

THE GENTRY FAMILY

The earliest known ancestors of our Gentry line were James Gentry, born in Kentucky and Susanna, his wife, born in Tennessee. The date of their marriage was prior to 1832 since the date of birth of their first child of record was about 1832. The place of their marriage is not known. It could have been in Kentucky, Tennessee or possibly somewhere in Indiana since, according to the 1850 census, their first six children were born in that state. By 1846 the family was living in Missouri. The 1850 census shows them living in the Bonhomme Township, St. Louis County, Missouri in the household of Michael Clark. There were nine children in the family at this time. Many families migrating into Missouri stopped in St. Louis County to grow and harvest crops from the rich Bonhomme "bottoms" before proceeding on to new lands.

Their seventh child, Andrew, was born in Missouri, possibly in St. Louis County but the census of 1860 shows the family living in Macon County, Missouri. Then, sometime between 1860 and 1865, the family moved to Wayne County, Missouri. Susanna died there in February of 1865. They must have lived in the eastern part of Wayne County because she is buried just over the county line in Bollinger County in the Kinder Cemetery.

The 1870 census shows James Gentry, Widower, living in the household of his son, James Lewis Gentry, in Wayne County, Missouri.

The James Gentry family genealogy, what I know of it, is as follows:

(1.) James Gentry

- b. abt 1809 in Kentucky (according to the 1850 and 1860 census records but, in later census records his children list his birth place as Tennessee in the 1870 and 1910 censuses and Virginia in the 1880 census.)
- m. abt 1830 to (2.) Susanna (Susannah)
 - b. 22 December 1809 in Tennessee
 - d. 11 February 1865 in Missouri (probably in Wayne County)
 - bur. February 1865 in the Kinder Cemetery at Glen Allen, Bollinger County, Missouri (adjacent to Wayne County to the east)
- d. aft 1870

Their children:

- I. (3) William M. Gentry
 - b. abt 1832 in Indiana
- II. (4) Marten (Martin) S. Gentry
 - b. abt 1834 in Indiana
 - m. Maegart (Margaret) M. Gafton, 14 April 1859 in Macon County, Missouri
- III. (5) Rebecca Ann Gentry
 - b. abt 1836 in Indiana
 - m. 5 September 1858 to William R. Brock in Randolph County, Missouri (this is presumed because the marriage license was issued in Randolph County)
- IV. (6) John Gentry

- b. abt 1838 in Indiana
- V. (7) James Lewis Gentry
 - b. September 1840 somewhere in Indiana
 - m. abt 1865 to (8) Harriet L. Morgan (the exact date is unknown as is the location but, it could have been in Wayne County, Missouri)
- VI. (9) Elizabeth Gentry
 - b. abt 1842 in Indiana
- VII. (10) Andrew T. (or J.) Gentry
 - b. abt 1845 in Missouri, possibly in St. Louis County
- VIII. (11) Maria A. Gentry
 - b. abt 1847 in Missouri, possibly in St. Louis County
- IX. (12) Susanna Gentry
 - b. abt 1849 in Missouri, possibly in St. Louis County
- X. (13) Nancy Gentry
 - b. abt 1853 in Missouri, possibly in Macon County
- XI. (14) Alford D. Gentry
 - b. abt 1855 in Missouri, probably in Macon County

(3) William M. Gentry, James and Susanna's first child is believed to have married a Liddy Ann Metcalf 21 July 1853 in Macon County, Missouri and may have spelled his name Gentry. However, nothing is actually known about him after the 1850 census record.

(4) Martin S. Gentry married Maegart (or Margaret) M. Gafton 14 April 1859 in Macon County, Missouri. He is found in the 1860 Census of that county with his wife Margaret and daughter, Nancy E. (one month old) and living two families away from James and Susanna Gentry. Nothing more is known of this family.

(5) Rebecca Ann Gentry, it is believed, married William R. Brock 5 September 1858. The 1860 census of Macon County, Missouri lists this family as living next to James and Susanna Gentry on one side and Martin and Margaret Gentry on the other side. However, there are two children listed in this family who must have been children of a previous marriage since their ages were seven and five years old - too old to have been born of this marriage if the marriage date of 1858 is correct and assuming that the Rebecca Gentry who married William R. Brock is the daughter of James and Susannah Gentry. Rebecca's age in this record coincides with the age of James and Susanna's daughter, Rebecca, and her birth place is given as Indiana and the fact that she and William were living in close proximity to James and Susannah and to Marten and Margaret Gentry makes the assumption reasonable. The children's names were John G. (age 7) and Susan G. (age 5), both born in Missouri.

(7) James Lewis Gentry, (our ancestor) fourth son and fifth child of James and Susanna Gentry, was born in September of 1840 somewhere in Indiana.

James Lewis Gentry and a brother (supposedly his older brother, William M. Gentry) fought in the Civil War on opposite sides. James Lewis for the Confederacy and William for the Union. James Lewis always said that had he not been working in the South at the outbreak of the War, he would not have fought for the Confederacy for he was opposed to slavery. Although he was glad the North had won, he felt strongly that the North was much to blame for the war and that the issue could have been settled peaceably. He was enlisted 3 September 1862 at Camp Mitchell, Arkansas by Col. McClarty and served as a Private in Co. A, 10th Mo. Inf., CSA. His record shows that he went on sick furlough from 12 April 1863 to 12 May 1863. He was a Prisoner of

War from the time Col. Moore surrendered his command at New Orleans, Louisiana on 26 May 1865. His was the last Company to surrender. James Lewis was paroled at Camp Allen, Shreveport, Louisiana on 8 June 1865.

The story goes that the two brothers somehow met after the peace and went home together. There have been many stories told over and over again about some of the incidents that happened on the trip home but those must be saved for another chapter. When the two brothers reached home they were exhausted and weak from starvation and when two sisters came running across the field to welcome them home they had to back themselves into a corner of the rail fence to keep from being bowled over.

My father described James Lewis as a tall man, 6', and rawboned, with sandy red hair, a reddish complexion and freckle-faced. He was a forthright and honest person, a religious man and did very little swearing. He was always cheerful and had a good sense of humor. Politically, he was a Democrat, as were all the Gentrys.

James Lewis Gentry married (8) Harriet L. Morgan, daughter of William Morgan and (I believe) Delpha (?) Pearce. There is very little known about Harriet. The birth date of 5 September 1847 was found on her tombstone in the McFadden cemetery, Dover, Pope County, Arkansas and family members informed me she was born in Sharp County, Arkansas (formed from Lawrence County). The 1850 census of Lawrence County lists a Harriet (age 3) in the household of a William and --Iveny (Delphiny?) Morgan but ten years later in the 1860 census of the same county the only Harriet Morgan (age 13) was listed in the household of Rodney Armstrong. In the 1850 census the third child in William Morgan's household was named Rodney. In checking the marriage records of Lawrence County there was found a marriage between a William M. Morgan (age 20) and Sarah King (age 17) on 15 March 1843 and also a marriage between a William Morgan (age 44) and Delpha Pearce (age 17? or 19?) on 11 June 1845. In the household of William and --Iveny Morgan in the 1850 census there were three older children listed; --mly (Emily?) (age 16), John (age 12) and Rodney (age 11) then three more children; Harriet (age 3), Alford (age 2) and Morgan (age 3 months). The gap of several years between the birth of Rodney and the birth of Harriet indicates a first and a second marriage. There were evidently at least two more children born to this second marriage for in the 1870 census of Wayne County, Missouri there is listed in the James L. and Harriet Gentry household a Jesse Morgan (age 16), brother-in-law to James L. and a Sarah C. Morgan (age 14), sister-in-law to James L. (Sarah Catherine either came to Pope County, Arkansas when James Lewis moved his family there, or, she married in Missouri and moved with her husband, James R. Burcham, to Pope County for she lived many years in Dover. This information came from a telephone conversation with Sara Catherine's granddaughter. Sarah Catherine was known by her family and friends as "Kate".)

The genealogy of James Lewis Gentry and Harriet L. Morgan is as follows:

James Lewis Gentry

b. September 1840 somewhere in Indiana

m. abt 1865 to Harriet L. Morgan

b. 5 September 1847 in Sharp County, Arkansas

d. 17 September 1903 in Pope County, Arkansas

bur. September 1903 in Dover, Pope County, Arkansas in the McFadden Cemetery

d. October 1917 at Hector, Pope County, Arkansas

bur. at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas in the McFadden Cemetery (his grandson, Raymond Gentry, believes he died and was buried in Wilmot, Ashley County, Arkansas. He could be correct in this memory for several of the Gentry families were living in Ashley County during the latter part of this decade because William Gentry was managing a large plantation there for several years. However, there is a tombstone in the McFadden Cemetery in Dover)

Their children:

- I. (15) William M. Gentry
 - b. abt 1866 in Missouri
- II (16) Frances Elizabeth ("Lizzie") Gentry
 - b. 23 December 1869 in Missouri
 - m. 12 February 1885 in Pope County, Arkansas to Alexander Hardcastle
 - b. 18 August 1864 in Kansas
 - d. 1 March 1937 in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas and is buried in the White Church Cemetery (formerly the Pollard Cemetery)
- III (17) Henry Clay Gentry
 - b. 25 April 1871 in Missouri, probably in Wayne County
 - m. 1.) 12 January 1893 Mary Elizabeth Loyd in Pope County, Arkansas
 - 2.) 22 January 1899 Emma Jane ("Janie") Williamson in Pope County, Arkansas
 - 3.) 1 January 1952 Susan Smith in Tulsa County, Oklahoma
 - d. 26 December 1963 in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma
 - bur. 27 December 1963 in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma in the Woodland Cemetery
- IV. (18) Sara Josephine ("Phine") Gentry
 - b. December 1873 in Missouri (probably in Wayne County)
 - m. 1.) 9 March 1890 to William A. Hardcastle in Pope County, Arkansas
 - 2.) 16 May 1901 to John B. Lay and had two children
 - d. 1927 in London, Pope County, Arkansas
 - bur. 1927 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas in the McFadden Cemetery
- V. (19) Mary Alva ("Rate" or "Rettie" or Rachel) Gentry
 - b. January (one record gives her birth date as July) 1875 in Missouri, probably in Wayne County
 - m. 14 October 1894 to (20) John Hankins (or Henry) Kelley in Pope County, Arkansas
 - d. 18 May 1909 in Dover, Pope County, Arkansas
 - bur. May 1909 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas in the McFadden Cemetery
- VI. (21) Thomas Jefferson Gentry

- b. 25 March 1877 in Missouri, probably in Wayne County
 - m. To Alice Josephine Hatley, date and location unknown but probably in Pope County, Arkansas
 - d. 8 September 1943 in Pope County, Arkansas
 - bur. September 1943 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas in the McFadden Cemetery
- VII. (22) Emma (one record gives her name as Emily) ("Em") H. Gentry
 - b. February 1879 in Missouri, probably in Wayne County
 - m. 5 October 1899 to George L. Loyd in Pope County, Arkansas
- VIII. (23) Edward H. Gentry
 - b. November 1880 in Missouri, probably in Wayne County
 - m. 1.) 1 December 1901 to Margery ("Maggie") Smallwood in Pope County, Arkansas
 - 2.) 27 October 1912 to Amanda ("Mandy") Edwards in Pope County, Arkansas
- IX. (24) George Washington Gentry
 - b. 25 March 1883 in Arkansas, probably in Pope County
 - m. 1.) 19 October 1902 to Emma Mae Chilton in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas and they had three children
 - 2.) 16 April 1911 to Mary Ella ("Eller") Williamson (sister to his brother, Henry Clay Gentry's second wife) at Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas
 - d. 27 November 1962 at Bell, Los Angeles County, California
 - bur. 29 November 1962 at Inglewood, California in the Inglewood Park Cemetery
- X. (25) Charles Alvy Gentry
 - b. 31 October 1886 in Pope County, Arkansas
 - m. 22 December 1904 to Ada Frances Ross in Pope County, Arkansas
 - d. 8 December 1968 at Fullerton, Orange County, California
- XI. (26) Kosczisko ("Osco") B. Gentry
 - b. August 1888 in Pope County, Arkansas
- XII. (27) LaBanal ("Banal") A. Gentry
 - b. September 1894 in Pope County, Arkansas
 - m. to Lona (Loney) Mercer - date and location unknown

In the 1900 census of Pope County, Arkansas Harriet was listed as the Mother of 12 children with 11 living. But, no document or verbal record has been found for the death of any of their children prior to 1900. As far as can be determined, they all lived to see the 20th century.

(14) Alfred D. Gentry is found in the 1880 census of Wayne County, Missouri living in the household of James Lewis and Harriet Gentry. That census record also indicates that he had been unemployed for 12 months. Nothing further is known of this person and no research has been undertaken.

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(15) William M. Gentry, first son of James Lewis Gentry and Harriet L. Morgan was born in Missouri. Very little is known of this person. A nephew recalls that about 1918 or 1919 he obtained a job managing "...an old plantation..." at Wilmot, Ashley County, Arkansas and moved there with his father and "...three or four brothers..." and their families. It is not known how long they all stayed there nor where William went after leaving there. The same nephew recalls that an entire railroad freight car was rented to move all of their belongings when they left there.

(16) Frances Elizabeth Gentry, always known as "Lizzie", was born 23 December, 1869 in Missouri, probably in Wayne County. She married Alexander Hardcastle 12 February 1885 in Pope County, Arkansas and lived all her life in that county in or near the town of Russellville.

Mrs. Chloe (Benefield) Brown (interviewed in 1993) was a neighbor to the Alex Hardcastle family on Three Knob Mountain, for 40 years and described "Lizzie" as a short, stout woman with black hair. She could sew well and was always dressed neatly and becomingly. She and her daughter, Maude, were the only ones in that family with black hair (all the rest were red-headed) which could have been a legacy from "Lizzie's" mother, Harriet L. Morgan who, I suspect, was of Welsh descent.

She helped take care of her sister, "Rate" (who lived nearby) during her last illness and the sickly baby left by her sister's death in May of 1909. However, the baby, Jules, died a month later. Her sister, "Rate", left four other children, all young and needing care. There arose a bitter dispute between their father, John Kelley, and Alex Hardcastle as to the placement of these children. The rift between the two families was never mended.

Frances Elizabeth (Gentry) Hardcastle died in 1953, 16 years after the death of her husband and is buried in the Pollard (now White Church) Cemetery near Dover, Pope County, Arkansas.

The genealogy of Alexander Hardcastle and Frances Elizabeth Gentry is as follows:

Alexander Hardcastle

- b. 18 August 1864 somewhere in Kansas. His parents, Lumsford F. and Matilda H. Hardcastle were, according to a family story, living in Clarksville, Arkansas during the Civil War when the Union Army captured that town. The women, because they did everything possible to help the Confederate soldiers, became very unpopular. The Union army commander finally sent the women to a camp in Kansas and there is where Alexander was born.
- m. 12 February 1885 in Pope County, Arkansas.
- d. 1 March 1937 at Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas.
- bur. The Pollard Cemetery (now the White Church Cemetery) in Dover, Pope County, Arkansas.

Their children:

- l. Maudie R. Hardcastle
 - b. September 1885 in Arkansas, probably in Pope County.
 - m. David Holton

- II. A child - name, birth date, death date not known
- III. Emry L. Hardcastle
 - b. March 1889 in Arkansas, probably Pope County
 - m. Martha Hendricks 17 October 1909 in Pope County, Arkansas, probably in Dover.
- IV. William H. (Henry?) Hardcastle
 - b. September 1890 in Arkansas, probably in Pope County
 - m. Allie Willis 6 November 1910 in Pope County, Arkansas, probably in Dover.
- V. Alvy (Alva?) Floyd Hardcastle
 - b. October 1892 in Arkansas, probably in Pope County
 - m. 1.) Jesse Cude on 30 June 1912 in Johnson County, Arkansas
 - 2.) Mrs Effie Agnes (Robbins) Hull
- VI. Lillie H. Hardcastle
 - b. June 1895 in Arkansas, probably Pope County.
 - m. Wiley Brown
- VII. George W. Hardcastle
 - b. March 1898 in Arkansas, probably Pope County
 - m. Edna Willis (sister to Allie Willis, wife of brother William H. Hardcastle) in 1917.
 - d. October 1994
- VIII. Thomas A. Hardcastle
 - b. November 1898 in Arkansas, probably in Pope County
 - m. 1.) Nannie Brown in 1918 and they had one daughter, Modine, who was raised by her grand parents Alex and "Lizzie" Hardcastle.
 - 2.) Mattie Brown in 1927 (Sister to his first wife.) and they had children.
- IX. Annie May Hardcastle
 - b. 1901 in Pope County, Arkansas
 - m. Herbert Gibbons
- X. Novella Hardcastle
 - b. 1903 in Pope County, Arkansas
 - m. Homer Willbanks
 - d. 1984-85
- XI. David Harley Hardcastle
 - b. 1907 in Pope County, Arkansas
 - m. Leota? Crofts
- XI. Gracie L. Hardcastle
 - b. 1909 - 1910 in Pope County, Arkansas
 - m. 1.) Orvin Stumbaugh
 - 2.) _____ Smith

(17) Henry Clay Gentry, third of the twelve children of James Lewis Gentry and Harriet L. Morgan, was named for the famous orator and statesman. James Lewis and Harriet Gentry seemed to have a penchant for naming their children after famous political or military figures. Henry was born 25 April 1871 in Missouri, probably in Wayne County. In his older years he was a stout man with a florid complexion and not very tall.

He is found in the 1880 census of Wayne County, Missouri with his parents and siblings and in the 1910 census of Pope County, Arkansas with Janie, his wife, and seven children. Where he was for the 1900 Census is unknown but he could have been and probably was, in Pope County, Arkansas for he was married there to his first wife in 1893. The marriage to his second wife is also recorded in Pope County, Arkansas in 1899. He married a third time in 1952, at the age of 80, in Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

During the 1930's, then living in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma he supposedly had in his possession a small mirror, approximately 6" x 8" with a black frame which was alleged to have been given to a Gentry ancestor by George Washington.

The genealogy of Henry Clay Gentry is as follows:

Henry Clay Gentry

- b. 25 April 1871 in Missouri, probably Wayne County
- m. 1.) Mary Elizabeth Loyd (Lloyd) 12 January 1893 in Pope County, Arkansas.
- d. 26 December 1963 at Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma
- bur. 27 December 1963 in the Woodland Cemetery, Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.
- m. 2.) Emma Jane Williamson (sister to his younger brother, George's, second wife) 22 January 1899 in Pope County, Arkansas. Emma Jane was born about 1873 and died 28 November 1949 in Tulsa County, Oklahoma. She is buried in the Woodland Cemetery in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.
- m. 3.) Susan Smith 1 January 1952 in Tulsa County, Oklahoma.
- b. about 1878 (There were no children from this marriage)

Children of Henry Clay Gentry and Mary Elizabeth Loyd:

I. Biard Adolphus Gentry

- b. abt 1894 in Arkansas, probably in Pope County, Arkansas
- m. 5 August 1921 Artie Lumberman in Pope County, Arkansas

II. William Oscar Gentry

- b. 30 December 1895 in Pope County, Arkansas
- m. Ethel M. Owens in 1916 in Arkansas, probably in Pope County
- d. 1977

III. Silvia Elizabeth Gentry

- b. abt 1898 in Arkansas, probably in Pope County,
- m. Emmett W. Rackley

Children of Henry Clay Gentry and Emma Jane Williamson:

IV. Augie Gentry

- b. 1900 in Arkansas

V. Urnie Alfred Gentry

- b. 1904 in Arkansas
- m. Ethel May Barton 5 January 1924 in Pope County, Arkansas

VI. Laura Novella Gentry

b. 1907 in Arkansas

m. Alvis Thompson 11 October 1924 in Pope County,
Arkansas

VII. James G. Gentry

b. 1909-10 in Arkansas

VIII. Marie Gentry

m. Jim Blevins

IX. Alta Gentry

m. Elwood Wright who died in 1991

X. Elma (or Alma) Gentry

XI. Guy Gentry

XII. Otto Gentry

(18) Sarah Josephine Gentry, (aka "Phine") second daughter of James Lewis and Harriet L. (Morgan) Gentry was born at years end of 1873, most probably in Wayne County, Missouri. She appears first in the 1880 census of that County as being six years old with her parents and six siblings. Twenty years later in the 1900 census of Pope County, Arkansas she is still, or again, in the household of her parents, as the widow of William A. Hardcastle with two children, ages nine and six. By 1910 she has remarried (to John "Jack" B. Lay, a man much older than she) and has two more children, ages six and five.

She continued to live in Pope County, Arkansas until her death of Typhus in the little town of London in July of 1924.

The genealogy of Sarah Josephine ("Phine") (Gentry) Hardcastle/Lay is as follows:

Sarah Josephine Gentry

b. December, 1873 in Missouri

m. 1.) William A. Hardcastle, son of Lundsford K. and Matilda
Hardcastle (and brother to her sister "Lizzie's"
husband, Alexander Hardcastle) 9 March 1890 in Pope
County, Arkansas born about 1866-68m. 2.) 16 May 1901 in Pope County, Arkansas John B.
Lay, already twice widowed, born in April 1841 in
Tennessee

Children of William A. Hardcastle and Sarah Josephine Gentry:

I. James Lundsford Hardcastle

b. January, 1891 in Arkansas

m. 11 August 1912 to Alta Stumbaugh in Johnson County,
Arkansas

II. Charles Henderson Hardcastle

b. 25 September 1896 in Arkansas

m. 30 March 1918 in Pope County, Arkansas to Bertha
Wooten and had at least one child, Charles, who
was still living in Sand Springs, Tulsa County,
Oklahoma in 1994.

Children of John B. Lay and Sarah Josephine Gentry

III. Robert L. Lay

b. 1901 in Arkansas

IV. Edna I. Lay

b. 1903 in Arkansas

(19) Mary Alva Gentry (our ancestor) was the fifth child, third daughter of James Lewis and Harriet L. (Morgan) Gentry. There has been much confusion around her name. Her son, Clarence Adell Kelley, told me her name was Rachel. A nephew, Raymond Gentry also told me her name was Rachel. But, to family and friends, and evidently to the entire community, she was always called "Rate". On census records she is listed as Mary and Mary A. Her daughter, Lucy Myrtle (Kelley) Waits, informed me that her second christian name was Alva. On her marriage license she is signed Miss R. A. Gentry. On her son Clarence's birth certification her name is given as Rettie A. The information for this birth certification was given by her brother George Gentry. In any case, the name Rachel has not appeared on any document found to date. I have come to refer to her as Mary Alva Rettie (Gentry) Kelley.

Mary Alva Rettie, according to a family story, fell in love with a young man of whom her parents highly disapproved and they somehow prevented the marriage. When she accepted the proposal of John Kelley they again voiced their strong objections on the grounds that he was much older than she and not always in good health. He had already lost one eye so he was partially blind and he was of a harsh disposition. She evidently defied them for the marriage took place in October of 1894.

The 1900 census of Pope County, Arkansas shows that in the six years of her marriage she gave birth to four children with only two of them surviving. The first child, a daughter, lived only a few hours and was named Ardelle. The third child was also a daughter but did not live long enough to be named. The two surviving children were a daughter, Ida Belle, and a son, James William. She subsequently gave birth to three more children before her death in May of 1909 of Tuberculosis. The last child, a son named Jules (Julius) born about August of 1908, survived his mother by less than a month. Ill when his mother died he was left to the care of his two sisters, Ida Belle and Lucy Myrtle, and his Aunt "Lizzie" Hardcastle but succumbed to what was termed "Summer Complaint" in June of 1909.

The genealogy of Mary Alva Rettie Gentry and John Hankins (or Henry) Kelley is as follows:

(19a) John Hankins (Henry) Kelley

b. 9 November 1855 somewhere in Alabama

m. 14 October 1894 in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas by a Justice of the Peace to Miss R. A. Gentry

b. January 1875 in Missouri, probably in Wayne County.

d. 18 May 1909 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas

bur. McFadden Cemetery in Dover, Pope County, Arkansas

d. August, 1917 or 1918 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas

bur. McFadden Cemetery in Dover, Pope County, Arkansas

Their children:

I. Ardelle Kelley

b. abt 1895 in Pope County, Arkansas, probably at Dover

d. 1895 (lived only a few hours)

II.(27)Ida Belle Kelley

- b. 16 February 1897 at South New Hope, Pope County, Arkansas
- m. 2 November 1918 in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas to George Washington Bratton, son of James ("Jim") Bratton and Rosa Ellen ("El") Stevens
 - b. 15 June 1900 in Yell County, Arkansas
 - d. 14 November 1979 in Rullellville, Pope County, Arkansas
 - bur. 17 November 1979 in the Mt. Zion cemetery at Dardenelle, Yell County, Arkansas
- d. 31 March 1988 in Dardenelle, Yell County, Arkansas
 - bur. in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Dardenelle, Yell County, Arkansas

III.daughter

- b. abt 1898
- d. 1898 (died before being named)

IV.(28)James William Kelley

- b. 18 January 1900 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas
- m. 5 June 1920 in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas to Lily Lucille ("Celie") Moore, daughter of Joel Buchanon Moore and Dora Esther Kathryn Lewallen
 - b. 8 February 1904 at Atkins, Pope County, Arkansas
 - d. 18 April 1956 in San Diego, San Diego County, California
 - bur. April 1956 in Chula Vista, San Diego County, California in Glen Abbey Memorial Park
- d. 1969 in Riverside, Riverside County, California
- bur. in Glen Abbey Memorial Park in Chula Vista, San Diego County, California

V.(29)Lucy Myrtle Kelley

- b. 24 January 1902 (or 1903) at Dover (or Hector), Pope County, Arkansas
- m. 28 July 1920 in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas to Christopher Columbus Waits, son of Jabez E. and Louisiana Waits
 - b. April, 1900 in Newton County, Arkansas
 - d. in El Cajon, San Diego County, California - date unknown
- d. 31 May 1990 in El Cajon, San Diego County, California
- bur. in Greenwood Cemetery, San Diego, San Diego County, California

VII.(30)Clarence Adellbert Kelley

- b. 2 October 1905 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas
- m. 24 December 1925 in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas to Viola Eugenia Montgomery.- see Montgomery Family History for information on this person
- d. 8 August 1981 in Sharp Hospital, San Diego, San Diego County, California.

bur. Glen Abbey Memorial Park, Chula Vista, San Diego
County, California.

VIII. Jules (or Julius) Kelley

- b. August, 1908 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas
- d. 9 June 1909 at Peddlersville, Pope County, Arkansas
- bur. in McFadden Cemetery in Dover, Pope County,
Arkansas (grave is unmarked except with a native stone).

(20) Thomas Jefferson Gentry born in May of 1877 in Missouri was the sixth child of James Lewis and Harriet (Morgan) Gentry and their third son. I know very little about this person, but what I do know of the genealogy of him and of his wife is as follows:

Thomas Jefferson Gentry

- b. 25 May 1877 in Missouri, probably in Wayne County.
- m. The exact date and location is unknown but it was
probably in Pope County, Arkansas to Alice Josephine ("Josie")
Hatley, daughter of William Lovell Hatley and Eva Carter.
- b. 12 December 1877 in Pope County, Arkansas
- d. 10 January 1935 in Pope County, Arkansas
- bur. in the McFadden Cemetery at Dover, Pope County,
Arkansas.
- d. 8 September 1943 in Pope County, Arkansas
- bur. in the McFadden Cemetery at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas.

Their children:

- I. Lular H. Gentry
 - b. March 1900 probably in Pope County, Arkansas
 - m. Sid G. Gotcher on the 11th of March, 1935 in Pope
County, Arkansas
- II. William Carl Gentry
 - b. about 1904 probably in Pope County, Arkansas
 - m. Eula Robinson on 27 January 1924 in Pope County,
Arkansas.
- III. James Cullen Gentry
 - b. about 1906 probably in Pope County, Arkansas.
- IV. Barbara Gentry
 - b. about 1911 probably in Pope County, Arkansas.
 - m. Bob Walker, date and location unknown
- V. Eva L. Gentry
 - b. about 1915 probably in Pope County, Arkansas
 - m. _____ Harris, date and location unknown

There may have been another child, a daughter.

(21) Emma (or Emily?) A. (or H.?) Gentry, James L. and Harriet Gentry's seventh child, always known as "Em" was born in Missouri, probably in Wayne County, in the early part of 1879. Her pictures, while she was still raising her family, show a rather angular, long face, hair dark (could have been red) parted in the middle with a bun on top and to the back. Her mouth straight and thin lipped and a long straight nose.

She appears in the 1880 census of Wayne County, Missouri as (Emily) H.

Gentry) with her parents and siblings but by the 1900 Census of Pope County, Arkansas she is Mrs. George Loyd, newly married. She and her family also appear in the 1910 and 1920 censuses of Pope County, Arkansas. Sometime after 1920 this family moved to Oklahoma but not to Sand Springs, Tulsa County as did so many other members of the Gentry families. Their new location is not known but, possibly, the little town of Oolaga in Rogers County, Oklahoma.

Their genealogy is as follows:

George L. Loyd (Lloyd)

b. September 1871 in Arkansas

m. 5 October 1899 in Pope County, Arkansas to Emma ("Em") H. Gentry

b. February 1879 in Missouri, probably Wayne County

Their children:

I. Ethel Loyd

b. about 1901

II. Oscar J. Loyd

b. about 1904

III. Etta Loyd

b. about 1905

m. 20 April 1919 to Elmer Farmer probably in Pope County, Arkansas

IV. William Alva Loyd

b. about 1906

V. Julia M. Loyd

b. about 1908

VI. George Edgar Loyd

b. about 1910

VII. Bula M. Loyd

b. about 1912

VIII. Linua (Lineea?) Loyd

b. about 1913

IX. Eugene E. Loyd

b. about 1915

X. Anne L. Loyd

b. about 1918

All these children were born in Arkansas and probably all in Pope County

(22)Edward H. Gentry

b. November 1880 in Missouri, probably in Wayne County.

m. 1.) Maggie (Margaret?) Smallwood on 1 December 1901 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas.

2.) Amanda Edwards on 27 October 1912 in Pope County, Arkansas.

I know very little more about this seventh son of James L. and Harriet Gentry. He appears in the 1920 census of Tulsa County, Oklahoma in the Sand Springs Grant Township, age 39, with his wife Mandy, age 31 and the following children:

1. Blonie Gentry, daughter age 14

2. Bula, daughter age 17

3. May, daughter age 9

These three children were evidently of the first marriage since they were all born prior to 1912 when, according to the marriage records of Pope County, Arkansas, Edward and Amanda were married.

4. Viola, son (?) age 6 (the census record indicated this was a male child)
5. Olive, daughter age 4 3/12
6. Beulah, daughter age 2 4/10 (?)
7. Ralph, son age 7/12

All these children were born in Arkansas (probably in Pope County).

According to a nephew, "Ed" and Amanda were heavy people (as were many of the Gentrys).

It is believed he and Amanda (and perhaps some of their children) eventually settled in New Mexico or Idaho but this has not been confirmed.

(23) Charles Alvie Gentry, eighth child and sixth son of James Lewis and Harriet L. (Morgan) Gentry, was born in Arkansas, probably in Pope County, in the fall of 1886. Knowledge of this family is sketchy. He married Ada Frances Ross on Christmas Day in 1904. Both of them were very young. He was barely 18. She was not yet 16.

This family was living in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma in the 1930's along with several other Gentry families and at least one other Ross family. They, with other Gentry relatives, later moved to California, probably in the early 1940's to work in the war time defense plants. They were living in Orange County at the time of their deaths. His is 1968 and hers much earlier in 1956.

Their genealogy is as follows:

Charles Alvie (Alvy) Gentry

- b. 31 October 1886 in Pope County, Arkansas
- m. 25 December 1904 in Pope County, Arkansas to Ada Frances Ross, daughter of John T. Ross and Abigale Morgan

- b. 18 February 1889 in Arkansas
- d. 16 August 1956 in the City of Orange, Orange County, California

(Note: Abigale Morgan was born in Tennessee. John T. Ross was born in Missouri on 7 April 1864 and died of Dropsy 10 January 1909 in Pope County, Arkansas. His obituary states he left a wife and seven children, a brother, Jim Ross of Oklahoma, and a sister, Mrs. Mat Hickman. He was buried in the Boiling Springs Cemetery, Pope County, Arkansas.)

- d. 8 December 1968 in Fullerton, Orange County, California

Their children:

1. Maudie M. Gentry
 - b. abt 1906 in Arkansas (probably in Pope County)
2. Odie M. Gentry
 - b. abt 1907 in Arkansas (probably in Pope County)
3. John L. Gentry
 - b. abt 1910 in Arkansas (probably in Pope County)
4. Audrey Gentry
 - b. abt 1912

5. Charles A. Gentry, Jr.
b. abt 1915
6. Martel Gentry (one record gives his name as Mark L.)
b. abt 1917
m. 10 June 1935 to Alice Lucille Pittman - location unknown
7. Wilson Gentry
b. abt 1920
8. Pauline Gentry (date and place of birth unknown)

(24) George Washington Gentry, tenth child in this family was born in Arkansas, most likely in Pope County in the spring of 1883. This man loved children and was a great favorite with the various nieces and nephews. He always picked them up and made a big fuss over them. He smoked and always had a sack of Bull Durham tobacco in his pocket with the tag on the end of the draw string hanging out. The children used to love to grab the tag, and yank the sack of tobacco out of his pocket as he swung them up in the air.

He, like his brother Charley, was fair complected with rather heavy facial features and to the children they were tall, broad shouldered men. He was always cheerful with a good sense of humor. Politically he was a staunch Democrat as were all the Gentrys.

George W. Gentry was married twice. He married first Emma Mae Chilton in 1902. There were three children born of this marriage. After the death of Emma Mae in May of 1909, (George's sister, Rate (Gentry) Ke ley, also died in May) he and his three children lived for a time in the household of his brother Tom. He married again in 1911 to Mary Ella Williamson, daughter of James W. and Elva (Barber) Williamson. Her sister, Emma Jane ("Janie") was married to George's older brother, Henry Clay Gentry. To this marriage was born eight children. The first child of this second family was stillborn and very nearly took the life of it's mother. The subsequent seven children were all born healthy and strong with one exception. Their third child, Thayer, although healthy, was born with a deformed hand.

After coming to Sand Springs, Oklahoma, (sometime between 1913 and 1915) he ran a grist mill on his property for some time but when his health began to fail and the Doctor told him breathing the dust generated by the mill would kill him within the year, he shut the mill down and moved into the little town of Sand Springs and hired himself out as a grave digger at the cemetery. He would dig a grave for \$5.00 for anyone who wished to hire him. The families of the deceased could come in and dig the graves but he was on the premises for hire if they wished. I believe he was given a house on the cemetery grounds. His good health returned and he lived on for more than 30 years.

This family also came to Southern California sometime after World War II was declared and some of the family went to work in the defense plants in the Los Angeles area. George W. Gentry died in 1962 in Bell, Los Angeles County, California and Mary Ella ("Eller") lived on until 1969.

The genealogy of this family is as follows:

George Washington Gentry

- b. 25 March 1883 in Arkansas, probably in Pope County
- m. 1.) Emma Mae Chilton, daughter of Henry L. and Mary Etta Chilton, 19 October 1902 at Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas

b. 29 January 1885 in Texas

m.2.) Mary Ella Williamson

b. 31 September 1883 (family Bible gives birth date as 31 August)

m. 16 April 1912 in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas

d. 15 September 1969 at Bell, Los Angeles County, California

bur. in Inglewood Park cemetery, Inglewood, California

d. 3 May 1909 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas

The children of George Washington Gentry and Emma Mae Chilton:

I. Nova Novella Gentry

b. 29 September 1903 in Arkansas, probably in Pope County

m. aft. 1920 to Dallas Wooten

d. 3 October 1980 at Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma

II. Clytie Mae Gentry

b. 27 December 1905 in Arkansas

m. Thomas Alfred ("Bun") Ross

d. 27 October 1960 in California, probably either in Orange or Los Angeles County

III. Buford Odell Gentry

b. 16 February 1907 (Tombstone inscription gives his birth date in 1906)

m. to Alice McLemore but date and place unknown

d. 26 April 1981

bur. April 1981 in the Woodland cemetery in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma

The children of George Washington Gentry and Mary Ella Williamson:

IV. a son (stillborn) in 1912

V. Raymond P. (or D.) Gentry

b. 8 November 1913 in Dover, Pope County, Arkansas

m. 1.) Ruth -----

2.) Jean (Tormyn) Rash (a widow) 5 July 1975 in Santa Ana, Orange County, California

VI. Thayer V. Gentry

b. 4 December 1915

m. 19 September 1942 in Tulsa County, Oklahoma to Lorene Hall

d. 20 September 1985, probably in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma

bur. in Woodland cemetery in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma

VII. G. W. Gentry

b. 21 August 1917

m. in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma to Rahma Roop

VIII. Zula L. Gentry

b. 6 January 1919

- m. Elzy (or L. Z.) Rhodes
- IX. Imogene Gentry
 - b. 9 November 1922
 - m. Wayne Lewis
- X. Pearl J. Gentry (twin to Earl James)
 - b. 6 February 1925 in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma
 - m. James McLemore (brother to Alice McLemore who married Pearl's half brother, Buford Odell)
- XI. Earl James Gentry (twin to Pearl J.)
 - b. 6 February 1925 in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma
 - m. Esther L. Freeman
 - d. 25 December 1976 in the Veterans Hospital, San Diego, San Diego County, California
 - bur. 30 December 1976 in the Fort Rosecrans Military cemetery, San Diego, San Diego County, California

(25)Kosciuszko B. Gentry, named for the famous Polish General of the Revolutionary War, later shortened his name to Oscar but was always called Osco. It was not until a visit with one of his nephews that it was revealed that Oscar was not the name given him at birth.

This writer has almost no other information about this eleventh child of James Lewis and Harriet (Morgan) Gentry. He was born in August of 1888 in Arkansas, probably Pope County, married and had a least one child, a daughter, named Eva. There were probably other children.

(26)Labanal ("Banal") A. Gentry was the last child born to James Lewis and Harriet (Morgan) Gentry. He and his father, James Lewis, were living in the household of his older brother, Charles Gentry, in the 1910 census of Pope County, Arkansas. The 1920 census of Tulsa County, Oklahoma in the Sand Springs Grant township, he is the head of his own household. He was still in Sand Springs in 1922 for he appears in a directory of Tulsa County. When he left Sand Springs or where he later resided is not known.

The genealogy of this family is as follows:

- Labanal (LaBanal in one census record) A. Gentry
 - b. September 1894 in Arkansas, most likely in Pope County
 - m. to Lona (Loney or Laney) Mercer, date and place unknown
 - b. abt 1897 in Texas

Their Children:

- I. Bernice Gentry
 - b. abt 1914 in Arkansas, probably in Pope County
- II. Florence Gentry
 - b. abt 1917 in Arkansas, probably in Pope County
- III. A. Y. Gentry
 - b. abt 1918 in Arkansas, probably in Pope County

3RD GENERATION

Since so little is known of the people of this generation, this section will deal mainly with the descendants of Mary Alva Rettie (cr "Rate" or Rachel) Gentry and John Hankins (or Henry) Kelley.

(19a)JOHN HANKINS KELLEY

Not a great deal is known about John Kelley. On the birth certifications of his daughter, Ida Belle and his son, Clarence Adell, his name is given as John Hankins Kelley but a grandson, when speaking of him, refers to him as "...old John Henry...". It is unlikely that we will ever know which is correct. He was, from all accounts, of a harsh, mean disposition, feared by most in the community for he always carried in his pocket a knife with a 4 inch switch blade. It was said that when he pulled this knife from his pocket, the blade was always out and ready for use. He was also a very bitter man, toward life in general and specifically toward the northern states and the outcome of the Civil War. He never spoke of his childhood and never, to anyone's knowledge, spoke of his parents or what happened to the family either during or after the Civil War except to make it known that they had lost everything because of the war. He was almost 40 before he married and I think in bad health at the time. He had already lost one eye by an infection, or neuralgia. One story goes that the eye was so painful (cause unknown) that he himself tore it out! A photograph of him shows a gaunt, thin faced man, bearded and with a drooping mustache. The one eye sunken, the lost eye hidden by its closed eyelid as if in a permanent wink. The nose is long and sharp.

He worked himself and his family hard. One of his brothers-in-law said that he had worked his wife to death and a son used to relate a story about how he acquired what little education he had. During the winter, the first thing he did in the early morning was to go outside and kick at the ground. If it was too frozen to be worked, then he knew he would be permitted to go to school that day. In spite of his harsh nature he commanded respect from the people who knew him for he was an honest man and a proud man, never accepting anything he couldn't earn or pay for.

John Kelley was born, somewhere in Alabama supposedly, on 9 November 1855. He was only six years old when the Civil War began and his older brother, James Daniel, was only seven or eight years old. There was a daughter born in 1864 and it is said her birth occurred after the death of the father. Did the mother die in childbirth? Were there other siblings? If so, what happened to them? How and where did the father die? The family legend tells us the children were brought to Arkansas by an "Uncle Sandy Reed". Was this man blood kin? perhaps a brother to the children's mother? The first appearance of these children is found in the 1870 census of Pope County, Arkansas with James and John listed in the household of a John, William and Margaret Rankin family. Where was the daughter Mary? By the 1880 census of the same county, James has married Mollie Newport and John is living in their household. (In this census James is listed as James W. Kelley but a niece has said very definitely that his name was James Daniel. He named one of his sons J. D.) Again, where was the sister, Mary? By the 1900 census of Pope County, John Kelley is listed as the head of his own household, living with his wife, Mary A. and two children, Ida B. and James W. John Kelley died in August of 1917 or 1918. His daughter, Lucy, relates that the doctor's term for the cause of death was "...brain congestion...". He died on a Sunday. The family was going to a church affair in the afternoon and he told his daughters to go on, that he was not feeling well. When they returned late in the afternoon he was very ill, the Dr. was sent for but he died sometime before midnight.

MARY ALVA RACHEL GENTRY

There is some controversy around this woman's name. She was known everywhere as "Rate" or "Ratie" or "Rettie". To her many nieces and nephews she was "Aunt Rate". Her son, Adell, always said her name was Rachel and this was confirmed by one of her nephews but no document has yet come to light to prove this. A photograph of "Rate" or "Ratie" Gentry, possibly the only one in existence, shows a face almost square and full fleshed, dark hair pulled severely back away from her face, dark eyes and rather high cheekbones. It shows a definite resemblance to a photograph of her mother, Harriet L. (Morgan) Gertry whom, I suspect, was of Welsh descent.

The genealogy of this family is as follows:

John Hankins (or Henry) Kelley

b. 9 November 1855 somewhere in Alabama

m. 14 October 1894 to Mary Alva Rettie Gentry, daughter of James Lewis Gentry and Harriet L. Morgan, in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas:

b. January (or July - sources differ) 1875 in Missouri

d. 18 May 1909 in Dover, Pope County, Arkansas

bur. May, 1909 in the McFadden cemetery at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas. (Her grave is now marked with a memorial headstone.)

d. August 1917 (or 1918) in Dover, Pope County, Arkansas

bur. August 1917 (or 1918) in the McFadden cemetery at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas (A memorial headstone has been placed where before only a native stone marked the site of his grave.)

The children of John Hankins Kelley and Mary Alva "Ratie" Gentry:

I. Ardelle Kelley

b. abt 1895

d. abt 1895 (lived only a few hours)

II. (27) Ida Belle Kelley

b. 16 February 1897 at South New Hope, Pope County, Arkansas

m. 2 November 1918 in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas to George Washington Bratton, son of James "Jim" Bratton and Rosa Ellen "El" Stevens

d. 28 March 1988 in Dardenelle, Yell County, Arkansas

bur. 31 March 1988 in the Mt. Zion Cemetery at Dardenelle, Yell County, Arkansas

III. a daughter

b. abt 1898

d. 1898 (died before being named)

IV. (28) James William Kelley

b. 18 January 1900 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas

m. 5 June 1920 in Pope County, Arkansas, probably in Russellville to Lily Lucille (aka "Celie") Moore daughter of Joel Buchanan Moore and Dora Esther Kathryn Lewallen.

b. 8 February 1904 at Atkins, Pope County, Arkansas

d. 18 April 1956 in San Diego, San Diego County, California

bur. April 1956 in Chula Vista, San Diego County, California in the Glen Abbey Memorial Park

d. 29 March 1969 in Rivers de, Riverside County, California

bur. March(?) 1969 in Chula Vista, San Diego County, California in the Glen Abbey Memorial Park

V. (29) Lucy Myrtle Kelley

b. 24 January 1902 (1903?) at either Dover or Hector, Pope County, Arkansas

m. 28 July 1920 in Pope County, Arkansas, probably in Russellville to Christopher Columbus Waits, son of Jabez (?) E. and Louisiana Waits

d. 31 May 1990 in El Cajon, San Diego County, California

bur. 5 June 1990 in San Diego, San Diego County, California in the Greenwood Cemetery

VI. (30) Clarence Adellbert Kelley

b. 2 October 1905 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas

m. 24 December 1925 in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas to (31) Viola Eugenia Montgomery daughter of Eugene Montgomery and Clarabel Ada Parsons

d. 8 August 1981 in San Diego, San Diego County, California

bur. 12 August 1981 in Chula Vista, San Diego County, California in the Glen Abbey Memorial Park

VII. Jules Kelley

b. August, 1908 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas

d. 9 June 1909 In the little community of Peddlersville, Pope County, Arkansas

bur. June 1909 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas in the McFadden Cemetery (a memorial stone now marks his gravesite)

(27) IDA BELLE KELLEY was a small woman with long dark hair that was usually pulled severely away from her face which was small featured. Old photographs show a marked resemblance to her father though the one photograph of John Kelley was taken in his older years there is a like shape to the brow, eyes and nose in both of these people. Ida Belle (always referred to as "Ider") suffered an almost total hearing loss until in her later years, long after her family was raised, she underwent surgery which restored her hearing to near normal ability. She was a quiet, gentle woman, a hard worker, often working in the cotton fields in the fall, and still maintaining her home and raising her family of six daughters.

On 2 November 1918 Ida Belle Kelley married George Washington Bratton, born 15 June 1900 to James Bratton and Rosa Ellen ("El") Stevens. They were married in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas. This marriage ended many years later in divorce and George Bratton remarried. Ida Belle continued her independent life until she went to live in a care home where, after several years, she passed away 28 March 1988 at age 91.

Their children:

I. Julis (Julius) Earl Bratton

- b. 11 August 1919 at South New Hope, Pope County, Arkansas
- d. 11 August 1919
- II. Ruby Jewel Bratton
 - b. 12 April 1922 at South New Hope, Pope County, Arkansas
 - m. 1.) Alfred Freeman 7 October 1945 in Dardenelle, Yell County, Arkansas and they had one daughter, Melody Carol born 20 April 1947 and married William David Dunn and they have one child, Phillip Dunn.
 - 2.) Jim Hutcherson, no issue
- III. Ruth Levia Bratton
 - b. 7 May 1925 at Delaware Logan County, Arkansas
 - m. 1.) Charley Kubat 25 December 1943 at Delaware, Logan County, Arkansas
 - 2.) Ed Prochazka on 7 August 1954 in Dardenelle, Yell County, Arkansas
- IV. Retha Evelyn Bratton
 - b. 20 November 1927 in Yell County, Arkansas
 - m. 1.) Eugene Hodges 15 January 1946 in Dardenelle, Yell County, Arkansas
 - 2.) Harold Grist
- V. Rata Ellen Bratton
 - b. 15 August 1932 at Delaware, Logan County, Arkansas
 - m. Gilbert ("Dick") Sponel 21 June 1952 in Dardenelle, Yell County, Arkansas and they have two children, David Angelo who married Lisa Stapleton and Lisa Marie who married David Ivy
- VI. Lucy Reba Mae Bratton
 - b. 29 August 1935 at Delaware, Logan County, Arkansas
 - m. 1.) Calvin Kennamer 4 June 1953 in Texas
 - 2.) J. D. Guyes in Oklahoma
- VII. Betty Sue Bratton
 - b. 6 November 1938 in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas
 - m. Francis Walter Hutchins in California

(28) JAMES WILLIAM KELLEY (aka "Willie", aka "Bill"): Born in the first month of a new decade (18 January 1900) at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas, James William was a small boned, slightly built man. He too bore a marked resemblance to his father, John Kelley. On June 5th 1920 he married Lily Lucille ("Celie") Moore, daughter of Joel Buchanon Moore and Dora Esther Kathryn Lewallen. "Celie" was born on 8 February 1904 at Atkins, Pope County, Arkansas.

James William appears in the 1900 and 1910 censuses of Pope County, Arkansas in the household of his parents. In the 1920 census of Pope County, in the Illinois Township and on the Dardenelle Road, he is listed as the head of household with his sister, Lucy M. and his brother, Clarence A. as the other members of his household. His older sister, Ida B., now Mrs. George Bratton, was living next door.

In the late 1920s James and "Celie" moved to Okmulgee County, Oklahoma to the little town of Beggs where he and his brother, Clarence Adell went to work on the farm of a Mr. Wilson. Their fourth child was born there. By 1931, they had moved with their family to Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma. They later moved back to Beggs

and remained there for only a short time before returning again to Sand Springs where they continued to live until the early 1940s.

By the middle of this decade (1940s) they had moved to Hanford, California in the San Joaquin Valley where their last two children were born and where their youngest child died and was laid to rest in March of 1950. Shortly after this they moved to San Diego, San Diego County, California where they remained until "Celie" passed away in 1956. James William, after several years, went to live with his daughter, Alene, in Riverside County and remained with that family until his death in 1969.

Their children:

I. Wilma Kelley

b. 1921

d. 1921 (she lived only a few hours)

II. Chloe Kelley

b. 29 September 1922

m. Leon Dodson in 1940 in Oklahoma and they had one child, a son named David Leon who married and had a son named Matthew. Leon died and is buried in Kingman, Mohave County, Arizona.

d. August 1971 in Kingman, Mohave County, Arizona

bur. Kingman, Mohave County, Arizona

III. Alene Kelley

b. 6 August 1925 in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas

m. 1.) Alton Phillips in August 1940 in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma. They had a son, James (Jimmy), who married and has children.

2.) Jay Foster Harden 30 April 1949 in Bentonville, Benton County, Arkansas and they had twin daughters, Sandy and Linda, both of whom married and have children.

IV. J. W. Kelley

b. 16 May 1928 at Beggs, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma

m. Mrs. Argyll Anne (Hensley) Barron in Reno, Nevada on 14 February 1963

V. Darrell Billy Kelley

b. 13 January 1931 in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma

m. 1.) Marge _____

2.) Second wife's name is unknown by this author

VI. Avanell (Ava Nell?) Kelley (she was always known as "Kelley")

b. 1 January 1934 at Beggs, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma

m. 1.) Larry Stidolph and they had children

2.) John Magill. There were no children.

VII. Esther Kathryn Kelley

b. 13 March 1937 in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma

m. Robert Lewis Parsons born 26 April 1932 in Afton, Wyoming, son of Angus William Parsons and Ava Proctor. Kathryn and "Bob" have three sons, William J., James Lawrence and Michael Robert.

VIII. Clifford Wayne Kelley

b. 24 August 1940 in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma

m. in 1971 in Idaho to Maria _____

IX. Phyllis Ilene Kelley

- b. 17 January 1943 in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma
- m. Bob MacNiel
- X. Florine (Florence) Kelley
 - b. 26 January 1946 in Hanford, California
 - m. James Charles Brignolio in June 1964 in Castro Valley, Oakland County, California
- XI. David Allen Kelley
 - b. 2 May 1949 in Hanford, California
 - d. March 1950 in Hanford, California
 - bur. in Hanford, California

(29)LUCY MYRTLE KELLEY: Like all of John Kelley's children, Lucy Myrtle was a slightly built woman but she did not display the narrow face and nose of her father. Her face was more rounded, like her mother's, but, with a softer look. Her voice was soft and calm as was her manner, always. She was born 24 January 1902 (or 1903 - records differ) in Dover, Pope County, Arkansas. She married, on 28 July 1920, Christopher Columbus Waits at South New Hope (near Russellville), Pope County, Arkansas. This couple moved from Pope County sometime in the early 1920s and lived for some time in Colorado where the first of their children were born.

They returned to Pope County, Arkansas about 1927 and remained there until they moved to Missouri in the 1930s.

They came to San Diego County, California in 1939 to the little town of El Cajon, about 15 miles east of the city of San Diego. They remained in the vicinity of El Cajon until their deaths. Christopher Columbus died in El Cajon several years before Lucy's death, also in El Cajon, on 31 May 1990. She is buried in San Diego, San Diego County, California in the Greenwood Memorial Park.

Life was hard during her young life, as it was for everyone during those years, and she, like her sister and brothers, often had to work in the fields. The story was often told of taking her first baby to the cotton fields with her and placing the baby on the end of her cotton sack which she pulled along behind her as she picked cotton.

Christopher Columbus worked in the construction trades in California in his later years.

Both he and Lucy and their children attended the Assembly of God Church and were very actively involved.

Their children:

- I. William Roy Waits, Sr. and had a son by his first marriage
- II. Floy Elizabeth Waits
 - m. 1.) Virgil Bowen and they had a daughter. Virgil was killed in WWII.
 - 2.) Willie Henry Kennedy and they have children.
- III. Christopher Columbus Waits, Jr.
 - m. Sue _____
- IV. Ralph L. Waits who married and had at least one child, a daughter
- V. C. Wesley Waits
 - m. 1.) Name of first wife unknown.
 - 2.) Judy _____
- VI. Lucy Arbelle Waits
 - m. _____ Floyd
- VII. Lena Mae Waits

m. Al Bender and they have children. They were living in Montana in 1995

(30)CLARENCE ADELLBERT KELLEY

Adell, as he was always known, was born 2 October 1905 at Dover, Pope County, Arkansas. Again a small, slightly built man and again with similar features of his father, John Kelley. He married Viola Eugenia Montgomery on 24 December, 1925 in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas. She was born 1 April, 1908, the daughter of Eugene Montgomery and his third wife, Claribel Ada Parsons. They moved in to her parents home place where her father still lived just outside of Russellville in the Gum Log community. Their first child was born in this house and shortly thereafter this family moved in to a small, rented house in an isolated part of the county "...under the Cagle Rock..." where snakes were abundant. A family story tells how one was found on the porch where the baby had been placed on a quilt upsetting Viola needless to say. In a very short time Adell moved his family to a less primitive neighborhood.

About 1927 or 1928 the family moved to Beggs, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma along with other relatives all looking for work as farm hands. Adell and his brother, James William went to work for a Mr. Wilson. The family later moved to Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma where some of Adell's Gentry relatives were living. They remained in that vicinity until 1942 when they moved to San Diego County, California to work in the defense plants for by this time the United States had entered WWII.

Shortly after the end of WWII, the family moved to Missouri and lived there for about one year. Adell and his daughter found work at Ft. Leonard Wood, an Army base which was being closed down, and after a time, the family was assigned housing on the base which ended the long commute of about 70 miles each way from Cabool, Missouri. When the phase out of Ft. Leonard Wood was complete the family (excluding the older daughter who had married) moved again to California. They obtained work in the San Joaquin Valley but lived there only for a short time before returning to the San Diego area. Viola died 24 July 1952 of Bright's Disease and Adell's death occurred almost 30 years later on 8 August 1981. They are both buried in Glen Abby Memorial Park in Chula Vista, San Diego County, California.

Their children:

I. (31)Viola Irene Kelley

b. 25 December 1926 in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas
m. 29 May 1946 in Waynesville, Missouri to Ralph Edward Gardner who was born 30 June 1925 son of Chester Arthur Gardner and Cora Lee Pierce.

II. (32)Clarence LaVerne Kelley

b. 25 July 1931 in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma
m. 8 August 1960 in Reno, Nevada to Victoria Guzman y Sanchez, daughter of Victor Guzman and Victoria Sanchez y _____
b. 11 May 1935 in Jalisco, Guadalajara, Mexico

III.(33)Reba Evelyn Kelley

b. 12 April 1933 in Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma
m. 11 August 1951 in Chula Vista, San Diego County, California to Billy Earl Burch, son of Lester Burch and Helen Margaret Brooks
b. 6 March 1930 in Terrell, Kaufman, Texas

IV.(34)Donald Wayne Kelley

b. 9 March 1945 in San Diego, San Diego County, California

m. 1 December 1967 in El Centro, Imperial County, California to
Ida May Dewgaw, daughter of William Walter Dewgaw
and Thelma Beatrice Phillips

b. 15 March 1935 in Portsmouth, Virginia

NOTE: for further information of the descendants of Clarence Adellbert Kelley and
Viola Eugenia Montgomery, see The Montgomery Family.