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Mrs. **J L WEST**
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I've read every will, all Wright law suits to see if he is named, but no luck. I phoned the keeper of Lebenon Cemetery near Molino [Boonshill, Lincoln, TN], who has map of that cemetery, but no one name Bryan had a lot there. He said they could be buried in someone else's lot, unmarked graves. That is where **JIM & CORDELIA WEST** are buried.

I phoned some people at Coldwater about the house near Bryan-Hovis cemetery, but no one knew who lived there. The house has been built in recent years. The original Bryan house burned several years ago. It was a big, two story, white frame house. I visited friends who lived there in 1942 or 1943. I plan to drive back there when the weather gets nice.

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[notes added]

Letter written by **FRANCES WEST** a cousin of ours on the Bryan side. Said place existed until 1942 or 43. So it would have stood from before 1820-1943.

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THE BRYAN FAMILY

The Bryan family came to Lincoln County between 1813 and 1819. It is believed that they came from York County, S. C., and it is also believed that the father of **WILLIAM BRYAN**, who came to Lincoln County, was **JAMES BRYAN**. **WILLIAM BRYAN** was born in Maryland or S. C. in 1784, and his wife, **LUCINDA CYNTHIA HAMPTON**, was born in 1789 in N. C.

There was a **WILLIAM B. BRYAN** who was a private in Burrus' 16th Regiment of Mississippi Militia in the War of 1812. There was also a **WILLIAM BRYAN** listed on the tax list of Madison County, AL., of the Mississippi Territory for the year of 1815. The **WILLIAM BRYAN** who came to Lincoln County was concerned with the civil law of the county and served on the different juries, county committees, and as Justice of the Peace up to the time of his death.

WILLIAM and **LUCINDA BRYAN** had twelve children: **ELIZABETH** married **JOHN MADDOX**; **ANNA AMELIA** married **THOMAS MADDOX**; **JOHN J.** ; **CYNTHIA** married **JOSEPH BUCHANAN**; **JAMES J.** married **SARA C.**; **WILLIAM A.** married **ELIZABETH**; **EPHRIAM B.** married **SUSAN SHIPP** – second time to **MARGARET MCCOY**; **BENJAMIN B.** married **MARY ANN HICKS**, second time to **ELIZA SMITH**; **REBECCA**; **AUGUSTUS NEWTON** married **FRANCES A. MARTIN**; **MARGARET BRYAN**; and **MALINDA** married **ANDERSON BONNER**.

The Bryan family were all farmers in the vicinity of Coldwater for many years. **BENJAMIN B.** and wife, **MARY B. BRYAN**, donated the land for a cemetery that is now known as the Bryan-Hovis Cemetery on July 16, 1891.

RUSSELL O'NEAL

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Article about the Bryan Family taken from Lincoln Co. Genealogical Society Quarterly. Written by **RUSS O'NEAL** then President. He was related by **THOMAS** and **ANNA AMELIA (BRYAN) MADDOX**.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT]
WILLIAM BRYAN]
] 30-Nov-1857
Lincoln County, TN]

I **WILLIAM BRYAN**, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do publish this, my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made.

1. I request all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the first monies that will come into the hands of my executors.

2. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, **LUCINDA BRYAN**, all my land, negroes, household and kitchen furniture gether with a sufficiency of provisions for one year to be set apart by three, disinterested men. To wit to set apart corn, pork, wheat, stock hogs, cows, horses and other such things as may be considered needed for her interests and support with the privilege of my five sons living on said lands rent free, namely, **WILLIAM, BENJAMIN, JOHN, EPHRIAM** and **NEWTON** during her natural life, or widowhood, and all other of my property, as is, not set apart for the benefit of my Wife, to be sold as soon after my death as practical on a twelve month credit And at the death of my beloved wife, **LUCINDA BRYAN**, or widowhood, I wish all the estate divided as herein after described.

3. It is my will that my lands be divided between my five sons to wit, **WILLIAM A. BRYAN, BENJAMIN B. BRYAN, EPHRIAM B. BRYAN, JOHN BRYAN, NEWTON BRYAN**. To have, each of them, one hundred and fifty five acres, each to be valued by three or more disinterest men, and each one to pay so as to be equal with exception of **JOHN BRYAN**, who is to have one hundred and seventeen acres, including the home place and other buildings, the line to run east and west, and at his death to be sold by my executors on a twelve month credit and the proceeds to be equally divided between all my children, to wit; **ELIZABETH**, who entered with **JOHN MADDOX, WILLIAM A. BRYAN, BENJAMIN B. BRYAN, ANNA BRYAN, EPHRIAM BRYAN, REBECCA BRYAN, NEWTON BRYAN, MALINDA S. BRYAN CINTHA BRYAN**, who intermarried **JOSEPH BUCHANAN** for the special benefit of her and the theirs of her body.

4. I bequeath my daughter Elizabeth, who intermarried with **JOHN MADDOX, ANNA MADDOX, REBECCA, MALINDA, CINTHA**, who intermarried **JOSEPH BUCHANNAN**, and her heirs, an equal portion of my estate to be in a negro and money, the negro to be drawn for the money to be paid out of my effects so as to make all my children equal, the same above named, to have the lands as described, the girls, the negros and be made equal in money. The lands and negros, all to be valued and divided as above described. **ANNA**, who married **THOMAS MADDOX**, to have if she chooses, the tract of land on Kellies Creek at what I was to have it as, out of her part. If she does not take it, for my executors to sell the land and divide the proceeds as above named.

5. I will that all the portion of the estate allotted **CINTHA**, who intermarried **JOSEPH BUCHANNAN**, go to her only use and bodily heirs.

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6. I will, to the heirs, of **JAMES J. BRYAN**, deceased, one hundred dollars each, to be paid at the death of my wife **LUCINDA**, namely; **WILLIAM H., FRANCIS M., JOHN H., NANCY, HENRY BRYAN** as their portion of my estate. (**WILLIAM's** grandchildren).

7. I will that amount of money, when collected, be paid to each one of the heirs equally, and be accountable for the amount on a division, namely, **WILLIAM, BENJAMIN, EPHRIAM, NEWTON, ELIZABETH MADDOX, ANNA MADDOX, REBECCA, MALINDA** and **CINTHA BUCHANNAN**.

8. I will that **EPHRIAM BRYAN** remain on the place, take care of his mother and farm the same way he has been doing heretofore, if he chooses so to do which is the fifth of all that's made, on the place, and that all that I have given to my children, rents and all privileges remain as they are and for there to be no hereafter about it.

Lastly, I hereby appoint **WILLIAM A. BRYAN** and **EPHRIAM BRYAN** my executors, to this, my Last Will and Testament, this 30th day of November, 1857.

Signed and Sealed in the presence of:

JOHN SMITH
JOHN J. BONNER
WILLIAM BRYAN

Transcribed Will of **WILLIAM BRYAN** of Lincoln Co. TN. Pages 238 239, Probate year 1857 by **EDGAR BRYANT**.

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Subject Re: page 2

From: Angenelle Pickett (alp56965@sbcglobal.net)

To: mitchokie@yahoo.com;

Date: Monday, November 5, 2012 1:33 PM

JAMES JEFFERSON BRIAN I, B: 25 Feb 1812 in York County, South Carolina
Died: 25 Jan 1847 Lincoln County, TN Burial in Lincoln County, TN. He is the
son of **WILLIAM BRIAN/BRYAN & LUCINDA "CYNTHIA" HAMPTON**.
Married 08 Apr 1831 South Carolina
SARAH CYNTHIA GREGORY B: 03 Mar 1813 SC, Died: 08 Aug 1850 Lincoln Co. TN

I did find where they both died young and their children were given to **JOHN LAWSON** and **ELIZABETH BRIAN/BRYAN** to raise after **SARAH**'s death in 1850. **WILLIAM BRIAN/BRYAN & JOHN K. GREGORY** were paying **JOHN & ELIZABETH** to take guardianship & raise them.

I got some of this ancestry, but I have called TN and there have no Will or anything else on them. So I am wondering if the info could be wrong as to where they lived.

Angenelle

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JAMES BRYAN & SARAH C. GREGORY

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Also see Brent Brian's pedigree generation information on this site.

Husband: **JAMES BRYAN** [I16000] ¹
Born: 25 Feb 1812 in York Co., SC ²
Married: 08 Apr 1831 319
Died: 25 Jan 1847 in Lincoln Co., TN ^{3,4}
Father: **WILLIAM BRYANT**
Mother: **LUCINDA HAMPTON**
Spouses:

Wife: **SARAH C. GREGORY** [I14330] ⁵

Born: 18 Mar 1813 in York Co., SC ^{6,7}
Died: 09 Aug 1850 in Lincoln Co., TN ⁸
Father:
Mother:
Spouses:

Children

01 (M): **WILLIAM H. BRYANT** [I14331] ¹¹
Born: 1832 in TN ¹²
Died: Unknown
Spouses:

Occupation: Farmer
02 (M): **FRANCIS MARTIN BRYANT** [I14332] ^{13,14,15}
Born: 1831 in TN ¹⁶
Died: Unknown
Spouses: **SUSAN DELONG WILLIAMS**

03 (M): **JOHN H. BRYANT** [I14333] ¹⁷
Born: 1836 in TN ¹⁸
Died: Unknown
Spouses:

04 (M): **THOMAS BRYANT** [I14334]
Born: 1838 in TN ¹⁹
Died: Unknown
Spouses:

05 (F): **NANCY BRYANT** [I14335]
Born: 1840 in TN ²⁰
Died: Unknown
Spouses:

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06 (M): **HENRY BRYANT** [I14336]

Born: 1842 in TN ²¹

07 (M): **J. K. POLK BRYANT** [I14337]

Born: 1845 in TN

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JOHN J. BRYANT]
to]
MARY E. SEAMORE]

This is to certify that the rights were solemnized by me on the 3rd day of November, 1846.

James C. Stevenson

Contributor, Curt Wright

Census(2)

To me S090-05 **BRYAN** Dist 16, Millville PO, Lincoln Co., Tenn., July 10, 1860

Today at 12:44 PM

me Today at 12:44 PM

To: me

5090-05 BRYAN Dist 16, Millville P. O., Lincoln Co., Tenn., July 10, 1860 -
646/639

J. J.	43 M W Farmer 200 100 Tn
MARY	38 F W Va I
ELIZABETH	12 F W Tn S
MARY	11 F W Tn S
NANCY	9 F W Tn S
JOHN	8 M W Tn S
RUBEN	7 M W Tn
MARTHA	5 F W Tn
JESSE	1 M W Tn
BENJAMIN	1/12 M W Tn

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Generation No. 2

2. **JOHN SAMUEL⁴ BRYAN** (**JOHN J.³, WILLIAM², JAMES¹**) was born March 01, 1852 in Lincoln County, Tennessee, and died January 03, 1913 in Giles County, Tennessee. He married **ELIZABETH LENORA ROSS** October 24, 1872 in Lincoln County, Tennessee, daughter **SILAS ROSS** and **MATTIDA AYERS**.

Notes for **JOHN SAMUEL BRYAN²**

Voter District 16- Millville, LCT, 5 November 1878- listed there among the names is **J. S. BRYAN**.

Source: Lincoln-County Tennessee miscellaneous Court House Records, Volume 1.

JOHN S. BRYANT, after lingering for several weeks with asthma, coupled with dropsical and other complications, died at Bryson Friday January 3, in the 59th year of his age. He was buried at Bee Springs beside the remains of his wife, who died sometime last year. Mr. **BRYANT** came to this place from Lincoln County only a few years ago and had made a good and faithful citizen. Source: Pulaski Citizen, January 9, 1913.

Notes for **ELIZABETH LENORA ROSS**:

Date of Death: September 11, 1911

Sex: Female Color: White

Age: 68 Married

Place of death: Bunker Hill, Tennessee

Cause of Death: Consumption

Place of Birth: Lincoln, Co.

Occupation: Wife of farmer

Name of physician: Dr. Minus

Mrs. **ELIZABETH BRYAN**, wife of **J. S. BRYAN** died Tuesday morning at her home in Bunker Hill and was buried in Bee Springs yesterday morning. Rev. Mr. Kellum conducted services.

Mrs. **BRYAN** was a good woman and a constant member of Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband and three children, **SARA B. BRYAN**, Mrs. **WILL HOLT**, and Mrs. **E. L. GARDEN**, who have our sympathy in their sorrow.

Source: Pulaski Citizen, Sept. 14, 1911.

Children of **JOHN BRYAN** and **ELIZABETH ROSS** are:

3. i. **MARGARET ALLIA⁵ BRYAN**, b. July 30, 1374, Lincoln County, Tennessee; d. October 09, 1900, Lincoln County, Tennessee.

4. ii. **MARY EULA BRYAN**, b. November 25, 1877, Giles County, Tennessee; d. August 30, 1912, Giles County, Tennessee.

5. iii. **SAMUEL B. BRYAN**, b. July 10, 1878, Lincoln County, Tennessee; d. March 11, 1931, Giles County,

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Lincoln Co. TN marriage book Page 46 year 1841.

WILLIAM C. BRYANT]
to]
SARAH BUCHANAN]

I hereby certify that I solemnized the rights of matrimony between the within named parties agreeable to an act of assembly in such cases made & provided 19th day of April 1841.

C. W. McGuire, JP

Contributor, Curt Wright

Mr. Wright

First I'd like to apologize for being so long in responding to your request regarding the **CORDERs**.

My knowledge of **ELIZABETH ELMORE BRYAN CORDER's** prior history is very limited. I was always told my mother was 8 or 9 years old when her mother whom we called "Nomie" married Mr. **SIM CORDER**. We referred to him as Uncle Sim. Nomie was always called Betty or Betsy, her date of birth was August 27th 1862 . Uncle Sam was 21 years older than she.

My mother, **SUSIE LAWSON MADDOX**, August 31st 1881 was Nomie's only child. Mr. **CORDER** was the father of **BILL, BOB, JOHNNY, CHARLIE** and **IDA**. I have no idea whether any of them were living at home when this marriage took place.

When Uncle **JIM** died, I believe in 1923, I was 9 years old and Nomie came to live with us. She died on September 21st 1951 at age 89.

My parents, **SUSIE MADDOX** and **W. H. "WILL" BEASLEY** were married September 6th 1903. His date of birth was October 22nd 1880. My mother died November 30th 1947. Daddy died March 17th 1965.

They were the parents of seven children namely:

BESSIE WILKS BEASLEY, who married **HERBERT F. PUGH** July 27th 1924. Her date of birth was June 18th 1904. They were parents of two daughters.

COLEMAN BUEL BEASLEY May 22nd 1906, married **LAURA LOU CROWSON** February 19th 1927. They had three sons and one daughter.

ROBERT ELRIDGE "TED" BEASLEY, October 2nd 1907, married **MARGARET PAULINE BLACK** April 5th 1927, they had three daughters and one son.

MARY LOUISE BEASLEY February 24th 1909 married **ROSS PATTERSON** July 27th 1926. They had three daughters only one survived.

WILLIAM HENRY BEASLEY JR January 13th 1911 married **MARY CHRISTINE HARRISON** October 19th 1928 they are parents of three daughters and one son.

JOHN LAWSON BEASLEY July 8th 1912 married **MILDRED ROBERTA BLACK** August 23rd 1934 they had two sons and one daughter he and **TED** married sisters.

MARJORIE ELOISE BEASLEY September 19th 1914 married **WILLIAM P. WILLIAMS** November 29th 1951, a daughter and a son were born to this union.

I am visiting my daughter but plan to be back in Alabama July 1st.

It was my understanding when I left Alabama May 1st that my nephew **WILLIAM C. BEASLEY** and **BRYAN SMITH** were to get together and hopefully provide more info for you.

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Nomie was an excellent mother and a super grandmother. I wish I had known more about her early years.

That's water under the bridge now - but I wish you luck with your book and maybe I'll hear from you again.

sincerely

MARJORIE WILLIAMS

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5. **ANNA AMELIA BRYAN**¹ (William) was born in 1820 in York Co., SC. She died in 1870 in Lincoln Co., TN. **THOMAS D. GRIFFIS** qualified as the administrator of **ANNA MADDOX** at the January session of Lincoln County Court, January 1871.

ANNA married⁹ **THOMAS ANDREW MADDOX**¹, son of **WILLIAM MADDOX** and **MARY ?**, in 1837. **THOMAS** was born in 1810/1820. He died in 1855/1860.

They had the following children.

37 M i. **NEWTON GREEN MADDOX**^{1,4} was born^{4,10} on 23 Sep 1838 in TN. He died^{4,10,11} on 16 Jul 1922 in Blanche, Lincoln Co., TN. He was buried^{4,10,11} in Blanche Cemetery, Lincoln Co., TN.

N. G. MADDOX was a member of the 8th Infantry in the Civil War. **NEWTON** was wounded in the war at Franklin, Tennessee and Georgia. He had a total of 7 different wounds, but the worst was a gunshot in the right shoulder and in his right lung. The shoulder and lung wound was at the Battle of Franklin. He was brought home by **BILL RAINEY** and a negro named DAN ROBINSON. He died of acute appendicitis.

9 Lincoln County Historical Society, The volunteer, Spring 1987. "Coldwater, Tennessee History and Families."

10 Blanche Cemetery Marker.

11 Rainey Funeral Home Records.

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From The Fayetteville Observer:

March 5, 1891
Coldwater

We had a hand car wreck of late near the Coldwater Bridge. CARROLL PHILLIPS, ANDREW DICKEY and **NEWT MADDOX** were badly bruised. The latter was thought to be seriously hurt, but he is now able to be up. We would suggest that our hand card riders keep LUTHER STEADMAN as conductor, as we have never heard of a wreck happening while he was on duty.

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NEWTON married **NANCY REBECCA STEADMAN**^{4, 11} daughter of **ELISHA HURLBERT STEDMAN** and **REBECCA C. GRIFFIS**, on 22 Dec 1866 in Lincoln Co., TN. **NANCY** was born^{4, 10, 11} on 24 Dec 1850 in Lincoln Co., TN. She died^{4, 10, 11} on 2 Feb 1926 in Blanche, Lincoln Co., TN. She was buried^{4, 10, 11} in Blanche Cemetery, Lincoln Co., TN.

From The Fayetteville Observer:
February 18, 1926
THE DEATH RECORD

Mrs. **NANCY MADDOX**, aged 75 years, died of the infirmities of old age at her home at Blanche on Tuesday, February 2, 1926. For a long number of years she was a member of the Methodist Church, and like Job feared God and eschewed evil; her chief delight was in the service of the Master and is now reaping the reward of a lifetime of faithfulness.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Reeves, burial at Blanche . She is survived by four daughters and one son, Mrs. **J. H. CAMPBELL**, Mrs **G. N. MERRELL**, Mrs. **G. C. SMITH**, Miss **LOULA MADDOX** and **HURLEY MADDOX**.

38 F ii **LUCINDA JOSEPHINE MADDOX**¹ was born in 1843 in TN.

39 M iii. **ISAAC BENTON MADDOX**¹ was born on 16 Apr 1844 in TN. He died on 25 Jun 1911 in Huntsville, Madison Co., AL.

ISAAC appears on the 1907 Confederate census of Madison Co., AL. He is listed as being in Co . A. 44th TN Infantry. He joined October 1861 in Dellrose, Tenn. **ISAAC** married **MARINDA KATIN** on 13 Nov 1879 in Lincoln Co., TN.

40 F iv. **MARY ELIZABETH MADDOX**¹ was born in 1845 in TN.

41 M v. **EPHRAIM H. FOSTER MADDOX**¹ was born in 1847 in TN. **EPHRIAM** married **MARTHA MCCOWN** on 25 Jan 1871 in Lincoln Co., TN.

42 F vi. **AMELIA JANE MADDOX** was born in 1849 in Lincoln Co., TN. **AMELIA** married **BRICE M. CLEM** on 17 Jun 1871 in Lincoln Co., TN.⁷

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43 M vii. **JAMES MADDOX** was born in 1853 in Lincoln Co., TN. He died on 20 Aug 1936 in Huntsville, Madison Co., AL. He was buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Madison Co., AL.

44 M viii. **JOSEPH WESLEY "BUD" MADDOX**¹² was born in 1855 in Lincoln Co., TN. Bud married **EMMA J. CATON** on 23 Jan 1876 in Lincoln Co., TN. **EMMA** was born in 1860 in TN. She died in 1895/1900 in Lincoln Co., TN.

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BENJAMIN BRYANT]
To]
MARY ANN HICKS]

Solemnized by me on the 27th of November, 1842.

Daniel J. Rourk
Justice of the Peace

Contributor, Curt Wright

9. **BENJAMIN BENTON BRYAN (WILLIAM)** was born in 1822 in Lincoln Co., TN. He died on 16 Apr 1895 in Goldwater, Lincoln Co., TN. He was buried in Bryan-Hovis Cemetery, Goldwater, Lincoln Co., TN.

From The Fayetteville Observer:
April 25, 1895.

Deaths

Mr. **B. B. BRYAN** died of old age at his home at Molino, Tuesday, April 16, 1895. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Wood Bouldin; burial at the family graveyard. Mr. Bryan was first married to Miss **MARY HICKS** in 1842 and his second marriage was to Miss **ELIZA SMITH** in 1881. He was a member of the Methodist Church and carried its teaching into every relation and transaction of life. Hi friends were numerous and the regret at his death is universal. He died at the age of 74.

BENJAMIN married **MARY ANN HICKS**, daughter of **WILLIAM HICKS** and **ELEANOR CHILDRESS** "Nelly", on 27 Nov 1842 in Lincoln Co., TN. **MARY** was born in 1822 in AL.

They had the following children

45 M i. **WILLIAM D. BRYAN** was born in 1843 in Lincoln Co., TN. **WILLIAM** married **MARTHA E. WRIGHT** on 9 Aug 1868 in Lincoln Co., TN.

46 M ii. **ELI FLETCHER BRYANT** was born⁴ on 30 Dec 1844 in Lincoln Co., TN. He died⁴ on 26 Jul 1914 in Lincoln Co., TN. He was buried⁴ in Old Baptist Cemetery, Lincoln Co., TN. **ELI** married **MARY B. PEEBLE** on 23 Sep 1888 in Lincoln Co., TN. Mary was born⁸ in 1867. She died⁸ in 1913. She was buried in Roper Cemetery, Lincoln Co., TN.

47 M iii. **JAMES BRYAN** was born in 1847 in Lincoln Co., TN.

48 M iv. **WILLIS YATES BRYAN**⁴ was born" on 21 Dec 1849 in Lincoln Co., TN. He died⁴ on 1 Mar 1918 in Lincoln Co., TN. He was buried⁴ in Bryan-Hovis Cemetery, Lincoln Co., TN.

49 M v. **RUFUS HARVEY BRYAN** was born⁸ on 13 Jul 1852 in Lincoln Co., TN. He died⁸ on 21 Oct 1906. He was buried⁸ in Bryan-Hovis Cemetery, Goldwater, Lincoln Co., TN.

50 M vi. **JOHN MILTON BRYAN** was born on 18 Dec 1855 in Lincoln Co., TN. He was christened on 16 Jul 1876. He died on 24 Apr 1877 in Lincoln Co., TN.

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51 M vii. **B. LAWSON BRYAN** was born on 27 Jul 1858 in Lincoln Co., TN. He died on 19 Mar 1878 in Coldwater, Lincoln Co., TN. He was buried in Bryant-Hovis Cemetery, Lincoln Co., TN.

March 28, 1878

Deaths

In this county, on Coldwater, Tuesday, 19th inst., of consumption, Mr. **B. L. BRYAN**, son on Mr. **B. B. BRYAN**. He was born July 27, 1858.

52 M viii. **MAJOR G. BRYAN**¹¹ was born^{10, 11} on 2 Dec 1860 in Coldwater, Lincoln Co., TN. He died^{10, 11} on 10 Nov 1927 in Blanche, Lincoln Co., TN. He was buried^{10, 11} in Blanche Cemetery, Lincoln Co., TN.

From the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS:

Thursday, November 17, 1927

J. MAJOR BRYAN

J. MAJOR BRYAN, age 68, died suddenly from an attack of heart trouble, last Friday morning about 8:30 o'clock while he was assisting covering a barn on his place near Coldwater. He was a member of the Methodist Church, a fine citizen, public spirited and a leader in his section. Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church at Blanche Saturday by Revs. Crawford, Allison and Harwell. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Thursday, November 24, 1927

M. G. (MAJOR) BRYAN

The death of **M. G. (MAJOR) BRYAN**, one of the foremost citizens of the Blanche section, came as a great shock to his family and the entire community on Thursday morning, November 10. Mr. **BRYAN** was born near Coldwater, December 2, 1860, and moved with his family to Blanche about nineteen years ago. He enjoyed a high degree the confidence and esteem of all who knew him and wielded an influence for every good cause in the community. He had for everyone words of cheer and helpfulness. He became a member of the Methodist Church early in life, remaining steadfast to his conviction, serving for a number of years as an official in the church.

Mr. **BRYAN** is survived by his wife and two daughters, Miss **VELMA BRYAN** and Mrs. **J. C. MCLEMORE**. Funeral services were held from the Methodist Church at Blanche Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. L. O. Crawford, Rev. W. L. Harwell, Rev. J. A. Allison and Rev. J. C. Elkins. Interment was in the Blanche Cemetery.

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He entered into that land of light,
Into that brighter world above,
Where death come not and all is love,
Where God, the Father, reigns on high
And the soul of man shall never die.
Yes, it is sad, to have him go,
And leave us here, who loved him so,
And yet e'er long we too shall go,
Our souls shall leave this world below.

MAJOR married **MARY E. POOLE**, daughter of **JOHN ABSALOM POOLE** and **MARTHA J. TWITTY**, on 2 Dec 1896 in Lincoln Co., TN. **MARY** was born on 19 Dec 1874. She died on 18 May 1936 in Blanche, Lincoln Co., TN. She was buried in Blanche Cemetery, Lincoln Co., TN.

From the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS:

Thursday, May 21, 1936

Mrs. **MARY BRYAN**, 60, Passed Away Monday Funeral services for Mrs. **MARY BRYAN**, aged 60 years, who died at her home at Blanche, following an illness of three months, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Church, of which she was a member, by the Rev. Harwell and Rev. Wade. Burial was in the Blanche Cemetery. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. **J. C. MCLEMORE** and Miss **VELMA BRYAN**, both of Blanche; four sisters, Mrs. **L. O. REYNOLDS** of Fayetteville; Mrs. **A. E. PUCKETT**, of Coldwater; Mrs. **G. W. PETTY** of Blanche and Mrs. **L. W. REYNOLDS** of Little Rock, Ark. and one brother, Sheriff **JOHN A. POOLE**, of Fayetteville. She was the widow of **M. G. BRYAN**, who died nine years ago.

BENJAMIN also married **MARY ELIZA HARDIN** on 16 Dec 1880 in Lincoln Co., TN. **MARY** was born in Apr 1840 in TN.

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TEMPLE TAYLOR]
to]
JANE SHELTON]

The rites of matrimony solemnize in the within in the 21 day of May 1848 by
me.

T. S. Williams, JP

Contributor, Curt Wright

THE ELK VALLEY TIMES & OBSERVER, Wednesday, April 6, 1994 - 5A

MEMORIAL SERVICE HONORS PVT. BRYAN

Descendants of a Confederate Army veteran will gather in Lincoln County Saturday at 2 pm. for a graveside memorial service to dedicate a new monument near Coldwater.

The ceremony, which honors Pvt. **E. B. BRYAN** of Company H and D, 15th Tennessee Infantry/Cavalry (Carnargo Guards), is open to family, friends and the public.

"The original stone on Mr. **BRYAN**'s grave mysteriously disappeared many years ago and has never been found," said **CURT M. WRIGHT** of Mustang, OK., great-great-grandson of the Confederate veteran. "A family of descendants in Alabama were the only ones with the knowledge of where Mr. **BRYAN**'s grave site was located after the many years of research to determine any information."

According to **WRIGHT**, the site is on land owned by the Hovis family, a family which has owned the land for several generations. It was originally owned by three generations of Bryans, as early as the beginnings of the county in 1807.

The future Confederate soldier married first to **SUSAN SHIPP** on May 27, 1848 in Lincoln County. The couple "had four children. Mrs. **BRYAN** died in 1860 near Molina.

On Aug. 15, 1861, **BRYAN** married Mrs. **MARGARET L. ROWE MCCOY**, widow of **JOSEPH MCCOY SR.** The couple then had four children.

"Shortly after their marriage. Mr. **BRYAN** joined the Confederate Army," **WRIGHT** explained. "Private **BRYAN** fought bravely for what they believed in and was captured at Lagardo in Wilson County, east of Nashville, on the 26th day of July, 1863."

"He was then taken to several prison camps but ultimately was imprisoned at the dreaded of all federal prison camps, the infamous Fort Delaware. Prison rations were three musty crackers, salt pork two inches square and a cup of something called soup."

When the war ended, **WRIGHT** said, Bryan came home to farm and was considered "right prosperous" in the community.

BRYAN's will, which included his second wife's son, **JOE JR.**, "to be raised as one of my own family free of charge," is dated Aug. 8, 1872. Following **BRYAN**'s death, his widow raised the children and in later years moved with family to Limestone County, Ala, where she remained until her death in 1937.

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Among the descendants still living are a granddaughter, **BEULAH BOYD** of Goodsprings; grandson, **FLOYD CROLEY** of Nashville; granddaughter-in-law, **HATTIE CROLEY** of Athens, Ala.; great-granddaughter, **MARGARET HARRIS** of Nashville; great-grandsons, **JAMES C. SMITH** and **REUBEN B. SMITH**, both of Athens, and **G. A. WRIGHT** of Midwest City, OK.; Clarette Buckner of Cordell, OK.; and great-great-grandson, **C. M. WRIGHT** of Mustang, OK.

"Special thanks to the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC, and The Confederate POW Society in Tuscaloosa, Ala., as well as all others who made this possible," **WRIGHT** said.

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[photo]

Private **E. B. BRYAN**'s Commemoration Service on April 9, 1994. Pictured are **CURT, CORA,** and **SUE WRIGHT** in front. In back are **GEORGE A. WRIGHT** and a **CROWLEY** descendant.

The original stone in front and the military stone. One might notice the flowers planted at various places on the site. There are at least four bunches of flowers which appear to mark graves. A common occurrence in the early days. We believe that there are at least 6 graves.

Contributor, Curt Wright

In appreciation April 9th 1994

From: **JAMES CROLEY SMITH**
To: **CURT WRIGHT**

**JEAN LEWTER
ELLEN JOBE
FRANCIS WEST
PATSY JOHNSON
RICHARD JOHNSON
RUSSELL O'NEAL
ERMER GENE BOYD
TERESA BEASLEY HARDAWAY
MARJORIE BEASLEY WILLIAMS
TED BEASLEY
CHLOE BOYD
HAROLD H SMITH
GLADYS M SMITH
GEORGE & ELOISE MALONE
JOE W & RUTH CROLEY
SADIE CROLEY
JUDY CAROL MERRITT EVANS
EMILY CAROL EVANS
RACHEL LAUREN ELIZABETH EVANS
WILLIAM CROWSON BEASLEY
CHARLES W BEASLEY**

**EDITH GOOCH
OLIVER AND MAROLENE BOYD
MABLE BOYD MERRITT
KENNETH BOYD CROLEY
ROWE HOWARD CROLEY
THOMAS ANDREW MERRITT
JUDY SMITH CORNELIUS
RUBEN BRYAN SMITH
MILDRED H SMITH
LOIS W GILLEY
J H LARIMER
RENA TURNER
MARTHA RENE HANNAH BOYD
OPHALYNN ARNOLD ENDSLEY
CHRISTINE ARNOLD SMITH
CLYDE SMITH (HUSBAND)
GEORGE & WANDA WRIGHT
MARGARET A HARRIS
JAMES CROLEY SMITH
KURT & SUE WRIGHT**

In attendance of the 8th. **B. BRYAN** military commemoration service at Coldwater, Tennessee.

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State of Tennessee]
Lincoln County] August 14, 1861

EPHRAIM B. BRYAN

To Marry

MARGARET L. ROWE MCCOY

I solemnize the rite of matrimony between the within named parties on the
15th day of August 1861.

S. M. Hampton, JP

Daniel J. Whittington, Clerk

Book "B", page 14
Jan 1861 - Mar 1871.

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Pen lost in 1863, found 1936

By E. W. Brooks
(Savannah Courier)

The following incident was related to me by a good friend, Mrs. **E. B. BRYAN** who recently died at the age of about 96 years. Her memory was as clear as one many years her junior. As I sat by her bedside holding the pen in question, she told me this story.

During the Civil War we lived at Goldwater, Tennessee, at what we still call the old home place. My husband bought cotton and carried it to Nashville for market, and in this way acquired quite a sum of money, all at which was in gold and it was my duty to take care of this money. As this story begins I had a thousand dollars of it. We had in the house with us an did man named Blue, who having no home or relatives, came to us when he got sick and I was nursing him the best I could.

One night just after dark, a company of night riders came to rob me of my money, which they had in some way found out about.

When I heard them I got the gold which was all in one sack and started to run out in the yard with it, but by that time the men were in the house and calling for a light.

Seeing my retreat cut off, I hit upon a plan at hiding the gold in the room. Of course, it happened very quickly and I was scared with the room full of half drunken robbers swearing at every breath and calling for a light.

I slipped across the room to the bed of Mr. Blue and eased the gold under the cover inside his underwear under the small of his back.

He realized what I was doing and although feeling much better at the time he played the part of a very sick man a few minutes later.

I just straightened up when one of the robbers got a light going. When I refused to hand over the money, they began searching the place. I asked them not to disturb the sick man as he was very low.

Mr. Blue looked the part too. They ransacked the place and even the bed but failed to make my patient turn over, so they never knew how close they were to the prize. The robbers took all my cloth out of the looms, Mr. **BRYAN's** broadcloth wedding suit, and a few more things and left.

A few weeks later my husband came home sick, and as the war was over, he said he wanted to give some token to keep in remembrance of my saving his money. He took a two dollar pen which he sent off and had his initials and name, **E. B. BRYAN**, engraved on.

Contributor, Curt Wright

My baby was only a few days old and had never been named. I knew Mr. **BRYAN** was dying, so I asked him to name the child. He handed me the pen and said call her **E. B.**

Not long after his death, I lost the pen and although we searched well we never found it. That was in 1865, and in November, 1936, a person found the pen in the ruins of the fireplace where the old house stood and sent it to me.

Contributor, Curt Wright

Obit 1937 Limestone Democrat

Mrs. **MARGARET L. BRYANT**, aged 96 years passed away Monday March 8, at her home in Salem, surrounded by devoted children and grandchildren. Funeral service, conducted by the Reverends C. M. Hullett and Claud Harrison, the latter of the Church of Christ, were held in the Methodist church Tuesday with interment in the Salem Cemetery, Spry in charge.

Mrs. **BRYANT** was one of, if not the oldest, residents of Limestone County where much of her eventful life was spent. She was born in Giles County, Tennessee, September 20; 1841 and lived for some years in Lincoln County, Tennessee near Fayetteville. Her life-span of nearly a century, held much of romance and adventure of which she talked most entertainingly. She was married in early life to **JOE MCCOY** and for a wedding trip they embarked in a prairie schooner for Texas. The couple was attacked on the way by a band of Indians who took their food and money. When they left section they meant to make their permanent home in the West, but after a few years of that rugged life decided to return to Alabama with their young son **JOE, JR.**, grandfather of **GILBERT MCCOY** of Athens, and Mrs. **MARJORIE HILTY** of Birmingham, only descendants of this union. The return trip was fraught with tragedy, the husband dying when they were still far from home. The young widow finished the sad journey by stage coach.

A few years passed and the deceased was married to **HENRY BRYANT**, whose death occurred soon after the close of the War Between the States. Of this union there were three daughters, two of whom, Mrs. **BETTIE CORDER** and Mrs. **E. B. CROLEY**, survive their mother. One daughter and the only son preceded her to the grave several years ago.

Mrs. **BRYANT** came of remarkable family stock, as was evidenced in her mind and character. She was one of 12 children, born to a mother who lived to be 94 years of age. Perhaps the pioneering spirit came from her paternal grandfather, or even further back, since he was born on ship-board as his parents crossed the Atlantic for the New World memory was a storehouse of facts and events which some of her progeny should have written down, for the benefit of yet unborn generations. She heard of was present when **HENRY CLAY** and **JAMES K. POLK**, opposing candidates for the presidency of the United States, spoke in joint debate at Elkton, Tennessee. Decorations on this occasion were poke berries and red clay.

Like many another splendid women of Civil War days Mrs. **BRYANT** assumed the cares left by brothers who were in the Confederate Army, sewed for the soldiers, nursed the sick and kept in safety valuables left in her charge.

It is not strange that the passing of such a forceful, personality should leave a void that cannot be filled, for there are few of her kind and generation left. To those to whom she has left the heritage of a life of such usefulness, the Democrat joins many others in heartfelt sympathy.

Contributor, Curt Wright

J. H. WRIGHT]
to]
Miss **CORDELIA BRYAN**]

Issued March 8, 1873 solemnized the rite of matrimony between the within parties on the 9th day of March 1873.

E. H. Steadman, JP

Contributor, Curt Wright

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Tennessee Family Group Sheet for william "Louis" Bryant Family

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Submitted by: **H. D. BRYANT**

Email address: davenmesanmail.com

Husband: **WILLIAM "LOUIS" BRYANT**

Birthdate: 1853

Birthplace: Coldwater, Lincoln County, Tennessee, USA

Death date: Aft 1894

Place of death: Lincoln County, Tennessee, USA

Father: **EPHRAIM BARTON "Bugg" BRYAN**

Mother: **SUSAN CORDELIA SHIPP**

I. Marriage date: Dec 24, 1878

Marriage place: Scottsboro, Jackson County, Alabama, USA

wife: **LOUISA P. CAMPBELL**

Birthdate: Jan 1849

Birthplace: Elbert County, Georgia, USA

Death date: Aft 1910

Place of death:

Father: **WILLIAM G. CAMPBELL**

Mother: **ELIZABETH KERLEN**

II. Liaison date: 1894

Liaison place: Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee, USA

Unmarried Partner: **ELIZABETH POGE**

Birthdate:

Birthplace:

Death date:

Place of death:

Father:

Mother:

CHILDREN

Child No. 1: **THOMAS E "Tom" BRYANT**

Sex: M

Birthdate: Apr 6, 1872

Birthplace: Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee, USA

Death date: Jan 18, 1936

Place of death: Central Oklahoma State Hospital Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, USA

Marriage date: Jan 16, 1894

Marriage place: Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee, USA

Spouse's name: **VICTORIA M. COBLE**

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Child No. 2: **LEANNA BRYANT**

Sex: F

Birthdate: 1873

Birthplace: Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee, USA

Death date:

Place of death:

Marriage date:

Marriage place:

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From The Fayetteville Observer:

June 30, 1881

A long story about **LIN SMITH** and **WALTER BRYAN** getting drunk at Smith Chapel. The two had a huge fight, **SMITH** shot at **BRYAN**. This happened at the home of **B. B. BRYAN**. When they sobered up they reconciled.

Contributor, Curt Wright

Family Group Sheet

Husband: **WALTER EPHRAIM BRYANT**

Born: May 16, 1859 in: Coldwater, Lincoln, TN

Married: December 8, 1886 in: Collins, TX

Died: August 15, 1929 in: Quanah, Hardeman, TX

Father: **EPHRAIM BARTON "Bugg" BRYANT**

Mother: **SUSAN CORDELIA SHIPP**

Wife: **MARY SHELTON**

Born: Abt 1868 in: Collins, TX

Died: Unknown in: OK or TX

CHILDREN

1 Name: **JOHN W. BRYANT**

M Born: Unknown in: Collins, TX

Died: Unknown in: HM

Spouse: **MYRTLE (?)**

2 Name: **WILLIE J. BRYANT**

M Born: Unknown in: Collins, TX

Died: Unknown in: OK?

3 Name: **HENRY L. BRYANT**

M Born: Unknown in: Collins, TX

Died: Unknown in: McAlister, OK

4 Name: **E. B. BRYANT**

Born: Unknown in: Collins, TX

Married: Unknown in: ?

Died: Unknown in: OK?

Spouse: **GEORGE JONES**

Contributor, Curt Wright

FORMER CITIZEN FOUND DEAD NEAR QUANAH

A few days ago upon examination of team and Wagon which had stood tied, some seven miles N. W. of Quanah, Texas, the body of **WALTER E. BRYAN**, a former citizen of South Kiowa County, was found riddled with bullets. It is presumed that someone in robbing him committed the deed.

His body was shipped to Snyder and from here taken to. Mtn. Park by Jim Beason, in the Strange-Wells Ambulance where it was laid to rest at side of relatives.

Mr. **BRYAN** and his wife, who lives here, had been separated several years. His daughter, Mrs. **JONES**, also lives here. All attended the burial.

The Snyder Signal
8/22/1929 - OK

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WALTER E. BRYANT

A seventy-year-old man was shot and killed Thursday morning in a scuffle that followed an argument over the price that he was charged for his supper and breakfast. His name was **WALTER E. BRYANT** of Snyder, Okla. Death came almost instantly when the bullet struck him under the heart.

BRYANT camped Wednesday night at the home of **F. E. GIBSON** seven miles east Quanah on the **CLAUDE HOLCOMB** farm. He was traveling over the country selling small patents for kerosene lamps. He arranged to take his supper with the Gibson family and breakfast the following morning. When he was ready to leave he asked Mr. **GIBSON** what he owed and when **GIBSON** told him that he owed seventy-five cents for the two meals the old man turned and walked to his wagon.

GIBSON said that when he next noticed **BRYANT** he was holding a pistol in both hands pointed at him and telling him that he had been over charged for the meals and that he would kill him. **GIBSON** jumped for the gun and in the fracas that followed, **BRYANT** was shot with the gun he held in his own hands.

The coroners verdict was that **W. E. BRYANT** died of accidental gunshot wounds self inflicted. The body was removed to the B. H. Smith Funeral Parlors pending the arrival of relatives from Oklahoma.

An autopsy was held by Drs. R. R. McDaniel and T. D. Frizzell on the body.

A daughter and husband from Snyder, Okla. have arrived and the body will be shipped by B. H. Smith undertaker to Snyder.

GIBSON and his son were released after questioning.

BRYANT was a well known character in this section. He had traveled through Hardeman and adjoining counties in a wagon for many years, selling his wares to farmers in the section. He was known by the perfectly matched pair of pinto ponies which he drove to the ramshackle wagon.

WALTER E. BRYANT
8/16/1929

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WALTER BRYAN Buried Sunday

WALTER E. BRYAN was born in Tennessee on May 16th, 1860. He moved to Texas in 1881, where he was married to Miss **MARY SHELTON** in Collins County on December 8th, 1896. He died at a farm home seven miles south of Quanah from a gunshot wound on August 15th, 1929, and the remains buried in the Mt. Park cemetery on Sunday, August 18th. 1929.

He is survived by his wife and three sons and one daughter, **JOHN W. BRYAN**, Magdalena, New Mexico; **WILLIE J. BRYAN**, Marlow, Okla; **HENRY L. BRYAN**, McAlester, OK; and Mrs. **E. B. JONES** of Snyder. His wife, Mrs. **MARY BRYAN**. resides in Snyder. The funeral services were conducted by A. E. Underwood of the First Christian Church of Snyder. All of the children were here for the funeral except **JOHN BRYAN**.

The deceased for many years had traveled all over this part of Oklahoma and the Panhandle of Texas selling notions to the farmers. It was while on one of these trips that he came to his death seven miles south of Quanah near the farm home of a man named **GIBSON**. The circumstances surrounding his death are being investigated by the Texas officers who think Mr. **BRYAN** was murdered for the money he always carried with him. He was known to have quite a little money hidden in his wagon. This money was gone. An investigation of the whole affair is now being made but the Democrat has not been advised as to the outcome.

GIBSON was arrested and later put under bond and returned to hie home. His account of the shooting of Mr. **BRYAN** wee not very satisfactory to the officers who have investigated the case.

Kiowa county Democrat (OK)
Thurs, 8/22/1929

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59 F vii. **ELIZABETH ELLENORA BRYAN** was born in 1862 in Lincoln Co., TN.

ELIZABETH married³ Doctor **JOHN LAWSON MADDOX**, son of **JOHN LAWSON MADDOX** and **ELIZABETH BRYAN**, on 20 Oct 1881 in Lincoln Co, TN. John was born on 14 Jan 1844 in Lincoln Co., TN. He died on 16 Jan 1910 in Lincoln Co., TN. He was buried in Blanche Cemetery, Lincoln Co, TN.

From The Fayetteville Observer:

February 28, 1878

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Family Group Sheet

Husband: John Loss Maddox

Born: January 14, 1844 in: Lincoln, TN

Married: 1880 in: Lincoln, TN

Died: January, 16, 1910 in: Funston, TN

Wife: **ELIZABETH ELNORA "Betty" BRYANT**

Born: August 27, 1862 in: Blanche, Lincoln, TN

Died: September 21, 1951 in: Athens, Limestone, AL

Father: **EPHRAIM BARTON "Bugg" BRYANT**

Mother: **MARGARET LUCINDA ROWE MCCOY**

Other Spouses: **SIM CORDER**

CHILDREN

1 Name: **SUSIE L. MADDOX**

Born: August 31, 1881 in: Lincoln, TN

F Married: September 6, 1905 in: TN or AL

Died: November 30, 1947 in: Limestone, AL

Spouse: William H. Beasley

Contributor, Curt Wright

Family Group Sheet

Husband: **SIM CORDER** SGT: CO G, 9th AL CAV. CSA
Born: February 19, 1838 in: Corder Cross Road, Lincoln, TN
Marriage: 1910 in: Lincoln, TN? AL?
Died: February 24, 1923 in: Athens, Limestone, TN Mt. Rozell

Wife: **ELIZABETH ELNORA "Betty" BRYANT**

Born: August 27, 1862 in: Blanche, Lincoln, TN
Died: September 21, 1951 in: Athens, Limestone, AL
Father: **EPHRAIM BARTON "Bugg" BRYANT**
Mother: **MARGARET LUCINDA ROWE MCCOY**
Other Spouses: **JOHN LOSS MADDOX**

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HENRY BRYAN in household of SUSIE R. MILLS, "United States Census, 1900"

Henry Bryan
United States Census, 1900

Name: **HENRY BRYAN**
Event Type: Census
Event Year: 1900
Event Place: Phoenix city (north of Washington, west of Center St.) Ward 2, Maricopa, Arizona Territory, United States
Gender: Male
Age: 30
Marital Status: Married
Race: White
Race (Original): W

Relationship to Head of Household: Roomer
Relationship to Head of Household: Roomer
(Original):

Years Married: 2
Birth Date: Jun 1870
Birthplace: Tennessee
Marriage Year (Estimated): 1898
Father's Birthplace: Tennessee
Mother's Birthplace: Tennessee

Household	Role	Gender	Age	Birthplace
Susie R Mills	Head	F	45	Ohio
Flora L. Mills	Daughter	F	23	Kansas
Cula L. Mills	Daughter	F	26	Arizona
J. H. Hunter	Roomer	M	48	Missouri
HENRY BRYAN	Roomer	M	30	Tennessee
MARY BRYAN	Roomer	F	28	Indiana
W. G. Ogle	Roomer	M	34	California
Marie Ogle	Roomer	F	35	Kentucky

District: 28, Sheet Number and Letter: 2A, Household ID: 38,
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Family Group Sheet

Husband: **WALTER MACK CROLEY**

Born: June 26, 1868 in: TN
Married: February 09, 1890 in: Lincoln, TN
Died: April 09, 1934 in: Limestone, AL

Wife: **E. B. "Momma B." BRYAN**

Born: December 08, 1871 in: Blanche P.O., Lincoln, TN
Died: July 04, 1976 in: Limestone County, AL
Father: **EPHRAIM BARTON "Bugg" BRYAN**
Mother: **MARGARET LUCINDA ROWE MCCOY**

CHILDREN

1 Name: **MYRTLE CROLEY**

Born: December 30, 1890 in: Lincoln County, TN?
F Married: Abt 1910 in: TN or AL
Spouse: Ruben Freeman Smith

2 Name: **COY CROLEY**

Born: January 29, 1896 in: Lincoln County, TN
F Married: Unknown in: TN or AL?
Died: Unknown in: AL
Spouse: Harry Larimer

3 Name: **SAMMIE CROLEY**

Born: Abt 1899 in: TN
F Married: Abt 1917 in: AL?
Died: 1936 in: AL?
Spouse: **WILLIE C. BOYD**

4 Name: **HENRY CROLEY**

Born: July 28, 1902 in: TN?
M Married: Unknown in: ?
Died: Unknown in: AL?
Spouse: **ALMA HUGHES**

5 Name: **BEULAH CROLEY**

Born: May 29, 1905 in: Delrose, Lincoln, TN
F Married: December 24, 1922 in: Stella, Giles, TN
Died: Unknown in: TN?
Spouse: **IRMER AUSTIN BOYD**

6 Name: **BUFORD CROLEY**

M Born: May 28, 1905

7 Name: **RAYMOND CROLEY**

M Born: July 08, 1908

Contributor, Curt Wright

8 Name: **MARVIN CROLEY**

Born: March 09

in: AL?

M Married: Unknown

in: AL?

Died: Unknown

IN: AL?

Spouse: **HATTIE** Boyd

9 Name: **LLOYD CROLEY**

Born: May 18, 1911

in: TN or AL

M Married: Unknown

in: ?

Died: Unknown

in: AL?

Spouse: **MARGARET TUCKER**

10 Name: **FLOYD CROLEY**

Born: May 18, 1911

in: Tn Or AL?

M Married: Unknown

in: ?

Died: Unknown

in: AL?

Spouse: **VIRGIE LEE WALLACE**

Contributor, Curt Wright

AUGUS N BRYANT]
To]
FRANCES A MARTIN]

Solemnized by me on the 23rd day of May, 1855.

Benjamin. F Clark, JP for SC

Contributor, Curt Wright

11. **AUGUSTUS NEWTON BRYAN (WILLIAM)** was born⁸ on 7 Feb 1832. He died⁸ on 10 Jul 1917. He was buried⁸ in Bryan-Hovis Cemetery, Coldwater, Lincoln Co., TN.

AUGUSTUS married⁵ **FRANCES A. MARTIN**⁴, daughter of **ANDERSON MARTIN** and **LUCY R. EASTMAN**, on 23 May 1855 in Lincoln Co., TN. **FRANCES** was born^{4,8} on 11 Aug 1833 in TN. She died⁴ on 5 Mar 1918 in Coldwater, Lincoln Co., TN. She was buried^{4,8} in Bryan-Hovis Cemetery, Coldwater, Lincoln Co., TN.

They had the following children.

(1) **LUCINDA BRYAN** b. 1857

60 F (2) **MARY ALICE BRYAN** was born on 7 Apr 1859 in Lincoln Co., TN. She died on 9 May 1915 in Lincoln Co., TN. She was buried in Rosehill Cemetery, Fayetteville, Lincoln Co., TN.

From The Fayetteville Observer:
October 31, 1895
Personals

Mrs. **J. W. RAWLS** returned Saturday last from Atlanta and expressed herself as being delighted with the exposition.

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ALICE's death certificate states she was buried in Fayetteville. No cemetery named.

MARY married **JAMES WITHINGTON RAWLS**¹³, son of **LUKE H. RAWLS** and **SARAH ANN SPENCE**, on 7 Jan 1881 in Lincoln Co., TN. James was born¹³ on 27 Nov 1840 in Blanche, Lincoln Co., TN. He died^{3,14} on 30 Jul 1896 in Nashville, Davidson Co., TN. He was buried⁸ in Rawls Cemetery, Molino, Lincoln Co., TN.

JAMES WITHINGTON RAWLS was a Fourth Sergeant in the 8th Tennessee Infantry Company C "McKenney's" better known as the Camargo Guards during the Civil War. The Guards were sent into the mountains of Northwestern Virginia in the fall and winter of 1861. They played a major role in the campaign for Cheats Mountain. James enlisted in May 5, 1861 and was discharged July 20, 1862 because of a "disability".

J. W. RAWLS ran a store at Molino. He also practiced law in the community of Molino. He was a constable, magistrate, justice of the peace, and postmaster of Molino in the late 1800's. He was a jailer when **FRANK COLBERT** was Sheriff of Lincoln County. **J. W.** was a member of the New Hope Church of Molino.

In his many years in the community, he was twice appointed as guardian of small children after the deaths of their parents.

Mr. **RAWLS** had for several past years been the subject of heart trouble, and it is probable that this was aggravated by the intense heat.

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MARY also married **JOHN LINCOLN** on 2 Feb 1897 in Lincoln Co., TN. **JOHN** was born on 10 Jan 1847 in TN. He died on 20 May 1922 in Molino, Lincoln Co., TN. He was buried in Lebanon Cemetery, Lincoln Co., TN.

61 M (3) **JOSEPH B. BRYAN** was born on 8 Apr 1871 in Coldwater, Lincoln Co., TN. He died on 27 Sep 1941 in Coldwater, Lincoln Co., TN. He was buried in Blanche Cemetery, Lincoln Co., TN.

From the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS:

Thursday, October 2, 1941

Funeral Held Sunday for **J. B. BRYAN**, 70

Had Spent Entire Life At Coldwater.

Funeral rites for **J. B. BRYAN**, aged 70 years, who died at Coldwater Saturday morning, in the house where he was born and had spent his entire life, were conducted Sunday morning at the Coldwater Methodist Church, of which he was a member, by the Rev. W. A. Bass. Burial was at Blanche Cemetery.

BRYAN was the son of the late **A. N. BRYAN** and **FRANCES MARTIN BRYAN**. He was a farmer.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. **LILLIAN G. BRYANT**, of Coldwater; a daughter, Mrs. **G. E. OWEN**, of Ardmore; a sister, Mrs. **T. P. PITTS**, of Fayetteville and two grandchildren.

JOSEPH married⁵ **GERTRUDE LILLIAN HICKS**, daughter of **RICE W. HICKS** and **MARY ELIZABETH SMITH** "Lizzie", on 28 Jan 1902 in Lincoln Co., TN. Gertrude was born in Jul 1880 in Lincoln Co., TN. She died in 1964. She was buried in Blanche Cemetery, Lincoln Co., TN.

62 F (4) **SALLIE BRYAN**.

SALLIE married **T. P. PITTS** on 22 Jul 1881 in Lincoln Co., TN.

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A. N. BRYAN,

Last Will and Testament

I, **A. N. BRYAN**, of Lincoln County, Tennessee, being on sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make, publish and declare this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills heretofore made by me.

ITEM 1. I Will and direct that my executor therein after named, pay all debts that I may justly owe at the time of my death, my funeral and burial expenses, and have a suitable monument erected at my grave, out of any moneys that I have on hand at the time of my death, or the first that may come into his hands from my personal property.

ITEM 2. The rest and residue of my estate, real and personal and property of every description, after the payment Of my debts, funeral and burial expenses and paying for the monument provided for in ITEM 1 of this my will, I give, bequeath and devise to my affectionate wife, **F. A. BRYAN**, for and during her natural life.

ITEM 3. As soon after the death of my said wife as practicable I desire and direct that my executor, hereinafter named, sell all of my live stock, farming implements, farming machinery, household and kitchen furniture that may be on hand at the death of my wife to I the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months, except for purchases of under five dollars, which will be required to be paid in cash, and for deferred payments my executor will take notes from purchasers with two or more good and solvent personal, securities; and he will also sell all of my lands and real estate to the highest bidder on a credit of one, two and three years except ten per cent of the purchase money, which will be required to be paid in cash, and for deferred installments or purchase money he will take from purchases notes with two or more good and solvent personal securities, and retain a lien on the land and real estate so sold as further security for the payment of the purchase money and he will execute to the purchaser or purchasers, a deed, or deeds, to the lands that may be sold to such purchaser, or purchasers, and retain in the face of the deed, or deeds, an express lien on the land so sold to secure the payment of the unpaid purchase money. My said executor will also, after the death of my said wife, and as soon thereafter as practical, collect all notes, accounts, and debts then due my estate.

ITEM 4. My said executor is hereby authorized and empowered to become a bidder and purchase any of the property directed to be sold under ITEM 3 of this, my will, at any sale, or sales that he may make of said property as executor.

ITEM 5. The proceeds arising from sale or sales and collections made by my executor under items of this, my will, together with any moneys of my estate that may be on hand at the death of my said wife, and any other estate I may then have, I give and bequeath to my three children, to-wit, my daughter,

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MARY ALICE LINCOLN, wife of **JOHN LINCOLN**, my son, **J. B. BRYAN**, and my daughter, **SALLIE GREEN PITTS**, wife of **THOMAS PITTS**, equally share and share alike.

ITEM 6. I hereby nominate and appoint my said son, **J. B. BRYAN**, executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness_whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this the 30th day of August, 1902.

Signed by the said **A. N. BRYAN** as and for his last will **A. N. BRYAN** last will and testament in the presence of us, the undersigned who, at his request, and in his sight and presence have subscribed our names hereto as attesting witnesses, the day and date above written.

W. B. LAMB
N. P. CARTER

State of Tennessee
Lincoln County

I, H. L. Moore, Clerk of the County Court of Lincoln County, Tennessee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and perfect copy of the last will and testament of **A. N. BRYAN**, and that the same was duly probated this day in open court by **N. P. CARTER** one of the subscribing witnesses, and that the same was admitted to record. And I further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the same.

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12. **MALINDA S. BRYAN (WILLIAM)** was born in 1835. She died on 14 Apr 1881 in Lincoln Co., TN. She was buried in Bryan-Hovis Cemetery, Coldwater, Lincoln Co., TN.

MALINDA married **ANDERSON BONNER** on 18 Apr 1861 in Lincoln Co., TN. Anderson was born in 1825 in NC.

They had the following children.

63 F i. **ELLEN BONNER** was born in 1865 in Lincoln Co., TN.

64 M ii. **COLONEL WILSON "Bud" BONNER⁴** was born⁴ on 2 Aug 1866. He died⁴ on 22 Dec 1937 in Lincoln Co., TN. He was buried⁴ in Rose Hill Cemetery, Fayetteville, Lincoln Co., TN.

BUD married **MARTHA M. HICKS**, daughter of **EDMOND D. HICKS** and **LOUISANA WILLIAMS**, on 21 Dec 1900 in Lincoln Co., TN. **MARTHA** was born⁴ on 12 Mar 1864 in Lincoln Co., TN. She died⁴ on 5 Aug 1947 in Fayetteville, Lincoln Co, TN. She was buried⁴ in Rose Hill Cemetery, Fayetteville, Lincoln Co., TN.

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W. A. Bryant's Will

Know all men by these presents, that I, W. A. Bryant being of sound mind, but weak of body, and considering the uncertainty of this frail life, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, making all others by me heretofore made.

I will that all my just debts, and funeral expenses be paid out of my monies that I may have on hand at the time of my death.

I will that my entire estate, both real and personal remain just as it is until my youngest daughter, **CYNTHIA ANN** be of legal age, and that my two daughters now under lawful age, **SARAH E.**, and **CYNTHIA ANN**, be their own Guardians, and when they become of age, I will that all my entire estate both real and personal except such things as will be hereafter mentioned, divided among my following children, **AMANDA E. STEADMAN**, **R. M. BRYANT**, **SARAH ELLEN**, and **CYNTHIA ANN**. They can as they see proper, either divide estate or sell it for a distribution, but whether sell or divide, they must all be made square, share for share.

I will that the children of my son, **P. N. BRYANT**, deceased have as they become of age, fifty dollars each, to be paid to them by my other heirs. I will that the amount that my son **P. N. BRYANT** owed me at the time of his death and what he had received from me shall constitute the full share of his heirs to my entire estate., both real and personal, together with fifty dollars each to be paid to them without interest as heretofore mentioned.

I furthermore empower my son in law **L. M. STEADMAN** and his wife **AMANDA E.**, **R. M. BRYANT**, **SARAH E.** and **CYNTHIA ANN**, jointly to take charge of all my valuable papers and collect all the debts that are owing me and pay out all that I am owing, and divide what money may be on hand, then equally among themselves, I also wish and desire the **E. D. HICKS** be my two youngest daughters adviser.

June the 18th 1871

Signed in the presence of:

W. A. BRYAN
E. D. HICKS
J. J. SUMMERFORD

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State of Tennessee
Lincoln County

I JOHN Y. GILL Clerk of the County Court of Lincoln County hereby certify that the foregoing last Will and Testament of **W. A. BRYAN**, dec'd was this day fully proven by **E. D. HICKS** and **J. J. SUMMERFORD**, the subscribing witnesses to said will, who by duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with the said, **W. A. BRYAN** and that he acknowledges the same to be his last Will and Testament, Sworn to and subscribed before me this August 26th 1871.

JOHN Y. GILL Clerk

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B. B. BRYAN, wit.

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To: Deed
M. G. BRYAN

Scale: 20 poles per inch.

Trustee for graveyard

Whereas, I, **B. B. BRYAN** have heretofore enclosed a certain spot of land containing one tenth of an acre with a substantial stone wall, to be used for the interment of my own family and for that of certain other families, namely that of **E. D. HICKS, A. N. BRYAN, M. L. STEADMAN, T. HARDIN** and **C. W. BONNER**.

That portion allotted for **E. D. HICKS** family lies on the west side of said enclosure and embraces a strip four rods long and 20 links wide, including its walls that touches in the measurement.

The strip allotted for **A. N. BRYAN** family lies also on the west side and be side of said enclosure and is 4 poles long and 13 links wide.

The strip allotted to **M. L. STEADMAN, T. HARDIN,** and **C. W. BONNER,** lies on its east side of said enclosure and is 4 poles long and 17 links wide, also including its walls in the measurement.

The remaining intermediate space lying within said enclosure is reserved for my own family , and whereas, I the said, **B. B. BRYAN** and his wife **MARY E. BRYAN** are desirous of donating nine tenths of an acre in addition to the foregoing for a public burying ground, making one acre in the whole for the interment of white persons only.

Now therefore, We the said, **B. B. BRYAN** and wife **MARY E. BRYAN** do give, grant and convey a certain lot of land in trust, to **M. G. BRYAN,** to be held by him and his heirs and assigns for the before mentioned trustee, and for no other purpose whatever, said lot of land situated in Civil District 1, of Lincoln County Tennessee, and bound as follows:

Beginning at a rock in **E. D. HICKS** north boundary line and 8 links north of a black walnut pointer and running thence north 5 east, 12 8/10 poles to a rock with an elm pointer, thence south 85 east 13 4/10 poles to a rock, thence south, 7 west 12 8/10 poles to the beginning. The whole containing one acre, be the same more or less, that part enclosed in the stone wall contains 1/10 of an acre

to have and to hold the same, to the said **M. G. BRYAN,** in trust with entitlement forever.

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In testimony whereof, we the said, **B. B. BRYAN** and wife **MARY E. BRYAN** do hereunto subscribe our names and affix our seals, on this the 16th of July 1891.

E. D. HICKS

B. B. BRYAN {seal}

L. L. NEECE

M. E. BRYAN {seal}

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Lincoln County]

To **J. W. RAWLS**, Esq.

You are hereby authorized and empowered to take into examination of Mrs. **MARY E. BRYAN** privately and apart from her husband, relative to the free section of the foregoing instrument and the same as taken, to certify under your hand and seal. Witness E. S. WILSON, Clerk of said court at office this 7th day of April 1891.

E. S. WILSON, Clerk

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State of Tennessee]
Lincoln County]

Mrs. **MARY E. BRYAN**, wife of **B. B. BRYAN** has personally appeared before me and having by virtue of the authority in me vested, been examined privately and apart from her husband, and she having acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument by her freely, voluntarily and understandingly without compulsion or constraint by her said husband, and for the purposes therein purposed the same is therefore certified .

Witness: my hand and seal, this 16th day of July 1891.

J. W. RAWLS, J.P.

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Personally appeared before me, J. E. POINDEXTER, Clerk of the County Court of said county and state, **E. D. HICKS** and **L. L. C. NEECE**, subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument with whom I am personally acquainted, we being first duly sworn ?, and say that they are personally acquainted with **B. B. BRYAN**, the bargainer and that he acknowledged the same in his presence to be his act and deed for its purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand at office, in Fayetteville this 24th day of Sept. 1894.

J. E. POINDEXTER, Clerk

Rec'd March 6th 1895 at 2:10 o'clock, P.M. and registered March 7th 1895.

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E. B. BRYANT's Will

I, **E. B. BRYANT**, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made.

FIRST: It is my will that all of my just debts be paid out of any moneys that I may dispossessed of, or that may come into the hands of my wife, **MARGARET L. BRYANT**.

SECOND: I give to my daughter **CORDELIA JANE BRYANT**, **WILLIAM LEWIS** and Walter **EPHRAIM BRYANT**, two hundred dollars each to be paid to them out of any moneys or any personal property that they may select, out of which is disposed, to be paid by my wife, **MARGARET L.** as soon after my death as is practical, provided that none of them receive any portion of said fund until they arrive at the age of twenty one years and to be chargeable to the said three children in the general distribution without interest from the time they may receive the same.

THIRD: It is my will that **JOSEPH MCCOY**, my wife's son, have one hundred dollars when he arrives at the age of twenty one and also that he be raised as one of my own family, free of charge, the said money to be paid by my wife when the said, **JOSEPH MCCOY** becomes of lawful age.

Fourth: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife all the rest of my property both real and personal, of every description for her natural life or widowhood, and at said death or marriage, it is my will that all my property be sold to the highest bidder at such times and place as may be thought practice by my Executors,

and the proceeds equally divided among all of my children, share and share alike, (including the amount above specified in item, Second of my will) from oldest to youngest, viz: **CORDELIA J.**, **WILLIAM L.**, **WALTER E.**, **ELIZABETH ELLENORA**, **HENRY P.**, and **E. B. BRYANT**, provided that should be any other of my children, they should have equal share with the rest of my children.

FIFTH: I nominate and appoint my friends__ and __, I appoint my wife **MARGARET L. BRYANT**, my full Executor, __. My Executors to carry out my Will after the death or widowhood or marriage of my wife.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 9th day of August 1872. **E. B. BRYANT**

signed, sealed and published in the presence of **CARROLL COMMONS**.

Wit: **SAMUEL GILLILAND**.

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State of Tennessee]
Lincoln County]

I JOHN Y. GILL Clerk of the County Court of said County and State certify that the foregoing will was this day presented in open Court for probate, and **CARROLL COMMONS** and **SAMUEL GILLILAND**, subscribing witnesses thereto, come into court and being first duly sworn depose and say they were acquainted with the said, **E. B. BRYANT** and that they signed said paper writing as subscribing witnesses at the request of the Testator, were in the presence and in the the presence of each other, and that the said **E. B. BRYAN** signed the Will.