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#### When and Where Did James Marvin CHINN Die?

#### By Howard CHINN

Every one likes to reveal brick walls that have been breached - here's one of mine:

My great grandfather, James Marvin CHINN, was born June 1850 in La Porte, Indiana. His family then settled in north central Missouri. There he pursued farming, married and raised six children. After the death of his wife in 1910, that same year he married Goldie OWENS, a much younger local woman, and proceeded to raise another family. He cut off all contact with his first family. Searches for his place and date of death and burial made by many people as early as 1960 - and maybe before - were unsuccessful - until 2016 (as we shall see):

With his new family, census records place him and his family in Missouri in 1910 and in Arkinsas in 1920. Land records in 1919 and 1920 also place him and his wife in northwest Arkansas near Fayetteville and Springdale. He is not enumerated in the 1930 census. Oklahoma marriage records show his second wife, Goldie, married Sam FERGUSON on 17 May 1926 in Westville, Adair Co., OK (one of several successive marriages). There is no record of his burial where either of his wives are interred. Queries of descendants of his marriage with Goldie were not useful - they were either deceased, didn't know or didn't care.

So - when and where did James Marvin CHINN die and where is he buried? With some certainty, James Marvin CHINN died sometime after the 1920 census and Goldie's remarriage 17 May 1926. Searches of death records of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma were not fruitful. Death records for Arkansas are not online and written requests came back negative. The first new clue turned up in routine search of Family Search in early 2016 which showed an "Arkansas Death Index 1914 -1950" newly compiled by the Arkansas Genealogical Society. The listing showed a John M. CHINN died 24 March 1926 in Pulaski County. Since CHINN is a reasonably unusual name, the date of death looked pertinent, and although Pulaski County was not close to where James Marvin CHINN had been located, purchase of the death certificate seemed worthwhile.

The Arkansas Certificate of Death for John M. CHINN records place of death as Pulaski County, town of Little Rock, State Hospital. His residence is shown as Lincoln, Arkansas for 17 days. The physician attended the deceased for arteriosclerosis and chronic myocarditis from Mar 7 to Mar 24, 1926 when death occurred. Place of burial was the Hospital Cemetery, Mar 24,1926. Other particulars show he was male, white, married, age 76, born 1850 in Indiana and he was a farmer. Other than the first name, these particulars agree with previously known data.

I believe at the time of his death he no longer owned property as I found no later land records, but was a share cropper with no significant assets. When he became ill, he sought help in the nearest town of Lincoln, and being indigent, was sent to the State Hospital for Nervous Diseases in Little Rock, Pulaski County which at that time also accepted paupers. It is not likely that his family accompanied him to either Lincoln or Little Rock in as much as his wife Goldie had five children ages 11 to 6 to care for. I do wonder where he was living prior to traveling to Lincoln where he stayed for 17 days, how and by whom he was cared for, and how he traveled the 200 miles to Little Rock State Hospital.

While the certificate of death records that he was buried at the State Hospital Cemetery, there are no records as to where. Most of the graves have been moved, sometimes more than once, during subsequent years of hospital expansion. A few graves were marked by next of kin - the exception, not the rule - and even those may have been compromised by the expansions.

Without a crystal ball or time travel I may never know all the little details, but I consider this search satisfying and conclusive. This brick wall is gone at last!

#### James Marvin CHINN's Relationship to Howard CHINN

James Marvin CHINN - born Jun 1950, LaPorte, IN; died 24 Mar 1926, Pulaski Co., Arkansas. m(1) - Mary Elvina GABRIEL, 28 Apr 1871, Carroll Co., Missouri; died 18 Sep 1910. m(2) – Goldie Mae OWENS, 26 Dec 1912, Carrollton, Carroll Co., Missouri; died 8 Sep 1954.

Arthur Newton CHINN - born 4 Jun 1877, Ridge Twp, Carroll Co., Missouri; died 10 Jul 1962, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

m(1) – Bertie Alma GALLOWAY, 21 Dec 1899, Carroll Co., Missouri; died 24 Dec 1921.

m(2) - Hortense B. GITTINGS, 5 Feb 1923, St. Louis , Missouri; died 18 Mar 1945.

m(3) – Ethel DEARMAN, 20 Aug 1947, Kansas City, Missouri; died 12 May 1960.

Ersel Fisher CHINN – born 1 Dec 1900, Hale, Carroll Co., Missouri; died 13 Feb 1974, Alexandria, Virginia.

m – Veora Grace DAILEY, 2 Jul 1823, Chillicothe, Livingston Co., Missouri; died 15 Apr 1994.

Howard Ersel CHINN – born in Hale, Carroll Co., Missouri - living

m – Patricia DAVIS CHINN, 28 Aug 1950, Prince Georges Co, Maryland; died 25 Dec 2010.



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# What to do with Your Genealogy Collection When You Downsize or Die Dick EASTMAN<sup>1</sup>

Many of us have collected all sorts of genealogy information. Not only do we have our personal data, most of us also have collected books, magazines, photographs, and more. Someday, somebody will have to dispose of all that material. Perhaps your heirs will make that decision soon after you die. If it was me, I would prefer to make those decisions myself long before my demise.

Another reason for planning to get rid of materials is a word that I fear. This word sends shivers up and down my spine: **Downsizing** 

Again, I prefer to make decisions about downsizing while I am still able to do so. I don't want to wait until someone else makes the decision for me.

What to do with all that material? One possibility is to donate it to FamilySearch. Yes, the Family History Library accepts donations.

In reality, you cannot simply bundle everything into boxes and send them to Salt Lake City. In short, FamilySearch is only interested in unique material that is not yet available within their extensive collections. If FamilySearch already has 36 copies of a certain genealogy book, they don't have much need for a 37th copy.

According to FamilySearch's Gifts, Donations, and Loans guide at <u>http://bit.ly/2mf8RAs:</u>

FamilySearch looks for "genealogical records and family histories so we can preserve and share them on FamilySearch.org."

FamilySearch will accept only materials that:

Are readable, very well organized, and accessible to help researchers identify individuals and relationships by name, date, and place.

Add new information to FamilySearch's collection (duplicate materials are not accepted).

Do not violate current privacy and copyright laws.

FamilySearch does not organize collections. Submit GEDCOM files or place photographs and stories (memories) in Family Tree or the Memories section of FamilySearch.org.

FamilySearch does not enter or add information from Pedigree or Family Group charts on Family Tree.

The same guidelines also state:

"Written works, such as family histories, should be in a clear, readable format. They should include a title, the author's name, and the publication date."

The same guidelines also state:

"Contact FamilySearch before submitting a donation, as the materials must meet established criteria or they may be returned to the donor."

For complete donations guidelines, read Gifts, Donations, and Loans at http://bit.ly/2mf8RAs.

Your local genealogy society, historical society, or library also may be interested in accepting your genealogy information, books, and other material. However, most societies also are only interested in materials that "Are readable, very well organized, and accessible to help researchers identify individuals and relationships by name, date, and place."

Contact your local genealogy society, historical society, or library for further information about acceptable donations.

<sup>1</sup>Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter <<u>https://blog.eogn.com</u>> 6 Mar 2017

#### **RootsMagic Tips and Tricks** by Betty Jo STOCKTON



#### Folks with no surname

Does it annoy you to have a batch of unknowns or folks with only a given name at the top of your "people" list? These are often wives, for whom you have no maiden name.

An easy way to avoid this is to simply enter the names as "Ada wife of John / HILL". Doing this puts Ada with the Hills in the index - so you can find her more easily. Then, when you find her maiden name, it is easy to change the names.

| Given Names:         |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Ada wife of Frank G. |          |
| Surname:             | Sex      |
| Hill                 | Female V |

| HILL, Ada wife of Frank | 1898 |  |
|-------------------------|------|--|
| HILL, Adelle Corrinne   | 1884 |  |
| HILL, Anne              | 1923 |  |
| HILL, Barney            | 1924 |  |

| Name              | Born | 1 |
|-------------------|------|---|
| , Ada             | 1898 |   |
| , Agnes Elizabeth | 1861 |   |
| , Alan            |      |   |
| , Alice E.        |      |   |
| , Alma Rae        | 1952 |   |
| , Barbara         |      |   |
| , Beth            |      |   |
| , Carla Louise    |      |   |
| , Delilah         |      |   |
| , Delilah         |      |   |
| , Dorothy         | 1911 |   |
| , Dorothy Jeanne  | 1932 |   |

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|          |        |             |        |           |          |

Clicking the WebSearch tab to search any of a number of genealogical websites, while keeping your RootsMagic file open. Click first to select the site, then a second click to begin the search.

Even without a subscription to a site such as Ancestry.com or Fold3, you can often find clues in the index or note the source so you can use it at any Family History Center.



Clicking on "use external browser" opens the website in a new window, so you can easily copy and paste the information you find into your RootsMagic files.

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#### **Family Tree Maker: My reasons for preferring Family Tree Maker** by Elaine POWELL



1. We're always told to obtain primary documents for our ancestors. Family Tree Maker allows photos and documents to be added directly to each person's media folder.

2. Family Tree Maker has a very user-friendly page where you can see not only the person you are working on at the time, but also see that person's ancestors going back three generations, while also seeing their birth and death dates.

3. You have the option of having boxes at the bottom of the screen that resemble a group sheet with the current person, their spouse, and all their children, along with birth and death dates and locations.

4. There is a "find" box shown directly on the top of the Index of individuals, making it easy to search for a particular individual within your tree.

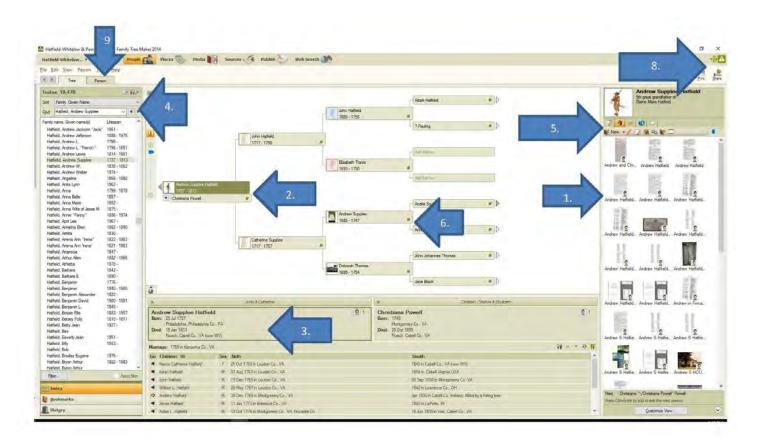
5. Family Tree Maker allows you to put all your source information in various forms, by simply clicking on a source icon next to each event - birth, marriage, and death. Then you can cite the source title, a web address and repository, along with the text from the citation.

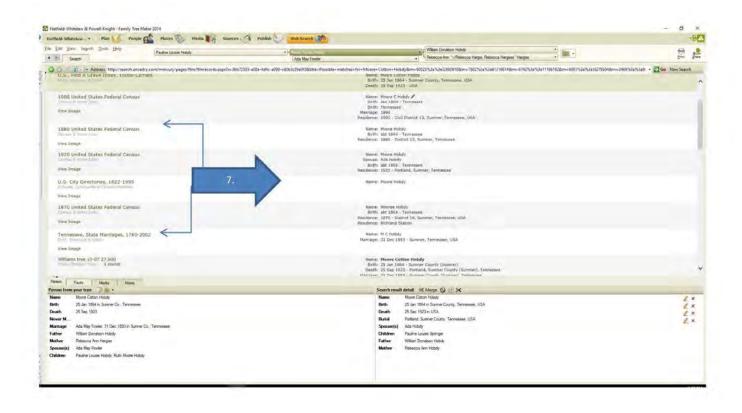
6. The "web hints" for Family Tree Maker (shown as a small leaf icon within an individual's person box in the pedigree chart) links to <u>Ancestry.com</u>, allowing you to click on a person within Family Tree Maker, which then opens an Ancestry.com web search section for that individual.

7. When the web hints section opens, you will see various records that match your individual - census records, military records, photos, wills, land records, family histories, bible images, birth, marriage and death records, and other family trees. You then have the option of clicking on a record and merging that info, along with an image of the document (if there is one) with an individual in your tree.

8. You can sync your Family Tree Maker tree with <u>Ancestry.com</u>, which allows either all or part of your Family Tree Maker file to be shared with family members or the public at your option.

9. Each individual has a Notes section where you can add an unlimited amount of information, for example, a bio of that person, copied narrative from a letter, diary, or any other information you'd like to add





#### Hurricane on the Florida Keys 1906: A First Hand Report by Herman Otto WEISS submitted by Sharon WEISS

St. Pete Florida

8/17/[19]55

Dear Folks -

On page 67 August Reader's Digest - "\$2500 for Unique Personal Experience Articles"

I thought I could write one - but I soon found out that my article would not meet the detailed specification. So I finished my article anyhow and I think someone surely ought to read it. So here it is. Dad

"About fifty years ago I was Resident Engineer on the construction of the Key West Extension of the Florida East Coast Railway - now known as the Overseas Highway - stationed on one of the Florida Keys and living in a houseboat anchored in a lagoon on the Key.

The houseboat consisted of a house built on a  $20 \times 30$  deck barge and had three rooms - an office with telephone furnished with a long length of marine cable to attach to the Company's telephone line, a bedroom and a makeshift bathroom containing a large old fashioned wooden refrigerator and a trap door with two iron ring bolts, both the refrigerator and the trap door both securely spiked to the deck.

All of my work equipment was floating equipment, consisting of dredges, pile drivers, coal and water barges and the houseboats on which the crew lived. My first duty on arriving at a new location was to find a safe harbor nearby, in which to tie up my floating equipment in case of bad weather.

The season for storms was at hand at the time of this narrative and a hurricane was headed my way. All of my equipment had been towed into a safe harbor and tied up for the duration of the storm and there was five of us - my party consisting of an instrument man, time keeper and myself, and a Division Engineer and a telephone lineman, both transients in this vicinity and seeking shelter from the storm - in my houseboat awaiting the storm, watching the fluctuations of the needle of the barometer and receiving storm information over the company's telephone line.

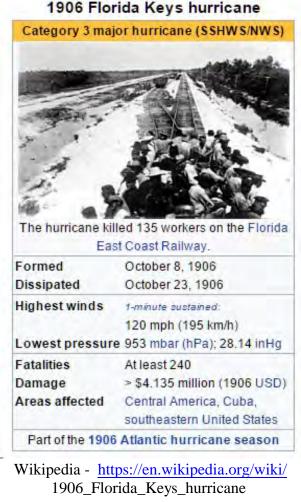
The wind increased in intensity all afternoon and throughout the night. The next morning the stronger gusts of wind caused the sides of the house to bulge at the deck line and snap back again in the wake of the wind. About noon the winds suddenly died down to a dead calm and we ventured outside. In the nearby woods we could still hear the winds blowing apparently in full strength so it appeared that the calm covered only a small area. In other words the center of the hurricane had arrived and was now passing over us.

On account of the weakened condition of the house it was decided that it would be better to go ashore now as there was an Engineer's camp on the Key back up in the woods. So we all dropped overboard in about 4 feet of water and believing that now was the chance of my life to learn about the workings of a hurricane at first hand or perhaps it was just a case of nostalgia, I acted on the spur of the of the moment, turned around and climbed back on board my houseboat. No sooner had I entered the house and closed the door, the wind started again in full force and the hurricane was on once more.

With the wind now from the opposite direction the already battered house gave every indication of shortly blowing away and leaving me with only the clothing that I wore. So I decided to change at once to the one good

suit that I kept in my trunk in reserve to wear when I dressed up to go to town. I had just divested myself of my shoes and work clothing and was sitting on a little stool in front of the old refrigerator ready to open my trunk, when quick as a flash, the house was gone and I was tossed roughly against the upper part of the old wooden refrigerator, fell to the floor and found the two iron rings in the trap door and held on for dear life. The fine sand in the howling winds felt like so many pins and needles and I held my head down to protect my face. With one hand I caught some clothing flying through the air and wrapped it about my head. And now I found I had difficulty holding on even with both hands as my body was alternately flying in the air or pounding the deck and further, the small iron rings hurt my fingers. So I let go.

I must have flown through the air and touched nothing as the next thing I knew I hit the water with a mighty splash and with no head covering and no time to get my bearings. The air was a solid mass of foam, water and mist and the wind now behind me, propelled me through the water at hurricane speed. I hit the sandy beach and tumbled all over myself and the relentless wind still behind me pushed me up the side of a railroad embankment without loss of speed. As I neared the top of the embankment and it appeared that I was about to undertake further air travel, I managed in passing to latch onto the track rails with both hands and then as my feet, one after the other, hit the track I pushed them under the rails between the ties. Carefully working my way across the top to the other side, I let go and rolled down the embankment in the lee of the



storm until I hit the water. I pulled myself out, moved halfway up the sloping side and there I stayed until morning wet to the skin, cold, and in my underwear only.

The wind died down in the morning at sunrise. I walked back along the embankment to the sandy shore of the lagoon and there found my trunk partly out of the water with its contents only slightly wet. I changed my underwear, put on shoes and my one good suit of clothing and walked back up in the woods to the Engineer Camp just in time for breakfast."

#### About the author:

Herman Otto WEISS was my husband's paternal grandfather. Herman was born 20 Mar 1878 in Washington DC to Konrad and Marie Louise Wilhemine (GOTTSCHLING) Weiss. He was a Civil Engineer and worked for the Florida East Coast Railway from 1906 - 1907 and again from 1909 - 1910. The hurricane he experienced was a Category 3 hurricane that made landfall about 18 Oct 1906 near Upper Matecumbe Key. One hundred thirty five workers for the Florida East Coast Railway died during the hurricane.

#### Albert Ransom BRASHER 9 February 1868 - 10 April 1958 by Tommie HOSIER

Recently I was at a meeting where the guest speaker spoke on the importance of knowing our history. While this speaker was referring to the history of our country, what Albert Ransom BRASHER was referring to when he wrote his five journals was family history.

At the age of 90 years in 1958, with a basic third grade education, he stated: "I write this story for a twofold and perhaps a threefold purpose. First that my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren may know something of the origin of their ancestors, where they came from, where they lived, how long they lived, where they died and where they were buried and second for this reason once in conversation with some of my friends they did not know what their grandmother's name was before she was married on either side of their family nor did they know where their people came from. Two or three did not know where they themselves were born and did not seem to care much about it. That to me is a tragedy and a blight on the mother that born them." He did not state what his third purpose may have been in writing these journals.

He stated he had records concerning his ancestors set forth in an old family Bible printed in the year 1801, a subscription edition. "There is a biography written in that old Bible that reads thus: John and Henry Brashier left Alsace to live in Scotland, then sailed for America in the 1700 century, no exact date given. They were ship wrecked off the coast of America, both being saved yet by different ships. Henry BRASHIER (afterwards changed to spell BRASHER) landed in New York. His brother John landed at some southern port, exact location unknown. Though 100 years later, descendants of them met and traced their relationship. The Southern brand still spells the name, BRASHIER."

"I was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on February the 9<sup>th</sup> 1868 and was given the name Albert Ransom BRASHER and thus far that name has served my purpose very well."<sup>1</sup> He also told of his wife, Eddie Launa PRESTON, whom he married on 24 December 1890.<sup>2</sup>

His father, Albert Laer BRASHER, and mother, Samira Ann BURRIS, were married in Terre Haute in 1867.<sup>3</sup> Albert Laer BRASHER was born in 1843. He died at the age of 89 and 3 months and is buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery at Jeffersonville Indiana.<sup>4</sup> Samara died on her birthday at 91 and is buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Jeffersonville, Indiana.<sup>5</sup>

His grandfather, Ransom Hunt BRASHER was born in Terre Haute in 1820<sup>6</sup> and reported to be the second male child born in Terre Haute.<sup>7</sup> His grandmother's name was Margaret Ann STEWART. She died in her early 30's and is buried in the old Terre Haute Cemetery.<sup>8</sup> His great grandfather and mother are buried there too. Ransom H. BRASHER died at 79 years of age and is buried in Fairview Cemetery at New Albany, Indiana.<sup>9</sup>

His maternal grandfather was Jefferson BURRIS. He thought this family was originally from Holland. They came to Indiana from Pennsylvania. His maternal grandmother's name was Pamelia STARK. They were married in Washington Co., Indiana.<sup>9</sup>

Jefferson Burris' parents were James A. and Catherine TRINKLE BURRIS.<sup>10</sup> She, too, came to Indiana from Pennsylvania and Albert R. remembers there were many words she did not speak clearly. She said she was Pennsylvania Dutch. She died when Albert R. was ten years old and James BURRIS died in 1814.<sup>11</sup>

In these journals, Albert not only wrote of other ancestors but also adventures he had during his lifetime. One particular story was of the time after his mother and father had separated and he was living with his mother. His father returned to New Albany, Indiana and asked him to go with him to Kansas. Albert stated he would if his mother agreed to it. She agreed after all that was one less mouth to feed. So off the two went and traveled as far as Attica, Kansas, the end of the southern Kansas railroad at that time. His father found work in the building

trade and they camped with a family that took a liking to Albert. The family asked his father to let him go with them when they left to homestead a farm about seventy miles farther west near Coldwater, a trading post at the time.

There Albert's experiences continued, with him becoming a cowboy with all the highlights including a time at the Comanche Pool ranch, just over the line between Indian Territory and Kansas north of the Cimarron River. Albert stated that he met many noted characters of the then far west. He being the youngest was often the end of a joke, as they got a great kick out of teasing him. Albert decided that he was not completely cut to be a cowboy when a fight broke out in a dance hall and he crawled under the table for safety.

Not knowing where his father was, Albert stated that he shouldered his bundle and started walking the railroad, nine hundred miles from home. He reported that he rode freight trains from time to time - each time being kicked off for not having a ticket. He slept in old boxcars, old barns or on the side of the road under the stars. He had a little money to buy a little cheese and crackers to keep him from starving. He also found work along the way at farms, although the owners often felt he was too young and small to be much help. When he reached Ohio, he found a farmer that allowed him to work for a month with the hay harvest and when the work was compete, the farmer asked him to stay through the winter to feed the horses, hogs and cows. Albert told the farmer he would rather go see his mother. After all, Albert was still a teenager at this time.

He took his leave of the farm after asking directions to New Albany. The farmer pointed the way to the railroad but still Albert would not spend money for a ticket and walked the rails. His trip continued with other misadventures including going the wrong direction and ending up in Indianapolis.

At the end of this journey Albert wrote: "I have no idea how long I was on the way from Dodge, how far I walked, where I was most of the time yet I am sure I learned a lesson that has helped me often when the sky of fortune has been hidden behind dark clouds of adversity. No matter how hard the struggle, press on tomorrow may bring the song if we are faithful. That faith will make us strong."

Albert continued to write about his life. He described his livelihood working in the glass factory, doing paper hanging, working for the street car companies, building homes and various other jobs. Albert was a self-learned man in learning these trades although he did take some courses through the International School of Correspondence with a course of Electric Lighting and Railway Engineering to help him at the street car employment.

Albert also had the ability to write poems, many with a basis of his Christian beliefs. One of these is called *The Easter Cheer* starts out in this manner:

"There is no time in the calendar year Brings joy to the world like Easter cheer Most of the people on the face of the earth Join in the song of the gay Easter mirth

The Hebrew dreamer of the Pasqual lamb Slaughtered in Egypt at the angels command The blood sprinkled on the side of the door That the angel of death might pass them o'er."

Albert also wrote about his daughter, Eddie Launa BRASHER MCNAMARA, my husband's maternal grandmother and her brother Albert Ralph BRASHER. He was certainly proud of them in what they had been able to accomplish in their lives and of their families. During his older years he would travel between their homes to help in any way he could and included building additions to their homes, painting and paper hanging. Albert also stated: "In this story I have tried in my humble way to picture the things that have interested me most and that have been my portion of the good things of earth. I lay no claim to have been more fortunate nor to have had lived than one who started life as I did it I said that it takes very little to make some people happy. I think that though one may have the wealth of Kings they can yet be sad and alone. My story may be poor from an educated point of view. My life is that it may lead someone to face life with a smile and a song. Whatever may be their lot, the odds may be against one yet if they are faithful that faith will make them strong."

The granddaughter of Albert Ralph BRASHER who lives in North Dakota had the original journals and she shared them with us to make copies. The current project includes transcribing them, as some of the penmanship is hard to make out and prepare copies for Albert Ransom Brasher's latest descendants which now include six more generations. Our desire is to continue his wish that his descendants, now his great grandchildren and three more generations "may know something of the origin of their ancestors, where they came from, where they lived, how long they lived, where they died and where they were buried."

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#### Descendants of Albert Ransom Brasher to Richard Paul HOSIER, Jr.

Albert Ransom BRASHER 1868 IN - 1958 MI / Eddie Launa PRESTON 1869 IN - 1942 IN

Martin Ephraim MCNAMARA 1894 IN - 1977 FL / Eddie Launa BRASHER 1895 IN - 1989 FL

Richard Paul HOSIER Sr. 1915 IN - 2002 FL / Elma Launa MCNAMARA 1915 IN - 2002 FL

Richard Paul HOSIER Jr. living/ Tommie Mae MARDIS living

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Albert Laer BRASHER, Eddie Launa BRASHER and Albert Ransom BRASHER - 14 Sept 1902



Albert Ransom BRASHER 1940-1950

### Evidence for the Parents of Eliza Jane (RAINEY) WALLACE (1862-1911) Georgia, Alabama, and Texas

#### Blanche M. WALLACE Orlando, Florida

During my search for the parents of Eliza, I have written several articles and blog posts discussing my findings.<sup>1</sup> Eliza was born in 1862<sup>2</sup> but has not been found on the 1870 U.S. census. The first record found is her marriage in 1878 to Toliver Watson Wallace in Marshall County, Alabama.<sup>3</sup> An affidavit included in the marriage record gives the name of Eliza's father as William Rainey. There is considerable indirect evidence as to her parentage, but no single document has been found. Until now.

A three page, printed Family History form, hand-written and family-authored, lists the parents, grandparents, spouse, and children of Thomas Hawkins Wallace, one of the sons of Eliza and Toliver Wallace.<sup>4</sup> It provides similar listing for Tom's wife, Willie Mae REYNOLDS. A copy is provided below, courtesy of the current owner, Cynthia ESTES, a descendant of Tom and Willie Mae. Used with permission.

The names of Tom's grandparents are shown as William and Vinis Rainey. I believe that "Vinis" is yet another version of Dwmity [sic], the name that appears on a 1896 deed where William and Dwimity RAINEY sold land in Cherokee County, Alabama, to William L. WALLACE.<sup>5</sup> William was a brother of Toliver Watson WALLACE and son-in-law of William and Dwmity RAINEY. William WALLACE married Angeline RAINEY. Dwimity appears on census records as Lavinia, Vinity, Vinda, Levinathy.<sup>6</sup>

Eliza died in 1911 in Cooke County, Texas. Her death certificate gives her father's surname as RANEY and her mother's name as unknown.<sup>7</sup> Angeline (RAINEY) WALLACE died in 1922 in Cherokee County, Alabama. Her death certificate shows her parents as William RAINY and Derwmity CORMER.<sup>8</sup>

I'd like to find additional evidence for my conclusion that Eliza's parents were William and Dwmity RAINEY. If you have knowledge or a document, please contact me at blanchew@bellsouth.net.

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5. Cherokee County, Alabama, Deed Book O, pages 6-7: 16 Dec 1896, William W. RAINEY and wife Dwmity RAINEY sold the N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 14, T12S, R9E, to William L. Wallace for \$80.00. Filed 25 Feb 1902. [William L. WALLACE married Angeline RAINEY, daughter of William and Dwmity RAINEY. They and the Raineys lived in Cherokee County from at least 1880 until their deaths.]

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8. Angeline WALLACE, death certificate no. 4079 (1927), Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, Montgomery, Alabama.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Editor's note: some formatting has been changed to clarify data - abbreviation spelled out, etc.

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#### Latest News from Orlando - 1911

Mon Feb 13, 1911 - DAILY REPORTER STAR - MR. JOSEPH BUMBY DEAD - As briefly stated in our Saturday's paper, Mr. Joseph Bumby, one of the best citizens of Orange county, died at his home at 2:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He was 68 years old and for a great many years he had been a devout member of the Presbyterian church, being at the time of his demise an officer of the Orlando Presbyterian church. He is survived by his widow and nine children and in their loss of a kind husband and indulgent father, they have the unbounded sympathy of their many friends. The children are Mesdames Alice Maddox, of Fort Meade, Ruth Moore, of Sanford, and Miss Ada Bumby and Messrs. Alf, Charlie, Joseph, Frank, Harry and Leonard Bumby. Truly they and their aged mother have lost a father who was all the name means. Mr. Bumby, like many of the staunchest citizens here, started life in very moderate circumstances, but by hard work, close attention to business and good management generally he not only kept the wolf from his door but succeeded in accumulating a good deal of this world's goods. He conducted a large hardware business on Church street for years and by his honorable dealing and courteous treatment to all he made his store one of the very best places of business in this entire section. We quote from a gentleman who knew Mr. Bumby well when we say that he was what a great writer has said - "The noblest work of God," an honest man. What more or what better could be said of any man? His funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock this morning, when Rev. T. F. Callaway preached a most appropriate sermon. The burial followed in the Orlando cemetery, Undertaker Hand having it in charge. Deceased was a Mason of high standing and the Orlando lodge followed the remains in a body to the church and cemetery. A good man, he --- may his ---. The following gentlemen acted as pall bearers: Gen. W. H. Jewell, Dr. R. F. Akers, Messrs. L. L. Payne, S. E. Ives Sr., N. P. Yowell and O. S. Robinson.

Fri Mar 10, 1911 - DAILY REPORTER STAR - HORSE FELL; RIDER'S LEG BROKEN - As William Henry Yates was turning the corner of Church and Main streets Saturday afternoon, the horse he was riding stumbled and fell and the rider was thrown to the ground with much force. Besides being badly bruised by the fall, Mr. Yates had one of his legs broken between the ankle and the knee.