

ber 1886 Arkansas, Joseph William Curry, son of John James and Sarah Elizabeth Ferguson Curry, b. 25 November 1868 Illinois. Children: (1) Rene Mae, (2) James Marvin, (3) Charles B., (4) Jewell, (5) Ernest, (6) Roy, (7) Arvella and (8) Amella.

X. Emly Hannah b. 9 March 1871, d. 18 May 1873.  
X. Mattie Roenner b. 14 January 1874 Arkansas, d. 13 December 1949, buried Round Mountain. Married 12 September 1894 Arkansas, John Washington Crow, son of George and Nancy Ann Howard Crow, b. 23 January 1873 Kansas, d. 9 November 1948, buried Round Mountain. Children (1) Cela died in infancy. (2) Leauler Rebecky b. 9 July 1896 Arkansas, d. 12 May 1900, buried Round Mountain. She died from popcorn that lodged in her throat. (3) Dona Mae b. 15 May 1898. Married 3 March 1917, Less Reed. (4) Effa Jewell b. 8 July 1900, d. 26 July 1901 from scarlet fever, buried Round Mountain. (5) Mamie Evaline b. 12 February 1902 Arkansas. Married 25 December 1921, Benjamin Lunsford Kinzey. (6) Calip Cline b. 31 December 1903, d. 24 July 1966. Married 14 September 1939, Arydeh Ames. (7) Edith Ester b. 17 January 1906. Married 16 January 1928, Lafayette Johnson. (8) Crecia Armanda b. 12 November 1908. Married 25 February 1928 John Johnson. (9) Minerva Jenner b. 12 February 1911. Married 16 April 1949, Willard Cameron. (10) Mattie Arvella b. 13 November 1913. Married Paul James Kenneth Tisdale.



James Bledsoe 3/3/1826-3/22/1890 - Sarah Elizabeth (Betty) Mhoon Bledsoe 2/18/1835-5/23/1911.

Addie Elizabeth b. 7 April 1877, d. 13 January 1963. Married 16 November 1898 Arkansas, Thomas Green Maguire, b. March 1871, d. 6 January 1940. This family lived all their life in Washington County, Arkansas. They are both buried at Round Mountain Cemetery. Children: (1) Otis Hulan b. May 1901, d. 10 October 1954. Married Troba Jane Salsbury. (2) Ernest Earl b. 21 June 1904, d. 28 July 1956 Texas. Married August 1930, Rosie May Wagor. Ernest had a watch repair shop in Fayetteville for several years before moving away. (3) Belle b. 30 November 1907. Married 2 March 1934, Chesser. (4) Clarence Newell b. 10 December 1910, d. 13 May 1972 Arkansas. Never married. (5) James Milus b. 31 April, d. 13 April 1978 Oklahoma. Married 9 September 1914, Anna Emmet (div.). (6) Reva Della b. 2 February 1918. Married 24 December 1939 Monroe Evans (div.). (7) Fern b. 31 July 1921, d. 27 December 1964 California. Married Edna Kie.

James Bledsoe and his son-in-law, Robert Ferguson were attempting to cross Richland River near Sanders Mill 22 March 1877. The river was up from rain and somehow the wagon bed tipped off. Even though James was considered one of the best swimmers around, he drowned. Robert caught hold of the wagon and floated to shore, even though he could not swim at all. James is believed to have been badly hurt by the horses. His body was not found until the 16th day following the accident. James floated to the surface only 50 or 60 yards from where he

was last seen. After that tragic accident, Robert and Molly moved in with her mother to help on the farm and help care for the younger children.

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## Agnes Thomas Blew

Washington Lafayette Wilson was born in Verona, Oneida County, New York on May 8, 1810. He married Catherine Drysdale in New Albany, Indiana. Miss Drysdale had been born in Calender, Scotland. Both died in Fayetteville and are buried in Fayetteville in the Wilson Plot across from the Confederate Cemetery. Washington L. Wilson was one of Fayetteville's early merchants, operating a dry goods store on what is now the north side of the square. He probably came to Fayetteville in the early 1830s. His first land purchase recorded was on June 27, 1839. Records show that he was a representative of Washington County to the General Assembly of Arkansas in 1838, served in the Mexican War, and was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge. He died in 1864; Catherine Drysdale Wilson died in 1860.

One son born to Washington and Catherine Wilson was named Drysdale. He was only 14 years old when he volunteered for service in the Confederate Army. His leg was shot off the second day that he was in the army and it was amputated by candlelight. He lived a few years and is buried in the Confederate Cemetery in Fayetteville. One daughter born to Washington and Catherine Wilson was named Harriet E. Wilson, born September 3, 1833 in New Albany, Indiana; died October 22, 1876. Harriet married John Thomas. Another daughter named Sarah married Henry Rieff, who was a colonel in the Southern army. He built and lived in a red brick house which is still standing and being used as Moore's Funeral Home.

John Thomas was born in Kentucky in 1825. His father died when he was only 3 years old. His mother moved the family to Marion County, Missouri, then later to Fayetteville, Arkansas, where she bought a farm. The house stood where the railroad depot now stands on Dickson Street. He attended college at Canehill and served in the Mexican War. March 5, 1849, John Thomas married Harriet E. Wilson. When John Thomas' older sister, Milissa Pulliam, died she was buried in the family plot on the farm. This was the beginning of Evergreen Cemetery in Fayetteville. He later sold his farm in Fayetteville and moved to the country. John Thomas worked very hard to improve his farm and gave a portion of land for a school building in 1870. He, no doubt, with the help of neighbors, built the school building which was known for years as the Thomas School House. John Thomas served on the school board for several years.

Among the children born to John Thomas and Harriet E. Wilson Thomas was Harry Taft Thomas. On August 27, 1865, Harriet E. Wilson Thomas went to the home of her sister, Sarah Wilson Rieff, wife of Col. Henry Rieff, for the birth of her son, Harry Taft Thomas. This home is on West Center Street in Fayetteville and now houses Moore's Funeral Home. This home was used as a commissary during the Civil War. Harriet E. Thomas passed away October 22, 1876. At that time, Harry, 11, had three younger siblings at home. Their father took them to the Elm Springs community to live with another family. March 7, 1877, John Thomas married a Miss Caroline Mitchell and later moved to Texas.

During his manhood, Harry T. Thomas worked on cattle drives in Texas. He later came back to Arkansas and married Margaret Anne Cassat on December 27, 1889. Their first baby died in infancy in Sherman, Texas. Their other six children were born and grew to adulthood in Washington County, north of Fayetteville. Margaret Anne Cassat Thomas died March 4, 1910 and is buried in Mt. Comfort Cemetery, as are 5 of her children and her husband. Harry Thomas died April 27, 1912. This death left the six children without parents. Minnie had married a few months after her mother's death; Johnnie and Ollie grew from teenagers to adults quickly. These older children assumed much responsibility for the younger children. Their Uncle Charlie Cassat was their guardian.

The oldest child, Minnie born September 8, 1892; died