2. LINDA JOY HOFFMANN, dau of DOROTHY JANICE REEVES & EDWARD JOHN ANTON HOFFMANN, m (1) 12 Feb., 1972 in Baytown, Harris Co., TX, JAMES LAWRENCE HALFORD, b 27 March, 1952 At Baytown, Harris Co, TX, son of ROSS ODELL HALFORD, JR. & GLADYS DOWNING. JAMES d 11 Feb., 1978 at Houston, Harris Co., TX, bur at Memory Gardens, Baytown, TX.
   LINDA JOY m (2) 3 Nov, 1979 at Baytown, Harris Co., TX, DENNIS PATRICK SMITH, b 11 June, 1954 at Port Huron, St. Clair, Mich, son of HAROLD SMITH & LOIS MAJORIE JAMIESON.
   LINDA JOY & JAMES had three children; she & DENNIS, two:

   1. MICHAEL ROSS HALFORD, b 3 March, 1976, Baytown Harris Co., TX.
   2. CHRISTOPHER EDWARD HALFORD, b 26 Sept., 1977, Baytown, TX.
   3. BRYAN JEFFERY HALFORD, b 26 Sept., 1977 (TWIN) " ".
   4. ASHLEIGH DENNISE SMITH, b 2 Nov., 1982, Houston, Harris Co., TX.
   5. HILLARY JOY SMITH, b 8 Nov., 1985, Houston, Harris Co., TX.

3. RACHEL MATILDA REEVES, dau of ELIZABETH CASSANDRA COURTNEY & GREEN WILLIAM REEVES, SR., was b 1851, m R. H. "KINCH" HAMILTON.
4. GREEN WILLIAM REEVES, JR., b 1852.
5. EDWIN JAMES REEVES, b 1856, d 1947, m EMMA WESSON.
6. THOMAS MARION REEVES, b 1858.
7. JAMES HOLLOWAY REEVES, b 1861.
8. LOUISE PENELOPE REEVES, b 1863, d 1955, m ROBERT AHIGA GAGE.

NOTE:ELIZABETH CASSANDRA COURTNEY m (2) in 1869, JESSE WINCHESTER REEVES, b 1830, d 1881 in Texas. ELIZABETH d in 1922, Texas.
ELIZABETH & JESSE had three children:

1. MARTHA ALICE REEVES, b 1870, m JOHN PASCHELL.
2. DORA REEVES, b 1873.
3. MINNIE BELL REEVES, b 1875, m FRANK RUDICILL.

8. JAMES J. COURTNEY, son of JOHN HIRAM COURTNEY & RACHEL, m 24 Oct., 1850, P. M. SUMMERLIN; JAMES d bef 1879.
JAMES and P. M. had two children:

1. ISABELLA COURTNEY, b 1835 in Ramah, Montgomery Co., AL.
2. WILLIAM COURTNEY, 1855 in Ramah, Montgomery Co., AL.

12. MARTIN MONROE COURTNEY, son of JOHN HIRAM COURTNEY & RACHEL, m in 1855 in Montgomery Co., AL, to SUSAN _____?.
MARTIN & SUSAN had six children: (ALL were b in Crenshaw Co., AL.).

1. WILLIAM COURTNEY, b 1868.
2. JOHN COURTNEY, b 1869.
3. BELLA COURTNEY, b 1876.
4. ALBERT S. COURTNEY, b 1880.
5. DANIEL COURTNEY, b 1886.
6. THOMAS L. COURTNEY, b 1887.

3. RICHARD COURTNEY, son of JOHN COURTNEY, SR. & HANNAH CURTIS, m 27 Feb., 1809, SOPHRINA DAVIS. RICHARD d bef 1854. SOPHRINA m (2) 25 June, 1855, in St. Helena, LA, ZACHARIAH Z. LEE.
RICHARD & SOPHRINA had five children:

1. DAVID HAMPTON COURTNEY, b 1810, Wilkinson Co., MS.
2. LAVINAH COURTNEY, b ca 1813, Wilkinson Co., MS.
3. ELIZABETH COURTNEY, b ca 1818, Wilkinson Co., MS.
4. JOHN F. COURTNEY, b 7 Aug., 1820, Wilkinson Co., MS.
5. J. W. COURTNEY, b ca 1823, Wilkinson Co., MS.

1. DAVID HAMPTON COURTNEY, son of RICHARD COURTNEY & SOPHRINA DAVIS, m 14 July, 1837 in Wilkinson Co., ARIANNA JACKSON, b in 1807.

2. LAVINAH COURTNEY, dau of RICHARD COURTNEY & SOPHRINA DAVIS, m 17 Feb., 1833 in Wilkinson Co., MS, JOHN S. SMITH.

3. ELIZABETH COURTNEY, dau of RICHARD COURTNEY & SOPHRINA DAVIS, m 20 Dec., 1832 in Wilkinson Co., MS, BLAKE HOLLOMAN who d ca 1849 in Claiborne PR., LA. ELIZABETH m (2) 7 Jan., 1858 in Claiborne PR., LA, DAVIS C. BROOMFIELD who d bef 1870.
ELIZABETH & BLAKE had four children:

1. SOPHRONIA E. HOLLOMAN, b 1833, Wilkinson Co., MS.
2. RICHARD HOLLOMAN, b 1838, Wilkinson Co., MS.
3. NANCY HOLLOMAN, b 1845, Claiborne PR., LA.
4. AMANDA HOLLOMAN, b 1848, Claiborne PR., LA.

1. SOPHRONIA E. HOLLOMAN, dau of BLAKE HOLLOMAN & ELIZABETH COURTNEY, m 26 Dec., 1849 in Claiborne PR., LA, BENJAMIN F. SIKES, JR., son of BENJAMIN F. SIKES, SR. (1782-1864). BENJAMIN F. SIKES, JR. d in July 1863 in Vicksburg, MS in the Civil War.
BENJAMIN & SOPHRONIA had four children:

1. BENJAMIN BLAKE SIKES, b Nov., 1850 in Claiborne PR., LA, d 20 March, 1924, Webster PR., LA.
2. CATHERINE SIKES, b 1852, Claiborne PR., LA.
3. J. WILLIAM SIKES, b 1853, Claiborne PR., LA.
4. SOPHRONIA SIKES, b 1858, Claiborne PR., LA.

1. BENJAMIN BLAKE SIKES, son of BENJAMIN F. SIKES, JR. & SOPHRONIA E. HOLLOMAN, m ca 1872 in Webster PR., LA, MARY E. JOHNSON, b Jan., 1855, AK. BENJAMIN d 20 March, 1924, Webster PR., LA.
BENJAMIN & MARY had five children:

1. IDA L. SIKES, b Aug., 1879, Webster PR., LA, d 1924, Webster.
2. ONIE SIKES, b Oct., 1880, Webster PR., LA.
3. GEORGE ERNEST SIKES, b March, 1883, Webster PR., LA.
4. NORA SIKES, b Oct., 1887, Webster PR., LA.
5. ALICE SIKES, b 12 Aug., 1891, Webster PR., LA, d 14 Mar, 1941.

2. ONIE SIKES, dau of BENJAMIN BLAKE SIKES & MARY E. JOHNSON, m 19 Feb., 1896 in Webster PR., LA (BK 4, PG 77), ANNIE MCINTYRE, b Sept, 1898, Webster PR., LA.

3. GEORGE ERNEST SIKES, son of BENJAMIN BLAKE SIKES & MARY E. JOHNSON, m 1904 in Webster PR., LA (BK 5 PG 369), MAUDE LEGGETT, b 1886, LA.
GEORGE & MAUDE had two sons:

1. GUS R. SIKES, b 29 July, 1905, Webster PR., LA, d 24 Aug., 1969, Webster PR., LA, m MARY L.,_____?, b 12 Oct., 1910, LA, d 31 Dec., 1977, Webster PR., LA.
2. RALPH SIKES, b 1908, Webster PR., LA.

4. NORA SIKES, dau of BENJAMIN BLAKE SIKES & MARY E. JOHNSON, m 1907 in Webster PR., LA, WILEY EDWARD LEGGETT, b July, 1888 in Webster PR., LA.

5. ALICE SIKES, dau of BENJAMIN BLAKE SIKES & MARY E. JOHNSON, m 1913 in Webster PR., LA (BK 8 PG 332) GEORGE ELLIS CLEMENT, b 2 Aug., 1887 Webster PR., LA, d 1 Aug., 1950.

3. J. WILLIAM SIKES, son of BENJAMIN F. SIKES & SOPHRONIA E. HOLLOMAN, m (1) 3 Jan., 1870 in De Sota PR., LA, JANE E. BALES; he m (2) 11 Jan., 1871 in De Sota PR., LA, Mrs. S. A. SIMMONS; he m (3) in Jackson PR., LA, 2 Dec., 1897, ALLICE PRICE.

5. LAVINA SIKES, dau of BENJAMIN F. SIKES & SOPHRONIA E. HOLLOMAN, m in Grant PR., LA, 6 Dec., 1883, WILLIAM SHELTON.

2. RICHARD HOLLOMAN, son of BLAKE HOLLOMAN & ELIZABETH COURTNEY, m (1) 25 Sept., 1879 in Monroe Co., MS, ADA WEST; he m (2) 21 Feb., 1882, in Monroe Co., MS, ARRENA CONWAY. ADA d giving childbirth in 1880.
RICHARD & ADA had one son:

1. JOHN R. HOLLOMAN, b 1880, m in 1898 in Wayne Co., MS, ELIZA STRICKLAND.

4. JOHN F. COURTNEY, son of RICHARD COURTNEY & SOPHRONIA DAVIS, m 24 Nov., 1844 in Wilkinson Co. MS (1860 LA Census), NANCY JANE SIKES, b 1 Dec., 1824 in Wilkerson Co., MS, d 3 Nov., 1882 in Bowie Co., TX. JOHN F. d 1 Aug., 1899 in Bowie Co., TX.
JOHN & NANCY had eleven children:

1. GEORGE W. COURTNEY, b 25 Sept., 1845 in Bossier, LA, d 2 Jan, 1893 in Bowie Co., TX.

2. MONROE L. COURTNEY, b 1847, Claiborne PR., LA, d bef 1880.
3. BENJAMIN RICHARD COURTNEY, b 14 Dec., 1849, Claiborne PR., LA, d 14 Oct., 1891, Bowie Co., TX.
4. DAVID HAMPTON COURTNEY, b 1852, Claiborne PR., LA.
5. WILLIAM J. COURTNEY, b 1854, Claiborne PR., LA, m NANCY _____?.
6. JOHN F. COURTNEY, JR., b 1856, Claiborne PR., LA, d 1860, Claiborne.
7. NANCY ELLEN COURTNEY, b 1857, Bossier, LA, m JOHN BUCHANAN.
8. REBECCA ELIZABETH COURTNEY, b 30 Oct., 1858, Claiborne PR., LA, d 17 Feb., 1942, New Boston, Bowie Co., TX.
9. SOPHRONIA D. COURTNEY, b 1860, Claiborne PR., LA.
10. JEFFERSON D. COURTNEY, b 1861, Claiborne PR., LA.
11. HENRY LEE COURTNEY, b 1864, Claiborne PR., LA.

1. GEORGE W. COURTNEY, son of JOHN F. COURTNEY, SR. & NANCY JANE SIKES (SYKES)?, m ca 1867 in Columbia Co., AR, MARIAN HULLETT, b 1842 in S. C.

2. MONROE L. COURTNEY, son of JOHN F. COURTNEY, SR. & NANCY JANE SIKES, m 15 Nov, 1880 in Claiborne PR., LA, ELIZABETH "LIZZIE" GREEN.

MONROE & LIZZIE had three children:

1. MONROE COURTNEY, b ca 1881.
2. EMEY COURTNEY, b ca 1884.
3. DREW COURTNEY, b ca 1886.

4. DAVID HAMPTON COURTNEY, son of JOHN F. COURTNEY, SR. & NANCY JANE SIKES, m 5 Nov, 1887 in De Soto PR., LA, PHOEBE PERSLEY.

8. REBECCA ELIZABETH COURTNEY, dau of JOHN F. COURTNEY & NANCY JANE SIKES, m (1) in 1881, LEVI MELVIN COLLOM, b Bowie Co., TX, d 1884; REBECCA m (2) in July, 1884 in Bowie Co., TX, CHARLES COLIN COLLOM, b 19 Sept., 1838 in Red River Co., TX, d 19 Oct., 1905, Bowie Co., TX.

REBECCA & LEVI had two children; she & CHARLES, six:

1. MARTHA JANE COLLOM, b 24 June, 1882, Bowie Co., TX, d 1969., m WILLIAM C. CASE.
2. LEVI MELVIN COLLOM, JR., b 19 Feb., 1884, Bowie Co., TX, d Dec., 1969, m EVALINA JONES.
3. MARY ELIZABETH COLLOM, b May, 1887 Old Boston, Bowie Co., TX., m LEWIS ANDERSON.
4. SPENCER ALLEN COLLOM, b Feb., 1889 Old Boston, Bowie Co., TX., m MARY ROBERTSON.
5. ILA CATHERINE COLLOM, b Feb., 1891, Old Boston, Bowie Co., TX., m 1910 in Bowie Co., TX, LUKE LETCHER.
6. CHARLES FRANK COLLOM, b Dec., 1892 in Old Boston, Bowie Co., TX.
7. WILLIAM GAINES COLLOM, b 10 Feb., 1894, Old Boston, Bowie, TX,
8. NORA ELLEN COLLOM, b Sept., 1898, Old Boston, Bowie Co., TX, d 1902, Bowie Co., TX.

7. WILLIAM GAINES COLLOM, son of CHARLES COLIN COLLOM & REBECCA ELIZABETH COURTNEY, m 19 Feb., 1926 in Norphlet, Union Co., AR., IRENE BELLE HANKINS, b 15 Sept., 1904 in Richland, Navarro Co., TX, d 27 May, 1948 in McCamey, Upton Co., TX. WILLIAM d 19 June, 1951 in Big Springs, Howard Co., TX.

WILLIAM & IRENE had three children;

1. BETTY SUE COLLOM, b 7 Jan., 1932, El Dorado, Union Co., AR.
2. WILLIAM MAURICE COLLOM, b 21 May, 1934, Norphlet, Union Co., AR.
3. CAROL ANN COLLUM, b 18 Sept., 1940, Smackover, Union Co., AR., m 11 Oct., 1960, ROBERT W. HILDENBRAND.

1. BETTY SUE COLLOM, dau of WILLIAM GAINES COLLOM & IRENE BELLE HANKINS, m (1) 24 Dec., 1950 in Upton Co., TX., PAUL EARL RAPE. BETTY m (2) 8 Aug., 1963 in Odessa, Ector Co., TX, PORTER CAMPBELL HUDSON, b 1 Oct., 1927 in Morton, Cochran Co., TX, d 12 Aug., 1985 in Oklahoma City, OK.
BETTY SUE & PAUL had one son:

1. JERRY VANCE RAPE, b 5 Sept., 1952, San Angelo, TX, m 8 Sept., 1973 in Oklahoma City, OK, JANIS AMELIA BALL.
JERRY & JANIS had one son:

1. PHILLIP DEAN RAPE, b 15 March, 1980, Oklahoma City, OK.

11. HENRY LEE COURTNEY, son of JOHN F. COURTNEY, SR. & NANCY JANE SIKES, m 8 Jan., 1889 in Texarkana, Bowie Co., TX, MARTHA EMMA JOHNSON, b 1867 in Minden, LA.
HENRY & MARTHA had seven children:

1. OMER COURTNEY, b 1885, Bowie Co., TX.
2. BRANDY COURTNEY, b 1886, Bowie Co., TX.
3. CORA COURTNEY, b 1890, Bowie Co. TX.
4. GAMIT COURTNEY, b 1892, Bowie Co., TX.
5. ELEN OPHELIA COURTNEY, b 9 Nov., 1894, New Boston, TX.
6. PERRY COURTNEY, b 1896, Bowie Co., TX.
7. LEON COURTNEY, b 1900, Bowie Co., TX.

5. ELEN OPHELIA COURTNEY, dau of HENRY LEE COURTNEY & MARTHA EMMA JOHNSON, m 10 July, 1908, ROBERT LEE COLLINS, b 11 Sept., 1877, d 18 May, 1943 in Red Lick, TX. ELLEN d 16 April, 1987 in Red Lick, TX. ELLEN's grandparents were WILLIAM NICHOLAS JOHNSON, (1840-1909) & DUBIE PITTMAN (1860-1913).
ROBERT LEE COLLINS was the son of THOMAS FRANKSIN COLLINS, b 9 April, 1852 in Salen, Dallas Co., AL, m 18 Dec., 1881, MARY ELIZABETH COLLINS (cousins), b 25 June, 1856, AL, d 1881. THOMAS FRANKLIN d 27 July, 1939. THOMAS was the son of T. F. COLLINS (1809-1891) & SUSAN REBECCA MCGEE. MARY ELIZABETH was the dau of WILLIAM J. COLLINS (1817-1874) & MARTHA MCGEE (1824-1886).

ELLEN & ROBERT had at least six children:

1. VIVIAN MARCELLE COLLINS, b 1 Jan., 1910, Texarkana, Bowie Co., TX, d 26 July, 1976, m EARL THOMPSON.
2. HENRY LEE COLLINS, b 19 Dec., 1911, d 4 March, 1970.
3. CLIFFORD LAMAR COLLINS, b 7 Aug., 1914, d 2 Sept., 1973, m BARBARA LAMBS.
4. MORRIS HEBERT COLLINS, b 31 Jan., 1919, Texarkana, Bowie Co., TX, m NADINE LANDRUM.
5. MARY FRANCES COLLINS, b 28 Dec., 1920, Nash Bowie Co., TX.
6. RAYMOND ELMORE COLLINS, b 7 Sept., 1923, Nash, Bowie, Co., TX, d 1 Dec., 1985.

5. MARY FRANCES COLLINS, dau of ROBERT LEE COLLINS & ELLEN OPHELIA COURTNEY, m 8 Nov., 1942, LUCIAN FAIRFIELD LURRY, b 31 Oct., 1914 in Miller Co., AR, son of DAVID THURSTON LURRY & ANNIE OPHELIA SWANGER.
MARY & LUCIAN had one daughter:

1. REGINA LYNN LURRY, b 17 Dec., 1953, Texarkana, Miller Co., AR, m 24 Aug., 1974 in Nacogdoches Co., TX, RICKIE LEE MOEHRING, b 17 Dec., 1952 in Brenham, Washington City, TX.
REGINA & RICKIE had two children:

1. BRADLEY ALLEN MOEHRING, b 2 Feb., 1980 in Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches City, TX.
2. ASHLEY LAINE MOEHRING, b 26 June, 1983 in Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches City, TX.

4. BENJAMIN COURTNEY, son of JOHN COURTNEY, SR. & HANNAH CURTIS, m in Amite Co., MS, MARY DAVIS.
BENJAMIN & MARY had at least one son that I can account for:

1. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN "BEN" COURTNEY, b 1829, d 1898, m SARAH TYLER, b 1839, d 1905.
BEN & SARAH had three children:

1. BENJAMINF. COURTNEY, JR., b 1878, d 1883.
2. MARTHA E. COURTNEY, b 1872, d 1883.
3. ANN COURTNEY, b 1880, d 1906.

5.. JONATHAN COURTNEY

JONATHAN COURTNEY, son of JOHN COURTNEY, SR. & HANNAH CURTIS, was b in 1785 in Adams Co., MS, for it was at this time that JOHN, his father, lived very near the famous Fort Rosalie, according to the Natchez Court Records. The very earliest document that I could find with his "signature" is the marriage bond he signed on the 23rd April, 1811. The marriage was that of his sister, PHOEBE, to BENJAMIN CURTIS, son of REV. RICHARD CURTIS, JR. The ceremony was officiated by REV. EZRA COURTNEY, uncle to JONATHAN.

JONATHAN married three times. He m (1) on 2 Feb., 1807 in Wilkinson, MS, WINFRED DOUGLAS. JONATHAN m (2) in Johnson Co. AR, about 1837 to ELIZABETH _____?; he m (3) in 1845, in Pope Co., AR, NANCY WESTMORELAND.

According to the 1840 Johnson Co., AR census, JONATHAN COURTNEY and ELIAS W. COURTNEY & family were there. This ELIAS W. COURTNEY (JONATHAN's son) is not to be confused with ELIAS W. COURTNEY, son of THOMAS COURTNEY & ANN ROBINSON. The latter ELIAS W. is said to have also went into Arkansas after he m in 1827 to JUDY LOFTIN.

WILLIAM, JONATHAN's son, was staying with JOHN COURTNEY, older brother to WILLIAM, who was age twenty in 1840. SARAH, JONATHAN's daughter, was also staying with ELIAS W. COURTNEY & family.

In the Pope Co., AR marriages, we find JONATHAN COURTNEY, (age 60) of JOHNSON CO., AR married to NANCY WESTMORELAND, age (29) of Pope Co., AR. This third marriage took place on the 25th of Sept., 1845.

Land Office Records of Greenburg, LA, St. Helena Parish, show that on 5 Nov., 1829, JONATHAN COURTNEY purchased a sixty-five acre farm in Greenburg, LA for $84.00 cash.

The fact that JONATHAN was in the Greenburg area is not strange at all; after all, BENJAMIN CURTIS, JONATHAN's uncle, had died here in 1808 and left his large estate to his two youngest sons, BENJAMIN & LEVI CURTIS.

NATHANIEL CURTIS, son of BENJAMIN (who was the son of REV. RICHARD CURTIS, JR.) had just also purchased land very near to JONATHAN.

Just west of Mississippi, a land once part of the Louisiana Purchase, became a State in 1836 known as Arkansas (derived from the Sioux Indian word for "downstrem people"). At about this time JONATHAN and his sons crossed the great Mississippi River (whose Indian name meant "Father of Waters"). Perhaps JONATHAN wanted to spread the gospel in this wilddrness, or perhaps the move was due to the fact that he had just lost his beloved WINFRED. We do know that they settled in a place called Horsehead Township in Johnson County, Arkansas.

In 1837 JONATHAN married his second wife ELIZABETH _____?, by whom he had three children; and after ELIZABETH died, JONATHAN, at age sixty, married for the third time, NANCY WESTMORELAND, a woman less than half his age. The ceremony was performed by JONATHAN's preacher, son, ELIAS W. COURTNEY, in 1845.

Meanwhile, Louisiana had decided to re-validate its land records and required all landowners (or their heirs) to appear, prove and sign affidavits of ownership. JONATHAN was sixty-five years old and again, he set out for Louisiana where on 17 Stpt., 1852, he appeared in court at Greenburg to validate his sixty-five acre tract. Strangely, this was the last time that he was seen or heard from. My guess is that JONATHAN COURTNEY died 1852/3. JONATHAN lived at least 67 years.

At this point, I wish to interject a very interesting story that was written in its' entirity by ISAIAH H. COURTNEY, son of JONATHAN & "WINNIFRED" (Please observe WINNIFRED's signature on the following document).

State of Mississippi
Amite County } This Indenture made
this third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
ed and eighteen, between Jonathan Courtney of the State and County
of the one part, and Joseph Smith of said State and County of the other part
Witnesseth, that I the said Jonathan Courtney for and in consideration of
sum of one thousand dollars to me in hand paid by the said Joseph Smith
receipt is hereby acknowledged, have bargained sold, conveyed and confirmed
by these presents do bargain sell, convey and confirm unto the said Joseph
his heirs and assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of Land lying and
in the County aforesaid on Bravo creek, containing two hundred acres, be
same more or less, butting bounded, beginning as follows, viz, at a
corner, from thence running South twenty five degrees East twenty five
to a pine corner, thence North fifty four East eighty two chains to a gum
thence north twenty seven West twenty five chains to a post oak corner
from thence running South fifty four West eighty two chains to the first beginning
corner. To have and to hold the said bargained land and premises
every part and parcel thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining to the
use benefit and behoof of him the said Joseph Smith his heirs and assigns
and the said Jonathan Courtney for himself his heirs and assigns do and
warrant and defend the same against the claim and claims of all
whatsoever. In witness whereof the said Jonathan Courtney have
set his hand and seal the day and year first and before written

Jonathan Courtney
Winnifred Courtney

Mississippi State
Amite County } Jonathan Courtney came in person before me
and acknowledged this within deed of conveyance to be his act and
for the purpose herein mentioned and his wife Winnifred Courtney
certified by me this 28th day of March 1818

Tyre Talbot

A TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS

IN 1870

In the spring of 1870, there was a company of immigrants started across the plains from Texas to California. The company was under the care and management of Capt. J.J. Cureton of near Valley Mills, Bosque County, Texas. The number of families at first were twelve. The names were as follows:

Capt. J.J. Cureton, wife, four sons, two daughters and one brother, Uncle Cureton, two nephews, John T. and Ben Mapes. Uncle William Hale, wife, three sons two sons and four or five daughters. Widow Fellove, two sons and one daughter.(The two last named families were from Arkansas) Uncle Bill Whitfield, wife, one son and three daughters, with a baby girl born on the road in Arizona at, or near the last watering place on the Little Colorado River. I.H. Courtney, wife, four sons and three daughters. W.T. Courtney, wife and one son. (These two families were from Burleson County, Texas) George Green, wife and one son and three daughters. Jonathan May, wife and one daughter. John M. Harper, wife, four sons and one daughter. Mr. Harper died enroute, and was buried a few miles west of where Coleman Junction now is, in Coleman County, Texas, on Home Creek or one of its tributaries. Sam Westfall, wife and one daughter.

At the head of Hog Creek where Bill Bab had a cow ranch, the Haynes and Tompkins families from Coryell County come to the company and traveled with it to Old Colorado Post, Coleman County, there they pulled on while the company waited over near the Robert Sloan Ranch, on Pecan Bayou, for the gathering of about 600 beef steers which with about 650 head, mostly stock cattle that had been driven from Bosque County, were driven on across the plains of which John C. Cureton was boss.

Will give distance and names of watering places between Ft. Chadbourn, Texas, and Camp Cady, California.

From Ft. Chadbourn, to Rio, Colorado, eighteen miles. Twenty-two miles to Rio Concho. Twelve miles to next watering place on Rio Concho. From Ft. Concho, fifteen miles to last Government Station on Rio Concho. Ten miles to Mustang Ponds(Dry times with little or no water). Thirteen miles to Stake Plains, Twenty-tree miles to China Ponds, fourteen miles to Castle Canyon, twelve miles to

Horsehead Crossing on Pecos River, six miles to six mile bend, on Pecos River, four miles to New Bend on Pecos River, two miles to Red Bluff, on Pecos River, seven miles to Daggers Bend, on Pecos River, fourteen miles to the Falls on the Pecos River, sixteen miles to Narboes crossing on Pecos River, fourteen miles to Canyon Camp or Salt Bend, on Pecos River, ten miles to Popes Crossing on Pecos River, eight miles to Delaware River, and better water, (just east of this is N.M. line). Four miles to Grand Bluff, on Pecos River, twelve miles to Black River, sixteen miles to River Bend on Pecos River, fourteen miles to crossing on Pecos River, three miles to Seven Rivers, ten miles to Cotton Wood Springs, three miles to Sulphur Springs, (water only for horses). Twelve miles to Pecos Bend, twelve miles to Felig River, fifteen miles to South Springs River, eight miles to French's Saka, (a water ditch) seven miles to Hondo watering place, eight miles to second watering place on Hondo River, twelve miles to crossing on Hondo River, four miles to third crossing on Hondo River, six miles to next watering place on Hondo River, five miles to Cherries Mills, five miles to junction of Hondo River, here we turned to right leaving Ft. Stanton, New Mexico to the left a few miles from here, it was one and one-half miles to crossing on Benito River, five miles to Staka, plenty water, wood and grass, five miles to last crossing on Bonito River, three miles to Salor Springs, fifteen miles to Carriza Creek, three miles to Patos, water sometimes scarce, thirty-nine miles to Galina Springs, water scarce at time, eight miles to Lagoon, some time no water, thirty-five miles to Punta De Agna, that is the name of a little Mexican town, and plenty water, nine miles to Garreon, four miles to Heka, fourteen miles to Chilili, (water one mile below town,); thirteen miles to Teherres Canyon, six miles to Mexican town, six miles to last watering in Canyon, twelve miles to Albuquer on the Rio Grande. There the company crossed the nineteen miles to Puerco River, water scarce, twenty miles to Sheep Springs one mile left of road, eleven miles to Rito River, five miles to Laguna, ten miles to Cerbero, ten miles to Galla, fifteen miles to Old Ft. Wingate, twenty miles to Agua Frio, this is a spring of water running out from a lava bed and the water was so cold that ice would not melt when put in it in June. It was tested, this lava bed looked as if it might be three or four feet thick and at some places was forty or fifty yards wide, other places twenty-five or thirty yards wide, and there were quite a number of mountain cedar trees ranging in diameter from 18 to 24 or 30 inches, growing on this lava bed where there was no dirt apparently.

A few miles west of this spring the road crossed the back bone of the Rockies dividing the waters of the two Oceans, fifteen miles from Agua Frio to Inscription Rock (sometimes not any water). This perpendicular wall of sand stone taken its name from the great number of names and dates inscribed on it from near the ground to just as high as men could reach standing in saddles on horses. Twelve miles to Black Rock, three miles to Indian village there was said to be 900 in the village, and their houses covered only about one acre of land.

They were of the Zuna tribe. They farmed some, grew squaw corn and wheat. They owned oxen and wagons, quite a lot of sheep, some horses, and a lot of burros. Twenty-five miles to Jacobs Wells of which there were two, one of only a few yards across, and 10 or 12 feet deep, the other was probably 100 yards across at the top, and 65 to 80 feet deep in deepest where the water basin was. Some places the walls were perpendicular, and from 10 to 30 feet high, and then slopes toward the water.

Seven miles to Navajo Springs, the company passed onto the springs and on arriving there found but little water, also learning that about 600 head of the cattle of the herd had taken what is know to cattle men as water stampede, and had run off and were gone. But immediately after the noon hour the boss took some of his best men, followed and overtaken the cattle about six miles from the camp. The oxen and some cattle from the camp were driven back to Jacobs Well and watered. Also those stampeded cattle were driven back to the wells and watered, and while they were watering, Captain Jack Cureton was down in the well on foot and an on foot and an old wild cow made a run for the captain and ran over him, but when he got up he pulled his revolver and began to shoot, and did not stop until he had killed the cow.

Thirteen miles from Navajo Springs to Carriza Creek, sometimes no water except by digging, thirteen miles to Linthodendrow, same as Carriza Creek, sixteen miles to Little Colorado River, four miles to next watering place on river, nine miles to next place on river, eight miles to next watering place on river, six miles to next watering place on river, seven miles to crossing of river, ten miles to next watering place on river, five miles to next watering place on river, twelve miles to last watering place on Little Colorado River. Stopped twenty-six miles to Cossrino Caves, plenty water but of access, sixteen miles to San Francisco Springs, sometimes water scarce, thirteen miles to Volunteer Springs. The company moved and three deserted from the U.S. Regulars stationed at Camp Verde river, Ariz. ate dinner with Capt. Cureton and family. That night just awhile after camping a lieutenant with four or five men passed on, following the company with the deserters. They had them in shackles at camp that night, which camp was at Snyder's Hole and plenty water, nine miles from Volunteer Springs, sixteen miles to Bear Springs fifteen miles to Hells Canyon. The company passed through a dense forest of juniper, west of Bear Springs and out into the open country, and camped for the night. Next morning quite an excitement prevailed for a short time in the camp, caused by the appearance of about eight big Indian Bucks, walking directly toward the camp. During the excitement Miss Jettie Hale made a run for a wagon, grabbed a revolver, turned, and started towards the oncoming Indians, but the sight of Billie Stephens with a three gallon keg of water on his shoulder along with the Indians, soon quieted the excitement.

From this camp Uncle Billie Hale and Wm. E. Cureton went back

to the trail in search of some lost horses, and on riding up to the edge of the canyon at Bear Springs, spied a wild Indian wearing only paint stripes on his naked skin. The Indian appeared to be very badly excited at first sight of them and stared at them for a time and then began to back up the hill, which was steep and continued to back off for several yards before turning to run, but when he did turn, they said he got away from them double quick. Uncle Billie and Will found the horses and returned with them okay.

The company moved on and crossed Hells Canyon before noontime came. One of those Indians stayed 1 1/2 days and one night with the company. He was a big young buck, was dressed in fairly nice new suit of clothes, a new hat and shoes, had a pocket mirror and comb all the same as white man. Ten miles from the Canyon to Granite Creek, eight miles to Oaks and Willows, eight miles to Anvil Rock, twelve miles to Rock Fort, nine miles to Cottonwood, four miles to next watering place on same creek, twenty-five miles to Hualapais Spring, water scarce. Fourteen miles to Beal Springs, a fairly good watering place, two miles to Coyote Holes, water scarce. Fourteen miles to Marion Pass, twelve miles to Colorado River, two miles to Hardy's Ferry, four miles to last point on river, eighteen miles to Pahute Springs, twenty-three miles to Rock Springs, two miles to Govt. Holes, water scarce. Six miles to Cedar Canyon, water limited, ten miles to Mart Springs, sixteen miles to point of mountain no grass or water, eighteen miles to Soda Lake, water plenty, grass scarce, three miles to Barrel Springs, water tow feet from surface. Eleven miles to Mohave River, five miles to next watering place, on Mohave River, ten miles to Camp Cady, which was a Govt. Post, but was just being moved when the company arrived there.

It was said that there was a 35 mile drive to me made without water and it was left to one man I.H. Courtney that had 15 yoke of good oxen. To say how this long drive on those oxen was to be made, and he said he wanted to drive two hours and rest tow until the trip was made, and one man they called Stuffy said he would drive them up and get through quick, so they started in the evening and Stuffy started right on, when the tow hours was out, the man in a hurry went on and it was said the second day out the half time rest teams came upon Mr. Stuffy with one ox down famished out for water, and had to leave one ox to die and come in the third day behind all the rest. I speak of this just to show what an ox could stand and what they could not stand. When those cattle got close to the water that was pulling these wagons, they begin to rush for the water, so the teamsters stopped the oxen and unhitched and turned the oxen all loose that they might not run away with the wagons. The cattle drank heartily, went out and lay down and took a long rest, got up and drank again then went off to grazing unhurt.

W.E. Cureton says he has known cattle to travel 96 miles without a fill of water, and 30 or 40 miles without a drop of water. After the second day out on those drives without water, cattle only

rest and travel, drop down all in a few minutes, and in an hour on their feet and traveling like a walking race. No telling how far the old long horn Texas or Mexican steer could go without water if you just give him his way, only keep him headed the way you want him to go.

W.E. Cureton says he had just met John Courtney and Bettie his wife and they are a living encyclopedia of that trip away back in 1870.

Written for I.H. Courtney, Feb. 25, 1919
June 16th, 1919

Mr. I.H. Courtney, Cisco, Texas

Dear Sir: Yours of the 11th to hand, however, I had a letter forward from Austin by C. M. that you had written him. Yes I remember your being at my old home on East Bosque, years ago, and have a remembrance of meeting you once since, but have forgotten where.

Well as to a reminiscence of that trip in 1870 to old California it is like opening the door to the long closed past. John Cureton has always been the chronicler of the events the Cureton family. He has a genius for an historian, but in the beginning of the 20th century his house burned and with it all his writings were consumed in the flames. His diary of a life time his three trips to California with cattle (across the plains) his fight with the Apache chief where he came out with a broken leg and arm and the Indian was dead. Also, the history of the celebrated Dove Creek near San Angelo where the Kickapoos and Potawatomies whipped 500 Texans on the 8th of January, 1865. He was under 15 years of age then. J.C. Cureton's address in 3412 E. 6th Street in Los Angeles, California.

Well there were 76 people in that overland trip to begin with in the spring of 1870. Old man Harper we buried just west of the foot of Santa Anna mountain in Coleman County, Texas, and Mrs. Wm. Whitfield had a baby girl born on the Colorado River, Arizona, about where the Mormon settlement is now located, making our number the same as started. Twenty-nine vehicles, and 1140 head of cattle.

The teams were all work oxen save one span of small mules. No slickers invented then, cowboys took the rain as the cattle did. The streams were all alive with fish, deer everywhere, and hardly ever out of sight of antelope.

1870 was a rainy summer and the Pecos river was from foot hill to foot hill, and we crossed it near where the line of Texas and New Mexico cross, and below the mouth of the Delaware.

Crossed the Rio Grande at old Albuquerque, and Springer Brothers had an "American Store" and were the only Caucasians living there.

The Navajo Indians were on reservation at Fort Wingate and I

traded a lame cow (unable to go further) to an Indian for his wives Navajo blanket, the prettiest one I've ever seen before or since, worth $100 , but Jim Anderson found out it was his cow and took the blanket away from me and I've always felt the squaw and I were the injured parties.

On the summit of the Rocky mountain, Pony Morrison broke an axle out of his ox wagon--old Billy Hale (63 years old) grabbed an ax and let into a little pinion tree just when George Green the was of the outfit, came up, and Green said "this reminds me", he got no further, the old man stopped his ax and said heatedly "Good God are you going to stop to tell a long story and us with a broke down wagon on top of this old rough mountain?" and truly it was the back bone of the U.S.

With best wishes,
W.E. Cureton

Sketch of J.J. Cureton

Captain Jack Cureton was born in the state of Arkansas in 1826. Went with Gov. Yell to the Mexican War in 1846. Yell was Col.; killed at the Battle of Buena Vista, married Eliza Price, 1847 , at Ozark, Ariz. Moved to Texas winter of 1854-1855, settled on Keechie in Palo Pinto County, and built one amongst the first log cabins in the then unorganized County. Was a captain of Texas Rangers and helped organize the county in 1857. Commanded the 95 volunteer Texans in Dec. 1860 on Pease river when Pet Nocoma, Quana Parker's father, chief of the Comanches was killed and Citha Ann Parker and baby girl were captured and brought to her people. Enlisted and took oath to support the Southern Confederacy March 15, 1861, and served during the war with the frontier regiment, with headquarters at old Fort Belknap, was with the Texans in the Baylor war that ran the Indians out of Texas to Fort Sill just before the Civil War. Went twice to California with cattle 1852 and 1870, died on his farm in Bosque county after serving the county four years a sheriff, on May 12, 1881. Leaving his widow who died in 1906 , and six children all of whom are still living; one in Texas, three in New Mexico and two in California.

Will E. Cureton

JONATHAN and his first wife, WINFRED, had five children; he and ELIZABETH, three; he and his last wife, NANCY, none:

1. EMILINE COURTNEY, b ca 1810, m 10 March, 1832 in St. Hel, LA, RICHARD GRANTHAM.
2. ELIAS WILLIAM COURTNEY, b 5 Jan., 1816.
3. JOHN E. COURTNEY, b 1820, m NELLIE C. SPRINGER, no issue.
4. ISAIAH H. COURTNEY, b 17 Aug., 1822, in E. Baton Rouge, LA.
5. RICHARD COURTNEY, b 1833, in LA.
6. WILLIAM COURTNEY, b 5 Jan., 1838, AR.
7. SARAH COURTNEY, b 5 Jan., 1838, AR (TWIN).
8. ELIZABETH COURTNEY, b 1841, AR.

2. ELIAS WILLIAM COURTNEY, son of JONATHAN COURTNEY & WINFRED DOUGLAS, m (1) 12 Jan., 1839, AR, MARGARET LEWIS, b 25 Nov., 1814, d bef 1849 in Horsehead, Johnson Co., AR. ELIAS m (2) in 1848 in AR, to MILLIE RYAN, b ca 1820, dau of JOHN RYAN & MOLLY HOLT.
ELIAS and MARGARET had five children; he & MILLY, three:

1. GEORGE W. COURTNEY, b 4 Dec., 1839, AR.
2. JOHN BEN COURTNEY, b 24 May, 1841, AR.
3. IRENA COURTNEY, b 15 Sept., 1842, AR.
4. JONATHAN COURTNEY, b 20 Dec., 1843, AR.
5. THOMAS JEFFERSON COURTNEY, b 18 Aug., 1846, AR.
6. MARY E. COURTNEY, b 27 Aug., 1849, AR.
7. ISAIAH HENDERSON COURTNEY, b 3 Dec., 1851, Burleson Co., TX.
8. WILLIAM RICHARD COURTNEY, b 7 Nov., 1853, Caldwell, Burleson.

7. ISAIAH HENDERSON COURTNEY, son of ELIAS WILLIAM COURTNEY & MARGARET LWEIS, m 17 March, 1874 in Burleson Co., TX, SARAH JANE ALLBRIGHT, b 6 Nov., 1854, d 30 Nov, 1925 in Cisco, Eastland Co., TX, dau of JACOB E. BOLLINGER ALLBRIGHT & JANE FRANCES RANDOLPH. Some have thought it to be strange that the marriage certificate of JACOB ALLBRIGHT & JANE FRANCES has JANE's (maiden name) as LOCKMAN, especially since she married at age eleven; yet, Iim told that she as been traced to LITTLETON & ELIZABETH RANDOLPH. This can easily be accounted for in the following way. JANE sost her father, Mr. LOCKMAN, by death or divorce, and ELIZABETH, her mother, remarried.
Incidentally, JACOB's father, WILLIAM ALLBRIGHT, was the first pastor of Ha rmony Baptist Churc'h which was started by ELIAS W. COURTNEY in Caldwell, Burleson, Co., TX.
ISAIAH & SARAH had twelve children:

1. JOHN BURLESON COURTNEY, b 31 Dec., 1874 in Burleson, TX, d ca 1878.
2. WILLIAM WALTER COURTNEY, b 1 Aug., 1876, Eastland, TX.
3. ROSE ETTA COURTNEY, b 19 June, 1878, Eastland, TX, d 4 Jan., 1951 in AR.
4. HENRY ARTHUR COURTNEY, b 21 Aug., 1880, TX.
5. WEBB COURTNEY, b 15 Nov., 1882, Hamilton, TX.
6. PEARL COURTNEY, b 22 July, 1884, Hamilton, TX.
7. JACOB I. V. COURTNEY, b 8 May, 1886, Stephens, TX; he m MINNIE OLIVE COURTNEY, no issue.
8. STELLA MAE COURTNEY, b 14 March, 1888.
9. DELLA FANNY COURTNEY, b 14 March, 1888, Stephens, (TWIN).
10. JESSIE FRANKLIN COURTNEY, b 22 March, 1891, Eastland.
11. MILLEY COURTNEY, b 12 Sept., 1894, Eastland, TX.
12. SARAH JANE COURTNEY, b 5 June, 1896, Eastland, TX.

4. HENRY ARTHUR COURTNEY, son of ISAIAH H. COURTNEY & SARAH JANE ALLBRIGHT, m 17 June, 1900, MINNIE MAE CALLAWAY.
HENRY & MINNIE had ten children:

1. ORA GLENN COURTNEY, b 17 May, 1901.
2. JOHN HENRY COURTNEY, b 16 March, 1903.
3. OCIE ISAAC COURTNEY, b 18 Oct., 1904, d April, 1960.
4. AARON JESSE COURTNEY, b 7 Dec., 1909, d Sept., 1992, Abilene, TX.
5. SARAH MAE COURTNEY, b 13 Feb., 1912.
6. ENOCH ISAIAH COURTNEY, b 8 Jan., 1914.
7. MARY LOU PEARLIE COURTNEY, b 9 July, 1917.
8. ESTER JANE COURTNEY, b 7 March, 1919.
9. WILLIAM CLAUDELL COURTNEY, b 1 Sept., 1920, d 1921.
10. ARTHUR KITTRELL COURTNEY, b 26 July, 1923, d Aug., 1987 in Fort Worth, Terrant, TX.

2. JOHN HENRY COURTNEY, son of HENRY ARTHUR COURTNEY & MINNIE MAE CALLAWAY, m _____?. JOHN d in April, 1977 in Coleman Coleman, TX.
JOHN and his wife had one son:

1. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COURTNEY, b 3 Jan., 1932.

8. STELLA MAE COURTNEY, dau of ISAIAH HENDERSON COURTNEY & SARAH JANE ALLBRIGHT, m (1) 13 Sept. 1902 in TX, ROBERT REMUS CALLAWAY; she m (2) ca 1931, A. K. GARRETT.
STELLA MAE & ROBERT had fifteen children:

1. FLORENCE STELLA CALLAWAY, b 1 Aug., 1903.
2. HORACE LEONDAS CALLAWAY, b 1 May, 1905, Feb., 1979, Cisco, TX.
3. HENRY FRANKLIN CALLAWAY, b 24 June, 1906, d April, 1986 in Cross Plains, Callahan, TX.
4. HOWARD PEARL CALLAWAY, b 8 July, 1907.
5. HARRISON ABLE CALLAWAY, b 14 Nov., 1908.
6. LEAH LORINE CALLAWAY, b 4 April, 1910.
7. NAOMI RUTH CALLAWAY, b 11 Aug., 1911.
8. HARVIE ISAIAH CALLAWAY, b 13 Sept., 1912.
9. MARY OPAL CALLAWAY, b 6 May, 1915.
10. HERBERT ROBERT CALLAWAY, b 1 Nov., 1916.
11. HIRAM HARLON CALLAWAY, b 28 July, 1919.
12. HAYDEN EDWARD CALLAWAY, b 31 May, 1921.
13. HARLEY NORVELL CALLAWAY, 15 Feb., 1923.
14. EDITH ARVETA CALLAWAY, b 13 Oct., 1927.
15. HOMER COURTNEY CALLAWAY, b 3 April, 1930, d Dec., 1974.

NOTE: All ten sons's names started with an "H".

1. FLORENCE STELLA CALLAWAY, dau of ROBERT REMUS CALLAWAY & STELLA MAE COURTNEY, m 31 July, 1918 in TX, JESSE EARNEST OAKLEY, b 20 July, 1897, OK, d June, 1966, son of LEWIS HENRY OAKLEY & ELIZABETH FOWLER1 FLORENCE d 16 April, 1988, in Ashland, Oregon.
FLORENCE & JESSE had four children:

1. CHARLES CLAYTON OAKLEY, b 26 March, 1922, TX, d 1986.
2. FRANCES OAKLEY, b June, 1926, TX, m LOREN RICHARD EDWARDS.
3. STELLA OAKLEY, b 24 Dec., 1935, Moran, Shackleford Co., TX, m ROBERT WHITE.
4. JESS DOUGLAS OAKLEY, b 18 Sept., 1932, Roswell, New Mexico, m 2 Aug., 1950, Ashland, Oregon, PATRICIA JUNE WILSON, b

29 May, 1933 in Redding, Berks Co., PA, dau of GEORGE WILLIAM WILSON & WILHEMIA SMITH.
JESS & PATRICIA had three children:

1. GAYLE LORRAINE OAKLEY, b 29 Oct., 1951, Bremerton, Kitsap Co., Washington.
2. FRANCES DAWN OAKLEY, b 25 July, 1953, m in Reno, Nevada in 1985, STEPHEN FITZGEARLD.
3. CHERYL PATRICE OAKLEY, b 13 Feb., 1956, m in Ashland, Jackson Co., OR, TERRANCE LEROY SHEPARD.

3. GAYLE LORRAINE OAKLEY, dau of JESS DOUGLAS OAKLEY & PATRICIA JUNE WILSON, m (1) 13 Sept., 1970 in Ashland, Jackson Co., OR, JOSEPH MICHAEL WALTERS, b 14 Aug., 1948 in Medford, Jackson Co., OR. GAYLE m (2) 27 July, 1979, in Asjland, Jackson Co., OR, RONALD MIKE TRILLER, b 15 March, 1956 in Medford, Jackson Co., OR.
GAYLE & JO had one daughter; she & RON, two children:

1. JENNIFER REBECCA WALTERS, b 3 Aug., 1972 in Ashland, Jackson Co., Oregon.
2. JESS DOUGLAS OAKLEY TRILLER, b 2 Aug., 1980 in Ashland, Oregon.
3. STACEY CORREINE OAKLEY TRILLER, b 30 Sept., 1983 in Ashland, Oregon.

8. WILLIAM RICHARD COURTNEY, son of ELIAS WILLIAM COURTNEY & MILLIE RYAN, m ca 1877, MARGARET ANN JOHNSON. WILLIAM d in 1920 in TX; he is bur in High Prarie, Burleson, TX.
WILLIAM & MARGARET had seven children:

1. GEORGE J. COURTNEY, b ca 1878
2. JOHN W. COURTNEY, b ca 1880.
3. CLAUD A. COURTNEY, b ca 1882.
4. RICHARD W. COURTNEY, b ca 1884.
5. ALLIE COURTNEY, b ca 1886.
6. MINNIE COURTNEY, b ca 1887.
7. RACHEL COURTNEY, b ca 1889; she m MONROE _____?.

1. GEORGE J. COURTNEY, son of WILLIAM RICHARD COURTNEY & MARGARET ANN JOHNSON, m 27 Aug., 1989, RACHEL MAHLMANN. GEORGE was burien in Old Prarie Dale Cemetery, Burleson, TX.
GEORGE & RACHEL had nine children:

1. JOHN WESLEY COURTNEY, b ca 1899.
2. LESTER LEE COURTNEY, b ca 1901.
3. ROSIE ARDENA COURTNEY, b ca 1903, m KUBEKA, no issue.
4. TILLIE COURTNEY, b ca 1905.
5. DORA ANN COURTNEY, b ca 1908.
6. MARY COURTNEY, b ca 1910.
7. JESSE COURTNEY, b ca 1913.
8. GEORGE COURTNEY, b ca 1915.
9. TENNIS COURTNEY, b ca 1918.

3. JOHN E. COURTNEY, son of JONATHAN COURTNEY & WINFRED DOUGLAS, m ca 1842, (1) MILLY _____?, b 1824, TN, d ca 1856; JOHN m (2) in 1857, a widow, ELIZABETH HAMILTON, b 1825, TN (sho had three daughters previously).
JOHN & MILLY had three sons; he & ELIZABETH, one son:

1. S. E. HAMILTON, b 1838.
2. SARAH HAMILTON, b 1840.
3. LOUISE HAMILTON, b 1855.
4. THOMAS COURTNEY, b 1843.
5. JONATHAN COURTNEY, b 1847.
6. REUBEN COURTNEY, b 1849.
7. ELIAS W. COURTNEY, b 1857, 26 Oct., 1877 in Burleson Co., TX, ANNA C. (IRENE) PILLOW.
ELIAS & IRENE had one daughter:

1. IDA E. COURTNEY, b 1858, Burleson Co., TX.

NOTE: Just two years after ELIAS m IRENE, he just simply disappeared. A real mystery surrounds "BUD" COURTNEY's (as he was called) disappearance, for no record of his demise can be fonud anywhere, nor is there any sign of his burial in cemetary or family records. Some speculate, however, that BUD could have just "took off" and IRENE divorced him prior to her marriage to JERRY TUTTLE.

Sometimes around 1858, three brothers, ELIAS WILLIAM, JOHN E., & ISAIAH H. COURTNEY (sons of JONATHAN COURTNEY & WINFRED DOUGLAS) moved again. Like many others during time, they went west, to Texas which had became State in 1845. They gathered up all of their earthly possessions and their many children and began the long trek which was to end in Burleson County. It should be noted that RICHARD COURTNEY (brother to the above three) was b deaf, and he did not go, as WILLIAM the youngest brother didn't either.

It was alongside a lake (later named for the COURTNEY family) near the town of Lyons, the clan settled on land which they purchased from DANIEL R. PERRY. SARAH ANN COURTNEY, a younger sister to these COURTNEY brothers, would later marry JAMES WHITEHEAD PERRY, son of DANIEL PERRY.

Pine cabins, built of rough hewn logs, chinked with daub and mud, were soon put up with long kitchen whose iron stove warmed the whole cabin on winter days. In summer, the front porch held fruit hung out to dry while fresh honey from the bee hives back of the orchard offered sweetness to the corn pone and hominy which along with salt pork were the staples of farm life. Fresh meat was a rarity; vegetables were scarce except for corn and sweet potatoes while wheat bread was almost unknown.

As soon as homes were erected, they built a church called Harmony Baptist where four generations of COURTNEYS have worshipped. By 1869, JOHN's brother, ELIAS became a Justice of Burleson County. This was taken from "ASTRIDE the San Antonio Road, The History of Burleson County, Texas; pg 508.

It should also be noted that ISAIAH COURTNEY, brother to JOHN & ELIAS, continued on to Milam County with his family.

There is little record of JOHN, himself, except on the 1860 census, he is shown to be a farmer with land valued at $1000 and personal psssessions of $850.

I think that this would be a good place to give the splendid narrative as given by HENRY ARTHUR COURTNEY, b 21 Aug., 1880, TX, son of ISAIAH HENDERSON & & SARAH JANE ALLBRIGHT.

MY LIFE STORY

by H. A. COURTNEY

The following document was dated April 11, 1951. All spelling, punctuation, and capitalization are as he wrote them. The drawing of cow brands and a descriptive drawing, which he used rather than an actual word, have been zeroxed from the original and inserted in the proper place in order to keep this story as he wrote it.

My grandfather Elias William Courtney, born Jan. 5,1816 and his first wife Margaret Lewis, born Nov. 25, 1814 must have married Jan. 17,1839, to them were born:

George W. Courtney	Dec. 4, 1839
John Ben Courtney	May 24, 1841
Irrena Courtney	Sep. 15, 1842
Jonathan Courtney	Dec. 20, 1843
Thomas Jefferson Courtney	Aug. 18, 1846

and Margaret his first wife died then sometime between Aug. 18, 1846 and Aug. 27, 1849 he married Milly Ryan and Aug. 27, 1849 to this union was born

Mary Etta Courtney,
then my father Isaiah Henderson Courtney, Dec. 3, 1851
then WM. Richard Courtney, Nov. 7, 1853

also Johnson Co.

Grandfather married the first time in Johnson Co. Ark. and the second marriage was in Burleson Co. Tex. I saw only Thomas Jefferson Courtney and the last born WM Richard and of course my father. and my father married in Burleson Co. Tex. to My mother a miss Sarah Jane Allbright, born Nov. 6, 1854. Married March 12, 1874. And to this union was born John Burleson Courtney, Dec. 31, 1874 who died at about 3 years of age. William Walter Courtney, Aug. 1, 1876 then my sister Rose Etta Courtney, June 19, 1878 making 3 born in Burleson Co. Tex. Then they moved to Hamilton Co. Tex. and I, H. A. Courtney, was born on a tributary of the cowhouse creek (little bear creek) in the old Puddy place about 8 miles west of Hamilton, the co. site, Aug. 21, 9:20 P.M. 1880 and how I can still remember some things that happened while we lived there which I am planning to mention later. then Webb Courtney Nov. 15, 1882 fowloing was bro. Pearl Courtney July 22, 1884. So myself, Webb, and Pearl all three were born in Hamilton Co. Tex. then sometime in 1884 we moved to Stephens Co. about 15 miles north of the city of Cisco, Eastland Co. Tex. where in 1886 my brother Jas Courtney was born, May the 8th of the year of the great drouth that began Oct. 1885 and stayed dry until in May 1887 making 20 months without rain. and in Mar. 14, 1888 twins, Stella and Della were born in Stephens Co. Tex also the I. H. Courtney family making 3 born in last mentioned Co. then we moved the ranch owned by J.J. Wallace (called the diamond Jay) about 9 miles north of Cisco, Eastland Co where Jesse Franklin Courtney was born Mar. 22, 189 then Millie Courtney born Sept. 12, 1894. then Sarah Jane June 5, 189 making 3 born in Eastland Co. Tex. making 12 born to the I. H. Courtney Family my Father's cow brand was IC called I. C. with a half circle under, and 14 years He ran the CHE on the left side and on the left Hip H (called) H for John Elwood Chesley for 300 dollars per year and Half his mount firnished also firnished the other half of his mount he firnished himself and ran his cattle moved from Hamilton Co. with his own 300 head of cattle and the CHE at same time and the country was all outside (none fenced). I mean from here Bell Co. and on north and west (called grandma's land) and what is now pea blow sand south of Cisco was scrubby oak called shinery because it was at shin high and the sage grass was up to a man's toes on his horse, and now

shinery is thick and some good sized trees. and let me relate right here that from 1885 'til 1890 we had some time getting plenty to eat. no garden more than a small onion and tater patch, some times we had old Coly, a large short haired cole black dog that really knew how to put old bossy in the cow pen. I remember one day when father was away on one of those long cow hunts a large cow came to the house salt ground near our house and a calf following her, mother said come on children and we will pen that cow, and the cow was an outlaw. but when old Coly finished chewing on her nose and ears she came into that pen, and mother's being a frontiers woman got out a catch rope tossed on her tied the rope to the fence and then hindfooted her. we soon tailed her down and milked her, and she never ceased to bellow, 'til mother finished milking her and fought us but old Coly stood right by mother, 'til she took the rope off of her and turned her loose, and said I wouldnt fool away my time on her, and turned cow and calf out and she went to the roughest and most timbered place near our house she could find and we never saw that old cow anymore. we lived then about one mile west of old grey mountain between Long branch and Pecan creek in Stephens Co. and about 6 miles west of double mountains also in Stephens Co. south of Brackenridge Co. rite of Stephens Co. Our nearest neighbor living a little over a mile north of us, and some more neighbors about 1 1/3 mile away first neighbor being James Caradine and his Wife Martha (nee Washburn). One son Willie about my age who got choked eating mesquite beans and died at about nine years of age. That was a hard lick for me as I very much loved Willie. And Mr. Caradine had a nephew, Mort Hamby by name, who was always pulling jokes on someone told my brother Will he could jump the widest bunch of prickley pears, and my brother tried it and jumped into the pears and got all stuck up with them. Then for fear Bro. Will would tell off on him ran and jumped into those pears and just had to throw his clothes away. Another neighbor near the Caradine home had a flock of geese and Mort ran into those geese on the creek and they come toward him spewing or making their hissing sound, Mort gathered up a good stick and killed all of them. The geese belonged to some people by the name of Austin, and old Uncle Jim as he was called, told Morts uncle that he was most sure that Mort killed them so he had Mort pick the geese and take the feathers to uncle Jim Austin, so Mort was the head scrapper of pecan creek. And I well remember when my Brother (Jake) Jacob who now operates a shoe repair shop here in Cisco Tex. He is the only brother I have left out of the 7 of us, John, Will, Webb, Pearl, and Jess, all have passed on, and our eldest sister who passed on Jan. 4, 1951 in Ark. When Jake was born May 8, 1886 he cried for 3 days. Mr. & Mrs. James' Caradine came in the wagon to see the little fellow. She came running into the house and unpined his clothes and gave him a good looking over, and said he wants water, and mother said no not a baby that young, and Mrs. Caradine said I'll see that he gets water, if it takes the U. S. army to help me give it to him, and got a cup and a spoon and comenced giving him a drop or two at a time, and in no time he got satisfied and went to sleep. Bro. Will, Sis. Rose and I started to school in 1885 at old Eureke school house on battle creek some 16 miles north of Cisco Tex. on the old Eolian road, to a Miss Anna Cook, and I'll try and just name some of the patroun Names. my father I. H. Courtney, James Caradine, Jim Austin, Squire Brown, Jim and his bro. John Walford, and married the Cooke girls, at Eureke, then the Phipps'es, the Rushe's and the Thrashes 2 families by the name of Rainbolt, the Heath's, Bartley's, Thomasons the Gollyhorn's and some other that I have forgotten their names, one more Ed Wheeler, and a Bradnell, a goat hearder of his own.

I also remember while we still lived in Hamilton Co. a man by the name of Jerre Yates lived with us and at first he would point his finger at me across the table and say did you wash this morning, and later would just point at me and I would get down go and wash, then finally would just look at me and say nothing but I got the hint to go find the wash pans and wash my dirty face. And

when we moved to Stephens Co. in 1884 I went to a little water tank about 75 yds. to some water and as I neared the house an old horn owl lit on an old dead tree and said Hoo, Hoo, looking right me just before night and scared me so bad I began crying and mother said Willie, go see whats the matter with that child. And he being about 8 yrs. of age wasn't afraid of the owl scared him away, but when he first came out of the house said whats the matter, I said that old owl looked at me and as long as my uncle Bill Cook, who married my mothers eldest sister Lela Allbright lived, he would joke me about the old who owl looking at me, they lived about 6 miles west of Hamilton town on the Leon river, both are deceased. In fact all of my uncles and aunts are dead except mother's youngest sister Aunt Ida Graham, who lives in Sanantonio. She is two years younger than I, born in 1882. there were 5 of mothers Brothers and 4 girls or 3 sisters. one time when we lived in Stephens Co. father came home having been away for about 3 months. I herd him ask mother when he come home sometime in the night how are you all getting along, and she said we have bread stuff. he said have you no meat and she replied lord man we havent had meat for a month, then he answered and said I know where there are some deer. I'll try and get me one in the A. M. He took before daylight the old 44 rimfire rifle and went about 2 or 3 hundred yards and my mother said, son go get some water. It was that little artificial pond we had for drinking water and I soon went out of that little one roomed log hut, got my little square gallon coal oil can to go after the water, when we herd the crack of that old 44 rimfire, mother said didn't your Pa shoot and I said yes and before you could say Jack Robinson he shot again, and she said didn't he shoot twice, and I answered yes and she said, thank the Lord for he don't miss, and soon after I got the water he come up with a doe on his sholder and his gun, also the tail of a buck in his hand and mother said thank the Lord you got one, and he said I got 2 holding the tail of the buck up for her to see. she remarked you just shot his tail off and he said Woman what do you think Ide went to shoot the tail off for, then we shure had plenty of vinison. mother said what in the world will we do with all this meat, and he said jerk it Woman. she said we don't have anything to hang it on, so he left his catch rope and hung it on that rope cut in long pieces, and dried it and put it in flour sacks. in those days we could get from 24 to 30 lbs. beans, and greene coffee for a dollar. but had to buy it with 3 hundred dollars per year from fathers wages, and sometimes he would find a rich bee tree, for sweets, also mother and us little ones would gather aljareta berries, dry them on blankets (or bed sheets) put them in flour and meal sacks and keep them sunned each sunny day. no orchards in this country 'til about 1890 and miles and miles from one orchard to another, and when winter came the most of the men were at home and would farm what they called beef clubs, 4 men to each club and about every 2 or 3 weeks one of the 4 would kill a beef so each familie could get a quarter of beef and 2 would take hind quarters, and tother the front quarters and next time the front quarters men got the hind quarters, and we had a nice lot of wild turkeys too, which was some more help. we took our corn to the Awalt corn mill at Eolian between Albany and Brackenridge and there's where I saw my first steam engine. I thought it a great piece of mechanism, and in about 1887 or 1888 I herd my father telling his half brother Thomas Jefferson Courtney, about reading about 2 men talking to each other over a wire over a mile apart, and uncle said, Isaiah I'de be careful about talking on that 'til I saw further into it. however we know that Alexander Graham Bell did exibit his first invention in 1876, but most people didn't know about it 'til some time about 1892 is I think when the first long distance T. phones were brought into use. In 1889 on general election day father told me to saddle up cut, and go out and get up the saddle horses. cut was a two year old light bay horse colt from a red roan mare, we had, and a pet and mean as could be made by 3 boys to pick at him all the time. So I went out and didn't find the saddle horses and started home in a gallop along a cow trail, and the trail curved around a tree

to the right, and I leaned to the right to miss the limbs and he turned on the other side of the tree, and struck some rough ground and stoped on his forefeet in about 3 jumps so I fell off the horse, lighting on my hands and broke my right leg front bone just above the ancle, and just above that break the back bone broke and just below the knee broke the back bone in another place making 3 breaks. Well the colt being spoiled I didn't expect to catch him at all but he let me catch and get on him sensing I was hurt, and I really had some trouble getting on him as I couldent use but one foot so I wrapped the saddle horn string arround my right hand, crying and saying woa cut and he never moved out of his tracks, but had always been mean to mount before that time. and afterwards was skittish as before. Well a short time before this Brother Will as we called him, gave me a pair of iron stirrups, and Phillip Read came along and offered me 25 cents for the stirrups and I sold them. he gave me 5 nickles for them, the first money I ever had and was I a proud moneyed boy. and about that time also my father taught the soap resipe. it goes like this.

Some water and oil
One day had a broil,
As down the glass it was droping,
It would not unite,
but continued to fight,
Without any prospect of stoping.
Some pearlash overherd,
And as quick as a word,
It jumped into the midst of the clashing,
Then they all three agreed,
And united with speed,
And soap was created for Washing.

and I had it for a school resitation. We moved to Stephens Co. just soon after the Indians made Mr. Grey run the gauntlet and he lost, or didn't make it, and they shot him down, and he was burried up on Grey mountain, named after Mr. Grey (that's west of the Ranger water hole), on big sandy 20 miles north of Cisco. called the Ranger water hole, because the Tex. Rangers once made camp there. I'de love to tell about coming home with that broken right leg crying as loud as I could mother coming out to meet, and find the cause of so much noise, and took hold of cuts bridle rein said whats the matter, I said my leg is broke and she said let's see, and I reached down and caught my foot bending it way upwards, and she exclaimed don't do that. it didn't hurt me a bit, just nummed, well there we were about 16 miles from Cisco and we thought every man was in town to vote, so mother said to sister Rosa 2 yrs. older than I and bro. Webb 2 years younger than I. you two get on Cut, and go 1 1/3 to Mr. Leonard H. Reed's house, and try for someone to go to Cisco for father to get a Dr. to set, or cut off my broken leg, as I thought he'ed do, and when mother found out I was crying because I only thought of having my leg amputated, for didn't dream of saving the old broken hind wheel, told me they would fix it and it would knit back togather then I stopped my fun. it must have got broke the middle of the eve. about 5 or 6 hundred yds. from the house, and the good old Dr. C. S. Vance come out I think about 9 P.M. that was on general election day the year 1889. so the Dr. made an under leg board from my hip down to my heel and nailed a foot piece to the heel end of the board so as to be rigid, and set and splinted my leg. and next morning when the Dr. left I wanted to get up and walk thinking I was to walk on that wooden stick that my leg was tied to but what a slam on me when I learned I coulden't venture out to walk 'til some 14 weeks later and on crutches at that, for awhile before I could even dare to hop on crutches. Well about ten months after I got that broken leg father and I went to Rock Springs Co rite of Edwards Co. got lost on the way and ate little at breakfast we ate but little and at noon, we had but about 3 or 4 oclock that eve we ate with some

nesters about 30 or 34 or 35 miles this side of Rock Springs, stayed the [illegible] stayed the nite 22 miles this side of R. Springs and got there 12:45 PM visit[illegible] mother's father and mother and their children. we went horseback. I rode [illegible] and father rode streek. Then just after we moved to the ranch, and 40 [illegible] farm, I seemed to take on a new life, Father had a yoke of oxen tom and [illegible] by name, tom was gentle all right and didn't seem to mind being yoked up [illegible] jerry, but we had to always yoke up jerry first then call come under tom, and [illegible] would obey but not touch him as he was very skittish and fat. Jerry the op[illegible] lean and gentle, and one day I was riding jerry hitched up to tom, and jerr[illegible] bones got to hurting me so bad as I was harrowing plowed land, I just jum[illegible] over on old tom's back, and he didn't like it and unloaded his pack (or me) [illegible] pulled the drag harrow upon me and I yelled out woa, and they stoped, and [illegible] harrow on top of me. I would undoe my clothes from the harrow and call on [illegible] to pull up and when the harrow would catch hold of my clothes, I'de stop [illegible] and finally got out with some minor scratches and bruises. Oh I don't see [illegible] why I wasnt killed. one day I rode old cut under an oak tree in horse and [illegible] correll, and locked my finger and hands arround a limb of that old oak [illegible] above in such a way I couldent get them to release because I had clinche[illegible] fingers down in a [illegible] and cut my horse went from under me, leaving me [illegible] pended in the air, [illegible] and I'de jump up and down as best as I could [illegible] finally skinned the hide off of my fingers on both hands, well that educated [illegible] at clinching a tree limb over my head, but that was only one more study I [illegible] graduated from, that was at about 10 1/2 yrs. of age, and in about the tim[illegible] was 12 or 13 yrs. of age, a man moved from about Bosque Co. Tex. to within [illegible] miles of our place by the name of Isaac Anderson Calloway. having a very [illegible] wife who was neé Miss Sarah Ann McKelvaine and who had been raised last per[illegible] her life on old Pecan Creek about 11 miles north of Cisco Tex. on Eolian [illegible] they had a son Robert Renus Calloway and he got to be my second real buddie [illegible] had a very nice sister a Miss Minnie Mae Calloway and I learned that there [illegible] something about her that was very charming, with the prettiest red hai[illegible] Sister Rosa 2 yrs. older than I asked me about visiting with the Calloways and [illegible] thought it a great idea, so Sister rode a grey mare of hers, she in the sa[illegible] and I behind and soon Sister and the 2 were mad friends, and I went to a [illegible] mulberry tree about 1 1/2 mile down the creek and we 2 boys climbed the mulb[illegible] tree and shook and pulled off the berries eating and throwing berries to [illegible] girls he to sister Rosa, and I to my first sweetie, finally we grounded a[illegible] little lover shook a very nice berry off and I picked it up and she said th[illegible] mine I shaked it off, and of course I was to glad to give it to her, she [illegible] born oct. 30, 1882 and I never cared for none else but her, and married [illegible] thank God. and to us were born 10 children and later I'll give their Names [illegible] dates and now we are proud of each one of them.

I remember about, I think Dec. 25, 1893, my buddie (Bob) Wifes Bro[illegible] Robert Renus Calloway came to eat Xmas dinner with us and he, Webb, and Fe[illegible] my brothers and I took a 22 rifel and went hunting that eve. and Bob and I [illegible] into a fite, and I being bigger and a little stouter kinda got the best of [illegible] and he tried to get the gun and I beat him to it and in no time we both [illegible] ashamed but my brothers had fled and went on home, so Bob and I played [illegible] night sepirated, and went home and didn't see each other til next spring, he [illegible] visited me last, and I thought he'ed tell his dad and I'de get a tongue las[illegible] but found out that he hadn't told anyone about our scrap, so from then [illegible] could trust Bob with anything and he finally married one of my twin Sis[illegible] Stella and to them were born 10 boys and 5 girls and Im planning later to [illegible] all their Names and dates. and the other twin Sister and her children, howeve[illegible] can't give all miene and Wifes kinfolks ages and obituarys, as that would [illegible] to much time. Time would fail me to tel all of my ups and downs, but righ[illegible] I am minded to tel about getting lost, once and not more than 6 or 8 hu[illegible]

yards from home. I went out to get our horses soon found them, but they in my estimation wanted to go in the opisite direction but finally I thought father had told me if I got lost to go til I herd a horse or cowbell, and follow that animal til they went to some house, and by so doing I could find my way home, so I just crowded them along til they came up to our house, and the horses went arround to the correll and went in the correll, but I called at the front yard gate, about 10 yards from the front porch and a woman came out on the front porch, to see who was saying hello, hello, and I said can you 'tel me where Courtney lives, and mother said son you are lost and I said yes I'm lost and want you to 'tel me how to get home. she said son don't you know your own mother, come inside and you will be all right, so I went and when I got inside the house I got to know where I was. I once asked Bob my old pal, wifes brother, what made anyone get lost and he said he just don't notice his business, and of course thats correct. just go walking or riding along with no thought of his where abouts and just plain forgets where he is at, then lets ones self get excited, Father I think in the summer of 1889 took me with him and we took Jim Hann some stray cattle over near wayland Tex, on the GONZOLAS Creek and next day we gathered some more cattle and ate our noon lunch, at a Mr. Harrells farther up the creek, and at noon at Mrs. Harrells, she asked me to have some more butter milk, I excepted by shoving my glass nearer her, and told her to pour half a glass, and when the glass filled to half way, I said enuf, and pulled my glass away, and she poured some on the table, and father said, he'es just a baby. and I said I told her just a half glass and father reached under the table and pinched me, and I didn't say it again. we was about 12 miles from home, I didn't go with father on very many trips, especially long cow hunts as my older bro. Will went most of the time. in 1895 I worked for a horse man, and was to have rode the range twice a week but while he Frank McDermitt and Tom Johnson known as little Tom Johnson went to east Tex. to sell off a bunch of horses, and Mrs. McDermitt thought best for me to cut her plenty stove wood while she had a good chance to get some cook wood, and I did not like her idea but tried to make like a good soldier and obey her orders, and one day it rained a hard rain and some of their range horses come up for salt and she told me to catch brown Jug one of her son's horses Jim by name, and ride the range or (open country) so I caught the fat little pony and put my old saddle on him and never untracted him, put my foot in stirrup and mounted him, but broke my stirrup off in mounting, and broke both bridle reins but, about the time I began to get onto his motion he comenced to really go higher and the old rascal began pitching the fence worn or ZIG ZAG and every time he would come down to the ground I would stay a little higher up in the air, and the last time he came to the ground he run from under me, and I landed on my hands and feet, and my hands slipped right and left and my face went into that mud and made my likeness. wish you could have seen me. I got to talking out of order, caught another one of those horses and went after that outlaw as I thought he was but he was briddled wised and as gentle as a cat, just had not been rode in a year. but I really gave him a jaunt that eve. that he never forgot. but he didn't buck anymore. I remember about 1896 Bob my pal and I was just playing arround on the creek, and came to a slue or a branch near old pecan Creek and I told Bob to jump the slue but instead he went arround it, and the bank on the opisite sideways lower so I ran and jumped it, and Bob just wouldn't jump at all. so I told him he was a coward, and I said I can jump it up hill, as the other bank was higher and he bet me I coulden't, and I ran and jumped far enough to stick my feet enough forward to hit the bank on the other side but my body ballanced back over the water which was about shoulder deep and reached forward and caught some briars in my hands and Bob wouldent come to my rescue, so there I was my hands aholt of the briars my feet on top of the bank, and the rest of my parts in the water, and I slowly went down into the water, and pretty cold too, so I finally turned loose of the briars and got out, Bob still laffing at me, so I joined him in the

start, so as to get a hold of him, so I finally got close enough to catch hi then he began cursing me thinking he would scare me away from him but I got bulldog hold on him and when we got in the water pulling me in, so I got t baths there in a few minutes, and we went on rejoicing, neither one getting ma in the first place he was just hoping he could scare me so I wouldent put him i the water.

Now a little Poem by the unluckey boy.

I never had no luck,
Anyway he sied,
Fate has kept me down,
Or at least has tried.

Never found a cent,
All I got I earned,
No such word as luck,
For as I am concerned.

Worked so very hard,
For all that I have got,
Never won a bet.
But Ive lost a lot.

Never had no fun.
Never would I shirk,
On every job I had,
They always made me work.

And though Im getting old,
My hair is but little grey,
For my hair is thin,
Atop my head they say.

Well on page 36 (in the original manuscript) I promised to give names and birth dates of Sister Stellas and Wifes Bobs children born unto them 10 boys and 5 girls (Bob, Stellas husband was killed in an automobile wreck at Safford Ari April 27, 1936, and she has married a Mr. A. K. Garrett at Prairie Grove Ark and I first had a letter from her giving me her children, names and birth date as follows.

Florence Stella	Aug. 1, 1903
Horace Leondas	May 1, 1905
Henry Franklin	June 24, 1906
Howard Pearl	July 8, 1907
Harrison Able	Nov. 14, 1908
Leah Lorine	April 4, 1910
Naomi Ruth	Aug. 11, 1911
Harvie Isaiah	Sep. 13, 1912
Mary Opal	May 6, 1915
Herbert Robert	Nov. 1, 1916
Hiram Harlon	July 28, 1919
Hayden Edward	May 31, 1921
Harley Norvell	Feb. 15, 1923
Edith Arveta	Oct 13, 1927
Homer Courtney Calloway	April 3, 1930

she still has 4 girls and 9 sons living. Edith Arveta killed in an auto wreck and (in the original manuscript two lines were left empty here, apparently to fill in names and dates at a later time) all the others still survive. No on page 35 I promised to give names and birth dates of our children.

Ora Glenn	May 17, 1901

married C. Paul Mosley in 1919. they live here in Cisco Tex. and have a com home here, and have a good shoe repair business at 503 Ave. D and

John Henry	Mar. 16, 1903

and who lives here in Cisco also then

Ocie Isaac	Oct. 18, 1904
Aaron Jesse	Dec. 7, 1909
Sarah Mae	Feb. 13, 1912
Enoch Isaiah	Jan. 8, 1914 deceased
Mary Lou Pearlie	July 9, 1917

Ester Jane Mar. 7, 1919
lives here also, married Joseph Elmer Crowder, who is pluming here.
William Claudell Sept. 1, 1920, also deceased at about 7
then months of age
Author Kittrell July 26, 1923

Then we raised a grandson. he is John's son by his first marriage we took him when but a small baby who is in the navy now, Benjamin Franklin Courtney, Jan 3, 1932.

Wife and I were married at brides parents June 17, 1900. spent 50 years without a bloody fight. last June 17, 1950. And accordingly we should have fought quite a bit, as my father was Irish and German and mother was Seede (perhaps he meant "Sweede"), and Holland Dutch, English and Indian, american Indian, and my mothers maden name was Allbright (making me a half bright) and thats the reason I only cut the under wisdom teeth (as I am a half bright). Well on Jan 8, 1900 I began to see the need of mastering some kind of a trade, so I secured a Job as journeyman blacksmith with a Mr. Sal Eppler at the city of Cisco Tex. worked one week and he told me I wouldent do as a blacksmith, so he got me a job with Frank E. Aycock in the monument business here in Cisco, and I really liked to cut stone, but my first job for a few years was rubbing and pollishing marble by hand and that only took little brains, but back Armstrength and lots of it. I well remember in the latter part of 1906 I was out in the cotten field picking cotten, making up to $7.00 per day and Mr. Aycock sent me word to come to see him, and I come in began at $1.75 per day and board. We first rubbed the marble with a sand stone grit then folowed with a Novascotia blue grit finer then the first grit, then folowing generally was a red Novascotia grit still finer, but when I begin on the first piece of marble, I must have forgotten the red grit and followed with HONE, then the pollishing pad last, so when I finished I had a good shine, so one of the boys that was a new hand or (greener) told Mr. Aycock that the new man didn't red rock that job thinking I was a greener. and Mr. Aycock told him if you do half as much as that new man does and do it half as good as he does, youll do all right and he began to brighten up as who I was and found out that I'de been pollishing marble before him by five years, and in fact he was the greener, and after a month or two he told me he thought I was the novice. ha ha. Well Mr. Aycock was a good man to work for, if anyone wanted to work, and that I didn't mind to do, but it was'nt so when just a boy. but since I seene 70 yrs. past Im kinda getting like where a boy don't mind resting quiet a bit, but still make a garden.

When I was a young fellow I loved to try and peel brands (break horses) but coulden't find many that I could ride. but one time right here in town a man with an outlaw horse made up about three dollars and 75 cents among the crowd of spectators and was to give the money to the man who rode the horse, so a long-legged ranch boy tried the horse, who soon unloaded his pack, and someone said theres little Tom Johnson who can ride him and called, come on Tom and ride him, who was delivering groceries here in town sitting on his little 1 horse hack, and Tom said I've quit boys the fellows owning called out to Tom, yellow, and Tom just tied his pony and come running down to the riding ground and just jumped up and caught the saddle horn with right hand and lit onto the saddle like a monkey and soon the outlaw pitched over a front yard fence, and Tom lit on the ground like he went unto him, and when the horse got up for he fell when he went over the fence Tom mounted him again, the horse ran arround to the back yard and went under a clothes line, Tom went off him. the rider mounted again and rode him over back fence. He fell again, and Tom lit and remounted him again then the horse went under the old wooden viaduct and Tom went onto the ground because of danger of getting his self killed, and when the horse got farther down where

he could he started to remount him the outlaws then the owner said well [illegible] don't remount him for youve rode him four times already. Well, about 37 yrs. [illegible] whil working on the Chesley ranch for nearly 1 year, one day I rode a [illegible] sorrell about four years old, and he got us in the tall timber with me for [illegible] 30 yards and would have unpacked me but for his pitching up hill with me, [illegible] felt sorrow for him and took off the bit curb, but when I got him stop[illegible] really tightened up that curb. And I've never wanted to ride a pitching ho[illegible] and now as bad as I need a littel doe, I do'nt think Ide get an even c[illegible] trotter for $10.00 and ride him 1/4th mile ha ha. but I still love to see [illegible] other boys that can, to ride 'em and boy stay in the saddle, my Wifes uncle [illegible] McKelvaine (called) MACK EL VAINE rode a pitching horse and stayed with him [illegible] he was past 62 yrs. of age, that had already unloaded his sons trying to [illegible] him and right here I want to tel you uncle John McKelvaine was the best roper [illegible] ever saw. either afoot or horseback, for once I named 33 catches and he [illegible] missed a throw and could tame a bad horse, equally as good, an he could rope [illegible] wasnt afraid either. I remember him once telling me about going to new Mex[illegible] to get a job on a ranch and after about 6 or 8 weeks got 18 days tussl[illegible] calves, at branding time and the entire 18 days no one offered him a rop[illegible] was working on the L. C. or Lyons and Campbell ranch. And when the branding [illegible] finished Tom Lyons said well McKelvaine I guess we are through unless you [illegible] to put that pack saddle on the old gentle horse, and help us drive to [illegible] City these cattle. so uncle wanted to show those fellows that he could ride [illegible] rope, so they started to station to ship those steers, and soon an old [illegible] having always before got away, betweene the ranch and town or was in [illegible] practice at getting away from the old ranch hands, all of them trying to [illegible] that old outlaw. so finally uncle John said to the boss, do you want the [illegible] steer roped and old Mr. Lyons said what do you think the men are out there [illegible] kid. he answered I can rope him if this pony has been roped off of, and [illegible] Lyons handed Mc. a tie rope and he tied it into him and threw the rope over [illegible] and turned the horse back the other way, jumped off of him, when that old [illegible] bit the dirt so hard, as to knock him out, and no sooner than he fell Mc. [illegible] onto him and tied in a few seconds, and threw up his hands, then Mr. Lyons [illegible] now you fellows stake him to enough cattle so as to town, and they did so. [illegible] when they penned the cattle and R. R. or shipping point. Mr. Lyons went [illegible] towards his home and called Mckelvaine come with me, going in a gallop. [illegible] when Mc. caught up with him he said you are to take dinner at my house [illegible] tried to beg off, telling him I havent had a change of clothes in three w[illegible] but went on to dinner with him. Lyons said Mc. do you want a job here o[illegible] ranch of course he played like he didn't care wheather he had a job or not. [illegible] Mr. L. said if you can ride like you can rope I'll give you fifty dolla[illegible] first month, then sixty thereafter, so when he had worked the first month [illegible] Lyons wrote his check for sixty, he must have went there in 1885, 1886 or [illegible] Mr. McKelvaine died (a space is left in the manuscript evidently for a [illegible] his brother uncle William still lives here and at Moran, I think so. [illegible] William will be 93 years of age, still in good health, and can walk [illegible] miles per day of given plenty of time. like a ox. an ox could pull a [illegible] wagon many miles without water or food if driven half time and rest half [illegible] buffaloes were the same, and im sure we all or most all of us work and e[illegible] much. We live in an era when everything is moving so fast all mater has [illegible] treated before its fit to use, and especially to drink, when I was a [illegible] drank out of upland ponds, and infested with every kind of tadpoles, [illegible] warbler, wiggletails and many other insects, and was healthy too, now [illegible] household furniture and modern kitchen and dining room fixtures of all [illegible] things that a millioneare could'ent afford then, and out health isnt so [illegible] it was, when I was just a lad, trying to grow up, and finally grew from a [illegible] thin lad to the largest of my weight 209 LBS.

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4. ISAIAH H. COURTNEY, son of JONATHAN COURTNEY & WINFRED DOUGLAS, was b in East Baton Rouge, LA on 17 Aug., 1822. I found in "The History of Texas 1896". pg., 659, "THOMAS J. COURTNEY, b in Milam Co., TX in 1858". THOMAS said that his grandfather, JONATHAN COURTNEY, of Irish lineage, early settled in Louisiana; he futher stated that his father, ISAIAH, was b in Baton Rouge, LA.

ISAIAH m (1) ca 1841, ELIZABETH M. SPRINGER, (sister to NELLY C. SPRINGER that m JOHN E., ISAIAH's brother). ISAIAH m (2) 2 Nov., 1859, GEMETTA AUBRY; he m (3) in 1874, ALICE L. GLADDEN. ISAIAH d on 13 Oct., 1891 in Comanche, TX, and is buried in Stagg Creek Cemetery, Comanche, TX.

ISAIAH & ELIZABETH had seven children; he & GEMETTA, three; he & ALICE, two:

1. WILLIAM T. COURTNEY, b 1842, AR.
2. SARAH JANE COURTNEY, b 5 April, 1844, AR, m HENRY C. JACKSON, no issuue.
3. ISAIAH H. COURTNEY, JR., b May, 1850.
4. MARGARET COURTNEY, b in 1852.
5. JOHN E. COURTNEY, b 14 Feb., 1854.
6. HENRY COURTNEY, b 1854, Milam, TX.
7. THOMAS J. COURTNEY, b 15 Jan., 1858, Milam Co., TX.
8. JAMIE L. COURTNEY, b in 1862, TX.
9. M. A. COURTNEY, b in 1865, TX.
10. ELIZA EMELINE COURTNEY, b 15 July, 1869, TX.
11. WILLIAM MARION COURTNEY, b 8 Aug., 1875, TX.
12. AMANDA C. COURTNEY, b 7 Aug., 1878, TX, m 4 Jan., 1898, RUFUS W. FIELDS, and have no known children; she d in 1933 in Comanche, TX, bur Stagg Cem.

5. JOHN E. COURTNEY, son of ISAIAH H. COURTNEY, SR. & ELIZABETH M. SPRINGER was b 14 Feb., 1854 in Brown, TX. JOHN m 5 Jan., 1873, in Brown, TX, MARY ELIZABETH HARPER. JOHN d 22 March, 1926 in Los Angeles, CA; he was bur on 24 March, 1926 in Oakwood Cemetery, Chatsworth, Los Angeles, CA.
JOHN & MARY had ten children:

1. THOMAS MONROE COURTNEY, b in 1875.
2. IRA W. COURTNEY, b in 1877
3. RUBEN A. COURTNEY, b 1878.
4. GEORGE R. COURTNEY, b 23 Sept., 1881.
5. CHARLES C. COURTNEY, b in 1883.
6. DUDLEY E. COURTNEY, b 9 May, 1886.
7. MARY JANE COURTNEY, b 6 Nov., 1888.
8. ALBERT I. COURTNEY, b in 1890, d 30 July, 1964 and bur in Park Lawn Cemetery, South Gate, Los Angeles, CA.
9. JOHN HENDERSON COURTNEY, b 29 July, 1894 in Blanket , Brown, TX, m MARY PALMER and no known children; JOHN d 2 April, 1963 in San Bernardino, CA. He was bur on 6 April, 1963 in Henderson Cem.
10. STELLA LEBERTA COURTNEY, b 16 June, 1897.

4. GEORGE R. COURTNEY, son of JOHN E. COURTNEY & MARY ELIZABETH HARPER, m 2 Oct., 1901, MYRTLE GOULD.
GEORGE & MYRTLE had four children:

1. CLARENCE COURTNEY, b ca 1992.
2. EUNICE COURTNEY, b 1904.
3. LYDIA COURTNEY, b 1907.
4. LETHA COURTNEY, b 1910.

5. CHARLES C. COURTNEY, son of JOHN E. COURTNEY & MARY ELIZABETH HARPER, ca 1907, MARTHA EVERETT.
CHARLES & MARTHA have two known children:

1. BEULAH BELL COURTNEY, b 1 Dec., 1908.
2. INEZ COURTNEY, b ca 1910.

1. BEULAH BELL COURTNEY, dau of CHARLES C. COURTNEY & MARTHA EVERETT m ca 1928 in Glendale, Los Angeles, CA, EARL LEIGHTON BENNETT.
BEULAH & EARL have two known children:

1. RICHARD LOWELL BENNETT, b 28 Aug., 1930.
2. RONALD EARL BENNETT, b 31 May, 1935.

1. RICHARD LOWELL BENNETT, son of BEULAH BELL COURTNEY & EARL LEIGHTON BENNETT, m ca 1958, JACKIE MILLER.
RICHARD & JACKIE have three known children:

1. RICHARD L. BENNETT, b 8 Nov., 1959, CA.
2. MARK BENNETT, b ca 1962.
3. DANIEL K. BENNETT, b 8 Nov., 1966.

2. RONALD EARL BENNETT, son of BEULAH BELL COURTNEY & EARL LEIGHTON BENNETT, m 25 June, 1954, in Los Angeles, CA, PATRICIA BARBER.

RONALD & PATRICIA had two children:

1. SUZAN LYNN BENNETT, b 24 May, 1955.
2. CINDY BENNETT, b 24 Sept., 1956 in Burbank, Los Angeles, CA.

1. SUZAN LYNN BENNETT, dau of RONALD EARL BENNETT & PATRICIA BARBER, m 30 June, 1975 in Corpus Christi, Nueces, TX, DON ROBERT BROWNLEE.
DON & SUZAN have two children:

1. MEGAN ELIZABETH BROWNLEE, b 7 April, 1988, Tarzana, Los Angeles, CA.
2. MICHELLE DAWN ROYAL BROWNLEE, b 7 Oct., 1992 in Northridge, Los Angeles, CA.

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6. DUDLEY E. COURTNEY, son of JOHN E. COURTNEY & MARY ELIZABETH HARPER, m 9 Feb., 1909, ALICE EDNA WALDEN.
DUDLEY & ALICE have one known child:

1. HOWARD BENTLEY COURTNEY, b 6 Feb., 1910. The marriage date & to whom is unknown.
HOWARD had one son:

1. HOWARD BENTLEY COURTNEY, b ca 1933.

7. MARY JANE COURTNEY, dau of JOHN E. COURTNEY & MARY ELIZABETH HARPER, m 1905, WILLIE DELL JOHNSTON. MARY d on 25 March, 1925 in Colton, San Bernardino, CA.
WILLIE & MARY had nine children:

1. THELMA MAY JOHNSTON, b 17 June, 1906, Big Springs, Howard, TX. THELMA d 17 Nov., 1987 in Yuma, Yuma, AZ.
2. CLAUDIA LAULA JOHNSTON, b 15 Aug., 1908, TX.
3. CECIL CARL JOHNSTON, b 20 Aug., 1911, Fargo, OK; Cecil d in CA.
4. UARDA ALBERTA JOHNSTON, b 4 Aug., 1913 in San Bernardino, CA. UARDA d in Cottonwood, AZ.
5. WILLIAM EARL JOHNSTON, b 19 Feb., 1915, San Bernardino, CA.
6. GOLDIE JEWEL JOHNSTON, b 1 June, 1918 in Bard Imperial, CA.
7. WILLIE DELL JOHNSTON, JR., b 14 Feb., 1920 in Bard Imperial, CA. WILLIE d 22 Feb., 1920 in Bard Imperial, CA.
8. ERCEL DELL JOHNSTON, b 31 Aug., 1922, Yuma, Yuma, AZ.
9. DOROTHY BELL JOHNSTON, b 18 March, 1925, Colton, San Bernardino, CA. DOROTHY d in CA.

10. STELLA LEBERTA COURTNEY, dau of JOHN E. COURTNEY & MARY ELIZABETH HARPER, m ca 1915, THOMAS R. ROSE. STELLA d 16 Aug., 1977 in San Jose, Santa Clara, CA.
STELLA & THOMAS had two children:

1. STANLEY ROSE, b ca 1917, d in Clear Lake, Lake, CA.
2. WAYNE ROSE, b ca 1920.

7. THOMAS J. COURTNEY, son of ISAIAH H. COURTNEY & ELIZABETH M. SPRINGER, m 4 Nov., 1884, MAGGIE C. EILLOTT. THOMAS d 22 Sept., 1898 in Sidney, Comanche, TX and was buried in La Paz Cemetery, Sidney, Comanche, TX.
THOMAS & MAGGIE had five known children:

1. HARVEY REUBEN COURTNEY, b Aug., 1886, Comanche, TX.
2. MARGARET JANE COURTNEY, b Jan., 1888, Comanche, TX.
3. CARIE MAY COURTNEY, b March, 1891, Comanche, TX.
4. KATIE IRENE COURTNEY, b Feb., 1893, Comanche, TX.
5. EUNICE COURTNEY, b April, 1898, Comanche, TX.

10. ELIZA EMELINE COURTNEY, dau of ISAIAH H. COURTNEY & GEMETTA AUBRY, m 3 Dec., 1886, DAVID H. ELLIOTT. ELIZA d 31 Oct., 1928 in Comanche, TX, and was buried in Stagg Creek Cemetery, Comanche, TX.
ELIZA & DAVID had four known children:

1. MARION ELLIOTT, b Dec., 1887, Comanche, TX.
2. ALBIN ELLIOTT, b May, 1889, Comanche, TX.
3. LULA ELLIOTT, b May, 1895, Comanche, TX.
4. TILLA ELLIOTT, b Sept., 1898, Comanche, TX.

11. WILLIAM MARION COURTNEY, son of ISAIAH H. COURTNEY & ALICE L. GLADDEN, m 17 March, 1896 in Comanche, TX, LILLIAN A. FIELDER. WILLIAM d 17 March, 1945 in Comanche, TX and was bur Stagg Cr. Cem., Comanche, TX.
WILLIAM & LILLIAN had four known children:

1. LOLA E. COURTNEY, b 24 Feb., 1897, Sidney, Comanche, TX, m 4 Sept., 1922 in Taylor, TX, WILLIAM ELIJAH COLLINS & no known children.
2. LENA M. COURTNEY, b 1899 in TX.
3. LUCILLE COURTNEY, b 1905, TX.
4. GRACE LILLIAN COURTNEY, b 24 Dec., 1906 in El Paso, El Paso, TX. GRACE d 21 July, 1921.

6. WILLIAM COURTNEY, son of JONATHAN COURTNEY & ELIZABETH _____?. WILLIAM m 16 Nov., 1863 in Burleson, TX, MARIAH LETTS.
WILLIAM & MARIAH have two known children:

1. SARAH COURTNEY, b ca 1865 in TX.
2. PRINE COURTNEY, b Feb., 1870, TX.

7. SARAH ANN COURTNEY, dau of JONATHAN COURTNEY & ELIZABETH _____?, m ca 1852 to JAMES WHITEHEAD PERRY, son of DANIEL PERRY. DANIEL PERRY was the Grandson of DANIEL PERRY & MAGDALEN _____?, (see Will of DANIEL PERRY, SR., 21 Feb., 1790 in the Natchez Court Records, Pg 358).
SARAH & JAMES had eight children:

1. FRANK PERRY, b ca 1853.
2. WILLIAM PERRY, b ca 1855.
3. SARAH PERRY, b ca 1857
4. ELIZABETH PERRY, b ca 1859.
5. EDWARD WHITEHEAD PERRY, b ca 1861.
6. JAMES WHITEHEAD PERRY, b ca 1863.
7. DANIEL PERRY, b ca 1865.
8. LAURA PERRY, b ca 1867.

5. EDWARD WHITEHEAR PERRY, son of SARAH ANN COURTNEY & JAMES WHITEHEAD PERRY, m ca 1881 to AMANDA JANE MADDOX.
EDWARD & AMANDA had six children:

1. JAMES THOMAS PERRY, b ca 1882.
2. WILLIAM ALTON PERRY, b ca 1884.
3. ISAAC NEWTON PERRY, b ca 1886.
4. LAURA ELIZABETH PERRY, b ca 1888.
5. EDWARD WHITEHEAD PERRY, JR. b ca 1890.
6. LILLIAN PERRY, b ca 1892.

3. ISAAC NEWTON PERRY, son of EDWARD WHITEHEAD PERRY & AMANDA JANE MADDOX, m ca 1917 to ADELENE MATTIE SHULTZ.
ISAAC & ADELENE had seven children:

1. HUBERT LEE PERRY, b 19 May, 1926.
2. GLADYS FAYE PERRY, b ca 1928.
3. DORIS LAURA PERRY, b ca 1930.
4. DELORES RUTH PERRY, b ca 1932.
5. EARL NEWTON PERRY, b ca 1934.
6. JUDY JEAN PERRY, b ca 1936.
7. PHIL DAVID PERRY, b ca 1938.

1. HUBERT LEE PERRY, son of ISAAC NEWTON PERRY & ADELENE MATTIE SHULTZ, m 1946 to LAURA BEE MALKEY, b 1 Aug., 1928.
HUBERT & LAURA had one son:

1. JOHNIE LEE PERRY, b 7 July, 1947, not married.

8. ELIZABETH COURTNEY, dau of JONATHAN COURTNEY & ELIZABETH _____?, was b in 1841 in AR; ELIZABETH m 23 Jan., 1852 in Burleson, TX. JOHN RYAN. ELIZABETH & JOHN had four known children:

1. MARY RYAN, b ca 1853, TX, m 5 Mar, 1874, J. H. ROGERS in Lamar, TX.
2. GEORGE RYAN, b ca 1855.
3. LENISA RYAN, b ca 1858.
4. LANE RYAN, b ca 1860.

6. PHOEBE COURTNEY, dau of JOHN COURTNEY, SR. & HANNAH CURTIS, m 25 April, 1811 to BENJAMIN CURTIS, son of RICHARD CURTIS, JR. & PATSEY JONES. BENJAMIN & PHOEBE had eight children:

1. JAMES CURTIS, b 1811.
2. MALINDA CURTIS, b 1812.
3. ELIZABETH CURTIS, b ca 1814, m ANDREW COTTON.
4. LAVINA CURTIS, b ca 1817, m GEORGE BOOKTEN.
5. HANNAH CURTIS, b 1824, LA.
6. NATHANIEL CURTIS, b ca 1825.
7. COLEMAN CURTIS, b ca 1826.
8. JONATHAN CURTIS, b 1828.

1. JAMES CURTIS, son of BENJAMIN CURTIS & PHOEBE COURTNEY, m 15 Nov., 1848, LUCRETIA WILLIAMS. JAMES d 6 Nov., 1849. JAMES & LUCRETIA had one daughter (b aft JAMES died):

1. MARTHA CURTIS, b 1850

2. MALINDA CURTIS, dau of BENJAMIN CURTIS & PHOEBE COURTNEY, m ca 1832, JOSEPH FOSS. JOSEPH & MALINDA had four children:

1. WILLIAM FOSS, b ca 1833.
2. REBECCA FOSS, b ca 1835.
3. CAROLINE FOSS, b ca 1837.
4. BENJAMIN FOSS, b ca 1840.

3. ELIZABETH CURTIS, dau of BENJAMIN CURTIS & PHOEBE COURTNEY, m ca 1833, ANDREW COTTON; ANDREW d in 1863. ELIZABETH & ANDREW had four children:

1. LOUISA COTTON, b ca 1835, m ca 1853, HENRY S. BRADFORD.
2. MARTHA CAROLINE COTTON, b ca 1836.
3. JANE COTTON, b ca 1838, m ca 1857, DAVID JENKINS.
4. BENJAMIN COTTON, b ca 1840.

2. MARTHA CAROLINE COTTON, dau of ELIZABETH CURTIS & ANDREW COTTON, m ca 1855, JACOB COTTON. MARTHA & JACOB had one son:

1. JOHN COTTON, b ca 1856.

5. HANNAH CURTIS, dau of BENJAMIN CURTIS & PHOEBE COURTNEY, m 8 Feb., 1849, JAMES R. KELLEY, b 1824, LA who was a carpenter, by trade. HANNAH & JAMES had three children:

1. LOUISA J. KELLEY, b 1850, LA.
2. ARTHUR W. KELLEY, b 1852, LA.
3. MARY E. KELLEY, b 1857, LA.

6. NATHANIEL CURTIS, son of BENJAMIN CURTIS & PHOEBE COURTNEY, m 5 April, 1852, HARRIET A. BOUNDS. NATHANIEL & HARRIET had one known son:

1. ADRAIN P. CURTIS, b Oct., 1858 in MS, m 21 Feb., 1899, MARCELIA JOHNSON, b Aug., 1872, LA; 1900 Catahoula census showed the living in Jena, La.

ADRAIN & MARCELLA had five children:

1. CATHLEEN CURTIS, b Aug., 1891.
2. GERTRUDE CURTIS, b July, 1893.
3. ADALINE CURTIS, b Feb., 1895.
4. CLARENCE CURTIS, b Nov., 1897.
5. GRAVES CURTIS, b Dec., 1899.

7. COLEMAN CURTIS, son of BENJAMIN CURTIS & PHOEBE COURTNEY, m 8 Sept., 1856, SARAH ELIZABETH COTTON. No record of children.

8. JONATHAN CURTIS, son of BENJAMIN CURTIS & PHOEBE COURTNEY, m ca 1848, MARY _____?, b 1837 in LA.
JONATHAN & MARY had four known children:

1. NEWTON CURTIS, b 1849.
2. LORIAH A. CURTIS, b 1852.
3. THEODOCIA CURTIS, b 1858, m 27 Dec., 1877 in Sabine PR., LA, A. J. PEACE.
4. LOUISIANA CURTIS, b 1866.

1. NEWTON CURTIS, son of JONATHAN CURTIS & MARY _____?, m (12) ca 1870, _____?; he m (2) ca 1891, FRANCES _____?, b 1862.
NEWTON and his first wife had two sons; he & FRANCES, four children:

1. BENJAMIN J. CURTIS, b Dec., 1871.
2. ALBERT CURTIS, b 1872.
3. ALICE CURTIS, b 1892.
4. JOE CURTIS, b 1895.
5. JOHN CURTIS, b 1897.
6. CHARLES CURTIS, b 1899.

1. BENJAMIN J. CURTIS, son of NEWTON CURTIS & _____?, m ca 1891, MATTIE J. CURTIS, b Oct., 1869, MS.
BENMAMIN & MATTIE had at least two children:

1. FRED M. CURTIS, b April, 1892, LA.
2. IREAN CURTIS, b July, 1989, LA.

2. ALBERT CURTIS, son of NEWTON CURTIS & _____?, m ca 1899, EMMA _____?, b 1878, LA; ALBERT & family lived at Long Leaf, LA, Rapides PR., LA in 1920.
ALBERT & EMMA had six children:

1. NONA CURTIS, b 1901.
2. CLAUDIUS CURTIS, b 1902.
3. GRACE CURTIS, b 1907.
4. CLARA CURTIS, b 1910.
5. OLLA CURTIS, b 1913.
6. MYRTLE CURTIS, b 1916.

7. ELIZABETH COURTNEY, dau of JOHN COURTNEY, SR. & HANNAH CURTIS, m 7 Jan., 1811 in Amite Co., MS, LEVY H. CURTIS, son of REV. RICHARD CURTIS, JR. & PATSY JONES.
LEVY & ELIZABETH had at least three sons: NAMES UNKNOWN.

1. (MALE) CURTIS, b ca 1812.
2. (MALE) CURTIS, b ca 1814.
3. HENRY E. CURTIS, b ca 1817, m 13 Oct., 1846 in Wilkinson Co, MS, FREDONIA L. SMITH.

8. FRANCES COURTNEY, dau of JOHN COURTNEY, SR. & HANNAH CURTIS, m (1) 23 Dec., 1813, in Amite Co., MS, JAMES MORGAN; FRANCES m (2) 12 Feb., 1821 in Amite Co., MS, ELIHU CURTIS, son of REV. RICHARD CURTIS, JR. & PATSEY JONES.

ELIHU & FRANCES have long baffeled me. I can't seem to find any of their children. I did, however, find where ELIHU, on the 6 Sept., 1836, in Hinds Co., MS, sold a lot in the town of Raymond, MS, to JOSEPH GRAY for a sum of $3,000. Then on 18 March, 1837, in Hinds Co., MS, ELIHU CURTIS sold in lot number one in square number three, to THOMAS J. BLACK, for $2500. After this date, I can find no record of him.