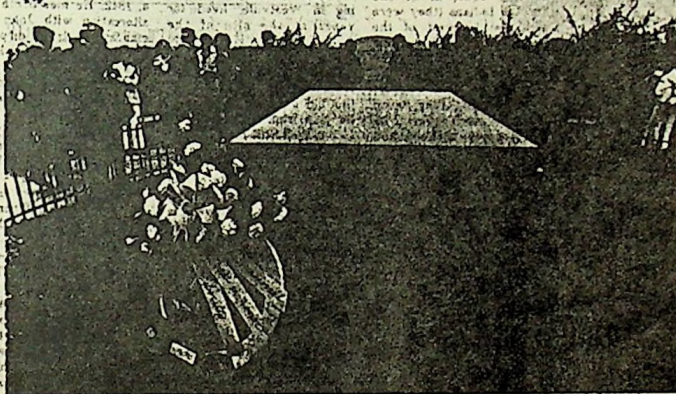
The COCHRANs moved from Muskogee to Catonsville 1889 where they built a house 1896 on the allotment belonging to Mary Francis. Elizabeth Ora McDANIEL CUMMINS b 1865, edus of Catherine ROGERS and Alex. McDANIEL, is said to have operated the first hotel in Tulsa about 1882.

ROGERS 1-2

HUSBAND Alexander JORDAN, JOORDAN (See Start p 194)  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband's Father \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's Mother \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE Marnie ROGERS (See Desc. of Lucy ROGERS, 1895)  
 Born 1811 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's Father Hubert ROGERS SR Wife's Mother Lucy CORDELL  
 Wife's other husbands m/2 John ANDERSON

Children	When Born	Where Born	Marriage Date & Place
Order	When Died	Where Died	To Whom
1 Elizabeth JORDAN	bef 1895	m/2 Oliver W. WATKINS	m/2 Paul POPE m/2 Hiram BARKER
2 Andrew Vann JORDAN	bef 1895	_____	Sallie Ann WILLIAMS
3 Emily Jane JORDAN	4 May 1892 7 Apr 1888	_____	Sam'l Rowton HENSLEY
4 Catherine JORDAN	bef 1895	_____	John IYER (1858-1891)
5 Alexander JORDAN	_____	_____	1 Catherine E. MATHIES 2 Cecelia Rebecca WICKOLE
By h/2 6 Robert ANDERSON	_____	_____	1 Louisa DUMBAR 2 Julia V. DUMBAR STANLEY
7 Richard ANDERSON	c1845 (850,18 5)	_____	1 John WILSON 2 HAYS
8 Sarah ANDERSON	c1855 (845,18 5)	_____	_____



Tomb of Will Rogers, Mrs. Rogers and their infant son, Fred, at the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore. The wreath was placed there by Congressional Medal of Honor members when they honored Will Rogers as a great American in 1979.



HUSBAND Robert ROGERS (JR?)  
 Born 16 Jul 1815 (?) Place Prob. GA  
 Marr. c1835 Place Prob. GA  
 Died 4 Jul 1842 (24 Jul?) Place Near present Westville OK, Adair Co  
 Cemetery Family Cem. of his home Place 5 mi N of West'v, 1 mi W US 59  
 Husband's Father Robert ROGERS SR (?) Husband's Mother Lucy CORDERY

WIFE Sallie VANN (possibly Sarah?)  
 Born 28 Jan 1818 (or 11 Jun) Place  
 Died 28 May 1882 Place Rogers Ranch (now in Rogers Co OK)  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Avery VANN Wife's Mother Margaret McSWAIN  
 Wife's other husbands m/2 1844 William Alexander MUSGROVE

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Margaret Lavinia	12 May 1836	Joseph VANN's home Vinita OK	1856 A.W. TIMBERLAKE
2 Clement VANN	11 Jan 1839 28 Oct 1911	Goingsnake Dist, IA Chelsea OK	1858/9, Ft. Gibson, OK Mary A. SCHRIMSHER

Stillwell, Adair County, Oklahoma 74960 Thursday, June 28, 1973

Where Will Rogers' Kin Rests

From the  
STILLWELL DEMOCRAT-JOURNAL

## Cemetery to be Marked

Plans are under way to place a historical marker on US 59 about five miles north of Westville, directing tourists to a little cemetery where Robert Rogers, the grandfather of Will Rogers, the Oklahoma humorist, is buried.

The cemetery is located about a mile west of US 59 and is within a few hundred feet of a county blacktop road.

The site of the cemetery was verified a number of years ago by Will Rogers' sister, the late Mrs Sallie McSpadden of Chelsea.

**Background Given**  
 Lester said he obtained his information about the Rogers family from the late Mrs Bob Love, curator of the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore and niece of Will Rogers.

Lester writes as follows:  
 Robert Rogers, born July 16, 1815, married Sally Vann. They were the parents of Clem Vann Rogers, father of Will Rogers, the famed Oklahoma humorist.

"They had come west after foreseeing trouble brewing over the removal of the Cherokee Indians (they were Cherokees) to west of the Mississippi River. They came some years before the historic removal over the dreadful "Trail of Tears." Thus, no doubt, they saved themselves much suffering by coming early rather than waiting until the great purge of Cherokees started from the east.

**Near Mission**  
 "Therefore, Robert and Sally Rogers were well established in their new home about five miles northwest of the present site of Westville, and about one mile as the crow flies from the Baptist Mission Church and school.

"They established at their home a general line of merchandise for sale, plug

tobacco, wagon and furniture factories, and a cabinet shop.  
 "Lester Morris, now residing in Westville, lived for years at the site of the Rogers home. He vividly recalls the old tobacco press used to manufacture plug tobacco. It is assumed that this old iron press was sold for junk iron.

**Well Still There**  
 "The old original water well is the only original thing to be seen at the site of the early home of Robert and Sally Rogers. The well is hand dug, having two large well-dressed and shaped sandstones for its curb. It is said that slaves belonging to Mr and Mrs Rogers found these rocks on the Mission Mountain (which is nearby), carried them to the well, dressed and shaped and installed them around the well....

**Dies in 1842**  
 "Robert Rogers was born July 16, 1815, and died July 4, 1842. He met death in an altercation with John Rossman over a tribal dispute of some nature. Robert Rogers was buried in a small cemetery near his home site in a field owned for several years by the late W.T. Bynum and Mrs Bynum. However, Mrs Bynum recently sold the field to Wayne Hampton.

"There are some five or six graves in this small cemetery which is enclosed with sand rocks.

"The writer for several years has made an effort to make this cemetery secure and safe from any and all natural destructive powers. It is indeed fortunate that all owners of this field have been very careful to see that this cemetery was not marred or abolished, including the present owner, Wayne Hampton.

Note: The writer means Robert was killed by "a Ross man," i.e., a follower of Chief John ROSS.

HUSBAND Allison Woodville TIMBERLAKE  
 Born 1835 Place  
 Marr. 1856 Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Husband's Mother

WIFE Margaret Lavinia ROGERS  
 Born 12 May 1836 Place Joseph VANN's home, prob Ft. Gibson  
 Died Place Vinita OK  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Robert ROGERS Jr Wife's Mother Sallie VANN  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Jennie TIMBERLAKE	c1859 "crippled from Polio"		
2 Robert	want to Mexico - 1860	no wife man; never heard from again	
3 Kate	31 Mar 1950	Beverly Hills CA	1880 James E. WOLF

ROGERS 1-1-1

HUSBAND James E. WOLF  
 Born  
 Marr. 1880  
 Died  
 Cemetery  
 Husband's Father

WIFE Kate TIMBERLAKE  
 Born 19 Jan 1861 Margaret TIMBERLAKE  
 Died 31 Mar 1950 Place Beverly Hills CA  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Allison Woodville TIMBERLAKE Wife's Mother Margaret Lavinia ROGERS  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Paul Timberlake WOLF	15 Jan 1889		May
2 Ralph	19 Aug 1894		
3 Gordon	27 Aug 1897		
4 Louise	17 Feb 1900	still living, '63	Dr. Lyman CAVANAUGH
5 Katherine	2 Oct 1906 c1942	Bur Arlington Cem	

Data from a letter written by Paul T. WOLF to Paula McSPADEN LOVE, then curator at the Memorial, 1963. He lived at 1017 W 49, L.A. CA with wife May at that time.

Kate TIMBERLAKE attended Dwight L. Moody Institute, Northfield, MA.

HUSBAND Clement Vann ROGERS (Capt, CSA) rancher  
 Born 11 Jan 1819 Place Golinsake Dist. IT (Now Adair Co OK)  
 Marr. c1859 Place Ft. Gibson IT (Now Cherokee Co.)  
 Died 28 Oct 1911 Place Chelsea OK (home of dtr Maud Lane)  
 Cemetery Chelsea OK Rogers Co. Place  
 Husband's Father Robert J. ROGERS (Jr) Husband's Mother Sally VANN

WIFE Mary America SCHRIMSHER  
 Born 9 Oct 1819 Place Neak Tahlequah IT (now OK)  
 Died 28 May 1890 Place Rogers Ranch (now in Rogers Co OK)  
 Cemetery Chelsea, OK Place  
 Wife's Father Martin Matthew SCHRIMSHER Wife's Mother Elizabeth Hunt GUNTER  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Elizabeth	11 Sep 1861 Dec 1861	Baldwin Cr (Now Rogers Co. OK) Ft. Gibson (OK)	
2 Sallie Clementine	16 Dec 1863 25 Aug 1941	Douham, TX Chelsea OK	16 Dec 1885 J. Tom McSPADEN
3 Robert Martin	15 Apr 1866 13 Apr 1883	Douhamville, I.T. (OK) Chelsea IT (OK)	
4 Maud Ethel	28 Nov 1869 15 May 1925	Ft. Gibson IT (OK) Chelsea OK	1891 Capt Lane LANE
5 Mary (Mae, May)	31 May 1873 25 Jul 1909	Oologah, IT (OK) Oologah, OK	1 Matt YOCUM 2 Frank STINE
6 Zoe	31 Jul 1876 31 Jul 1876	Oologah	
7 Homer	1 Jul 1878 25 Sep 1878	Oologah	
8 William Penn Adair	4 Nov 1879 15 Aug 1935	Oologah Alaska	25 Nov 1900 Baltzy BLAKE

## CHEROKEE NATION CENSUS, 1890 p 22

Clem V. ROGERS...Native...C[herokee]...51...m...Farmer  
 May ROGERS...Native...C[herokee]...15...f...  
 William P. ROGERS...Native...C[herokee]...10...m

Can read, can write, yes on all three; married: yes for Clem only.

Dwellings: 3; Other structures:7; No. of Farms:3; Total acres enclosed: 300; Total acres in cultivation:300; Value of Improvements: \$15,000.  
 Number of Bushels--Corn:3,000; Wheat:1,000; Oats: 1,000; Apples:200;  
 Irish Potatoes: 20.  
 Number of Fruit Trees:300  
 Livestock, # of Head--Hogs: 30; Cattle:800;Horses:60;Mules:5;Goats: 36; Domestic Fowls:50  
 Implements and Machinery--Plows:5;Machinery Plows:2; Wheat Drills:1; Reapers and Mowers:1; Self Binders:1; Farm Wagons:2; Hacks:1  
 Miscellaneous--Pianos:1; Clocks:1

Taken from a xerox of the full page in the Memorial files. Note that Clem lists himself as married, but Mary SCHRIMSHER is not listed. This was the year she died and the census must have been made after her death.

Sources: Files at the Will Rogers Memorial: Obita, newspaper clips, gravestones, etc. Also: CHEROKEE INDIANS by Dr. Ernest STARR. #1 may have d at home of her paternal gran and be bur near Westville beside Robert ROGERS or she may have d after her mrr reached Ft. Gibson in her flight during the CW.

## Cherokee Tribal Roll 1902

Number	Name	Age	Sex	Blood
11,383	Clem V. ROGERS	63	M	1/4
11,384	William P. ROGERS	22	M	1/4
11,696	Mary STINE	29	F	1/4
11,697	John V. YOCUM	9	M	1/8 (s of May)
11,698	Edu. J. STINE, JR	2	M	1/8 ("
13,071	Sallie C. McSPADEN	38	F	1/16(Sallie ROGERS McSPADEN
13,072	Clem McSPADEN	15	M	1/32(s of Sallie)
13,093	Mary McSPADEN	11	F	1/32(dtr of Sallie)
13,074	Herbert T. McSPADEN	9	M	1/32(s of Sallie)
13,075	Maudie I. McSPADEN	6	F	1/32(dtr of Sallie)
13,076	Helen McSPADEN	3	F	1/32("
13,077	Pauline McSPADEN	1	F	1/32(dtr of "
13,515	Maudie LANE	33	F	1/16(dtr of Maud)
13,516	Estella LANE	10	F	1/16(dtr of Maud)
13,517	Ethel LANE	8	F	1/32(dtr of Maud)
13,518	James G. LANE	5	M	1/32(s Maud LANE)

Note: According to current Indian records, children of Clem and Mary Rogers each had 9/32 Cherokee blood. That of Will P. and Mary are rounded to 1/4, but for some reason, Sallie and Maud reported theirs as only 1/16.

Rogers County, OK is named for Clement Vann ROGERS, a delegate to the Constitutional Convention for OK statehood in 1907. Before statehood, the Rogers Ranch was in Coowasecawee Dist, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, about 4 miles from Oologah.

Clement Vann ROGERS married second 15 Jan 1893 Mary BIBLES, dau of Hon. John BIBLES, (or G.P. BIBLES) also of Cherokee blood and a close neighbor along the Verdigris River. She was b 1866 near Allamore, IT, d 17 Jan 1900 in Claremore; bur Woodlawn Cem, Claremore OK. There were no issues of this marriage. (News articles in Claremore PROGRESS and Vinita INDIAN CHIEFTAIN about the marriage and her death. Letters of administration also in the Memorial files as well as personal letters.)

Clement V. ROGERS is incorrectly listed on the "Old Settler Cherokee Census Roll, 1895" as "Clem MUSGROVE," age 55, of Claremore. His mother, Sallie VANN ROGERS had married a MUSGROVE, so that probably accounts for the error. On that roll, he is listed as a grandson of Lucy (CORDREY) ROGERS, dec'd, and his number is 7687. His sister, Peggy ROGERS TIMBERLAKE, 57, of Gaendala, is listed directly below him, #7688. They were the only ROGERS descendants of Robert ROGERS and Lucy CORDREY. One son remained a bachelor; one was childless. Only Robert ROGERS Jr married and had issue and he had only the one son: Clement Vann ROGERS.

Thus, WILL ROGERS had no first or second cousins named ROGERS, and any ROGERS related to this family must be connected to a brother of Robert ROGERS SR, or to some earlier member.



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HUSBAND John Thomas (Tom) McSPADDEN Businessman, rancher  
 Born 15 Mar 1852 Place Ft. Payne, DeKalb Co AL  
 Marr. 16 Dec 1885 Place Rogers Ranch (now Rogers Co OK)  
 Died 5 Nov 1936 Place Chelsea OK (Rogers Co)  
 Cemetery Chelsea OK Place  
 Husband's Father Rev. T.K.B. McSpadden Husband's Mother Eliz. Jane GREEN

WIFE Sallie Clementine ROGERS  
 Born 14 Dec 1863 Place Near Bonham, TX  
 Died 25 Aug 1943 Place Chelsea, OK  
 Cemetery Chelsea OK Place  
 Wife's Father Clem. Vann ROGERS Wife's Mother Mary A. SCHRIMSHER  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Clement Hayes	20 Dec 1886 20 Aug 1912	Los Angeles, CA	3 Jun 1912 LA, CA Alice May BERETTA
2 Mary Belle	24 Jan 1888 22 May 1890	Chelsea (now OK) Rogers Co OK	
3 May (Maxie)	21 Jul 1891	Near Chelsea	22 May 1919 Walton Charles POOLE
4 Herbert Thomas	1 Oct 1893 20 Feb 1980	Near Chelsea Claremore, OK	20 Aug 1924, OK City Madelyn POPE (Palmer)
5 Maude Irene	5 Apr 1896 8 Jan 1973	Near Chelsea	19 May 1917 Walker Wm. MILAN
6 Helen	11 Oct 1899	Near Chelsea	12 Oct 1921 Lucian A. EATON
7 Pauline Elizabeth	13 Sept 1901 28 Apr 1973	Near Chelsea Tulsa (Hosp)	24 Nov 1937 Chelsea Robert Willard LOVE
8 Maurice Rogers	10 Apr 1905 25 Apr 1968	Chelsea Muskogee, OK	1. Pauline SKINNER 2. Alta LeGATE

## JOHN THOMAS McSPADDEN

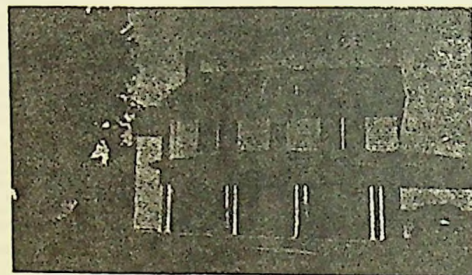
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 pub. 1979

Thomas Kingsburg McSpadden (b 1852 - d 1937) was born in Fort Payne, Alabama and it was there he married Elizabeth Green (b 1821 - d. 1889). To this union were born seven sons: James Walker, Earl (Leman), John Thomas, Samuel Alexander, William Fair, Frank Nowlin, and Magnus A.

Rev. McSpadden, a circuit rider, came with his family to the Indian Territory in 1859 as a missionary to the Indian Nation. His work extended from Gibson Station to the Kansas line. He served the Southern Methodist Church with a salary of \$150.00 per year.

In 1891 McSpadden Chapel was dedicated in honor of the man who labored so earnestly for the good of mankind.

Joe, Tom, Sam and Fair settled in the Chelsea area and Jim, Frank and Magnus established homes in Tahlequah.



"Maplewood"....McSpadden Home in Chelsea OK

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HUSBAND Walton Charles POOLE  
 Born 25 Sep 1899 Place Chelsea OK  
 Marr. 22 May 1919 Place Chelsea OK  
 Died 7 Aug 1945 Place Hammond IN  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Chas. Walton POOLE Husband's Mother Emma G. MURKIN

WIFE May "Maxie" McSPADDEN  
 Born 21 Jul 1891 Place Farm, West of Chelsea  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Place  
 Wife's other husbands Wife's Mother

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
"Betty"	20 Apr 1922	Coffeyville KS	
1 Lula Elizabeth POOLE			1. Mike BARRY (87) 2. Al AOPARO J. Vincent DIMICELLI
2 Charles Walton "	19 Jun 1926	Coffeyville KS	Arlene SLATER
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Chas. Walton POOLE, F of M.C., (1859-1910), John Poole and Sarah Myra HARLAN, came to Chelsea from Vinita 1885; was merchant, rancher and banker.

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HUSBAND Charles Walton POOLE  
 Born 19 Jun 1926 Place Coffeyville, KS  
 Marr. Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Husband's Mother

WIFE Arlene SLATER  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Walton Charles POOLE	20 Mar 1948	Tulsa	
2 Timothy Earle POOLE	4 Feb 1949	Tulsa	

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HUSBAND Herbert Thomas McSPADDEN	
Born	1 Oct 1893
Marr.	20 Aug 1924
Died	20 Feb 1980
Cemetery	Chelsea
Husband's Father	John Thomas McSPADDEN
Husband's Mother	Sallie ROGERS

WIFE Madelyn POPE (PALMER)	
Born	1898
Died	1977 (19 Aug)
Cemetery	Chelsea
Wife's Father	Alfred POPE
Wife's Mother	Georgia TRENT
Wife's other husbands	

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1. Clem Rogers McSPADDEN	9 Nov 1925	Bushyhead OK	1. Matilda Ann ROBERTSON 2. Donna CASITY
2. Robert Palmer	22 Feb 1931	Chelsea	Vergie Joanne TAYLOR
3. Herbert "Trent"	25 JUL 1935	OSLOGAN OK	Leota BURNS

## Clem McSpadden's father dies; rites set

By Feb 1981, Tulsa TRIBUNE  
Tribune Staff

CHelsea — Herbert Thomas "Herb" McSpadden, 86, longtime area barber and the father of Clem McSpadden, former U.S. representative and state Senate leader, died Wednesday night in a Claremore hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Chelsea Memorial United Methodist Church, with burial in Chelsea Cemetery under direction of the Meagrove-Herrick-Smith Funeral Home of Claremore.

Right: Herb and Clem in front of the home where Will Rogers was born and where Clem and his brothers grew up.

McSpadden was a nephew of the late Will Rogers.

He was born Oct. 1, 1893, in Chelsea. McSpadden's parents were Tom McSpadden and Sallie Clementine McSpadden, Will Rogers' sister.

He had spent his lifetime in Rogers County.

McSpadden for 33 years was manager at the Will Rogers Ranch in Oologah, moving into Chelsea in 1961.

He graduated from the old Cherokee Male Seminary at Tahlequah and later became president of the seminary.

McSpadden was a World War I cavalry veteran.

He was a past president of the Territorial Cowboys and Indians Association, and was a member of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association and the Blue Stem Cattlemen's Association.

He was a charter member of the William Stanley American Legion Post at Chelsea and a member of the Chelsea Memorial United Methodist Church.

McSpadden's wife, the former Madelyn Pope, died in 1977.

Surviving in addition to Clem McSpadden are two other sons, Bob McSpadden of Vinita and Trent McSpadden of Chelsea; two sisters, Mrs. Helen McSpadden Eaton of Chelsea and Mrs. May Poole of Garland, Texas; and three grandchildren.



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HUSBAND Clem Rogers McSPADDEN	
Born	9 Nov 1925
Marr.	w/2 11 Feb 1962
Died	
Cemetery	
Husband's Father	
Husband's Mother	

WIFE Matilda Ann ROBERTSON w/2 Donna CASITY	
Born	w/1 10 Nov 1925 w/2 4 May 1934
Died	
Cemetery	
Wife's Father	w/2 C.A. CASITY
Wife's Mother	Edna Talla FOX
b. Gadge Co. OK (X.T.) 10 Oct 1906	
b. Howell Co., MO 24 Feb 1907	

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Paul Robertson McSPADDEN	19 Feb 1949	Claremore	Conna
2 Madelyn Kay	8 Mar 1952	Nowata	Frank SMITH (div.)
w/2 3 Barton Casity	21 Dec 1967	Clinton, OK	

Clem McSPADDEN gr TU at Arlington, TX, and OK A & M (OSU); state senator 1954-71; pres pro-tem 1964-68; Congressman, 2d Dist 1971, Rules Committee and co-author Rural Caucus; candidate for governor OK 1974, won Demo primary, lost run-off; currently executive mgr, OK Mining and Reclamation Assoc; also has served as Gen Mgr of National Finals Rodeo; producer and mgr of "World's Richest Roping," Chelsea-Bushyhead arena; producer of OK State Penitentiary Rodeo; producer National Old-Timers Rodeo; Trustee, National Cowboy Hall of Fame; partner, McBurrr Corp., Claremore; director and incorporator, Peoples State Bank, Claremore. Rancher on land settled by ggp in 1880's. Sportscaster on ABC's "Wide World of Sports; active in church and civic affairs.

Donna CASITY McSPADDEN grad Claremore College (now Rogers State College); Phi Theta Kappa; and OCU; served as Marshal, Ct. of Criminal Appeals, OKC; officer of Legislative wives; member 93d Cong. Wives Club, D.C.; hostess First Lady's Bkfst; originator, Ladies Day, National Finals Rodeo, OKC; VP McBurrr Corp and Rogers Co Demo Women; elected Demo Woman of the Year; pres GPWC Delphian Review Club, Chelsea; chairman GPWC 1st Dist Legis Coma; state chairman GPWC Legislative Chairman; pres Chelsea C of C 1982; pres Chelsea AFS Program; chairman BSA Advancement counselor; board of dir, Chelsea School Parents; listed "Who's Who in the World of Women." Elected Demo delegate to national convention NY 1976; office mgr OK Mining and Reclamation Assoc, Chelsea; active in civic, church and Boy Scouts.

The McSPADDENs live in a beautiful restored home in Chelsea with son Bart who is an honor student, active in band and scouting; was valedictorian from 8th grade 1982 and became an Eagle Scout 2 May 1982.

Paul McSPADDEN works for HEN in Dallas and has one son, John Christian McSPADDEN, b 1982. Madelyn "Kay" McSPADDEN is with the Dept. of Human Services in OKC.

Data from Mrs. Clem McSPADDEN. Also, see ROGERS CO. HISTORY, p 366.

HUSBAND Robert Palmer McSPADDEN  
 Born 22 Feb 1931 Place Chelsea  
 Marr. 21 Aug 1952 Place Tulsa  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Husband's Mother

WIFE Vergie Jeanne TAYLOR  
 Born 17 Feb 1930 Place Broken Arrow  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Harrison TAYLOR Wife's Mother Minerva GILLILAND  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Robert Thomas McSPADDEN	21 Apr 1954	Tulsa	
2 Phillip Taylor	11 Oct 1955	Tulsa	
3 Mark Rogers McSPADDEN	7 Jan 1952		

Robert, Sr. att Northeastern State Univ, Tahlequah; served 4 yrs in USAP; has been VP and farm representative for First National Bank, Vinita, since 1963. Former pres Vinita C of C; Lions Club; Will Rogers Rodeo. Men Episcopal Church.

## I lived there too...

By Bob McSpadden

There will never be an area on this good earth that is more dear to me than the range and farmland of the old Will Roger's Ranch. It was home to me from the time I was born until I left there in 1957. The only reason I left there was because the ranch was soon to be inundated by the beautiful waters of Oologah Lake.

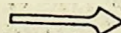
My father was hired by Will Rogers in 1919 to oversee the cattle and farming operation on the ranch. However, my folks didn't move to the ranch until 1927. It was there that my two brothers and I grew up. None of us would rather trade our "growing up" years with anyone. Ranch life on the Rogers Ranch was no different from any other ranch except for the visitors that drove up seven days a week to see the birthplace of the famous humorist. Every ranch boy learns

to ride and rope at a very early age but few got to meet as many people as we did. And answer thousands of questions. Almost all of them wanted to see inside the house. We set aside three rooms to show tourists - the room where Will Rogers was born, the dining room and the parlor.

I repeated this routine so often I can still remember vividly exactly what I said those many years ago. As they paused in the hall, "This old house was built in 1875 with logs cut in the Verdigris River bottoms." I would tell them, "It's an old style double log house with a hallway in between. It was weatherboarded on the outside and plastered on the inside. The weatherboarding was hauled 45 miles by wagon from Coffeyville, Kansas, the nearest town.

The first room on your right is the room Mr. Rogers was born in." My mother, a stickler for good grammar, corrected me often about ending a sentence with a preposition.

Christmas in the old house will be something I'll remember until I leave this life for the next. Momma believed in the 12 days of Christmas so in our house there were no decorations prior to Christmas Day. She would sit up practically all night on Christmas eve so that when we got up on Christmas morning there would be the tree all decorated, resplendent with real candles - we had no electricity-filled stockings which we had hung empty from the mantel the night before, a roaring fire in the high fireplace and an empty cup and plate where the night before had been hot chocolate and cookies. Santa had wolfed them down as he rushed through the busy night. Every Christmas morning I still get a nostalgic feeling as I think back over the years.



HUSBAND Herbert "Trent" McSPADDEN  
 Born 25 Jul 1935 Place  
 Marr. 8 Dec 1957 Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Husband's Mother

WIFE Leta BURNS  
 Born 7 Jun 1935 Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Victor BURNS Wife's Mother Lillian

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Virginia McSPADDEN	18 Nov 1959	Nowata	Mike ELLIOTT 22 Sep 1980
2 Sharon	12 Aug 1961	Miami	
3 Mary Faith	18 Aug 1963	Claremore	
4 Madalyn	6 Mar 1966	Claremore	
5 Herbert Vann	21 Nov 1969		

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The summers were hot and busy. We did our share of shocking wheat, oats and barley which stood until the threshing crew arrived. To a boy it was an exciting time watching the big threshing machine blow the straw stack higher and higher while spitting out grain from its side on to an old Model A truck. Haying came soon after and this meant more sweat for all of us. The work load was especially great during World War two when old men and young boys were left to do the farm and ranch work.

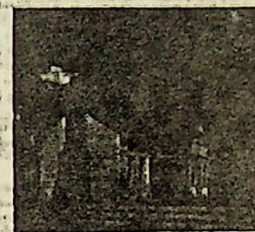
We had our share of cowboying too. At different times of the year we had branding, dehorning and castrating to do. It seemed we were constantly moving cattle, especially in the summer time. To a small boy it was as if Dad was just moving cattle to keep us from going swimming but as I

got older I realized he was rotating the pastures.

It seemed Dad loved to do things the old-time way if at all possible. We would never work cattle through a chute unless we were in a hurry. It was more his way to head and heel 'em. Nowadays ranchers have enough pens to sort cattle on foot and gate cut them. We did it on horseback out in the pasture. Usually the cowboy with the least experience got to hold the cut and this was always me. If you really wanted to make Dad mad, turn your horse's tail to a steer; that had turned on you. Steam came out of his ears! If you did it more than once, you were banned forever to looking after the chickens for Momma.

These are a few of the things I remember about the old Rogers Ranch and I'll treasure them always. The house is beautiful in

its present setting. But it's not the same. The restoration is accurate. Oh, the logs were not exposed then as they are now on the inside of the house. It is beautiful sitting up there high above the lake. But naturally it's



just not the same to me as it was when it stood behind the hill overlooking the fertile fields and served as a home for families from 1875 to 1962.

HUSBAND William Walker MILAM  
 Born 26 Jul 1896 Place  
 Marr. 18 May 1917 Place  
 Died 25 Oct 1967 Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Husband's Mother

WIFE Maud Irene McSPADDEN  
 Born 5 Apr 1896 Place Near Chelsea  
 Died 8 Jan 1973 Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Mr. Thomas MILAM	19 Jun 1918		10 Jun 1943 Betty Virginia SKOGSBERG
2 Walter Mortlock	24 Jan 1921		

THE WEDDING OF MISS SALLIE ROGERS TO  
 MR. JOHN THOMAS McSPADDEN

Vinita Journal, Vinita, Oklahoma, December 16, 1915

When Miss Sallie Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clewett Vann Rogers of Oologah became the bride of John Thomas McSpadden, December 16, 1915, the country had its most popular belle.

The impressive wedding ceremony was performed at four o'clock in the afternoon at the hospitable Rogers ranch home before thirty relatives and friends.

The bride, a lovely maiden in her handsome cream colored satin wedding gown, entered on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. The vows were exchanged before an improvised altar of mistletoe, hollyhock and beautiful geraniums, taken from Mrs. Rogers's flower pots. Rev. J. W. McClary of Vinita united the young couple in matrimony.

Miss Emma McSpadden of Cuba, Missouri, cousin of Mr. McSpadden, attended the bride as maid of honor and the best man was Mr. M. R. Brown, cousin of the bride.

Following the ceremony a lavish turkey dinner was served by Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, assisted by their three daughters and young son, Will. The cutting of the wedding cake by the bride added much to the merriment which prevailed. Music and songs were furnished throughout the evening by talented guests.

The young couple drove to Bushhead, the nearest railroad station, the following day, from which point they boarded the train for New Orleans, where their wedding trip will be spent. For traveling the bride was costumed in a gray wool traveling suit trimmed in red velvet following the season's latest fashion of tight fitting bodices and paniers.

Miss Sallie, as she is known to her many friends, is the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers. She is a graduate of the Cherokee National Female Seminary at Tahlequah. For the past three years she has taught at the Cherokee Orphan Asylum near Salina.

She has a distinguished heritage from both her father and mother's families, both of whom are prominent in affairs of the Cherokee nation. Dame Rumor has it that should stardom go into effect this part of the territory would be named for her father, Clew Rogers, one of its most prominent residents.

Mr. McSpadden moved to the Indian Territory from Fort Tye, Alabama, with his parents when a boy and was educated in the schools of that state. His father, the late T. K. B. McSpadden, was a circuit rider and was instrumental in establishing numerous churches throughout this part of the country.

Following their return from their wedding trip the bride and bridegroom will be at home to their many friends at their ranch near Oologah.

From CV/THE OLD HOME  
 RANCH by E. Collings.  
 Original clipping  
 from Memorial files.

HUSBAND Wm. Thomas MILAM Occupation Consulting Engr.  
 Born 19 Jun 1918 Place Chelsea, OK  
 Marr. 10 Jun 1943 Place Our Lady's Cath. Okla City, OK  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Wm. Walker MILAM Husband's Mother Maud Irene McSPADDEN

WIFE Betty Virginia SKOGSBERG  
 Born 13 Dec 1917 Place St. Francis Hosp. Michia, KS  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Carl Willard SKOGSBERG Wife's Mother Marie Rita MULLEN  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Sally Ann MILAM	16 Apr 1945	Michia, KS	6 Oct, 1967, Okla City - John Nantua PASCALL, JR
2 Mary Ellen	3 Oct 1946	Michia, KS	22 Mar, 1967, Wash, D.C. Howard Lynn MEREDITH
3 Carleen Marie	22 Jan 1951	Okla City, OK	29 Jan 1972 Dallas, TX Jerry BURGER
4 William Thomas, JR.	23 Apr 1954	Okla City, OK	
5 Virginia Elizabeth	3 Jun 1956	Okla City, OK	
6 Melanie Irene	23 Jun 1958	Okla City, OK	
7 Carl Skogsberg	23 Feb 1960	Okla City, OK	
8 Lisa Astrea	30 Oct 1964	Okla City, OK	

Wm. Thomas SR att Kemper Military Sch; OU, BS in ME, Aero Option; with Boeing Airplane Co during WW II; design, aerodynamics, flight test B29, air conditioning contracting and consulting engineering. Lives OK City.

Virginia Mae MILAM, grad Briarcliff; BA from OU; MA from Toronto Univ., philosophy

- #1 Sallyann att Maryville College, St. Louis; OU, and Colo. U. She and John PASCHALL have 2 ch: Laura Ann b 30 Sep 1969 OKC; and Drew McSpadden PASCHALL b 27 Mar 1971, OKC
- #2 Mary Ellen att Trinity Col., in D.C. and OU. She and Howard MEREDITH have 3 ch: Thomas Marshall b 17 Dec 1967, Owensboro KY; Mary American Lynn b 11 Jan 1972, NY City; and Samonia Catherine Lee MEREDITH b 18 Apr 1975 OKC
- #3 Carleen Marie att Madams of the Sacred Heart in IA; OU, and Maryville Col. MO; she and Jerry BURGER have 2 sons: Charles Walker BURGER b 22 Oct 1972; and David Maurice BURGER b 5 Aug 1975, Jerseyville, IL
- #4 Wm. Thomas, Jr., grad St. Louis Univ.-BA in Communications; law degree OU; now a trial examiner for OK Corporation Commission.
- #6 Melanie Irene grad Tulane Univ, LA, degree in Historical Preservation
- #7 Carl Skogsberg att Tulane, OU and OCU
- #8 Lisa Astrea spent one year in Vienna, Austria, studying German so she might enroll in University of Vienna in the Fall.

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**HUSBAND** Lucian A. EATON

Born 6 Jun 1893 Place St. Joseph MO  
 Marr. 12 Oct 1921 Place Chelsea  
 Died 22 May 1930 Place St. Louis, MO.  
 Cemetery Chelsea Place Chelsea  
 Husband's Father J. EATON SR Husband's Mother Alice HOFFBECKER

**WIFE** Helen McSPADDEN

Born 11 April 1899 Place Chelsea  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father J. Thomas McSPADDEN Wife's Mother Sallie ROGERS  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born	Where Born	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
	When Died	Where Died	
1 Lucia Ann EATON	11 Jun 1930	Chelsea	Don Thomas BUTLER
2			
3			

Mr. EATON was a civil engineer; track star at MD. U; served WWI; Mason; Delta Tau Delta; grad MD U 1916; liv K.C. and St. Louis. After his death, Helen returned to "Maplewood" and taught music at Chelsea schools. She continues to maintain the lovely old McSPADDEN home and is involved in many church and civic activities.



Above, Mrs. Sallie Rogers McSpadden turns the first spade of earth for the Will Rogers Memorial, April 21, 1935. (Second from left, John Duncan Forsyth, architect; far right, W.R. Grimshaw, contractor.) Right, Helen McSpadden Eaton, daughter of Sally, uses the same spade to open the ground for construction of the new wing to the Memorial, June 14, 1980. Behind her, l-r: Delmar Collins, James C. Leake and Paul Johnson.



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**HUSBAND** Don Thomas BUTLER

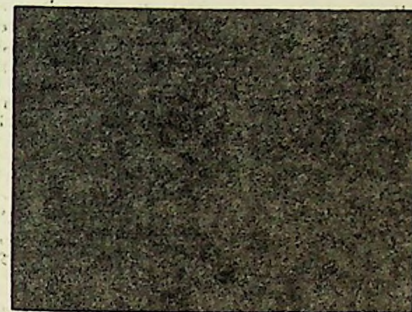
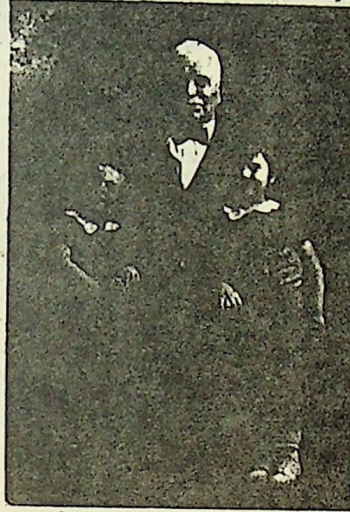
Born 24 Jul 1930 Place Bartlesville OK  
 Marr. Place Chelsea  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Luther T. BUTLER, Jr. Husband's Mother Bessie Lee BRADLEY

**WIFE** Lucia Ann EATON

Born 11 Jun 1930 Place Chelsea at "Maplewood"  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Lucian A. EATON Wife's Mother Helen McSPADDEN  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born	Where Born	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
	When Died	Where Died	
1 LARRY Allen BUTLER	25 Nov 1953	Ft. Lewis, Spauld	27 Nov 1981, Lapley OK Katherine Lonetta BROWN
2 William Thomas "	22 Aug 1955	Tulsa	2 Aug 1974, Tulsa Susan Elizabeth MORRIS
3 Catherine Sue "	5 Dec 1956	Tulsa	14 Jan 1977, Tulsa Stanley K. JONES

Lucia grad Chelsea HS, Monticello Jr Col, IL '49, att TU '49-50; DAC; Md of Dir, Cherokee National Historical Society.



Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stine, above.  
 Daughter Betty Stine,  
 left. See p 28.

Grandfather Tom McSpadden with young Bob McSpadden and Lucia Eaton.



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HUSBAND **Maurice Rogers McSPADDEN**  
 Born 10 Apr 1905 Place Maplewood, Chelsea, OK  
 Marr. w/2 26 Sept 1941 Place Dallas, Texas  
 Died 25 Apr 1968 Place OK  
 Cemetery Chelsea, OK Place  
 Husband's father John Thomas McSPADDEN Husband's Mother Sallie ROGERS

WIFE 1. Pauline SKINNER 2. Alta LeGATE  
 Born w/2 5 Apr 1904 Place Chelsea, OK  
 Died w/2 living Place Living  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's father William Guy LeGATE Wife's Mother Mary Amanda LeGATE  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born	Where Born	Marriage Date & Place
by w/2	When Died	Where Died	To Whom
"Boomer"	16 Nov 1944	Muskogee, OK	8 Aug 1972 Phoenix, Ariz
1 Maurice ROGERS			Jean Ann SHORTRIDGE
2			
3			

Maurice was manager of the Spaulding Cattle Ranch (Rancho Te'colote), Goleta, CA, after receiving his masters from Iowa State University, Ames. In the later 1930's, Will Rogers sent Maurice and Will Rogers, Jr., to old Mexico with cowboy artist, Ed Borein, who showed them the sights and gave them insights into the country.

Maurice returned to OK in the late '30's and managed the Turner Ranch at Turner Falls. He was an Army officer during WW II, serving with the 30th Medical Group of the US 9th Army; later the 30th Medical transferred to 3rd Army commanded by Gen. George S. Patton.

Following the war, he returned to OK and bought over 900 acres adjoining the original Cherokee allotments and started the McSpadden Ranch at Chelsea. He raised Hereford cattle for almost 30 years, with a superior bloodline and sire herd bull named "Royal Essar I." It has been used on ranches throughout NE OK to this date.

After working with the OK A & M Extension Service and with FHA in Rogers Co., Maurice was appointed to the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Muskogee where he was director of the Loan Guaranty and Land Management division, helping get agricultural loans for veterans. He received the 30-year achievement award before his death in 1968.

Alta McSPADDEN holds a BS from OU; worked at Muskogee Iron Works, Muskogee OK, finishing up her career as VP, Financial Records, for the same company.

"Boomer" McSPADDEN grad University of Arizona; was officer with the 16th Armor Group, USA Armor Center, Ft. Knox. He has served as Public Information Officer for the Five Civilized Tribes Foundation, as VP for College Relations at Comoros State College (OK); and is presently head of Journalism-broadcasting at Tulsa Junior College. His wife, Jean, also attended Arizona U.

PAULA MC SPADDEN LOVE... 1-3-2-2-7 NECROLOGY

The death of Paula McSpadden Love, Curator of the Will Rogers Memorial at Claremore, Oklahoma, after such a brief illness, came as a shock to those who knew and loved her. Her fragile appearance belied the moral strength and single-minded iron will that sustained her through the thirty-five years of tiring and often trying service at the Will Rogers Memorial.

Because of her, the memory of her famed "Uncle Will" is still strong and alive nearly thirty-eight years after his death. Paula devoted her life to this purpose.

Everyone called her "Paula"—not out of disrespect, but in recognition of her eternal youth and enthusiasm. Happiness to her was finding a new piece of Will Rogers memorabilia; helping a serious researcher seek out facts; seeing young people "discover" Will Rogers for the first time; hosting the Pocahontas Club tea on November 4, following the annual memorial ceremony; enjoying baseball games or experiencing a quiet evening at home with her husband, Robert.

Through the years, she shunned publicity for herself. "Don't waste your time on me—you just write about Will Rogers," she told more than one person who tried to interview the colorful curator for an article about her life and work.

She had happy memories of her childhood home in Chelsea, Oklahoma—"Maplewood," the big home where Paula and her sisters and her brother grew up, her mother, Sallie, Will's sister who helped raise him and always welcomed him back to Oklahoma with good home cooked meals and all the family gathered around, activities of the Memorial Methodist Church and her student days at Chelsea High School.

Paula attended college at Chickasha, Oklahoma, where she graduated from Oklahoma College for Women in 1926. Later, in 1930, she completed the requirements for a Master of Arts degree from the University of Missouri. She taught English, Music and Speech at high schools in Chelsea and Vinita, Oklahoma, and English at Northwestern State College in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, before being named curator of the Will Rogers Memorial in 1938. She authored numerous articles and one book, *The Will Rogers Book*, published in 1961 and reprinted ten years later.

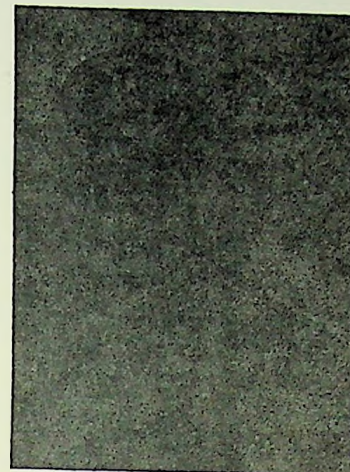
She was a member of P.E.O. and the Pocahontas Club, Lieutenants Colonel Walter Childs Chapter of Daughters of American Colonists, a life member of the Claremore Book Club, a member of the Memorial Methodist Church of Chelsea and active on the Library Board for many years.

She was hostess to thousands of noted persons in her home on the grounds of the Memorial—including Hollywood greats Fannie Canyon, Bob Hope, Joel McCrea and many more, as well as big names from the world of business, finance, publishing and education.

Paula weighed them all on the same scales: How sincere were they about their love for Will Rogers? That was all that mattered. And if you were a lowly student, seriously searching for facts, you "weighed" just as much as the V.I.P.'s, and Paula gave as generously of her time and energy.

For her keen mind, her vast store of knowledge, her unselfish determination to foster that unique phenomenon, Will Rogers, she will be remembered. As a result of her friendships, her encouragement and her assistance to other researchers, her work will continue and the memory of Will Rogers will be perpetuated. That is as it should be. That is all Paula ever asked.

Reba Collins  
 Central State University  
 Edmond, Oklahoma



Maurice McSpadden, above.  
 Paula McSpadden Love, below,  
 speaks at a Pocahontas Club  
 ceremony for her Uncle Will.



THE CHRONICLES OF OKLAHOMA

1900-1909  
 1910-1919  
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 1950-1959  
 1960-1969  
 1970-1979  
 1980-1989  
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 2000-2009  
 2010-2019  
 2020-2029

HUSBAND Captain Lane LANE (C.L.) Occupation Druggist  
 Born 26 Nov. 1868 Place Clarksville, Texas  
 Marr. 14 Oct 1891 Place Rogers Co.  
 Died 19 July 1924 Place Chelsea, Oklahoma  
 Cemetery Funeral: 20 Jul 1924 3 pm Place Chelsea ME Church, bur Chelsea  
 Husband's Father Dr. Robert Gordon LANE Husband's Mother

WIFE Maud Ethel ROGERS  
 Born 28 Nov. 1869 - [25 Nov?] Place Fort Gibson, I.T.  
 Died 15 May 1925 Place Chelsea, OK  
 Cemetery Chelsea OK Place  
 Wife's Father Clem Vann ROGERS Wife's Mother Mary A. SCHRIMSHER  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born	Where Born	Marriage Date & Place
	When Died	Where Died	To Whom
1 Estelle LANE	20 Sept. 1892	Chelsea	James T. NEAL 1917
2 Ethel Lindsey LANE	19 Oct 1894 30 Oct 1975	Chelsea Wichita KS	Edw. E. HEDGES
3 James Gunter	12 May 1897 9 Oct 1964	Chelsea Bartlesville	Jennie Belle MOONEY
4 Lasca Gazelle	19 June 1905	Chelsea	Harvey Lyle LUCKETT

Additional information from Memorial files and ROGERS COUNTY HISTORY, 1979

- 1-3-2-4-1 Estelle LANE m James Thomas NEAL b 5 Nov 1886 d Tulsa 23 Sep 1948; ch:  
 1. James Lane NEAL b 18 Dec 1916 m Josephine Pierque DOW; ch:  
 (a) Nancy Josephine NEAL b 30 Sep 1942 m Dick DICKASON  
 (b) Betsy Lane NEAL b 8 Nov 1948  
 (c) Lisa NEAL  
 2. Betty Maud NEAL b 20 Nov 1920 m Wm. Maurice O'HERN b 12 Sep 1920; ch:  
 (a) Cathleen Lane O'HERN b 17 Mar 1950  
 1-3-2-4-2 Ethel Lindsey LANE m Edward E. HEDGES; her obit in Chelsea REPORTER 8 Nov 1975 lists sis, Lasca of Bulder CO and Estelle NEAL of Tulsa; 3 nephews & 5 nieces and sis-in-law Bell LANE. Ethel grad of OU  
 1-3-2-4-3 James Gunter LANE m Jennie Belle MOONEY b 4 Sep 1897; d 27 Mar 1982; ch:  
 1. Ethel Marie LANE b 2 Feb 1918 m "Nick" Carl Sylvan NICHOLS b 18 Oct 1906; ch:  
 (a) Vanda Lane NICHOLS b 3 Oct 1942  
 2. Doris Lolita LANE b 12 Nov 1919 m James W. MEYER b 21 Oct 1915; ch:  
 (a) Billie Bob MEYER b 17 Sep 1942  
 (b) Jerry Gunter MEYER b 18 May 1945  
 (c) James Frederick MEYER b 14 Dec 1948  
 3. Robert Rogers LANE b 14 Mar 1922 m Luella Isabella FALES b 28 Mar 1928; ch:  
 (a) Gloria Isabella LANE b 20 Jun 1951  
 (b) Robert Gunter LANE b 17 Jul 1953  
 4. Elsie Jane LANE m Orris S. McDONALD  
 5. Maud Estelle LANE m Gordon West TUCKER; ch:  
 (a) Marcia Belle TUCKER  
 (b) Diana Sue TUCKER  
 (c) Irene Rebecca TUCKER  
 (d) Gordon West TUCKER II  
 1-3-2-4-4 Lasca Gazella LANE m Lyle Harvey LUCKETT b 3 Apr 1900 d 30 Jun 1961 Boulder CO; ch:  
 1. Harvey Cap LUCKETT b 21 Apr 1924 m Margo FLODIN b 21 Feb 1925; ch:  
 (a) Cap Flodin LUCKETT b 6 Jul 1949  
 (b) Chris Harvey LUCKETT b 20 Feb 1952  
 (c) Lance Lane LUCKETT b 2 Jul 1955  
 2. Hayden Lane LUCKETT b 8 Aug 1925 d 22 Jun 1927

IT'S WHAT THE HOME FOLKS THINK  
OF YOU THAT REALLY COUNTS

Today, as I write this, I am not in the Folies, the carefree Comedian who jokes about everything. I am out in Oklahoma, among my People, my Cherokee people, who don't expect a laugh for everything I say.

That Silent Prayer that those 300 Ministers uttered didn't save my sister. She has passed away. But she had lived such a life that it was a privilege to pass away. Death didn't scare her. It was only an episode in her life. If you live right, death is a joke to you as far as fear is concerned.

And on the day that I am supposed to write a so called Humorous Article I am Back Home. Back home, at the funeral of my Sister. I can't be funny. I don't want to be funny. Even Ziegfeld don't want me to be funny. I told him I wanted to go. He said, "I would hate you if you didn't." I told W. C. Fields, the principal comedian of the show. He said, "Go on, I will do something to fill in." Brandon Tynan, my friend of years, said, "Go home where you want to be and where you ought to be."

After all, there is nothing in the world like home. You can roam all over the World, but after all, it's what the people at home think of you that really counts. I have just today witnessed a Funeral that for real sorrow and real affection I don't think will ever be surpassed anywhere. They came in every mode of conveyance, on foot, in Buggies, Horseback, Wagons, Cars, and Trains, and there wasn't a Soul that come that she hadn't helped or favored at one time or another.

Now, we are in the South, of the South, and according to Northern standards we don't rate the Negro any too high. Well, I wish you could have seen the Negroes at her home on the day of the Funeral. Before her death, she said: "They are my folks, they have helped me for years, they are all my friends. When I am gone I don't want you Children at my Funeral to show any preference." That's the real South's real feelings for its real friends. Death knows no Denomination. Death draws no color line. Some uninformed Newspapers printed: "Mrs. C. L. Lane sister of the famous Comedian, Will Rogers." They were greatly misinformed. It's the other way around. I am the brother of Mrs. C. L. Lane. "The friend of Humanity." And I want to tell you that as I saw all these people who were there to pay tribute to her memory, it was the proudest moment of my life that I was her brother. And all the honors that I could ever in my wildest dreams hope to reach, would never equal the honor paid on a little western Prairie hilltop, among her people, to Maud Lane. If they will love me like that at the finish, my life will not have been in vain.

[Above, from a weekly syndicated article written by Will Rogers in May, 1925. Now available in Vol. II, WILL ROGERS WEEKLY ARTICLES, from the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore.]

Maud ROGERS attended Worcester Academy 1882-83; Cherokee Female Seminary where she roomed with sis, Elizabeth MUSGROVE, later Mrs. Ed Hicks of Tahlequah, and both were there on Easter Sunday, 1887, when the school burned; 1889-90 she attended Howard Female College, Fayette MO, then returned home after her Mother's death in May, 1890. Maud and "Cap" Lane established a home in Chelsea where they worked for the betterment of the community. Their home burned 2 May 1901, but they began at once to rebuild a beautiful home on the outskirts of Chelsea.

LANE-ROGERS WEDDING

From: Vinita CRIKFTAN 22 Oct 1891

- Mr. Cap Lane of Chelsea and Miss
- Maud Rogers, daughter of Capt.
- C. V. Rogers, were married at
- the bride's home near Talsja on
- Wednesday, the 14th last, at
- 11:30 a.m. Only the immediate
- relatives of the contracting
- parties were present. The bride
- was neatly attired in a cream
- colored mohair, trimmed with wool
- lace and ribbons, while the groom
- wore a black cutaway and presented
- in every respect an ideal groom.
- After the ceremony the guests
- proceeded to the dining room and
- partook of a choice breakfast as
- one could wish for. The happy
- couple will make Chelsea their
- future home. Following is a list
- of presents.
- Team of horses, C.V. Rogers
- Lamp, Dr. & Mrs. A. J. Lane
- Marcella quilt, Dr & Mrs. R.C. Lane
- Wardrobe, Mr. & Mrs. J. T. McSpadden
- Dinner & tea set, Miss Mary Rogers
- Souvenir spoon, Miss Ida Collins
- Picture throw & towel, Mrs. R.C. Lane
- Cow and calf, Miss Mary Rogers
- Linen, Lenora Journeycake
- Linen, Mr. & Mrs. F.M. Musgrove
- Cow and calf, George & Ida Collins
- Towels, Shasta & Gazelle Lane
- Five dollars, Miss Mary Bibles

"...you have to have a serious  
streak in you or you can't see the  
funny side of the other fellow."

1-2-2-5

HUSBAND Matthew YOULM (Matt. J. J.M., Matthew C.)  
 Born 31 Jan 1865 Place TX  
 Marr. 9 Oct 1892 Place ("Family Residency")  
 Died 7 Dec 1896 (assassinated) Place Oologah, TX (Now OK)  
 Cemetery Oak Hill Place 1 mile W of Oologah  
 Husband's Father Husband's Mother

WIFE Mary (called May or Mael) ROGERS  
 Born 31 May 1872 Place Rogers Ranch (now Rogers Co OK)  
 Died 25 Jul 1909 Place Rogers Co. OK  
 Cemetery Oak Hill Place 1 mile W of Oologah  
 Wife's father Clement Vann ROGERS Wife's Mother Mary A. SCHRIMSHER  
 Wife's other husbands 1/2 m Aug 1898 Frank STINE (of Ft. Worth, TX); can of h/1

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 John Vann YOULM	Midyear 1893 1952	(now) Rogers Co OK Indian Resery., AZ	
2 Willie YOULM	7 Jul 1895 30 Aug 1897	(Stone, Oak Hill Cem)	
3 Della Mae STINE	c1905	(Stone, Oak Hill Cem)	
4 Vera STINE		(Stone, Oak Hill Cem)	
5 Jacob Edward (Jake)	3 Jul 1900	Oologah 1920 d Mar 1982 Coleta CA Mary Allen	
6 Mattie Lane (Lanle)	Jan/Feb 1903 1978	Fla.	Eldon E. MITCHELL
7 Owen Gore STINE	Jan/Feb 1909 1978	OK TX	Edna, 11y Ft. Worth 1982

Marriage of Matt. YOULM and May ROGERS noted in INDIAN CHIEFTAIN 13 Oct 1892, performed by Rev. Watt STARR at 4 p.m. at the Rogers Ranch near Oologah. Clippings in Memorial files from the Vinita (OK) LEADER 10 Dec 1896 tell the story of the assassination of YOULM. Other information from gravestones, Bible records, and letters from Mary ALLEN STINE, wife of Jake STINE.

Mary's youngest child, Owen, was only six months old when she died. Her sisters, Sally and Maud, took care of the children until their father remarried. Records in Memorial files show Will ROGERS helped to pay for educating part of the children, including Lanie who attended Ursaline College. She was a teacher for 50 years; in Eldon MITCHELL and had 1 ch: Sally MITCHELL, also a teacher in Miami FLA, who has 1 son and two daus.

After the death of Frank STINE's w/2, he m Leona ALLEN, d 1975, a sis of Mary ALLEN, his son's wife. Frank and Leona had 3 daus: Mary STINE FITZGERALD, lives Palo Springs and has 5 sons, 2 daus and 9 gch. Lillian, m and had 1 dau, both died in a fire at home in LA, CA. Joann HILLISTER, lives Washington and Hawaii; has 2 sons and 3 gch.

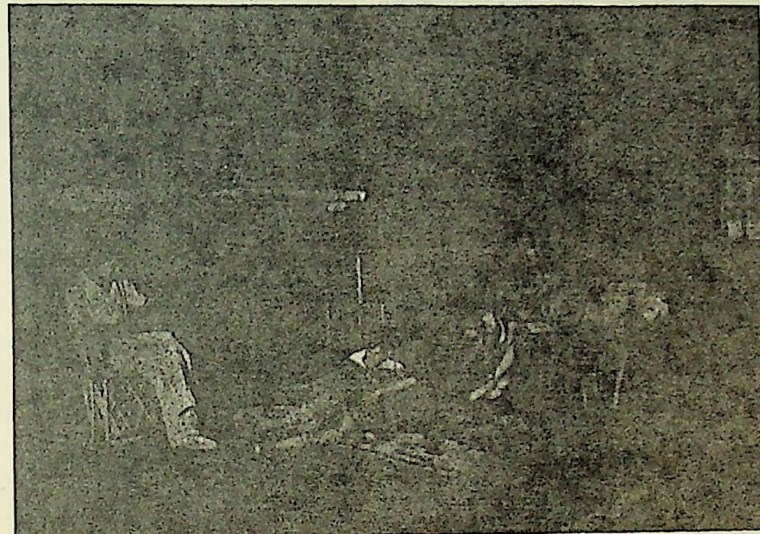
Mary and Jake STINE had 1 dau, Betty Pauline STINE, b TX, was the first woman to receive the uniform as a WASP (then Women's Air Ferrying Service) during WW II; she was on her last solo flight--1,000 miles across country--returning to Sweetwater TX--when her plane caught on fire over Quartzsite AZ. She bailed out, but was dragged by the chute in the mountainous terrain and only lived a few hours after she was taken to the hospital. Her wings were granted posthumously at graduation ceremonies of the 318th Army Air Forces Detachment W2 at Avenger Field. An escort of Marine Flying Officers from the base at Coleta CA provided full military honors for her in Coleta on 2 March 1944. She was 22.

1-3-2-8

HUSBAND William Penn Adair ROGERS Occupation Entertainer  
 Born 4 Nov 1879 Place Rogers Ranch TX (now Rogers Co OK)  
 Marr. 25 Nov 1908 Place Blake Home, Rogers AR  
 Died 15 Aug 1935 Place Blake (near Point Barrow)  
 Cemetery Will Rogers Memorial Place Claremore OK  
 Husband's Father Clement Vann ROGERS Husband's Mother Mary America SCHRIMSHER

WIFE Betty (Dettie) BLAKE  
 Born 9 Sep 1879 (Fam. Bible) Place Benton Co ARK (near Rogers AR)  
 Died 21 Jun 1944 Place Santa Monica CA (Rogers Ranch)  
 Cemetery Will Rogers Memorial Place Claremore OK  
 Wife's Father James Wynth BLAKE Wife's Mother Amelia J. CROWDER  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Wm. (Vann) ROGERS, JR	20 Oct 1911	New York City	26 May 1941 Collier CANNELL
2 Mary Emma ROGERS	10 May 1913	Rogers, AR	20 Sep 1930 Walter BROOKS III
3 James Blake ROGERS	23 Jul 1915	New York City	26 Mar 1930 Antonia KEMMER
4 Fred ROGERS	15 Jul 1910 17 Jun 1920	New York City Los Angeles CA	d. of diphtheria byx WR Memorial



In the living room at the Santa Monica Ranch, 1928. Will Rogers, Jr., left; Jim Rogers with Sarah, the sacred cow which was a gift from the Kleiburgs of the King Ranch in Texas; Betty Rogers; Mary Rogers holding Jock, the dog given to the children by Lord Dewar of England; and Will Rogers.

1-3-2-8-1

HUSBAND William ROGERS, JR (William Vann Rogers)  
 Born 29 Oct 1911 Place New York City  
 Marr. 26 May 1941 Place Las Vegas NV  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Wm. P.A. ROGERS Husband's Mother Betty BLAKE

WIFE Collier CONNELL  
 Born Place Tularosa NM  
 Died June 1976 Place Mexico (just south of San Diego)  
 Cemetery Place Tubac AZ

Wife's Father Ralph CONNELL Wife's Mother Bertha GREEN  
 Wife's other husbands (Collier's parents mov from Omaha, NB to NM for her father's health)

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Glen Adair ROGERS (adp)	22 Dec 1938	Moynah Mountain, AZ	14 Mar 1981, Las Vegas Rosemary Ann RODRIGUEZ
2 Carl Connell ROGERS	27 Jan 1952	Los Angeles CA Mexico	Jeannine Suzanne PROVOST

William ROGERS, Jr. is the name on his birth certificate, but he has always used "William Vann ROGERS, Jr." He was born only a few days before the death of his gf, Clement Vann ROGERS. Betty ROGERS wrote to her f-1-1 that she and Will, Sr., wanted to name the baby for him, but there were already too many "Gleens" in the family. Likely they decided to add "Vann" to his name after his grandfather's death.

Will Rogers, Jr. was owner-publisher of the BEVERLY HILLS CITIZEN for several years after graduating from Stanford University in 1935; he served as a foreign correspondent in Spain during the Spanish Civil War; hosted radio and TV programs; starred in two films, including THE WILL ROGERS STORY with Jane Bryan; held posts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other agencies; served one term in the U.S. Congress from CA; entered the Tank Corps under General Patton in WW II and was wounded in action during the Battle of the Bulge. In recent years, he is in great demand as a speaker and emcee throughout the nation and he also stars in radio and TV commercials. He has been an active member of the Will Rogers Commission since 1938.

At Stanford, Will, Jr., and Collier CONNELL began dating when they both worked on the college newspaper. During their married life, they lived in New York City, Malibu, and other places in southern California; on the north rim of the Grand Canyon and at Tubac AZ. Collier died of emphysema at a summer beach home in Mexico, just a few miles below the California border.

They raised two sons. Glen Adair ROGERS is a detective on the police force of Tucson. His wife, Rosemary, dau of Ramon and Esther RODRIGUEZ, was b 24 Feb 1953 in Tucson. She has a dau by h/1: Eriassa Ann b Tucson 16 Mar 1971. The first child of Glen and Rosemary is William Randolph ROGERS b Tucson 23 Sep 1981.

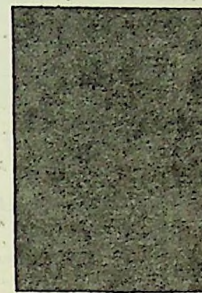
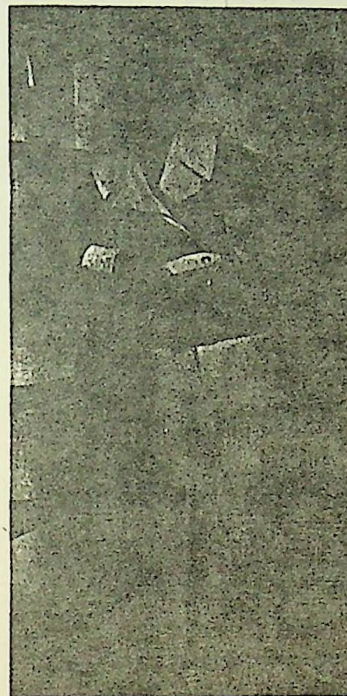
Carl Connell ROGERS lives in Montreal with wife Suzanne b Montreal 11 Jun 1952, dau of Jan and Madeline PROVOST. They have a son, John Xavier ROGERS b in Montreal 1982.

(Information from Will Rogers, Jr.--correspondence and conversation.)

1-3-2-8-2

HUSBAND Walter BROOKS III (Att Princeton, Lt. Col. had B-29 Squadron 441st)  
 Born Place  
 Marr. 38 Sep 1950 Place Las Vegas, NV  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Walter BROOKS Husband's Mother Lenise CROMBELL-McARTHUR  
 Gs of E.T. STOTESBURY of Pittsburgh BROOKS-HEIDBERG  
 WIFE Mary Amelia ROGERS  
 Born 18 May 1913 Place Rogers ARK (East Walnut St. BLAKE home)  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Will ROGERS Wife's Mother Betty BLAKE  
 Wife's other husbands None

Mary attended Marlborough School and Sarah Lawrence Col; member of Lakewood Players two seasons and in other dramatic productions; made Fox film, "My Weakness" using name of Mary Howard. She is a world traveler, speaks seven languages and has lived abroad for many years.



Left, Mary Rogers in Hollywood publicity pose and portrait. Above, Will Rogers, Jr. (left) and James Rogers.

1-3-2-8-3

HUSBAND James Blake ROGERS  
 Born 25 Jul 1915 Place New York City  
 Marr. 26 Mar 1938 Place Los Angeles CA  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father William P.A. ROGERS Husband's Mother Betty BLAKE

WIFE Marguerite Astrea KEMMLER  
 Born 31 Dec 1917 Place New York City  
 Died Place  
 Father: Charles William KEMMLER Mother: Marguerite DRAKE dau of Kate Astrea  
 3/2 Wilhela KEMMLER & Anna LAMPART SUTHERLAND & Chas. Rivera DRAKE  
 of Stuttgart Germany

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 James Kemler ROGERS	3 May 1939	Los Angeles	Oct 1963 Joan SCHNEIDER
2 Charles Edward ROGERS	23 Oct 1941	Los Angeles	12 Jun 1961 Beverly LENINGER
3 Astrea Elizabeth "BETTY"	17 Oct 1943	Los Angeles	1. Clarence LEVY 2. Erik BRANDIN

Called by her middle name, "Astrea," Mrs. James ROGERS is the daughter of C.W. KEMMLER, born Stuttgart, Ger., son of Charles Wilhelm KEMMLER and Anna LAMPART. Her mother, Marguerite DRAKE, born Tucson AZ, was dau of Charles Rivers DRAKE and Kate Astrea SUTHERLAND DRAKE.

James Blake ROGERS--named for his maternal gf, James W. BLAKE--operated the BEVERLY HILLS CITIZEN with his brother, Will, Jr., and edited it for a time during the early part of WW II. He served in the U.S. Marines, and following the war made several films. But he has always considered himself a rancher, the life he preferred above all others. He has owned ranches in the Santa Barbara and Bakersfield areas of California. The whole family enjoys horses and riding and they have participated in many events. Their first son, "Kem" owns and operates a large cattle "feed lot" west of Amarillo TX. Charles "Chuck" ROGERS is a professional polo player.

Mr. ROGERS Is Out To Round Up  
 2 STRAYS FROM THE HOME CORRAL

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Oct. 29. -- Early in the autumn, Mrs. Rogers and I sent two sons away supposedly to schools. (We got tired trying to get 'em up in the morning.) One went north, here in this State; another to New Mexico. Since then we have received no word or letter.

We have looked in every football team all over the country. Guess they couldn't make the teams, knew their education was a failure and kept right on going.

Any news from any source will be welcome.

I am flying to Mexico City today. The big one spoke Spanish, so maybe he is there. The little one didn't even speak English, but he loved chili and hot tamales, so he may be there, too.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1-3-2-8-2-1

HUSBAND James Komalar ROGERS  
 Born 3 May 1939 Place Los Angeles  
 Marr. 10 Oct 1963 Place Bakersfield CA (Div.)  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father James Blake ROGERS Husband's Mother M. Astrea ROGERS

WIFE Nancy Joanne SCHNEIDER  
 Born 14 Feb 1939 Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Frank SCHNEIDER Wife's Mother Eleanor STINEZ  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Jennifer Ann ROGERS	13 Mar 1966	Bakersfield	
2 James Schneider ROGERS	28 Nov 1970	Hexford TX	
3			
4			

Sgt. James K. ROGERS, 514th MP, 1963-5  
 Attended California State Poly-Tech 3 years, Animal Husbandry  
 He has feedlot operation in Texas, 1981

"A Man that don't love a Horse, there is something the matter with him."

1-3-2-8-2-2

HUSBAND Charles Edward ROGERS (Pro-polo player; manages large riding stable, Wayne IL)  
 Born 23 Oct 1941 Place Los Angeles  
 Marr. 12 Jun 1981 Place Chicago IL  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father James ROGERS Husband's Mother M. Astrea KEMMLER

WIFE Beverly LENINGER (Teaches riding)  
 Born 29 Oct 1954 Place Oak Park IL  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Gene LENINGER Wife's Mother Evelyn GRACHERBORG  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
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2			
3			
4			

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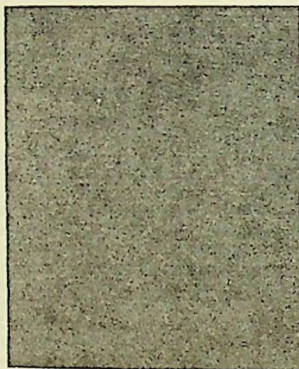
HUSBAND Clarence Burl LEUTY  
 Born Dec 1941 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. 7 Mar 1964 Place Bakersfield CA (DIV)  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband's Father Clarence Edward LEUTY Husband's Mother Dorothea Mae CHATSKNEY

WIFE Astrea Elizabeth (Betty) ROGERS  
 Born 17 Oct 1942 Place Los Angeles  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's Father James ROGERS Wife's Mother M. Astrea FENSLER  
 Wife's other husbands #2: Aug 1971, Erik Harris BRANDIN, #3 Alf E. & Marie Eck BRANDIN

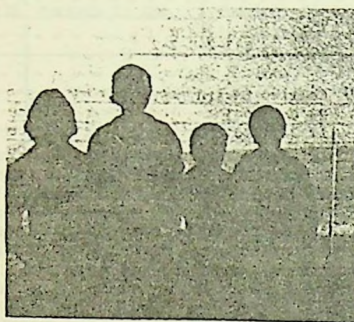
Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Scott Burl LEUTY	12 Dec 1965	Losita CA	-----
2 Josh Rogers LEUTY	12 May 1967	Losita CA	-----
3 Kimberly Erik BRANDIN	27 Nov 1973	Bakersfield CA	-----
4 Astrea Marie BRANDIN	6 Apr 1977	Bakersfield CA	-----

by N/2

Bette ROGERS attended Ojai Valley school, Bakersfield HS and Arizona State U.



James Rogers Family, Memorial, 1974. Back row: Eric BRANDIN, Astrea ROGERS, Charles ROGERS, James ROGERS, Betty BRANDIN, Kern and Nancy ROGERS. Front: Scott BRANDIN, Jennifer ROGERS, Josh BRANDIN and Jamie ROGERS.



Jennifer ROGERS, Scott LEUTY, Jamie ROGERS, Josh LEUTY, Greg BRANDIN, and Marie BRANDIN, 1980.

#### CORDERY-ROGERS FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Thomas CORDERY, a white man, moved into the Cherokee Nation of GA, likely sometime during or after the Revolutionary War. We have not yet proved from what country or state he came, nor do we have proof of his ancestry at this time.

The various accounts and speculation are included here as a beginning.

The following information is quoted from HISTORY OF MUSKOGEE and NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA Vol II p 26, by Benedict, but no source is given. Likely the compiler simply used family legend related to him by descendants. It should not be accepted as proof until more research is done.

"... Thomas CORDERY was a member of a family that belonged to the aristocracy of France, but for political reasons they made their home in England. When about 16... Thomas was sent by his father on a sea voyage to the colonies, for the benefit of his health. In company with two sisters and a brother, he sailed for America and finally landed in St. Augustine, Florida. This was undoubtedly during the seventeenth century...."

"The sisters and brother made their home in Florida and Thomas CORDERY spent his time in hunting. Eventually he started out upon a trip of this kind, but never returned and many years later, during the Seminole war, his sisters entertained in their home one evening two young men whom they discovered were grandsons of their brother. In his youth he had fallen in love with and married a beautiful Cherokee girl, Rosanna Blue, the daughter of the chief of the tribe. During an uprising, in which a certain faction of the Cherokees had made plans to kill all of the white men of the settlement, she placed her husband upon her back, as he was in a weakened condition, and swam across the river, drifting down stream to safety. They reared a large family who were an honor to their father's name... John ROGERS married Sarah CORDERY, whose mother was a Cherokee."

Please note that all other sources give Sonicoois as the wife of Thomas CORDERY, but of course he could have had more than one wife. We feel that the story above is somewhat romanticized, but we have no proof, either way.

Mrs. R.P. (Ruth ROGERS) Pickens in her article on "Cordury-Rogers Family" from HISTORY OF GWINNETT COUNTY, GA p 451-2, gives the following (paraphrased by the editor):

Thomas CORDURY came from Ireland, probably via Charleston or Savannah, and went to live among the Cherokees for reasons unknown. He and his wife, Sonicoois, of the Blind Savannah Clan (which means "Beloved Town People") spent their lives at their home half way between towns of Sumner and Duluth GA and are buried on a hillside overlooking the Chattahoochee River not far from the road that leads from Duluth to the Rogers bridge.

CORDERY #1

HUSBAND Thomas CORDERY (CORDEY, COPEY, etc); white  
 Born c1765 Place  
 Marr. Place  
 Died c1840 Place GA  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Thomas CORDERY SR? Husband's Mother

WIFE Susannah/Sonicoole (Susannah is her "Christian" name)  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's father Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Sarah CORDERY	c1782 14 Jul 1842	----- -----	1803 and 1817 John ROGERS
2 Lucy (Betty; Eliz.)	----- 1786	----- (OK)	Robert ROGERS
3 Nancy Ann (Nannie)	----- c1788	----- c1808	ROGERS (?) BRANNEN? Parker COLLINS
4 Charlotte	----- c1792	----- -----	Henry VICKERY
5 David	c1794 23 May 1836	----- Forsyth Co GA?	Charlott GOSS
6 Bessie	----- -----	----- -----	1. Henry VICKERY 2. John VANCE
7 Early	----- -----	----- -----	Charlotte BERRYHILL
8 Susan CORDERY	----- -----	----- -----	John MOSLEY

Thomas CAMERAY (CORDERY) a white man married to a Cherokee wife says he was born in the State of Georgia and when a very small boy his father removed to East Florida and afterwards to Pensacola where he kept a Public house in Pensacola and an Indian trader by the name of James Deriso was in the habit of putting up and boarding at his father's when in Pensacola, selling his peltries and laying in his goods he said Deriso was then said to be living at Buzzard's roost on (the) Chattahoochy which was said to be inhabited by Creek Indians the singularity of the name Buzzard roost raised my curiosity to enquire where it was and who lived there which led to the information mentioned When I was about 22 years of age I left my parents and came into the Nation and have been here ever since I am about 66 years of age and have lived in the Cherokee Nation about 44 years...." (First portion of a statement from "Head of Coosa" 15 Dec 1829, p 18. Sent by James M. Puckett, OCS, Atlanta GA to Reba Collins Sept 1981.)

From this, it appears that Thomas CORDERY was born c1763 and removed from Pensacola FLA to the Cherokee Nation c1785 where he lived 1829.

\*Great-grandparents of Will ROGERS See ROGERS family for more complete info.

Sarah CORDERY and John ROGERS were evidently married "Indian style" in 1803, but decided to make it more legally binding, marrying by civil authority in 1817. To make sure that his children would carry his name in legal matters, he had their names changed also. We do not know his total motive, but perhaps even this early, he was making plans to have his family declared "white" to avoid having to leave their homes during the removal that was to take place some ten years later.

In any case, the ACTS OF THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 18 Dec 1817, among other business before that legislative body, listed the following change of names:

## Names Changed to

ROGERS, Jackson  
 ROGERS, Johnson  
 ROGERS, Joseph  
 ROGERS, Lovely  
 ROGERS, Polly  
 ROGERS, Robert  
 ROGERS, William

## Names Changed From

CORDERY, Jackson  
 CORDERY, Johnson  
 CORDERY, Joseph  
 CORDERY, Lovely  
 CORDERY, Polly (Mary)  
 CORDERY, Robert  
 CORDERY, William

#7--Early CORDERY and Charlotte BERRYHILL (see Starr p 398) had dau Nannie Angeline CORDERY who m Joseph COLLINS (a white man) and had 9 issue: Marthana COLLINS; Luvena COLLINS m Andrew GEORGE; Ruth Ann m Caleb Powell WELCH; James Bradley COLLINS; Joseph Flourmoy COLLINS; Catherine m Jesse Clinton ALPERTY; John Parker COLLINS m/1 Sabra Ann BECK SELVIDGE, m/2 Elizabeth Davis BECK; Theodosia COLLINS; and Martha COLLINS m Henry BECK.

#8--Susan CORDERY and John MOSELY had (among others?) Sarah Ruth MOSELY b 1841; m/1 Lewis Clark RAMSAY (CSA) 16 Oct 1864; they had dau Susan Elizabeth RAMSAY b 7 Dec 1866 m 31 Jul 1888 at Cowula (now Rogers Co OK) Joseph Morgan ALLTON b 31 Jul 1856 W VA. Their ch: David Clark ALLTON b 30 Jun 1889 m Maude VINCENT; Blanche b 18 May 1891; Percy Samuel b 25 May 1893 m June 1920 Cherokee JONES; Charles Joseph ALLTON b 29 Dec 1896 m 2 Aug 1919 Pearl Jane HENSON. (See ROGERS COUNTY HISTORY.)



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Rogers

"The Anchor Holds"



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HUSBAND John ROGERS white (liv Gwinette Co; mov 1810 to lower Forsyth Co GA)  
 Born 1774? Place St. George's Par, later Burke Co GA  
 Marr. (1801?) 21 Sept 1817 Place Jackson Co, GA, civil cer., 1817  
 Died 31 July 1851 Place Will / 1848, p/ 1 Sept 1854  
 Cemetery Place Forsyth Co GA  
 Husband's Father Robert? William? ROGERS Husband's Mother

WIFE m/1 Sarah CORDERY (m/2 Charlotte BUCKNER 13 Jun 1843)  
 Born c1782 Place  
 Died 14 Jul 1842 Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Thomas CORDERY Wife's Mother Susannah/Sonicooie  
 Wife's other husbands Charlotte mov to Boone Co AR; app'l for his pens. there 1880

Children [w/1]	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
M.S.			
1 Robert P. ROGERS			1. Mary Ann BAPTISTE 2. Mary Scott JONES
2 William ROGERS	1805 12 Apr 1870	m 23 Nov 1828	1. Mary Yann McHAIR NEELY 2. Louisa RUEDE Octavia Ann MOUNT
3 Johnson E.	1869	Congressional Cem	
4 Joseph [Lovelace, Loveless?]	c1845	"mov West"	Hannah FOSTER
5 Lovely	c1895	(to CA, 1849) CA	1. COOLEY? 2.
6 Mary		(In Cher. Removal) to Whitfield Co GA	Nicholas Byers McNAIR
7 Jackson		Chelsea OK	Sarah G. BLACKBURN
8 Cynthia			John LOWE
9 Acute Chapel		Chelsea OK	John Wilson LENOIR
10 Col. Henry Curtis	17 Nov 1824 Mar 1896	Milton Co GA Bur. Chelsea OK	1847, 2 1882 Louisa Blackburn Thompson Polina PHILLIPS
11 George Waters		postmaster, Sheltonville; Kld CS?	in "west"
12 John Pendergrass		mov. to AR, m into Choctaw Nation	1. Martha CRAWFORD 2. Mary E.E. CARLAND SPENCER

1-1-3 Lovely ROGERS to CA in goldrush with CARTER-WILSON party; prob back to Tahlequah by 1852, then ret to CA where he d 1895. His son, Lovely II m Margaret McCARTY [her p from Ireland to Louisiana MO]. Lovely II killed in fall from RR bridge. Wid and 2 daus mov to Cherokee Nation. One dau, Mary Loreto ROGERS, m Thos. Jeff. THORNTON (a Amos and Minerva FOREMAN THORNTON). Their s, Murrell Howard THORNTON m Sarah Harris THORNTON (no kin), now age 81, Rt. 1, Box 880, Fairfield TX 75840. Indian Encls show Mary McCARTY ROGERS drew land as heir of Isaac ROGERS, part of fam of Chief John ROGERS and w/ Takery[Takey?] COOLEY. Need more information.  
 Mrs. Sarah H. THORNTON began teaching Muskogee HS; did her master's thesis on Cherokee Education; has collected a fine library, but she needs help on late husband's lineage.

NOTES ON THE NON-RELATIONSHIP OF JOHN ROGERS AND ROBERT ROGERS, SR., OF GEORGIA

Mrs. Susan HARRIS, dau of Parker COLLINS and Nancy Ann CORDERY, gave testimony before the Cherokee Citizenship Committee on the application of one James. C.C. ROGERS for citizenship. She said in her testimony that John and Robert ROGERS were not brothers.

The application includes statements from others, including John T. ADAIR, then of Habersham Co GA. He knew Robert ROGERS, whom he called "stiff-kneed Dob," John ROGERS of Chattahoochee, and another John ROGERS, white, who, he said, married a woman named FOSTER, a son of his. (Starr gives a John ROGERS-Tiana FOSTER family.)

The application is found among records at the Indian Archives in a book of applications, pp 325-33 (Vol. 466) 14 Mar 1800. (Information from Don Shadburn who researched the records.)

Shadburn also says that Robert ROGERS, SR., husband of Lucy CORDERY ROGERS, signed for emigration to the western Cherokee area in the Spring of 1829, but he did not enroll with his wife and children--Lucy, Robert, Jr., etc. He found the information in the National Archives microfilm dealing with correspondence to the Secretary of War, the Indian Agent, Col. MEIGS, and various enrolling agents, etc. Robert ROGERS (SR) enrolled Spring 1829 while living in the Hickory Log Dist., GA, on the Tallapoosa River, as follows: 1 white person; 2 Indians or mixed-bloods, 2 slaves, 9 houses, 1 bridge, 2 ditches, 57 acres of land, 57 trees, a total of 5 persons including slaves; total valuation: \$773.07.

Lucy CORDERY ROGERS, Shadburn's records show, enrolled from the Hightower Dist. in AL (his other references give Torrapin Creek, AL, our ref shows she enrolled from "Big Tallapoosa" which may mean from the large branch of the River). She was shown as an Indian, with 3 houses, 11 acres of land, 1 orchard, 80 trees, 1 lot, 1 possession; total of 2 enrolled. Valuation: \$149.00

We have assumed the 2 persons were Lucy and her unmarried daughter. Could it be possible that she and husband Robert were reunited and actually came to the AR-OK area together? Shadburn says Robert ROGERS, Sr., died around Ft. Gibson (OK) according to Adair, but we have no further information on this. The emigration reports and listings of valuations for abandoned improvements are found in Microcopy 234, Roll No. 113 (1828-1836), scattered in various frames, from the National Archives publications on American Indians, Shadburn says.

Before the next volume of Will Rogers' ancestry is published, we hope to have proof of his great-grandfather's activities.

First portion of a statement by John ROGERS "Near Savany Old Town," 9 Dec 1829;

"I, John ROGERS, aged 55 years have resided in the Cherokee Nation 27 years twenty five of the same I have lived Near this Place Soon after I came to the Nation I married a daughter of Thomas CAUDARY (CORDERY) A Cherokee family that lived on the Hightower river. The next year after I married my father-in-law proposed for his whole family to move and settle on the Chattahoochy river near the Savannah old Town where some of his family connections were already living..." (Information provided by James M. PUCKETT, CGRS, Atlanta, Sept 1981, to Raba Collins. This is John ROGERS b c1774; removed to Cherokee Nation c1802; m Sarah CORDERY, dau of Thomas CORDERY.)



CORDERY 1-1-2

HUSBAND William ROGERS, ME Minister  
 Born 16 Dec 1805 Place  
 Marr. 23 Nov 1828 Place  
 Died 12 Apr 1870 Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father John ROGERS Husband's Mother Sarah CORDERY

WIFE #1 Mary Vann McNAIR  
 Born 1805 Place  
 Died 1 Sep 1839 Place Thrown from horse  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Capt. McNAIR Wife's Mother Delilah Amelia VANN  
 Wife's other husbands #1 Richard NEESEY, Minister

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Albina McNAIR ROGERS	2 Jul 1830 28 Jun 1899		16 Feb 1846 Anderson Smith BELL
2 Henry S. ROGERS	25 Feb 1833 8 Feb 1859		Martha McNAIR 3 Feb 1856
3 David McNAIR ROGERS Capt.	20 Oct 1838 25 Sep 1909	McNAIR Co (OK) liv. Sheltonville GA Bot Spgs, ARK	Mary STRICKLAND 24 May 1866 Sarah JONES
4 Robert Nicholas "	2 Apr 1841 12 Aug 1874		8 Oct 1868 James DOUGLAS
5 Mary Amelia ROGERS	9 Apr 1842 13 Oct 1864		
6 William Edw "	25 Jun 1843 31 Jul 1851		
7 John J.	1 Jul 1845 23 Oct 1879	(in Forsyth Co, GA)	14 Apr 1864 Joseph L. MOORE
8 Sarah "Sallie" Louisa	1 Oct 1846 3 Oct 1852		
9 Elizabeth Sailer "	8 Aug 1849 10 Jul 1832		1 Margaret HILLMAN 2 Julia Ann PETREE

#1 #2 Salem NC, Mar 1840 Anna Louise RJEDE, b Friedburg NC 1 Aug 1813 and d Jun 1885, a teacher at Salem Female Academy.

Delilah A. VANN, b 1795 dau of Chief James VANN and wife/2, Elizabeth THOMPSON of Springplace GA (See Hist. of Wilmett Co, GA, p 452. Capt. David McNAIR d 1836 at his home in Knox Co TN. Delilah died 31 Nov 1838 on Trail of Tears, while waiting for boat on Hiwassee and her children were permitted to take her home for burial beside her husb. See Shadburn's articles on ROGERS family)

William ROGERS(1-1-2) was appointed one of 12 Cherokees to carry out the provisions of the Treaty of New Echota with the US Govt. Shadburn gives proof that William felt Chief Ross was holding out false hopes to tribal members, telling them they would not have to leave. "If I mistake not the design of Mr. Ross it is to preserve his present popularity with his people," William wrote in a letter to GA Governor Gilmer.

When Ross personally went to Washington to negotiate privately with the federal officials, the committee of twelve was so concerned they sent William's brother, Johnson K. ROGERS and John A. Bell after him to try to get the treaty business returned to New Echota and to urge the government to "come to a speedy and final determination with Ross."

Illustrating the split among the Cherokees, Johnson ROGERS wrote to a friend from Washington, D.C. 23 Sep 1831 that Chief Ross had "sucked their substance, cheated them of their rights, and not yet satisfied... he seeks to triflo with their rights again. Look at the enormous sum of their money he has pocketed. \$800,000 was paid to him at the agency in Tennessee for removing...and not being satisfied with that enormous sum, he has come to this place, and but the other day received the additional sum of \$5,000 out of the per capita allowance which belongs to every man, woman and child both East as well as West..."

William ROGERS was never forceably removed from his land, Shadburn says, and there is evidence he was given some personal protection by the Governor of Georgia after three members of the Treaty party were brutally murdered. A friend of this Rogers family, Major Richard D. Wilm, who had attended Lawrenceville academy with William, wrote of him: "William was a great man; great in many proportion--he was six feet, two or three inches high; great in moral roctitude--for a better more conscientious man I have never known; great in mental capacity; and but for his innate modesty, would have been a star of the first magnitude both in Church and State."

Although William had hopes of being able to follow his "brothers" to the West, by 1840 he realized it would be impossible for him to move, so he built a new home at Chattahoochee which he called "Oakland," and where he lived out his days. He had been a Methodist clergyman for over 20 years. A letter written by his brother, Lovely Rogers from California at the time of William's death, says: "During my past life I have known many men, but I have never known but one William Rogers. Take him altogether, he was the best specimen of humanity I have ever seen." His will, probated in Milton Co GA 19 May 1870, named his executors as son, Robert N Rogers, and son-in-law, Anderson S. Bell.

In his second volume of history of Forsyth Co, GA, Shadburn plans to produce further research on this family as well as other Cherokees.

Also see GEORGIA MAGAZINE, Vol. XV, #1, June 1971, "The Distinguished Rogers Family," by Doh Shadburn.

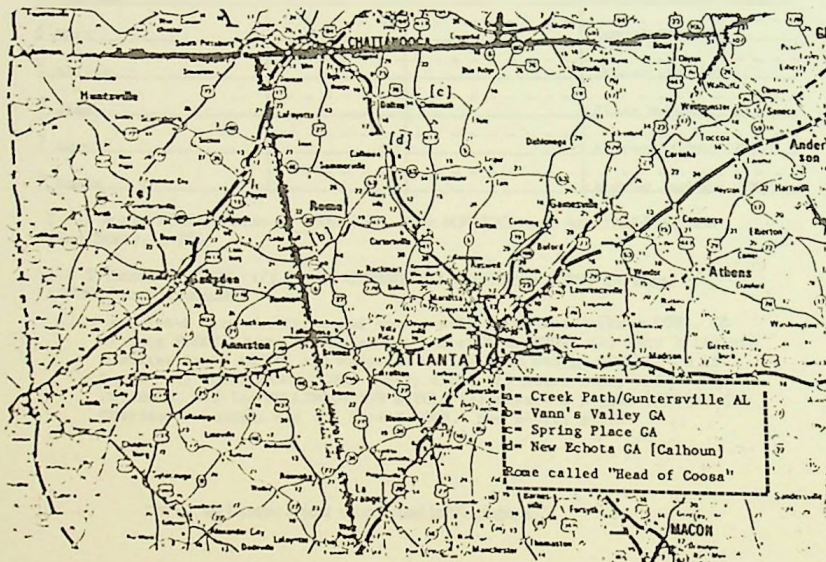
1-1-4 Joseph and Hannah FOSTER ROGERS [See HISTORY OF MUSKOGEE & ME OK, Vol. II p 26]: had dau, Sarah Jenima who m James BLYTHE; they had 3 daus: 1 m A.A. GOODYKOONTZ; 1 m L.W. SPARKS; Ellen Howard BLYTHE who m Wm. Wallace MILLER and had ch: (1) Wm. Roy MILLER b 18 May 1881 m 18 Dec 1904 Florence M. CARSELOWERY; (2) Alta Ray MILLER b 15 Oct 1883 m 18 Sep 1908 Dr. Frank Norton BUCK; and (3) Howard Kenneth MILLER b 21 Nov 1896.

HUSBAND Col. Henry Curtis ROGERS ("Grew up ancestral home on Chattahoochee Riv")  
 Born 17 Nov 1824 Place Milton Co GA  
 Marr. Prob GA; m/1 (OK) 1890 Place  
 Died Mar 1895 Place ROGERS CO, OK [7 miles NE Chelsea]  
 Cemetery Chelsea OK Place  
 Husband's Father John ROGERS Husband's Mother Sarah CORDERY

WIFE Louisa Jane BLACKBURN (her sis, Sarah G., wid of Al. R. THOMPSON, m Jackson  
 Born Place Prob. Hightower GA ROGERS)  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Rogers Family Cem Place Shakerag, GA  
 Wife's Father Lewis BLACKBURN Wife's Mother Mary DANIEL

Wife's other husbands (Mary DANIEL, wid Thos. BUFFINGTON; Lewis BLACKBURN b  
 Stokes Co NC 17 Jul 1779, d 1852; white man; owned farm Hightower GA 1818)

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Mary Eliza ROGERS	1852 1912	teacher in Chelsea	OK
2 Katherine ROGERS			Isaac Newton STRICKLAND
3 Lucy	1855 1912		Wm. Ridge ROGERS
4 Susanna	1859 1938		Wm. Rufus GREER
5 William ROGERS	1861 1936		Margaret McGEE
"Toby"	1864		TY
6 Samuel Jackson	1907		Mary Anna KELLEY



HUSBAND Parker COLLINS  
 Born c1788 Place  
 Marr. c1808 Place  
 Died w/d 21 Jun 1833 Place Forsyth Co GA  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Place Husband's Mother

WIFE Nannie, Nancy Ann, CORDERY  
 Born c1788 Place GA  
 Died 1835 Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Thomas CORDERY Wife's Mother Bonicola  
 Wife's other husbands m/1 ROGERS; m/3 1835 Martin BRANNON, o' seer, MATERS Plantation

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Sallie COLLINS			Charles HARRIS
2 Jennie			Charles HARRIS
3 Eliza			Bird HARRIS
4 Susan	14 Feb 1818 4 Jul 1880		Wm HARRIS 1805-65
5 Catherine			Wm Harrison ADAIR
6 Mary		No issue	
7 Martha		No issue	
8 Lucinda			Henry SUTTON
9 Nannie			John MILLS
10 Joseph			Mary MILLER
11 Parker Dickson			Mary TREBLE

1-3-2 Jennie m Charles HARRIS of Spartanburg Dist SC; had 5 issue:  
 (1) Narcissa, 1841-1898, m/1 George SISSON; m/2 Jess WOLF; (2) Martha  
 Elizabeth HARRIS m Capt. Wm. JACKSON; (3) Sue F. HARRIS m Alfred M.  
 GOTT; (4) Charles Joseph HARRIS m Emma June WALKER; and (5) Truslie/  
 Truslie Bird HARRIS m Mary Eliz. ALBERTY. (Issue of Mary and George  
 SISSON given pp 391, 671, Starr.)

1-3-4 Susan COLLINS and William HARRIS had (among others?) Col. Johnson  
 HARRIS, named chief to fill term of Joel B. MAYES when he d 1891) b  
 near Marietta GA 19 Apr 1865, d Tahlequah 25 Sep 1921; came to IT with  
 his mother 1870's, liv Canadian Dist; att pub schools in GA and Academy  
 in Tahlequah; stockman near Warner OK. Col. HARRIS m/1 12 Apr 1877 Nannie  
 E. FIELDS (1849-1887) dau of Richard FIELDS and Rachel Eliz. GOSS; m/2  
 4 Mar 1891 Mamie Eliz. ADAIR (1864-1902, dau of Wm. Penn ADAIR and Susan  
 Ann ADAIR; m/3 Caroline Alice HALL COLLINS.

Parker COLLINS ch named in Starr, 391. Nannie CORDERY had son, Ira ROGERS  
 by h/1, who m Charlotte WICKETT.  
 See also HISTORY OF GWINNETT CO GA pp 45-52; also "John ROGERS FAMILY" by  
 Don Shadburn; and OKLAHOMA CHRONICLES, Vol. 17, p17, 1939.

## CORDERY 1-4

HUSBAND Henry VICKERY (Prob tribal chieftan)  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place Liv Vickery Creek  
 Died 1834 \_\_\_\_\_ Place Forsyth Co GA  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband's Father \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's Mother \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE 1. Charlotte CORDERY (1-4) 2. Hettie CORDERY (1-6)  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's father Thomas CORDERY Wife's Mother Susannah  
 Wife's other husbands John VANCE

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Annie VICKERY			John PINDER
2 Jennie			George FREEMAN
3 Charles			Malinda BLACK
4 Mary			Samuel BENNETT
5 Sallie			Thomas CORDERY
6 John			Eliza McNAULTY
7 Lucy			Andrew Jackson COBB
8 Susie			Andrew Jackson COBB

1-4-1 Annie VICKERY also m RATLIFF, John FORBISON and Archibald WILSON  
 (See Starr, p 391)

1-4-5 Thomas CORDERY, s/o David CORDERY and Charlotte GOSS, gs Thos.  
 CORDERY and Susannah

1-4-7 and 1-4-8 were the first and second wife of Andrew Jackson COBB. Ch  
 of Lucy VICKERY were (1) Josephine m Josiah M. PUGH; (2) Mary Elizabeth  
 m Walter Scott AGNEW; and Margaret Charlotte m George ZUFALL; ch of  
 Susie: (1) Rufus Benton COBB m Mary KELL; (2) James Henry m/1 Alice  
 CHISHOLM, m/2 Ida HOLLINGSWORTH STILL; (3) Edward m Nannie HARPER; (4)  
 Charles Nathaniel; and (5) Howell COBB. See Starr, p 392.

"Well, all I know is just what I read in the papers."

## CORDERY 1-5

HUSBAND David CORDERY (Listed Cherokee Census of GA, 1835)  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place Liv Vickery Creek, Forsyth Co  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband's Father Thomas CORDERY Husband's Mother Susannah

WIFE Charlotte GOSS  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's Father \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's other husbands \_\_\_\_\_

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Thomas CORDERY			Sallie VICKERY
2 Wilson			Nannie MILLER & Nannie HALL
3 Andrew			Mary MILLER ADAIR
4 Seaborn			Margaret PAWLING
5 Charlotte			Unakateehce RIDER
6 Nannie CORDERY			1. Washington MILLER 2. HAMPTON
7			3. Lemuel SANDERS

David CORDERY's estate finally settled by U.S. Treasury 1852; nephews  
 Robert and William ROGERS, adms. of his est. Charlotte and ch later  
 moved to what is now OK. (See Shadburn)  
 See Starr, pp 391-92.

#4, Seaborn CORDERY, m/2 Catherine McDANIEL; m/3 Amanda Jane FULTON;  
 m/4 Nannie J. SMITH

#5, Charlotte CORDERY & Unakateehce RIDER had 7 issue [See Starr, p 397]:

1. Johnson RIDER; no issue
2. William RIDER m/1 Nancy Jane RILEY; m/2 Louisa SYKES
3. David RIDER m/1 Elizabeth BALDRIDGE; m/2 Cynthia BULLOCK
4. Nannie RIDER m Cyrus Augustus WATKINS
5. Stand Watie RIDER m Alice RUSH
6. Charles RIDER m Delilah NIVENS
7. Susan RIDER; no issue.

"Everybody is ignorant only on  
 different subjects."

HUSBAND	Wilson CORDERY (1-5-2)
Born	Place
Marr.	Place
Died	Place
Cemetery	Place
Husband's Father	David CORDERY
Husband's Mother	Charlotte GOSS

WIFE	w/1 Nannie MILLER	w/2 Nannie HALL
Born	Place	Place
Died	Place	Place
Cemetery	Place	Place
Wife's Father		Wife's Mother
Wife's other husbands		

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Lewis C. CORDERY			Eliza (Gourd) HICKS
2 Thomas CLARK			1. Amanda PACK 2. Annie NUNBALLY
3 Malderine			1. Henry COLEMAN 2. Samuel HORN
4 Cornelius			Sarah Eastman (TUCKER)
5 William LaFayette			1. Elizabeth R. GOULD 2. Jeannette R. GOULD
6 Anderson CORDERY			1. Laura ISAACS 2. Susie HENDRICKS
7 Louisa CORDERY			Albert ANDERSON
8 Joseph CORDERY			Elizabeth BROWN
9 Rosa CORDERY			1. Henry GRAHAM 2. William MARSH

- #7 Louise CORDERY m Albert ANDERSON and had a dau, Nancy Jane ANDERSON b  
1 Jan 1882, m 23 Aug 1896 James Madison PIERCE b 13 Dec 1877. Their ch:  
1. Gertrude PIERCE b 3 Jun 1897  
2. Mark Hanna b 7 Nov 1898  
3. James Clayton b 7 Feb 1902  
4. Earl Boyd PIERCE b 29 Jan 1904

The PIERCE family lived in the Fort Gibson-Muskogee area. See Starr, pp 391-98;  
647, 662. Mr. Earl Boyd Pierce, probably the most noted attorney living  
in Cherokee matters and still practicing law in Fort Gibson, said his  
birthdate was listed incorrectly in Starr's book and his brother, Mark,  
was not listed.

EARL BOYD PIERCE (MUSKOGEE)

Serves on  
Oklahoma Memorial Commission. Served  
on Fort Gibson Preservation Committee  
and Honey Springs Battlefield Commission.  
Is director of Cherokee National  
Historical Society. Born near Fort  
Gibson. Received law degree from OU.  
Lived and practiced in Muskogee. In  
1970 moved law office to Fort Gibson.  
Longtime student of Indian history.  
General counsel and chief litigation  
attorney of Cherokee Nation for 40  
years.

Earlier CORDERY, CORDERY Lineage

George CORDERY, 166 Gregg Dr., Battle Creek MI 49017, sent information on  
this family that begins several generations earlier than what we had previously  
found for Thomas CORDERY who m Sordicoola.

He did not send sources to prove this data, so we ask that it be checked  
further before it is accepted as final.

- 1 John CORDERY b 1722 m Mary NUTTLEY; their 2 sons:  
1-1 Edward CORDERY (no further info)  
1-2 Isaac CORDERY b 1760 m Mary NOBLE; had sons:  
1-2-1 Noble CORDERY d 1788 (line of George CORDERY; not given to us)  
1-2-2 Thomas CORDERY of Dry Run VA b 1704 d 1764; m Martha \_\_\_\_; had:  
1-2-2-1 John CORDERY b 1735 d 1760 (no further)  
1-2-2-2 Thomas CORDERY b 1729? or d 1779? (Not sure we are  
reading him correctly) m Mary LASSWELL/LACEWELL and moved  
to GA; had:  
1-2-2-2-1 Shadrack b 1760 d 1850 (no further)  
1-2-2-2-2 Thomas CORDERY b 1765 d 1840; m Sordicoola, f/b  
Cherokee

He says Thomas CORDERY SR set up a branch trading post in Pensacola and St  
Augustine FLA and also one in GA. (Source not given). But, he adds, no one  
knows for sure who the Thomas CORDERY was who m Mary LASSWELL/LACEWELL. Thus  
it is evident that he still lacks proof of the lineage.

Mr. CORDERY did, however, send along several pieces of information that should  
be checked for possible connections.

By the early 1700s, there were CORDERY families of various spellings in Somerset  
MD, Kent co DEL, Chester Co PA and in VA. Given names of Noble, Isaac, Thomas,  
Nathan, Josias and John are common.

John CORDERY landed on Isle of Wight Co VA Jan 1622 and was killed by Indians  
the following March. No further information.

Nathan CORDERY landed in 1637. (Where?)

Wm. CORDERY and Ed CORDERY with their families were sponsored by their  
sister, Mrs. Anna CORDERY BARNARD of Gloucester Co VA, coming from the  
parish of Chute in Wiltshire, England, in 1650. (Source?)

There were COUDES, CORDES from Ireland to VA and a Halick CORDRIACK from  
Ireland to Ipswich MASS to Jersey by 1677. (Source?)

West Jersey Records, Liber B, Part 2, p 524; "1687 Nov 15. Deed. William  
LASSWELL? LACEWELL of Crosswicks Creek, fellmonger (dealer in hides), to  
Samuel OVERTON of Bucks Co PA...for a plantation of 162 A on Crosswicks  
Creek with houses, barns, etc." (Guess from George CORDERY: LASSWELL/  
LACEWELL the fur trader may have sold out and moved to Loudon Co VA and  
set up headquarters for fur trading, and there his son John's daughter Mary  
married a Thomas CORDERY and their son Thomas CORDERY JR married Sordicoola."  
He gives no records from Loudon Co VA in the material received by the editor,  
but a search of that area might be helpful.)

James M. CORDREY, ESQ. and Charles C. MAYSON named exors. along with Mrs. Nancy MCKELLAR, named exors of will of John MCKELLAR 18 Oct 1819. (Could this have been a third husband of the same Nancy, above?)  
 J.M. CORDREY with Thos. CHILES and L. MERRICK made inventory of estate of Dr. Wm. J. PARKER of Phila PA 12 Aug 1819. (Closest surviving heir of this Dr. PARKER listed as Saml. HUSTON, no relationship or address given.) (p 248) will evidently prob. 96 Dist.  
 James CORDREY and others wit will of James WILSON 10 Mar 1812, Abb. Dist. (Wilson owned land in Edgefield Dist and house in Cambridge). Inv made by John C. MAYSON, etc. p 339  
 James CORDREY, Box 106, Pack 2713. Est adm 28 Oct 1818 by James M. CORDREY, Walter O. BICKLEY, Chas. C. MAYSON Abb. Dist. \$2,000 bond. (p 387)

Further guesses from George CORDREY: Was it the same Edward CORDEROY who landed in VA c 1650 who witnessed two wills in Calvert Co MD? See will of David READ 19 Nov 1666-26 Apr 1667, test: Edward CORDREY. Also, will of Hugh HENRY 16 Dec 1673-27 Jan 1673. Test: Edward CORDREY.

(Note from Peba Collins: If anyone checks the will of Hugh HENRY of Calvert Co MD, we are interested in finding a connection between him and the High HENRY SR of VA and TN who m Mary LONG and had Hugh HENRY JR of Sevier Co TN who married four times: Martha GUNDER, FIELDS, WILLIAMS and ESPANT. Hugh HENRY JR is the ancestor of my husband and through one of his wives, we may find his Cherokee ancestor for whom we have been searching for several years.)

[We have no indication whatsoever that Will Rogers descends from "John-the Martyr." But because the latter is often mentioned in genealogies of the family, you may be interested in a brief outline of that lineage.]

- 1 John ROGERS [the Martyr] 1495-1555; 11 ch; 4 known: John, Daniel, Samuel & Bernard.
- 2 Bernard ROGERS b 1543; 1 known ch:
- 3 Thomas Matthew ROGERS 1565-1620; 1 known ch:
- 4 Thomas E. ROGERS 1586-1621; 5 ch known: Joseph, Thomas, John, William & James.
- 5 John ROGERS 1611-1680; 3 ch; 1 named: Giles ROGERS [From Eng. to Am 1680 in own ship]
- 6 Giles ROGERS 1643-1730; several ch; 3 known: Giles, Peter & John
- 7 John ROGERS, Sr. 1680-1768 [b on board ship to Am] m VA c1716 Mary BYRD; d K & Q Co VA; several ch [5 sons officers in RW]; 5 ch known: John, Giles, George, Byrd, & Ann. [Ann m John CLARK; had Gen. George Rogers CLARK]
- 8 John ROGERS, Jr. b 1717; liv NC; several ch, but only 1 recorded: George
- 9 George ROGERS 1740-1800 b VA; m 1760 Eliz. LOSSON; mov to Buncombe Co NC; had 9 chs: (1) William 1765-1825 m Nancy HOLCOMBE; (2) Bartley m Eliz. ROBERTSON; (3) Nathaniel; mov west, never heard from again; (4) George, d in KY; (5) Mollie m Jonathan HUBY liv KY; (6) Elizabeth m 1803 NC m Jacob OKFORD; liv KY 1817, then Grundy Co MO 1836 --- she d 1846; (7) Lenor ROGERS m James ELKINS, mov to MO (8) Ross ROGERS m John WILD; liv KY; (9) Christenor ROGERS m Phillip WILSON, liv KY.

From a book, ROGERS FAMILY HISTORY by Jerry J. Rogers, Stockton Trade Press, Inc, Norwalk CA 1980. 47 pp. Cloth cover, includes coat-of-arms. [See p 37, this book.]

"We will never have true civilization until we have learned to recognize the rights of others."

WILL ROGERS

WILL OF THOMAS CORDRY of FREDERICKS CO., VA, 7 March 1763  
 (Typed from mf, WB 3/ with Inventories & Accounts 1761-1770, Roll #51)

"...I, Thomas CORDRY of Frederick County and Colony of Virginia yeoman being of sick and weak body but of perfect and sound memory ...do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament...I give my soul into the hand of Almighty God...and my body...I commend to the Earth to be buried in decent and christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors....

I will and bequeath unto Thos CORDRY Jun My son or his Heirs the sum of one shilling, Sterling....

Item. I will...unto John CORDRY, son of John CORDRY, two hundred acres of Land being the one half of four Hundred Acres of Land Whereon myself now dwells which was an agreement between my son John CORDRY deceased to have and to hold these two Hundred Acres of Land with all the improvements where on the John CORDRY Senior, did live and to be divided from the remaining part of the Land longthways to him and his heirs forever....

I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha CORDRY the third part of my Estate Land goods and Chattels to be by her enjoyed during her lifetime. Likewise spacing (?) have besides her thirds.

Item. And to my two beloved daughters Sidney CORDRY and Mary CURTIS I will and bequeath two Hundred Acres of Land Including the widows thirds with all my other goods and chattell to be equally divided between them both....

I do likewise....appoint my beloved wife Martha CORDRY and Job CURTIS to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament....this seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Three.

Signed sealed and published and pronounced declared by the sd Thomas CORDRY...in the presence of us...William LYON, Jonathon? iam?, and John PARK. Signed: Thomas CORDRY (TC, his mark) and seal.

At a Court held for Fredericks Co, March 6, 1763, This Last Will and Testament of Thomas CORDRY.

CORDRY deceased was produced in Court by Martha CORDRY and Job CURTIS the Executrix and Executor therein named...the same being improved by the oaths of William LYON & John PARK Witnesses... (sd Martha and Job) entered into bond with William PATTERSON and Edward BEBSON.... (\$500 bond made. T.A. KEITH, Court Clerk.)

[This must be the Thomas CORDRY of "Dry Run" VA to whom George CORDREY refers.]

For some reason, Thomas CORDRY SR left his son, Thomas CORDRY Jr only one shilling. Sometimes this was done because an elder son had already received land, etc. But usually a previous gift is mentioned in some way. Thus it is possible that the Thomas CORDRY JR of Frederick Co VA is one of those who later appeared in FLA or GA. A check of earlier records in this county might reveal valuable information.

Note, however, that the Thomas CORDERY who m Sonicocoe was b 1765.

Emmet Starr in "Old Cherokee Families" lists several of this name, with no dates or connections to Thomas CORDERY:

Almon MARTON m Charlotte Jane CORDERY (p 312)

Austin McCLAIN m Melossa Arinda CORDERY (p 361)

Alice HILDEBRAND SCHMIDTMAN m/2 Andrew Cornelius CORDERY (p 362)

Ananda PACK m Thomas CORDERY (p 412)

Lewis R. COODY m/1 Mary Susan CORDERY (pp 413-15)

Eliza R. Gourd m/2 Lewis C. CORDERY; Elizabeth GOULD m Wm. L. CORDERY (p466)

Jeanette GOULD m/1 Wm. L. CORDERY (p 466)

CONDREY--DOCUMENTS FROM "ABSTRACTS OF OLD NINETY-SIX AND ABBEVILLE DISTRICT MILLS AND DOCUMENTS compiled by Young, 1950

John COWDRY Box 20, Pack 421. Estate administered 24 Jan 1805 by Nancy COWDRY, James, Jonathan MOORE, James GOODY, Richard ESKRIDGE, Thos. LIVINGSTON made bond to Andrew HAMILTON, Ord. Abbeville Dist, for \$15,000. Cit. pub at Fellowship Church. Inventory Jno. CONDREY, late merchant of Cambridge, made Feb 1805 by Jas. McCRACKEN, Thompson CHILES and Jno. WILSON.

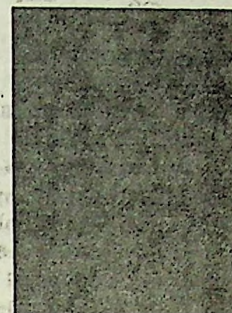
(Nancy COWDRY, CONDREY evidently wife of John COWDRY; see below)

John C. MAYSON, Box 60, Pack 1424; Will 29 Nov 1817/32 Dec 1817, Abb. Dist. Exrx: Bros. Willis, Charles C. MAYSON, Jas. SHACKELFORD, Catlet CONNER. Wit: Jas. HUBBARD, John W KELLER, W.D. MOORE. Sis: Frances MARSH. Wife, Nancy MAYSON whose first husband was John COWDRY (does not say deceased, but likely he was). "The remaining two thirds to be equally divided between James M. CONDREY, Harriet SHACKELFORD, and William C. CONDREY." (Are these three children of John and Nancy CONDREY?) Nancy MAYSON bro Washington Bostick, dec'd. (Not clear whether this is Washington B. MAYSON, CONDREY or BOSTIC) Dtr, Henrietta MAYSON. Sons: Washington & John MAYSON. "interested in the Mills at Edisto in which Willis BOSTICK and John BROOK are concerned with myself." Expenditure: Paid Joh G. BLEMERTON third tax on joint property in Orangeburg Dist for 4 yrs, \$5.43.

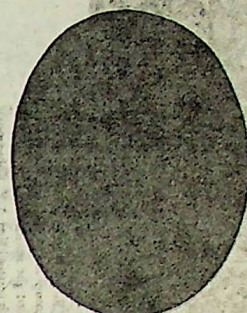
(Will of Col. James MAYSON, Exq., Box 66 Pack 1599, 29 Dec 1796/3 May 1800; names son John, among others, and widow Henrietta MAYSON. No mention of a COWDRY in this will, but likely this was f of John MAYSON who m/2 Nancy COWDRY)



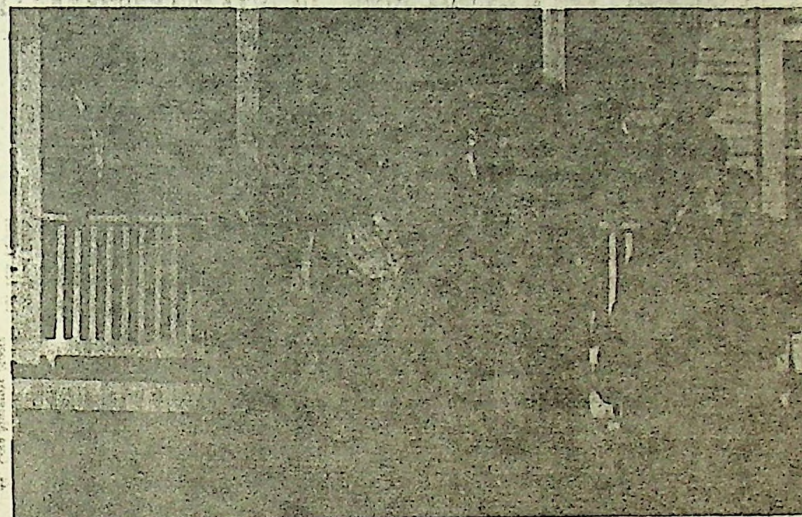
Sallie Rogers McSpadden



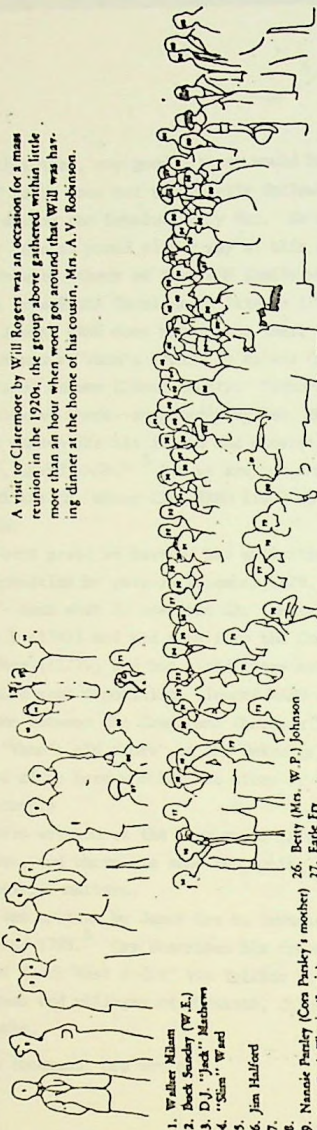
Maud Rogers Lane



Mae Rogers Yokum-Stine



Family reunion, Birthplace, Nov. 1979. Top, 1-r: Charles ROGERS, Erik BRANDIN, Betty ROGERS BRANDIN, Ken ROGERS, Astrea ROGERS, Doris MEYER, Jim MEYER, James B. ROGERS, Will ROGERS, Jr., Carl S. MILAM, Virginia (Betsy) MILAM, Mrs. Robert LANE, Lucia EATON BUTLER, Maude LANE TUCKER, William Thomas MILAM, Jr., Robert Rogers LANE, C.S. NICHOLS, Carleen Marie BURGER, David Maurice BURGER, Ethel Lane NICHOLS. On steps, center row: Helen McSPADEN EATON and Mrs. Gunter [Belle] LANE. Bottom row: Lisa Atrea MILAM, Mae McSPADEN POOLE, Laura Ann PASCHALL, Sallyann PASCHALL, Betty Virginia MILAM, Drew McSpadden PASCHALL, Wm. Thomas MILAM and Jerry BURGER. [Idents from W.T. MILAM SR]



A visit to Claremore by Will Rogers was an occasion for a mass reunion in the 1920s, the group above gathered within little more than an hour when word got around that Will was having dinner at the home of his cousin, Mr. A. V. Robinson.

1. Walter Milan
2. Buck Soudy (W. E.)
3. D. J. "Jack" Mathers
4. "Slim" Ward
5. Jim Hatfield
- 6.
- 7.

8. Nannae Parley (Cora Parley's mother)
9. Mr. Fugh Flippin (Lase)
- 10.
- 11.

12. Andy Murgrove

13. Mr. Andy Murgrove

14. Maxine Schrimsher

15. Lolita Schrimsher

16.

17. Denny Lane - ?

18. Ada McClellan

19. Lela Eaton

20. Lela Lips

21. Nora Lane

22. Dana Lane

23. W. P. (Percy) Johnson

24. Ethel McClellan (John's mother)

26. Betty (Mrs. W. P.) Johnson
27. Earle Fry
- 28.
29. Dave Faulkner
- 30.

31. Mr. Paul (Ben) Fry

32. Joe Cullis Bryan

33. W. H. (Stick) Fry

34. Mary Fry

35. Marion Sarr

36. Marie Foster

37. Pink Corser

38. Hubert Robinson

39. Beas Schrimsher Lewis

40. Rachel Bryan

41. Gerald Lane

42. WILL ROGERS

43. Maude Lane

44. Cora Murgrove Moore

45. Dr. J. C. Bushyhead

46. BETTY ROGERS

47. Jen Faulkner

48. Emma Faulkner

49. Anna Settle (Anna Gruman,

Arthur Settle "Charlie"?)

50. Orlan Johnson

51. Ethel Lane? - Maurice O'Bannon?

52. Kate Helms? Lucile Walkley?

53. Darry Hill

54. Daze Hutchins

55. Ed Starr

56. See Wallace

57. Pearl Edith Tanner

58. Lela Tanner

61. Robert Tanner

62. Mr. W. E. Soudy

63. Mary McClellan Tanner

64. Bill Taylor

65. Tom McSpadden

66. Mr. A. V. Robinson

67. T. C. Faulkner

68. "Dyke" Robinson, Jr.

69. Bob Lane

70. Will Rogers, Jr.

71. Bill Lane

72. Bill "Hopper" McClellan

73. Juliette Parley

74. Mary Louise Tanner

75. Katie Faulkner

76.

77. Maypole McClellan

78. Harriet Johnson

79. Berry Lee McClellan

80. Robert Tanner

81. Juliette Melvin Robinson (sister to Dyke)

82. Mr. Saline Rogers McSpadden

83. Mr. Ada Foreman

84. Mrs. Juliette Schrimsher

85. Abner Walter Faulkner

86. Mrs. Rachel McClellan

87. Mrs. Nettie Hutchins "Queenie"

88. Bill McClellan

89. Will (Willard) Hutchins

## FACT AND FICTION ABOUT THE ORIGINS OF WILL ROGERS' VANN ANCESTORS

Legend has it that Will Rogers' ancestor, Clement VANN of Georgia, came from Scotland. More than likely he had Scottish ancestors, maybe only one or two generations back. But we have no proof that Clement himself came from that British Isle. It is common practice, even today, to say: "I am Irish or English," etc. Or, to hear an older member of the family say, "Our people are from Virginia," when in fact there may have been ancestors in Virginia at one time, but they filtered through the new frontiers in Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky or other states before arriving in Oklahoma.

Not many of the pioneers in what is now Oklahoma had time for family research, and with the tragedies of wars and removal, they probably lost family bibles and other documents that might have kept the information intact. Thus it is understandable that Clement Vann Rogers, Will's father, said that his family came from Virginia. His own father had been killed when he was but an infant, and young Clem left home when his mother remarried, putting a further barrier between him and the family traditions. Later, he seemed to have a good relationship with his mother and step-father, but he was not at home during the years when family history would have been an important topic.

Clem was very proud of his Cherokee ancestry, as was Will, but he might not have bothered to find out much about them if it had not been necessary to do so when the Cherokee lands were divided in what is now Oklahoma and citizens of the Cherokee Nation had to prove their degree of blood as well as the length of time their families had been in the territory.

Clement VANN who is the first proved VANN ancestor of Will Rogers is generally called a "Scotchman," or Scotsman. One Clem. VANN appears in the records of Wilkes County GA as early as 1774 when he was listed on the pay bill of His Majesty's Troop of Rangers.<sup>1</sup>

At that time, any good citizen would have been loyal to "His Majesty," so it does not necessarily follow that Clement VANN was a Loyalist during the Revolutionary War. He may or may not have been-- we simply have no proof either way at this time.

There were others of the VANN family who were listed among the Loyalists from South Carolina as late as 1781.<sup>2</sup> But the name of Clem or Clement VANN does not appear there in the sources we have.

There was a "Vann's Creek" in Wilkes County, Georgia, located in what later became Elbert County. "Vann's Creek Baptist Church" was established there--supposedly by Rev. Dozier Thornton, who named the church for his friend and convert, "the famous Chief of the Cherokees, David VANN."<sup>3</sup> But we are not sure this was in the same part of Wilkes Co. where Clem VANN lived nor of his relationship to David VANN.

The best proof we have of the activities of Clement VANN comes from a deposition he gave in December 1829. It was made at "Head of Coosa"--near what is now Rome GA. He said he was then 82 years old (thus b c1747) and had come into the Cherokee Country about 50 years before (c1779) and had lived there ever since.

In this same deposition, Clement VANN said the boundary line agreed upon between the Creek and Cherokee Indians in 1806 was to begin at "Vann's old store" on the Ocmulga," formerly called Alcovy." (It is not clear here whether the store or the stream was formerly called Alcovy.)

Letters written at the time are a fairly reliable source of information, and there are some concerning this family that help to clarify several matters.

One was written by James Ore to Tennessee Governor John SEVIER dated 31 May 1798.<sup>5</sup> Ore describes his travels to the Cherokee Nation "by way of South West Point" via Tellico Blockhouse, through the Indian towns and villages of Hiwassee, Chistooce, Shoemach, Estanaula and Aucuchcha.

From Shoemach, Ore wrote:

I saw and conversed with Clem VANN, a white trader, two FALLINGS, half breeds who spoke English and young men of pretty good information. They said a number of chiefs (not at a public council) had consulted together at Estanaula on their return from Tellico when the nation received the annuity, where it was agreed the treaty should be held at Estanaula. James VANN, a half breed, lives near this town, who from his wealth and extensiveness of his trade together with his ability, has become a leading character, and is daily growing into consequence and importance in his nation. I was at his house three days, during which time several Chiefs and warriors visited him. Rum was given out freely, and of which he himself drank freely. I embraced this occasion to collect his sentiments; he was much opposed to the treaty being held at Tellico preceded from an opposition to the public store at that place, which he considered a great injury to his nation; he would prefer the Point or any other place to Tellico; he is opposed to a large sale of land, but appeared disposed to sell a lesser quantity to accommodate citizens of the United States resident in Tennessee. I repeat that he is a man of consequence and of rising importance. From James VANN's I proceeded with him to the Ball play at Amuchcha, forty miles from his house on our way we fell in with a large party of the Ball Players of the upper towns, and stayed with them one night. . . ."

It is beyond the scope of this book to go into all the attempts to drive the Indians from this area. But one thing might be noted: it was the citizens of Tennessee who sought to gain land, according to this letter, and not merely the Georgians as some sources claim. Note also that the writer of the letter does not identify James VANN as the son of Clement VANN. It is evident that James is Cherokee--not a white man, as Clement is identified--and according to our best calculations this James is indeed Clement's son by his Cherokee wife, Nahlil, thus one-half Cherokee, and he is the same James VANN who began the VANN HOUSE at Spring Place, Georgia.

Warren Co GA CAPT HATCHER'S DIST 1794

No	Names of Persons subject to pay Tax	P. in March	P. in Feb	Acres of Land	Price per Acre	Am't of the value of Land as app'ed 1793 value			County in which the Lands are	Water courses and who adjoining	Am't of Each Person's Tax		
						£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
1	Philip Green	1	1	400	1	25	0	0	W.	Big Creek--Oake & Wilson	1	0	0
2	1 Lot in G. Town £50	1	1	125	1	20	0	0	W.	Big Creek--Vann & Green	1	0	0
3	Philip Gibbs	1	1	150	1	60	0	0	W.	Ocmulga River--Marlow & Kelly	1	0	0
4	Ender Easton	1	1	150	1	20	0	0	W.	Big Creek--Brady & Rogers	1	0	0
5	John Dickson	1	1	200	1	25	0	0	W.	Big Creek--Chambers & Smith	1	0	0
6	Joseph McElender	1	1	150	1	15	0	0	W.	Ocmulga River--Easton & John	1	0	0
7	John Kelly	1	1	90	1	10	0	0	W.	Big Creek--Brady & Rogers	1	0	0
8	Ender Easton Jr	1	1	160	1	20	0	0	W.	Ocmulga River--Marlow & Kelly	1	0	0
9	John Wilson	1	1	400	1	20	0	0	W.	Jon's Creek--Vann & Gibbs	1	0	0
10	John Walker	1	1	100	1	10	0	0	W.	Big Creek--Chambers & Smith	1	0	0
11	John Youngblood	1	1	100	1	10	0	0	W.	Big Creek--Brady & Rogers	1	0	0
12	Joseph Rogers	1	1	200	1	15	0	0	W.	Big Creek--Oake & Wilson	1	0	0
13	Burroughs Winder	1	1	200	1	10	0	0	W.	Jon's Creek--Gibbs & Wilson	1	0	0
14	James Vann	1	1	200	1	10	0	0	W.	Big Creek--Brady & Rogers	1	0	0
15	John Marley	1	1	200	1	10	0	0	W.	Big Creek--Brady & Rogers	1	0	0
16	William Chambers	1	1	200	1	10	0	0	W.	Big Creek--Brady & Rogers	1	0	0
17	James Easton	1	1	200	1	10	0	0	W.	Big Creek--Brady & Rogers	1	0	0

SOME EARLY TAX DIGESTS OF GEORGIA by Ruth Blair, GA Dept of Archives and Hist, 1926



Vann Records from the Moravians

A lengthy chapter on the 'White Man's Religion' appears in a book, *CHEROKEES OF THE OLD SOUTH*,<sup>6</sup> in which the author quotes extensively from letters, newspaper stories, school records, etc., that are found in various collections around the country. Although we have not had the benefit of the original documents, we can accept some of the "facts" and plan for further research at a later date.

The Moravians' intent was to convert the Cherokees to their religion, but to do so, they had to teach them the English language and to read. Some of the Cherokees, of course, had already learned to read and write from their "white" fathers and they were probably the first to see the advantages of a school that would teach their mixed-blood children to obtain further education. For a time, however, they resisted attempts by the Moravians to Christianize members of the tribe, and early letters from the missionaries show that they had to go slowly on religion in order to gain a foothold through the schools.

James VANN and Charles HICKS were among the leading Cherokees who convinced tribal leaders they should permit the educational "experiment." "The brethren and their wives were warmly received by the VANN family; at first James VANN's home was used as a temporary mission. Later, from a Cherokee named BROWN, they obtained a nearby plantation which they named Spring Place." The journal of the Moravians records that in 1802, they conducted services at "Diamond Hill," VANN's home, for "Negroes, Half-Indians, and others who understood English."<sup>7</sup>

Soon, other Cherokees wanted the same educational experience, and the Moravians were coerced into opening a boarding school in 1804.

Their success in converting adult Cherokees to the Christian religion was delayed for nine years, according to this account. Their first convert was Margaret Ann SCOTT, widow of James VANN, who was about to marry the plantation overseer, Joseph CRUTCHFIELD. (Wives kept their maiden names at that time, or at least resumed them at the death of their husbands. Since Cherokee men were permitted to have more than one wife, this may have had practical applications.)<sup>8</sup>

In 1819, "a powerful revival of religion" swept through the Cherokees and adults began to join the fold. "The first of these was Ma'ni VANN, aged mother of the late James VANN, who came to the mission early in January for baptismal instruction. After three months of training she was pronounced ready for the ceremony which occurred March 14."<sup>9</sup>

Attired in a white dress which she had previously designated as her burial costume, Mother VANN was baptized 'Mary Christiana.' Shortly afterwards, this newest Moravian sent a message to her unenlightened relatives:

I let you know that God has changed my heart. . . . I am so happy as I have never been all my life. . . . God has had mercy on me. May you all have the same experience. . . ."

One of the first to take her 'words to heart' was her white husband, Clement VANN; and he was followed during 1819 by William and Sarah HICKS, Susanna Catherine RIDGE (wife of Major RIDGE) and nine other Cherokees.<sup>10</sup>

Clearly in this account it is evident that James VANN of "Diamond Hill" and later of Spring Place, GA, is the son of Ma'ni and Clement VANN. Other researchers have gone to great lengths to prove that the two are not related--or if so, that it is a very remote relationship.<sup>11</sup> But until more evidence is forthcoming, we will accept this account of their kinship.

It is not clear from these accounts if or when James VANN built the home that is now the Historic VANN HOUSE of Spring Place, GA. Some say it was built by Joseph ("Rich Joe") VANN, the "natural son" of James VANN. Others believe it was actually built by James VANN but enlarged and decorated by his son and heir after the murder of James in 1809.

James VANN is mentioned many times in the book on the *CHEROKEES OF THE SOUTH* as well as others. No doubt he was one of the wealthiest of the Cherokees and a real leader among the chiefs of the tribe. Also, he was more accessible to "reporters" who came through the area, stayed at his "tavern" or "house of entertainment," as some call it, and he was also the closest leader to the Moravians who have written much of the Cherokee history of that era in their letters and records.

"James Vann's polygamous marriages must have disturbed the Moravian brethren at Spring Place, who undoubtedly sought to reason with him on the matter," according to this account. It is evident from his will that he fathered children by at least three or four wives.

Polygamy was accepted in the Cherokee tribe until as late as November, 1825, when the Council decreed: "It shall not be lawful hereafter, for any person or persons, whatsoever, to have more than one wife." Earlier, they had prohibited a white man from taking more than one Cherokee wife at a time.<sup>12</sup>

#### Avery VANN

We have no records to show that Clement VANN had more than one wife. If we have the dates correct, he and NaWli (later called Mary Christiana) were married when Clement was about 20 years old and their first son, James (or James Clement VANN) was born in 1768 when Clement was about 21 years old.

There is some mystery, however. Avery VANN, supposedly the second son of Clement VANN, is called a "white man" by more than one source. It is possible, of course, that Clement had a white wife someplace else and was fathering children by her, also. That would not have been unacceptable at the time. But if so, there is no mention of it in any of the documents found to date, and it would seem strange for the Moravians to fail to mention such a second wife.

Possibly the Moravians knew little or nothing about Avery VANN. In the earliest accounts we have of him, he lived near what is now Cave Spring, GA, and some claim he was founder of "Vann's Valley," a beautiful farming community south and west of Rome, GA, near the Alabama line which still has churches, etc., called by that name. Other sources claim the valley was named for David VANN, son of Avery.<sup>14</sup>

The distance is not too great between Spring Place and Vann's Valley; certainly the Cherokees roamed further to the south and west of what is now Rome. But the settlement named for the Vann's appears to have been made up of "squatters," whites who came into the Cherokee Nation illegally. They must have been friends with the natives, and perhaps several were intermarried with the Cherokees, because they were permitted to remain.

The name "Ave" VANN of Coosawattee appears on a document or two with other Cherokee names,<sup>15</sup> and this was possibly "Avery." In any case, he did not take a leading roll in tribal affairs as did his brother, James or James Clement VANN.

Both James and Avery were half-white, and possibly Avery appeared to be more "white" than James. Or, maybe Avery had been sent away to school among the whites and took up their customs at an early age. We simply do not know at this point.

Dr. Emmet Starr, the noted Cherokee historian, is the source for the information that Avery VANN was the father of Sallie VANN who became the grandmother of Will Rogers. Although the same data appears in many other places, each appears to have been copied from one of Starr's books. Starr offers no source for his information on this matter, so we can assume that most of it came from families he interviewed during the early 1900's.

We also lack definite information about Avery's wife, Margaret McSWAIN. She is said by Dr. Starr to have been the daughter of "Trader" McSWAIN and granddaughter of Hannah DOWNING, etc. (See charts.) As far as we know, no research has been done on the ancestors of Will Rogers in the McSWAIN lineage.

In addition to the two sons, James and Avery, Clement VANN and his wife Na-Wli had a daughter, Nannie. One source also claims they were the parents of John ROGERS--the Cherokee lad who went to school in Cornwall CT.

After examining the records, we feel sure the John or Johnson VANN who attended the "school for the heathen" in CT was the son of James VANN of Spring Place. If Clement did, indeed, have a son John we have no information about him in our files.

Sallie VANN, grandmother of Will ROGERS and daughter of Avery VANN and Margaret McSWAIN, came to the area that is now Oklahoma before the Trail of Tears. She was the wife of Robert ROGERS, Jr., and his story will be told elsewhere.

"We may elevate ourselves  
but we should never reach so high  
that we would forget those  
who helped us get there."  
WILL ROGERS

## NOTES

Robert S. David, THE MILKES COUNTY (GA) PAPERS, 1773-1888. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1979, p 39:

"Georgia Pay Bill of His Majesty's Troop of Rangers doing Duty in the Ceded Lands under the Command of Edward Barnard Commanding/the 6th Sept 1773 and Ending the 5th March 1774 Inclusive" lists: Cader VANN, Clem. VANN, and Joseph VANN, all commissioned 12 Feb 1774.

Ibid., p 17: "Dr...The Commissrs. for Accts. of Sundry Allotments of the Ceded Lands 1733, Wrightsborough Decr. 10th": James VANN, reserve, 100 acres...14h Ed. BAUSARD, Security 2h

Ibid., p 45: "A List of Debts due to Colonel Thomas WATERS/ were all good at the Commencement of the late Rebellion but are not entirely lost to Him/ Promissory Notes given in South Carolina Currency": John VANN, SC Currency, 9.3.6. (Exchange into sterling at 700%. On that same list, p 46, George DOWNING owed 0. 17. 3.)

Ibid., p 12: "Brot Over Dartmouth Novr 16th 1773": Jos. VANN 500 acres; Edw. BAUSARD, security, 10h.

Note: Does this mean Joseph VANN came over on the ship Dartmouth? If so, a study of ships' records might bring forth some additional information. But we know there were VANNs in VA earlier, and by the mid 1700's some were moving into upper NC. See ABSTRACTS OF DEEDS, NORTHAMPTON CO, NC, PUBLIC REGISTER, BS I & II by Margaret M. Hofmann, 1974: p 22 (original p 110), William VANN, James WASHINGTON & James WASHINGTON SR, signed as Wit on sale of land 27 Feb 1743. Land from Wm. BRYANT to Barnabe BRYANT of Northampton Co NC to Bartholomew FIGURES of Surry Co VA 170 A on N side of Maherin Riv; adj the river, Abraham BAGGETT and the Second branch, part of a patent granted to Wm. BRYAN for 640 A, 29 Nov 1706, and other 70 A part of a patent to Barnebe BRYANT for 200 A granted 22 Mar 1742 joining Nicholas BOON & Bryant's Swamp. Also, p 140 (original p 451) John VANN & Thomas SKOTTOWE wit deed between John KEGG of Edenton to Wm. YEMANS 20 Oct 1757, 400 A joining Little Swamp that runs into Roanoke Riv as by patent to Isaac EDWARDS 20 Apr 1745, made over by ad EDWARDS to the ad KEGG 30 Jan 1748.

CASTALISTS IN THE SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, Vol. I (Baltimore: Heritage Clark, Genealogical Pub. Co, Inc, 1981), p 96. "South Carolina Rangers," Muster, Maj. John HARRISON's Corps, SC Rangers, Camden SC for 12 Jun 1780 covering 20 days: 4 Jun-24 Jun 1780: Pvt. John VANN, enlisted 1780. Also, (p 100), same outfit: muster for 24 Aug 1780, 61 days, 24 Aug-24 Oct 1780, and (p 104), same outfit, Pvt. John VANN, 61 Dec 1780-23 Feb 1781; Pvt. John VANN, deceased, 7 Jan 1781.

Ibid., p 237-39. Pay abstract #4, Col. John COTTON's Rgt, Stevenson's Creek Militia, Ninety-Six Brigade, those who came to Orangeburgh SC with Lt. Col. John H. CHODER, 183 days pay, 14 Jun-13 Dec 1780: Lt. Edward VANN, Pvt. Jesse VANN and Pvt. Isaac VANN.

Ibid., p 243-44, same outfit, for those who came to Orangeburgh with Lt. Col. CHODER at the evacuation of Ninety-Six, 6 mos. pay, 13 Jun-14 Dec 1780: Lt. Edward VANN, Pvt. Isaac VANN & Pvt. Jesse VANN.

Ibid., p 138. 2d Rgt, Camden Militia, Pay abstract #154, Col. W. BALLENTINE's Rgt., pay for 92 days service, 6 May-5 Aug 1782, paid 9 Sep 1782: Pvt. Wm. VANN. (p 145), List of Women and Children on James Island SC belonging to Col. Wm. BALLENTINE's Rgt: Charity VANN and 1 child. (Also, Rachel ROGERS and 3 ch). (p 521) "Return of Distressed Refugees under Inspection of Robert GRAY, Charleston SC 11 Aug 1782: Charity VANN (also, Rachel ROGERS; no ch mentioned on list which included sick and injured men.) (p 485) John BELL's Refugee School, 1 Nov 1781-21 Jan 1782: Celia VANN and Sarah VANN. (No ROGERS; 13 boys & 14 girls)

Note: Ninety-Six Dist. was in the northern part of SC, far removed from the political atmosphere that led to the RW. Some of those on British lists served only as civil servants, keeping order and handling local civic matters. Some were soldiers. It appears from the pay records and military titles that part of the VANN family, at least, did serve with the British. If this was the branch to which Clement VANN belonged, that would be reason enough for him to leave SC and go among the Cherokees, most of whom had fought with the British or were in sympathy with them.

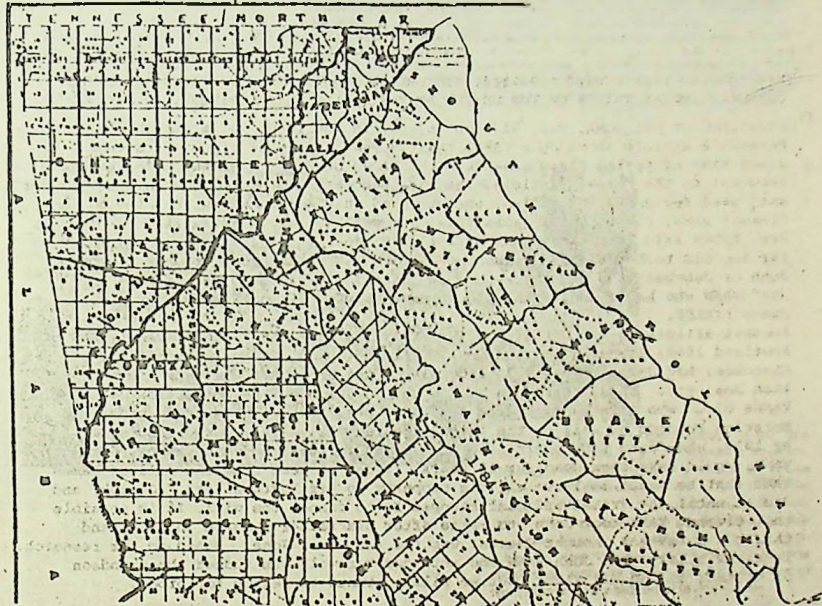
More research needs to be done in the SC records and in the British military records for this period to find possible relationships with the VANN family which moved to the Cherokee country.

<sup>2</sup>Worth Ray, THE LOST TRIBES OF OLD ALBEMARLE (Austin, 1947; republished as OLD ALBEMARLE. Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co, Inc., 1976), "The Ancestry of Will ROGERS/ of the Lost Tribes of Old Albemarle," pp 639-47.

Concerning Vann's Creek Baptist Church and the friendship of Rev. Dozier THORNTON and Chief David VANN, Ray is quoting from an official history (not named) of Elbert Co., GA, by Col. John H. McIntosh and members of the Stephen Heard Chapt. of DAR, published in 1940. We do not have access to the book at this time.

Nor do we know of a Chief David VANN who would have been living in Milkes Co GA-- now part of Elbert Co--as late as 1785, as Ray claims. By that date, the Cherokees had "ceded" the lands in that section of the state and had moved westward into the Cherokee section. If there is a history or a record for Vann's Creek Baptist Church, there might be information of great importance to this study. Note the map: Elbert Co. borders on SC, and Milkes Co. was formed 1777 from the ceded lands.

TOP HALF OF GEORGIA, SHOWING ORIGINAL COUNTIES



4 For information on Clement VANN, see writings of Don Shadburn, Forsyth Co GA

5 Samuel C. Williams, ed., EXECUTIVE JOURNAL OF GOVERNOR JOHN SEVIER, pub in EAST TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS, Vol. IV., pp 136-38. Letter to the Governor from James Ore, dated 31 May 1798.

6 Henry T. Malone, CHEROKEES OF THE OLD SOUTH (Athens: University of GA Press, 1956), pp 91-117. For further discussion, see also: Carolyn Thomas Foreman, "The Foreign Mission School at Cornwall CT," OKLAHOMA CHRONICLES, Vol VII, pp 242-59. Foreman states that the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions established a school at Cornwall 1817 "for the purpose of educating youths of Heathen nations...."

"It began with seven Hawaiians, one Hindu, one Bengalese, and Indian and two Anglo-Americans." The next year, three Cherokees were enrolled: Leonard HICKS, Elias BOUDINOT (his Christian name; real name, Buck COMATIE/WATIE), and Thomas BASSELL. In 1819, among the students was John VANN, "son of the former benefactor of the Cherokee mission." (Foreman's fn says this is from HISTORY OF THE MORAVIAN MISSIONS AMONG SOUTHERN INDIAN TRIBES OF THE UNITED STATES, with further ref to RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER, New Haven CT 26 Dec 1818, p 494, Col.2") The Foreman article continues: "John VANN, who attended Cornwall from 1820 to 1822 was the son of a white man, Clement VANN and his wife Mary Christiana, who was early converted. He joined the Moravians who described him as a 'poor ignorant indecent Indian' and yet he became a man of influence and was, at one time, editor of the Cherokee ADVOCATE." (CHRONICLES, p 248.)"

7 Malone, Ibid.

8 Ibid.

9 Ibid.

10 Ibid. (quoted from Edward Schwarz, HISTORY OF THE MORAVIAN MISSIONS AMONG THE CHEROKEE INDIAN TRIBES OF THE UNITED STATES (Bethelchen PA:1923), pp 124-32.

11 CHRONICLES OF OKLAHOMA, Vol. VII, pp 461-66. In the issue following the one with Foreman's article about John VANN, there appeared a letter from a descendant of James VANN of Spring Place GA—Mrs. C.W. BROWN of Fryor OK--that gave a scathing rebuttal to the Foreman article. She was upset at the terms "indecent" and "ignorant" used for John VANN. Also, she stressed that John VANN was not the son of Clement VANN, but of Chief James VANN, who was a wealthy, influential man. Mrs. BROWN said that James VANN of Spring Place was "past 70 years" in 1804--far too old to be James VANN, son of Clement VANN. According to her account, John or Johnson VANN was the father of Chief James VANN who had a son, "Rich Joe" VANN who had a son, John or Johnson VANN who m Tiana FIELDS, sister of James FIELDS.

Another article in the CHRONICLES (Vol XXXII, p 94) lists James Clement VANN b Scotland 1698; lived SC, mov to GA 1720; lived Spring Place, m Ruth GANN, a Cherokee; had James VANN b 1735 at Spring Place GA; m Margaret and had son Rich Joe, etc. Thus, there has been much confusion on the connection of the VANNs of GA who intermarried with the Cherokees. Perhaps more study of the Moravian records as well as the tribal records will clear up the issues. By 1819, when John VANN would have been ready for college, his father, James VANN, would have been dead for 10 years. It can be seen from the will of James VANN that he meant to leave all his property to his "natural son," Joseph, and did so until the Tribal official stepped in to change the will. It is possible that Clement VANN took John to raise after his father's death in 1809, and thus the Moravians thought Clement was the father of John. Based on our research, it seems likely that John VANN who attended Cornwall was indeed the grandson of Clement and Ma-Wli VANN. But we will continue to search for proof.

It is interesting to note that when the young men were on their way to CT, accompanied by Mr. Cornelius, they went by way of Salem, NC, where they spent several days at the Mission there, and they were given many gifts of clothing, etc., then via Washington, D.C., where they visited Ex-president Jefferson, dined with Ex-president James Madison, and were introduced to President Monroe.

12 Malone, Ibid., pp 128-29.

13 Ibid.

14 George M. Batty, Jr., HISTORY OF ROCK AND FLOYD COUNTY (GA) (Atlanta: Cherokee Publishing Co., 1979)

15 Ibid., p 51. Ave VANN signed a document in 1835 in favor of distributing a \$6,666.67 annuity among the common Indians instead of placing it in the national treasury. Whether this was Avery VANN, a of Clement, we do not know. But it was evidently a vote against the John Ross faction of the Cherokees. The funds-vote went for putting it into the treasury, under the control of Chief Ross.

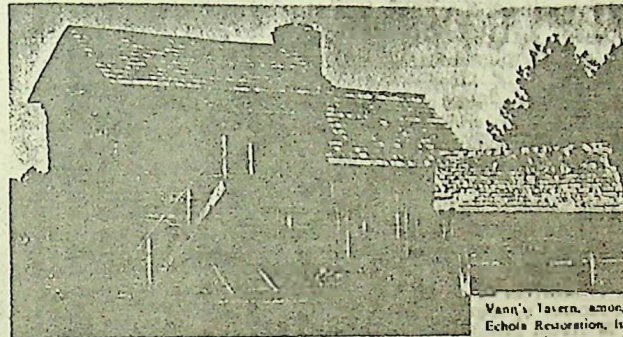
Right: From CHRONICLES OF OK Vol 32, p 95; paper read by Mrs. B.J. Bandy to Rotary Club of Dalton GA; sent to Rob't G. VANN of OKC.

Note that this version differs greatly from other data and no proof is given for m of James C. VANN I to Polly GANN and b/d for James VANN [1735] cannot be right for James VANN of Springplace.

Now as to the history of The Vann House! James (Clement Vann was born in Scotland in 1698. He came to America and lived for a while in South Carolina, coming to Georgia in 1720 and establishing a trading post at Spring Place.

He married a Cherokee girl, Ruth Gann, and they reared a family whose gifts and achievements made not only Cherokee history but American history. James, the second, was born at the trading post in 1725. He inherited thousands of acres of beautiful and fertile land in the rich valley near the Okechita Mountains. He invited the Moravian Missionaries to build a church and school near his home, and today a marker stands designating that site!

He went to England, and while there visited the great cathedrals, as well as many other places of historic interest. He also had an audience with the King. James was making plans to build this house at that time, shipped by boat and then hauled by wagons from Savannah to Spring Place.



Vann's tavern, among the buildings in the New Echota Restoration, is a Cherokee-built structure, although it was not originally erected at the Indian capital. It was moved to the New Echota site by the Historical Commission to prevent inundation of the house when Lake Lanier was filled. Originally built by James Vann as a "public stop" at the Chat-tahoochee River crossing near Ocranville, the large rough-hewn structure is representative of some of the Indian taverns which stood in this vicinity.

## OTHER RECORDS OF VANN FAMILIES

Most of the previous section dealt with the branch of the VANN family—if we are to assume that all of the VANNs in that part of the country were related—that intermarried with the Cherokees and chose to live among them. Probably there were only one or two of the men who did intermarry with the Indians, and the remainder must have migrated from place to place much like other pioneer families who kept moving south and then westward as new lands opened up for settlement.

But to find ancestors of Clement VANN (or James Clement VANN), we must look at the areas from which the adventurous ones moved about the time of the Revolutionary War.

Worth Ray in his book cited above provides much information that he claims will connect Will Rogers' ancestry to "Old Albemarle," the area of northern NC and southern VA. His primary sources are two books: Hathaway's NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER and Nugent's CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS OF VIRGINIA. Neither of the books is available to us at this time, so the material here is quoted from the book by Ray.

Edward VANN pat 250 A on southern branch of Nansemond Riv, Isle of Wight Co VA 9 Apr 1667. William VANN and John VANN appear about the same time: one with a head-right in Accomac and the other in Lower Norfolk. (Nugent, 303, 533, in Ray)

Edward VANN in 1730 bought part of the lands patented by John ALTON/ALSTON in Chowan Co (later Gates Co NC). Edward VANN also wit some documents in 1735 & 1739. Edward d, leaving a will, Chowan Co 1752; will wit by John & William VANN.

William VANN left will Chowan Co. 1740 naming ch: Edward VANN, Sarah HOGG, and Ann; also gs William VANN and wf Sarah. Hathaway, Vol., p 79, in Ray. It is not clear whether Sarah is the widow of William or the wife of his gs, William—RC)

Joseph VANN d, left will Chowan Co 1753, named 2 sons: George VANN & Jacob VANN; dau Judith; Ann who m a LANGSTON; Elizabeth; Mary; and Dorcas VANN. Wits: Thos and Sarah LANGSTON and Jacob ODOM. (Hathaway, Vol I, p 497.)

When Edward VANN d, leaving will Chowan Co 1738, he named s, Edward VANN, Jr, and his wf Mary, and dau Ann, Sarah, and Elizabeth VANN. His will wit by John LEWIS, John VANN, and William VANN.

Ray lists several ROGERS in these same areas at the same time in an attempt to prove they are all ancestors of Will Rogers. He says these related families—VANN, ROGERS, LANGSTON—all lived near Sarus Chapel, an old landmark in what is now Gates Co, NC, which was about five or six miles northwest of present town of Gatesville in the Bennett's Creek settlement. (Hathaway, Vol I, p 266.)

Ray also speculates that the full name of Will Rogers (William Penn Adair ROGERS) is from Col. Wm. PERR, KS, whose dau Martha m a ROGERS. We know this is not true: he was named for Col. Wm. Penn ADAIR, commanding officer of Clement Vann ROGERS in the Confederate Army during the CW.

In addition to Ray's sources, we find two VANNs and some ROGERS in ENGLISH DUPLICATES OF 1667 VIRGINIA RECORDS by Louis des Cognets, Jr. (re-pub Gen. Pub. Co, Baltimore, 1958). Millien VANN is listed Quit Rent Rolls, 1704, Nansemond Co VA with 500 A. He patented 520 A and 150 A, surveyed by Thomas MILNER 20 Mar 1706, Nansemond Co. Edward VANN (sic)—possibly VANN—patented 284 A Nansemond Co VA 1717. Listed just above his name is Joseph ROGERS, 607 A and 197 A, same date and Co. Joseph ROGERS is also on Quit Rent Rolls, 1704, 15 A; also Benjamin ROGERS, 600 A; Robert ROGERS, 300 A; Thomas ROGERS, 50 A; and John ROGERS, 200 A—all in Nansemond Co.

## VANNs IN WILKES CO., GA.

We have plenty of evidence that there was a James VANN living in Wilkes Co., GA before and during the RW. Whether or not he is the same James VANN who later moved into the Cherokee country is questionable. But we need to learn more about him, in any case, because he may lead us to the ancestry of Clement VANN.

In Davidson's RECORDS OF WILKES CO (GA), Vol. I, we find James VANN, a white man, apparently with no Cherokee connections at this point. Or, if he did have a Cherokee wife somewhere, she must have not been known or recognized by the general public that lived in Wilkes after the land was ceded to the "whites."

James VANN from SC, himself and 1 ch, appeared before the Wrightsboro land board 7 Dec 1783 and applied for 100 A on the Savannah Riv adj Alexander MEGHAN. At the same time, Thos. WOOTON from NC was awarded 200 A on the N side of Broad Riv, opposite the mouth of Long Cr, and 300 A on the S side of sd Riv, "adj VANN's old field." The first tract of land was in what is now Elbert Co GA and the second in Wilkes Co.

Joseph VANN from SC, wf, 3 sons, 4 daus, ages 16-7, were granted 500 A on the North Fork of Long Creek in Wilkes Co 16 Nov 1773. In Dec 1773, Wm. BEAL from SC was granted 200 A on N side of Broad Riv, adj land of John VANN.

James VANN, Arthur CORDUY (CORDEKY), Henry HAIL & John CRUTCHFIELD wit deed for land sold by Geo. WALTON to Thos. WINGFIELD of Wilkes Co., 1780. Same year, James VANN, James YORK, etc., appraisers for est. About 1783, James VANN app'l adm for est of Wm. MOSELEY.

Another account, 27 Sep 1773, "Wm. GLASSCOCK, himself, wf and 16 yr old dau, 1,000 A at mouth of Buffalo Cr, where Joseph VANN lives." On 8 Mar 1787, Basil LAMAR, & Quilla VANN wit deed, sale of land by John CRUTCHFIELD, Indian trader, and wf Susannah, to Wm. GRAVES. One Joseph CRUTCHFIELD was overseer for Chief James VANN at Spring Place, but no proof is at hand as to the possible relationship here.

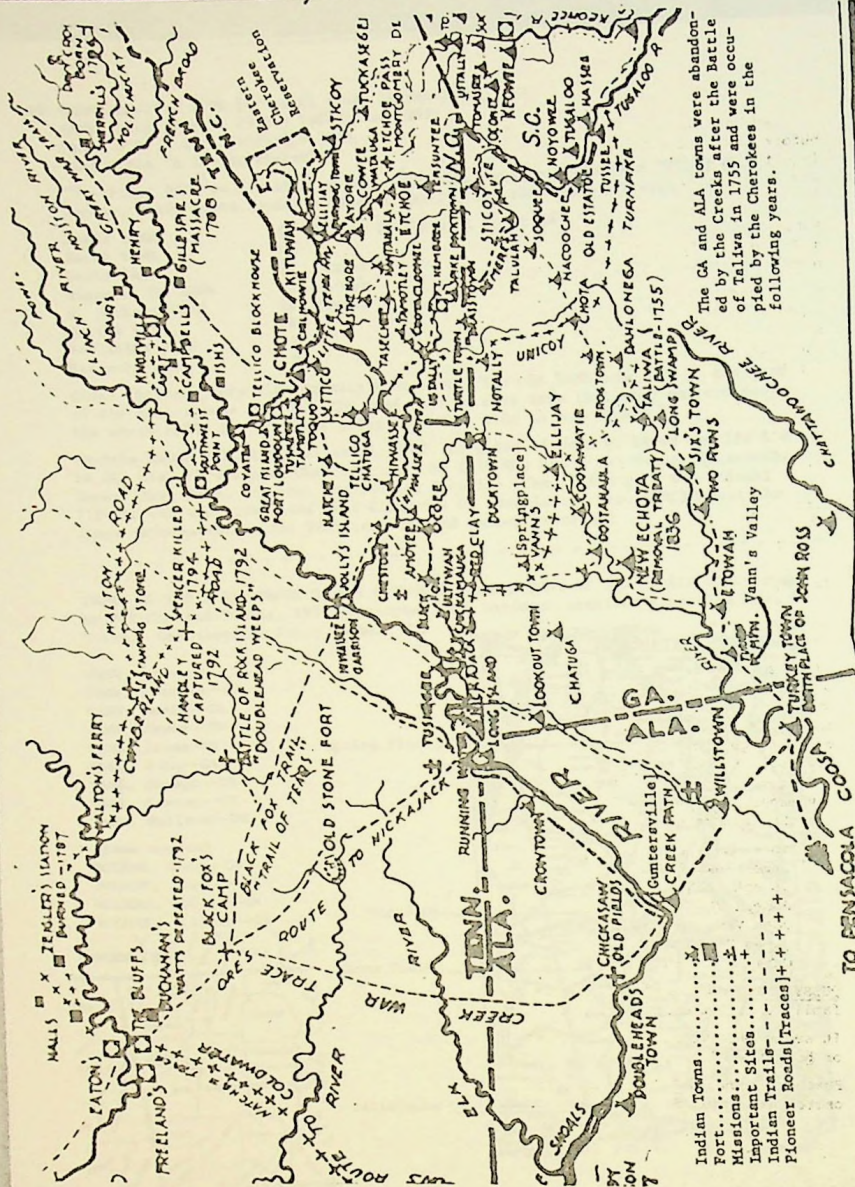
(Not all of the white men who married Cherokee women did so for monetary reasons, of course, but many of them did. If the white man wanted to remain in the Cherokee Nation, own a plantation, etc., then he had to marry into the tribe. Sometimes an enterprising white man found a friend who had married a Cherokee woman, and in order to get possession of the property, he would "hire out" to the couple who had legal rights to the land while he was in reality running it for himself. It is interesting to note that when Chief James VANN of Spring Place was killed, his "overseer," Mr. CRUTCHFIELD, married the widow VANN. If this appears rather crude, see the letters written by James Ore to the Governor of GA about such practices.)

To summarize the Wilkes Co GA VANNs, we find:  
James VANN from SC who came with 1 ch; receives land 1773  
Joseph VANN living at mouth of Buffalo Cr 1773  
Joseph VANN from SC, 7 ch, granted land on Long Creek, 1773  
John VANN owns land near Broad River 1773; adj. BEAL; from SC  
James VANN, appraiser and administrator of est, 1780  
Quilla VANN signing deed, 1787.

QUESTIONS: How were these men related to each other? Are they from the same VANN family that lived in Nansemond Co? In Chowan and Gates Co NC? If so, how?

It seems likely that some documents still remain to be studied in N.C. or S.C. or both that will provide some answers to these questions.

Further study needs to be made in Wilkes Co GA to find which VANN the creek and church are named for. This information could lead us to Clement and James VANN.



## THE TWO DAVID VANN FAMILIES OF FLOYD COUNTY, GA.

[From "Generations of David and Sarah VANN, Floyd Co, 1794-Present" in VANN VIGNETTES by Lucille VANN COHEN, Temple TX]

She says the lineage of David and Sarah VANN is difficult to find because of another David VANN who lived Floyd Co 1832-33, son of Avery VANN and bro to James Clement VANN, II, builder of the Vann House. David, s of Avery, lived just south of the Coosa Riv, toward Cave Springs GA in Vanna Valley.

Vanna Valley was named for Avery VANN... David VANN, son of Avery, later removed to OK. This David m/1 Jennie CHAMBERS m/2 Martha McNAIR; he was killed by Pin Indians in 1863.

"William Alfonso COFER always maintained that the two David VANNs of Floyd Co. were related via Cherokee Connections. This is quite likely true, but the connection has not been found or documented to date." [1920]

This article describes VANN Cem in Floyd Co where David is buried. "A son, Augustus M. VANN, was assigned to administrate David's est; there was no will." The author said efforts are still being made to find parents of this David VANN. One possible clue is the Pendleton Co, SC, census of 1820 which lists one David VANN as head of household, and "Matches in all known respects the requirement of age and number to David VANN of Floyd Co." In Fayette Co., David VANN purchased land there at intervals after 1823. He sold land there through 1837, then no further records found for him in that Co. In 1837, one David VANN bought land in Floyd Co on which he lived until his death 30 years later. He and his son, Sanders Washington VANN, are said to have owned over 1,000 acres in Floyd Co.

The author says it is not unusual for a family to conceal Indian blood in order to protect their civil rights; thus it is quite possible both David VANNs of Floyd Co., GA, were related in some way.

[From information in the GEORGIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY, Vol 12, Fall, 1976. Contributed by Mrs. V.C. ANGLE, Sr, eggdau of David VANN.]

The VANN Cemetery is located on Hwy 20 West, just before getting to the AL state line. Continue at intersection of Hwy 100 [Holland Rd] & Hwy 20 for .5 mile. After passing Prospect ME Church on right, turn left on first dirt road. Located on the right, after passing Mt. Zion Church.

### Gravestones in the VANN Cemetery:

VANN, John S. 12 Dec 1852/21 Nov 1887  
 VANN, Margaret C. 29 May 1822/8 Nov 1871 "Wife of S.W."  
 VANN, S.V. 6 Jul 1820/31 Mar 1905 [Sanders Washington?]  
 VANN, C.V. [no dates]  
 VANN, Miss M. [no dates]  
 VANN, Ted Taylor 18 May 1942/22 Oct 1942  
 VANN, Cecil Odell 5 Jun 1931/9 Jun 1967  
 VANN, H.C.  
 VANN, W.K. 8 Feb 1822/16 Jun 1870  
 VANN, Willie D. 1 Apr 1888/1 Mar 1968 GA Pvt US Army, WWI  
 VANN, James David 6 Oct 1857/8 Nov 1889  
 VANN, Mattie & Harriet, ch of Mr. & Mrs. D.D. VANN  
 VANN, J.P.  
 VANN, B.A.  
 VANN, Sarah, b 1803, wf of David VANN

- 63 VANN, David b 1794 [original owner of the land]  
 VANN, Lonzo Taylor 29 May 1889/1 Jun 1942  
 VANN, D.D. 1 Aug 1845/0 Nov 1914  
 VANN, Opha "A loving sister"

"The first VANN we are sure of that is buried here is David VANN." Floyd Co. Census, 1840, gives David as head of family; the 1850 Census lists:

David VANN	56	Farmer \$5,000 b SC [b c1794]
Sarah VANN	47	
David VANN	24	farmer
Augustus M. VANN	21	farmer
A. Jackson VANN	18	farmer
Martha VANN	14	
Benjamin VANN	9	
Missouri VANN	7	

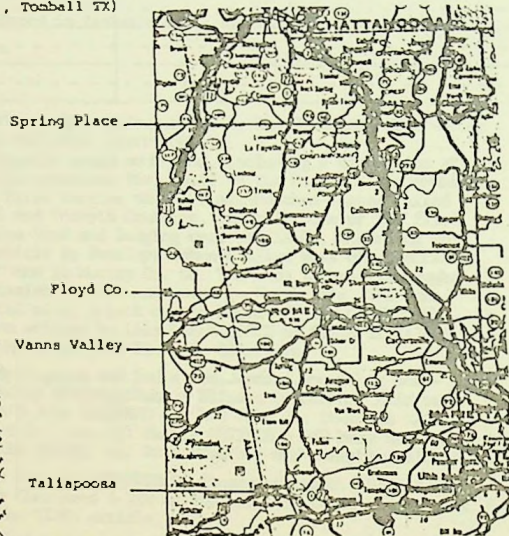
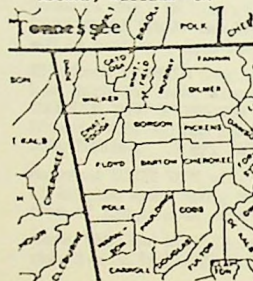
Older children were already away from home. "The old VANN home was at the foot of the Mill across Hwy 20. The road used to come from that side and crossed the whole hill, but the part going down that side is now closed."

[Martha BROWN MERCER of Dallas GA, 1982, is gg dau of John W. BROWN who liv & d in OK; his w/2 was part Cherokee, left GA 1880-90; had 7 ch: Nancy, Elizabeth, James, Mary Jane, Frances, Josephine & Caroline. The Indian girl was Loduski TIMWELL who was given land near Claremore OK someplace. Mrs. MERCER sent the above information on the VANN cemetery and census records.]

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 VANN, David--GA  
 VANN, James--TN  
 VANN, James--TN  
 VANN, John--GA  
 VANN, Joseph--TN  
 VANN, Sawney--GA  
 VANN, Wallace--TN

(Same source)  
 KOZEK, John--GA  
 KOZEK, Joseph--GA  
 KOZEK, Robert--GA  
 KOZEK, William--GA



HUSBAND Clement VANN  
 Born c1747 (82, 1829) Place Eng? VA? NC?  
 Marr. Place Prob Cherokee Country GA  
 Died Place Prob, GA  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's father VANN Husband's Mother

WIFE Na-Mi (Mary Christiana) (Full-Blood Cherokee)  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's father Place Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 James (Clement?)	1760 Feb 1809		ROGGER THORNTON & SCOTT
2 Avery VANN	c1790's	11y Floyd Co GA	c1790's Margaret McSWAIN
3 Nancy VANN			John FALLING

Clement moved to Cherokee country c1780. Na-Mi baptized "Mary Christiana" 1819 by Moravians; said to have lived to age 130 and moved "west" in 1830's. #3, Nancy and John FALLING lived on Federal Rd. near Spring Place GA. John was killed "in a duel" by James VANN (1-1).

From Vanna House Brochure:

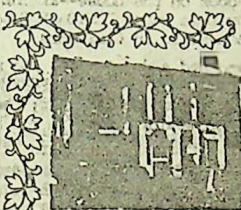
Clement Vann, a Scot trader, settled among the Cherokees in the 18th century. He married a Cherokee woman who bore him several children. One was James Vann, builder of this house.

James Vann's chief contribution to the Cherokees was his help in establishing the Moravian Mission at Spring Place in 1801. While the Brethren were interested primarily in bringing the gospel to the Indians, Vann's main concern was in educating the young people. The Moravians found that their nearest neighbor, Vann, had his good points and his bad ones. He was generous when sober but pugnacious when drinking, which was often. Nevertheless, more than any other Cherokee, Vann, in sponsoring the mission school, contributed to the education of the men who were later leaders in the Nation - Elias Boudinot, Stand Watie, John Ridge and others.

James Vann was fatally shot at Buffington's Tavern south of here on the old Federal Road.

On March 24, 1805, the Moravian Missionaries James Vann helped establish near his plantation at Spring Place, wrote in their diary. "Vann moved into his newly built house today"

The Moravian Diaries (February 21, 1802) record his death: "Thus ended the life of one who was feared by many and loved by few in the 41st year of his life. No one knows how deeply this crime depressed us and made us appreciate the forbearance of a merciful God for his children. For Vann had been an instrument in the hand of God for establishing our mission in this Nation. Never in his wildest orgies had he attempted to harm us. We could not but commend his soul to God's mercy. Almost frightened to death Mrs. Vann and her parents-in-law fled to Buffington's at the crack of dawn. Mr. McNair, Vann's son-in-law, and his wife spent the night with us."



HUSBAND James VANN, Chief of Springplace, GA  
 Born Feb 1768 Place  
 Marr. Place  
 Died Feb 1809 (shot & killed) Place Buffington's Tavern, Hightower GA  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Clement VANN Husband's Mother WA-M11 "Mary Christiana"

WIFE 1. c1788 Jennie FOSTER; 2. c1794 Eliz THORNTON; 3. 1797 Margaret SCOTT  
 Born w/3 b 20 Aug 1781 Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father (w/3) Wallace SCOTT Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands w/2 m/1 - 1794 SPRINGSTON, m/3 John SHEPHERD; m/3 Edw. ADAIR

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 James D. VANN	1790		Esannah JERICART
2 John	1792		Martha DEYTON
3 Sarah/Sallie	1793		1. Eyan NICHOLSON 2. Col. James LAMAR
4 Delilah Annia	1795 30 Nov 1838	on Trail of Tears	30 Dec 1801 Knox Co TN Capt. David McNAIR
5 Joseph "Rich Joe"	11 Feb 1798 26 Oct 1844		Jennie SPRINGSTON
6 Mary	Named in father's will; no further		
7 Robert			
8			

Sources: HISTORY OF GWINNETT CO GA; various works by Don Shedburn; Chattanooga SUNDAY TIMES MAGAZINE, 26 Jul 1936; Starr, others.  
 Called "Chief VANN," James Sr owned much land, including a plantation at Hightower and one on the Chattahoochee Riv, later in the Oscarville community. He established one of the first ferries on the Chattahoochee--later called Vann's Ferry--between Hall and Forsyth Counties, and built one of the first taverns in the county, where food and lodging were available, according to Shedburn. The newspaper article by Penelope Johnson Allen says his plantation was called "Diamond Hill," now in Murray Co. GA. The Vann Tavern was bought by the GA Historical Commission in 1957 and moved to New Echota. The Vann house is now a GA historical site. A book on the house--IF THE CHIEF VANN HOUSE COULD SPEAK--has been written by Lela Latch LLOYD of Cisco TX (1980) and is available from the Memorial Book Store in Claremore.

Elizabeth THORNTON m Mr. Springston and had a dau, Jennie, who m her stepbro, Rich Joe VANN; also Edley SPRINGSTON m Elizabeth FOREMAN. Elizabeth THORNTON VANN SPRINGSTON m/3 John SHEPHERD and had John Jr; then she m/4 Edward ADAIR and had Edward Jr., who m/1 Nannie SHIELDS & m/2 Mary HARRAGE. John SHEPHERD, JR m/1 Sallie DANDEL; m/2 Ruth FARLING; m/3 Josephine KILLIAN.

Margaret SCOTT VANN, wd, m Joseph CRITCHFIELD, former overseer. She was dau of British agent among the Cherokees & liv on the old path below the present town of Ringgold GA, a/c the TIMES article.

James VANN had killed his b-1-1, John FALLING; James was prob killed by a relative of FALLING/FARLING in Cherokee revenge.

(From GEORGIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY, VOL III, Mar 1967, p 453; The Will of James VANN p 453, taken from "Inferior Court 1800-1822, Mills Probated" pp 109-111, Office of Ordinary, Jackson Co, GA.)

Probated by Cherokee Council & Jackson Co

"To whom it may concern:

"Know ye that I, James Vann, being in full possession of my mental faculties & health & about leaving home business of importance have thought proper to make this my last will & do dispose of my personal property in the following manner.

"In the name of God amen:

"Int. I hereby give & bequeath unto my beloved wife, Peggy, Daughter of the late Walter Scott decd. all my household furniture.

"2-All the rest & residue of my property which I shall or may die possessed of by that whatsoever it may or where soever it may I give and bequeath unto my natural son, Joseph, to have and to hold forever.

"And I do hereby constitute & appoint my trusty friends \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ Executors of this my last will & testament requesting them to execute the same according to the true intent & meaning thereof at the same time hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this seventh day of May one thousand eight hundred & eight.

/s/James VANN (Seal)

Signed, sealed and declared by the above named James Vann to be his last will & testament in the presence of un--Leroy HAMMOND, Lewis L. HAMMOND

"Whereas a National Council having been held at the place & the will of James Vann decd having been read to the Chiefs in Council & it appearing from the face of the will that all the property was left to one child named Joseph Vann, but the Chiefs think that all the children are of one father who ought to receive some share of the property & also the widow ought to share alike with the other children & to remain in the House as long as she pleases & no doubt Joseph Vann will agree with the Chiefs in opinion when he comes to years of maturity--wherefore the Chiefs and warriors made the following provision for the children.

"The executor shall allow the greatest share to Joseph Vann & after which you are to allow to the other children & widow such share of the property as you may judge right and to the following children--Mary Vann, Robert Vann, Lilly McNair, Sally Vann, Jimmy Vann & allow something to Jess Vann & the Executor to take care of the farm & ferry at the Chatahouchee--The chiefs & warriors expect that Peggy will treat the people well as usual when they come to your house.

"Done in Council ("in Costenalah") April 17th 1809.

Chs Hicks	Qualiquasree X	Rabbit X	Rising Fawn X
Path Killer X	The Chip X	John Vearner X	Tusquorehnt C (?)
The X boots	Womox X nephew	Noon Day X	The Hawk X
Sour X Mash	Oolahetta X	Chattoo X	George Snake X

"Upon a full consideration of the writing of James Vann decd. purporting to be a will & a decree purporting to be "Chiefs and warriors in council revoking annulling & setting aside said writing determining that the same is not agreeable to the rules & regulations of the said nation & it being their wish that the property should be divided among all the children of the said James & his widow, it is ordered that the property be disposed of as is directed by this Court as illegal and of no effect & that David Filox, Esq. be sworn as administrator of the estate with the exception of said writing & that the decree of the Council of said nation be entered upon the minutes of this Court."



HUSBAND James P VANN  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died 1889 \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband's Father John D. VANN Husband's Mother Martha DENTON

WIFE Rosannah J. KETHCART (white woman)  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died (living, 1901) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's father Joseph KETHCART, RS. from \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's other husbands Ireland

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 John Emmet Vann	1849		
2 Louisa Jane	1851		Samuel WARD
3 Mary Josephine	1854		Joseph B. LADD 8 Jan 1888
4 David Washington	20 Apr 1857	Murray Co GA	Martha M. Purcell lot Miami OK
5 Martha M.	1859		Preston S. JAMES
6 Sarah A. VANN	1862		Winfield Scott NANCE
7 Emma L.	1863		Wm COTZER
8 James G. VANDI	1865	liv Fairland 1901	

See HISTORY OF INDIAN TERRITORY, by Gideon, 1901, p 649 for article below.

#### DAVID WASHINGTON VANN.

For the past seven years David W. Vann has conducted a general store at Fairland, and at the same time has carried on farming and stock-raising. Being enterprising, industrious and energetic, he has prospered in his undertakings and is now quite well-to-do.

He was born in Murray county, Georgia, on the 20th of April, 1857, his parents being James D. and Rosannah J. (Kethcart) Vann. His mother was a white woman, a native of Tennessee, and a daughter of Joseph Kethcart, who came from Ireland to this country with his wife at an early day and served for eight years in the Revolutionary war. Our subject's paternal grandparents were John and Martha (Denton) Vann, the latter also a white woman and a native of Tennessee. John Vann's father was James Vann, who was a very prominent man in the old nation and owned a ferry on the Tennessee river. He was murdered by a Mr. Sanders. Our subject's father died in 1889, but the mother is still living and enjoys good health, at the age of seventy-three years. Their family numbered eight children, three sons and five daughters, namely: Louisa Jane, born in 1851, is the widow of Samuel Ward; John Emmet was born in 1849; Mary Josephine, born in 1854, is the wife of Joseph B. Ladd, a white man of Kentucky; David W., our subject, is next in order of birth; Martha M., born in 1859, is the wife of Preston

HUSBAND Evan NICHOLSON  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place "of Mill'n Valley" GA or AL  
 Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died 1836 \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband's Father \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's Mother \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE Sarah ("Sally") VANN  
 Born 1792 (1797?) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's father James VANN (1-1) Wife's Mother Jennie FOSTER  
 Wife's other husbands 2, Col. James LAMAR of Oanterville AL

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Inaac Nicholson	1810		
2 David "	1819		
3 Jack "			
4 Jennie "			
5 Mary E. "	1834		James (Jack) PEBBLES
6 Charlotte LAMAR	1837		
7 James LAMAR, JR.			Elizabeth

1-1-3-5 Mary E. and Jack PEBBLES had 5 chi: (1) Sarah L. m W.T. JACKSON, liv Nashville TN; (2) Charlotte B. m Walter WEST of Nashville; (3) Belle E. m Rob't B. SPAIN of Nashville; (4) James L. and (5) Edgardonna PEBBLES

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S. James, a white man of Miami, Indian Territory; Sarah A., born in 1862, is the wife of Winfield Scott Nance, a white man; Emma L., born in 1863, is the wife of William Cotzer, a white man; and James G., born in 1865, lives in Fairland with his mother. Our subject's great-great-grandmother, known as Granny Vann, lived to the remarkably old age of one hundred and thirty years.

During his boyhood and youth David W. Vann attended the public schools of Georgia and Kentucky, and in 1873 accompanied his parents on their removal to this territory, where he has since engaged in farming and stock-raising. In 1893 he embarked also in general merchandising at Fairland, and in all his business ventures has been eminently successful. He has served as a member of the town council, and is one of the most influential and prominent citizens of his community. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On the 8th of January, 1888, Mr. Vann was united in marriage with Miss Martha M. Purcell, a white lady, who was born in Virginia, in September, 1869, and is a daughter of Austin and Elizabeth Purcell. Six children bless this union, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Pearl, October 15, 1888; John H., June 7, 1890; Fanny M., November 27, 1891; Fay, October 6, 1893; Fay, July 4, 1895; and Opal, August 20, 1897.

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HUSBAND Joseph VANN ("Rich Joe")	Occupation	Planter, merchant, ship owner
Born 1797-8	Place	
MARR.	Place	
Died 26 Oct 1844	Place	Near New Albany IL or near Louisville
Cemetery	Place	
Husband's Father James VANN	Husband's Mother	Margaret SCOTT (?)
WIFE Jennie SPRINGSTON		
Born 23 Dec 1804	Place	
Died 4 Aug 1863	Place	
Cemetery	Place	
Wife's father	Wife's Mother	
Wife's other husbands	n/2 Thomas HITCHELL	

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 James Springston VANN			Araminta ROSS
2 Mary VANN			No issue
3 John Shepherd VANN			Elizabeth FIELDS COODY
4 Sarah VANN (Dora?)			Israel VARE (VORE?)
5 Ruth VANN			Oliver H. Perry BREWER
6 William VANN			

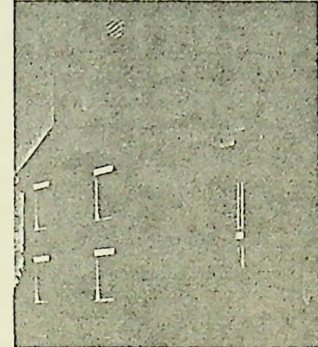
Sources: "Leaves From the Family Tree," by Penelope J. Allen, State Chairman Records, Tennessee Society DAR, published CHATTANOOGA SUNDAY TIMES Magazine Section, 27 Jul 1936, and other sources.

In this account, a letter about Joseph Vann written by Rev. John GAMBOLD, a Methodist missionary, is quoted: "Mrs. Gambold and I love him as our own child and have not a complaint against him. He is indeed of a warm temper, but whose can gain his love, which is no hard task, has gained all, and we have no doubt that with a reasonable arrangement, he may be made a very useful man."

Joseph was about 9 years old when his father was killed, Allen says. He inherited "Diamond Hill" estate and increased his fortune to a fabulous size. The large brick mansion which he built at Springplace GA stands today. On the 800 acre plantation, he had orchards, mills, slave quarters, etc. When Joseph was driven from home in 1834, Col. W.N. Bishop installed his brother, Absolom Bishop in the VANN mansion, and Joseph fled with his family to the plantation he owned on the Tennessee river near the mouth of Collettery creek in Hamilton Co., TN. It was called "Vannstown" for the two or three years he lived there before removing west into what is now OK. He is listed in the Hamilton Co Census of 1835 with his family of 15 persons, 110 slaves, 35 houses, a mill and a ferry boat. In 1836, he settled at Webbers Falls (now OK) and operated a line of steamboats on the Arkansas, Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. He was killed in the explosion of one of his boats, the "Lucy Walker."

## Undeafened Lucy Walker Horse's death recalls area-related tragedy

By BILL SAMPSON  
Of The Tribune Staff  
WEDDERS FALLS — The death of theilly Rufian this week has reminded Oklahoma historians of the area's first famous race horse and its tragic story.



THE VANN HOUSE...SPRINGPLACE GA

James Vann had expected to leave his vast holdings to his young son, Joseph Vann, but the Council of Chiefs intervened to divide the property between his widow and all of his children. Nevertheless, Joseph Vann acquired his house and much of his father's other property. An even better businessman than his father, he soon became known as "Rich Joe Vann" by the Indians and whites alike.

Later, they traveled to Webber Falls, Oklahoma, where Vann built a duplicate of the Georgia Vann House. That house was destroyed by Federal forces during the War Between the States.

In the 1840s the Federal Government, after much litigation, paid Joseph Vann \$19,605.00 for his property in Georgia: his fine brick home, 800 acres of cultivated land, 42 cabins, six barns, five smokehouses, a grist mill, a sawmill, blacksmith shop, eight corn cribs, a shop and foundry, a trading post, a peach kilo, a still, 1,133 peach trees, 147 apple trees, and other property.

Lucy Walker was an unbeaten Quarter Horse that Joe Vann had reared at Epoca Downs and bred to field races in New York, Tennessee and Kentucky.

LUCY WALKER had beaten the best horses in the military stable at Fort Gibson. Some reports said Vann sold her foals for more than \$1,000... some said \$3,000.

Vann was a rich half-blood Cherokee who had inherited a New plantation and many slaves from his father, a wealthy Cherokee planter in Georgia.

Vann had moved his slaves to Tennessee as Cherokee-Georgia disputes brewed and by the time the Indians were forced to remove to Indian Territory, Vann had additional wealth from his Tennessee enterprises.

He arrived at Webbers Falls in grand style with cattle and 300 slaves, cleared the rich bottomland and planted a vast cotton crop.

He built a two-story house similar to the one he had left in Georgia and indulged himself in the style of Southern country gentlemen, including horse breeding.

Lucy Walker was his champion and his international trips with the mare made him perhaps the first widely-known permanent resident of what now is Oklahoma.

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ACCOUNTS OF Lucy Walker's fate vary, but there is no question about what happened to Rich Joe Vann.

He had built for himself a steamboat he named the Lucy Walker in honor of his famous racer. On his first voyage, after having boarded Vann and his party at Webbers Falls, he traversed the Arkansas-Mississippi-Ohio Rivers route to Louisville for the spring racing season of 1844, a sort of keelhaul of the Kentucky Derby.

Some accounts say Lucy Walker ran that year. Others said the mare was expected to fail and was left at the Webbers Falls plantation. On the return trip, Vann's new steamboat engaged in a race with another and when drifting, Vann ordered slaves to throw sticks of bacon into the boiler when the fuel supply ran low.

The boiler exploded near New Albany, Ind., killing all aboard except one slave who had crept overboard before the blast. The steamboat burned and sank.

Was Lucy Walker killed in the blast? Newspaper accounts differ. The Chronicle of Oklahoma, in an article about early navigation on the Arkansas, relates the story of the blast but doesn't mention the horse. Cherokee legends vary, but apparently there was no further record of the horse after the owner's death.

VANN'S FINE OLD plantation home near Webbers Falls was burned during the Civil War, but several old trees about a mile west of the town are said to have been on the grounds of the structure.

Vann has many descendants and relatives throughout the old Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma and also in Georgia, Tennessee and other places they have settled.

The late Judge O.H.P. Brewer of Muskogee, who died in 1931, was a grandson of Vann and often told the tale of Lucy Walker and Vann's death. Friends of Judge Brewer have said he was of the opinion the race horse was killed in the explosion.

Brewer was the son of Della Vann, one of Joe Vann's daughters. Another daughter, Estlin Vann, married Jared Vore, a Baptist minister and sometimes merchant who in 1823 became superintendent of Lawrence Mission northeast of Wetumka.

THE STONE building of the mission once operated by the Baptists and Creek Nation is still standing. It has been used as a hay barn for many years. The mission cemetery is about a quarter mile from the abandoned structure.

The Georgia home Joe Vann inherited from his father has been better than the Webbers Falls home and the finest of Lawrence Mission.

In 1828, the state of Georgia national the mansion now Epoka Place and it is one of the significant historic sites in East Okla.

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## CHILDREN OF JOSEPH "RICH JOE" VANN OF GEORGIA, TENNESSEE, &amp; I.T. (OK)

- 1-1-5-1 James Springston VANN b d m Araminta ROSS, dau Lewis ROSS; had 1 known ch:  
1-1-5-1-1 Fannie VANN b d m Florian Haraden NASH b 1837, New Orleans; had one known ch:  
1-1-5-1-1-1 Lewis Ross NASH of Ft. Gibson OK b 15 Apr 1864 m 15 May 1890 Emma BECK; m/2 24 Nov 1897 Bertha McSPADEN
- 1-1-5-2 Mary VANN; no issue
- 1-1-5-3 John Shepherd VANN (Salaulc/Salaude in Cherokee) m Elizabeth Pock FIELDS COODY, wid of Wm. Shorey COODY (See CHRONICLES OF OK Vol 29, p 468; also Starr, pp 456,554). Issue:  
1-1-5-3-1 Jennie VANN m Wm. Wilson HARNAGE  
1-1-5-3-2 John VANN; no issue  
1-1-5-3-3 Richard Fields m Minnie CUNNINGHAM  
1-1-5-3-4 Charles Edward VANN m Ada RAYMOND
- 1-1-5-4 Sarah or Emma VANN b 1830 m Maj. Israel G. VARE of CW; note from Paula Love says they were parents of Mrs. Sam COBB of Vinita. Article in Chatanooga paper says they had one dau, Mrs. Sophie BROOKS of Webbers Falls OK
- 1-1-5-5 Ruth VANN m Oliver Hazard Perry BREWER and had issue: O.H.P. BREWER, Judge of Muskogee OK, b 1871, d 17 Nov 1951; and VANN m JACKSON
- 1-1-5-6 William VANN married and was murdered at age 22, leaving a son, 6 weeks old who became the f of Dr. Wade Hampton VANN of Cement OK. Mother of Wm. VANN is not given in the article from the TN paper, but it says she was not Jennie SPRINGSTON.

David VANN, see 1-2-2  
From MAYES CO. (OK) HISTORY, 1977, Pryor CF; item by C.L. SAMUEL, Jr.

David Vann was born January 1, 1800. He married Martha McNaair, born September 1, 1812. They removed from Georgia, settling southwest of present Locust Grove, Mayes County, near Grand River in the area of Sec. 34, T 20 N. R. 19 E. The Smithsonian Institution National Anthropological Archives list him as Cherokee Chief, a district judge of Cherokee Nation. He was elected Treasurer of Cherokee Nation in 1839, 1843, 1847, and 1851. He was a delegate to Washington for the Cherokee Nation in 1841, 1843, 1846, and 1859. Chief Ross sent him on a commission of three to Mount Holyoke College in the East to study the organization of the College and to get teachers for the Male and Female Seminaries of Cherokee Nation. While in Washington in 1841 he ordered for others a consignment of salt kettles to be delivered to the east bank of Grand River near Ft. Gibson at a cost of \$100.00 per ton, together with one ton of small castings. The kettles arrived in July 20, 1843 on the steamboat "Huntsman". In Soline District in 1839 at the first election for tribal officials, enemies of the Cherokee

government destroyed the election papers, killed Isaac Bushyhead at the polls, and severely wounded David Vann and Elijah Hicks. During the Civil War, Mr. Vann enlisted in the 2nd Cherokee Mounted Volunteers. He was killed by the "Pin" Indians on December 23, 1863 at his home. His wife died in March 1875. They were parents of Clement Naaly, attorney, Lieutenant Colonel in Confederate service, and Treasurer of Cherokee Nation, Nicholas Byers; David Lucullus; Mary Delilah, who attended school in Arkansas and graduated in the second class (1856) from Female Seminary and married George W. Drew and Joel Bryan Mayes, twice elected Principal Chief of Cherokee Nation; Charles Avoy; Joseph Lewis; and Martha Elizabeth, born at New Hope on October 4, 1852 and married November 11, 1871 at Hopfield to Samuel Houston Mayes, born May 11, 1845. Both she and Mr. Mayes were active members of the Methodist Church at Bryan Chapel and Pryor. She said she was ready to die as she did not want to live in the state of Oklahoma. She died on December 27, 1907.

HUSBAND Avery VANN  
Born c1770a Place  
Marr. c1790a Place  
Died Place  
Cemetery Place  
Husband's Father Clement VANN Husband's Mother Wa-Wii "Mary Christiana"  
WIFE Margaret McGWAIN  
Born c1775-80 Place VA2  
Died Place  
Cemetery Place  
Wife's Father "Teacher" McGWAIN Wife's Mother Nannie COBBING  
Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place to Whom
1 Joseph "Teautlie"	11 Feb 1790 3 May 1877		1. Catherine Linn WOOD 2. Elizabeth ISHE
2 David	1 Jan 1800 23 Dec 1862	kid by Pin Ind	1. Jennie CHAMBERS 2. Martha McNAIR
3 Margaret (Anderson)	1804		DAVID WEBBER
4 Andrew M (??)	1842 1862		1. Margaret LANGLEY 2. Susie ALEXANDER John CHAMBERS
5 Nannie	1800		1. John ROGERS 2. Wm. WILLIAMS
6 Catherine	1810		Wm. LANGLEY
7 Mary	1812		ROBERT WEBBER Eliza WEST
8 Keziah	1814		No issue
9 Charles	1816		Inadora MACKAY (?) c1835, IT (OK) Robert ROGERS JR
10 Clement	11 Jun 1810 20 May 1862	GA? Rogers Co OK	1. George WEST 2. David HOME
11 Sallie	2 Nov 1820		(Geo?) John MARTIN
12 Elizabeth	11 Dec 1826		No issue
13 Eliza	1822		No issue
14 Clara	1824		No issue
15 Jennie	1826		No issue

Sources of information and/or more details.

Other Marriages

For Avery VANN, see Starr, pp 162,335,498,588.

#3 had Jonathan WEBBER m Nannie WOFFORD

#4 had Cynthia (m Leroy STARR) and William (m Louvenia COSTER)

#6 Catherine VANN m John ROGERS, s Rob't, Jr. and Lucy CORDERY ROGERS. No issue have been found.

#11 Sallie, see ROGERS pages.

#13 had son Arkansas Cherokee MARTIN (See Starr p 349)

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HUSBAND Joseph "Teauttle" Big Joe VANN  
 Born 11 Feb 1798 (1788?789?792?) Place GA, prob (dates vary in Starr)  
 Marr. Place  
 Died 3 May 1877 Place Saline Dist, Cher. Nation (OK)  
 Cemetery Cavalier Cem, Hayes Co OK Place (See "Our People" Vol 1 p 104)  
 Husband's Father Avery VANN Husband's Mother Margaret McSWAIN

WIFE /1 Catherine ROWE w/2 Elizabeth ROWE (her sister)  
 born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Clarinda Rebecca VANN	----- ----- c1817	----- -----	John SUMMERS
2 Mary Francis VANN	21 Sep 1825 (Age 109) 1192	GA	26 Feb 1845 Edwin F. ARCHER
3 David Rowe VANN	----- ----- 1820	----- -----	Eliz. Missouri BUSHYHEAD
4 Louisa Jenn VANN	----- -----	----- -----	Dr. Felix Hurd McNAIR
5 Jennie Chisner VANN	----- -----	----- -----	Ell West DOUGHERTY
6 Fannette Elizabeth	----- -----	----- -----	Jackson Walker DRAKE

Joseph, called "Big Joe" or "Teauttle" to distinguish him from his cousin, Rich Joe VANN; assistant principal chief of western Cherokees in 1834; assistant chief of Cherokee Nation 1839 and 1859; member of Constitutional Convention 1827 from Hightower Dist (GA); also 1838. Pres of Senate 1841-43; Senator from Saline Dist (OK) 1844; delegate to Washington, D.C., 1851 (See Starr, 348, 498, and other sources.) "Our People" shows his grave next to wife Elizabeth VANN d 1883, age 58. (The age seems young for Elizabeth ROWE, but perhaps not.)

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VANN 1-2-2

HUSBAND David VANN, Chief of Cherokees  
 Born 1 Jan 1800 Place  
 Marr. Place  
 Died 23 Dec 1863 Place 11v Vann's Valley GA  
 Cemetery Hayes Co, Red Adair Cem Place Murdered by "Pin" Indians  
 Husband's Father Avery VANN Husband's Mother Margaret McSWAIN

WIFE w/1 Jennie CHAMBERS w/2 Martha P. McNAIR b. 1 Sep 1812  
 Born Place  
 Died w/2 d Mar 1875 Place  
 Cemetery Red Adair Cem Place  
 Wife's Father w/2 David McNAIR Wife's Mother Dolliah VANN (1-1-4)  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Susan VANN	----- ----- c1836	----- -----	Olivor Forky ROSS
2 Juliette Louisa VANN	----- -----	----- -----	J Berceaux Juliette FELL 2 Samuel Hadeniel TAYLOR
3 Clement Hoxley VANN	17 Feb 1810 10 Apr 1874	GA IT (OK)	Isadora M. HACKETT
4 Nicholas Byron VANN	10 Apr 1831 8 Apr 1859	GA	-----
5 David Lucullin VANN	1 Apr 1834 10 Feb 1856	bur Adair Cem	-----
6 Mary Dolliah VANN	21 Jun 1830 7 Aug 1912	Saline Dist IT Pryor OK	1 George Washington DUFFY 2 Joel Bryan MAYES
7 Charles Avery VANN	8 Nov 1842 8 Dec 1858	IT IT (Red Adair Co)	-----
8 Joseph Lewis VANN	----- ----- 1840	----- -----	-----
9 Martha Eliz. VANN	24 Sep 1819 27 Dec 1907	New Hope, IT Pryor OK	Carolina Eliz BRIDGEMAN 2 Sep 1821 Samuel Houston MAYES
10	----- -----	----- -----	-----
11	----- -----	----- -----	-----
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VANN 1-2-1

HUSBAND Joseph "Teauttle" Big Joe VANN  
 Born 11 Feb 1798 (1788?89?92?) Place GA, prob (dates vary in Starr)  
 Marr. Place  
 Died 1 May 1877 Place Saline Dist, Cher. Nation (OK)  
 Cemetery Cavalier Cem, Hayes Co OK Place (See "Our People" Vol 1 p 104)  
 Husband's Father Avery VANN Husband's Mother Margaret McSWAIN

WIFE w/ Catherine BOWE w/2 Elizabeth BOWE (her sister)  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Clarinda Rebecca VANN	1817		John SURMEES
2 Mary Francis VANN	21 Sep 1825 ("age 100") 1923	GA	26 Feb 1845 Edwin F. ARCHER
3 David Bove VANN	1870		Eliz. Missouri BUSHMEAD
4 Louisa Jane VANN			Dr. Felix Hurd McNAIR
5 Jennie Chitosa VANN			Eli West DOUGHERTY
6 Fannia Elizabeth "			Jackson Walker DRAKE

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 Born Place  
 Died w/2 d Mar 1875 Place  
 Cemetery Ned. Adair Cem Place Mayon Co  
 Wife's Father w/2 David McNAIR Wife's Mother Dilliah VANN (1-1-4)  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Susan VANN	1816		Olliver Ferry BOGS
2 Juliette Lewis VANN			1 Peveraux Jaxotte BELL 2 Samuel McDaniel TAYLOR
3 Clement Neeley VANN	17 Feb 1830	GA	Isadora M. HACKETT
4 Nicholas Dyora VANN	10 Aug 1874	IT (OK)	
5 David Lucullia VANN	18 Apr 1834	GA	
6 Mary Dilliah VANN	8 Apr 1852		1 George Washington DREW 2 Joel Bryan HAYES
7 Charles Avery VANN	1 Apr 1834		
8 Joseph Lewis VANN	10 Feb 1856		
9 Martha Eliz. VANN	21 Jun 1830	Dur Adair Cem	
10	7 Aug 1912	Saline Dist, IT Pryor OK	
11	8 Nov 1842	IT	
12	6 Dec 1858	IT (Ned. Adair Co)	
13	1848		Caroline Eliz SIXKILLER
14	24 Sep 1829		2 Sep 1871
15	4 Oct 1852	New Hope, IT	Samuel Houston HAYES
	27 Dec 1907	Pryor OK	

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VANN 1-2-2-6

HUSBAND Joel Bryan MAYES, Chief  
 Born 2 Oct 1811 Place Near Cartersville GA  
 Marr. 1869 Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Samuel MAYES Husband's Mother Nancy ADAIR

WIFE Mary Delilah VANN (1-2-2-6)  
 Born 21 Jun 1838 Place Saline Dist IT  
 Died 3 Aug 1912 Place  
 Cemetery Pryor, OK  
 Wife's Father David VANN Wife's Mother Martha McNAIR  
 Wife's other husbands 1, Geo Washington DREW

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Wm Lucullus MAYES	6 Feb 1874 26 Oct 1884 (?)	Near Chouteau	8 Jan 1901 Martha L. MORGAN
2 Carrie M. "	27 Jan 1880		29 Jan 1909 Clarence L. SAMUEL
3			
4			

See Starr, p 583; also HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF MAYES CO (OK), p 193.

The SAMUEL's had ch:  
 Clarence L. SAMUEL, Jr b 26 Dec 1909  
 Martha Eliz. " b 10 Mar 1914  
 Samuel Charles " b 22 Feb 1916, d 9 May 1917  
 (See variation, pp. 81-82. Need proof of parents of Wm. L. MAYES.)

### MAYES, JOEL BRYAN

Joel Bryan Mayes was born Oct. 2, 1811 near Cartersville, Georgia, Bates County in Cherokee Country. He was the second son of Samuel Mayes, a white man from Tennessee whose ancestors emigrated from England and Wales, and Nancy Adair Mayes, daughter of Watt Adair who held many important positions in the old Nation east of the Mississippi River. Joel came with his parents in 1837 to Cherokee County West and attended public schools at Muddy Springs Campground until 1851 when he entered Male Seminary near Tahlequah. He was a student there for 4 years and was a graduate of the first class in 1855. He began

teaching school at Muddy Springs camp and continued until 1857. He enlisted as a private in the First Cherokee Indian Regiment in the Confederate Army, later being promoted to paymaster and quartermaster. In 1865 he went to Rusk County, Texas, then to Bryan County, I.T., and then returned to the Cherokee Nation.

He was married 3 times: (first) Martha J. Candy in 1857, who died in 1863; (second) Martha A. McNAIR in 1863, who died near Durant, I.T. in 1866; and (third) Mary Delilah Vann Drew in 1869.

Joel Mayes was a member of the Methodist Church and a Master Mason. He died on Dec. 4, 1891 of pneumonia at Tahlequah where he was buried.

Submitted by C. L. Samuel, Jr.

HUSBAND Samuel Houston MAYES (See to Joel B.)  
 Born 11 May 1845 Place  
 Marr. 9 Nov 1871 (m/2 18 Feb 1911) Place Near Stillwell (OK)  
 Died 12 Dec 1927 Place  
 Cemetery Pryor, OK  
 Husband's Father Samuel MAYES Husband's Mother Nancy ADAIR

WIFE Martha Elizabeth VANN (2, Minnie Nell HARRISON)  
 Born 4 Oct 1852 Place  
 Died 27 Dec 1907 Place  
 Cemetery  
 Wife's Father David VANN Wife's Mother Martha McNAIR  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Wm Lucullus MAYES	6 Feb 1874	IT	8 Jan 1901 Mary Elwellynn MORGAN
2 Joseph Francis MAYES			
3 Caroline MAYES			Pryor OK
4			

#1 See MUSKOGEE AND NE OKLAHMA, Vol II, p 512. Wm L. MAYES was m. offman of Muskogee in 1922 with 2 ch: Martha L. and Gillen Morgan MAYES. Also mentions Dr. Joseph Francis MAYES of St. Louis.

### MAYES CO (OK) HISTORY

Samuel Houston Mayes, for whom the county is named, was the son of the first Mayes to come to the territory with the Cherokees from Georgia, and he is the father of the subject of this biography. The first Samuel Mayes was born in Tennessee April 11, 1803. He married Nancy Adair, born Oct. 7, 1803, in Jan. 1824. She was the daughter of Radcliff Thompson (born in Dec. 1726) and Walter Adair, known as Black Walt, who was born Dec. 11, 1783. He was the son of John Adair, a Scotsman who was married to Gahoga, a full blood Cherokee.

This first Samuel Mayes came to Indian Territory with the "Treaty faction", the group who opposed Chief Ross, in 1837 or 1838. He had been arrested by the Georgia Guard for not taking the "oath" of citizenship ordered by the state. (He considered himself a citizen of the Cher-

okee Nation as he was married to a Cherokee.) The Georgia Court sentenced him to 5 years hard labor and solitary confinement. Mr. Mayes gave an account of his arrest in a deposition to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in an attempt to recover some of the losses he sustained. He was marched to the penitentiary where he was given the opportunity to be pardoned provided he would leave the Cherokee Nation (East) and move to Indian Territory. He agreed to this stipulation and was released. When he prepared to sell his extensive holdings, he was compelled to make a forced sale for about a tenth of the true value of his properties. He came to the Territory and settled at Muddy Springs, near Stillwell. During the Gold Rush in California, Mr. Mayes joined the prospectors there as he was an old hand at gold mining. Among the tools he lost in Georgia were his gold mining implements used in the rush at Dahlonega. Later he established a ranch in the Sacramento Valley which one of his sons operated for a number of years before selling and returning home. The son was supposedly killed by wild Indians on the journey home.

Samuel Houston Mayes was one of the 10 children born to Samuel Mayes and his Nancy. They were: George Washington, John Thompson, Frank A., James Allen, Joel Bryan, William Henry, Noel French, Samuel Houston, Wiley B., and Rachel. Samuel Houston was born May 11, 1845 on the homestead at Muddy Springs. He married Martha Elizabeth Vann, a daughter of the noted attorney, David Vann, Nov. 9, 1871. They settled near Pryor at what is now the Snowflake Farm. Mr. Mayes built the house about 100 years ago.

He served as sheriff of Coawees-coawee district from 1881 to 1885 and as initial Senator from the district from 1885 until he was elected principal chief of the Cherokees in 1895, serving until 1899. His brother, Joel Bryan Mayes, was also a principal chief, serving from 1887 to 1891.

Chief Mayes and his wife had 4 children, 3 of whom survived infancy. They were: William Lucullus; Joseph Francis; and Caroline.

VANN 1-2-2-9-1 or 1-2-2-6-1

## HUSBAND William Lucullus MAYES

Born	6 Feb 1874	Place	Mayes Co (OK)
Marr.	8 Jan 1901	Place	
Died		Place	
Cemetery		Place	
Husband's Father	Joel B. MAYES	Husband's Mother	Mary D. VANN

## WIFE Mary Llewellyn MORGAN

Born		Place	(Parents liv Bartlesville OK 1908)
Died		Place	
Cemetery		Place	
Wife's Father		Wife's Mother	
Wife's other husbands			

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Martha Llewellyn	24 Aug 1902	E of Pryor OK	8 Apr 1924, Salina OK James Eben HART
2 Cullus Morgan MAYES	6 Sep 1908	Bartlesville OK	
3			

From: HISTORY OF ADAIR CO.  
(OK); item by Marthel  
Mayes HART  
MAYES, WILLIAM LUCULLUS

William Lucullus Mayes, son of Cherokee Chief Sam Houston Mayes and Martha Elizabeth Vann, was born near Chouteau in Mayes County, Indian Territory, February 6, 1874.

He was educated at the Cherokee Male Seminary in Tahlequah and Central College in Fayette, Missouri. He returned to run the ranch and his brother Joseph continued his education and became a doctor in St. Louis. His sister Corrie married Clarence L. Samuel and lived in Pryor.

He and Will Rogers, the world famous cowboy humorist, were boyhood friends. Cullus took Will to Springfield to compete in his first rodeo. They both had a keen sense of humor and were popular with young and old. Cullus loved to tell stories, usually in the first person, and those with an Indian background were the best. It was said of him there was a gathering until he arrived, then it became a party.

Mary Llewellyn Morgan and he were married January 8, 1901 and moved to the ranch, about seven miles east of Pryor. Martha Llewellyn Mayes was born August 24, 1902 on the ranch. Later they built their own home about a mile from his father's Mr. Mayes and his brother-in-law, Houston Morgan, opened a real estate and oil office in Muskogee where they lived part of the time. Their son, Cullus Morgan Mayes, was born September 6, 1908 at Bartlesville where Mrs. Mayes' parents lived.

When Tulsa decided to build a lake for its water supply, they employed him to buy the land and the right-of-way for the pipeline. The dam is on his Cherokee Allotment. Later he bought land for the Grand River Dam Authority to build Grand Lake. After buying the land for Tulsa he remarked, "You know, there were two families on those farms I didn't know."

After the marriage of their daughter, Marthel, to James Eben Hart at Morgan's bn near Salina on April 8, 1924, Mr. and Mrs. Mayes built a home straight above the Spannow Dam where they lived the rest of their lives, enjoying their beautiful location and sharing it with many others.

VANN 1-2-5

## HUSBAND John CHAMBERS

Born		Place	
Marr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Cemetery		Place	
Husband's Father		Husband's Mother	

## WIFE Nannie VANN

Born	1806	Place	GA
Died		Place	
Cemetery		Place	
Wife's Father	Avery VANN	Wife's Mother	Margaret McSWAIN
Wife's other husbands			

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Martha CHAMBERS			John MARTIN
2 Calvin "			Margaret LITTLE
3 Catherine "			1. John LUMPKY 2. Henry Clay HARRIS
4 Sarah "			1. Paul CHOUTEAU 2. Lewis Ross FELL

VANN 1-2-7

## HUSBAND William LASLEY

Born		Place	
Marr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Cemetery		Place	
Husband's Father		Husband's Mother	

## WIFE Mary VANN

Born	1810	Place	
Died		Place	
Cemetery		Place	
Wife's Father	Avery VANN	Wife's Mother	Margaret McSWAIN
Wife's other husbands			

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Geo. Wash. LASLEY			1 Sarah WALKER 2 Sarah HURLAN / HURLANT
2 Joseph Vann "			1 Elizabeth DAVIS 2 Nannie HALLAM FEYS
3			

"The best way to judge just how good a man is,  
is to find out how he stands around his home  
and among his kind of people."

WILL ROGERS

## HUSBAND Robert WEBBER

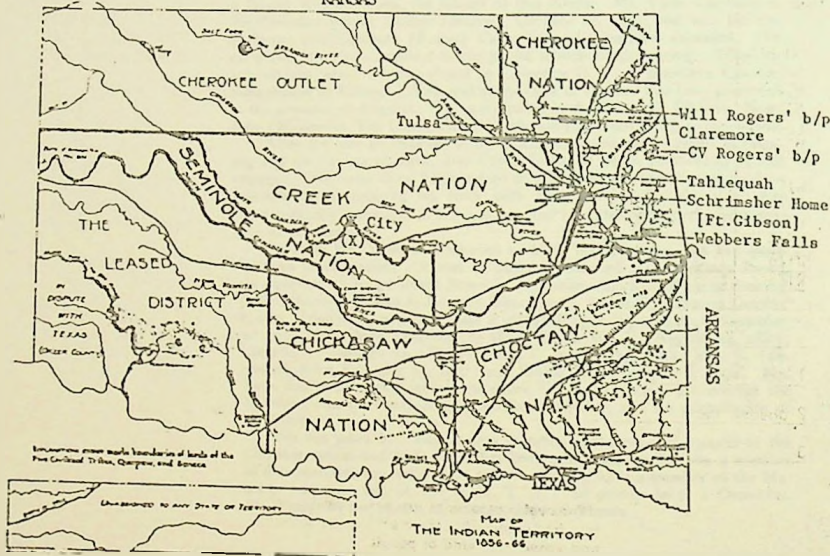
Born	Place
Marr.	Place
Died	Place
Cemetery	Cavalier, Mayes Co OK
Place	See "Our People," Vol. 1, p 104
Husband's Father	Husband's Mother

## WIFE Koziah VANN

Born	1812	Place
Died		Place
Cemetery	Cavalier, Mayes Co OK	Place
Wife's Father	Avery VANN	Wife's Mother
Wife's other husbands		Margaret McSWAIN

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Elsie WEBBER			Andrew Jackson GRIFFIN
2 Aky WEBBER			1. Thos Foreman 2. Robin BATHIE 1. Wm. ROSEN
3 Margaret WEBBER	1837 1897		Scott Tyler Cavillier Edw CRUTCHFIELD
4 Clement Vann WEBBER			
5 Eliza WEBBER			1. Richard Field RILEY 2. Wm M. HUGHES

KANSAS



## HUSBAND /2 William Alexander MUSGROVE

Born	c1815	Place
Marr.	1844	Place
Died	7 Jun 1880	Place
Cemetery	Musgrove	Place
Husband's Father	Musgrove	Place
Husband's Mother	Adair Co OK	Husband's Mother

## WIFE Sallie VANN

Born	11 Jun 1818	Place
Died	20 May 1892	Place
Cemetery		Place
Wife's Father	AVOY VANN	Wife's Mother
Wife's other husbands	1. Robert ROGERS (Jr) - see ROGERS line	Margaret McSWAIN

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Margaret Lavinia ROGERS	22 May 1846	See ROGERS line	
By h/1 2 Clement Vann ROGERS	1839 1911	Claremore OK	Mary K. SCHUMBERGER 1864
3 Francis Marion MUSGROVE	1847		Clara Eliza ALBERTY
By h/2 4 Ma. Dun MUSGROVE			Cynthia ROGERS

Sources for Frank & Clara Elizabeth ALBERTY: INDIAN TERRITORY by Gideon, pp 897-93 plus notes from Kabo and Love. Order of ch unknown.

Children of 1-2-11-3 Frank and Clara ALBERTY MUSGROVE (she was dau of Mike & Eliza BUFFINGTON ALBERTY):

1. Elizabeth MUSGROVE m E.O. NICKS of Tahlequah; he worked at phone company; made first call to Sallie McSPADDER (Paula's note). Had 3 chn.
2. Jm Tandy MUSGROVE, killed 3 Jun 1895 while sheriff of Coococonoco Dist.
3. Sallie MUSGROVE w/1 Charlie COX of Oologah and had Frank & John COX; w/2 J.A. MARTIN
4. William MUSGROVE b 13 Sep 1873, "of Claremore" [Paula's note: he left home early 1900's]
5. Margaret MUSGROVE m Walter EATON of Claremore; had Mary & Raleigh EATON
6. Cora MUSGROVE m J. Herbert MOORE, lived Claremore & Tulsa
7. Frank K. MUSGROVE; d young
8. Andrew Lane MUSGROVE b 1887, Musgrove farm; m 1910 Mary Ann EVANS, dau John & Nancy EVANS; issue: John Franklin, Joseph Howard, Pauline Elizabeth, Charles Evans (d yng); Mary Katherine and Betty Lou MUSGROVE
9. Clem Rogers MUSGROVE m Veta HARRIS; 1iv Claremore

They sent the Indians to Oklahoma. They had a treaty that said, "You shall have this land as long as grass grows and water flows." It was not only a good rhyme but looked like a good treaty, and it was till they struck oil. Then the Government took it away from us again. They said the treaty only refers to "Water and Grass; it don't say anything about oil."

Weekly Article  
4 Mar 1928



HUSBAND David ROWE (Judge, N. Circuit, Cherokee Nation)  
 Born 2 April 1820 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died 27 April 1891 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband's Father ROWE Husband's Mother \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE Elizabeth VANN  
 Born 2 Nov 1820 Place Vann's Valley GA (?)  
 Died 11 Dec 1896 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's Father Avery VANN Wife's Mother Margaret McSWAIN  
 Wife's other husbands m/1 George WEST

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 <u>Napoleon Bonaparte ROWE</u>			<u>Letha Campbell</u>
2 <u>Clerinda Vann ROWE</u>	<u>16 Jan 1831</u> <u>28 Jul 1903</u>		<u>6 Oct 1870</u> <u>Daniel Webster VANN</u>
3 <u>David Lucullus ROWE</u>			<u>Elizabeth SCRAPER</u>

4 Margaret ROWE 288

## HISTORY OF INDIAN TERRITORY

5 Joseph Vann ROWE

## \* DANIEL WEBSTER VANN.

A prominent and progressive citizen of Pryor Creek, Indian Territory, is Daniel Webster Vann, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Vann was born in the Cherokee nation, Indian Territory, October 12, 1845, and was the son of James and Elizabeth (Eaton) Vann, both of whom are deceased. His early education was acquired at the public schools of the nation. When he was sixteen years old he enlisted in Company D, First Cherokee Cavalry, commanded by Colonel J. Bell, and at the close of the war had been promoted to the position of sergeant. He participated in the battles of Elkhorn, Newtona (Missouri), Elk Creek, Cabin Creek and numerous lesser engagements.

After the war he returned to the Cherokee nation and engaged in farming and the raising of stock, near Pryor Creek, in which business he is still engaged. He owns about five hundred acres of land and has adopted modern scientific ideas, crossing his stock with Hereford blood. Mr. Vann has been unusually successful in his ventures and is evidently a good representative of this section.

In 1868 Mr. Vann was married to Miss Tookah Riley, but her death followed shortly after. October 6, 1870, he married Miss Clerinda Rowe, the daughter of Judge David Rowe, of the Saline district. Nine interesting children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Vann: Jennie C., deceased October 1, 1871; Joseph R., who died June 1, 1874; Maggie E., who died November 10, 1877; Ada, born December 7, 1879; David W., Jr., August 24, 1883; Clemola A., January 24, 1886; William C., August 23, 1888; Jesse C. (deceased), born February 13, 1891; and Emima E., born April 6, 1892. Mr. Vann has lived at his present residence for thirty years. He erected the Methodist church, where he is a consistent member, and the schoolhouse of his district.

For ten years Mr. Vann was a member of the national council of the Cherokee nation and three times has been called upon to become a member of the committee for revising the rolls. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the A. H. T. A. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Vann has the esteem of a large circle of friends.

## DOWNING ANCESTORS

"The Major John Downing Family." by Gayle-Galya BLIVINS, pp 334-355 in the DOWNINGS OF EUROPE AND AMERICA, gives the family tree as it is found in many publications, but with no sources or proof for the early generations. Possibly her information came from the Will Rogers Memorial. It was in the files here as such for many years, and without checking it, we have mailed it out to many researchers.

Now, however, we feel there are some generations missing or that part of the data is incorrect. It is printed here merely to show what has been accepted in the past. It needs to be checked again carefully for actual proof.

Here is her statement:

Major John DOWNING, a British officer who supervised the manufacture of gun powder for the British troops, m Hannah FAWLING, d/o Dehman FAWLING, a full blood Cherokee of the Wolfe Clan; four children, all born Cherokee Nation, East Tennessee:

1. George DOWNING (No wife shown, four children listed)
2. John DOWNING m/1 Jennie; m/2 Nannie; 17 children given
3. William DOWNING (No wife or children listed)
4. Nannie DOWNING m/1 PITTIT and had Thomas PITTIT; m/2 CRITCHFIELD; m/3 "Trader" McSWAIN and had two issue, including Margaret McSWAIN who m Avery VANN (given as ancestor of Will Rogers; see VANN family) and Elizabeth McSWAIN who m David WELCH.

Among the children of Margaret McSWAIN and Avery VANN she lists the same children given in the VANN family under Avery, including Sallie VANN who married Robert J. ROGERS and had Clement Vann ROGERS, father of Will ROGERS.

Now see the same book, p 282, under descendants of William DOWNING:

- 1 William DOWNING of Northumberland Co VA m Margaret \_\_\_\_\_ (she m/2 Edward TYTTON) and had 7 ch, including
- 1-1 William DOWNING JR 1643-1683 m Mary \_\_\_\_\_, 11v Northumberland Co VA; (2 issue given)
  - 1-2 John DOWNING m Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, 11v Northumberland Co VA, 4 ch listed, including:
    - 1-2-2 John DOWNING 1658-1718 m Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ 11v Northumberland Co VA; had four issue: John, Edward, David and Charles.
    - 1-2-2-1 John DOWNING 1692-1793 m Hannah FALLIN 11v Northumberland Co VA; had 7 issue: Charles m Winifred; Elizabeth; Hannah m STEWART; Nancy; Edward m Elizabeth; Sarah m John B. KESNER, KENSEN; John and others. (Notice how issue differ from those given above by BLIVINS)
    - 1-2-2-2 Edward m Frances NUTT (2ch listed)

No later generations are listed for this family in the DOWNING book.

Much more proof of the family of one John DOWNING, (111) son of John and Elizabeth, who married Hannah FALLIN, dau of Charles FALLIN, is found in WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY, Series I, Vol 25, pp 41...., "John Downing of Fairfield's, Northumberland County, VA, and His Descendants" by Mrs. O.A. Ketch, Nichita, Ks.

In court records, John DOWNING (III) brought suit against estate of Richard DUDLEY 16 May 1733; served on Grand Jury 9 Nov 1739. John DOWNING and wf Hannah of Fairfield's Parish 30 May 1752 sold 25 1/2 acres to Eliz. HELMS, JR. In 1755, John DOWNING bought land from Peter BEARCROFT. In 1763, Thos. WORNAM sold land to John DOWNING of St. Stephen's Parish. In 1776, John DOWNING and wf Hannah deeded land to son Charles DOWNING. In 1782, John DOWNING of Northumberland Co. VA deeded land to his son, Edward DOWNING. Also in 1782, John DOWNING SR gave a gift of Negroes to his son, John DOWNING, Jr. Capt. John DOWNING was an officer of the militia 11 Jun 1786. An inventory of John DOWNING's estate was recorded 14 Oct 1793.

Please note that the information lists John DOWNING as a "Captain of the Militia" in this source, with no mention of service to the British. This would appear to mean service with the American forces during the Revolution. Note, too, he remained in the same county until his death c 1793. If he had served with the British, as so many sources claim, it is not likely he would have been permitted to remain there as a citizen in good standing until his death.

The will of Charles FALLON 23 Jan 1753/8 Jun 1752 mentions dau Hannah DOWNING and grandson, Charles DOWNING. Will of Charles FALLIN 11 Feb 1773/11 Oct 1773 names brother-in-law John DOWNING and sister Hannah DOWNING. With this information, it appears unlikely that this Hannah FALLIN, FALLON, FAWLING could have been a full-blood Cherokee of the Wolfe Clan. WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY (See Vol. 25, p 189...., "The Downings of Northumberland County") lists issue of John and Hannah FALLIN DOWNING:

1. Charles DOWNING b 4 Jul 1738
2. Elizabeth DOWNING b 9 Apr 1740
3. Hannah DOWNING b 174 m SHEPARD
4. Nancy DOWNING b 20 Jan 174 d unm, will: 28 Apr 1814/12 Dec 1815 mentions sisters, Hannah SHEPARD and Sarah KENNER; brother John DOWNING; brother-in-law, John B. KENNER, and nephew John DOWNING.

How the above DOWNING family relates to the one listed by BLEVINS and others is not clear. Possibly it is only a coincidence that two military officers named John DOWNING married women named Hannah FALLIN, FAWLING. But without more proof of the British connection and the parentage of Hannah who was supposedly the dau of "Redman FAWLING," we must list this "ancestor" of Will Rogers as "unproved."

According to the articles in NSM (Vols. 24-25), Capt. John DOWNING who m Hannah FALLIN was the youngest son of John and Elizabeth DOWNING and was still a minor in 1698 at the time of his father's death. The will of John DOWNING (II) was presented 16 Feb 1716 by Eliz. DOWNING, one of the executors. Witnesses was Joseph TYPTON & William HARDING. Two years later (19 Mar 1718) Elizabeth DOWNING, executrix of John (II) won a judgment against the estate of Samuel DOWNING, her brother-in-law.

Grandfather of the Capt. John DOWNING who m Hannah FALLIN was also named John DOWNING (I). He was the second son of Capt. William DOWNING "of Great Wicomico, planter." John, s of Wm., is first mentioned in records of Northumberland Co 27 Jan 1668 when he and his bro, Wm (II) was deeded 600 acres of land by their father: 600 acres "up the north side of horse-path bounding east upon Wm. WILLY and west upon Richard NEDEG."

Although this Capt. Wm. DOWNING (SR) had 3 sons and two daus, it appears that the second son, John, was the only son who left descendants of that name in that area. (Arch proof given in NSM, Series J, Vol 25, p 41, etc)

John DOWNING (I, son of Wm. Sr) was married first to \_\_\_\_\_ (possibly to wid of Andrew COCKRILL; not proved), but it was by his second wife, Elizabeth, that he had son John DOWNING (II). (Manuscript records exist concerning suit by Elizabeth DOWNING, wd of John I, on behalf of her son, John (II) against Susannah FRANKLIN, wd of John HEKHEJETT, "probably for her son's maternal inheritance." When this Elizabeth HEKHEJETT (wd of John I) died, her will was presented in Court 15 Oct 1715 by her executor, Mr. Thos. HEKHEJETT. From her will and other sources, it appears that John DOWNING (II), son of Capt. William HEKHEJETT, had four issue, including Sarah, Samuel, John (II, who m Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ and had John who m Hannah FALLIN), and possibly a dau, Ann DOWNING.

Again, note the difference in the NSM and other sources which have been accepted. LOST TRIBES OF OLD ALBEMARLE by North Day, quoting largely from Nugent and Hathaway, lists Capt. William DOWNING (British army) of Isle of Wight VA b 1755, d Northumberland Co VA 5 Mar 1835; w/ Rebecca CROSSLAND w/2 Margaret SROCK (Margaret w/2 lkw. THPTON, TYPTON, TIMPTON). Capt. Wm. DOWNING was son of Richard DOWNING who settled on the Rappahannock Riv. in VA. (Source cited: Nugent, p 192)

Starr (HISTORY OF THE QUEEROSES) says Major John DOWNING (British army) m Hannah FAWLING, full blood Cherokee of the Wolfe Clan, prob in NC, and had a dau, Eunice, who by her third husband, "Trader" BURGAIN, had Margaret McSWAIN who m Avery VANN who lived near Ross GA, and had Sallie VANN who m Robert ROGERS and had Clement Vann ROGERS, father of Will Rogers.

LOST TRIBES....In a paper on "The Ancestry of Will Rogers," prepared by the Hugh Rogers Chapter of USGAR of Waynesville NC, notes that one William DOWNING had been transported to Isle of Wight by Elizabeth BANCHEET before 1647. When this Wm. DOWNING died in Northumberland Co. 1655, Margaret, his widow, m Edward TIPTON. "Part of the family moved to Chowan Co. NC, and others to TN," says this source.

Among those transported to VA by Mrs. Anna BARRETT before 1651 were Wm. COWDERY, Mrs. Elizer COWDERY, Cowdery BARRETT, Eliza BARRETT, etc. Mrs. BARRETT patented 1,000 acres on the north side of the Rappahannock River, etc.

The NSDAR paper also notes that there were ROGERS in this area during the same period, thus it attempts to prove that they all were progenitors of Will ROGERS.

Our notes show that a list of Cherokee National Committee members listed by the Christian Mission Board in 1822 includes John DOWNING, JR. But we do not have the source of the note at this time. John ROSS was president of the Committee at that time and one Samuel GUNTER was named among Council members:

Starr's book lists many Cherokee DOWNING families, giving ample proof of the intermarriage of a white DOWNING with a Cherokee. Several of that surname were leaders of the tribe, before and after they left the GA-TN area, and numerous DOWNING families with Cherokee ancestry can be found in northeast Oklahoma to this day.

We have evidence that "half breed" FALLINGS were among the Cherokees before 1800. In "The Executive Journal of Governor John Sevier," edited by Samuel C. Williams, and printed in EAST TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS, (VOL IV, p 157) a letter to Governor Sevier from "Jas ORE" from Knoxville TN 31 May 1798 reports on a trip made by ORE into the Cherokee Nation by way of "South West Point":

"At the Shoemach (a Cherokee town) I saw and conversed with Clem VANN, a white trader, two FALLINGS, half-breeds, who spoke good English and young men of pretty good information.... James Vann, a half breed (son of Clement VANN), lives near this town, who from his wealth and extensiveness of his trade, together with his ability, has become a leading character, and is daily growing in consequence and importance in his nation."

Starr's book on the Cherokees identifies several FAWLING family members, some of which may have been the "half breeds" to whom Gov. Sevier referred. Among whites of the time, a person with any Indian blood may have been considered a "half breed."

Ludovic GRANT, a Scotchman, married a full-blood of the Long Hair Clan, wf's name not given. (Starr, p 466, identifies GRANT as "said to be a Scotchman, in a statement recorded p 301 of the Charleston, SC probate Court in the book of 1754-1758 in a sworn statement of 12 Jan 1756, says: "It is about thirty years since I went into the Cherokee Country where I have resided ever since. I speak their language,".... "GRANT's half-breed daughter married William EMORY, an Englishman." Also on the same page, Starr notes: "Rin FAWLING, Ezekial BUFFINGTON, Robert DUE and John ROGERS were Englishmen.")

GRANT (dau of Ludovic, a half-breed) m. Mr. EMORY, an Englishman;  
 their dau:

Mary EMORY (4 Cherokee) m/1 Rin FAWLING, an Englishman; m/2 Ezekial BUFFINGTON, an Englishman (thus, her ch would be one-eighth Cherokee); by h/1 Mary had:

1. John FAWLING, possibly one of the bros mentioned by Gov. Sevier, m. Nannie VANN, sister of James VANN who later killed John FAWLING. By FAWLING, Nannie had a dau:

1-1 Ruth FAWLING m. John SHEPHERD (II) s/o John SHEPHERD Sr and Eliz. SHEPHERD, dau John SHEPHERD and Nannie, a full blood dau of O-sa-di-aga who was first married to James VANN by whom she had Bellish Azelia VANN; Eliz. SHEPHERD m/2 Mr. SHEPHERD and had Jennie SHEPHERD who m. Joseph VANN, her step brother, and Elley SHEPHERD who m. Eliz. KORMAN; and s/3 John SHEPHERD SR. Thus the families were intermarried from several directions. \*See also next page.

The name FAWLING is mentioned again in Starr's book (pp 30-32). The Cherokees were divided during the Revolutionary War. With the British promising them to rid their lands of the settlers, many of the Indians sided with them. In July 1776, a warlike band of Cherokees prepared to attack three white settlements along the Tennessee River. But Nancy KARD, the "Wigam, Beloved Woman" of the Cherokees, who was living at Echota at the time, sent William TATEW, a white trader, and William FAWLING, a one-eighth Cherokee and son of Rin and Elizabeth EMORY FAWLING, to warn the settlers. Thus they were ready to meet the British Cherokee onslaught. According to Starr, without this warning, they would have been slaughtered, and "every soul of them would have been swept away from the borders of the Tennessee."

NEED FOR FURTHER RESEARCH. It seems clear to this researcher that the John DOWNING (III) who married Hannah FALLIN, FALLON in VA was white and that his wife was white. Likely both of them lived out their lives in VA, and it is not likely that he fought for the British during the 50's. It is quite possible, however, that a son or grandson of this couple could have gone into Cherokee nation where he married a Cherokee woman. Whether or not her name was FALLIN, FAWLING is guess work at this point, unless further proof is found.

Dates for births and marriages on the DOWNINGS of the Cherokee nation are badly needed so we can compare them with those of the same name in Virginia. Possibly the school or church records of the Moravians in GA-TN in the early 1800's would provide a estimated age for some of the children, or perhaps other documents exist among the Cherokee records to show when they came of age, etc. In addition to records of the DOWNING family, research needs to be done on the FALLING, FAWLING, family in the Cherokee nation in 1798 and later. Spelling is not important at this time in history, so any family whose name would sound the same should be checked.

If we had been aware of the lack of proof of the DOWNING ancestry of Will Rogers at the time we began research for this book, we would have done much more work on the line before getting the manuscript ready for publication. Now the proof needed must remain for a later volume.

**MORE CLUES:** There was a least one DOWNING family in Northampton Co, NC, as early as 1715, and this should be checked for a possible connection also. Please note that it is in this same county in NC that we have evidence of Joseph ROGERS, the earliest proved ancestor of a branch of the ROGERS family that later helped populate Wilkes Co, GA. Worth Ray in LOST TRIBES...says this is the ROGERS family connected later with the Cherokees in NW GA, but we believe that is not the same line. If so, it is somewhat remote. (In any case, the Joseph ROGERS of Northampton Co NC is an ancestor of Reba NEIGHBORS COLLINS, director of the Will Rogers Memorial, and she would like to know more about this line.)

One George DOWNING and wife Mary sold land in Northampton Co NC 18 Jul 1742 for 55 pds to James WOOD, 200 A on north side of Catawisher meadow, according to ABSTRACTS OF DEEDS, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, NC, PUBLIC REGISTRY, DB 1 & 2, Margaret M. Hoffmann, ed; 2d printing 1974. George DOWNING of Edgecomb Co NC sold land to Thos. HONELL of Northampton Co 27 Nov 1742. This may be the same one, with a different county listed.

The same source shows George DOWNING had owned other land: 400 acres on the south side of Uraha swamp, adjoining a branch of Joel NEWSON. The land is described as having been sold by George DOWNING to Rev. John BOYD and Wm. & Mary BRASSWELL who sold it to James BRYANT who in turn was selling it to Arthur BRYANT IN 1754-55. (DB 2, p 183, Reg. Feb Ct 1755) Later that same year, the same land, same description of previous owners, was sold again to Robert PEELE, a carpenter of Northampton Co for 125 pds--"all my plantation" by Arthur BRYANT. The last deed shows that Wm. BRASSWELL sold the land in 1715, so if they bought it from George DOWNING, that would put George in the area before 1715.

Because of the early period in which George DOWNING lived in this area, we cannot positively connect him with the DOWNINGS of VA. But NC was a spring-board into GA, so it should be checked further.

Another dau of Wm. EMORY & GRANT is listed in "The Grant and Rogers Families," by Minnie Prather-Jones, member of the Claremore Pocahontas Club in their book: AS I RECOLLECT, pp 130-32: Elizabeth EMORY m/1 Robert DUE m/2 John ROGERS; by h/2 had: George Washington ROGERS b 4 Feb 1812 d 6 Mar 1879 Prairie City OK m Malinda SCHRINSHER; had 4 issue:  
1. John Lewis ROGERS m/1 Berilla ENGLAND; m/2 Margaret CUMMINGS; m/3 Harriette MEEKS  
2. Wm. Nelson ROGERS m Martha FRAZIER  
3. Georgia Ann ROGERS m 1872 in Maysville AR. Richard Linsey PRATHER (s Robert A. PRATHER, white man, who m Memphis TN on Tumbling Riv, Phoebe Caroline ROGERS, a Cherokee, b VA, dau of Pleasant ROGERS who was s of Charley ROGERS--ROGERS lineage unknown); 3 ch:  
1. George W. PRATHER; 2. Horace PRATHER; 3. Minnie E. PRATHER m/1 James S. TURNER; m/2 Clyde JONES. Had 6 issue.

She also lists a third dau of Wm. EMORY: Susannah EMORY m/1 John STUART; m/2 Richard FIELDS; m/3 Joseph MARTIN. [No sources given for any of this data.]

DOWNINGS...From BERTIE CO, NC, COUNTY COURT MINUTES 1724-1739, Bk I, ed by Woyette Parka Raun, Durham NC 1976. [Page numbers refer to original source.]

- p 1 1st item in this book, nd, lista Wm. DOWNING, esq., Justice [prob Mar 1724]
- p 95 Court of May 1733, held at CH on Timber Ridge: "The Jury being ordd. to be called..." George DOWNING, James CANE failed to appear and "They are hereby severally amerced Forty Shillings..."
- p 104 Feb 1733--Deed of Sale from Robert EVANS to George DOWNING was ackd.
- p 122 May 1734--"Ordd. That the Amarrant, against James MOOR, James CAIR and George DOWNING be paid by the Merll. to John BUTTON Cryer of this Court for his Service for Sever Courts past."
- p 1747-74? [Manning?] "Upon Complaint made and shown by James SANDERS and Pat RYON that they were Severally arrested by the sd SANDERS at ye Suit of James BAIGNES and ye sd. RYON at ye Suit of Geo. DOWNING & imprisoned..." Dismissed.
- p 175 George DOWNING and Benjamin HILL each put up 150 Sterling as "Surety" (bail for James BARNES accused of renting street by Constable Samuel COTTON)
- p 190 Michael DOMMON to Geo. DOWNING, proved Jurat Jas. BRYANT nd [date?]
- p 195 Feb 1736--Wm. DOWNING, JR., to Wm. DOWNING, Sr. Bond pd Jurat Jno. WILKES b16
- p 197 Feb 1736--"Upon information made to this Court by George DOWNING that ye John BASS Sells Lyquor at the Court with out Lycence cont. to law..."
- p 204 Feb 1736--"A Return of the Division of John BASEES ESTATE was made by Wm. BERNETT, Wm. BODIE and Jas HUTCHINSON" DOWNING to pay 15/ 100 5/ [Also mentioned, Job. ROGERS named overseer in ye roos of Allier. COTTON, of New Wiccacoa Rd]
- p 210 May 1737--Jurat Geo DOWNING 40/ pd. [No reason given]
- p 217 Feb 1738--"And now Danll. O'QUIN as principal and Danl. BOUGH and George DOWNING and Suretye ackd. themselves bound to this court...upon ye complt. of George ANDERSON." [Complaint: ANDERSON vs O'QUIN]
- p 243 Feb 1738--"Aprobation is Granted to George DOWNING to keep a Public Ordinary at his new Dwelling house."
- p 275 Nov. 1739--Mary DOWNING, wife of George DOWNING. She swore to the fact before jury and they sold land[?] to Fred JONES.

Home of Maud and C.L. LANE,  
Chelsea, Barb McSPADDER on "Spot,"  
Gunter LANE, holding horses; Ethel  
LANE in saddle; Irene MILAN, behind;  
Estelle LANE, Helen McSPADDER and  
baby Pauline (Paula) McSPADDER.

DOWNING 01

HUSBAND Capt. William DOWNING (SR)  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died 1681 \_\_\_\_\_ Place Liv Great Wicocomoco River, Miconico Par.  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband's Father \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's Mother \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE w/1 ? w/2 Margaret (m/2 c/7 Jun 1679)  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's Father \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's other husbands Margaret m/2 bef 19 Mar 1684 Edw. TYPTON, TYPTON

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 William (eldest son)		Liv Potomac Port No male issue	1679 Mary
2 John DOWNING (SR)	w/p 18 May 1698		2. Elizabeth ? (unknown) left issue, dau.
3 Thomas			
4 George			
5 Mary			(prob) Jonathan DOWNSON
6 Charles (youngest)			Mrs. Jones
7 Patience?			1. David BRADY 2. John GRAHAM
8			3. Wm. COPPAGE

From: Wm. and Mary Quarterly, Series I, Vol 24, pp 189-93 and Vol. 25, pp 41-  
 "The Downings of Northumberland Co" by Mrs. O.A. Keach, Wichita KS  
 Recs of Capt. Wm. DOWNING: 20 Jan 1655, John EDWARDS of Northumberland Co,  
 assigns his interest in a land patent to said DOWNING.

27 Jan 1668: "Wm. DOWNING of Great Wicocomoco riv, planter," deeds to his  
 chn: to eldest son Wm. and to son John 600 A up the N side of horse-path,  
 adj on E. Wm. WILDF, and on W. Rich'd NELMS; 2 cows to (indcipherable) and  
 to dau Mary DOWNING, 1 cow. Wit: Wm. JONES

"About this time"...7 Jun 1679...Wm. m Margaret and Court ordered provisions  
 for all Miconico Parish, levied for Potomac Fort, delivered to house of Capt.  
 Wm. DOWNING, SR. On same day, he was sworn as Justice of the Court.  
 Will: 9 Feb 1682/Sep-Oct 1683, Mrs. Margaret DOWNING, executrix; chn: Wm., John,  
 Thomas, Mary, and prob dau by w/2, and Charles.

19 Mar 1684, Edw. TYPTON, husb of Mrs. Margaret DOWNING, exr. of Wm. DOWNING,  
 ordered by Court to pay bills of exchange drawn on Edward JONES, merchant of  
 Bristol, Eng. 19 Nov 1684, John DOWNING, att'y for Samuel TYPTON, merchant in  
 Bristol, brought suit against James JONES. (Note: because of punctuation, not  
 certain which is the "merchant in Bristol."--RC)

NOTE: THIS CAPT. WILLIAM DOWNING HAS NOT YET BEEN PROVED AS ANCESTOR OF MILL  
 ROGERS Material is included here for reference and for clues to further research.  
 John DOWNING, #2, is the only one who continued the male line of this name in  
 Northumberland Co.

DOWNING 01-1

HUSBAND William DOWNING, JR  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband's Father \_\_\_\_\_ will d/3 Sep 1682  
 Husband's Mother \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE Mary (named no rollct, Court records, June 1681)  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's Father \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's other husbands \_\_\_\_\_

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Elizabeth DOWNING	30 Dec 1670	St. Stephens Parish	William SMITH Richard MITT
2 Ann (Anne)			
3 Margery (youngest dau)			1. Joseph BLACKWELL 2. Samuel BLACKWELL

"Wm and Mary Quarterly" pp 190-92. Wm. DOWNING JR ordered by Court to keep part  
 of provisions due from Fairfield parish for Potomac Port at his house. Joseph  
 HURNALL, w: 9 Jul 1709/18 Aug 1709; names Margery and his four chn: John, Joseph,  
 Ann, and Mary HURNALL. 21 Dec 1709, Margery HURNALL made a trust deed to Samuel  
 BLACKWELL for the benefit of her children: John, Joseph, Ann and Mary HURNALL.  
 Record bk 20 Mar 1710: "Samuel Blackwell of the Parish of St. Stephens and  
 Margery, his wife, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Wm. DOWNING, dec'd, who  
 was son of Wm. DOWNING, also dec'd, to Samuel BLACKWELL, JR, for land left by  
 will of Wm. DOWNING (the elder and gf of sd Margery) to Thos. DOWNING (son) part  
 of the land I now dwell upon--sd land after the decease of sd Thoms DOWNING to  
 fall into hands of Wm. BRADLETT--to and for use of sd Samuel BLACKWELL and  
 Margery, his wife, and at their death for use of Samuel BLACKWELL, JR." (If  
 dates are correct as given, this Samuel BLACKWELL, JR, was not a lineal desc of  
 Wm. DOWNING, but a step-son to Margery DOWNING BLACKWELL.) 26 Jul 1712--Richard  
 MITT and wf Anne, dau of Wm. DOWNING JR, dec'd, deed to Samuel BLACKWELL of St.  
 Stephens Par. Wm. DOWNING, JR, by will 3 Sep 1682, devised to Chas. DOWNING,  
 testator's father Wm. DOWNING, and to Margery DOWNING, testator's youngest dau,  
 his tract of land he lived on, est for life only. Charles DOWNING died before  
 division of land, thus his land went to his nearest of kin. Testator left 3  
 daus only: Ann, Elizabeth and Margery. The sd Anne hath in reversion an estate  
 in fee in the sd devised land being 788 acres now in possession of Samuel BLACKWELL  
 and Margery, his wife. 20 Oct 1712--Wm. SMITH and wf Elizabeth (dau of Wm.  
 DOWNING, JR, gdau Wm. SR) deed to Samuel BLACKWELL of St. Stephens. 788 A of land  
 now in his possession. 18 Oct 1725--Records show that land left to Thos. DOWNING  
 was for life only, and it went to co-heirs of Wm. Jr. at his death: Anne,  
 Elizabeth and Margery.

Note: No male desc. named DOWNING

## HUSBAND John DORNING (I)

Born	Place
Marr.	Place
Died	Place w/n 10 May 1698; w/ Eliz., ext.
Cemetery	Place
Husband's Father	Capt. Wm DORNING
Husband's Mother	

## WIFE n/2 Elizabeth

Born	Place
Died	Place w/o 15 Oct 1715; Thos HUGBLETT, ext.
Cemetery	Place
Wife's father	Wife's Mother
Wife's other husbands	w/1 possibly wid Andrew COCKRILL

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Sarah	prob 1710		1. John SPAN 2. David SPENCE
2 Samuel	1715	Liv Fairfield PAR.	Elizabeth SAUNDERS
3 John II			Elizabeth
4 Ann?			LYON?
5			
6			
7			
8			

#1 John SPAN, d 1697, s Richard and Graciana SPAN; David SPENCE was constable of Newcan's Neck and m/2, wid Ann EDWARDS 1711. by h/1, Sarah had dau, Eliz. SPAN, d 1698; by h/2 had Sarah SPENCE m Wm PICKERING of Northumberland Co VA and had 5 issue; (2) Ann SPENCE m c1710 Sylvester WELCH, Jr. of Northumberland Co and had 8 issue; (3) John SPENCE, d umm c1727

(Ns and M Q, Vol. 25, p 41) "John was progenitor of all of that name in Northumberland Co" VA. In 1679, he was granted 100 A for 2 headrights, Charles BLACOWELL and Margaret HARLEY. On 16 Jan 1684, he added 350 A to his holdings for seven headrights. 21 May 1679, John app't constable for Fairfield's Parish. 19 Oct 1681, John app't gdr for John COCKRILL, s Andrew COCKRILL. (Did John m wid/o Andrew COCKRILL?) John member House of Burgesses 1693; J.P., 1694, etc. Named gdn of 1/2 bro Charles DORNING May 1695.

"I never expected to see the day when the girls would get sunburned in the places they do now."

WILL ROGERS

"One way to solve the traffic problem would be to keep all the cars that are not paid for off the streets. Children could use the streets for playgrounds then."

WILL ROGERS

## HUSBAND Samuel DORNING

Born	Place
Marr.	Place
Died	Place 1715
Cemetery	Place
Husband's Father	John DORNING (I)
Husband's Mother	Eliz.

## WIFE Eliz SAUNDERS

Born	Place
Died	Place
Cemetery	Place
Wife's father	Monier SAUNDERS
Wife's Mother	
Wife's other husbands	Charles HELMS by 1716

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 William DORNING			Winifred HELMS
2 Samuel "			Eliz DORNING by 1716
3 Eliz "			Wm HELMS

Samuel liv "Horsehead" plantation, Fairfield's Parish

## HUSBAND Wm DORNING

Born	Place of age c1726
Marr.	Place
Died	Place will: 2 Jun 1741/2 May 1741
Cemetery	Place
Husband's father	Samuel DORNING
Husband's Mother	Eliz SAUNDERS

## WIFE Winifred HELMS

Born	Place
Died	Place
Cemetery	Place
Wife's father	Samuel HELMS
Wife's Mother	
Wife's other husbands	

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Samuel DORNING	2 Jul 1720	St. Stephens PAR.	Winifred DORNING
2 William	1721		Sarah COCKRILL
3			

Wm (1-2-2-1) petitioned for his part of his father's est, 17 Mar 1726. In 1736, Wm and Sam'l DORNING (sons of Sam'l) gave their share of slaves to their sis, Elizabeth (Mrs. Wm) HELMS. Winifred named in will of Wm (1-2-2-1) and her s, Samuel HELMS (ext) plus sons, Samuel and Wm.

1-2-2-1-1

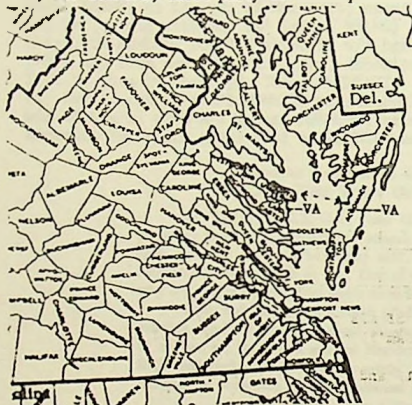
HUSBAND Samuel DOWNING ("Sr")  
 Born 2 Jul 1728 Place of age 1749, Northumberland Co VA  
 Marr. Place  
 Died ca 1751 Place Appr. of est 11 Mar 1751, inv. 6 Apr 1751  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father William DOWNING Husband's Mother Winifred NELMS, dau Samuel

WIFE Winifred DANFORD  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Thos DANFORD Wife's Mother w/2 Winifred CONWAY  
 Wife's other husbands w/2 Capt John WILLIAMS by 1751; he named guard. of ch

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Wm		under age 1766 (Under age 1766) To Accomac Co VA b	1784 Ann 10 Nov 1776
2 Anne			Thos. SHEARMAN
3			

\*Issue: Thomas SHEARMAN, Jr., m/2 Jul 1792 Hannah ROGERS  
 Samuel SHEARMAN  
 Winifred SHEARMAN m 17 Oct 1795 Kemp HURST  
 Alice CHINN m 14 Sep 1795 Robert J. DIMERSON, her csn

Samuel (1-2-2-1-1) and his bro Wm. allotted their share of their f's (Wm) dec'd, est 9 Dec 1749. Est left in hands of Wm. FALLIN 2 Jun 1749. Sam'l NELMS, gdn to Sam'l and Wm., Jr., divided slaves left by their f, (Wm); slaves had been in hands of Mrs. NELMS. #1 William went to Accomac Co VA before Oct 1784. Wm. and w/ Ann of Accomac made deed to Sarah and Hannah DOWNING, dau and co-heirs of Capt. Wm. DOWNING, late of Northumberland Co, dec'd, for 209 A in St. Stephens Par, land devised by will of Samuel DOWNING, dec'd, to eldest son, Wm., and after Wm.'s d, to his eldest son, Samuel, and after sd Samuel's d, to his eldest son, Wm. DOWNING, first party to these presents.



Note, Northumberland and Accomac Counties are just across the bay from each other. Accomac was part of Northampton 'till 1634.

1-2-2-1-2

HUSBAND William DOWNING (called "Sr") Married Capt. of Militia 9 Apr 1770  
 Born ca 1730 Place  
 Marr. Place  
 Died 1783 Place Inv of est made 10 Nov 1783  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father William DOWNING ca 1741 Husband's Mother Winifred NELMS

WIFE Sarah COCKRILL  
 Born Place  
 Died will 25 Jun 1792/9 Jul 1792 Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Thomas COCKRILL Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands a 9 Jan 1760. dau named in will as w/ of Wm DOWNING

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Elizabeth	6 Nov 1770	St. Stephens Par,	Geo. COCKRILL
2 Sarah	2 Jun 1775		Geo. BLACKWELL
3 Hannah			Richd H. BALL

Will of Samuel NELMS (s Mrs Eliz. NELMS, Sr) p/9 Feb 1761, named w/ Elizabeth and gave to nephew Wm DOWNING (Sr) 500 A in Fauquier Co VA  
 Wm DOWNING ("Sr") comd Capt. of Militia 9 Apr 1770. By 15 Apr 1783, mentioned as "Capt Wm DOWNING, Gent., dec'd. Inv of his est made Dec 1783. Wm DOWNING of Accomac Co, made deed to his sisters, Sarah and Hannah DOWNING, dau of Wm DOWNING, Gent, late of Northumberland Co, dec'd...for 209 A in St Stephens Parish  
 Settlement of est of Wm DOWNING, Capt.  
 Sarah DOWNING, Geo BLACKWELL and John COCKRILL, Gents, to get their parts.

Mrs. Will Rogers and son, Will, Jr., 1912.  
 Below, the Blake Home on East Walnut St.,  
 Rogers, ARK, where Will and Betty were  
 married, 25 Nov 1908.



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HUSBAND Samuel DOWNING (called Sr)  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. c1742 \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died will: 17 Apr 1757/10 May 1757 \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband's Father Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's Mother Eliz. SAUNDERS

WIFE Elizabeth DAMERON  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's father Thomas DAMERON \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Mother Katherine HUGHLETT  
 Wife's other husbands \_\_\_\_\_

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Thomas DOWNING	23 May 1744 14 Nov 1799	----- -----	Sarah Ann ROGERS
2 Samuel " (Twin)	May 1768	no issue	2 Oct 1765 Mary ROBERTSON
3 Betty (Twin)	-----	-----	-----
4 John	1 May 1755	-----	Elizabeth NUTT
5	-----	-----	-----
6	-----	-----	-----
7	-----	-----	-----
8	-----	-----	-----

Samuel called "SR" to distinguish him from nephew Samuel. Chose his step-f, Chas. NELMS, as his gdn 17 Mar 1726; named in will of Chas. NELMS 19 Sep 1733 (As Exr, along with Hn. and Samuel NELMS)

Elizabeth DAMERON DOWNING named in w/o her f, Thos. DAMERON (17 Apr 1751-10 May 1751) and from her bro, Thos. Jr., inherited considerable est which had been left to them by their gf, Thos. HUGHLETT. Many records exist re this est. 12: Inv of est of Sam'l DOWNING presented 10 Apr 1769 names wd, Mary. Mary, wid of Sam'l, prob w/2 Robert HENNING; released her dower to Thos. DOWNING of Wiconico Par which after d of sd HENNING was to return to Thos. DAMERON.

#### ROGERS COMMENTS ON SCHOOL AND THE STUDY OF ENGLISH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal, June 12. - My daughter graduated yesterday at a girls' preparatory school. They read off what course each girl had taken. When they said, "Mary Rogers, diploma in English," I had to laugh at that. One of my children studying English why it's just inherited. You don't have to study it in our family.

Doog Fairbanks had a niece graduating. Wallace Beery had a relation, Frank Lloyd, the great director, a daughter, and all four of us just sat there and purred like four old tomcats basking in a little reflected sunshine and secretly congratulating ourselves on choosing a profession where education played no part.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

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HUSBAND Capt. Thomas DOWNING (101 1777, et al) Sheriff, et al  
 Born 23 May 1784 \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. bef 1764 \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died d 14 Nov 1799 w/m 27 Aug 1799 \_\_\_\_\_ Place /in Dec 1800  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband's Father Samuel DOWNING \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
 dau Katherine B. /dau of John HENNING

WIFE Sarah Ann ROGERS  
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's father Edward ROGERS \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's other husbands \_\_\_\_\_

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Thomas Dameron DOWNING	ca 1765 1816	----- -----	(Betty) Betty COX
2 Edward	-----	-----	Hannah BALL
3 Samuel	3 Jan 1770 12 Mar 1819	----- -----	16 Jan 1800 Mary HENNING
4 Katherine	-----	-----	Capt. Wm BLACKWELL
5 Elizabeth	-----	-----	COX
6 Sallie	-----	-----	1 Henry CHIDLEY 3. Thos. GYDOR
7	-----	-----	-----
8	-----	-----	-----

Hn and Mary Q, Ser J, Vol 24, p 100,

#6: Note same husbands listed for Sarah, dau of Thos. D. DOWNING. Not sure which is correct, Hn. & Mary Q lists them for both.

#2, Edward, m Hannah BALL, dau George BALL; issue: Maria, Hannah, Betsy and Jane DOWNING.

George BALL m Molly WEBB, admx of John S. WEBB, noted in an abstract 14 May 1802. Sd BALL left two daus: Hannah DOWNING and Lucy BLACKWELL. 27 Dec 1809, Edward DOWNING s wf Harriet of St. Stephens Par, deed for land which Capt. Thomas DOWNING by will gave to [his sis] Elizabeth DOWNING for her lifetime, then to his son, Edward, forever.

Edward DOWNING [above] mentioned as "the late deputy Sheriff," with Thomas DOWNING as bondsman, 12 Jul 1796. In Dec 1802, Edward and wf Hannah made deed to Presley COCKRILL.



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HUSBAND Thomas Dameron DOWNING, Capt. and Lt Col. 37th Bat. VA Militia  
 Born c1765 Place  
 Marr. Place  
 Died Place will; 29 Mar 1816/18 Jul 1816  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Capt Thos. DOWNING Husband's Mother Sarah Ann ROGERS

WIFE Betty/Betsy COX

Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
Capt. 1 George DOWNING			
2 Richard			
3 Septimus			
4 Thos. Fleet DOWNING	30 Mar 1789. 1809		
5 John Calvin			
6 Betsy			
7 Mary			
8 Sarah			1. Betty CUNDIFF 2. Elin PATTERSON 3. Thos. SYDNOR

## WILL ROGERS

## A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY...

All across the nation you see his name — on schools, airports, theatres, hospitals and memorials. Will Rogers — the Indian-cowboy who roped the heart of the world with his banter and chewing gum, his quick wit and shy grin, his sharp jabs at the high-and-mighty, and the rays of sunshine he sent sparkling through a depression-troubled world.

Philosopher, entertainer, writer, speaker, movie star and humanitarian... his daily "piece for the papers" was read by millions. His weekly articles, six books and other writings found an eager audience. He was the highest paid radio entertainer of his day, tops at the box office, and in great demand as a speaker.

Rogers was welcome in the homes of the wealthiest Americans; heads of state called him friend and politicians clamored for his attention. Yet he loved to slip away from them all... for a counter stool at the local chili parlor, a visit with the homelinks and some good old ham and beans, or a ride on the range with his cowboy friends.

From the wild west shows, he grew into vaudeville, entertaining sophisticated crowds at the "Follies" with rope tricks and remarks about what he "saw in the papers." It was a natural move into motion pictures and radio. No one could really explain his success. He was just plain Will.

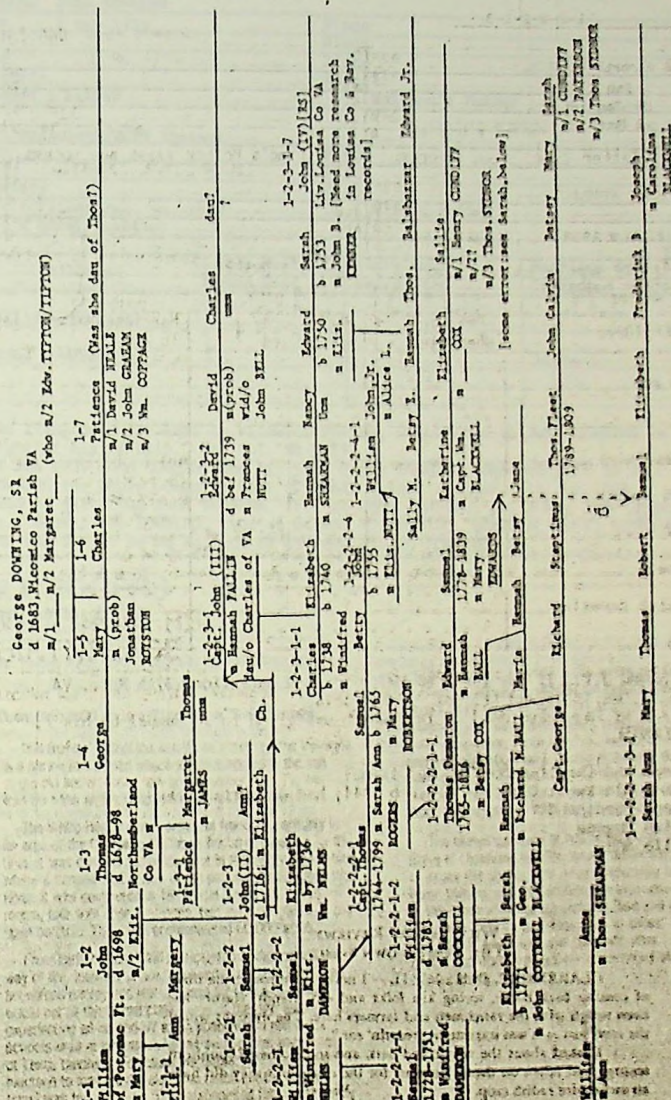
Earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, fires, droughts and personal tragedy brought suffering to his fellow human beings. Will was never too busy nor too "big" to drop everything and raise money for the victims. He would put on shows, write about their needs, plead their cause over the radio. He raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, and his personal philanthropies have never been counted.

As enthusiastic and restless as a youngster, he was constantly on the move, by train or plane, seeking new adventures to share. It led him to the last flight — the trip to Alaska with his friend and fellow Oklahoman, Wiley Post.

When black headlines flashed the news — Will Rogers is Dead — that August 15, 1935, it shocked the world. Cars pulled off the highways, businesses closed, families gathered around their radios, hoping it was not so. The nation wept for her favorite son.

But his spirit lives on — in the printed word, the films and tapes — and his name is seen across the land. This Indian-cowboy who was so American, in his humbleness and his greatness, will never be forgotten.

by Dr. Roba Neighbors Collins



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## HUSBAND Samuel DOWNING

Born	1 Jan 1778	Place
Marr.	16 Jan 1800	Place
Died	12 Mar 1838	Place
Cemetery		Place
Husband's Father	Capt. Thos. DOWNING	Husband's Mother Sarah Ann ROGERS

## WIFE Mary EDWARDS

Born		Place
Died	27 Nov 1838	Place
Cemetery		Place
Wife's Father	Robert EDWARDS, Sr.	Wife's Mother
Wife's other husbands		

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Sarah Ann			
2 Mary			
3 Thomas (twin)			
4 Robert (twin)			
5 Samuel			
6 Elizabeth			
7 Frederick Beverley			
8 Joseph			

Samuel named J.P., 11 Aug 1804; as Major for 2nd Battalion, 37th Rgt., VA Militia 12 Dec 1814; and Lt. Col. 10 May 1818.  
Samuel and wf Mary gave deed to land which was given to sd Samuel by his f, Thos. DOWNING.

- #8, Joseph and Carolina DOWNING had issue:  
Samuel Blackwell DOWNING b 19 Feb 1844; had dau Elizabeth  
Joseph Ferdinand "  
Julian Eugene  
Sallie Ann

WILL ROGERS REVIEWS  
THE HOME TOWN SCENE

CLAREMORE, Okla., July 11. — I never get through the thrill of coming back home, seeing kin folks and old friends. Nature has been rough with the ranchmen and farmers here. The drought wilted the corn just as it was starting to "roastin' ear."

I asked about the wheat and oats, and some other Republican scourge had fallen on them. No grass for the cattle, but they did have an awful nice radish crop.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

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## HUSBAND John DOWNING

Born	1 May 1755	Place
Marr.		Place
Died		Place
Cemetery		Place
Husband's Father		Husband's Mother

## WIFE Elizabeth MUTT (Dakny)

Born		Place
Died		Place
Cemetery		Place
Wife's Father	Col. Wm. MUTT	Wife's Mother
Wife's other husbands		

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 William DOWNING			
2 John DOWNING			Alice M.
3			

Jan 1795, deed for land in Wicomico Parish, which came to John DOWNING in right of his wf Eliz., dau Col. Wm MUTT  
14 Jan 1799—John DOWNING and his sis, Betty DOWNING, deed of gift to Ma DOWNING for Negro woman, a part of their mother's dowry. 11 Jun 1804, deed of gift from John DOWNING, Sr., to John DOWNING, Jr. 2 May 1807 John, Sr., deed to Wm DOWNING, trustee of Ma. H. DOWNING, Betty N (Mutt) DOWNING, son and dau of sd Wm and gch of aforesaid John DOWNING, Sr.

WILL ROGERS  
BIRTHPLACE

Location: Twelve miles north of Highway 88 from Claremore.  
Open: Daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. No admission charge.

Will Rogers' birthplace, the White House on the Verdigris, is a shrine to the man whose knobs sprouted in the soil of the old home ranch. Here on November 4, 1879, Will was born the eighth child of Mary and Clorn Rogers.

The White House was a center of frontier hospitality in its area of the Cherokee Nation. A house of splendor for its time, it was constructed of logs cut in the valley. Assembled where it commanded a view of the pastures to the Verdigris River, it was completed in 1876. The house had seven rooms, four with open fireplaces, two large central halls and open porches. The ranch encompassed 60,000 acres.

From early boyhood Will participated in the cattleman's way of life, learning to ride, rope and brand. His keen mind, boundless energy and restlessness for new experiences would not fit the formal classrooms of the day. Will experienced an on-and-off again schooling in numerous schools until at seventeen he ran away to the adventures of Texas ranching. To please his father, Will returned at nineteen to manage the old home ranch but the urge to travel was too magnetic. The disappointed father reluctantly agreed to let Will go his own way.

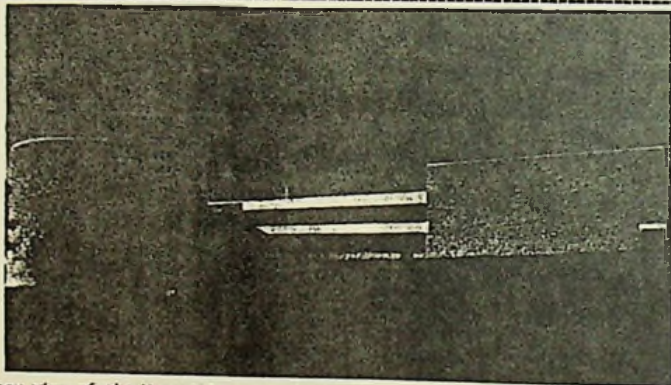
Clorn became a banker in Claremore and the lack of interest by tenants resulted in the ranch's depleted condition. Upon Clorn's death in 1911 Will purchased his sisters' shares of the estate and in 1927 appointed his nephew, Herb McSpadden, ranch foreman. The ranch was then restored and rebuilt on a smaller scale and occupied a position of prominence in livestock production. McSpadden continued as ranch foreman for the family after Will's untimely death on August 15, 1935.

The birthplace home of Will Rogers was given to the State of Oklahoma in 1969 by his family with land on which to locate the shrine, after it was necessary to move the home from its original location one mile west in anticipation of the construction of the Oologah Dam and Reservoir. The Old Home Ranch's transition from an inland cattle empire to a lake of water was now complete after 102 years of continuous operation by three generations of the Rogers family.

HUSBAND John DOWNING II  
 Born Place minor 1698  
 Marr. Place  
 Died w/p 16 Feb 1716 Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father John DOWNING I Husband's Mother Elizabeth  
 WIFE Elizabeth  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 John DOWNING III			Hannah FALLIN bef. 1739
2 Edward	bef 1739		Franca NUTT
3 David			Prob. Wid John BELL
4 Charles			Wid
5 Dau?			

Capt. John DOWNING [III], youngest son of John II. Will of John DOWNING[1-2-3] presented by wid, Elizabeth, 16 Feb 1716. Wits: Joseph TYPTON & William HARDING.



The new wing of the Memorial, completed in 1982, provides a theater in which Will Rogers' films will be shown, a research library, offices, workroom, darkroom, vault, a conference room and a "Vista" room which overlooks Claremore.

HUSBAND John DOWNING (III), Capt in Militia 1706  
 Born Place still a minor 1698  
 Marr. prob 1736-37 Place  
 Died c1792 Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father John, s/o John, sr/o Wm Husband's Mother Elizabeth  
 WIFE Hannah FAWLING (Fallin) (Wallon)  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Chas FALLON FALLIN Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Charles	4 July 1738		Miss Edna
2 Elizabeth	2 Apr 1740		
3 Hannah	18 Apr 1741		DRUMMAN
4 Nancy	20 Jan 1741 1814-1815		A Wm
5 Edward	22 Apr 1750		Elizabeth
6 Sarah	18 Feb 1751		John B. STUBBS
7 John (IV)		F.B. of Louisa Co VA	
8			

John (III) liv Fairfield's Par, 1752; liv St. Stephens Par 1773; served on Grand Jury 9 Nov 1739; named god of Hannah DOWNING (orp of Bdw), his niece, 1743. 30 May 1752, John DOWNING and wf Hannah gave land to son Charles. John and wf Hannah of Fairfield Par gave land to Eliz. NEELMS, Jr. (2SA), adj. Sam'l DOWNING and Sam'l NEELMS 30 Mar 1752. John DOWNING of Northumberland Co VA gave land to son Bdw, and slaves to son John, Jr., 8 Jul 1782. Capt. John DOWNING, officer of Militia, listed 11 Jun 1786. Inv of John DOWNING, dec'd, made 14 Oct 1795.  
 Will of Charles FALLON, FALLIN 23 Jan 1753/18 Jun 1752, names dau Hannah DOWNING and gs Chas. DOWNING. Will of Chas FALLIN II Feb 1773/11 Oct 1773, names bro-in-law, John DOWNING and sis Hannah DOWNING. 11 Aug 1742, Mrs. FALLIN, govt of Hannah DOWNING, refused godship of Hannah "because the Court is informed that one of Mrs. FALLIN's daus is w to petitioner, John DOWNING, who is heir at law on the part of the f of sd Hannah who is only dau and heir of Bdw, DOWNING, dec'd." Spencer BALL app't god instead, but she later chose her uncle John DOWNING.  
 #1; Charles DOWNING, son Capt. John, given deed by Wm. WILDY, Jr., for 90 A in St. Stephens Par, part of a tract sold by Charles DOWNING, dec'd, to Motley WILDY, dec'd, 6 Oct 1739.  
 NOTE THAT CAPT. JOHN DOWNING AND WIFE HANNAH FALLIN DOWNING EVIDENTLY LIVED AND DIED IN NORTHUMBERLAND CO, VA. IT SEEMS CLEAR SHE IS NOT THE CHOICE, HANNAH FALLIN/FAWLING, LONG THOUGHT TO BE ANCESTRY OF WILL ROGERS.

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HUSBAND Edward DOWNING  
 Born 22 Apr 1750 Place  
 Marr. Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father John DOWNING Husband's Mother Hannah FALLIN  
 WIFE Elizabeth  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Sally M. DOWNING			
2 Betsey E.			
3 Hannah			
4 Thomas			
5 Belshazzar			
6 Edward Jr			
7			
8			

## LIFE OF WILL ROGERS

1879: November 4 Born at the Rogers Ranch near Claremore, Indian Territory

1887-1898 Academic Training: Druggists School near Chelsea and Presbyterian Mission School, Tahlequah; Harrell Institute, Muskogee; White Hall School, Vesta (1892-1895), all in Indian Territory; Scamitt College Institute, McAlester, Missouri; Kansas Military School, Boonville, Missouri

1898-1902 Ranching Activities: After leaving Kansas, Rogers worked on Fering Ranch in Higgins, Texas, and later managed Rogers ranch in Indian Territory

1902-1903 Will Rogers began his show career in South Africa with Texas Jack's Wild West Show as "The Cherokee Kid", and toured Australia and New Zealand in Wild Brothers Circus

1904-1915 Rogers returned to the United States in 1904 and was with the Mutual Wild West Show at St. Louis World's Fair, and in Madison Square Garden, New York, in 1905. From 1905-1915 he appeared on the vaudeville circuit in the United States, Canada and three times in Europe.

1908: November 25 Rogers married Betty Blake of Rogers, Arkansas

1912-1926 Rogers played many roles on stage and screen, including Ziegfeld's *Midnight Frolic*; Ziegfeld Follies (1916-1925), first motion picture, *Laughing Bill Hyde* (1918); and later made motion pictures for Goldwyn (1919-1921) and Roach (1923-1924)

1916-1925 Rogers began his newspaper efforts

1919 The family moved to California, where Rogers had signed film contracts with Goldwyn

1922-1935 Rogers spoke on radio (1930-1935), and traveled widely appearing at banquets and on lecture tours (1925-1928)

1926-1935 Wrote many magazine articles for *Saturday Evening Post*, *Life* and *American Magazine*

1926-1935 Period of writing

1928 Significant family trip to Europe — made several motion pictures and played many benefits. Due to civic involvement Beverly Hills designated honorary mayor

1927-1935 Later motion picture and stage roles

1927-1928 Period of civic contributions

1930-1935 Later international visits — East Asia, Nicaragua, Latin America and a round-the-world tour in 1934

1935: August 15 Rogers died with Wiley Post in an airplane crash three miles from Point Barrow, Alaska

HUSBAND Thomas DOWNING  
 Born Place  
 Marr. Place  
 Died His orphans named p432, Order Bk Place Northumberland, 1678-1698  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Capt. Wm. DOWNING Husband's Mother  
 WIFE 7  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Patience DOWNING			Daniel NEALE II
2 Margaret DOWNING			JAMES
3 Thomas DOWNING		W/1 Feb 1772/21 Feb 1772 Wm?	

#1: Daniel NEALE, s Daniel NEALE I; m/1 Eliz. HOLLAND and had Lucretia b 1680; Daniel b 1677; Wm. b 168 ; Hannah b 1684 m John HAYNTH. Will of Daniel NEALE III names yngst bro, Ebenezer NEALE; sister Hannah; b-1-1 John COTRELL; niece Eliz. COTRELL; step-mor Mrs. Patience NEALE; Cousin Christo. NEALE, exr.

17 Nov 1708, Thomas DOWNING (II) appt constable for upper pcts of Nicomco Par.  
 13 Jun 1710, Thomas DOWNING, planter of Nicomco Par, sold to Alice PALMER 60A on S side of Great Nicomco Riv, part of patent for 216 A to sd DOWNING 1704. 18 May 1720, he made deed to John CHAMPION for 112 A, S side of Great Nicomco, being part of 220 formerly in possession of George DOWNING, late dec'd. (Ident of this George not given in article--RC). Will of Thomas DOWNING II leaves whole estate to sister, Margaret JAMES and her chn. Mentions her chn: Wm., Moses, Charles, Thomas, George, and Margaret JAMES.

NOTE: THIS DATA DOES NOT PROVE THE RELATIONSHIP TO WILL ROGERS LINE. IT IS INCLUDED AS A POSSIBILITY ONLY AT THIS POINT.  
 North RAY in OLD ALBEMARLE pp 641-42 lists Maj. John DOWNING (British) who m Hannah FALLING, FANLING as son of Capt. Wm. DOWNING by w/2 Margaret (SHROCK?). He gives birth of Capt. Wm. DOWNING as c 1755, d 5 Mar 1835, s of Richard DOWNING; m/1 Rebecca CROWMELL; m/2 Margaret. Ray lists the same children for Capt. Wm. DOWNING as given in Wm. and Mary Quarterly. But one look at the difference in dates will prove that this cannot be true, unless there was two Capt. Wm. DOWNINGS and two John DOWNINGS!

Ray quotes from Nugent, p 192, to prove that Richard DOWNING settled on the Rappahannock River in VA about 1650. We do not have further on him or possible connection to Capt. Wm. DOWNING of the Wm. and Mary Quarterly.

## GUNTER-SCHRIMSHER CONNECTIONS

Information concerning the maternal ancestry of Will Rogers comes from many sources and it seems to be accurate, as far as it goes. His mother, Mary America SCHRIMSHER, was born 9 Oct 1839 on her father's plantation near Tahlequah, one of the finest in that part of the Cherokee Nation. A tall, "quarter-blood" with flashing dark eyes, Mary was the daughter of Martin SCHRIMSHER, a white man (believed to be Welch) and Elizabeth GUNIER, half-breed daughter of John GUNIER and Catherine or Katie, a full-blood Cherokee.

Martin SCHRIMSHER moved from Blount Co., TN, to Blount Co., AL, as a young man. There he met and married Catherine. They were still in Blount Co in 1835, but soon moved to the Indian Territory near Tahlequah, maintaining a "counhouse" in Fort Gibson.

Family legend relates the story of John GUNIER, a trader, ferryman, and gunpowder maker who also owned a salt claim. One day the chief of the Paint Clan came to barter for some salt for his people, bringing along Catherine. The wiley GUNIER made a deal with the Chief to furnish the tribe with salt if he could marry the Cherokee maiden.

Like other legends, this is probably based on truth. But John GUNIER was also following the practice of most white men who wished to stay in the Cherokee lands of AL-GA-TN during the period. If he wanted to remain there, be accepted by the Cherokees, own land and make it his home, he needed to marry into the tribe. In any case, it turned out to be a long and apparently successful marriage, judging from the lives of their children and the continued successes into future generations.

John and Catherine GUNIER both died and were buried in the old Cherokee Lands of AL, but Martin and Catherine GUNIER SCHRIMSHER made the move westward and quickly adjusted to their new land. Their beautiful daughter, Mary, was always known as a happy, vivacious girl who loved music and dancing. She had attended the Academy at Cane Hill, AL, and later the Cherokee Female Seminary at Tahlequah (OK) where she graduated. And it was at Tahlequah that young Clem ROGERS, a student at the Male Academy there, met the fun-loving girl. Her brother, John G. SCHRIMSHER, had settled near what is now Claremore OK, not far from the place where Clem had started his trading post and ranch on the Caney River.

Clem continued his courtship whenever Mary visited her brother and in 1858 they were married in her mother's home at Fort Gibson. For their honeymoon, the couple rode horseback to the home of Clem's mother near Westville (OK) and from there by wagon to Clem's ranch in the far-off Cooweescoowee Country.

In Collings' book, CV, THE OLD HOME RANCH (p 17), he described the beautiful but wild country they crossed on the trip--hearing the scream of panthers and the howl of wolves at night.

"Fortunately," Collings wrote, quoting from an interview with Sally ROGERS McSPADDEN, "Mary Rogers possessed a natural ability to adjust herself easily to new situations and soon she learned to like the new western country. She was gay, cheerful, and ambitious and Clem's bachelor home on Rabb's Creek was . . . transformed into an attractive center of social life. . . ." They prospered and Mary gave birth to her first child before the dark days of the Civil War drove them out. When Clem joined Stand Waite and the other Cherokees in the Confederate cause, Mary was forced from the area by bands of marauders. She took her baby and went first to Clem's mother's home where the baby died. Later she joined her own parents and went to live near Boyham TX south of the Red River for the "duration." (The SCHRIMSHER family is said to have gone to stay with relatives there, but we have no information about the "relatives" in TX.)

It was a long struggle back, following their loss of everything they owned during the Civil War, but eventually they made their way back to the Cooweescoowee District, not far from their first home, and started over. By 1875, Clem had completed the big "White House on the Verdigris," as Will called it, and the family again took an important place in the social life of the community. Mary was from a religious background, and she took her children to the Methodist Church where she sang, played the piano and frequently brought the minister home from church for dinner. The book by Collings is one of the most complete about life on the Rogers Ranch. It is much too long to summarize here, but a copy is available at the Memorial for researchers.

Because Will Rogers was the son of Clem ROGERS and grandson of Lucy CORDEY ROGERS--classified as "Old Settlers," Cherokees who moved west of the Mississippi River before the Treaty of 1835--and Mary A SCHRIMSHER, whose parents were classified as "Eastern Cherokees," those who were forced to remove over the "Trail of Tears," he could file claims from both factions of the Cherokees.

Proof of his SCHRIMSHER lineage is found in an application he made 3 Nov 1907 to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for his share of the fund appropriated by the Act of Congress approved 30 Jun 1906 in accordance with the decrees of the Court of Claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906, in favor of the Eastern Cherokees. (The more than one million dollars was to be distributed to those who could prove that they were members of the Eastern Cherokees or descendants of such members. About 90,000 claimants filed, according to a report made in 1909 by Quion Miller, of which 30,254 were entitled to share in the fund. We lack further information on whether or not Will Rogers' claim was approved, but that may be found by further research.)

A copy of his claim was furnished for this book by the Library of Congress. He lists his name as William P. ROGERS of Claremore, Cherokee Nation, I.T., b 4 Nov 1879, CN; claim for 'My Mother Mary A. ROGERS, My Grandmother, Elizabeth SCRIMSHER, My Aunt Sarah Catherine SCRIMSHER, My great great Aunt Polly SMITH, My Cousin Watt SMITH'--all relatives who were living in 1851.

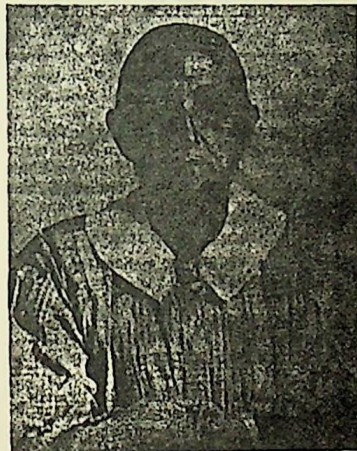
The claim further stated that his father was born in Goingsnake Dist; his mother born in Tahlequah Dist; his mother died May 28, 1890. His Mother was on the Emigrant pay roll in Tahlequah Dist in 1851, according to the claim. Will lists fraternal grandparents as Robert and Sallie ROGERS, nee VANN; maternal grandparents as Martin and Elizabeth SCRIMSHER nee GUNTER, all born in the Cherokee Nation East; all living in the Cherokee nation in 1851. He listed children of his said SCRIMSHER (Will's spelling) grandparents as: "John G., dead, Elizabeth A. BUSHYHEAD, nee SCRIMSHER, dead; Mary A. ROGERS my Mother, dead; Sarah Catherine SCRIMSHER, died without descent; Martha L. GULAGER, Bureka, I.T."

Will stated that he was "on the Cherokee Authenticated roll of 1880 and as a Cherokee Allottee." He added: "My Grandfather Mathew SCRIMSHER lived in the Cherokee Nation East in 1835." Also, "My Maternal Great Grandmother Catherine GUNTER had a sister Polly SMITH who with her son Watt SMITH were living in the Cherokee Nation in 1851. They are now dead and without descent."

Clem ROGERS was still living, thus could file his own claim, in 1851 when the "Old Settlers" forced the US to admit that those who came to the western territory on their own prior to the "Removal" should have a stake in the payment for land allotted to the "Eastern Cherokees" who had already received their share of the funds allocated when they made the disastrous trek west. The "Old Settlers" Roll is located in the National Archives. (A transcription and index to the 1851 Roll is on Roll 12, Microcopy 685 in the National Archives.)

After the payment of 1851, the "Old Settlers," who made up about one-third of the Cherokees, filed a protest that the expenses (money used by the Eastern Cherokees during the removal) should not have been deducted from their claims because they did not benefit from the fund. Finally in 1894, Congress appropriated additional funds and payment was made in 1896.

Further proof of Will Rogers' Cherokee ancestry can be found in files for claims, especially for the "Dawes" Rolls on which work continued from 1893 until the rolls were finally closed in 1907. Nearly twice as many persons made application as were finally "proved" to be a member of the "Five Civilized Tribes," thus eligible to receive a share of the land which they held in common and which was to be divided among the Indians as individuals. Clem ROGERS along with his living children--Sallie McSpadden, Maud Lane, May Stine and William P. ROGERS--are all listed on the Dawes Rolls. It is interesting to note, however, that Clem, Will and May are listed as quarter-blood, while Sally and Maud--who had the same degree of blood--listed themselves as having only one-sixteenth Cherokee blood.



Elizabeth Hunt GUNTER SCHRIMSHER Maternal Grandmother of Will Rogers



Mary America SCHRIMSHER ROGERS Mother of Will Rogers

HUSBAND	John GUNTER (1)	Occupation	Had Powder Mill, Gunter's Ferry
Born	c1750-60	Place	
Marr.		Place	
Died	28 Aug 1835	Place	Near Guntersville, AL
Cemetery		Place	
Husband's Father		Husband's Mother	
WIFE	Catherine (Katie), Katy	(P/b Paint Clan, Cherokee)	
Born		Place	
Died	11 Aug 1835	Place	Near Guntersville
Cemetery		Place	
Wife's Father	Ghi-Co-Ne-Li	Wife's Mother	
Wife's other husbands			

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Samuel GUNTER	----- ----- 1796	----- -----	A-Yo-Ku [Le-dokla]
2 Aky Aky GUNTER	----- ----- 1798	----- -----	Alexander McCoy
3 Martha J. (Patsy) "	----- ----- 1800	----- -----	1. Hugh HENRY 2. Richard BLACKBURN
4 Edw. Edmond (Ned) "	----- ----- 1802 ----- 1841	----- -----	1. Elsie McCoy 2. Letitia KEYS
5 Eliz. Hunt "	----- ----- Sep 1804 ----- 14 Feb 1877	----- ----- -----	22 Sep 1831 AL Martin SCHRIMSHER
6 John GUNTER, Jr	----- ----- 1806 ----- 1838	----- ----- -----	then die of small pox near Morrilton RT Liv Webbers Falls Ark
7 Catherine "	----- ----- May 1811	----- ----- -----	1. James B. VAUGHT 2. Oliver Mack LIPK (1839)

See Starr, pp 366,368,527, etc. Catherine (Katie) is listed in family of OO-LOO-TSA of Holly Clan, Cherokee, through his son, OO-LOO-TSA, through his son, CHI-GO-NE-LI. Catherine is probably the Christian name she took. John GUNTER (and his bro Samuel) said to be Welsh; operated a powder mill, Cherokee Nation, 1814; settled on Tennessee River near Creek Path (now AL). John ROSS and George LOWRY, SR, were exrs of his will; he left slaves and a plantation "on the island." Need further research on the GUNTER line. Some claim the name is German: GUNTHER. Also, one source says Catherine's last name was "LOWRY" and that she was a cousin of George LOWRY who d 1852 age 82.

1-3: Martha J. (Patsy) GUNTER by h/2 had Samuel R. BLACKBURN who m Nannie P. LATTIMORE and Jennie BLACKBURN who m Carter Walker MAYFIELD

1-7: James VAUGHT was son of Sallie (d 1887) and Olney Morgan VAUGHT

1-2: Aky GUNTER m Alex. McCoy and had Lucy McCoy who m James GATLIN

1-5: For more on Elizabeth Hunt GUNTER and Martin Mathew SCHRIMSHER, see grand-parents of Will ROGERS. They were parents of Mary America SCHRIMSHER who married Clement Vann ROGERS and had William Penn Adair ROGERS

Gunter's Landing (now Guntersville AL), 33 miles SE of Huntsville, where Creek Path, the old Cherokee trading road from SC hit the Tennessee River; first called Gunter's Ferry, then Gunter's village; then Gunter's Landing. Town probably started about 1790, called Kusanunnahi, meaning Creek Path, from its location near the great trail leading from the Creek Country in middle Alabama to the hunting grounds in the valleys of the Tennessee, Cumberland and Ohio Rivers. (Foreman, p 412)

WILL OF JOHN GUNTER, SR., published in full in ALABAMA HISTORICAL QUARTERLEY, Vol. 9, #3, Fall 1947. Abstracted by Reba Collins. Will s/6 Mar 1833; p 4 Oct 1835. Jackson Co., AL. John GUNTER, SR., died 28 Aug 1835

I, John GUNTER, SR., residing in the Cherokee Nation.... Bequests to:

Son, Samuel GUNTER, my mill and plantation on and near Browns Creek, same as purchased from James THOMPSON; also Negro, Peggy; also forgive him all debts.

Dau, Martha HENRY 5 Negroes: Peter, Winney, Sucky and her ch, Viney and Lucy If Martha dies without ch, the above Negroes go to grandson, George GUNTER, a son of Samuel, and to daus Elizabeth and Catharine GUNTER.

Dau, Elizabeth GUNTER, 6 Negroes: Oliver, Nero, Isaac, Judah, Aay and old Lucy.

Dau, Catharine, 5 Negroes: Bill, Andrew, Calvin, Polly and Peggy.

Son, John GUNTER, JR. 6 Negroes: Tom, Bobb, Mary, Augustus, Daniel and Chine. Also, all warrants on Cherokee Nation at time of my death. [Will explains that John SR has sold 1832 crop of cotton to John, Jr. for \$500; if John SR, dies before John Jr. returns from his planned trip to New Orleans, then he will not be called upon to pay for the cotton, but he shall instead on his return supply the family at home with 300 pds of coffee and 3 barrels of sugar.] Also, to John, Jr., tract of land known as "Gunters Old Place" in Jackson Co AL about 8 miles from Gunters Landing.

To grandau Lucy McCoy "whom I have raised" [dau of John's dau Aky & Alex. McCoy, usually sp MICOY in will] 4 Negroes: Aaron, Jacob, Cloe and Mary.

To wf Catharine, 7 Negroes: Will, Sophy, Jack, Abram, Bolivar, Rachal & Bonipart. At d of wf, dau Catharine to have 5 of these: Will, Sophy, Jack, Abram & Bolivar. 5 son Edmond to have Rachal and Bonaparte. Wf Catharine to get all household furnishings; at her decease to be divided among 3 daus and grandau Lucy MICOY. If any of these marry before d of Catharine, she is to be given her part then. Stock cattle and Hogs to be div among wf Catharine, 3 daus and grandau Lucy. Wf to have house and plantation on which I now live, with all appertences, including the plantation on the Island for her lifetime, but she shall not rent, sell or in any way put it out of his own cultivation as long as the land belongs to the Cherokee Nation. At wf's death, plantation to be sold to legatee who bids the highest and agrees it will not be sold to anyone except his lineal desc.

Wf Catharine to have \$600 ready money at his death; also cash of \$250 each to his 3 daus and gdau Lucy; remainder of ready money to sons Samuel and Edmond, equally.

"Although I have left several Legacies to my daughter Martha HENRY, yet it is my will that none of them shall be paid to her so long as she shall remain the wife of Hugh HENRY." All to be placed in trust for her to sons Samuel & Edmond.... It is my will that if in any way my Daughter Martha shall during her life cease to be the wife of Hugh HENRY or should have issue then all Legacies... shall be at her disposal." [Otherwise, her part goes into the estate.

Exrs: John ROSS and George LOWERY, Sr., "The Spirit and Bark as citizens of the Cherokee Nation." Wits: Wm. PATTON, Wm. TURNER & Lachlan BEAVERT. Moses JONES, clk.

[Our recs show Hugh HENRY JR, s High HENRY SR & Mary LONG (m Jamestown VA c1780 liv Sevier Co TN) b 1796 m 4 wives: BRYAN; Martha GUNTER; FIELDS & WILLIAMS. By one wife, he had Malvina (Vina) HENRY b TN 1817 m H. Morgan BALL of Cocke-Sevier Co TN; their son, Osbourn BALL m Elis BREEDEN 1863 in Sevier Co TN. Ancestors of Delmar COLLINS, husb of author. Need more info on Hugh HENRY JR]

GUNTER 1-1

HUSBAND Samuel GUNTER  
 Born c1796 Place  
 Marr. Place  
 Died AL Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father John GUNTER Husband's Mother Catharina, Katis

WIFE A-Yo-Ku (Le-dokia)  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Geo. Washington			Eliza NAVY
2			
3			

ADDITIONAL GUNTER-SCHRIMSHER INFORMATION—Sent by "Barbara" of Vann's Trading Post, 111 B Grandview Circle, Old Hickory TN 37138: [Barbara VANN POMER]:

Blount Co TN Loose Marriage Bonds 1795-1820--  
 William SCHRIMSHER m Rebecka VANN 1818; security; no return  
 Labinia SCHRIMSHER m Isaac VANN 24 Aug 1815; mar performed by J.HARRIS

Cherokee Census, 1835, includes:  
 John GUNTER; 3 f-b; 2 half-breeds; 1 quarter- blood; 30 slaves; 1 farmer; 3 could read English; 2 weavers; 1 spinner; 1 descendant of reservees. [Creek Path AL]  
 George GUNTER—5 quarter bloods; 7 slaves; 1 farmer; 1 weaver  
 Samuel GUNTER—3 half-breeds; 22 slaves; 1 farmer; 1 reader/English; 2 readers of Cherokee; 1 weaver; 1 spinner  
 Edward GUNTER—10 half-breeds; 30 slaves; 2 farms; 2 ferryboats; four spinners; 1 reservee; 9 descendants of reservees  
 Martin SCHRIMSHER—1 halfbreed; 3 quarter bloods; 1 white intermarriage; 2 slaves; 2 farms; 1 farmer; 2 readers/English; 1 spinner; 3 desc. of reservees [Blount Co. ALA]  
 Hugh HENRY—3 halfbreeds; 1 white intermarriage; 5 farms; 2 ferryboats; 1 farmer; 3 readers of English; 1 spinner; 5 desc of reservees. [Blount Co AL]  
 Richard BLACKBURN—1 halfbreed; 1 white intermarriage; 4 slaves; 1 farmer; 1 reader of English; 1 spinner  
 James VAUGHT—1 halfbreed; 1 wh intermarriage; 1 farmer; 1 reader of Cherokee; 1 spinner; 1 reservee

Was John GUNTER of Guntersville s of John GUNTER b c1730 m c1749 Amy TOLLATSON, dau John; Chesterville Co VA; liv 1784 Guilford Co NC [became Rockingham Co 1785]  
 [From Gunter ENGLAND 526 Vandervoort, DeQueen AR 71832]

GUNTER 1-1-1

HUSBAND George Washington GUNTER  
 Born Place  
 Marr. Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Samuel GUNTER Husband's Mother A-Yo-Ku (L/D)

WIFE Eliza NAVY (F/D Cherokee)  
 Born Place Cherokee Nation "East"  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Henry NAVY Wife's Mother Susannah JOSS  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Mary GUNTER			1. Stephen JACK 2. Jonathan BILEY
2 Susan			1. Geo. W. JOHNSON 2. James CHALK
3 Samuel			Fannie BARKER
4 Araminta			1. John McGRATH 2. Mr. Shaver FACK
5 John Edward			Mary [?]
6 Geo Wash. Jr.	1848	Bedland IT.	1. Christina HENDER 2. Baby "Marta" 3. MITE KPHATHINS
7 Elizabeth			
8 Jeanette			John Jacob Baker

See Starr, pp 411, 415; HISTORY OF SHELBY CO (OK) 1828-1975, 1976 (pub by Co. Hist. Soc), p 267

G.W. GUNTER (1-1) represented the Old Settlers in a meeting with the Treaty Party at Ft. Gibson (OK) 26 Oct 1840; served as Judge and Senator from Skin Bayou Dist. CHEROKEE ADVOCATE 19 Oct 1844 said Geo. W. GUNTER had erected a cotton gin at his place on the Arkansas River, 15 miles from Ft. Smith, the first in the Cherokee Nation. One source says Geo. W. GUNTER m Fanny Leaveney WILLIAMS who grad from Cherokee Seminary 1856. Was this a second marriage? Or was it another G.W. GUNTER?

Notes from Gunter ENGLAND to be checked [no proof of rel to Will Rogers]:  
 John GUNTER (1) from Wales to Northampton Co VA; had son John (2) b Brunswick Co VA; migrated to Jones Co NC; d there 1781; or 1 [Jr] m Lucy and had: Charles Wiley; Nancy Yehms; Thomas; Mary; Lucinda; Josephus GUNTER. Youngest (ch by w/2 [ch of John Sr? Jr]); Charles GUNTER; Wiley GUNTER & William GUNTER.



GUNTER 1-1-1-3

**HUSBAND Samuel GUNTER (Capt. CW, under Stand Watie)**  
 Born 16 Mar 1840 Place skin Bayou Dist (OK)  
 Marr. 1864 Place Spencer's Academy, Choctaw Nation  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Geo. Washington GUNTER Husband's Mother Eliza NAVE

**WIFE Fannie DANIEL**  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Rob't Buffington DANIEL Wife's Mother Ann TAYLOR  
 Wife's other husbands (Bob DANIEL d 16 Jan 1873; ass't Chief of Cher. 1871)

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Nancy/Nannie E. GUNTER	19 Feb 1867	Et. Smith, AR	4 Apr 1886 Lucien Webster BUFFINGTON
2 John Edw.	12 Nov 1869		
3 Sammie (F)	31 Jul 1873		Andrew Bell CUNNINGHAM

**GUNTER, GEORGE EDWARD**  
 by Okla Gunter Mitchell  
 SEQUOYAH CO (OK) HISTORY

The George Edward Gunter family history, for its Cherokee Indian ancestral lineage, goes back to a generation of fullblood Cherokees East, Oo-loo-tsa and Ghi-go-ne-li, 1st, the grandparents of John Edward Gunter, Sr.'s, wife, Catherine, a fullblood Cherokee, who at the age of fifteen married John Edward, Sr., a Welshman.

George Edward, who was of the seventh generation, was born at Muldrow, Indian Territory, October 19, 1873, and was placed on the Indian roll as a half-breed Cherokee. His grandparents, George Washington and Eliza Nave Gunter, settled near Muldrow on the ridge where the George Edward Gunter family home now stands. The family cemetery where George's grandparents and his father, John Edward Gunter III, are buried is less than a block from this home.

George Edward married Victoria Elizabeth Austin, who was born at Buford, Arkansas, February 16, 1878.

**GUNTER, JAMES**  
 by Etha Gunter Linker

John Gunter, a Welshman, migrated to America and settled in Alabama about 1750. He was a trader and peddler, and also operated a power mill. John married Catherine, a full-blood Cherokee born in the Cherokee Nation East. They had seven children, born at Guntersville, Alabama: Samuel, Agy, Martha, Edward, Elizabeth, John, and Catherine. John and his wife died in 1835 and were buried at Guntersville.

Samuel, son of John and Catherine, was born about 1796. He married A-Yo-Ku, a full-blood Cherokee, and they had one child, George Washington

Lucian BUFFINGTON b Beatties Prairie, 15 Aug 1857, d Vinita OK 3 Dec 1919; s/o Wm Wirt & Josephine BELL BUFFINGTON. (Starr p 521)

**GUNTER, G. W. AND ELIZA**  
 by Mrs. F. Wilson

G. W. and Eliza Gunter came from Alabama to the Indian Territory in 1839 with their children, Mary, Susan, and Sam. They settled in the Redland Bottoms. Five more children were born in Indian Territory, Araminta, George, Elizabeth, John, and Jeanetta. The Gunters were Cherokee immigrants who came west, and Mr. Gunter was the first man to own a cotton gin in Indian Territory.

GUNTER-SCHIRMISER 1-4

**HUSBAND Edward GUNTER ("Ned")**  
 Born Place 1 To Cunters Landing as yng man  
 Marr. Place Char. Canous, AL, 1835; to I.T. 1838  
 Died 1843 [will, 1842] Place Near Tahlequah  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father John GUNTER Husband's Mother Catherine KEYS

**WIFE m/1 Elsie MCCOY m/2 or 3 Letitia KEYS**  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father "Mrs. GUNTER a near rel of White Horse" (See Starr, p 372)  
 Wife's other husbands Letitia may have m/1 John GUNTER JR d 1838

By which wife uncertain

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Nannie GUNTER			Wm SHIPLEY
2 Nellie			Lachlan BEAUFORT
3 Sarah			John B. NICHOLSON
4 James			no issue
5 Margaret			1. Rufus COOBY Madison COOBY
6 Eliza		John d Vinita # 66	1. Riley KEYS 2. John Alex ADAIR 3. MOWRY
7 Jenny (Jane)*			Leroy KEYS
8 Daniel MCCOY GUNTER			no issue
9 John			
10 Catherine			Daniel Hicks ROSS
11 Martha			no issue
12 Elizabeth			Alex. McCoy RIDER

Edward GUNTER by w/2? [Alice or Elsie MCCOY] had Jane GUNTER m Leroy KEYS, a Isaac KEYS [from Ireland to AM] and Ellis RILEY; they had: Letitia Victory KEYS b 3 Jan 1834 d 16 Apr 1906 (Cherokee Roll # 11,888) m 1871 Joseph Asbury DENBO (Cher. Roll, white, # 98, b 3 Aug 1844, Deboise Co IND, a Jacob and Mary DENBO); had 9 ch (all 1/8 Cher.) including: Oca DENBO m 20 Jul 1901 Dora PATRICK (dau Andrew and Mary E. OCE); had

among others:  
 John Olen DENBO b 20 Dec 1924; m/1 1954 Bobbie Jean VESSELS (d 1955) and had dau, Jana Janell b 2 Nov 1955; John m/2 Bernice BECK, wid of Lonnie THOMPSON (d 1956).

John, owner of Denbo's Jewelers and other businesses, is a member of the Will Rogers Memorial Commission and the Will Rogers Heritage Trust. A grad of OU, he has served in many areas of leadership in Claremore civic and church activities.

GUNTER-SCHRIMSHER 1-5-4

HUSBAND John Gunter SCHRIMSHER  
 Born 14 Aug 1835 Place Gunters Landing AL  
 Marr. 22 (57) Sep 1859 Place Spavinaw  
 Died 5 July 1905 Place Near Claremore  
 Cemetery Claremore Woodlawn Place  
 Husband's Father M.W. SCHRIMSHER Husband's Mother Eliz. Hunt GUNTER

WIFE Juliette Melvina CANDY  
 Born 7 Aug 1841 Place  
 Died 7 Dec 1930 Place Claremore  
 Cemetery Woodlawn Place Claremore  
 Wife's father Geo. Washington CANDY Wife's Mother Eliz. Hughes BELL "of Flint"  
 Wife's other husbands Dist. CN, IT

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Sarah Catherine	27 Jul 1866 28 Jan 1892	(Now) Rogers Co. OK	at Adair (OK) Wm. Edw SANDERS
2 Elizabeth Belle	3 Sep 1873 9 Mar 1957	Rogers Co OK	12 Jun 1907 Stephen Riley LEWIS
3 Ernest Vivian	Jul 1875 1 Feb 1942	Rogers Co OK Claremore OK	27 Oct 1902 Susan PHILLIPS
4 Juliette Melvina	12 Jan 1878	Rogers Co OK	19 May 1902 Abraham VanDyke ROBINSON

- See Starr, p 509, and AS I RECOLLECT, pub 1949 by Pocohontas Club of Claremore.
- Sarah Catherine and W.E. SANDERS, s/o Eli and Letitia, had John Gunter SANDERS m/2, 7 Apr 1894, Etta Jane SCRAPER and had 6 chn: W.E., Jr; Dewitt Clark, George F.; Henry Kenneth; M. Connelly; Mable Louise; and Owen Bates SANDERS.
  - Eliz. SCHRIMSHER was w/2 of Stephen R. LEWIS, b 27 Dec 1873 Hill Co TX, s/o "Buck" Alexander S. Lewis (b 28 Nov 1842, Blountville AL, s/o Rev. Stephen M. LEWIS by AL 1819; Chaplain, CSA; went to TX with Col. Geo. BAYLOR; Presby. Minister, a desc. of Merriweather LEWIS, m Eliz. P. DANSON) Stephen was attorney, educ at Quaker Mission, Skiatook OK, m/1 Mimmie CARTER who d 1898. (See Starr, p 509)
  - Juliette "Bunt" had 4 chn:
    - Herbert Spencer ROBINSON b 2 Aug 1903 m Frances KENNEDY
    - Lulu Elizabeth " " b 18 Mar 1906 m Leslie WAID, liv Muskogee
    - Abraham VanDyke ROBINSON, b 19--m Opal GANN
    - Juliette Melvina m Kelly GIBSON
  - Ernest V. and Susan had 6 ch: Maxine and Loleta, twins, b 1 Jan 1904 (Maxine m Tom WOODALL; Loleta unm, lives NM); John Gunter Jr b 23 Jan 1906 d 6 Jun 1945, unm; Grace Elizabeth b 2 Sep 1908, unm, lives Roswell NM, provided info this line); Stephen Riley b 14 Mar 1912, unm, lives with sis Grace; Josephine Virginia b 6 Sep 1914 m Ronald DUTCHER; lives Newberg NY

CIVIL WAR PAPER FOR J.G.SCHRIMSHER, SIGNED BY CLEMENT VANN ROGERS [J.G. was brother of Mary A. SCHRIMSHER ROGERS; later Judge]

I CERTIFY, That the within named John G. Schrimsher.....  
 is the son of John G. Schrimsher..... Occupancy ( 6 ) of the  
1st Cherokee.....  
 in the State of Georgia.....  
 Indian War 1861.....  
 of Clatsop.....  
 at Clatsop.....  
 on the 12th day of July.....  
 to 1861.....  
 of Clatsop.....  
 The said John G. Schrimsher.....  
 is the son of John G. Schrimsher.....  
 from that date to the present date.  
 There is due to him.....  
 from Clatsop.....  
 place of assignment, transportation not being furnished to him.  
 There is due him.....  
 He is indebted to the Confederate States.....  
 on account of Clatsop.....  
 given in duplicate at Clatsop.....  
 C. G. Schrimsher, Mounted Volun-  
 teers, Cherokee Nation

Illegible

SCHRIMSHER

John Gunter Schrimsher, son of Elizabeth Hunt Gunter, and Martin Matthew Schrimsher, was born August 14, 1835 in Blount County, Tennessee. At a young age he came, with his family, to the land known as the Cherokee Nation. He was educated at a school in Tablequah, later the site of the Cherokee Male Seminary, but left school to go with his father to California during the Gold Rush of 1849.

When John returned from the West he taught school on Greenleaf. There he met Juliette Melvina Candy, born August 7, 1841. They were married in Spavinaw in 1859 and settled in Coowescoowee District, two and a half miles south of Claremore, on Dog Creek. From 1862 to 1866 John Schrimsher represented the District in the Confederate Council.

When the Civil war became imminent he went into service and was a Captain in the Confederate Army. His wife and children, along with other families, were sent to East Texas for safety during the war years.

At the close of the War, John Schrimsher and his family re-established their home. He was a farmer and rancher with extensive holdings and built a beautiful home from walnut wood, sawed and cured on his own land. This farm home still stands near the site of West Point School on a hill top.

John Schrimsher was elected sheriff of Coowescoowee District in 1867 and reelection in 1877. He was elected Senator in 1879 and 1883 and was elected a delegate to Washington from the Cherokee Nation twice during those same years.

The Schrimshers had four children: Sarah Catherine married Ed Sanders, Elizabeth Bell married Stephen Lewis, Ernest Vivian married Susie Phillips and Juliette Melvina married Abraham Van Dyke Robinson.

John Gunter Schrimsher was killed by lightning while riding horseback over his ranch on July 3, 1905. Juliette Melvina Schrimsher died December 7, 1930 in Claremore at the home of her daughter, Juliette Robinson.

## GUNTHER-SCHRIMSHER 1-5-5

HUSBAND Dennis Wolf BUSHYHEAD Chief, Merchant  
 Born Place  
 Marr. Place Fort Gibson  
 Died 4 Feb 1898 Place Tahlequah  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Rev. Jesse BUSHYHEAD Husband's Mother Eliz WILKERSON

WIFE Elizabeth Alabama SCHRIMSHER  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's father Martin Mathew SCHRIMSHER Wife's Mother Elizabeth Hunt GUNTER  
 Wife's other husbands 1. John Lafayette ADAIR

Children By b/2	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Elizabeth BUSHYHEAD			Thomas TRIPLETT
2 Kate		Illy Westville OK	
3 Dennis			Malen 23 Sep 1898
4 Jesse Crary	12 Jul 1942		Iona REYNOLDS

See Starr, pp 403-4, 474

Dennis W. BUSHYHEAD, twice Chief of Cherokees, had store near Cherokee orphanage 1847; went to CA gold fields 1848, stayed 18 yrs; in mercantile business Ft. Gibson 1871. Son of Rev Jesse BUSHYHEAD (who in 1838 conducted 1,000 over Trail of Tears to Beatties Prairie, liv Baptist Mission, m Eliz WILKERSON and had 9 chn), s/o BUSHYHEAD (STUART) who m Nannie FOREMAN; BUSHYHEAD, born STUART, s/o Capt John STUART, British soldier at Fort Loudoun in 1757, and Susannah EMORY. Cherokee name of 'BUSHYHEAD' came from heavy head of hair.

Chief D.W. BUSHYHEAD m/2 Eloise Perry BUTLER.  
 Dr. Jesse C. BUSHYHEAD, 1st csm and close friend of WR, b , d 12 Jul 1942; began medical practice Claremore 1891; OK Hall of Fame 1940; served on 1st Commission of WR Memorial; attended WR's funeral, 1935; m 28 Sep 1898 at Cane Hill AR Fay Ione REYNOLDS; liv 4th, Claremore. Had 4 chn:

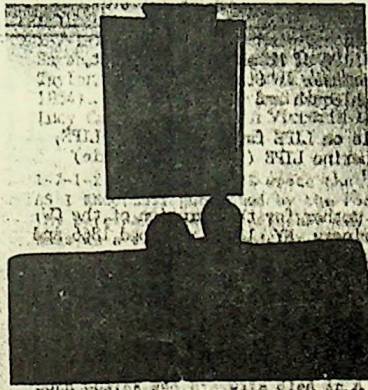
- (1) Oowala BUSHYHEAD m/2 RIGGS; had 5 chn
- (2) Edward R. " d 1923-4, Age 22
- (3) Jesse " m Irene ROBERTSON and had J.C. and Edward
- (4) Dennis " m Christine RATLIFF

(For 1-5-6, Mary America SCHRIMSHER, see Clement Vann ROGERS. She is mother of Will Rogers)

HUSBAND Frederick William GULAGER  
 Born 14 Mar 1844 Place Washington D.C.  
 Marr. 27 Jan 1869 Place Ft. Gibson (OK)  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Husband's Mother  
 WIFE Martha Lucretia SCHRIMSHER  
 Born 9 Dec 1845 Place Ft. Gibson?  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father M.M. SCHRIMSHER Wife's Mother Eliz. Hunt GUNTER  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
"Clu"	1871	Ft. Gibson	
1 William Martin GULAGER			Moll TAYLOR
2 Christian "			
3 (Henry) Guntar			LACY
4 John Delancy			Regal
5 Mary Elizabeth	27 Apr. 1880		

- #1. "Clu" GULAGER, State Senator(OK) 1922-30; had Gloria GULAGER m Geo. SEIBOLD, liv Muskogee
- #3. had Christian GULAGER
- #4. had son "Clu"-a film and TV star



Gloria GULAGER SEIBOLD and cousin Will ROGERS, Jr., at her home in Muskogee, OK, Jan 21, 1979. Above them is the oil painting of their Grandmothers—the SCHRIMSHER sisters—Martha and Mary America.

GUNTER, SCHRIMSHER #1-7

HUSBAND	Oliver Wack LIPE	(Merchant)
Born	20 Jan 1814	Place Ft. Plains, Montgomery, NY
Marr.	1839	Place
Died		Place
Cemetery		Place
Husband's Father		Husband's Mother
WIFE	Catherine GUNTER	
Born	May 1811	Place Prob Creek Path AL
Died	10 Sep (31 Aug?) 1876	Place Ft. Gibson (OK)
Cemetery		Place
Wife's Father	John GUNTER	Wife's Mother Catherine, Katie
Wife's other husbands	w/1 James B. VAUGHT	

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Maj. Dewitt Clinton LIPE	17 Feb 1840	Eureka (OK)	Victoria HICKS Mary E. ARCHER
2 Nancy E.	19 Mar 1842 10 Oct 1866		
3 John GUNTER	1 Jan 1844 27 Jul 1862	Kid, Bayou Manard	CW
4 Jennie	1846 Mar 1894		P.M. BLACKSTONE
5 Clark Charlesworth			Margaret Emma THOMPSON
6 Oliver	29 Nov 1851 6 Dec 1854		
7 Fanny M. LIPE	26 Feb 1857 6 Mar 1870		

See Starr, pp 368, 571, 568-9. Oliver W. LIPE of Mohawk-Dutch descent, elected Capt., NY State Guards 1833; Commissar in Stand Walte's Rgt, CW, had stores, "O.W. Lipe & Sons" in Tahlequah and Ft. Gibson (OK).

See Also AS I RECOLLECT pub 1940, article on LIPE family by Nannie LIPE, pp 3-5. She gives name of 1-7-4 as Catherine LIPE (instead of Jennie) and Margaret Frances as name of "Fanny."

She says Nancy LIPE went to NY with her mother for the duration of the CW; graduated valedictorian at Ft. Plain Seminary, NY, 1862; returned 1866 and taught school at Tahlequah until she died from Typhoid fever.

This source also states that Catherine GUNTER had a dau by h/1, James VAUGHT: Sallie VAUGHT d Muskogee, who m Olney MORGAN.

"We spoiled the best Territory in the World  
to make a State."

HUSBAND	Dewitt Clinton LIPE, Major
Born	17 Feb 1840
Marr.	11 Sep 1861
Died	
Cemetery	
Husband's Father	Oliver W. LIPE
Husband's Mother	Catherine GUNTER
WIFE (1)	Victoria HICKS
Born	"of Tahlequah"
Died	24 Aug 1867
Cemetery	
Wife's Father	Elijah HICKS
Wife's other husbands	
WIFE (2)	Mary Elizabeth ARCHER 1 Mar 1871 (VANN #1-2-1-2)
Born	
Died	
Cemetery	
Wife's Mother	Margaret ROSS
Wife's other husbands	(also to John ROSS)

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
By w/1 1 John Gunter LIPE	16 Dec 1864 20 May 1911		4 Jan 1899 Sarah Lulu WOODMAN
By w/2 2 Nancy E. LIPE	14 Jun 1872		
3 Victoria LIPE	4 Feb 1874		Oct 1898 John BARNETT
4 Lola Vann LIPE	18 Jan 1877		
5			

w/2: Mary F. dau Edwin ARCHER (white, b 19 Sep 1817, NY City d 1893  
m GA 26 Feb 1825) Mary Francis VANN, b 21 Sep 1825 GA. d 1921 dau  
Chief Joseph VANN, b 1 Feb 1789, d 3 May 1877, m Catherine ROWE. (Starr,  
p 629, 671 for ARCHER)

1-7-1-1 J.G. LIPE educ Male Seminary and U of ARK; cattlemen; ELK, Mason;  
Sarah, b 15 Mar 1875, educ Ocmulgee School and Female Seminary, dau Stephen  
Taylor FOREMAN (b Park Hill 1849 m 1874 Ada Carter McCLELLAN b Cane Hill,  
1854). J.G. and Sarah had chn: Flora Foreman, Ada Catherine, Dewitt,  
Lucy Campbell, and Lulu Victoria LIPE. (Starr, p 569)

1-7-1-2, Nannie E. LIPE wrote the "History of the LIPE Family" for the book  
AS I RECOLLECT published by the Focobontas Club of Claremore, 1940. She wrote:  
"My paternal great-grandfather was John GUNTER, a Welchman, who came to Ala-  
bama as a trader and peddler about the year of 1750 or 1760. He married Kate  
LOWRY, my great-grandmother, who was a full blood Cherokee and a first cousin  
to Major George LOWRY [who] died in 1852 as second chief of the Cherokee Nation  
at the age of 82 years. The Cherokee Council erected a monument to the memory  
of Major LOWRY for the service he had rendered to the Cherokee Nation and this  
monument is still standing in the cemetery at Tahlequah, the old capitol of the  
Cherokee Nation."

John GUNTER and his wife died in Alabama, as did their son, Sam GUNTER, who was  
buried with military honors by order of General Winfield Scott, on account of  
being with General Jackson, in the Creek War. John GUNTER, the father of Sam,  
also served with General Jackson. His son, Ned, was wounded during the Civil  
War and drew a pension until his death. The Gunters all lived at Gunter's  
Landing, Tennessee, which is now Marshall County, Alabama.

## CLUES TO THE SCHRIMSHER/SCHRIMSHIRE ANCESTORS OF WILL ROGERS

Two documents published in full in A SCHRIMSHIRE NOTEBOOK published by Charles S. McCleabay in 1976 may lead to earlier generations of Martin Matthew SCHRIMSHER, the earliest proved progenitor by that surname in Will Rogers' lineage.

Each is abstracted here by the editor. The book in which they are published is in the library at the Will Rogers Memorial.

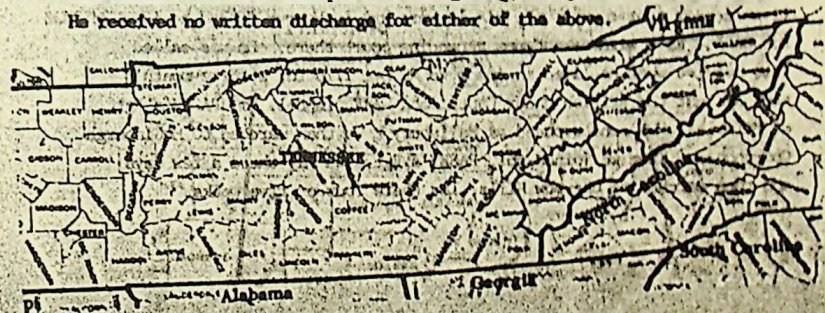
ROBERT SCHRIMSHER, Revolutionary Soldier 84666, Monroe Co., TN, County Court, March 1834;

Said Robert SCHRIMSHER appeared in person at this court 17 Mar 1834 and took oath to the following in order to obtain benefits of the Act of Congress passed 7 Jun 1832:

He was born in Goochland Co., VA about 1761; he is now 72 or 73, (thus b c1762-3) with no proof of birth date. He was living in Edgefield Dist., SC, when called into service. He lived in SC till 26 years ago (c1808) when he moved to Blount Co TN where he lived till 13 years ago (c1821) when he moved to Monroe Co TN, where he now lives.

In August 1781, he thinks, he volunteered in the Company of Capt. John RYAN and remained with him in a block house called Rambo Station, on Horn's Creek in Edgefield Dist., guarding against the Tories, for three months. At the end of three months, the block house was burned by Tories and he was then drafted to "go down against the Tories who were doing mischief above Orangeburg." He went under Ws. NORRIS (1st Lt. of Capt. RYAN), and War Shaw (1) Organ (1), 2d Lt., and Col. Leroy HAMMERS. He was marched there and encamped near Orangeburg, but got into no engagements.

He received no written discharge for either of the above.



1-7-5

HUSBAND	Clark Charlesworth LIPE		
Born	10 Mar 1847	Place	Near Tablequah
Marr.	29 Aug 1873	Place	Ft. Gibson (OK)
Died	25 Mar 1901	Place	
Cemetery		Place	
Husband's Father	Oliver W. LIPE	Husband's Mother	Catherine GUMPER

WIFE	Margaret Emma THOMPSON		
Born	2 Jan 1849	Place	Ft. Gibson
Died		Place	
Cemetery		Place	
Wife's Father	Richard THOMPSON	Wife's Mother	Elizabeth THORNTON
Wife's other husbands			

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Howard LIPE	19 May 1873 19 Sep 1875		
2 Herman Yann "	19 Feb 1876		Mary Iria SMITH
3 John Casper "	27 Nov 1878		Annabel PRICE
4 Derritt Clinton "	22 Nov 1881 19 Aug 1901		
5 Beulah	25 May 1884		GEORGE SMITH
6 Clark C. LIPE JR.	15 Nov 1887		19 Jul 1914, Tulsa Lucy SELLERS
7 Clarence "	9 Jul 1891		
8			
9			
10			

Starr p 636. C.C. LIPE, Sr., elected Chief of Coowescoowee Dist, held other offices. After his death, she continued to operate "a successful stock farm near Sageoyah" at the Homestead settled 1876.

1-7-5-3 AnnaBelle PRICE b 2 Jan 1887, Gonzales TX, educ at Oologah, grad Female Seminary 1805, dau of Looney PRICE and Lititia COADY. John Casper LIPE grad Male Seminary 1899 and Spauldings Commercial College of Kansas City 1906. (Starr, p 568)

1-7-5-6 Lucy V. SELLERS, dau John and Sarah SELLERS, b near Stilwell (OK) 22 Nov 1887, had Clarke Charlesworth LIPE (III) b 4 Jan 191-

"Nobody but an Indian can pronounce Oologah."



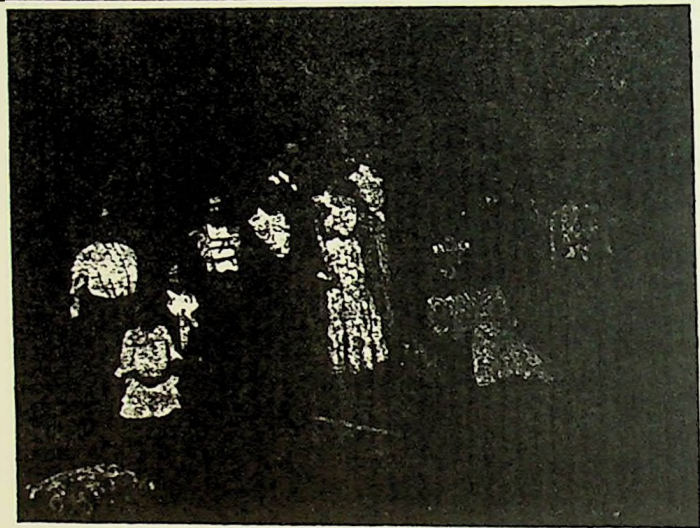
Note that spelling varies; probably depending on the clerk who wrote it. A minister residing in Monroe Co., Barney CASTELL, as well as Thomas DUGAN of Monroe Co. testified as to his honesty and their belief that he did, indeed, serve as sworn.

Another document—reproduced in facsimile in the SCHRIMSHIRE book—shows that one John Brown SCHRIMSHIRE was granted a plantation of 200 A in Tyron Co., on the south side of Catawba Riv., including an improvement, 22 Jul 1774, Grant #218. It was signed by "His Excellence, Josiah MARTIN, Esq." [One wonders if the Martin in the name of M.M. SCHRIMSHIRE, could have come from this Governor of N.C.]

John Brown SCHRIMSHIRE sold the land to Samson LAMKIN [now in the Co. of Lincoln] on the west side of the south Fork of the Catawba River, Oct 1779.

In 1775, 128 1/2 A in Anson Co., N.C., was granted to one John SCHRIMSHIRE, on N side of Yadkin Riv, east side of Hurray, adj lines of STRUDWICK & McCULLOH. [Note by Mr. McCleskey asks: Could this be John, Jr., b 1751?]

One researcher cited in this book says the name was "John Brown SKRIMSHIRE" b Eng 1737, came to America 1765-75, and had John SCHRIMSHER, Jr., b 1751, VA. (pp 23-25) A chart prepared by C.J.GEORGE, pub in the SCHRIMSHER book (p 158) about John SCHRIMSHER b c1720, England, migrated to Am 1745-46; m c1745 Ann LYON; he had John Jr., b 1751, VA; Robert b 1762 VA (m Catherine; served RW); and two other sons and two daus, names unknown. He shows two sons for John, Jr.: John and William. And Robert had two sons, James and Earley SHRIMSHIRE. No Martin or Matthew is shown as descendent of either son of the John, Sr, nor as a grandson.



BLAKE FAMILY in Rogers, ARK, early 1900's. Left to right: Zuleki STROUD, standing behind Maxine MARSHALL; Mrs. Emeline CROWDER; Amelia BLAKE; Cora MARSHALL (and husband, Will MARSHALL?); Waite (Mrs. Arthur IRELAN); Anna and husband Lee ADAMS; (seated) Betty BLAKE ROGERS; Theda BLAKE (seated in front of Betty); Sandy (J.K.) BLAKE; Bruce QUISHEBERRY, Sr., and wife Virginia BLAKE.

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HUSBAND Thomas K. BLAKE, Sr.

Born	Place
Marr.	Place
Died	Place
Cemetery	Place
Husband's Father	Wm 7 of Eng?
Husband's Mother	

WIFE Elizabeth OWEN

Born	Place
Died	16 Feb 1853 or 22 Jun 1862
Cemetery	Place
Wife's father	
Wife's other husbands	Wife's Mother

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Larkin H. BLAKE	17 Jan 1807		11 Apr 1817 Rachel A. MITCHELL
2 Thomas K. " Jr	22 Oct 1813 12 Feb 1892	Bentonville Cem	1836 Clara CHITTY 1812-52
3			

Source: Cemeteries of Benton Co, AR, Vol. III p 44  
 Roane Co TN Marriage Records lists: Larkin H. BLAKE m Rachel MITCHELL 8 Sep 1834; Surety: Wm G. BLAKE; Wm G. BLAKE m Elizabeth MCKINNEY 20 Aug 1822, Sur. Thos. MCKINNEY.  
 "Direct Index to Warranty Deeds, Roane Co TN" p 39; Thos. BLAKE sold land to Samuel STIVERS 30 Mar 1820  
 Wm BLAKE sold land to Wm BROWDER 30 May 1834  
 Thos BLAKE sold land to Pleasant BRANDON 17 Jul 1835  
 HISTORY OF ROANE CO (TN) pp 139-40 says Thomas BLAKE came from VA to TN 1810 m Elizabeth (OWENS?) who d 16 Feb 1833  
 Goodspeed's HISTORY OF HICKORY, FOLK, CEDAR AND BARTON COUNTIES, (MO) Chicago, 1889, lists one William BLAKE of VA, killed RW, whose son Thomas BLAKE b c1777, prob VA, whose son, Dr. Wm G. BLAKE b 1800 VA, d 1884 m/1 1822 Eliza MCKINNEY; m/2 Sarah PENNINGTON (still liv 1889, age 72) who mov from TN to Cora, Dade Co MO 1837 and 7 years later to Stockton MO. This Dr. Wm G's 1st son not given, but 2nd son, Dr. Thos. J. BLAKE, b Roane Co TN m 1866 Mary V. BARNES, moved to Benton Co AR shortly after he graduated med school, but returned to MO to practice med. (One Dr. Thos. J. BLAKE and w/f Mary V. listed Benton Co AR census 1870, White Riv Twp).

BLAKE CENSUS RECORDS

Date, place	Name	Age	Birthplace, date, etc.
1830	Thomas BLAKE	50-60	1770-80; pl not given
Roane Co TN	Wife	40-50	1780-90 (Elizabeth OWENS)
1850	William BLAKE	20-30	1800-1810 (Chn; 2 sons, under 5;
	Wife	20-30	1800-1810 1 s, 3-10; 1 dau under 5)
	William BLAKE	20-30	1800-1810 (1 dau, under 5)
	Wife	15-20	1805-1810

BLAKE 1-1-5

HUSBAND James Weyth BLAKE Occupation Miller  
 Born 7 Oct. 1843 Place Springfield, Greene Co, MO  
 Marr. ca 1866-7 Place  
 Died 1 June 1882 Place Benton Co AR  
 Cemetery Bentonville, AR Place Benton County AR  
 Husband's father Larkin H. BLAKE Husband's Mother Rachael A. Mitchell

WIFE Amelia J. CROWDER  
 Born 1845 Place North Carolina  
 Died 30 July 1922 Place Rogers, AR  
 Cemetery Bentonville, AR Place Benton Co, AR  
 Wife's father Maxabin Curtis CROWDER Wife's Mother Emillion  
 Wife's other husbands J.O. BOYD (Civil marriage; she resumed BLAKE name)

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 John BLAKE	22 Aug 1867 9 Aug 1899	AR killed R.R. accident	nt. Turley, MO
2 Cora BLAKE	18 Aug 1869	AR	Will MARSHALL
3 Anna (Annie)	27 Aug 1871	AR	12 Apr. 1899 Lee R. ADAMSON
4 Maite (Mally)	7 Feb 1873	AR	Arthur IRKLAN
5 Theda (Thedie)	13 Jan 1877 1878	Santa Monica, CA	
6 James (Randy) K.	14 Feb 1877	AR	
7 Nellie (Betty)	9 Sept 1878 21 June 1944	AR Santa Monica, CA	William Penn Miller ROGERS Nov 25, 1900
8 Virginia	16 Aug 1881 1875	MO	Bruce W. Culverberry
9 Nellie (NORTH) BLAKE	20 May 1881	AR	Franklin Atwood

By BOYD

Amelia CROWDER's f. (sometimes listed as W.C., M.C. or "Chris") b NC 1824; mov to AR with wd Emeline 1852; ch listed Benton Co AR Census, 1860 are Theda, Malie (prob Amelia) & Culver. Burials listed in BENTON CO CEMETERIES.  
 James W. BLAKE had a mill near Silver Springs AR (now "Monte Ne" AR).  
 Information from BLAKE Family Bible and other sources at the Memorial.

1880, Big Spring Benton Co ARK	James W. BLAKE Amelia J.	34 32	MO (f, b AL; mor b MO; Miller) NC (Mor & f both b NC)
U.S. Census	John Cora Annie Maite Thedie James Betty Mr. CARMELL	13 11 9 7 5 3 11 mos 21	AR AR AR AR AR AR AR (Otra. Will ROGERS) ID (Laborer; prob not related)

BLAKE 1-1

HUSBAND Larkin H. BLAKE, M.D.  
 Born 17 Jan 1807 Place TN or GA  
 Marr. 11 Sep 1834 (7) Place Roane Co TN (Mar. recs)  
 Died Prob between 1870 & 1880 Place Prob in AR (not listed 1880 Cen)  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's father Thomas K. BLAKE Husband's Mother Eliza. (COWEN, prob)

WIFE Rachael, Rachel A. MITCHELL  
 Born 3 Mar 1810 Place  
 Died 16 Feb 1882 Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's father John or Thomas MITCHELL Wife's Mother Elizabeth?  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Jane BLAKE	20 Sep 1833 (5?) 4 Jul 1866	----- a/c Fam Bible	11 Mar 1866 WILL SLATER
2 Elizabeth BLAKE	14 Jun 1837	(no further info)	in Bible
3 Rebecca BLAKE	2 May 1840	(7 hard to read)	Robert A. SCRUGG
4 John BLAKE	26 Mar 1841 25 Feb 1844	-----	-----
5 James Weyth (Weythel)	7 Oct 1845 1 Jun 1882	Springfield MO. Benton Co AR	----- Amelia J. CROWDER

Source: BLAKE Family Bible, files, Will Rogers Memorial

1850	Larkin H. BLAKE, MD	43	TN 1807 (w Roane Co 1834)
Springfield	Rachael A.	40	TN 1810 (Rachel A. MITCHELL)
Greene Co MO	Jane BLAKE	15	AL 1835
U.S. Census	Elizabeth BLAKE	13	AL 1837
	Rebecca BLAKE	10	MO 1840 (w SCRUGGS bef 1860)
	James W. (Weyth)	5	MO 1845 (Betty's father)

1860, Big Spring Benton Co, ARK	Larkin H. BLAKE, MD Rachael Jane BLAKE James	52 50 21 15	GA 1808 (note variation above) TN 1810 AL MO (father of Betty BLAKE)
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1870, Cross Hollows White River Twp, Benton Co ARK	James W. BLAKE Amelia J. John Cora	24 23 3 1	MO (Miller; \$850; \$350) NC 1844 (CROWDER) AR AR
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1870, Bentonville House 25/25	Larkin BLAKE, MD Rachel	63 60	GA 1808 (In home of Rob't & Rebecca TN 1810 BLAKE SCRUGGS)
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House 26/26	Thomas BLAKE John BLAKE	57 14	KY 1813 (Miller, \$10,000-\$5,200) MO 1856 (Thos. bro to Larkin?)
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HUSBAND	Thomas K. BLAKE Jr		
Born	22 Oct 1813	Place	Roane Co TN
Marr.	1836	Place	
Died	19 Feb 1892	Place	still liv 1889
Cemetery		Place	
Husband's Father	Thomas K. BLAKE, Sr.	Husband's Mother	Elizabeth (GONZ?)

WIFE	Clara CHITTY		
Born	1819	Place	NC
Died	1859	Place	
Cemetery		Place	
Wife's Father		Wife's Mother	
Wife's other husbands			

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Jesse C BLAKE		Whitesburg TX	
2 Missouri E.			J. E. RUSSELL
M.D.		Chickasha Nation, OK	
3 Larkin L.			
4 Wm A		Kid, Pea Ridge, CN	
5 Paulina J.	d bef 1889		
6 Thomas Taylor	1849 Mar 1920	Polk Co, MO Bentonville AR	Bertha Jang CURTIS
7 John Y.F. BLAKE ("Bo")			

Thos. K. Jr. went to AL, liv among his mother's people until after 1829; owned mills, etc., still liv 1889.

Two extensive items in Rogers AR "Democrat" concern #1-6, T. Taylor BLAKE, Sheriff, who moved to TX with his parents 1859 where they were in mercantile bus, and to Bentonville, AR 1868 where he owned Blake Hotel, lumber and mercantile bus, etc. T.T. was Mason, WOV, K of P, I.O.O.F., etc. Obit, 25 Mar 1920, lists wid and 7 ch: J.T. and Mrs. W.D. JAMES of Tulsa; Finney BLAKE of Okmulgee OK; Carlos BLAKE of Miami OK; Mrs. Arch WRIGHT, Fayetteville AR; Cora and Bob BLAKE of Bentonville. "The Fifth dau, Mrs. Oma WOOD died last fall." (The earlier article showed him with "Baby Ula")

#1-7 J.Y.P. "Bo" BLAKE was "one of the best known Americans in the Boer Army in South Africa," according to a Little Rock, AR newspaper clipping dated 14 Jun 1905. He led the Irish brigade (of Irish-Americans) against the British and was wounded 30 Oct 1904 near Ladysmith. He was a grad of West Point Academy. (At one point he is identified as John Y. Filmore BLAKE, former Lt. in U S Cavalry and grad of West Point.)

#1-3 Larkin L. BLAKE is likely the Dr. Larkin L. BLAKE of Ardmore who married Thedia CROWDER, older sister of Amelia CROWDER BLAKE, mother of Betty BLAKE ROGERS. A news clip in Memorial files says Mrs. Emaline CROWDER (who made her home with Amelia J. BLAKE) was visiting her dau and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Larkin L. BLAKE of Ardmore, OK. A news clip from a Memphis paper in Aug 1935 (after the plane crash) quotes Mrs. L.L. BLAKE of Memphis in which she says she is an aunt of "Cousin Will." Actually, she is both a cousin and an "Aunt" of Betty Blake ROGERS.

## ADDITIONAL BLAKE INFORMATION

An item in the BENTON COUNTY PIONEER by Erwin Funk, Rogers, AR, newspaperman who knew the family, explains:

James Blake built a saw and grist mill at the lower end of Silver Springs Valley in the early 1870's. (Now Monte No, AR) At the time of his marriage to Miss Amelia Crowder in 1869, he was working with his cousins, Larkin and Taylor Blake, in a grist mill at Huntsville, Madison Co., built by his uncle, Alexander Blake of Bentonville. To distinguish his mill from the one nearer the big Spring, it was known as the Jim Blake Mill. It seems to be best known as a saw mill, although also a grist mill. When erected it was a large two-story structure, but after Mr. Blake's death in 1881, it was reduced in size and the saw mill equipment sold. . . .

John C. Puckett operated the mill for Mrs. Blake a year or two after Mr. Blake's death. There is no data for its final demise, but in 1884, B.F. Watkins was the lessee, and in 1886 it was being operated by S.S. Tyler. When the writer visited the site some ten years later, the building was gone, and only foundation timbers remained. The old Blake home, where Betty was born, was blown down during a windstorm many years ago. . . .

From THE ROGERS (AR) DEMOCRAT...1922

## MRS. AMELIA BLAKE

Mrs. Amelia Blake died at 4:46 on Sunday morning at her home at 512 South Fourth Street, after an illness of some months. She had been in failing health for the past year.

Funeral services were held from the home Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, and were conducted by Rev. T. E. McSpadden of the Presbyterian church. Interment was at Bentonville by the side of her husband, J. W. Blake, who died many years ago.

All of the children, six daughters and one son, were here for the funeral, and most of them had been called home some time previous to her death. Since the death of the father, and of a son many years ago, the death of Mrs. Blake is the first break in one of the finest and most interesting home altars Rogers has ever known. And as the family came to Rogers the year after the city was started, it has been an important factor in its social life since that time.

Miss Amelia Crowder was born in Dancombe county, North Carolina, on October 25, 1844, and died July 30, 1922, at the age of 78 years, nine months and five days. At the age of six years she came to Bentonville with her parents, and it was in that town when in young womanhood she was married to J. W. Blake, a son of Larkin Blake, a well-known Benton county pioneer. The Blakes were interested in timber, and the old Blake Mill, below Silver Springs, where the family lived before coming to Rogers in 1822 was a prominent landmark in that section some thirty years ago.

The children are Mrs. Will Marshall of Lumbago, Texas; Mrs. A. M. Irwin and Mrs. Will Rogers of Los Angeles; Mrs. Leo H. Adkinson of Dallas; Mrs. B. W. Quisenberry of Joplin; Miss Theda Blake and Mrs. J. K. Street of Rogers, and Jas. K. Blake of Port Clinton, Ohio.

Besides the children, there were here for the funeral Mrs. J. K. Blake, B. W. Quisenberry and children, Mrs. Martha Dickinson of Lumbago, Texas; C. L. Lane and wife of Choctaw, Okla.; Mrs. Lane being a sister of Will Rogers.

Mrs. Blake is survived by a sister, Mrs. L. L. Blake of Memphis, and a brother, Dr. W. K. Crowder of Crowder, Okla., both of whom were unable to come to the funeral.

By the passing of Mrs. Blake, Rogers has lost another of the pioneer women of the city, in whom it owes so very much of the kindly hospitality of those early days when neighbors were always friends, and the friends the only social feature of the town. Her death will be learned with regret by the many friends of the family in all parts of the country.

"The day I roped Betty, I did the star performance of my life."

Betty BLAKE may have had a middle name. This is not shown in the family Bible. But a clipping from the ROGERS DEMOCRAT, reprinted from the Sunday STAR of St. Louis, shows a picture of "Rogers beauties" which includes Misses Bettie Beatrice BLAKE, Wesley Florence DYER, Ethel May CURRY, Ida Eleanor BRIDGEMAN and Willet Babcock OWSLEY.

ITEMS FROM THE ROGERS (ARK) DEMOCRAT  
(Collected by Ruth Muse of Rogers)

- 18 Mar 1897: Lee ADAMSON last week finished a handsome guitar for C.O.SHORT
- 25 Mar 1897: Will L.MARSHALL left Monday for Ft.Gibson,IT, where he has a position as a telegraph operator
- 25 Mar 1897 : A.M. IRELAND shipped his household goods to Monnet (MO) where he has accepted a position in the car shops of the Frisco.
- 19 May 1898: The chief event of the social given at the Opera house Friday night was the cake walk. The prize, a handsome cake, was won by Miss Bettie BLAKE and S. BEIBER.
- 9 May 1899: "Mas Lux" Circle met. Bettie BLAKE played a selection on her guitar.
- 13 Apr 1899: Miss Bettie BLAKE, clerking at Park's Dry Goods since last week....
- 13 Apr 1899: [Wedding of Miss Anna BLAKE and Lee ADAMSON, both of Rogers, last night; at Silver Springs by Rev. BAILEY. Reception followed at BLAKE home.] Both are among the best known young people of Rogers. The bride has clerked the past two years at Parks' and the groom is foreman of the Frisco Construction Corps. They will make their home in Rogers.
- 22 Mar 1900: The funeral of the baby of Mr. & Mrs. Lee ADAMSON was held Monday afternoon from the home of Mrs. ADAMSON's mother, Mrs. BLAKE.
- 22 Mar 1899: Lee ADAMSON is running the wagon spoke lathe at new hub & spoke factory.
- 14 Jun 1905: Miss Bettie BLAKE is visiting at Weleetka,IT, & will go on to Kentucky
- 22 Apr 1908: Jack, youngest boy of B.W.QUISENBERRY, fell over the hall bannisters and struck his face. He was badly bruised but...out again in a few hours.
- 29 Oct 1902: Arthur IRELAN who some time ago bought from his mother the old LINES place on 4th St...[is remodeling it] for his own use...a very pleasant home.
- 19 Nov 1908: Announcement is made of the approaching wedding of Miss Betty BLAKE of Rogers and Will ROGERS of Claremore,OK at home of the bride, Wed., Nov. 25. The announcement has created much interest owing to the prominence of the bride in local circles.
- 26 Nov 1908: "Marriage Licenses Issued": Will ROGERS,29; Bettie BLAKE, 26.
- 21 Jan 1909: Will ROGERS and wife were visiting here yesterday and today at the BLAKE home on their way from New Orleans to Kansas City.
- 22 Oct 1910: A family reunion and picnic was held Sunday on the White River by Mrs. Amelia BLAKE and children, all of whom were present except the oldest daughter, Mrs. Will MARSHALL. Those present were Mrs. BLAKE, A.M.IRELAN and family, Lee ADAMSON & family; B.W. QUISENBERRY & family; Will ROGERS and wife; James BLAKE & wife; Miss Theda BLAKE and Mrs. QUISENBERRY. It is not often that a mother can have so large a family with her....
- 26 Jan 1911: Miss Theda BLAKE left Sunday for N.Y. where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Bettie ROGERS.

## APPENDIX

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[This section includes items not ordinarily found in an "Appendix," but they are classified as such in this book for a special reason. The ROGERS that appear at this time to be part of the actual ancestry of Will Rogers are included in the first section of the book. Those appearing in the following pages have been given as ancestors by one or more sources. We cannot prove--at this point--that these are not related to Will's family in one way or another. Thus they are included here as possible sources for further study, yet separated from the lineage that seems more likely to be the correct family tree.]

## POSSIBLE ANCESTORS OF ROBERT ROGERS, JR. FROM WILKES CO DAR

Information compiled by the Hugh Rogers Chapter of DAR, Wilkes Co, NC, some years ago and published in the book on Old Albemarle by Worth Ray as the ancestral line of Will Rogers has been quoted in other sources and used by many genealogists.

We have not been able to prove or disprove the assumptions made by the person or group of persons who did the research for that report, but it seems likely to this researcher that the ROGERS described are more closely related to the ROGERS lineage of the author than that of Will Rogers. If more of the original sources can be checked, perhaps that would help to answer the questions. And, further study of the Indian archives should help a great deal also.

According to the DAR report, one Robert ROGERS, JR. thought to be the son of Robert ROGERS, SR, who died in Berkley Pct, NC, 1729 (from Hathaway, Vol. III, p 405), died 1736/39, leaving a will on file in the NC State Dept. of Archives and History and published in "NC WILLS, 1663-1789, Vol. 27. [See will to follow.]

The report in Ray's book summarizes the data from that will as follows:

Elizabeth ROGERS DANIEL, dau, now wife of Simon DANIEL  
Robert DANIEL, grandson, son of Elisabeth and Simon, above  
William ROGERS, "son of my son, Robert ROGERS" [son of Robert ROGERS III]  
Mary GALLOWAY [no rel given; could be sis? dau? mother?]  
Thomas GALLOWAY; probably husb of Mary, but no proof in will]  
Robert DANIEL and William ROGERS to get tract of land, 630 A near Bertie Pct, NC. [See variation in will]

The DAR report also says that Robert ROGERS was probably a descendant of Edward ROGERS who came to the Isle of Wight Co, VA, in the ship ANNE in 1623. On the same boat was one William GALLOWAY. [They assume connection with Thomas GALLOWAY or GALLOWAY above.]

The lineage described in Ray's book appears to be as follows:

Robert ROGERS, d Bertie Co NC [1729?]; his son:

1. Robert ROGERS, JR., d 1739 Chowan Co., NC, Sarus Chapel Neighborhood; probably a brother to Joseph ROGERS who later appears in Northampton Co., NC. [Joseph of Northampton Co NC is lineal ancestor of Rabe M. Collins, the author] and [bro to Michael ROGERS who died 1710, Isle of Wight Co VA; issue of Robert ROGERS, JR, according to this report: 1. William ROGERS m Mary [no further given]; 2. Robert ROGERS d 1791 Nash Co NC; m Mary [no further given]; 3. Thomas ROGERS d 1782 Nash Co NC; left will [no further given]

Children of Robert ROGERS (III), s of Robert Jr, previous page, and wife Ann:

1. Betty
2. Nancy
3. Charity d bef May 1792, Wilkes Co GA; Wm. ROGER [her Uncle?] adm.
4. Mourning
5. Lana
6. Jacob
7. Jesse
8. Robert ROGERS (IV)

Children of Thomas ROGERS, son of Robert ROGERS, JR, and wife unknown:

1. John ROGERS d c1796 Elbert Co GA; m Nancy [May be confused with anc of Reba C.]
2. Peleg ROGERS liv Elbert Co 1782
3. Obedience; liv Elbert Co GA; m Thomas BARRON
4. Unity
5. Mourning; m Wm/Edw MOORE; member of Vann's Creek Baptist Ch; G
6. Mary ROGERS m Theo. THOMAS
7. Thomas ROGERS

Hathaway's NC HIST AND GEN REGISTER shows ROGERS:

- Vol 2, p 610--Richard ROGERS bought land 17 Jul 1733  
 Vol 3, p 133--Robert ROGERS granted land 4 Aug 1723  
 Vol 3, p 133--Robert ROGERS SR d Berkley Pct NC 26 Nov 1729  
 Vol 1, p 69--Robert ROGERS JR left will Chowan Co 13 Dec 1736/11 Jun 1739  
 Vol 1, p 450--Robert ROGERS lived Chowan Pct. 1747  
 Vol 1, p 305--John ROGERS headwright in NC c1701; Vol. 2, constable in Bertie Co NC 1744  
 Vol 3, p 405--Robert ROGERS Isle of Wight VA d Berkley Pct 1729 GRIMES, p 318 (full source not available)--Joseph ROGERS left will in Northampton Co NC 18 Feb 1752

SEVENTEENTH CENTURY, ISLE OF WIGHT by Boddie lists these ROGERS:

- p 544--William ROGERS was paid 3500 lbs of tobacco 16 Jan 1664  
 p 578--Wm. ROGERS and wf Dorothy sold land 10 Dec 1677 to Thomas PARKER, Isle of Wight  
 p 612--Wm. ROGERS sold land 9 Dec 1673 on Hugh's Island, Isle of Wight  
 p 383--Wm. (M?) ROGERS killed CSA ('CHRISTY 1828'--meaning?)  
 p 78--Edward ROGERS pat. 300 acres land, Isle of Wight, 1637; Edward ROGERS & wf Eliz. pat Land Nansemond Co 1637  
 p 590--Richard BOOTH & wf Eliz. sold land to John ROGERS, Jr & wf Mary BOOTH ROGERS 8 Nov 1681  
 p 658--Edward ROGERS pat Land 14 May 1636, 300 A  
 p 608--John ROGERS, Land document correction, 20 Apr 1680  
 p 593--John ROGERS, JR, granted Land Surry Co VA 1682  
 John ROGERS SR and wf Mary sell land for 11,000 lbs tobacco  
 p 569--Lewis ROGERS bought Land Isle of Wight 9 Feb 1672/3

If anyone has access to the original wills or other documents for this ROGERS line--in Chowan/Naah Counties and Bertie Pct., NC--we would like very much to have copies of the full documents to study.

WILL OF ROBERT ROGERS OF CHOWAN PRECINCT, NORTH CAROLINA 13 Dec 1737  
 [Proved 11 Jun 1739 by John and Jane WILLIAMS; Recorded 12 Jun 1739]

In the name of the father, Son and Holy ghost, amen. . . . I, Robert ROGERS of Chowan Precinct in the province of North Carolina being weak in body but in Sound and perfect mind and Memory. . . . do appoint this my Last will and testament. . . . to be Decently buried according to the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named. . . .

I give and bequeath. . . in manner and form following:

Item. I give and bequeath unto Thomas GALLOWAY a plantation whereon Sarah MUMFORD now liveth presently // after her decease bounded by the path that goes from her house to the main road thence down the road to the line of John PROTHYS // land and so to the branch & up the branch to the first station; to him and his heirs and assignees forever I do give and bequeath to Thomas GALLOWAY one Negro child called Nan to him and his heirs forever Also one feather bed and furniture with two cows // and calves, with one young bay mare

Item--I give and bequeath unto Mary GALLOWAY during the term // of her natural life or widowhood so // much of my manor // plantation and [Fonderable?] ground as she shall think to tend and make use of with the privilege of half the benefit of my orchard and free privilege of all my tract of land gott // farwing // Staff [Stuff?] and firewood without molestation // I also give her the use of negro woman called Moll // for the full time of four // years from the 4th day of my Decease // [Demise?] to her and assist her about getting her livelihood and after the Expiration of Four years, then my said Negro woman and her issue // to be // and remains // to my son Robert ROGERS and his heirs forever I give an bequeath to her all my Woolvor // [Weavers?] and Looms ang [and gear?] one Lin Spinning wheel, one yolk of oxen and all their ---ing [hauling?] gear with that feather bed and furniture she now hath // [useth?] one, and also one young bay mare branded on the buttock with my own brand and also two cows and calves and also that gang of hogs both old and young called the black gang [go jointly?] after my decease and also all the Crop both of Corn and Tobacco that shall be made on my plantation at the time of my decease.

Item--I give and bequeath unto my Two grandsons Robert DANIEL and William ROGERS all my tract of land containing Six hundred and thirty acres lying in Bertee [Bertie] Precinct to be equally and Justly shared and divided between them

Item--I give and bequeath also the tract of land to my Said Two grandsons and to their heirs and assigns forever

Item--I give and bequeath unto my son, Robert ROGERS, my Two Negro Slaves called Jack and Moll, after Moll hath lived with Mary GALLOWAY the Four years above mentioned, then [Item?] My negro Jack [presently? promptly?] after my Decease and Moll as above mentioned to my said son Robert ROGERS During the term of his natural life; and after his decease Then my Said Two Negroes and their Increase to be and [remained?] to my Two Grandsons Robert Daniels and William ROGERS and to their heirs and assignees forever [written in above the line] my Grandson Robert ROGERS to have Moll and my grandson William ROGERS to have Negro Jack [evidently, he means Robert DANIEL--once before he made the error, scratched it out and made it Daniel]

Also I give and bequeath unto my son Robert ROGERS my negro boy named Oum--to him his heirs and assignees forever

[Will of Robert Rogers, Con't]


Item—I give and bequeath unto my son Robert ROGERS my manor plantation with all my land belonging presently after the widowhood or death of Mary GALLOWAY And also the Plantation and land whereon he now liveth [Also? Item?] I give and bequeath the said Two Plantations and land aforesaid to my said son Robert ROGERS and to his heirs and assignees forever.


Item—I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth the now wife of Simon DANIELL (our shillings current money of Virginia to be paid unto her in some convenient time after my decease by my Executor hereafter named

Item--It is my Desire and my true Intent and meaning that all my Moveable Estate both within Doors and without of what nature and kind soever (not before given or Bequeathed) be In Some Convenient time after my Decease Equally and Justly shared and Divided by Just and Equall proportions as to Quantity and Quality between my Grand Children (Vir) the Children of my Son Robert ROGERS and the Children of my Daughter Elizabeth DANIELL and I doo hereby appoint my Son Robert ROGERS my full whole Executor of this my last Will and Testament to see my Just Debts paid and funerall and other [Accounts?] Discharged And the final Intent and Meaning of this my Last Will to be performed Thus [This?] Revoaking and Making void all former and other Wills I Doo In the Eyes of God and These my Executors Declare this to be my Last Will and Testament Dated the Day and year first above written

Signed, Sealed and Declared to be  
The Last Will and testament of the  
Testator in the Presents of us.

The mark of  
Robert  Rogers

John  Williams

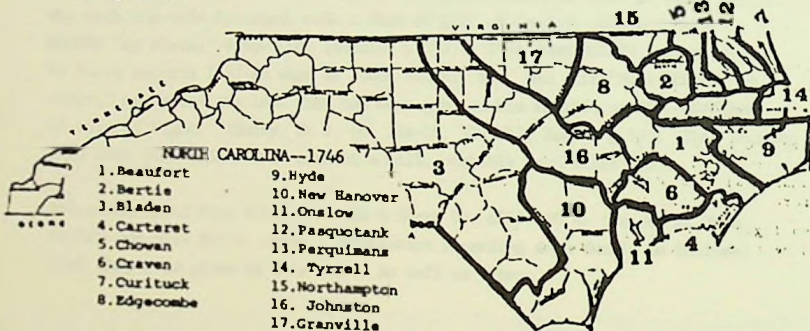
Jane  Williams  
mark

Rich<sup>d</sup> TAYLOR.

[From a xerox of the handwritten will; sent by the Secretary of State, NC Wills, 1663-1789, copied for Reba Collins 16 Mar 1982]

Administrators Bonds 1685-1779, Secretary of State of NC; copied for RC 16 Mar 1982, show John PARISH making bond to John LOVIK [LOVICK] for making inventory and delivering the papers of administration 4 Dec 1739.

NOTE: We do not have proof of the relationship of this Robert ROGERS or his son, Robert ROGERS to the family of Will ROGERS. It is included here for further research purposes.



ROGERS OF SURRY CO., VIRGINIA AND JOHNSTON CO., N.C.

(Including ancestors of Reba NEIGHBORS COLLINS)

Copies of pages 357-363 from one section of an unidentified book headed "Rogers of Surry" by B.C. Holtzclaw have been in the files of the author for several years, but the name of the book from which they were copied has not been found.

Some of the information has references supplied in the text, however, and it may lead to studies of the original sources. Thus it is included here.

The genealogical data for later families in these pages lead to the lineage of the author, but earlier data may lead us to the ancestry of Will Rogers. In any case, it should be used with caution and the original sources need to be checked.

Holtzclaw says:

Besides the family of John ROGERS below, there were two other ROGERS families living in Surry County in the latter half of the 17th Century. One was that of Joseph ROGERS of Lawson Creek Parish, who disappears from the records toward the end of the century and apparently left no issue. (Note: Other sources say this Joseph was the one who turned up later in NC and was an ancestor of Will Rogers.)

The other was that of Richard ROGERS of Southwark Parish, who lived at Cabin Point, near the Charles City line. Richard ROGERS died in 1678; his will (27 Mar 1678/7 May 1678) mentions his sons John, Richard and William, and his daughter Mary. His widow, Mrs. Grace ROGERS, was granted probate of his estate on June 22, 1678. The daughter Mary ROGERS married John RIVERS, and they made the inventory and were appointed administrators of John ROGERS in 1697. (D & W 1693-1709, pp 138,140) William ROGERS, son of Richard ROGERS, d in Surry in 1701. His will, dated Feb 1700 and probated 2 Sep 1701, mentions his wife Elizabeth, sister Mary RIVERS, and "nephews" Grace, Mary and John RIVERS. (Ibid. pp 215, 225). As Richard ROGERS, son of Richard, does not appear in the records, it would seem that this family died out in the male line.

Holtzclaw believes the John ROGERS of Southwark Parish, Surry Co., ancestor of the family in the main article, is perhaps the same as the John, age 18, who came in the "George" to Virginia 21 Aug 1635. (Hotten, p 124). This would make his birth 1617. He was excused from paying levies in Surry Co. 6 May 1673 and 7 Jul 1674 as "an old impotent man." (Order Book 1, pp 23,59.)

John ROGERS represented James City Co. (then including Surry) in the House of Burgesses 1644-45 (Journals, I, p xviii) and he was left a bequest by Carberry KEGAN of Isle of Wight Co. 1657--"to my countryman John ROGERS of the Middle Plantation."

Other Surry Co. VA records for John ROGERS include the following:

1 Oct 1659--Left property by John DIXON (Bk I, p 143)

14 May 1666--Granted 200 A in Surry (Nugent, p 562)

26 Feb 1671-2--Called a Welshman who went into debt and ran away. (This may or may not be same John ROGERS. One was involved in Bacon's Rebellion and 18 Sep 1673 under commander Wm. ROCKINGS broke into John SOLWAY's house (D & W 1671-84, p 154); accused of taking property during the Rebellion that belonged to Robert CALFIELD and Arthur ALLEN (Order Bk I, pp 165-67); fined 400 lbs of tobacco 1677 by House of Burgesses for signing petition "The Grievances of Surry Co." (Journals II, p 114.)

1674, Tithables of Surry: "John ROGERS and his son"

1678, Tithables of Surry: John ROGERS and John ROGERS his son and Danll his son (William ROGERS shown separately on list of tithables by 1678; probably he was eldest son, b c1657-8; John Jr b c1660-61, m Hester, who appears with him briefly in 1684 (Order Bk I p 467); Daniel ROGERS, the third son, b c1661-2, probably d 1678, as he does not appear in tithables of 1679.)

John ROGERS married "probably rather late in life," according to Holtzclaw, Mary BOOTH, sister of Richard BOOTH of the Lower Parish of Isle of Wight Co., who with his wife Elizabeth made a deed of gift of land to John and Mary ROGERS "my sister" 9 Nov 1681 (Boddie, p 590). This John ROGERS last appears in Surry records 1682-83 when as "John ROGERS, SR., and wife Mary ROGERS, ye elder," he deeded the land that had been granted him in 1666 to Edw. GRANHAM of Isle of Wight. (Surry, Bk 2, pp. 318-19, 328,341; Boddie p 593) This account said that John ROGERS died without a will, probably soon after 1683.

Holtzclaw identifies William ROGERS b Surry Co. c1657-58 as the son of John ROGERS and Mary BOOTH, above. Information regarding each family is included with charts as given by this source as well as others.

Tithables of Surry Co.; Nugent, p 485; Wills of William ROGERS and Robert CARTWRIGHT of Surry and Isle of Wight (See Isle of Wight D & W 1661-1719, p 365, etc.). William m/1 (Mary, ye elder?) and had son William by her, but a deed in 1680's Isle of Wight shows William ROGERS and wf Dorothy. He m/2 1686 Elizabeth dau of Robert CARTWRIGHT of Surry Co. Robert 1st appears 3 May 1664 when he gave bond for est of Elizabeth CHIVERS, dau of Thos. CHIVERS, dec'd, (Bk I, p 234). Land grant to Arthur ALLEN 24 Aug 1665 mentions importation into colony of Robert & Richard CARTWRIGHT. (Nugent, p 458). Will of Robert CARTWRIGHT, Surry 10 Apr 1676 mentions bro Richard; Hezekiah BUNNILL; eldest dau Elizabeth, Richard CARTWRIGHT, son Robert CARTWRIGHT, etc. (Bk 2, p 106). Hezekiah BUNNILL gave bond for est of Eliz. CARTWRIGHT 6 Jan 1679; & 7 Sep 1686, William ROGERS, husb of Eliz. CARTWRIGHT, orphan, receipted BUNNILL for his wife's est. (O.B. 1, p 530).

Will of William ROGERS 28 Jan 1725/17 May 1727 mentions William, "son of my former wife" and ch: Benjamin, Robert, Elizabeth ELLIS, Mary BENNETT, Sarah BENNETT, Priscilla PROCTOR, Joseph, Jane, and "my youngest son William which I had by my wife Elizabeth."

The two William ROGERS--both possibly sons of John--are confusing and need to be studied. Holtzclaw notes:

1. William ROGERS, will prob Sussex Co 1770; sons William & Benjamin; Joseph ROGERS, s of Reuben; wife Prudence; dau Priscilla, wife of George BARRACK.
2. William ROGERS, will prob Sussex Co 1778, names wife, Mary; dau Elizabeth; sons Nathan, Reuben & Jesse.

Albemarle Parrish Register shows the following, more or less linked to above:

- (1) Ch of Wm. ROGERS, SR, & wf Frances:
  - a. Martha b 26 May 1741
  - b. Joseph b 4 Nov 1743 (Joseph ROGERS, godfather)
  - c. John b 12 Jan 1749-50
- (2) Ch of Wm. ROGERS JR & wf Catherine:
  - a. Frederick b 26 Aug 1741
  - b. William b 20 Nov 1743
  - c. Levi b 11 Jan 1745-6
  - d. Agnes b 16 May 1748
  - e. Sterling b 15 Oct 1753
  - f. Archibald b 26 Dec 1754

- (3) Ch of Nathan and Elizabeth ROGERS:  
 a. Randolph b 13 Jun 1759  
 b. Anne b 12 Aug 1762  
 c. Allen b 13 Mar 1770

- (4) Ch of Reuben & Elizabeth ROGERS:  
 a. Lucy b 17 Oct 1758  
 b. Thomas b 16 Aug 1762  
 c. Molly b 17 Jun 1775

- (5) Ch of David & Jane ROGERS:  
 a. Anne b 17 Jun 1761  
 b. Allen b 1765, ch. 17 Mar 1765

JOHN ROGERS of SC—Relationship to others not known—from "Seasiquicentennial Celebration May 23, 1971, Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, Org. Dec. 29, 1821" [A printed program], p 1. "Historical Sketch/Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church/1821-1971, Laurens Co. SC" by Mrs. McCuen Thomason; Chapt 1, 1811-1842:

"On Aug. 15, 1811, Robert McNEES, Esq., Daniel MARTIN, Sr., Susannah ROGERS and Arnold MILNER for \$3 did...sell...unto Lewis SAXON, Charles ALLEN, Benjamin NABORS in trust for the purpose of building a meeting house thereon as a place of public worship and for a graveyard...tract of land...24 acres...in the district of Laurens on the water of the Dirty Creek, beginning at a spring.... [DB J, p 257, Co.Clk]

"It is difficult to know just how the four grantors shared in donating the 24 acres. ...Arnold MILNER bought the land from Allen BARKSDALE, sheriff, on Rabun Creek. [DB M p 147]. Daniel MARTIN and Susannah ROGERS were twins. Susannah married Andrew ROGERS, son of John ROGERS and Margaret McNEES. Daniel and Susanna were born in VA, but Daniel MARTIN settled northwest of Laurens in the neighborhood of Chestnut Ridge and lived near where the church now stands. (The "Daniel MARTIN Family"—Laurens Co Lib) MILLS ATLAS of SC shows Susanna ROGERS had land on Reedy Fork Creek east of the Princeton Road. The property of Robert McNEES was part of an original grant of 640 acres by His excellency John Moultrie, Governor and Commander in Chief of S.C. to John ROGERS and conveyed to Elisha MITCHELL in 1793 who in turn conveyed it to Robert McNEES 475 acres on Dirty Creek in 1793. [DB D, pp 400-01].

"It is interesting to know that John ROGERS, the original owner of a part of the land...was one of several others on a committee to select a site for the county seat of Laurens. Also, the first county court held in Laurens County was held at the residence of John ROGERS June 13, 1785. Two of the seven Justices were John ROGERS and Charles SAXON; and Lewis SAXON, son of Charles, was listed as the young clerk for the court. (HISTORY OF LAURENS CO, SC, by Marion WILKES).... Lewis SAXON was Laurens' first Postmaster in 1795. (LAURENS CO. HISTORICAL SCRAPBOOK by the Garden Club, in Laurens Co Lib). He died in 1813, eight years prior to actual organization of the church and is buried in the family cemetery four miles west of Laurens...."

Note: It appears to this researcher that the above John ROGERS and son Andrew are probably related to the family of Joseph ROGERS of Northampton Co GA. But some say Joseph was a brother to William ROGERS, ancestor of Will Rogers. For that reason, if for no other, the Laurens Co SC records need to be checked further. The writer is also interested in knowing anything further about the Benjamin NABORS mentioned above. He is probably a bro to John Monroe Ladford NEIGHBORS, geef of Raba Collins. This NEIGHBOURS, NABORS family evidently lived near the border of Laurens and Newberry counties SC before 1830.

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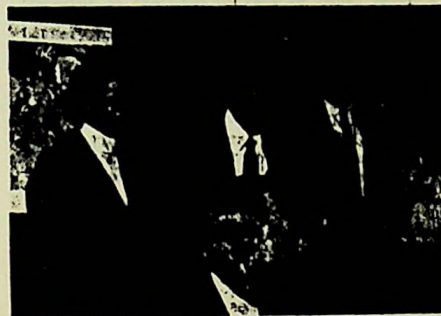
HUSBAND William ROGERS

Born 01657 Place Surry Co VA  
 MARR. by 4 Jan 1686 (approx Jan 1670) PLACE (w/1 1670) Surry Co  
 Died 8 Jan 1725-17 May 1727 Place Surry Co VA (will Book 7 - p 204)  
 Cemetery PLACE  
 Husband's FATHER John ROGERS Husband's Mother Mary ROGERS

WIFE 1/2 Elizabeth CARTWRIGHT

Born PLACE  
 Died PLACE  
 Cemetery PLACE  
 Wife's Father Robert CARTWRIGHT, sr Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Benjamin ROGERS	28 May 1744	Albemarle Parish	
2 Robert "			
3 Elizabeth			by Jan 1725 WIFE
4 Mary			by Jan 1725 James BENNETT
5 Sarah	by 1699		by Jan 1725 BENNETT
6 Persilla			by Jan 1725 PROCTOR
7 Joseph	01700 Feb 1752	Surry Co VA Northampton NC	Sarah/Mary
8 Jane			after 1725



At the Will Rogers Centennial Celebration in November, 1979. Mrs. Betty Rogers Brandt, James B. Rogers, Sr., and Mrs. Joel McCrea. Clem McSpadden, seated.

HUSBAND Joseph ROGERS  
 Born c1700 Place Surry Co VA  
 Marr. Place  
 Died W/F 18 Feb 1752 Place Northampton Co VA  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father William ROGERS? Husband's Mother Elizabeth CARTWRIGHT

WIFE Sarah/MARY ?  
 Born Place  
 Died 1747? Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 John ROGERS	by 1732 Oct-Dec 1799	Wake Co NC	by 6 Mar 1756 Martha? HILL?
2 Joseph ROGERS Jr	by 1732 1791	Northampton Co	(Will Sep 1788/15 Mar 1791)
3 Aaron			
4 Isaac Isham			
5 Reuben	1 Nov 1735 1829	Surry Co GA	15 Dec 1757 NC Temperance JAMES by Feb 1752
6 Mary			LOWRY
7 Drury	1737 1791	Surry Co VA Wilkes Co GA	1758/9 Tabitha
8 Michael	1797		Celia BOYKIN by Feb 1752 John TARVER
9 Sarah			
10 Faith	20 Aug 1740	Surry Co VA (Albemarle Par.)	

Joseph lived Surry Co 1740; deeded land in Bertie Co NC 6 May 1741 (DB "F" p 215, Bertie), but still lived Surry 1743 (stood as godfather to Joseph, s Ma & Frances ROGERS; also 1743 suit in chancery, Surry Co O.B. 1741-3). Joseph ROGERS' will (Feb Ct, 1752: "Births and Deaths 1717-1778 from the Albemarle Parish Register of Surry & Sussex Co. VA"; Johnston Co, NC Court Records) left s John 5s; son Joseph 300 acres; sons Aaron & Isham 1 horse, saddle, bridle & 20s each; sons Reuben & Drury a mare, saddle & bridle each; Michael a horse and great Bible; dau Sarah TARVER 5 s; dau Mary LOWERY 2 ewes, a ram and a loom "upon learning Faithey to weave well"; rest of land to be sold and money divided among Reuben, Drury, Michael & Faith ROGERS. Reuben & Drury to go to school 2 yrs; Faith 1 yr; and Michael "as long as possible." Sons John & Joseph, exrs.

#2: Joseph Jr.'s will names heirs: Mark, Olive, Michael, John & Mary ROGERS  
 #3: Aaron in Johnston Co NC by 1754; Ensign in Capt. James WOOTEN's Comp. His bro, Isham was drummer; Drury a Sgt. and Michael a Pvt, same company. (NC Col. & State Recs, 22, p 332.)

\*Ancestor of Reba NEIGHBORS COLLINS

HUSBAND John ROGERS  
 Born c1722? (by 1732) Place Surry Co VA  
 Marr. by 6 Mar 1756 Place Surry? Johnston Co NC?  
 Died Oct-Dec 1779 (w/p Dec 1779) Place Wake Co NC  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Joseph ROGERS Husband's Mother Sarah

WIFE Martha? HILL?  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 John ROGERS, Jr.			
2 James			
3 Josiah Hill ROGERS			
4 Priscilla		(her cousin)	26 Nov 1780 Michael ROGERS
5 Penelope			
6 Sarah (Sally?)			25 Nov 1781 Wake Co NC Jacob HERRICK
7 Rebecca	w/d May 1855		Wm
8 Mary			19 Mar 1772 Wake Co NC James HUSHMAN
9 Martha			CHIVES

Drawing in the Land Lottery of 1806, Hancock Co GA [listed in "Marriages and Land Lottery List, Hancock Co" by Houston] were the following ROGERS:  
 Ethelred 2 draws, Capt. Huff's Dist; Burwell, 2 draws, Capt Week's Dist; Micajah 1 draw, Capt. Week's; Pelay [prob Peleg] 2 draws, Capt. Candler's Dist; Simeon Capt. Candler's; Orphans of Michael, 1 draw, Capt. Candler's; Littleberry, 1 draw, Capt. Candler's; Elizabeth, 1 draw and Orphans of John ROGERS, Capt. Coffey's Dist, 1 draw; Sarah R. ROGERS and Orphans of John ROGERS, Capt. Coffey's Dist.

Marriages of Hancock Co [same source as above]: John COPELAND and Eliza ROGERS, 9/3/1812; Wm. LUCAS and Aley ROGERS 8/22/1820; Richard RESPESS & Rebecca ROGERS 2/12/1806; Collin ROGERS & Sarah Lawson WOMACK 3/21/1824; Martin D. ROGERS & Eliza W. ELEY 4/10/1828; Henry ROGERS & Lucinda DICKSON 12/13/1832; Benj. ROGERS & Eliza THOMPSON 1/2/1845; Ezekiah ROGERS & Minerva HYMAN 1/23/1849; Henry ROGERS & Mrs. Harriett A. HUTCHINSON 12/20/1849.

Note: CHEEVES, CHIVES may be same as SHIVERS, CHIVERS that intermarried with NC's PECK ROGERS family in Hancock-Taliaferro Co. Still pronounced as "Shivers," as in "Gold Shivers."  
 Some of these were in the section of Hancock Co., later cut off to Taliaferro Co.

- 1-7-3 Aaron ROGERS b 1726 Surry Co (prob) m Johnston Co NC (prob) d bef Mar 1780 (Estate papers, Wake Co NC 7 Mar 1780); m Sarah (HILL?); issue:  
 1-7-3-1 Sion ROGERS m Mary (Polly) PEERLES (she m/2 Nathan IVEY)  
 1-7-3-2 Ephraim b c1771 (# 19, 7 Sep 1790, bound to Rodham ATKINS to learn occupation of carpenter and joiner)  
 1-7-3-3 Frederick ROGERS  
 1-7-3-4 Durrall ROGERS  
 1-7-3-5 Solomon ROGERS (minor, 1780; James ALFORD named gdn)  
 1-7-3-6 Minsfred ROGERS (m? f?) (minor, James ALFORD named gdn after 1780 (Sarah, wid of Aaron, app't gdn for Sion, Ephraim, Frederick and Durrell ROGERS.) Aaron lived Johnston Co NC by 1754; served in Capt. James MOOTEN's Company of Johnston Co (NC) Rgt.
- 1-7-4 Isham ROGERS, m Joseph SR, b c1728 Wake Co NC; w/d 14 Nov 1804, Wake Co; m Prudence; issue:  
 1-7-4-1 Greene ROGERS b 1758 d 22 Jul 1842; m/1 Tabitha UPCHURCH m/2 Penina CLIFTON  
 1-7-4-2 Mede ROGERS  
 1-7-4-3 Beneger ROGERS m Wake Co 9 Feb 1801 Sally JONES  
 1-7-4-4 Sarah ROGERS m Wake Co 30 Jan 1780 James BAUCOM

(Info from Mrs. Fred Russell TARVER, Raleigh NC, 1970, says Isham ROGERS, m Joseph, had a dau Cynthia b 1782 NC; m bef 1808 Henry CRAWFORD (CRAWFORD) who d Knox Co TN 6 Jul 1844; Cynthia d Knox Co 15 Mar 1856, bur near Corryton, Knoxville, TN; their dau, Sarah Susannah CRAWFORD b 28 Dec 1808 NC, d May 1890; m 3 Jul 1828 Ransom Ruffin TARVER SR in Knox Co. Also, see 1-7-9 Sarah ROGERS who m John TARVER. They had a son, Samuel b 1759 m 1787-97 Charlotte GOFF (GAMF) and had several daus and 1 son, including Nancy TARVER who m Arthur CRAWFORD, above--ancestors of Fred R. TARVER, JR, of Raleigh NC.)

QUESTION: What is the connection of the following ROGERS-LOCKETT family as given in the LOCKETS, KITH AND KIN, and the family of Joseph ROGERS?

Dr. Augustine Claud ROGERS, b Forsyth GA 1811, d 1900, liv extreme SW part of Monroe GA; m his cousin Rebecca A. LOCKETT, dau Warren LOCKETT who m 1819 Nancy D. HILL; m/2 Eliza Ann FICKLIN/FICKLING [Rebecca's mother ds not proved; Eliza Ann m FICKLIN 15 Aug 1822; was wid and m/2 8 Sep 1825 Henry GIBSON. Warren LOCKETT was son of Solomon LOCKETT b c1760 d 1836 m Martha ALVORD/ALFORD, liv Warren Co GA]. Issue of Dr. ROGERS and wf Rebecca LOCKETT ROGERS:

- Warren A. ROGERS
- Lockett ROGERS
- Barry ROGERS (opened first bank in Jefferson TX)
- Thomas ROGERS
- Edgar Lane ROGERS
- Eugenia Pauline ROGERS m W.E.B. SEARCY
- Winnifred ROGERS m/1 Marion JORDON; m/2 MALONE
- Lula ROGERS m Eugene P. SPEAR
- Mary ROGERS m Abner HOLT
- Rebecca ROGERS m Norman POE

Monroe Co GA recs show one Brittan ROGERS as one of the first settlers of the county; he is bur near Rogers ME Church in lower part of the county, Culloden, where Dr. Augustine ROGERS lived, about 65 miles SSE of Atlanta. Use of given names plus location would indicate some relation. Any suggestions?

ROGERS

1-7-5

HUSBAND Reuben ROGERS (RS) [MS-DAR #6661A9; ancestor of Reba M. Collins]  
 Born 1 Nov 1715 Place Surry Co VA (Marlborough Co NC?)  
 Marr. 15 Dec 1767 Place Johnston Co NC  
 Died 1828 (1794?) Place Taliaferro or Warren Co GA  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Joseph ROGERS Husband's Mother Sarah

WIFE Temperance JAMES [No further on this JAMES line; read help--NC]  
 Born 24 Aug 1751 Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father JAMES Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
*1 John ROGERS	28 Apr 1767 1836	Johnston Co, NC Taliaferro Co GA	Married Co GA 1802/01 Nancy SWAIN
2 Faith	18 May 1771		DARROW
3 Mary	28 Oct 1772		
4 Clary	11 Aug 1774		
5 Nancy	3 Mar 1776		11 Aug 1796, Warren Co GA John SWAIN
6 Phoebe	15 Jan 1778		Frederick SWAIN 4 Sep 1810 Thomas LOCKETT
7 Temperance	21 Oct 1780		20 Jan 1820 Elizabeth BRINSON
8 Reuben ROGERS, Jr.	10 Sep 1782		20 Jan 1820 Frances GARDNER
9 Joseph	8 Feb 1784		12 Jan 1818 Michael COOY
10 Rebecca	2 Jan 1786		
11 Abner	18 Oct 1780		
12 Cullen	7 May 1780		Jane WOODRICK
13 Ananath	11 Nov 1782		
14 Sarah Ann	15 Oct 1784	Taliaferro Co GA	10 Dec 1818 Josiah SWAIN

Taliaferro Co GA (formerly Hancock Co, cut off from Wilkes) Census 1827;  
 Dist. 608 (Capt Alford's), lists:

John ROGERS--2-0-2-0-1-0-49-1  
 Collin ROGERS, Esq.--1-2-0-1-1-0-15-0

Will of Job SWAIN (NB B, Warren Co GA p. 47 prob. 1 Mar 1819) leaves to dau Nancy ROGERS, wife of John ROGERS, a slave named "Sherman." (Names Job's wife, Susannah, other ch., etc.) \*Ancestors of Reba WYCKBORN COLLINS.



1-7-5-7

## HUSBAND Thomas LOCKETT

Born	Place	Prob VA
Marr. 4 Sep 1810	Place	Warren Co (MBI)
Died v: 24 May 1841/18 Jul 1844	Place	
Cemetery	Place	
Husband's Father David LOCKETT	Husband's Mother	Sally Lucy WINFREY

## WIFE Temperance ROGERS

Born	Place	"Old ROGERS Homestead," Williams Cr., Conn.
Died 1846	Place	Beuna Vista
Cemetery	Place	
Wife's Father Reuben ROGERS	Wife's Mother	Temperance JAMES
Wife's other husbands		

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Gullin Rogers LOCKETT	1814 1893	GA (Sheriff, Marion Co GA)	Harriett JVEY & Isaac
2 Thomas LOCKETT, JR.	1815? Kid, CW	GA From Case Co TX	M. Hancock Co GA Mary Ann CHERLEY
3 Reuben Winfrey	22 Sep 1818 1877	Cleburn TX	1. Louisiana SANDERS 2. Tennessee LATTAMORE
4 Salomea LOCKETT	22 Mar 1821	Cleburn TX	1. Rebecca Ann SWAIN 2. Mary Susan HERRING
5			
6 Betty			
7 Rebecca			John JOHNSON
8			

SOUTHERN KITH and KIN: THE LOCKETTS by Jewell SCARBROUGH, Abilene, TX, 1951; also see JAMES-PEEK HISTORY by Reba N. COLLINS, 1975, and third Addendum to same, 1981, p 154.

Will of Thos. LOCKETT names 3 ch who may be w/l, Betsy SIMS; Martha M LEWIS; Green H. m 24 Sep 1829, Warren Co. Mary ENNIS, and Osborne LOCKETT, m Eliza Ann FARMER.

Williams Creek divides Talliaferro and Warren Co. GA. More data on Reuben's family should be found in both counties.

Last 3 ch named in WARREN CO HIST., not listed in LOCKETT book.

1-7-5-8 Reuben ROGERS, JR, b 10 Sep 1782; m 1810 Elizabeth EMERSON (she m/2 24 Jan 1844 Elias WILSON); Reuben's will prob Warren Co GA names wid Eliz; daug Eliz. ROGERS & Mary H. ASBURY. Wita: Edw. HARPER, Miles CARY & Jethro DARDEN. Ch:

1-7-5-8-1 Mary ROGERS m Richard ASBURY

1-7-5-8-2 Elizabeth ROGERS

Thomas LOCKETT was son of David LOCKETT who bought land in Wilkes Co GA 1785. d Warren Co GA 1796, will wit by Henry PEEK, ggf of Reba NEIGHBORS COLLINS. Father of David LOCKETT was Thomas LOCKETT who m Judith TOWNES, liv Buckingham Co VA.

ROGERS

1-7-5-14

## HUSBAND SWAIN Josiah

Born	20 Feb 1790	Place	Warren Co GA
Marr.	10 Dec 1818	Place	Warren Co GA
Died	10 Jan 1856	Place	GA (Marion Co?)
Cemetery		Place	
Husband's Father	Job SWAIN	Husband's Mother	Susan SMITH

## WIFE Sarah Ann ROGERS

Born	15 Oct 1794	Place	Warren Co GA
Died		Place	
Cemetery		Place	
Wife's Father	Reuben ROGERS	Wife's Mother	Temperance JAMES
Wife's other husbands			

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Stephen James SWAIN	20 Dec 1820 20 May 1868		29 Aug 1857 Susan Ann WALKER
2 Temperance	9 Oct 1819 30 Sep 1824		
3 John Thomas	2 Apr 1823		
4 William D.	19 Mar 1825		
5 Rebecca Ann	28 Mar 1826		
6 Nancy S.	31 Mar 1829		25 Oct 1859 Wiley WORTHEN
7 Susan Caroline	17 Nov 1830 16 Aug 1902		
8 Joseph R.	9 Apr 1832		
9 Sarah Frances	20 Dec 1833		
10 Margaret M.	22 Sep 1835		
11 Emily Bell	25 Jan 1839 12 Dec 1868		25 Oct 1859 Wm Washington DIXIE

Job SWAIN, RS, b Maine 1747; d Warren Co GA 12 Feb 1819 m Warren Co GA 1786 Susan SMITH b 11 Apr 1762, d Talif Co GA 27 May 1832; drew Cherokee Land Lottery as wid RS; ch: (1) John S. SWAIN; (2) Richard SWAIN; (3) James Grover SWAIN (1799-1867); m Warren Co 1823 Mary Ann BIRD/BYRD, dau Ebenezer & Elis, BYRD; had dau Jane SWAIN m James H. PEEK JR; their son, Ebenezer Jefferson PEEK m Jennie Lula JAMES, gp of Reba NEIGHBORS COLLINS; (4) William SWAIN; (5) Nancy SWAIN m John ROGERS (1-7-5-1); their dau, Susan ROGERS m 1821 Wm. Winfrey PEEK (s Henry PEEK d Hancock Co GA 1824) and had dau, Emily Aganath PEEK who m 1842 Wm. Francis JAMES, ggf of Reba NEIGHBORS COLLINS; (6) Margaret SWAIN m Warren Co GA 1812 James PEEK SR; their son, James PEEK JR, above, m Jane SWAIN; (7) Thomas SWAIN m Rebecca PRIGDEN; (8) Jonah/Josiah SWAIN, above. [Order of Job's ch probably not as given.]

ROGERS

1-7-7

HUSBAND Drury ROGERS (Sr.) (J.P., Wilkes Co GA, 1779)  
 Born c1737 Place Surry Co VA  
 Marr. 1758-9 Place  
 Died 1791 Place Wilkes Co GA  
 Cemetery Place  
 Husband's Father Joseph ROGERS, SR. Husband's Mother Mary?

WIFE Tabitha "of Johnston Co, N.C."  
 Born Place  
 Died Will: 28 Oct 1793/11 Feb 1794 Place Wilkes Co  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Drury ROGERS, Jr	c1759 bef 1785		No issue
2 Brittain	11 Oct 1761 22 Apr 1815	Johnston Co NC Monroe Co GA	Eliz LOCKETT
3 Burwell	c1762-3		
4 Tabitha	c1769-5		Samuel STOKES
5 Tabitha	1766-7 1831	Putnam Co GA	Bef 1793, Wilkes Co James KENDRICKS
6 Sarah	1768-9		WOMPACK
7 Cilla (Priscilla?)	1770-71		John RIMES
8 Faith	1772		STEVENS
9 MARY	b c1774		
10 Michael	b c1776		26 Nov 1780 Priscilla ROGERS
11 John	b c1778		

12-Eliz. LOCKETT b 19 Jul 1767, d 25 Feb 1845

13 James KENDRICKS prob b Chatham Co, NC, 1765-70, d Putnam Co GA 1817-20, prob s Burwell and Catherine KENDRICKS of Chatham Co, NC., and Wilkes and Wash. Co GA.

Drury ROGERS, Sr., Sgt. in James WOOTEN's Co., Johnston Co NC Rgt. 1754; sold his land in Johnston Co 3 Feb 1773 and in Oct 1773 applied for Ceded land in GA with wif, 3 sons and 5 daus, ages 1-13 (Davidson's "Recs. of GA," Vol. I p 12), settled near Wrightsboro GA and signed protest against "hot-headed patriots of the coast" (Knight; "Landmarks of GA," I, p 766), but when RW began, he and 3 oldest sons joined GA Troops for which he was granted land on Ogeechee Riv. in Wilkes Co. (Knight, "GA ROSTER of the REV, pp 149, 275, 237, 238, 391.)

Indenture by Brittain & Elizabeth ROGERS to Abner LOCKETT, all of Hancock Co, tract on S. Fork of Fort Creek, Hancock Co DB A-8, p 321, 28 Feb 1797.

ROGERS

1-7-8

HUSBAND Michael ROGERS\*  
 Born Place  
 Marr. Place  
 Died 1797 Place  
 Cemetery w/1 11 Dec 1791 Place Wake Co NC  
 Husband's Father Joseph ROGERS Husband's Mother  
 (d 1752, Northampton Co NC)  
 WIFE Celia ROYKIN\*  
 Born Place  
 Died Place  
 Cemetery Place  
 Wife's Father Thomas ROYKIN Wife's Mother  
 Wife's other husbands

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Tabitha*			11 Mar 1800 2
2 Rebecca*			
3 Allen*			
4 Alice			BERRY
5 Willie*	w/d 25 Mar 1812		None
6 Mary			14 Jul 1810 Wake Co Cyrus WHITAKER
7 Sarah			
8 Willie*	w/o 13 Sep 1803		None
9 Bennett			
10 Berry*			

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 Cemetery Place  
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2 Rebecca*			
3 Allen*			
4 Alice			BAKER
5 Willie*	w/d 25 Mar 1802		DRM
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7 Sarah			
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 5. William Rogers TARVER (John gave James and Faith ROGERS WOOTEN until  
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 7. ...

REFERENCES FROM "COURT MINUTES, 1759-1766, JOHNSTON CO., NC"  
by Wynette Parks Haun....ROGERS, TARVER, LOWREY

July 1759

12--Petition from inhabitants of Mockason Little River & Buffelow (sic) for a road from John Clerks on Mockason Cr to Thos. HOLLOWMAN's on Little Riv to John TERVERS ford on Muse Riv...jurors appointed to lay out road include: Matthew LOWERY, Edward & James PRICE, John TARVER, Aron ROGERS.

Jan. 1861

49--Aron ROGERS, Drury ROGERS, etc. appointed to lay out road to begin at James LEE's on Mockason Cr and come most convenient way nearest to TARNER's Road on News Riv....

Apr 1761

58--Sarah TARVER, wid John TARVER, made adm of sd husband's estate; James WOOTEN and Aron ROGERS security with 300 pds bond; she delivered inventory, ordered to sell perishable est of dec'd Tuesday in July next.

59--Deed of sale from Wm. MANARRING to John ROGERS registered. Sarah TARVER registered more items found since previous inventory.

Apr 1762

103--Aron ROGERS replaced as overseer of the high roads by Jacob BRACEWELL

104--Mary TARVER, (Sarah, above) adm and wid of John TARVER, dec'd, named guardian of her ch: Elizabeth, Frederick, Mary, John, William & Samuel TARVER.  
James WOOTEN & Aron ROGERS her security; 350 pds bond made.  
James WOOTEN sold land to Drury ROGERS; registered.

Third Tuesday in April, 1763

151--John ROGERS wit to sale of Land from Nics. HORN to Arthur HART

19 Jul 1763

155--Reuben ROGERS wit to deed from John WOOLEY to Joseph THOMAS  
156--John ROGERS on grand jury

18 ? 1763

161--Deed from Arthur HART to John ROGERS; recorded  
162--Grand Jury: John ROGERS, Drury ROGERS, Reubin (ROGERS?), Hunter\_?, etc.

17 Jan 1764

167--Michael ROGERS wit deed from Saml' SMITH to Joseph BLACKMAN  
169--Leon ROGERS' mark recorded--swallowfork in right ear, half moon under left  
172--Petit Jury: Drury ROGERS, Aron ROGERS, etc.  
174--John ROGERS, Math. LOWERY, Isaac, Nathaniel and Daniel HILL, etc., ordered to clear a road from near Harris TYNERS to cross Newse at Ths. Riches' thence to Crabtree at John BELKS ford

27 Apr 1764

James WOOTEN made adm of est of Jos. THOMAS, dec'd; security: John & Aaron ROGERS. Also, Jno. ROGERS, Math. LOWRY, etc. to lay out road near Edw. HERRON's most convenient way to Island Ford, near mouth of Powell's Cr, then to end of Parrilla rd at Granville Line

196--Grand Jury: John ROGERS, Math. LOWRY, Renald ALLEN, etc.

15/16 Jan 1765

205--John ROGERS security for taverns; for Phil. BASSETT and Chas. STINE  
208--John ROGERS & Samuel SMITH, JR grand jurors to Halifax, Sept. Court.

16 Apr 1765

218--Capt. ROGER's company ordered to give his list of taxables to B. Hardy, Esq.

16 Jul 1765

220--Aron ROGERS, Simon TURNER, David McCULLERS, etc. on Grand Jury  
221--Deed from John ROGERS to John CHEVLS and one to Thos. CHEVLS

July 1766

236--Deed from Jacob BRASWELL to Aron ROGERS; proved by Rubin ROGERS  
Deed from Aron ROGERS to Michael ROGERS proved by Thos. PRICE

21 Oct 1766

246--Job ROGERS on Petit Jury. Math. LOWERY and Aron ROGERS security when Sarah TARVER rec'd permit to keep tavern on her plantation  
248--Deed from Duncan BUCKHANAN to John ROGERS

21 Apr 1767

9--John ROGERS and Abram. HILL, Esqs., appointed JPs  
12--Aron app't overseer of road in room of James WOOTEN

July 1767

22-24--Aron ROGERS on Grand Jury; Wm. BRYAN, Jno. ROGERS, Jas. WOOTEN on Ct.  
28--Jno. ROGERS Esq., to take list of taxables in Capt. KIMEROUGH's; Jno ROGERS, Esq. to take taxables in Simon TURNER's Company

23 Feb 1768

40--Peleg ROGERS, Petit Juror  
42--Mary TARVER, orph., came to ct and chose James WOOTEN for her guardian. WOOTEN also to be guardian to Wm. & Samuel TARVER; bonds made  
24 May 1768

52--Aron ROGERS, etc., on grand jury

56--William COLVY to Michael ROGERS; 2 deeds; proved by Jno. ROGERS

Feb Ct. 1769

- 76—John ROGERS, etc. app't J.P. for the county by governor  
 78—Deed from Michael ROGERS to Jeremiah RICH  
 80—Aaron ROGERS, Michael ROGERS, etc. to lay out road from county line of Butte, from road that leads to Granville Ch, into road that leads from SUGG's old store house down Newse Riv...

28 Feb 1769

- 83-84—Jno. ROGERS Esq., on court; also Needham BRYAN  
 85—John ROGERS, Samuel SMITH, Mr. and Henry RAINS—one to be selected for sheriff of county for next year; John ROGERS to take taxables

28 Nov 1769

- 98—Michael ROGERS, Drury ROGERS, Mathew LOWRY, petit jurists

127-28—Drury ROGERS on jury; John ROGERS app't sheriff with security bonds by Michael, Isham, Aaron and Drury ROGERS; Michael ROGERS, Deputy Sheriff

136—Michael ROGERS app't guardian to orphans of Jno. ROBERTSON, dec'd: Elijah, Mark and Sterling ROBERTSON, and to take their estate into custody.

27 Aug 1771

- 150—Sheriff John ROGERS, Esq., complained about the Goal (Jail)

25 Feb 1772

- 162—Isaac ROGERS, Drewry ROGERS & John McCULLERS on Grand Jury

25/26 Aug 1772

- 176—Deed of Aaron ROGERS to Nath. CARY, proved by Jas. WOOTEN

31 May 1774

- 185—Deed from Drewry ROGERS to John HINNANT for 147 A  
 190—Deed from John ROGERS, former Sheriff of Co. to Robert MIMS for 100 A

28/29 Feb 1775

- 221—Entered into Ct. by James WOOTEN, Esq., account against Wm. TARVER, his ward; Sam'l. SMITH & Henry RAINS, Esq., app't to settle est of Frederick TARVER, dec'd. Michael ROGERS, Esq., app't guardian to Wm. TARVER

Volume III, 1778

- 16—Deed from Comm. of town of Smithfield to Michael ROGERS  
 75-76—Michael ROGERS, Esq., gdn of Wm. TARVER to state balance of est of Wm. TARVER (13 pds 17s. 8 pence); TARVER now of age

28 Aug 1780

- 146—Isaac ROGERS, etc. to be juror at next Ct.

ROGERS IN GEORGIA, 1793-1818

From EARLY TAX DIGESTS OF GA by Ruth Blair. Selected because they appear to be of the same family that was in NC a few years earlier. Page numbers from Blair's book.

1793

- Reuben ROGERS—Capt Campbell's Dist, Wilkes Co, 350 A, 1 free white from age 21; 2 slaves; adj LOCKETT (p 262)  
 James ROGERS, Capt. Buncley's Dist, Wilkes Co, 8 slaves; (p 283)  
 Tabitha ROGERS, 200 A, 7 slaves, adj. WOOTEN (p 283) (wid of Drury ROGERS)  
 Peleg ROGERS, Capt. Medlock's Dist, Wilkes Co., 100 A Wilkes Co adj THOMAS; + 30 A Wash. Co., Oconee Long Bluff + 37½ A, Franklin Co, Oconee, (p 276)

1794

- Burrell ROGERS, Capt. Campbell's Dist, Warren Co: 100 A + 100 A + 143 3/4 A + 143 3/4 A; 8 slaves, Ogeechee Riv, adj WOOTEN & CREAL (p 159)  
 Etheldred ROGERS of NC; Samuel ALEXANDER, agent for ROGERS; Warren Co, Capt. Campbell's Dist; 287½ A in Hancock Co, Dread's Creek: also 287½ A in Greene Co, Lick Cr, adj HARPER & ALEXANDER (p 159)  
 James ROGERS, Capt. Bunkley's Dist, Warren Co: 100 A + 100 A; 8 slaves, Ogeechee Waters, adj POWELL & CARTER; also in Capt. Gray's Dist, James ROGERS 250 A, Duwart Cr, adj ALLEN & ROGERS (pp 160, 173)  
 Reuben ROGERS, Capt. Campbell's Dist, Warren Co: 350 A, 2 slaves, Williams Creek, adj LOCKETT & PERRY. (p 156)  
 John ROGERS, Capt. Campbell's Dist, poll only (p 156)  
 Peleg ROGERS, Warren Co, Capt. Friend's Dist: 287½ A Franklin Co, Oconee Riv + 30 A Wash. Co. + 100 A Warren Co.  
 John ROGERS, Richard WOOTEN's Dist; Drury CADE adj John ROGERS on Broad Riv, in Elbert Co. (p 295)

1805

- ROGERS, etc. Warren Co, Capt. Neal's Dist granted John RHYMES 275 A + 275 A on Ogeechee Riv adj SWAIN (p 196)  
 John ROGERS, Capt. T. Mullin's Dist, Warren Co: 150 A, 8 slaves, Ogeechee Waters, adj RHYMES (p 197)  
 James ROGERS, Capt. Mullins Dist, Warren Co: 105 A + 105 A; 14 slaves, Ogeechee Waters, adj CARTER.

1812

- Britton ROGERS, Capt. Harper's Dist, Hancock Co; Britton ROGERS 20 A + 397½ + 272 A, Shoulderbone Creek (p 39)  
 Edwin ROGERS, Capt. Turner's Dist, Hancock Co; no land (p 72)  
 Eliza ROGERS, Capt. Connell's Dist, Hancock Co; 4 slaves, no land. Henry LUCAS her agent

## 1818

Reuben ROGERS SR, Capt. Hubert's Dist, Warren Co: 350 A, 4 slaves; on Williams Creek adj LOOKITT, etc. (p 252)  
 Reuben ROGERS JR, Capt Hubert's Dist, Warren Co. 160 A, 8 slaves, 2 pleasure wheels; on Williams Cr (p 252)  
 John ROGERS, Capt. ROGERS' Dist, Warren Co, No. 159; for James ROGERS SR, 320 A, 6 slaves Ogeechee Riv. Also for James ROGERS JR, 14 slaves, no land.  
 Hezekiah ROGERS, for John ROGERS, Capt. Harris' Dist Warren Co, 150 A pine land, clear Cr (p222)  
 John ROGERS, Capt ROGERS' Dist, Warren Co, 8 slaves; also for James ROGERS SR, 320 A, 6 slaves, Ogeechee; and for James ROGERS, Jr 14 slaves. (p 256)  
 Micajah ROGERS, Capt Neal's Dist, Warren Co: 252 A, 14 slaves, Rocky Comfort (p 235)

## ROGERS ANCESTORS OF REBA NEIGHBORS COLLINS

John ROGERS b 1617 Southwick Par, Surry Co VA m Mary BOOTH (May be m Richard ROGERS who had plantation Lanes Cr area 1668, w/Surry Co 1678 names m John, need proof)  
 William ROGERS b c1657 d Surry Co (will 1724/1727) m Elizabeth CARTWRIGHT bef 1699, dau Robert CARTWRIGHT SR of Surry Co b 1664; their s:  
 Joseph ROGERS b Surry Co (prob) d Northampton Co NC 1752; m Mary; their s:  
 Reuben ROGERS b 1 Nov 1735 Surry Co d 1829 GA (RS); m Johnston Co NC 1667 Temperance JAMES; their s:  
 John ROGERS b 1796 NC d 1836 Talif. Co GA m Nancy SWAIN, dau Job SWAIN(d 1819 Talif Co GA) s Susannah SMITH d Talif Co GA 1832; their dau:  
 Susan ROGERS b c 1803 GA d 1825-29 GA m 1821 in Wilkes Co GA (as w/2) William Winfrey PEEK (he m twice more; d Cedartown GA; two ch by Susan, only one liv to adulthood); dau:  
 Emily Asenath PEEK b 1825 GA (prob Talif Co) m 1842 Polk Co GA William Francis JAMES (her f built her a home just like his on plantation south of Cedartown, but it burned in 1890's); their dau:  
 Jennie Lula JAMES m Ebenezer J. PEEK 1880; mov Cedartown to Cullman Co AL 1890 where she had PO and general store; to OK 1900, liv Pott. Co); their dau:  
 Susie Ione PEEK b 1892 AL (still living, 1982)  
 m 1908 Robert Luther NEIGHBORS (b Hardin Co TN 1882, d Edmond OK 1960); their dau:  
 Reba Belle NEIGHBORS b Shawnee OK 1925  
 m Delmar L. COLLINS 1941; have three ch, 8 gch; live on grounds at Will Rogers Memorial, Claremore.  
 For more information on this line, write to the author at Box 157, Claremore OK 74017. Three books still available on the JAMES-PEEK FAMILIES.

Left, home built by William W. PEEK, still standing, Cedartown GA 1982.

## ROGERS...of Northumberland Co VA

## HUSBAND Capt. John ROGERS

Born	c1620 (p 43, 4 Aug 1665; see	Place	See Rk 15, p 161
Marr.		Place	
Died	c1680 (Will p/21 Jul 1680 see	Place	on 1678-98, p 70) Northumberland Co VA
Cemetery		Place	
Husband's Father		Husband's Mother	

## WIFE w/1 Ellen w/2 Anna (bef Sep 1668; she wid of John TROPLE and Frances CLAY)

Born		Place	
Died		Place	
Cemetery		Place	
Wife's Father		Wife's Mother	
Wife's other husbands			

Children by which wife?	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place to Whom
1 Elizabeth	1720 bur Cypress Pt., N'tham. Co		J. Wm. GREGG
2 John ROGERS Jr	bef May 1680	(See OB 1678-98)	Jane
3 Richard ROGERS	c1697 w/p 18 Aug 1697	Northumberland and Co	
4 Katherine	still liv 1654	given calf in s'w	Will
5 William ROGERS	liv Northumberland	and and Lancaster	h's wife DALE
6 Ellen ROGERS	1710	Lancaster Co VA	George HEALE
7			
8			

Capt. John ROGERS came from Eng'l...or from south seaboard of VA to tip of Northern Neck; Justice of Northumberland Co May 1655; Sheriff May 1665; Capt Militia 1670's (Mil. Rec, see OB 1666-78, p 274); Vestryman, Chicacoan Parish 1660; s; RB 14, p 47r, names gifts to ch 20 Jul 1674.

- 1: Eliz m Wm., s Thos. KEENE, d c1659, and Mary; she had William, Eliza, John and Hannah KEENE (Hannah b 1676 m Col. John BUSHROD b Gloucester Co VA d Westmoreland Co 1719; s Richard and Apphia BUSHROD whose dau Apphia BUSHROD m 1712 Lt. Col. W. FAUNTILERY and had son Capt. Moore FAUNTILERY who m Anna HEALE, see later)
- 2: John Jr left two sons, John (III) and William ROGERS; left under care of Wm. ROGERS and later care of Richard ROGERS and Mr. KIRNE (RB 19, p 251)
- 3: Richard and Jane had sons John ROGERS b 1676 and William b 1679-80; Jane w/2 Christopher NEALE). Rich'd Justice, Northumberland Co.
- 5: Wm's wife, Elizabeth, dau Edward DALE of Lancaster Co VA
- 6: Ellen s Geo. HEALE (d Jan 1698, St. Mary's Chapel, Lancaster Co) had: Capt Geo. HEALE Jr, m Katherine CHINN and had: Anne HEALE m 1736 in Lancaster Co.; Capt. Moore FAUNTILERY (see above); their dau, Ellen FAUNTILERY m 1763, Warsaw, Richmond Co VA; Wm. SYDNOR b 1734, Lancaster Co VA; their s, Samuel Griffin SYDNOR m Isabella HENNING (wid of Henry PEAKE); their dau Mary Ellen SYDNOR m 1822 Wm. Oscar PEAKE, M.D., her stp-bro.

Note similarities in names with those of the DOMING family in Northumberland Co VA. Sarah Ann ROGERS who m Capt. Thomas DOMING may be of this line. Need more research.

SELECTED ROGERS, ROGERS US CENSUS RECORDS OF N.C., 1790-1820, (A.I.S.)

Name	County	1790				
		Page	a	b	c	d
ROGERS, John	Brunswick	189	1	1	7	0
"	Currituck	22	1	0	0	0
"	Duplin	191	1	2	5	1
"	Granville	90	0	0	0	0
"	Mecklenburg	163	1	3	2	0
"	"	164	1	3	2	0
"	Moore	44	2	0	3	0
ROGERS, John C	Caswell	82	Not given			
ROGERS, John Sr	Duplin	191	5	1	4	0
"	Mecklenburg	163	1	0	2	0
ROGERS, Johathan	Gates	23	2	0	0	0
"	Hertford	26	1	2	3	0
"	Wayne	150	1	1	2	0
ROGERS, Joseph	Chowan	18	1	2	7	0
"	Franklin	60	1	1	1	0
"	Granville	89	0	0	0	0
"	Mecklenburg	161	1	3	4	0
ROGERS, Joseph	Pitt	146	1	2	3	0
ROGERS, Josiah	Chatham	86	3	2	2	0
ROGERS, Peleg	Wake	103	4	3	6	0
ROGERS, Reuben S.	Franklin	60	1	1	3	0
ROGERS, Reuben	"	60	2	1	4	0
"	William	36	1	0	1	0
"	Chatham	88	1	1	3	0
"	Craven	132	2	1	5	0
"	Edgecombe	55	1	1	3	0
"	Edgecombe	57	1	0	2	0
"	Granville	89	0	0	0	0
"	Guilford	153	1	0	1	0
"	Halifax	62	1	3	4	0
"	Mecklenburg	163	2	4	3	0
"	Orange	95	0	0	0	0
"	Richmond	46	1	3	4	0
"	Rutherford	117	1	0	0	0
"	Currituck	22	1	0	1	0
Ma. Sr	Currituck	22	1	0	1	0
Ma. Jr	Edgecombe	57	1	2	0	0
		<b>1800</b>				
ROGERS, Drury Jr	Pitt Co	278	1	1	7	0
"	Drury Sr	278	2	4	5	0
ROGERS, John	"	278	1	1	1	0
ROGERS, John	"	295	3	0	3	0
ROGERS, Ma. Jr	Pitt	132	Not listed			

"... I was always proud in America to see that I am a Cherokee, and I find on leaving them that I am equally as proud to see that I am an American, for if there is any nation earning a rep. abroad it is America. I have had arguments with every nationality of man under the sun in regard to the merits of our people and country... all these big fish stories are turned to the Americans, and you have got to uphold the rep. I am as ever your loving son. William Sydney, Australia"

Will Rogers to family Sept. 28, 1900

a-males, 16 up  
b-males, under 16  
c-females  
d-slaves

ROGERS, NC 1790-1820

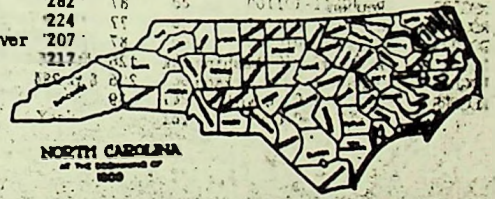
			a	b	c	d
ROGERS, John	Brunswick	43	1	1	7	0
"	Cabarrus	699	1	4	2	7
"	Currituck	147	1	1	3	0
"	Duplin	425	1	2	5	0
"	Mecklenburg	517	1	0	1	0
"	"	576	1	3	3	2
"	"	591	3	2	5	0
"	Person	200	1	3	5	9
"	Robison	414	1	1	2	0
"	Wake	760	2	0	3	4
"	"	760	3	1	0	9
"	Jonathan Gates	277	2	2	1	9
"	Joseph Cabarrus	701	4	0	3	4
"	Franklin	485	1	2	1	0
"	Northampton	471	1	2	4	0
ROGERS, Joseph Jr	Granville	530	2	1	3	1
"	Joseph Sr	531	3	0	1	9
ROGERS, Joseph	Northampton	471	1	2	4	0
ROGERS, Josiah	Wake	758	2	2	2	9
ROGERS, Peleg	Duplin	431	1	0	7	0
"	Peleg Jr	758	1	0	1	4
"	Peleg Sr	758	2	2	3	9
"	Reuben	482	2	0	2	0
"	Robert	185	1	1	1	0
"	"	187	4	0	3	0
"	Edgecombe	237	2	0	1	0
"	Guilford	671	1	0	1	0
ROGERS, William	Currituck	159	1	0	1	0
"	Duplin	55	1	1	1	0
"	Edgecombe	237	4	2	7	1
"	Halifax	338	1	2	3	0
"	Mecklenburg	514	1	2	2	0
"	"	588	2	2	5	0
"	Orange	529	2	0	3	2
"	Wake	757	1	2	2	0
"	Willie	759	3	0	6	9

"I have just come in from the train where I was seeing my wife off for what I think is her eighth trip back West since last June. The children are in school in California. You see, when I promised Mr. Ziegfeld to come in the Follies and assist him in Clarifying the American Girl, from what I thought I know of American Girls I didn't know it would take over three months to get her properly Clarified." from Weekly Article Apr. 15, 1943

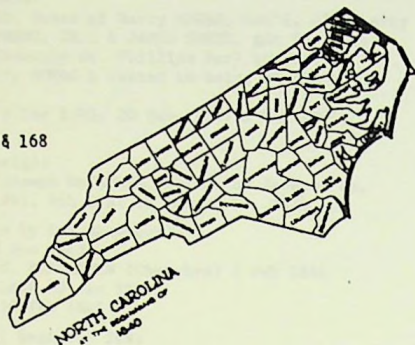
"Never blame a legislative body for not doing something. When they do nothing, that don't hurt anybody. When they do something it is when they become dangerous." from Daily Telegram Nov. 22, 1940

1820--Heads of Household Only--No ages listed

ROGERS, John	Mecklenburg	171
"	Joseph	171, p 189 & p 181
ROGERS, Robert	"	180
"	Anson	50
ROGERS, John	Buncombe	125
"	Robert	70
"	William	68
ROGERS, Robert	"	128
ROGERS, John	Orange	282 & p 358
ROGERS, Mary	"	282
ROGERS, William	Haywood	224
ROGERS, John	New Hanover	207
ROGERS, John	"	217



ROGERS	Reuben	"	218
ROGERS	Josiah	Edgecombe	103
ROGERS	Willie	Edgecombe	102
ROGERS	John	Cumberland	142
ROGERS	Ma	Rutherford	361
ROGERS	Ma	Pitt	543
ROGER	John	"	552
ROGERS	John	Duplin	184 & 168
"	Pelig (sic)	"	196
ROGERS	Jonathan	Gates	155
ROGERS	John	Cabarrus	157
ROGERS	Joseph W	"	155
ROGERS	Ma. O.	"	140
ROGERS	Druray	Lenoir	291
ROGERS	John Sr	Person	472
ROGERS	John	Nash	444
"	"	Robeson	323
"	"	Hertford	188
ROGERS	John C	Caswell	81



SELECTED ROGERS, ROGERS--US CENSUS, 1820--SC and GA--from A.I.S.

Name	Georgia County	page	Township
ROGERS	Drury	Irwin	214 Monticello
ROGERS	John	Bullock	13 No twp listed
ROGERS	J.	Chatham	66 Tx List, 1826
ROGERS	John	Quitnett	260 No Twp Listed
ROGERS	James A	Hancock	103 "
"	Simson	"	100 "
ROGERS	Britian	"	95 "
ROGERS	Osborn	"	94 "
ROGERS	Joh	Byron	3 "
ROGERS	John	Montgomery	60 "
ROGERS	John	Wilkinson	222 "
ROGERS	Joseph	"	221 "
ROGERS	John	Warren	278 "
ROGERS	Joseph	"	273 "
ROGERS	Reuben Jr	"	301 "
ROGERS	Reuben Sr	"	301 "
ROGERS	John	"	297 "
ROGERS	John	Jefferson	294 Louisville
ROGERS	William	Pulaski	70 No Twp Listed
ROGER	John	Tattnall	118 "
ROGERS	William	"	118 "
ROGERS	John	Putnam	96 "
ROGERS	Josiah	"	77 "
ROGERS	Reuben	"	87 "
ROGERS	Wiley	"	77 "
ROGERS	William	"	87 "
ROGERS	William	Washington	126 "
ROGERS	John	Nashxon	296 & p 284
ROGERS	J.	Burke	39



Tulsa, April 2--All I know is what I read in The Claremore Program. Town's booming; fine aeroplane field, all lighted. Oklahoma Military academy best polo team in the country. Claremore is the flowered city, and the exhilarating odors of roses are entrancing. The sweetest smelling town in the U. S.

Government loaning farmers enough to get teams, seed oats or corn and a milk cow. That don't seem such a terribly nutty scheme. Everybody that is making money has it in for Roosevelt. You will have to explain that one yourself. Yours,

*Will Rogers*

ROGERS	John	"	27	"
"	"	"	16	"
"	William	"	37	"
ROGER	William	Glynn	69	"
ROGERS	John	Wilkes	193	"
ROGERS	John	Morgan	342	Cooks Dist
ROGERS	Robert	"	386	Chisolms Dist
ROGERS	John	Lincoln	161	"
ROGERS	Jonas (7)	Laurens	5	"

1820 SOUTH CAROLINA

ROGERS	John	Laurens Co	16	000001-01110
"	"	"	20	000001-00000
ROGERS	Joseph	"	19	000001-01002
ROGERS	William	"	35	012110-32110
ROGERS	William P	"	35	111001-01001
ROGERS	John R	Charleston	27	211110-11101
"	Robert W	"	112	011110-01010
ROGERS	William	Edgefield	85	211001-21010
"	John	"	84	111001-21010
ROGERS	John	Newberry	134	100010-10010
ROGERS	Rubin	"	133	000010-20100
ROGERS	John	Sumter	113	410010-22010
ROGERS	John	"	120	300010-01000
ROGERS	William	"	119	200010-00100
ROGERS	John Jr	Abbeville	20	300210-00010
ROGERS	John Sr	"	13	000010-00100
ROGERS	John	Lancaster	187	310110-31010
ROGER	John	Chesterfield	127	00101-00001
ROGERS	John	Darlington	66	100100-00100
"	"	"	64	000101-01001
ROGERS	Joseph	"	68	210001-21010
"	William	"	67	200010-12010
ROGERS	Joseph T	Pendleton	189	100020-10010
ROGERS	William	"	194	200100-00100
ROGERS	Ma. Sr	"	194	001411-30101
ROGERS	Joseph Beauford	"	15	000001-10100
ROGERS	John	Marlboro	80	203012-11000
ROGERS	John	Union	151	001201-21010
"	"	"	126	000010-00011
ROGERS	William	"	151	011200-10010
"	"	"	150	201101-10100
ROGERS	John F.	Williamsburg	306	000100-00100
"	John Sr	"	306	000100-00100
ROGERS	John Sr	"	306	201001-22020
ROGERS	William	"	306	020000-13110
ROGERS	John	Marion	65	120001-30001
"	John Sr	"	65	001101-11201
ROGERS	Joseph	"	65	111201-30010
ROGERS	Roberts	"	65	200010-01020
ROGERS	John	Fairfield	154	100010-10100
ROGERS	John	Thry	138	210002-10000
ROGERS	Ma	"	139	220010-20010
ROGERS	Ma	York	161	200010-21010



ROGERS....from GEORGIA GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE, Fall, 1970.#38

Hancock Co GA Records, pp 333-38:

- p 333 (orig p 10) Mancil WOMACK, gdn for John WOMACK. John ROGERS, sec; bond for \$3,000 29 May 1802. Michael ROGERS, sec., 28 May 1803.  
p 338 (20) Priscilla ROGERS & Debena CHAPMAN, adms of Michael ROGERS, dec'd. Thos. HILL, sec; bond for \$8000, 1 Oct 1805.

Bullock Co. Records, begins p 295; (orig p 85):

- 7 Nov 1801-30 Jul 1804—Origin of Statesboro GA. Geo. SIBBALD, Esq, of Augusta GA sold to Joseph ROGERS, Drury JONES, etc.—commissioners of Bullock Co for \$1, 200 A, for the town of Statesboro.  
p 298 (98-99) 3 Sep 1805. R. 24 Sep 1805. Heirs of Harry MUNRO, dec'd, of Liberty Co....Charles W. ROGERS; John STEPHENS, JR., & JAMES SMITH, gdn for same heirs; sold 500 A in Bullock Co (formerly St. Phillips Par) to Sherrod McCALL; same land surveyed for Harry MONRO & vested in heirs of his bro, Simon MONRO, both now dec'd.  
(99-100) Joshua ROGERS bought 400 A for \$300. 20 Sep 1805/15 Oct 1805, from Wm. FLETCHER of Bullock Co.

Butts Co, DB "A", begins p 301 (p 202, orig):

- 7 Oct 1822 between Epoch ROGERS & Joseph WASHBURN, former of Jackson Co, latter of Jasper Co, \$500 for Lot #41, 4th Dist of Monroe Co, 202 1/2 A.  
p 311—"Fortyth Co Marriages" (with notes by Don Shadburn):  
John ROGERS & Charlotte BUCKNER 13 Jun 1843  
Jackson ROGERS (Cherokee) & Sarah G. BLACKBURN (Cherokee) 7 Feb 1844  
p 314—Cynthia ROGERS (Cherokee) & John LOVE 30 Jan 1845  
p 317—Albina ROGERS & Anderson S. BELL 16 Feb 1846

Greene Co GA, Misc Recs, Bk A, 1787-1801; begins p 319:

- [Greene created 1786 out of N part of Washington Co which was created from Indian Land, 1784.]  
p 320 (30-31) John ROGERS & others appraised est 17 Mar 1788. Capt. James ALFORD was adm...est of Stephen PARKER  
p 321 (30-31) John ROGERS, John ALFORD & David LOVE appr est of Duke GLENN 24 Aug 1789

Jobas Co DB "A" begins p 349:

- p 354 (235-36) 27 Jan 1808/5 Apr 1809 Benj. NEAL of Elbert Co GA to Josiah ROGERS of Hancock Co 202 1/2 A in Baldwin Co

Chester Co, SC, DB "A" begins p 366:

- p 367 (156) Concerns land formerly owned by Andrew ROGERS which he conveyed to his son, Arthur ROGERS, who sold it to Arthur HICKLIN who sold it to John SMITH (last sale Dec 1782--no info on when ROGERS owned it) 150 A on S branch of Rocky Creek in Craven Co; land vacant on all adj sides.  
p 383 (In "Queries") Samuel Riley DAWSON b c1784 SC (from Census Recs) m Polly Ann ROGERS b c1787 near Calhoun, McMinn Co TN

"Scientists can tell you just to the minute when something is going to happen ten million miles away but none of them has ever been smart enough to tell you what day to put on your heavy underwear."

WILL ROGERS

"Something ought to be done about those 'primitive' people who live in various parts of the world and don't know a thing but to live off what nature provides. You would think they would get civilized and learn to live off each other like us civilized folk do."

WILL ROGERS

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ROGERS

DB #1

- p 14 [orig. p 53]--Robert ROGERS of Northampton Co, merchant, to Jasper STEWART, same Co, planter; 17 Feb 1742; consideration; 240 A of land on N side of Falling Run for 200 A on S side of Ahots-key marsh, joining Thomas COWMAN, Richard BAREFIELD, Solomon BAREFIELD, David ROZER and the marsh all houses, orchards, gardens, etc. Wit: Richard PACE, Wm. PACE, David ROZER, Reg. Northampton Co, Feb. Ct, 1742. J. EDWARDS, Ct, Clk.  
[orig. p 54] Jasper STUART to Robert ROGERS [same ident as above] 23 Feb 1742, 30 pounds VA money, 240 A on N side of Morratoke River, joining John GLOVER, Thomas BRADFORD and John SPANN's former line. Wit: Rich'd PACE, Wm. PACE, David ROZER. Reg. [same Ct as above]  
p 18 [orig. p 82] Robert ROGERS and Mary his wife of Northampton Co to Anthony HEAD of same Co; 20 Jul 1743; 20 pounds current money of VA; 242 A more or less on N side of Morratoke River, joining John GLOVER and John SPANN's former corner. Wit: Richard HEAD; John DAY, Reg N'hptn Ct, Aug Ct 1743; J. EDWARDS, CC  
p 19 [orig. p 93] Emanuel ROGERS, mentioned as owner of land adj that sold by Osborne JEFFREYS to Elias WELLS, both of N'hmptn Co, on SE side of Bridget's Creek...16 Mar 1742.  
p 73 [orig. p 460] Emanuel ROGERS mentioned, adj. land sold by Elias WELLS to James JOSSY 3 Sep 1750, on east side of Bridger's Creek. Also adj George STEVENSON. Great meadow, McMIAL and Wm. WHITEHEAD--land "as by patent" to Osborne JEFFREYS.  
[Book # 2, below]  
p 82 [orig. pp. 44-45] John ROGERS, witness to sale of land by Richard WASHINGTON 8 Nov 1751, and of Wm. WASHINGTON of Granville Co to Richard WASHINGTON, JR of N'hmptn Co 18 Nov 1751. Other wit: James WASHINGTON [both Jr. and Sr.]  
p 85 [orig. p 61] Joseph ROGERS of Northampton Co to Samuel SANDS, same Co; 20 Feb 1752, 6 pence VA currency 182 A; joining Thomas HOWELL, Pine branch, Kerby creek, Wm. HART, & James TURNER, a Granville Grant to the sd ROGERS dated 22 Jun 1749. Wit: Nathan WILLIAMS, Aaron ROGERS [X, his mark], Reg. Feb Ct, 1752, N'hmptn Co. J. EDWARDS, CC.  
[orig. p 62] Samuel SANDS sold to Phillip CHAVOS, both of N'hmptn Co, 25 Feb 1752, 6 pence VA currency, 100 A part of a Granville grant to Joseph ROGERS dated 22 Jun 1749. All houses, orchards, fences, etc. Adj. Thos. HOWELL, the road, Wm. HART & Jas. TURNER. Wit: Nathan WILLIAMS. Reg Feb Ct, 1752.

ROGERS, Northampton Co NC, con't--2

- 92 [orig. p 98] Joseph ROGERS wit. to deed--Samuel HAYES of N'hmptn Co to Ben. WILLIAMS of Southampton Co VA 31 Jan 1753.
- 95 [orig p 111] John ROGERS "by the Island side" adj prop of Joseph DURDEN sold to Henry DURDEN of N'hmptn Co 23 May 1753 [on N side of Maherin Riv, joining Durden's spring branch, the low ground of the river, formerly John APPLEWHITE's land...]
- 99 [orig p 137] Absm. ROGERS & George WILLIAMS, wit to trans of Francis & Sarah BOYKIN & Richard HALL 25 Feb 1754, land on S side of Maherrin Riv, N side of Cypress swamp...
- 103 [orig p 162] Joseph ROGERS, extr. of Joseph ROGERS SR of Northampton, to John ROGERS of N'hmptn Co 28 May 1754. 50 pounds current money of VA; 400 A which formerly lay in Bartie Co and was made over to sd Joseph ROGERS, dec'd, by John PHILLIPS & Thos. MAY in 1741, joining Isreal JOYNER and the creek. [No Wit given] Reg. N'hmptn Co May Ct. 1754. J. EDWARDS, CC

[orig p 161] Ame ROGERS wit trans between REVELL & STEWART 19 Feb 1754 [other wit: James LEWIS]

104 [orig p 170] Absm. ROGERS & Samuel HAYES wit trans of John BURK to Wm. ALLEN 21 Feb 1754

107 [orig p 187] John ROGERS... sale of land from Phillip CAMERLIN to Wm. GODWIN 12 Feb 1755 18 pounds 15 shillings, 160 A on N side of Maherin Riv "as by patent to John ROGERS" and by him conveyed to Daniel CAMERLIN and given by sd CAMERLIN to his son, the said Phillip CAMERLIN. Wit: Wm. BATTLE, John TAYLOR, Joseph GODWIN. Reg. N'hmptn Ct, Feb Ct 1755. J. EDWARDS CC [same p, orig p 188, Wm. LEAKE had land in the Co]

111 [orig p 214] Daniel ROGERS of N'hmptn Co bought from John WILLIAMS planter of same Co 31 Mar 1755, 200 A for 28 pounds cash, adj the old Co. line, John HOOKS JR, and the Meadow branch. Wit: Chas. SKINNER, James MANEY, Nicholas BAGGETT. Reg. N'hmptn Co, May Ct, 1755. J. EDWARDS, CC

117 [orig p 259] Daniel ROGERS, Chas. SKINNER, Wm. SHERAD wit deed between John THOMAS of Southampton Co VA to Barth. FIGURES OF N'hmptn Co 26 Feb 1756.

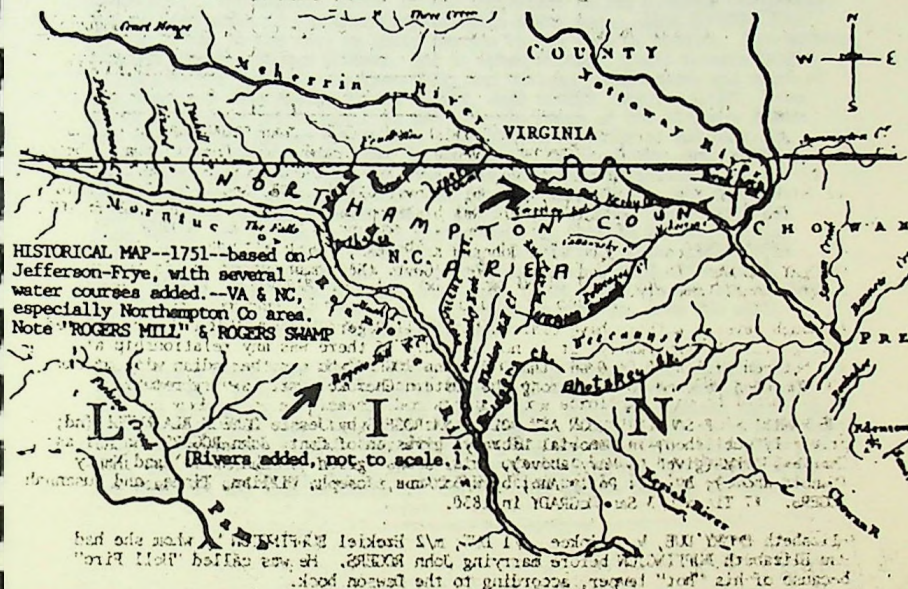
119 [orig p 277] Granville [ Grant ] to Joseph ROGERS of N'hmptn Co 22 Jun 1749, 3 shillings proclamation money, 300 A on S side of Maherin Riv, joining Kerby creek, other lands of ad. ROGERS & Thos. BOYKIN. Issued by E. MOSELEY. Wit: John DAWSON, Osbern JEFFREYS. Reg My Ct 1756, J. EDWARDS CC

123 [orig p 311] John ROGERS & Martha ROGERS of N'hmptn Co to Henry SAWREY of Sussex Co VA 24 Aug 1756, 65 pounds, 400 A on S side of Maherin Riv, joining Isreal JOYNER, a branch and the river, all houses, buildings, etc. Wit: James FAISON, John SMITH, John BRITTLE. Reg Aug Ct 1756. J. EDWARDS, CC

[orig p 313] Aaron ROGERS, John ROGERS & Martha ROGERS signed as wit to sale from SMELLY to MAGET 6 Mar 1756

ROGERS, Northampton Co NC--p 3

- p 125 [orig p 331] David ROGERS or N'hmptn Co bought from Wm. SHERARD of Edgcomb Co 3 Nov 1756, for 8 pounds, 120 A on N side of Uraha swamp and N side of Bear swamps, joining both swamps. Wit: John TURNER, James LASSITER. Reg. N'hmpt Ct Nov 1756
- p 129 [orig p 365] Joseph ROGERS & Joseph SMITH, wit to trans between Moses NEWSOM & Flood SMITH of N'hmptn Co 25 Feb 1757.
- p 130 [orig p 376] Henry WIGGS of N'hmptn Co to William ROGERS of Nancemond Co VA 19 Feb 1757. 15 pounds, for 100 A, adj head of a small branch and Richard WASHINGTON. Wit: Rich'd ANDREWS, Wm. BROWN. Reg. Feb CT 1757. J. EDWARDS, CC
- p 133 [orig p 398] Daniel ROGERS... Rob't WHITFIELD, N'hmptn Co, school-master to Priscilla LEWIS of same Co 30 Apr 1756, 150 pounds cash, 2 Negroes [Daniel & Mark], 13 head of cattle, Hogs, 5 sheep, 2 horses, books, furniture, etc. and the crop made on the plantation she lives on that she rents of Daniel ROGERS Wit: John JONES, Sarah HOWELL. Reg. May Ct, 1757. J. EDWARDS CC
- p 141 [orig p 464] Daniel ROGERS, Henry LEE, & Phillip & Wm. BATTLE wit to sale of land by Phillip CAMARIN to Elisha DURDAN 28 Feb 1758, 120 A in Maherin Neck on W side of Buckhorn swamp, joining the meadow branch, John HOLLYMAN & the swamps, land where Daniel CAMARIN formerly lived and left in will to Phillip.



HUSBAND Capt. John "Hell-Fire" ROGERS	
Born	Place
Marr.	Place
Died	Place
Cemetery Big Mulberry Bend	Place 20 miles south of Ft. Smith AR
Husband's Father Unknown	Husband's Mother
WIFE 1. Eliz. EMORY DUE; 2. Anna BRUNETT; 3. Jennie DUE	
Born	Place
Died	Place
Cemetery	Place
Wife's Father	Wife's Mother
Wife's other husbands	

Children	When Born When Died	Where Born Where Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
1 Charles ROGERS			1. Nannie DOWNING 2. Rachel HUGHES
2 Mary ROGERS (James?)			1. George HICKS 2. Daniel VICKERY
3 John ROGERS, Jr.			Elizabeth COODY
4 Nannie ROGERS			1. Leoney PRICER 2. Nalson B. GRUBB
5 Polly Ann ROGERS	1787 1854		Samuel DANSON d TX
6 Annie ROGERS			1. John M. FLOWERS 2. Thomas IRONS
7 Talihini (Tiana) ROGERS	1800 1830	bur Ft. Gibson OK	1. David GENTRY 2. Gen. Sam HOUSTON
8 Susannah ROGERS			Nicholas MILLER
9 Joseph ROGERS			

Capt. John ROGERS, Tory, fought with British under Capt. John STUART whose son was known as "Bushyhead." Capt. ROGERS lived at Ross' Landing near Chattanooga TN before 1817; settled AR 1819; married three Cherokee wives. w/1 was wid of Robert DUE, and dau of Ma. EMORY and Mary GRANT, gdau of Ludovic GRANT. (See Starr); w/2 was said to be from the James VANN family; w/3 was his step-dau, dau of Eliz. and Robert DUE.

#3, John, Jr. often confused with Johnson K. ROGERS, s/o John ROGERS and Sarah CORDEY who went to D.C. and served the US Govt. there many years and is bur in Congressional Cemetery.

Although several authors have claimed that Will Rogers and Sam HOUSTON were related through this ROGERS family, it is not proved. If there was any relationship at all between Will's lineage and that of Tiana ROGERS who was the Indian wife of Sam HOUSTON when he came to live among the Western Cherokees, it is very remote.

THE FAMILIES OF SAMUEL DAWSON AND POLLY ANN ROGERS by Jessie DAWSON BLACKWELL (nd; privately published; in Memorial Library) gives ch of Capt. John ROGERS and w/1 as: Charles, Arky (given as Mary above), Chief James (given as John above) and Nancy (Nannie above); by w/2: Polly Ann; by w/3: Anna, Joseph, William, Tiana, and Susannah ROGERS. #7 Tiana m/3 Sam McGRADY in 1830.

Elizabeth EMORY DUE, 4 Cherokee, m/1 DUE; m/2 Ezekiel BUFFINGTON by whom she had dau Elizabeth BUFFINGTON before marrying John ROGERS. He was called "Hell Fire" because of his "hot" temper, according to the Dawson book.

THE FIRST WHITE SETTLERS OF NORTHWEST GEORGIA, Part I, "First White Settlers in DeKalb, Gwinnett, Hall, White, Habersham, and Rabun Counties, by Robert S. Davis, Jr., Jasper, GA, published in NORTHWEST GEORGIA HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. Quarterly, Vol. 13, #1, Winter, 1981.

Material here is from the Governor William Rabun Papers, Telford Oxyler Collection, Special Collections, University of GA Libraries.

Letter from H. MONTGOMERY to Gov. Rabun, 3 Jul 1817:

Sir  
I have just returned from the Frontiers, and have sat down to give you the names of the white persons (heads of Families) who I find living on the Indian Lands adjacent to this Country....I did not visit the south west side of the Country, I had no expectation before I set out that any person had settled over the appalatchie, when I got to the Haa// mountain I learnt that the persons named in the Depositions sent to you were all in that Quarter and that they had been all advised to Return before Depositions were forwarded to you and had Refused...I had a Right to believe that the names of all were sent you, I was also informed that most of them had either moved in or were about to Remove with the exception of John CAMP and a few others

I then turned up the north west side of the County and the following are the persons I find on the Indian Lands in that Quarter....between the Stone Mountain and Chatahoochie River, are Silas McGRADY, John STEEN, and James STEEN Senn., and Clanton STEEN, in the settlement called ROGERS'S SETTLEMENT and on both sides of the Chatahoochie James SIMEN Junr., John ROGERS, John DEFOOR, a man by the name of BELL, two men by the name of BAGWELL, John WOODALL, WILLIAM WOODALL, Thomas WOODALL, and an other WOODALL....and Tabetha HARPER a widow Parker COLLINS, Jonathan GRAY, and William HARDEN above the mouth of Big Creek are John MILES, Thomas DOSSET, John DOSSET, Obadian LIGHT, James SMITH and Robert SMITH Junr., at and near the mouth of the Flourary Branch are Bud MILLINS, Robert SMITH Senn., and Thomas MC GUIRE at and near the Ferry at John LISSLY, Danl. MAY, Caleb MOSELY, Berjn. MURRY, John GATHARD, John WILSON and Hugh WILSON, on Flat Creek are Simon STRICKLAND, Lazarus STRICKLAND, Lewis CROW, Slon CROW, and Richard LITTERAL, on and near the Chestates are Freeman OVERBEE, Danl. SHORT, Noah LANGLEY, John MARTIN and Jese MARTIN and at and above the shallowford are William STOKER, William BATTY, a man by the name of HAWKINS, and John WAGONER, James ABERCROMBIA senn., James ABERCROMBIA Junr, Berjn. MORRIS, Henry MORRIS, John DUFFY, Henry BARTIN, Holly BARTIN widow and George DAVIS I did not see all of them, but the greater part of them I did, promised to come in, some few will, say about one in ten, the balance will not

there are a great many thefts which these people make to get settling on these lands - some Rent or Lease of Indians or Mixed Bloods others settle down on such place as pleases them and get some strolling vagabond Indian to live or stay with them they call themselves his Croppers, he is to hunt and they Cultivate the ground, they find him a Gun and ammunition they have the neat and he the skins, but it often turns out that he has two Hoggskins for one Deerskin and this accounts for the Frontier people loosing so many of

their Hoggas as they do others (if possible) more Lax in their Morrals and still less Delicate in thur taste will kill // a squaw for the privilage of thur Land and Range, he then becomes a Landlord he has his croopers, Tenants and Hirelings etc, etc thus a whole settlement Claim under him and what seems more adominable than all is that others give thur Daughters to the Indian fellows for the privilage of Living in their Country themselves of this Last and worst Class are John Tidwell and Noah LANGLEY the Former has given four of his Daughters to Indian fellows for wives and the Latter two thus a motly Race are propegating fast verry fast on the Chatahoochee and its waters....

(The treaty) prohibits all Citizens of the US or other persons from settling (on the Cherokee Land) without permits from the agent of Indian affairs.... those people have no permits, they are not Indians altho some of them try to look and act like them, and it seems that to get foothold in the nation by any of their ways which I have described has all the effect of taking the Indian Black Drink, it makes them inimicat to every person who Does not ware a long hunting shirt and moccasins or a Match Coat and smell like tainted Deer-skins.... If the Comrs. fail of Success in the present treaty it will be owing principally if not intirely to the Clamours of those fellows seconded by a few of the Mixed Bloods, the spirious // product of those Disgracefull and unnatural matches.

24 Jul 1817

Sir  
I have received Certificates that the following persons have either moved or are actually Removing within the settled Limits of the state (viz) Leads CROW, Jacob CROW, Levi CROW, Hugh WILSON, John WILSON, Erwin STRICKLAND, Simon STRICKLAND, Bud MULLINS, John MILES, James ABERCROMBIA, serr., Sion STRICKLAND, Lazarus STRICKLAND, George DAVIS, Edwd. HAWKINS, Wm. MASON, Wm. MORRIS, Baron MORRIS, Henry MORRIS, John WAGONAN, Howley BARTON, John DIFFY, Thomas ABAR, Wm. FLANYAN, Caleb MOSLEY, William BEATY, Jeremiah TENNON, S Freeman AVERY, and that William STOKER and John IFSSLY have permits from the agent for the Cherokee nation I presume it may be Calculated that all who have not Claims or pretend Claims to Indian protection are either already moved or will in a few Days

Part II, same article by Davis, same Quarterly. This letter from "Cherokee Indian Letters, Talks, and Treaties 1786-1838," compiled by Louise Frederick Hays, typescript Atlanta, 1938, WPA Project # 4341, pt. 1, pp 227-31.

Cherokee Agency  
13 Sept 1830

Sir  
.... I have inclosed you a list of Fifty four whitemen who have Indian familys, and reside within the limits of Georgia.... there are nearly as many more, if I could think of their name, or was acquainted with them.... The three first on the list are men of Considerable property and several others have a few negroes and some have Considerable stock--  
None of them hold any Office under the Cherokee government---

Besides those with Indian familys there are about fifty white familys who are living in that section, under permits from the Cherokee authoritys--the greater part of them in the employ of those who have Indian familys--

There are also about one hundred white familys, who have permits from me, to occupy (until further orders) plantations which have been abandoned by Emigrants from within the limits of Georgia--

There are missionerys (viz) Revd. Mr. Thomson and Mr PROCTOR at Ocmulgee, and Revd. Mr. BUTRICK and William THOMSON a Blacksmith at Hightower, and Revd. Mr. WORCESTER at Newtown a Baptist Missionary at sixes not recollectd, and a moravian Estalishment at Spring place and one at Ochkalgee but the names of the superintendants not recollectd....

There are also Jacob M. SCUDDER, Reuben THORNTON and Wm. S. DARVIN, Traders who have License from me, But who have nothing to do with the affairs of the nation--and several others who have licence from the authoritys of the nation as Pedlars or stationary Traders--

On the subject of gold digrs, The last accounts give the number at from four to seven thousand; Their morrals are as bad as it is possible for you to Conceive; you can suppose the gamblers, swindlars, debauchers, and profane Blackguards all Collected from six or seven states without either Law or any other power to prevent them from giving full vent to their vicious propensities, or think of Sodom before the arrival of the distroying angils--and you have some faint Idea of the morals of this place.

(Montgomery refers to the "Intercourse Law" which was designed to keep the whites out, but he complains that GA civil authorities refused to enforce it and even released those arrested by Indian agents. He says whites cannot be kept out until "the Offence is made highly Penal and executed with the utmost rigor.")  
H. MONTGOMERY

P.S. John WRIGHT has lived in the nation for upwards of forty years and it is probably that some of the others has come in almost every year for the last twenty five or thirty years Several has raised large familys IM

(Attached is the list of White men with Cherokee wives, including name, place of residence, and "remarks".)

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[This shockingly prejudiced report is included here because it includes information about the Cherokees. But it also illustrates the prevailing attitude of many whites toward the Indians at this point in history. Further study of letters, newspapers and books of the era will prove that this attitude continued in many places, even into the early 1900's, and helps to explain the conflict between whites and Indians. I may also help explain the inner conflicts of some mixed-bloods who were justly proud of their Cherokee heritage, yet forced to adapt to prejudice from both sides.]

Note there is no Robert ROGERS on this list which was attached to the letter by H. Montgomery. There are two John ROGERS—one with property and one "poor." Likely the one with property is the husband of Sarah CORDERY ROGERS whose sons were well educated and quite successful in their professions.

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## White Men with Cherokee Wives living in the Cherokee Nation (GA) 1830

Abrose HARNAGE	Long Swamp	Has considerable
John WRIGHT	Hightower	" "
Lewis BLACKBURN	"	" "
John ROGERS	Chatahoochee	A few negroes and large stock
John MOSLEY	"	Has enrolled for Arkansas
Parker COLLENS	"	Has but little
William WILLIS	Hightower	" "
Francis JONES	"	" "
Thomas A. CLINE	"	" "
John LANGLEY	Chatahoochee	Has some property
William COLEMAN	"	Has but little
Franklin THOMPSON	Pine Logg	Has a few negroes (Corra HARRIS born)
Tom Ben ADAIR	Hightower	" "
Harry VICKRY	Chatahoochee	Has a large stock
James A THOMPSON	Pine Logg	Has a few negroes
HUMPHRIS	Hightower	Poor
George FREEMAN	Chatahoochee	Poor
Stephen WHITMORE	Hightower	Has several negroes
Daniel LANE	Talamee	Poor
Alfred HUTSON	Hightower	Has some negroes
William REID	"	Has some negroes
John TERRILL	Chestete	" "
Reuben DANIEL	"	Poor
Uriah HUBBERT	"	"
Oswell LANGLEY	"	"
Daniel DAVIS	Hightower	Has a few negroes
PALSTON	Chestatee	Poor
STOVER	"	"
James LANDLUM	Hightower	Has a few negroes
Joseph PHILLIPS	"	One negro
Rev. Mr. TRAIT	"	None
Nathaniel WAFFORD	Chatahoochee	Has enrolled for Arkansas
Jacob WEST	Hightower	Has some negroes
Michael HUFFAKER	"	Has no negroes
James CHISEM	Oak Kalagee	sev
John BELL	Coosa Watee	Has a few negroes
Jesse BUN	Shumake	Has none
CONNAR	"	"
William WILLIAMS	By Spring	Has a few negroes
John WILLIAMS	Valley towns	" "
ENGLAND	"	" "
Henry NORRIS	Lookout Mt.	" "
Rev. Mr. SCALES	"	" "
Joseph CRITCHFIELD	Oak Kalagee	sev
Jere HORN	"	None
NICHALSON	"	Has several
CAPLAND	"	None
John F. WHEELER	Newtown	Printer, none
Thomas GUN	"	Not known
John ROGERS	"	Poor
SUTTON	Coosawatee	"
MORRICE	"	"
Manfield CHAMBERS	Talamee	"
DENTON	Shumake	"

SELECTED ITEMS FROM: "CHEROKEE EMIGRATION ROLLS 1817-1835"  
Transcribed by Jack D. Baker, Oklahoma City, 1977

(Names of those who voluntarily enrolled as emigrants for the Arkansas Country and relinquished claims to land east of the Mississippi River in accordance to the treaty signed 8 July 1817.)

Date	No.	Name	Family	Residence
1817	19	Capt. Charles ROGERS	16	Mouse Creek
24 Dec	40	John Jolley	18	Tennessee River
26 "	72	James ROGERS	8	Hiwassee
1818 Jan	110	Daniel MCCOY	1	Creekpath
May	139	James McDaniel	1	Ooltewah
"	165	Nancy ROGERS, SR	1	Hiwassee
"	315	John ROGERS	10	Tennessee River
"	316	George GESS	12	Willstown
"	318	Edward BROWN	1	Creekpath
Oct	436	Thomas CHISHOLM	10	Creekpath
"	486	Joseph LOWERY (died)	1	Sautee
"	501	Wm. McDANIEL	10	Tennessee
Nov	569	John BROWN SR	12	Creekpath
"	570	John BROWN JR	4	"
"	605	Arthur COODY	2	Near SW Point
"	606	Thomas STARR	5	Big Spring
Dec	618	Charles COODY	5	8 miles above Point
"	625	Wm. THORNTON	1	Tennessee River
"	626	Thomas Fields	6	Near Bushyhead's
"	627	BUSHYHEAD	8	Mouse Creek
"	636	Alexander BROWN	3	Creekpath Town
"	639	Richard MCCOY	4	Port Deposit
"	640	Isaac HENSLEY	3	Sautee Cave
"	664	Samuel McDANIEL	1	Ooltewee Creek
1819 Mar	672	David GENTRY	9	Hiwassee River
Mar	674	James ROGERS	1	Tallico
May	679	Lewis ROGERS	1	Teesum Creek
Voluntary enrollment 6 May 1828				
1828 Oct	9	Charles THORNTON	3	Candy Creek, TN
Oct	10	William PETIT		
Nov	15	Tom WILLIAMS	1	Creek Path ALA
"	18	Lumy RILEY (Luney) (1 delivered)	8	Hiwassee TN
"	19	Madison RILEY	1	"
Dec	29	Polly FIELDS	1	"
1929/Jan	37	John BROWN (1 died; 23 blacks)	4	Creekpath ALA
"	57	James COODY	6	Hiwassee TN
"	66	Moses McDANIEL	1	Creekpath ALA
Feb	70	Wilson RILEY, wid. RILEY (8 Negroes)	13	Creekpath ALA (1 died)
Nov	87	Jacob HARNAGE	1	Savannah GA
Dec	100	Sam McDANIEL	1	TN Riv TN
1832/Jan	110	J.M. BRYAN	8	Two Run Creek GA
"	114	John DOWNING	1	Hightower GA
Voluntary Enrollment 6 May 1828 (Separate roll for some reason)				
1829/Jan	4	Ann BROWN	3	Coosa GA
Feb	7	Jiry ROGERS	4	Chatahoochee GA
"	10	Jesse PARRIS	6	"

## 2--Selected names from Cherokee Emigration Rolls

Date	Name	White	Reds	Black	Total	Residence
Mar 14	Richard ROGERS (Relationship?)	3				Big Tallipoosa GA
" 15	Lucy ROGERS (Lucy CORDERY ROGERS)	2				"
" 16	John ROGERS (son of Lucy)	1				"
" 17	Robert ROGERS (son of Lucy)	1				"
" 18	James ROGERS (son of Lucy)	1				"
" 19	Alexander McDANIEL (2 blk) s-i-1 of Lucy	5				"
1829 / Mar 23	Moses PETTIT	1				Hightower
" 24	Joel KIRBY	5				Cedar Creek GA
" 26	Edward HICKS	1				"
Jul 29	Thomas STARR	8				Cooyuholla GA
" 31	Bluford WEST	2				Sweetwater GA
" 32	Moses ALBERTY (25 blacks)	9				Hightower GA
Sep 41	Ave VAN (22 blacks)(Avery VANN??)	11				Beaver Pond GA
" 43	Andrew M. VANN	1				"
" 49	J. VANN (9 blacks)	5				"
" 60	Alexander JORDAN	3				Tarripin Creek ALA
" 66	George VANN	1				Cedar Creek GA
" 67	Samuel CHAMBERS	4				"
" 78	Ann BROWN	2				Hightower GA
Oct 96	John ALBERTY	1				Hightower GA
" 97	John ALBERTY (5 slaves)	5				"
" 99	Early CORDY	1				"
Nov 102	Clement VANN	1				Beaver Pond GA
Dec 105	Edward ADAIR (2 slaves)	8				Shoemake GA
" 107	Smith THORNTON	1				Shoemake Creek GA
" 108	Nancy THORNTON	1				"
" 109	Susan SAUNDERS	1				Cedar Creek GA
1830/May 111	John MOSELEY	6				Chattahoochie GA
Dec 112	Avy McDANIEL (wid, had a plantation)	3				Notly Old Town GA
" 113	Seely McDANIEL (wife of Moses)	2				"
SEPARATE ROLL, 1831	Date of Signing still the same - 6 May 1828					
Oct 2	John SCHRIMPSHER	1	7		8	Conasauga GA
" 3	Joseph M STARR	1		1	2	Quaholly GA
Sep 9	George BUSHYHEAD	3			3	Mouse Creek TN
" 13	Moses PARRIS	7			7	Hightower GA
" 14	Aaron PARRIS	2			2	TN Cr, Little River
" 15	George W. PARRIS	1			1	Hightower GA
Oct 16	George PARRIS SR	2			2	Baldrigges GA
" 17	Penny Langley & dau	1			2	? Not given
" 18	Nancy PARRIS	2			2	Near Langley's
" 22	John RAPER	1	5		6	Crying Town
" 24	Thomas PETTIT, JR	4			4	Hightower GA
Nov 29	Alsy RAPER & Jesse (husb)5(husb wh)	6			6	Salacoa GA
" 33	Benj. PETTIT	7			7	Hightower GA
" 34	Charles VANN	1			1	Hightower GA
" 35	George VANN	2			2	"
" 46	Katy PETTIT	1	5		6	"
" 46	Washington PETTIT	1			1	"
Dec 56	Charles DOWNING	1			1	Salacoa Creek
" 58	Betsy LANTLEY	3	2		5	Chatahoochee

## 3--Selected names from Cherokee Emigration Rolls

Date	No	Name	White	Reds	Black	Total	Residence
1832/Jan 71		James PETTIT		1		1	Hightower
" 83		Eli HARLIN		2		2	Vann's Creek
" 97		Charles McDANIEL		1		1	Holly Creek (GA?)
" 98		George W. HARNAGE		1		1	Long Swamp
"		William HARNAGE		1		1	"
" 100		Edward VANN		3		3	Coosa
Feb 105		Isaac VANN		8		8	"
" 106		Malasiah PARRIS		1		1	Noonday Creek
" 107		Mrs. SCHRIMPSHER		8		8	Conasauga
" 115		John VANN		1		1	Coosa River
" 120		Samuel ADAIR		5		5	Onholaga GA
" 127		Edw. BEAN & Mary		2		2	Hightower
" 135		John RAPER		4		4	New Town
1832/Feb 139		John DOWNING		3	28	31	Big Savannah
Mar 151		Jenny CRITTENTON		1		1	Hightower
" 153		James "		1		1	"
" 166		Nat DOWNING		5		5	Shoal Creek
" 174		Robert PARRIS		1		1	Noonday Creek
" 185		Benj. DOWNING		1		1	Chestotee
Jun 203		Ambrose HARNAGE	1	4	20	25	Long Swamp
" 204		John HARNAGE		1		1	"
" 205		Charles FIELDS		7	1	8	Coosa

## SIGNED TO LEAVE, VOLUNTARILY, 1832--From GA, ALA, TN &amp; NC

Date	No	Name	Males	Female	Slave	Total	Residence
1833/May 1		William HICKS	1			1	Okhaloga GA
Sep 21		John McDANIEL	1			1	Mouse Creek
" 43		Sam DOWNING	1			1	Chicamauga TN
Oct 62		Green ROGERS	1			1	Chatata TN
" 65		James McDANIEL & Rachel		3	5	8	Chicamauga TN
" 68		George BUSHYHEAD	1			1	Mouse Creek
Nov 79		John & Martha McDANIEL		1		1	Conasauga TN
" 80		James McDANIEL	3	7	6	16	Mouse creek TN
" 82		Isaac BUSHYHEAD	2	3		5	"
" 86		Martin DOWNING	6	3		9	Holly Creek GA
Sep 106		John FIELDS	3	5	3	11	Forks of Coosa GA
Nov 116		Thompson DOWNING & mother		1		1	Long Savannah TN
" 121		Joseph COODY	1	1		2	Chatata TN
Dec 140		Felix RILEY	2	4	1	7	Coosa Riv ALA
" 149		Thomas FIELDS	5	7		12	Mouse Creek
" 153		Nancy BUSHYHEAD	1	1		2	Conasauga TN
" 162		Saml. McDANIEL	1	1		2	Lookout Mt TN
" 168		James STARR	10	5	3	18	"
" 174		Mary VANN	2	3	51	56	Coosawattie GA
" 181		A.J. McDANIEL	1			1	Chicamauga TN
" 188		Robert B. VANN	3			3	Nickajack TN
" 191		Arche McDANIEL	1			1	Lookout Mt
" 204		John WEST	1		2	3	Bend ALA
" 241		Jesse BUFFINGTON	1	1		2	Brass Town NC
1834/Feb 284		Robert BRONN	1			1	Chatowga Valley (AL?)
" 297		Ezekial BUEFFINGTON & Lydia		2	5	7	Will's Valley
" 301		Adam & Eleanor BIBLE		4	2	6	Nicojack TN

Date	No	Name	Males	Female	Slave	Total	Residence
"	330	Alexr. McDANIEL	4	3	1	8	Nawtaly NC
"	334	Danl. McDANIEL	2	3		5	"
1834/Feb	351	Letha DOWNING		3		3	Salacoa GA
"	352	William VANN	5	1	6	3	"
"	362	George Harlin	1	1	5	7	Coosawatee GA
"	364	George VANN	1			1	Oogaloga GA

ADDITIONAL INFO ON SELECTED FAMILIES--Emigrated with B.F. CURREY, Esq.  
(nd-but prob c1832)

John SCHRIMSHER 3 m (-10) 1 m (-50); 2 f (-10), 1 (-25), 1 (-50)  
 Charles VANN 1 m under 25; draft drawn to John JORDAN  
 William SCHRIMSHER 2 m (-10), 1 (-25), 1 (-50); f: 3 (-10), 1 (-50) Draft to J. JORDAN  
 John VANN SR 1 male over 50; draft to Moses CAMPBELL  
 Edward VANN 1 male under 25; 2 f under 50;  
 John ROGERS 2 m (-10); 1 m (-50); 0 f; draft to John ROGERS  
 John DOWNING 2 m (-10), 1 m (-50); 0 f; 5 slaves; draft to Duval & Carns  
 Samuel DOWNING 1 male under 25  
 Green ROGERS 1 male under 25; died  
 Rim FAWLING 1 male under 25  
 Edward FALLING 1 male under 10, 1 m under 50; 1 F under 50; 4 slaves;  
 draft to Edw FALLING (Each Indian paid \$32.50, draft on U.S. War Dept.)

REMOVED BY COMMUTATION AND CAME BY THEMSELVES:

Robert B VANN 1 m under 50, arr. 14 May 1834

AFTERWORD

As we reach the end of this massive publication effort, we are overwhelmed by the work that remains to be done.

In spite of the thousands of hours we have spent checking dates and proofreading, we still find errors, so we know there are more "bugs" hiding in there someplace. For these, we apologize.

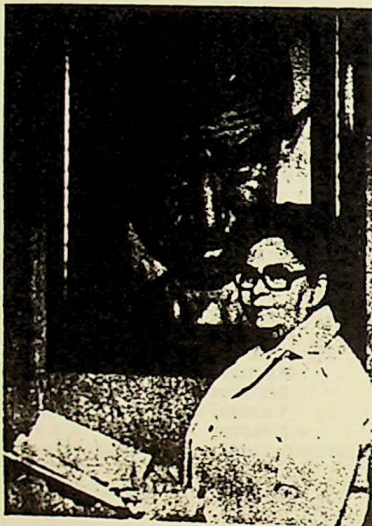
Also, as a former English and Journalism professor, I am well aware that we should have been more consistent in abbreviations, style, etc. For lack of time, we used whatever typing element was handiest. If time permitted, we would go back to the beginning and type it all over!

We hope, however, that the overall contents of the book will be of such value to you that you forgive us our shortcomings.

Please do feel free to send corrections and additions. With your help, we will attempt more volumes in the future.

My best to you all...

*Reba Collins*



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*IN MEMORY OF WILL ROGERS*

Will Rogers passes.  
 Stilled the laughter and the jest.  
 Closed the twinkling eye.  
 North and south and east and west  
 Sorrow passes by.  
 Men whom he had never met  
 Stand in groups and say  
 With genuine regret:  
 "Will Rogers died today."  
 There's hush upon the land!  
 Where with laughter glad  
 Men and women used to stand  
 Every heart is sad.  
 Strange in such a little while  
 He should have to die.  
 Yesterday he made men smile.  
 Now for him they sigh.  
 Above the din the traffic flies  
 Sorrow's fateful word,  
 What is that the newsboy cries?  
 Have we rightly heard?  
 Stunned and saddened by the blow  
 Of the news they send.  
 Rich and poor and high and low  
 Mourn him as a friend.

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Erik Brandings of Will Rogers.  
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