

### Men Named Richard Rotton/Rattan/Rotan

**Richard M. Rattan** (18 April 1846-28 December 1913; buried Hopewell-Morfoot Cemetery, Greene County, Illinois) was reportedly a son of **Ann Morfoot** (21 January 1813-09 September 1889; buried Hopewell-Morfoot Cemetery, Greene County, Illinois) and **Merrel E. Rattan** (about 1826 Illinois-unknown) and a grandson of **Gillian Hill** (25 September 1792 Georgia-1870 Texas; buried Throckmorton Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) and **Thomas Rattan** (1787 South Carolina-11 November 1854 Texas; buried Throckmorton Cemetery, Collin County, Texas). **Merrel E. Rattan** and **Ann Morfoot** married on 23 November 1843 in Greene County, Illinois. Richard M. Rattan and Ann M. Rattan were buried together in Hopewell-Morfoot Cemetery. [Richard M. Rattan tombstone; Ann M. Rattan tombstone; Greene County, Illinois Marriage Volume 1: 67, License 1990; E. E. Moore, "Thomas Rattan," in *History of the Carrollton, Illinois Area, 1821-1989* (Carrollton, Illinois: Greene County Genealogical Society, 1989), 448-449; Sylvia M. Kibart and Rita M. Adams, editors, *Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas*, Volume 1 (Wolfe City, TX: Henington Publishing Company, 1989), 184-186]

**Richard M. Rhotan/Rottan/Rotan** (about 1782 perhaps South Carolina-by October Term of Chicot County, Arkansas 1833) was a son of **William Rotan/Rhotan** (about 1762- by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee) and a brother of **Mary Ann Rotan Cauble** (1796 South Caroline-1870 Tyler County, Texas; buried Cauble-Burch Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas). In the first year of extant tax records from White County, Tennessee, the year 1811, Richard M. Rotton paid his poll and tax on 100 acres of land he received by grant in Hickory Valley. On 16 February 1813, Richard M. Rotton witnessed an indenture between William Rogers of Barren County, Kentucky and Jonas Turner of White County, Tennessee. On 23 March 1813, Capt. Richard M. Rotton signed a petition in White County to continue the upkeep of a turnpike which had opened in 1809. In the fall of 1813, Richard M. Rotton was named in a bastardy case brought by **Sarah Potts** in White County. He may have left White County for Warren County, Tennessee, after the court case. He did own land in Warren County before 21 December 1815, when he executed an indenture to Shadrack Mooneyham for 57 acres in 3<sup>rd</sup> District on main Caney Fork, as witnessed by **John A. Rotten**. [White County, Tennessee Trustee's Office Tax Book (1811-1812), Continuation of the taxable property and polls in the bounds of Capt. Richard M. Rotton's Company for the year 1811, page 7, Tennessee State Library Archives roll 123; Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, decd, White County, Tennessee Chancery Court Minute Book A, pages 113-114; Petitions to the General Assembly of Tennessee, Legislative Petitions 1812-1813, Tennessee State Library and Archives microfilm roll 4; White County, Tennessee Clerk's Office Minute Book 9 (Nov 1812-Jul 1814), page 215, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Tennessee State Library and Archives roll 23; White County, Tennessee Deeds Volume E, page 143; White County, Tennessee Deeds Volume F, page 103]

**Richard M. Rottan/Rotan** married **Susanna** \_\_\_\_ (15 November 1786-18 April 1858 Chicot County, Arkansas; buried private cemetery, Lake Hall Plantation, Chicot County, Arkansas) before leaving Tennessee and the couple had a daughter who was born in Tennessee. Richard probably settled his family in Mississippi, where two sons were born before migrating to Arkansas. His three children were named in their grandfather's (William Rotan's) probate. They were **Nancy Rhotan/Rottan/Rotan** (about 1816 Tennessee-unknown), **John A. Rhotan/Rottan/Rotan** (about 1818 Mississippi-unknown), and **William Rhotan/Rottan/Rotan** (about 1820 Mississippi-unknown), who were named as heirs of their deceased father. Because Richard M. Rhotan owed money to his father's estate, his heirs received nothing in the distribution of their grandfather's estate. Richard Rotan was listed on the assessment rolls of Chicot County, Arkansas, for the years 1828, 1830, and 1832. [Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, decd, White County, Tennessee Chancery Court Minute Book A, pages 113-114; Chicot County, Arkansas Court Minutes, Volume A: 112; Susanah Rotan household, 1850 U. S. census, Chicot County, Arkansas, population schedule, Old River Township, page 183, line 1, household 131, family 131, 20 September 1850, NARA M432, roll 25; AIS Census Index <<http://www.ancestry.com/census/main.asp>>, assessed 29 September 1999]

**Richard Rattan** (1776 Tryon, Polk County, North Carolina-after 1831), a son of **Mary Greene** (January 1755 Anson County, North Carolina-12 August 1827 Alton, Madison County, Illinois; buried Vaughn Cemetery on Wood River and Bethalto Road near Alton, Madison County, Illinois) and **John Rattan** (1747 North Carolina-11 October 1821 Madison County, Illinois; buried Vaughn Cemetery on Wood River and Bethalto Road near Alton, Madison County, Illinois) and a brother of **Thomas Rattan** who settled in Collin County, Texas. **Richard Rattan** married **Mary Buford** (1782 Tennessee-after 16 November 1850) and they had twelve known children. The **Richard Rattan** family lived in Kentucky around the turn into the nineteenth century and migrated to Illinois before 24 August 1814, when he purchased land in Southeast Section 14, Township 05 North, Range 09 West, Meridian 3. In 1817 he lived two miles from the road that was laid out between Edwardsville and Alton in Madison County. **Richard Rattan** and his family still lived in Madison County, Illinois, when the 1818 Illinois state census was taken. His household consisted of one free white male age 21 and upwards and eight other white inhabitants. On 07 September 1819, Richard Rattan was appointed constable for Wood River township, Madison County, Illinois, after entering a security bond of \$500 and taking an oath. In 1829, **Richard Rattan** succeed **Cyrus Tolman** as County Treasurer in Greene County, Illinois, and served in the office two years. By 27 November 1830, Richard Rattan's household was recorded in Greene County, Illinois. Richard was listed as age 50-60 and Mary was counted as age 40-50. A total of nine persons lived in their household. One male, age 20-30, and one son age 15-20, and one son, age 5-10 were part of the household. The females in the household seem puzzling since the family had only two daughters and a mother. However, one female age 5-10, two females age 10-15, and one female age 15-20, and the mother, age 40-50, were counted. [Sylvia M. Kibart and Rita M. Adams, editors, *Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas*, Volume 1 (Wolfe City, TX: Henington Publishing Company, 1989), 184-186; Illinois Public Land Purchase Records Volume 23, pages 3, 152, online </sse.dll?db=lantrac&se=SSE.DLL&DatabaseID=3780&db=lantrac&GSI=7018233&GSFN>, accessed 23 October 1999; Reddin Russell household, 1850 U. S. census, Collin County, Texas, population schedule, no post office given, page 6, line 41, family 63, 16 November 1850, NARA M432, roll 910, gave Mary Buford Rattan's age as 68 and her birthplace as Tennessee; *History of Madison County, Illinois* (Edwardsville, Illinois: W. R. Brink & Company, 1882), 83; *Court Records of Madison County, Illinois, 1818-1821*, compiled by Bob Johnston (Edwardsville, Illinois: Madison County Genealogical Society, 1983), 48; *History of Greene and Jersey Counties, Illinois* (Springfield, Illinois: Continental Historical Company, 1885), 698, 1073-1074, called "Richard Rattan, the brother of Thomas;"; *Illinois Census Returns, 1810, 1818*, Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library, Volume 24 (Springfield, Illinois: Illinois State Historical Library, 1935), 131; Richard Rattan household, 1830 U. S. census, Greene County, Illinois, population schedule, no post office given, page 2, line 1, by 27 November 1830, NARA M19, roll 24]

Their children were:

1. **Richard Rattan** (1797 Kentucky-unknown);
2. **John W. Rattan** (about 1798 Kentucky-after 1818);
3. **Jarvis B. Rattan** (about 1799 Kentucky-unknown);
4. **Larkin Rattan** (about 1803 Kentucky-after 1832);
5. **Hiram Rattan** (1805 Kentucky-after 1850 U.S. census, Hopkins County, Texas),
6. **Thomas Rattan** (1806 Kentucky-unknown);
7. **Reuben Rattan** (about 1808 Kentucky-unknown);
8. **Jacob Rattan** (about 1809 Kentucky-unknown);
9. **Littleton Rattan** (1810 Illinois-18 December 1847; by Indians during Mexican War );
10. **Daniel Rattan** (about 1818 Illinois-after 1850 U. S. census, Hopkins County, Texas);
11. **Mary [Polly] Rattan** (about 1818 Illinois-after 16 November 1850);
12. **Eliza Rattan** (about 1820 Illinois-after 1850 Fannin County, Texas U. S. census).

Several of the Rattan children and their mother moved on to Texas in the 1830s. Among them were **Thomas**, **Hiram**, **Littleton**, **Daniel**, **Mary**, and **Eliza**. [Sylvia M. Kibart and Rita M. Adams, editors, *Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas*, Volume 1 (Wolfe City, TX: Henington Publishing Company, 1989), 184-186; Reddin Russell household, 1850 U. S. census, Collin County, Texas, population schedule, no post office given, page 6, line 41, family 63, 16 November 1850, National archives micropublication M432, roll 910; Richard Rattan Family Group Record, Ancestral File, online <http://32.96.111.13/Search/af/family\_group\_record.asp?familyid=7991513>, accessed 10 October 1999]

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**Richard Rattan** (1847-1873; buried Wall Cemetery, Fannin County, Texas) probably lived in Fannin County, Texas. [Richard Rattan tombstone, online <<ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/tx/fannin/cemetery/wallcem.txt>>, accessed 11 October 1999]

**Richard H. (M.) Rotan**, age over 45, was a resident of Lawrence County, Mississippi, in 1820. His household consisted of two males under age 10, one female under age 10. [Richard H. or M. Rotan household, 1820 U. S. census, Lawrence County, Mississippi, population schedule, Township 9, page 65, line 26, no month and day given, NARA M33, roll 57]

**Richard Roten** [unidentified] married **Rena Clay** on 19 April 1905 in Hill County, Texas. [Hill County, Texas Marriage Volume 10: 639]