

Section J

J. Ratton (about 1833 Illinois-unknown), a male laborer, lived in the household of **Dan Wagoner** in Fannin County, Texas, on 27 January 1851. **H. Ratton**, 20, and **David Ratton**, 15, both born in Illinois, also lived in the household. [Dan Wagoner household, 1850 U. S. census, Fannin County, Texas, population schedule, no township given, page 164B, line 24, household 260, family 260, 29 January 1851, NARA M432, roll 910]

J. A. Rotan (1851 Tyler County, Texas-unknown) was a son of **Lucinda Barnes** (03 February 1830 Rankin, Mississippi-1859 Tyler County, Texas; buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) and **Robert Rotan** (1822 Alabama-after February 1887 Polk County, Texas) and grandson of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas). [R. Rotan household, 1860 U. S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Woodville post office, sheet 376, page 65, line 1, dwelling 422, family 431, 01 August 1860, NARA M653, roll 1306; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198)]

J. R. Rotan was assessed taxes in Tyler County, Texas, in 1870 on 157 acres of land, valued at \$314, two horses, valued at \$140, six cattle, value at \$24, miscellaneous property worth \$158, for total property of \$536, and one poll for state taxes of \$1.80 and county taxes of \$.80. [Tyler County, Texas Assessment of Property Within the County, 1870, Office of State Comptroller, Texas State Library and Archives, microfilm roll 864]

Jacob Rattan (about 1809 Kentucky-unknown) was a son of **Mary Buford** (1782 Tennessee-after 16 November 1850) and **Richard Rattan** (1776 Tryon, Polk County, North Carolina-after 1831) and a grandson 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). **Jacob Rattan** served as surety for the bond of **Samuel Lee, Jr.**, Greene County clerk. [*History of Greene and Jersey Counties, Illinois* (Springfield, Illinois: Continental Historical Company, 1885), 581; 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; 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]

James Casey Rotan (1855 Tyler County, Texas-16 December 1935 Hopkins County, Texas; buried Hughes Springs Cemetery, Cass County, Texas) was born to **Zemilia [or Zimila] Ann Askew** (26 September 1828 Mississippi-19 June 1915 Hopkins County, Texas; buried Union Springs Cemetery, Hopkins County, Texas) and **John Willis Rotan** (1826 Alabama-19 December 1858 Polk County, Texas). He was a grandson of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas). He was age 5 and lived with his widowed mother and his siblings in Polk County, Texas, on 11 August 1860. His mother's family was recorded twice on the 1870 U. S. census—once in Bright Star community in July and again in Black Oak community in September. James C. Rotan apparently never married and had no children. James C. Rotan's obituary described him a pioneer citizens of Hopkins and gave the place of his death as the home of **Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hicks**, and named a niece, **Miss Velma Hicks**, of Sulphur Springs, Texas. [Zemila Rotan household; 1860 U. S. census, Polk County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, Moscow post office, sheet 19, page 68, line 1, dwelling 440, family 459, 11 August 1860, NARA M653, roll 1303; Emily Rotan household, 1870 U. S. census, Hopkins County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 1, Bright Star post office, page 13, line 5, dwelling 85, family 88, 30 July 1870, NARA M-593, roll 1592; Ann Rotan household, 1870 U. S. census, Hopkins County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, Black Oak post office, page 15, line 37, dwelling 104, family 104, 12 September 1870, NARA M-593, roll 1592; James C. Rotan tombstone; Hopkins County, Texas Death Book 2A: 117; James C. Rotan obituary, *Sulphur Springs Echo*, 20 December 1935]

James Dow Rattan (11 April 1857 Collin County, Texas-unknown) was a son of **Rebecca Jane Coffman** (12 October 1832-14 January 1913; buried Melissa Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) and **Thomas Hempsted Rattan** (25 May 1831 Greene County, Illinois-26 December 1896; buried Melissa Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) 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). He married **Minerva Milligan** and had eleven children. [E. E. Moore, "Thomas Hempsted Rattan," in *History of the Carrollton, Illinois Area, 1821-1989* (Carrollton, Illinois: Greene County Genealogical Society, 1989), 448; Thomas H. Rattan tombstone; Rebecca J. Rattan tombstone]

James M. [Jim] Rotan (March 1841 Mississippi-after 07 June 1900; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas), son of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by 1858 Tyler County, Texas), was probably age seventeen and legally a minor when his father died. Since his brother, **John Willis Rotan** (1826 Alabama-19 December 1858 Polk County, Texas), died shortly after winning custody of him, James may have begun to live on his own as an adult even before his brother was awarded his custody. On 16 February 1858, **James Rotan** and others were ordered by Tyler County court to work "all part of the road leading from Mott's Ferry to Peachtree Village, between the Fork Road west of **G. Sumrall's** and a point where said road intersects the Belt's Ferry Road near **H. A. William's** old place" in Road Precinct 51. On 23 February 1859 he was again ordered to road duty, but in Road Precinct 39, along with **J. M. Hallmark**, overseer, **James Cauble**, and others. On 23 February 1860, **James Rotan**, **James Cauble**, and others were assigned duty in Road Precinct 38. [Polk County, Texas Probate Volume C:88, Case 199 and Volume C:125, 154, Case 222; Tyler County, Texas Court Minutes Book A: 332, 385, 442; James M. Rotan was given a headstone that read only, "Jim Rotan," with no birth date or death date.]

Surely James served in the Civil War, but his record has not been found yet. He married **Mary E. Payne** (August 1848 Texas-after 07 June 1900; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas), daughter of **Julia A. ___** (1825 Arkansas-unknown)

and **G. W. Payne** (1819 Tennessee-unknown), in Tyler County, Texas, 09 January 1866. G. W. Payne was a Tyler County merchant on 16 November 1850 and valued his property at \$250. **Harriett A. Payne**, born in October 1850, was a sister of Mary E. Payne. **J. M. Rotan** was a member of Magnolia Masonic Lodge, No. 495, in Woodville, Texas. [Tyler County, Texas Court Minutes Book A: 332, 385, 442; Tyler County, Texas Marriage Book 2/3:79; G. W. Payne household, 1850 U.S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, household 175; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198); Lou Ella Moseley, *Pioneer Days of Tyler County*, (Bevil Oaks Texas: Tyler County, Heritage Society, Inc., 1985), 76; *Sketches of Tyler County History* (Bevil Oaks Texas: Whitmeyer Printing, 1986), 118; Mary Rotan tombstone has only her name, no birth date or death date]

James M. Rotan was involved in a number of land deeds in Tyler County from the summer of 1867 through 1870. On 28 June 1867 **Ellis Johnson** conveyed land to **James Rotan** and on the same day **James Rotan** witnessed a deed from **William Barclay** to **L. Ulrich**. On 16 October 1868 **John T. Kirby** deeded 156.7 acres from the Gavino Aranjó Grant in Tyler County to **James M. Rotan** and the next day **James M. Rotan** signed a Deed in Trust to **L. Ulrich** to satisfy an indebtedness to Ulrich by selling land at Peach Tree Village in Tyler County. James Rotan was listed as a debtor of the estate of **Peter Cauble, Sr.**, on 29 April 1870 in Tyler County. Rotan's note was in the amount of \$500 and he owed an additional \$813.48 to the estate. On 22 June 1870 **Jas. Rotan**, age 28, and wife, **Mary**, age 21, lived on a Tyler County farm. On 09 December 1871, **Acton Young** and **Joshua W. Pool** executed a deed to **Mary E. Rotan** in Tyler County. On 22 January 1884, A. L. Duncan, agent for **J. M. Rotan**, sold to **T. W. House** of Houston, Harris County, Texas, "all the stock of goods wares and merchandise including groceries dry good Hardware and etc belonging to me and now in store (or in transit) in the town of Rockland in said Tyler County, Texas." **James Rotan**, age 36, and his wife **Mary**, age 29, lived in Precinct One, Tyler County, Texas, on 01 June 1880 and James was a store clerk. The couple were still in Precinct 1, Tyler County on 07 June 1900, when he was age 59 and she was age 51. Mary stated that she had had no children in thirty-four years of marriage. [Tyler County, Texas Deed Volume G: 69, 72, 99, 230, Volume H: 399; Jas. Rotan household, 1870 U. S. Census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Woodville post office, sheet 378, page 21, line 34, dwelling 139, family 139, 22 June 1870, NARA M593, roll 1606; Peter Cauble inventory, Tyler County, Texas Probate Book D: 899-901; Tyler County, Texas Marks and Brands 2:130-131; the reason for recording a deed record in the Marks and Brands Volume 2 is unknown; James L. Rotan household, 1900 U.S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 1, ED 101, SD 8, sheet 8, page 123, line 1, dwelling 131, family 131, 07 June 1900, Family History Library roll 1241674]

James McCall [Jim] Rotan (1872 Waco, McLennan County, Texas-18 November 1892 Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas) was a son of **Kate Sturm McCall** (May 1851 Mount Vernon, Kentucky -17 October 1931 Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas) and **Edward Rotan** (09 April 1844 Sparta, White County, Tennessee-10 March 1932 Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas) and a grandson of **Martha W. Rotan** (1801 Tennessee-01 April 1884 Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas). James McCall Rotan was age seven and lived with his parents and siblings in Waco, Texas, on 04 June 1880. He was thrown from his buggy while competing at the race track on 16 November 1892. The wheels passed over him. He died at the family residence two days later. [Ed Rotan household, 1880 U. S. census, McLennan County, Texas, population schedule, Waco post office, ED 104, SD 4, sheet 56, page 14, line 27, dwelling 133, family 133, 04 June 1880, NARA T-9, roll 1318; *Waco Evening News*, 17 and 18 November 1872; *McLennan County, Texas Cemetery Records: Oakwood Cemetery* (Waco: Central Texas Genealogical Society, Inc., 1979), 38]

James T. Fitzgerald (unknown-unknown) was a son of **Elizabeth Rotan** (1784 South Carolina-October or November 1845 Fannin County, Texas) and **Jabez Fitzgerald** (before 1786 Tennessee-by 27 November 1843 Fannin County, Texas, when his probate came to court) and a grandson of **William Rotan/Rhotan** (about 1762-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee). He migrated with his parents from White County, Tennessee, to Marion County, Alabama, by 1830 and to Fannin County, Texas by 1838. [Jabaz Fitzgearld (sic) household, 1830 U. S. census, Marion County, Alabama, population schedule, no township given, page 167, line 10, no date given, NARA M19, roll 4; Assessment Rolls, Fannin County, Texas, 1843-1845; Jabez Fitzgerald probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Volume A: 292-295 and Volume C: 349, 367]

James T. Garnett, Jr. (1825 Alabama-after 1851), a son of **Sarah Rotan** (1798 South Carolina-between 29 May 1843 and 25 May 1846 Fannin County, Texas) and **James T. Garnett** (1780 to 1790-by 01 December 1840 Fannin County, Texas), who lived in Marion County, Alabama, in 1830 near the families of **John Rotan**, **Jabez Fitzgerald**, and **Garrett Fitzgerald**. The family migrated to North Texas in the 1830s. Brothers of James T. Garnett, Jr., may be identified as **John R. Garnett**, who administered his father's estate and married his first cousin, **Margaret Fitzgerald**, and **Robert Garnett**, who was a minor in 1840. On 01 February 1851, **James T. Garnett, Jr.**, lived in the household of **E. H. Dodd**, a thirty-five-year-old farmer, who was born in Kentucky, probably as a boarder since his mother and his aunt were dead by this date. James T. Garnett declared property worth \$160 on the 1850 census. [James Garnet (sic) household, 1830 U. S. census, Marion County, Alabama, population schedule, no township given, page 167, line 6, no date given, NARA M19, roll 4; James T. Garnett probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Book A: 154, 159; E. H. Dodd household, 1850 U. S. census, Fannin County, Texas, population schedule, no township given, page 169B, line 33, dwelling 323, family 323, 01 February 1851, NARA M432, roll 910]

James Webb Throckmorton (01 February 1825 Sparta, White County, Tennessee-21 April 1894; buried Pecan Grove Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) was a son of **Susan Rotan** (about 1798 South Carolina or Kentucky-about 1839 Arkansas) and Dr. **William Edward Throckmorton** (1795 Virginia-02 October 1843; buried Throckmorton Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) and a grandson of **William Rotan/Rhotan** (about 1762-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee). He married **Ann Rattan** (25 March 1829-31 October 1895; buried Stoney Point Cemetery, Collin County, Texas), a daughter of **Gillian Hill** (1792 Georgia-1870; buried Throckmorton Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) and **Thomas Rattan** (1787 South Carolina-1854; buried Throckmorton Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) and a granddaughter 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), on 20 January 1848 in Greene County, Illinois, and they arrived in Collin County, Texas, in February 1848. By 14 November 1850, the couple had a son, **H. J. Throckmorton**, age 1 and born in Texas. Another family lived in their household. They were **P. Bermoss**, 24 and born in Illinois, his wife, **H. Bermoss**, 24 and born in Illinois, and their daughter, **Jane Bermoss**, age 2 months and born in Texas. The Throckmorton family lived next farm to Annie's parents, **Thomas and Gillian Rattan**. On 07 July 1860, the Throckmorton family lived at McKinney, Collin County, Texas. Their children were **Hugh J. Throckmorton**, age 11 and born Texas; **Mary J. Throckmorton**, age 8 and born in Texas; **Anne Throckmorton**, age 6 and born Texas; **Edward C. Throckmorton**, age 4 and born Texas; and **Harriet Throckmorton**, nine months old and born Texas. James Webb Throckmorton was an attorney in the summer of 1860 and he later became governor of Texas. [James Webb Throckmorton obituary, *The Dallas Morning News*, 22 April 1894; Greene County, Illinois Marriage Volume 1: 83, License 2489, online <http://www2.sos.state.il.us/cgi-bin/marriage>, accessed 10 October 1999; Dr. William Edward Throckmorton tombstone; Gillian Hill Rattan tombstone; Thomas Rattan tombstone; James Throckmorton household, 1850 U. S. census, Collin County, Texas, population schedule, no post office given, page 4, line 5, family 38, 14 November 1850, NARA M432, roll 910; James W. Throckmorton household, 1860 U. S. census, Collin County, Texas, population schedule, McKinney post office, Precinct 9, page 92, stamp 37, line 8, dwelling 586, family 615, 07 July 1860, NARA M653, roll 1291; E. E. Moore, "Thomas Rattan," in *History of the Carrollton, Illinois Area, 1821-1989* (Carrollton, Illinois: Greene County Genealogical Society, 1989), 448-449]

Jarvis B. Rattan (about 1799 Kentucky-unknown), a son of **Mary Buford** (1782 Tennessee-after 16 November 1850) and **Richard Rattan** (1776 Tryon, Polk County, North Carolina-after 1831) and a grandson 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). [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; 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]

Jeremiah Potts and **Mary**, his wife of Old Craven County sold 250 acres of land on a branch of Sandy River on 15 November 1764 to **Thomas Roden** of Old Craven County, South Carolina, for 10£ South Carolina money. The tract was bound by Zachary Isbell and vacant land. **Potts** was granted this land on 20 June 1764. Witnesses were **Edmund Beard**, **James Fannin**, **T. Boshier** and **John (x) Roden**. This deed was recorded 05 July 1814. On 22 August 1766, **Thomas Roden and Mary** his wife of Craven County, South Carolina, sold 260 acres of land, 50 of which, had originally been granted to **Jeremiah Potts**, for the same 10£ current money. This deed was recorded 05 July 1814. [Chester County, South Carolina Deed Book Q, page 282 and 284, accessed online <http://members.tripod.com/~hawkmoon3/rodens.html>, accessed 29 October 2004]

Note: Thomas Roden and John Roden knew each other and were probably kin. In fact, William Roden, John Roden, Thomas Roden, George Roden, and Jeremiah Potts all lived on Wateree Creek in Old Craven County, South Carolina.

Jeremiah Potts and **Nancy Beadler** married in Lincoln County, Kentucky on 11 April 1800. [Jordan Dodd, *Kentucky Marriages to 1850*, online <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/>, accessed 30 October 2004]

Jeremiah Roden was listed on the 1790 U. S. census in Chester County, South Carolina, with 1 free white males 16 years and over, 2 free white males under 16 years, and 2 free white females. [Jeremiah Roton household, 1790 U. S. census, Chester County, South Carolina, district unknown, NARA M637, roll 11]

Jeremiah Roden of Fairfield County, South Carolina, bought an additional 50 acres of land on Wateree Creek in Fairfield County, South Carolina on 31 March 1798. That tract was bounded by land owned **Steel** and **Neel** and by land already in Roden's own possession. He paid 20£ sterling. Witnesses were **James Neil** and **Ann Neil**. [Fairfield County, South Carolina Deed Book Z:12, online http://www.geocities.com/rebel_leader2001/rodent/RodenState.html, accessed 28 October 2004]

Jeremiah Rotan was listed on Barren County, Kentucky tax rolls for the year 1804. [Barren County, Kentucky Tax Lists, 1799-1809, compiled by Sandra Gorin (Glasgow, KY: Gorin Publications, 1993), 163]

Jeremiah Roden (number 1) was shown on the tax list of **Benjn. Lockhart**, Esq., in Warren County, Tennessee, in 1812, along with **George Roden** (number 20), **John Roden** (number 24), **William Roden** (number 51), **Bassell Roden** (number 91), **Nathan Potts** (number 73), and **Uriah York** (number 47). [1812 Warren County, Tennessee Tax List of Benjn. Lockhart, pages 13-14, online <http://www.combs-families.org/combs/records/tn/war12k.htm>, accessed 09 August 2001]

John A. Rotan (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas) was *not*, as believed by some researchers, a son of **Richard M. Rottan/Ratton** and a nephew of **Mary Ann Rotan**, who married **Peter Cauble**. John A. Ratton and Peter Cauble served as privates in **Captain Richard M. Ratton's** Company of Infantry, **Colonel Robert Steele's** 4th Regiment in the West Tennessee Militia. From 28 January to 10 May 1814 the regiment was called into federal service in the Creek Indian War of 1813-1814, which was a part of the War of 1812. Consisting of men from Jackson, White, Bedford, Giles, Lincoln, and Maury counties of Tennessee, Colonel Steele's regiment was left at Fort Strother while the remainder of the brigade marched to Horseshoe Bend for a decisive battle on 27 March 1814. Colonel Steele's regiment served as wagon guards, protecting supplies

from Fort Deposit and building boats to transport supplies down the Coosa River to Fort Williams. In traveling to Camp Blount at Fayetteville, the regiment took an often-used route through Huntsville, Fort Deposit, and Fort Strother. [Samuel Goode, Sr., household, 1850 U.S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, household 56, family 56; "Regimental Histories of Tennessee Units During the War of 1812," Tennessee State Library and Archives, online <http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/pubsvs/1812reg.htm>, accessed 16 August 1999; *Tennesseans in the War of 1812*, transcribed by Byron and Samuel Sistler (Nashville, TN: Byron Sistler & Associates, Inc., 1992), 118, 419]

Between 21 December 1815, when **John A. Rotan** witnessed a deed for **Richard M. Rotton** of Warren County, Tennessee, and 25 October 1817, when the deed was recorded, he was listed as "Beyond limits of this state." It can be assumed that he left Tennessee for Alabama, where his first child was born of an unidentified wife, although he was not found on the 1830 U. S. census. His first child was **Mary Ann Rotan** (1815 Alabama-05 January 1895 Hill County, Texas; buried Bold Springs Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), who married **Peter Johnson King** (14 April 1815 Alabama-22 December 1897; buried Bold Springs Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas). On 08 March 1822, John A. Rotan bought land in sections 22 and 24, Township 13 South, Range 15 West, Franklin County, in Huntsville, Alabama Land Office Book 400. On the 1830 U. S. census, Marion County, Alabama, the name of **John Rotan** appeared on the same page with the families of **James Garnet, Jabez Fitzgerald, and Garnet Fitzgerald**, known kin of **William Rotan** of White County, Tennessee. He reported in his household one male under the age of five [**John Willis Rotan**] and one male between age 5 and 10 [**Robert Rotan**], and one male age 40 to 50, assumed to be himself. Also in his household were two females under age 5 [**Mariah Jane Rotan** and unknown], one female age 5 to ten [**Mary Ann Rotan** would actually have been age 15], and one female age 20 to 30 [assumed to be his wife]. In Franklin County, John A. Rotan was a neighbor of **Peter Cauble**, who had bought in Section 14, Township 13 South, Range 15 West, in Huntsville Land Office, Book 400. Other Alabama-born children of John A. Rotan were **Rufus H. Rotan** (1834 Alabama-unknown), who married **Sarah Renfro** on 08 August 1865 in McLennan County, Texas. Apparently, John A. Rotan migrated to Mississippi from Alabama after 1834 where other children were born. [John Rotan household, 1830 U. S. census, Marion County, Alabama, population schedule, no township listed, page 167, line 8; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198); Tyler County, Texas Marriage Book 1:30, 123, 127; 2/3:79, 155]

In Mississippi, John A. Rotan was probably married to **Sarah Robinson** and had four children. They were **William T. Rotan** (1835 Mississippi-after 21 December 1882), who married **Clotelia B. McGee** (1844 Louisiana-16 May 1878 McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas) on 02 February 1865; **Martha C. Rotan** (1836 Mississippi-05 January 1925 Confederate Women's Home, Austin, Travis County, Texas), who married **Wiley Stamps** (unknown-Civil War) on 29 May 1851; **James M. Rotan** (March 1841 Mississippi-after 07 June 1900; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas), who married **Mary E. Payne** (1848 Texas-unknown; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) on 09 January 1866; and, **George W. Rotan** (1843 Mississippi-unknown), who married **Mary [Mollie]Curtis** (about 1845 Louisiana-unknown), a daughter of **Ann McCollister and James S. Curtis**, on 27 August 1861. [Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198); Tyler County, Texas Marriage Book 1:30, 123, and 127; Book 2/3: 79 and 155; Trina Beth Reed Johnson (P. O. Box 479, Sterling City, Texas 76951) to Writer, Telephone conversation, 05 November 1998; McLennan County, Texas Marriage Book 1:33, 43, and 48]

Children of John A. Rotan (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas) who came to Texas with him were:

1. **Mary Ann Rotan** (1815 Alabama-05 January 1895 Hill County, Texas; buried Bold Springs Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), who married **Peter Johnson King** (14 April 1815 Lawrence County, Alabama-22 December 1897; buried Bold Springs Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas).
2. **Robert Rotan** (1822 Alabama-after February 1887 Polk County, Texas), who married three times.
3. **John Willis Rotan** (1826 Alabama-19 December 1858 Polk County, Texas), who married **Zemilia** [or **Zimila**] **Ann Askew** (26 September 1828 Mississippi-19 June 1915 Hopkins County, Texas; buried Union Springs Cemetery, Hopkins County, Texas), sister of **Casey Askew** (Mississippi-buried Union Springs Cemetery, Hopkins County, Texas) on 16 February 1847 in Polk County, Texas.
4. **Mariah Jane Rotan** (1830 Alabama-25 January 1882 Cherokee County, Texas), who married **John Martin Cauble** (03 September 1812 Tennessee-28 May 1879 Hill County, Texas; buried Bold Springs Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas) on 12 February 1847 in Tyler County, Texas.
5. **Rufus H. Rotan** (1834 Alabama-unknown), who married **Sarah Renfro** on 08 August 1865 in McLennan County, Texas.
6. **William T. Rotan** (1835 Mississippi-after 21 December 1882), who married **Clotelia B. McGee** (1844 Louisiana-16 May 1878 McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas) on 02 February 1865.
7. **Martha C. Rotan** (1836 Mississippi-05 January 1925 Confederate Women's Home, Austin, Travis County, Texas), who married **Wiley Stamps** (unknown-Civil War) on 29 May 1851. [Death certificate: mother, Sarah Robinson; father, John A. Rotan]
8. **James M. Rotan** (March 1841 Mississippi-after 07 June 1900; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas), who married **Mary E. Payne** (1848 Texas-unknown; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) on 09 January 1866.
9. **George W. Rotan** (1843 Mississippi-unknown Texas), who married **Mary [Mollie or Babe]Curtis** (about 1845 Louisiana-unknown), a daughter of **Ann McCollister and James S. Curtis**.

One must assume that John A. Rotan remained in Mississippi in 1843, when his son **George W. Rotan** was born. However, it is certain that he arrived before the assessing of county and state taxes for the year 1846, since **John A. Rottan** was levied taxes on forty cattle, valued at \$40, and one poll (meaning he was under age 55) for a total tax of \$1.57. By 1847 he sold his cattle and paid only his poll of \$.50 in Tyler County. He served as a Justice of the Peace in Tyler County, Texas, from 19 December 1846 to 11 October 1847 (meaning he could read and write). He may have served for a longer period of time. On 17 October 1849, John A. Rotan was indicted for "playing at a game with cards in a certain house kept by **John Walker** for retailing spirituous Liguors upon which money was Bet." **Calvin A. Barnes** pledged his bond of \$100 (probably because they were allied through marriage of Lucinda Barnes [Calvin's sister] and Robert Rotan [John A.'s son] who married 03 December 1846). On 18 March 1850 **J. A. Rotan** witnessed **Peter Cauble's** signature in Tyler County when he deeded property to his wife, **Mary Ann Rotan Cauble**, to establish her separate property. Apparently, John A. Rotan did not give up card playing because he was again indicted on 24 April 1850, along with **Peter Cauble, Jr., James Curtis, Peter Cauble, Sr., Henry W. Bendy, Jeremiah Gray, Lemuel Watters, and Franklin Mott**, who were apparently at the same game. John A. Rotan was a 56-year-old farmer who lived in the household of **Samuel Goode, Sr.**, carriage maker, in Tyler County, Texas, in 1850. John A. Rotan died before October Term 1858 when the guardianship of **George and John M. Rotan** came to Polk County, Texas Probate Court. [Petition from citizens of Liberty County to the Congress of the Republic of Texas, 07 September 1840, Texas State Library, Austin Texas; Assessment of Property Being Within Tyler County, Texas, for years 1846 and 1847, Office of the State Comptroller, Texas State Library and Archives, microfilm roll 863 (1846-1862); Tyler County, Texas District Court, Cause 8, Loose Papers, filed in the office of Geo. W. Van Vleek, Clerk, on 11 October 1847; Tyler County, Texas District Court Book A:190-191, 17 October 1849; A:23-24, dated 24 April 1850; Tyler County, Texas Deed Volume A:201; Samuel Goode, Sr., household, 1850 U.S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, household 56, family 56; Guardianship of George and James Rotan, Case 199, Polk County, Texas Probate Volume C:88, 125; Case 222]

There has been disagreement among Rotan researchers about the identity of the children of **John A. Rotan**. According to public records, **Mariah Jane Rotan** (1830 Alabama-25 January 1882 Cherokee County, Texas) was a sister of **William T. Rotan** (1835 Mississippi-after 21 December 1878) and **James M. Rotan** (March 1841 Mississippi-after 07 June 1900; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) as stated in her probate record. **Peter J. King** (14 April 1815 Alabama-22 December 1897; buried Bold Springs Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas) was married to the sister of **Mariah Jane Rotan Cauble, Mary Ann Rotan** (1815 Alabama-05 January 1895 Hill County, Texas; buried Bold Springs Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), as implied by the probate record of Mrs. Cauble and as stated by the 1880 U. S. census when they lived in the same Hill County, Texas, household. According to the guardianship hearing of **George Rotan** (about 1843 Mississippi-unknown) and **James M. Rotan** (March 1841 Mississippi-after 07 June 1900; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas), they were brothers of **John Willis Rotan** (1826 Alabama-19 December 1858 Polk County, Texas). George was between the ages of 6 and 16 and lived with his sister and brother-in-law, **Mariah Jane Rotan** (1830 Alabama-25 January 1882 Cherokee County, Texas) and **John Martin Cauble** (03 September 1812 Tennessee-28 May 1879 Hill County, Texas; buried Bold Springs Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), in 1854. From the use of public records and the knowledge that Western society gives mutual kinship to siblings, it is plain to see that **Mariah Jane Rotan, William T. Rotan, James M. Rotan, Mary Ann Rotan, Martha C. Rotan, George Rotan, and John Willis Rotan** were born of the same mother and father, or of the same father. [Mariah Jane Rotan Cauble probate record, Hill County, Texas Probate Volume 6, pages 461-467; Jane Rotan household, 1880 U. S. census, Hill County, Texas, population schedule, ED 77, SD 3, sheet 411, page 4, line 26, dwelling 36, family 36, 03 June 1880, NARA T9, roll 1311; Guardianship of George and James Rotan, Case 199, Polk County, Texas Probate Book C:88; Case 222, C:125; White, *Texas Scholastics, 1854-55*, 337]

John Augustus Throckmorton (07 January 1823 Sparta, White County, Tennessee-unknown), a son of **Susan Rotan** (about 1798 South Carolina or Kentucky-about 1839 Arkansas) and Dr. **William Edward Throckmorton** (1795 Virginia-02 October 1843; buried Throckmorton Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) and a grandson of **William Rotan/Rhotan** (about 1762-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee), first married **Nancy Garnett** on 01 November 1842 and secondly **Martha Hill Tucker** on 28 December 1872. [James Webb Throckmorton obituary, *The Dallas Morning News*, 22 April 1894; Dr. William Edward Throckmorton tombstone]

John E. Rotan (05 November 1874 Texas-unknown) was the first child of **Ann Polk** (July 1846 Texas-unknown) and **Robert Rotan** (1822 Alabama-after February 1887 Polk County, Texas) and grandson of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas). His parents were married on 01 October 1871 in Tyler County, Texas. His younger siblings were **Henry Rotan** (January 1876 Texas-unknown) **Alice Rotan** (January 1880 Texas-1947; buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) and **Nettie Rotan** (November 1887 Texas-unknown). **J. E. Rotan** married **Clara Belle Rhodes** (22 February 1880 Texas-27 October 1968 Tyler County, Texas; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) on 09 February 1896 in Tyler County, Texas. John Rotan lived in Tyler County on a rented farm with his wife, daughter, and son on 29 June 1900. By 16 April 1910 John E. Rotan had bought a farm, grew nursery stock, and lived with his wife and children. His children were **Ruby C. Rotan** (14 November 1896 Texas-unknown), **Robert Arnold Rotan** (05 February 1899 Texas-27 July 1961; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas), **Jessica S. Rotan** (about 1901 Texas-unknown), son **Burnice E. Rotan** (about 1904 Texas-unknown), and **John Thomas Rotan** (01 February 1906-23 December 1979 Tyler County, Texas; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas). Clara Belle Rhodes Rotan stated on 16 April 1910 that she had birthed six children, five of whom were living. By early January 1920 the family of **John E. Rotan** lived on Chester Road in Tyler County. John E. Rotan, age 45, was a painter of houses and signs. Clara Rotan was age 39 and cared for their three sons yet at home. They were **Robert A. Rotan**, age 20 and a porter at the railroad depot; **Burnice E. Rotan**, age 16 and a house carpenter; **John T. Rotan**, age 13 and a house painter. [Tyler County, Texas Marriage Book 2/3:155, 5:253; John Rotan household, 1900 U.S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, ED 104, SD 8, sheet 15, page 174, line 28, dwelling 253, family 265, 29 June 1900, Family History Library roll 1241674; John Rotan household, 1910 U.S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 1, ED 158, SD 2, sheet 2, page 191, line 84, dwelling 33, family 33, 16 April 1910, NARA T624, roll 1594; Clara B.

Rotan tombstone; Robert Arnold Rotan tombstone; Texas Death Records, online <http://vitals.rootsweb.com/tx/death/search.cgi>, accessed 15 February 2001; Clara Rotan entry, 461-86-2214, issued in Texas 1965, Social Security Death Index, online <http://www.ancestry.com/ancestry/search.asp>, accessed 11 August 1999; John E. Rotan household, 1920 U. S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 1, ED 201, SD 9, sheet 1B, page 130, line 78, dwelling 16, family 17, 3-5 January 1920, NARA T625, roll 1847; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198); *Sketches of Tyler County History* (Bevil Oaks Texas: Whitmeyer Printing, 1986), 222, J. E. Rotan said, "...my father (Bob Rotan)..."

John Edward Rotan, see **Edward Rotan** above.

John Fitzgerald (about 1819 Tennessee or Alabama-unknown) was a son of **Elizabeth Rotan** (1784 South Carolina-October or November 1845 Fannin County, Texas) and **Jabez Fitzgerald** (before 1786 Tennessee-before 27 November 1843 Fannin County, Texas, when his probate came to court) and a grandson of **William Rotan/Rhotan** (about 1762-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee). He migrated with his parents to Fannin County, Texas in the 1830s. He was age 17 when he arrived in Texas in March 1836. As a single man, he received 320 acres of land from the Republic of Texas. [Jabaz Fitzgearld (sic) household, 1830 U. S. census, Marion County, Alabama, population schedule, no township given, page 167, line 10, no date given, NARA M19, roll 4; Assessment Rolls, Fannin County, Texas, 1843-1845; Jabez Fitzgerald probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Volume A: 292-295, 425 and Volume C: 349, 367; John Fitzgerald file, Certificate 106, General Land Office of Texas]

John Hampton Rattan (26 August 1859 Collin County, Texas-unknown) was a son of **Rebecca Jane Coffman** (12 October 1832-14 January 1913; buried Melissa Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) and **Thomas Hempsted Rattan** (25 May 1831 Greene County, Illinois-26 December 1896; buried Melissa Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) 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). He married **Dixie Bell Strouthers** and had three children. [E. E. Moore, "Thomas Hempsted Rattan," in *History of the Carrollton, Illinois Area, 1821-1989* (Carrollton, Illinois: Greene County Genealogical Society, 1989), 448; Thomas H. Rattan tombstone; Rebecca J. Rattan tombstone]

John Minor Rhotan/Rotan (about 1807 White County, Tennessee-by May 1837 White County, Tennessee), a son of **William Rotan/Rhotan** (about 1762-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee), was named as an heir to his father's estate. John M. Rotan married **Cynthia Jones** (1812 White County, Tennessee-after 1884 Illinois) about 1827 probably in White County, Tennessee, where both lived. Cynthia Jones was a daughter of **Fannie Frazier** and **Byron Jones**, who married in White County, Tennessee before 1812. The children of Cynthia Jones and John M. Rotan were **William E. Rotan** (14 July 1828 Sparta, White County, Tennessee-09 February 1906 Stanberry, Gentry County, Missouri; buried Cooper Cemetery, Gentry County, Missouri); **Nancy H. Rotan** (about 1830 White County, Tennessee-by 1884 Missouri), who first married **Lycurgus L. Johnson** and later married **Sidney S. Johnson**; **Susan Jane Rotan** (about 1832 White County, Tennessee-1854); **Byron J. Rotan** (about 1835 White County, Tennessee-09 March 1880 Louisville, Clay County, Illinois), and **John M. Rotan** (about 1836 White County, Tennessee-after 1884 Illinois), who lived in Kinmundy, Illinois. After John M. Rotan was murdered, **Dan Griffith** served as administrator of his estate. In the March term 1838 of the probate court of White County, Tennessee, Cynthia Rotan bought the household and kitchen furniture and several head of cattle and hogs from the estate of John M. Rotan. **Sevier/Severe Evans**, brother-in-law of John Minor Rotan, served as guardian of his minor children. Cynthia Jones Rotan migrated with her children to Marion County, Illinois, by 1845, where she was remarried to **Willis Smith** (unknown North Carolina-1850 of cholera en route to California). Smith was appointed guardian of the minor Rotan children on 19 November 1847. Cynthia Jones Rotan and Willis Smith had three children—the first died in infancy, **George W. Smith** (07 October 1847 Marion County, Illinois-unknown) and **Randolph Smith**. Therefore, with the death of Willis Smith, Cynthia Jones Rotan Smith was left with possibly two teenage daughters and two teenage sons from her first marriage and two small sons from her second marriage, assuming that Willis's six first-marriage children and Cynthia's older first-marriage son were capable of living on their own by 1850. [Inventory of estate of John M. Rottan/Rotan, White County, Tennessee Will Book B: 255; Account of the sales of the estate as returned by the administrator, White County, Tennessee Will Book B: 291-292; White County, Tennessee Will Book C: 276-278; Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, decd, White County, Tennessee Chancery Court Minute Book A, pages 113-114; *The History of Wayne and Clay Counties, Illinois* (n.p.: Clay County, Illinois Historical Society, reprint 1884, supplied 18 August 1999 by Nancy Kessler (2001 Holly Avenue, No. 113, Columbia, Missouri 65202); Nancy Kessler to Writer, email, 05 September 1999]

John M. Rotan (unknown White County, Tennessee-after 1886 Illinois), a son of **Cynthia Jones** (1812 White County, Tennessee-after 1884 Illinois) and **John Minor Rotan** (about 1806-by May 1837 White County, Tennessee), and grandson of **William Rotan** (about 1760 South Carolina-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee), lived in Kinmundy, Illinois in 1884. He married **Martha Tucker** on 25 January 1870 in Marion County, Illinois. On 02 June 1886, John Rotan witnessed a marriage of his uncle, **Middleton R. Jones**, at Kinmindy, Marion County, Illinois. [White County, Tennessee Will Book B: 254, 255, 291-292, 408; White County, Tennessee Will Book C: 153, 190, 276-278; Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, decd, White County, Tennessee Chancery Court Minute Book A, pages 113-114; *The History of Wayne and Clay Counties, Illinois* (n.p.: Clay County, Illinois Historical Society, reprint 1884, supplied 18 August 1999 by Nancy Kessler (2001 Holly Avenue, No. 113, Columbia, Missouri 65202); *Marion County Genealogical Society Journal* (Fall 1993) Volume 18, supplied by Nancy Kessler; Marion County, Illinois Marriage Volume D: 64, License 64]

Johnie Rotan (about 1866 Missouri-unknown) was age 14 and lived with his mother, **Hulda Rotan** (about 1840 Missouri-unknown), and brother, **William Rotan** (about 1860 Missouri-unknown) in Cass County, Texas, on 06 July 1880. Johnie was a farm laborer. The possible relationship between this family and other Texas Rotan families is unknown. [Hulda Rotan household, 1880 U. S. census, Cass County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 1, ED 10, SD 2, sheet 95, page 63, line 40, dwelling 473, family 498, 06 July 1880, NARA T-9, roll 1295]

John Rattan/Ratton (31 May 1816 Madison County, Illinois-23 July 1878 Greenville, Hunt County, Texas), a farmer, was head of a household in Fannin County, Texas, on 25 January 1851. He was a son of **Gillian Hill** (25 September 1792 Georgia-1870 Texas; buried Throckmorton Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) and **Thomas Rattan** (1787 North Carolina-11 November 1854 Texas; buried Throckmorton Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) and a grandson 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). He first married **America Boyles** (28 March 1822 Kentucky-05 November 1859), on 26 June 1839 in Greene County, Illinois. The couple probably lived in the household of John's parents when the 1840 U. S. census was taken in Greene County, Illinois. They migrated to Texas before 1842. Three children lived in their household on 25 January 1851—**Thomas H. Ratton** (about 1840 Illinois-unknown), **Clark Ratton** (1842 Texas-unknown), and daughter **M. A. Ratton** (March 1850 Texas-unknown). Secondly, John Rattan married **Rosette Perry** (1827-unknown) on 18 March 1880 in Hunt County, Texas. [Thomas Rattan household, U. S. 1840 U. S. census, Greene County, Illinois, population schedule, Carrollton Precinct, page 110, line 17, December 1840, NARA M104, roll 60; Jno. Ratton household, 1850 U. S. census, Fannin County, Texas, population schedule, no township given, page 162A, line 18, household 233, family 233, 25 January 1851, NARA M432, roll 910; Greene County, Illinois Marriage Volume 1:49, License 1444; 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]

John Rattan and Rosetta Perry married in Hunt County, Texas, on 08 March 1860. [Hunting for Bears, compiler, *Texas Marriages, 1814-1909* (Provo, Utah: My Family.com, Inc., 2004), online <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/>, accessed 29 October 2004]

John Rattan and Isora L. Stevens married in Hunt County, Texas, on 23 October 1876. [Hunting for Bears, compiler, *Texas Marriages, 1814-1909* (Provo, Utah: My Family.com, Inc., 2004), online <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/>, accessed 29 October 2004]

John Roden of Wateree Creek on Wateree River in Old Craven County in 1766 owned 300 acres of land and six slaves. He was part the Regulator movement. [Brown, *South Carolina Regulators*, as cited online <http://members.tripod.com/~hawkmoo3/rodens.html>, accessed 29 October 2004;

John Roden was listed in Chester County, South Carolina, in the 1790 U. S. census with 1 free white male 16 years or older, 2 free white males under 16 years, 3 free white females, and no slaves. **William Roden** 2-1-2-0, **William Roden, Jr.** 1-4-2-0, and **Thomas Roden** 3-3-2-0, also lived nearby. [John Roden household, 1790 U. S. census, Chester County, South Carolina, unknown district, page 14, NARA M637, roll 11]

John Roden (number 24) was shown on the tax list of **Benjn. Lockhart**, Esq., in Warren County, Tennessee, in the year 1812, along with **Jeremiah Roden** (number 1), **George Rhoden** (number 20), **William Roden** (number 51), **Bassell Roden** (number 91), **Nathan Potts** (number 73), and **Uriah York** (number 47). [1812 Warren County, Tennessee Tax List of Benjn. Lockhart, pages 13-14, online <http://www.combs-families.org/combs/records/tn/war12k.htm>, accessed 09 August 2001]

John Rotan [Jr. ?] was shown on Barren County, Kentucky tax rolls for the years 1799, 1800 [two men by that name were listed in 1800], 1801, 1802, 1803, and 1804. [*Barren County, Kentucky Tax Lists, 1799-1809*, compiled by Sandra Gorin (Glasgow, KY: Gorin Publications, 1993), 163-164]

John Rotan, Sr., was shown on Barren County, Kentucky tax rolls for the year 1799. He may have been the second man with the name of John Rotan listed in 1800. By 1801, he may have reached the upward age for paying the poll. In that is the case, he was probably born in the period between 1746 and 1751, meaning this man may be the 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), who settled in Madison County, Illinois. [*Barren County, Kentucky Tax Lists, 1799-1809*, compiled by Sandra Gorin (Glasgow, KY: Gorin Publications, 1993), 163]

John Rottan/Rattan, Sr. (about 1720s may have been North Carolina-after 1800 may have died in Barren County, Kentucky), son of **Richard Rotten** who was dead by 1772 probably in Old Craven County, South Carolina, married **Sythana/Sythany** ___ (unknown-unknown). On 02 October 1772, "**John Rottan** and **Sithana**, his wife, of Craven County" sold to "**James Martin** of same" 250 acres of land for 10£ South Carolina money. This John Rottan had apparently inherited the land from **Richard Rotten**, who was granted it on 11 February 1756. The record states that John Rotten "has good, sure and indefensible estate of inheritance in fee simple." Witnesses were **William Rotten**, **James Eades**, and **William Mark**. [Fairfield County, South Carolina Deed Book B, page 232, accessed online <http://members.tripod.com/~hawkmoo3/rodens.html>, accessed 29 October 2004]

This couple had one known son, **John Rattan/Rotton, Jr.** (1747 North Carolina-11 October 1821 Madison County, Illinois; buried Vaughn Cemetery on Wood River and Bethalto Road near Alton, Madison County, Illinois). John Rottan, Jr., took up 200 acres of land in the part of Logan County that became Barren County, Kentucky, on 01 September 1796. [*Green Co Entries 1780-1812, Logan Co Entries 1796-1815 and Warren Co Entries 1797-1799 of Original Lands in Barren County, KY*, compiled by Sandra K. Gorin (n. p.: by compiler, 2001), 24; *Kentucky Land Grants*, Book 1:47, Logan County, online Ancestry.com, accessed 30 October 2004]

By 01 September 1796, John Rottan/Rattan, Sr., also received 200 acres of land south of Green River in Logan County, Kentucky. On 22 April 1800, **John Rottan, Senr.**, and **Sythana**, his wife, of Barren County, Kentucky, conveyed as a gift to **John**

Rottan, junr., of Barren County, Kentucky, 200 acres of land that had been patented on 01 June 1797. This 200 acres of land adjoined land already owned by **John Rottan, junr**, who was surely their son. [*Kentucky Land Grants*, Book 1:55, Logan County, online Ancestry.com, accessed 30 October 2004; Logan County, online Ancestry.com, accessed 30 October 2004; Sylvia M. Kibart and Rita M. Adams, editors, *Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas*, Volume 2 (Wolfe City, TX: Henington Publishing Company, 1989), 184-186]

John Rattan/Rottan, Jr. (1747 North Carolina-11 October 1821 Madison County, Illinois; buried Vaughn Cemetery on Wood River and Bethalto Road near Alton, Madison County, Illinois), a Revolutionary War veteran, was a son of **Sythana** ____ (unknown-unknown) and **John Rattan/Rottan, Sr.** (about 1720s-unknown). **John Rattan/Rottan, Jr.**, married **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) about 1775 probably in North Carolina. They may have had several children, but only two sons are recorded—**Richard** and **Thomas Rattan**. **Richard Rattan** (1776 Tryon, Polk County, North Carolina-after 1831) married **Mary Buford** (1782 Tennessee-after 16 November 1850) and fathered twelve known children. **Thomas Rattan** (1787 South Carolina-1854 Texas; buried Throckmorton Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) married **Gillian Hill** (1792 Georgia-1870 Texas; buried Throckmorton Cemetery, Collin County, Texas), fathered fourteen known children, and migrated to Collin County, Texas. [Sylvia M. Kibart and Rita M. Adams, editors, *Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas*, Volume 2 (Wolfe City, TX: Henington Publishing Company, 1989), 184-186; Patricia Law Hatcher, abstracter, *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots*, Volume 3 (Dallas: Pioneer Heritage Press, 1988), page 202; *Cemeteries and Tombstones Inscriptions of Madison County, Illinois*, Volume 5 (Edwardsville, Illinois: Madison County Genealogical Society, 1989), 139; Richard Rattan Family Group Record, Ancestral File, online http://32.96.111.13/Search/af/family_group_record, accessed 10 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, was used to establish the life dates of Mary Buford Rattan.]

John Rattan, Jr., lived in Logan County, Kentucky in 1796, when he was taxed for one white poll, 1 slave, 2 horses, and 4 cattle. **John Ratten, Sr.**, was taxed with one white poll, 4 horses, and 7 cattle that year and **William Rotten** was listed with 1 white poll, 2 slaves, 4 horses, and no cattle. William and John, Jr., were slaveholders. John, Jr., and John, Sr., owned a few cattle. Each household had one white male age 21 and over; none had a white male age 16-21. These three men—**John, Sr., John, Jr.,** and **William**—were recorded in Barrens County, Kentucky (formed from Logan) tax list in 1799. On 22 April 1800 John, Junior's parents conveyed to him as a gift 200 acres of land, that had been patented on 01 June 1797. This 200 acres of land adjoined land he already owned. On 27 March 1802, Mary and John Rottan, Jr., conveyed to **John Green** a tract of 100 acres in Barren County, 75 acres and ¼ of above acres, a 200-acre settlement right patented to **John Rottan Junr**. The deed was witnessed by **John Hall, Richard Rottan,** and **George Wilhelms** and signed by **John Rottan** and **Mary Rottan**. It was proved and recorded on 08 August 1804 by **Richard Rottan**. John Rottan/Rattan, Jr., may have moved his family from Barren County, Kentucky, to Illinois sometime after 03 December 1808 when a deed was recorded that mentioned his line, meaning he still owned land in Barren County. [*Logan County, Kentucky Tax List, 1792-1800* (Russellville, KY: Logan County Genealogical Society, Inc., 1991), 53; Barren County, Kentucky Tax List for the year 1799; Barren County, Kentucky Deed Book Before A: 26-27, 99-101; Book B: 222; Sylvia M. Kibart and Rita M. Adams, editors, *Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas*, Volume 2 (Wolfe City, TX: Henington Publishing Company, 1989), 184-186; *Illinois Public Land Purchase Records*, Volume 23, pages 4, 156]

Reportedly, Rattan Prairie in Madison County, Illinois, was named for him and John Rattan purchased several tracts of land in Township 05 North, Range 09 West, Meridian 3, in Illinois, on 31 August 1814. John Rattan was counted on the 1818 Illinois State Census in Madison County, when three free white males over age 21 and two other white inhabitants lived in his household. John Rattan lived out his life in Madison County, Illinois, and was buried at Vaughn Cemetery in that county. [*Illinois Public Land Purchase Records*, Volume 23, pages 4, 156; *Cemeteries and Tombstones Inscriptions of Madison County, Illinois*, Volume 5 (Edwardsville, Illinois: Madison County Genealogical Society, 1989), 139; *Illinois Census Returns, 1810, 1818*, Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library, Volume 24 (Springfield, Illinois: Illinois State Historical Library, 1935), 131]

John Rottan, Sr., and wife, **Sythana**, of Barren County sold to **John Rottan, Jr.**, of Barren County, a 200-acre tract patented 01 June 1797. This land, which was contiguous to land already owned by John Rottan, Jr., was given to him by his parents. It is plausible to assume that John Rottan, Jr., was the son of John Rottan, Sr., and Sythana [Sythany] Rottan. Sythany Rottan gave no dower release in this document and it may not have been needed. See deed below:

“This Indenture made this 22nd Day of April Anno
Dinimi One thousand Eight hundred between John Rottan
Sen^f & Sythana his wife of the One part and John
Rottan Junr of the Other part Both of the County
of Barren & state of Kentucky Witnesseth that the said
Rottan Sen^f & Synthana his wife for a Value of
Consideration to them in hand paid (the Receipt which of
they do hereby acknowledge) and other Good causes
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Them thereunto moving do bargain sell alien & confirm
And hath by these presents forever sold Bargained aliened
& confirmed unto the said Rottan Jun^f his heirs & assigns
a certain tract or parcel of Land contain-
ing two hundred acres more or less situated lying &
being in the Barren County aforesaid Patent bearing Date June

the first one thousand seven hundred & ninety seven. Beginning on a Post Oak & hickory twenty poles from the said Rottan Jun^{rs} Spring thence

Running due east 254 poles to a post Oak Thence North 127 poles to a post Oak Thence West 254 poles to a black and post Oaks thence South 127 poles to the beginning, with its appertinices to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appertinices to the said Rottan Jun^f his heirs and assigns, & the said Rottan Sen^f will and shall warrant & Defend the said Bargained premises from me my heirs or assigns for Ever In Witness whereof we the said Rottan Sen^f & his wife have hereunto set our hands and affixed our Seals the Day and year first above written

John Rottan
Sythana Rottan

Barren County to wit

I hereby Certify that this Deed was acknowledged before me by John Rottan Sen^f & Sythany his wife to be their act and Deed & a copy thereof is duly recorded in my office in witness whereof I hereto set my hand this 22nd Day of April 1800

Rich^d Garnett CB2s Co

[Barren County, Kentucky Deed Book before A, page 26-27, Family History Library microfilm 0209719]

On 27 March 1802, **John Rottan, Jr.**, and his wife **Mary** of Barren County, Kentucky, conveyed to **John Green** of Barren County, Kentucky, a 100-acre tract, 75 acres and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the 100 acres by virtue of a 200-acre settlement right originally patented by **John Rotton, Sr.** and conveyed to **John Rottan, Jr.**, on 22 April 1800.

“This Indenture made this 27th day of March one thousand eight hundred and two between John Rottan Jr and Mary his wife of the county of Barren and State of Kentucky on the one part and John Green of sd county and state aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said John Rotan and Mary his wife for a valuable consideration to them in hand paid, hath bargained, sold, aliened and confirmed. And by these presents doth bargain, sell, alien and confirm unto the said John Green certain tracts or parcels of land situated lying and being in the county and state aforesaid containing one hundred acres more or less seventy five acres and one quarter of the above hundred by virtue of a two hundred acres a settlement right patented by John Rottan Sen^f and conveyed by the said Rottan Sen^f. To John Rottan Jun^f. and bounded as followeth to wit – Beginning at a forked post oak standing in the most northwardly line of the Original Survey running South twenty six degrees east eighty two poles to a stake. Thence South fifty six west, Twenty poles to five post oak saplings, Thence south twenty poles to a black Jack and post oak saplings Thence East one hundred and thirty poles to a post oak, Thence North one hundred and thirty poles to a post oak and black Jack Thence one hundred and ten poles to the beginning, the ballance of the said hundred acres by virtue of a patent obtained by the said Rottan Jun^f. On a settlement right bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a post and Black Oaks in the said Rottan Sen^{rs} line & running thence

North twenty six degrees west eighty two poles to two Spanish Oaks and a dogwood Thence North fifty six East seventy poles to a stake in the easterly line of the original survey. Thence with said line South one hundred and fourteen poles to a post and black Oaks thence west twenty poles to the beginning with its appertinences to him the John Green to have and to hold the said bargained premises with its appertinences forever. And the said John Rottan Jun^r and Mary his wife by these presents doth warrent and forever Defend the said bargained premises from themselves their heirs and all persons claiming by or under them. In witness whereof they have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed and delivered } John Rottan
in presence of } Mary Rottan
John Hall

Richard Rottan
his

George X Wilhelms
mark

I Richard Garnett Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the County of Barren do hereby certify that the within Deed was this day proven before me by the oaths of John Hall and George Wilhelms (subscribing witness thereto) This 29th day of March 1802
Richard Garnett

I Richard Garnett Clerk of the Barren Circuit Court hereby certify that the within deed was this day fully proven before me by the Oath of Richard Rotton a witness thereto, and the same is duly Recorded in my office Given under my hand this 8th day of August 1804
Richard Garnett

[Barren County, Kentucky Deed Book before A: 99-101, Family History Library microfilm 0209719]

Note: The identity of the witness, Richard Rottan, is unknown. He may have been an unidentified brother of John Rottan, Jr.

Unidentified **John Rotten/ Rotan** in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, in 1764, 1786 and 1789 – Is this Jr., or Sr. or neither?

The first two entries are the same man, who did not live on the land long, if at all, before selling it. The first two entries were probably John, Sr. The last two could be either.

1. On 02 March 1764, **John Roton** was granted 200 acres of land on Turkey Creek in old Craven County, South Carolina, by **Governor Thomas Boone**. [Section Book XX, page 372, in *South Carolina Deed Abstracts 1719-1772*, Volume 3, 1755-1768, Books QQ-H-3, abstracted by Clara A. Langley (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, Inc., 1983), page 347

2. On 9/10 April 1764, **John Rotton** of South Carolina conveyed to **William Barrow** of Halifax County, North Carolina, for £1000 currency, 200 acres in Craven County, South Carolina, on a branch of Turkey Creek, bounding on all sides on vacant land; granted 02 March 1764 by Governor Thomas Boon to John Rotton.

Note: Old Craven County, South Carolina, was created in 1683 and existed as a crown “county” until 1769 for administrative purposes.

3. **John Rotten** lived in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, on 21 May 1786, when a land deed from **William McDowell** and wife **Mary**, who sold 250 acres on Willcock’s Creek of Lawson’s Ford to **David Lewis**. The McDowell land bordered that of **John Rotten** on the northeast and **John Earle** on the northwest. [Spartanburg County, South Carolina Deed Book B:92, in *Spartanburg County/District, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, Book A-T, 1785-1827*, compiled by Albert Bruce Pruitt (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, Inc., 1988), 19]

4. **John Rotan’s** tract was mention in a deed from **James Blackwood** and wife **Anna** of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to **Roland Johnson** of South Carolina for 60 pounds Virginia money, on South side of Lawson’s fork of Pacolet River. [Spartanburg County, South Carolina Deed Book B:413-414, in *Spartanburg County/District, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, Book A-T, 1785-1827*, compiled by Albert Bruce Pruitt (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, Inc., 1988), 46-47]

John R. Garnett (1814 Kentucky-after 1855), a son of **Sarah Rotan/Rhotan** (1798 South Carolina-between 29 May 1843 and 25 May 1846 Fannin County, Texas) and **James T. Garnett** (1780 -by 01 December 1840 Fannin County, Texas when he probate came to court), who lived in Marion County, Alabama, in 1830 near the families of **John Rotan**, **Jabez Fitzgerald**, and **Garrett Fitzgerald**. The family migrated to North Texas in the 1830s. He was a married man when he migrated to Texas in September 1836 and was given 1280 acres of land by the Republic of Texas. His second wife was his first cousin, **Margaret Elizabeth Fitzgerald Baker** (1814 Tennessee-unknown), a widow and a daughter of **Elizabeth Rotan/Rhotan** (1784 South Carolina-October or November 1845 Fannin County Texas) and **Jabez Fitzgerald** (by 1786- before 27 November 1843 Fannin County, Texas when his probate came to court), whom he married on 09 May 1843 in Fannin County, Texas. Both Margaret and John R. Garnett were named in the distribution of the estate of her father, **Jabez Fitzgerald**. Brothers of John R. Garnett were **Robert Garnett** (1932 Kentucky-after 06 August 1870, who was a minor in 1840, and **James T. Garnett, Jr.** (1825 Alabama-after 1851). Two sisters were **Martha J. Garnett** and **Nancy O. Garnett**, who were minors in 1841. John R. Garnett acted as administrator of his father's estate, beginning in July 1840. He also served as administrator of the estate of Jabez Fitzgerald after the apparent death of **Elizabeth Rotan Fitzgerald**, widow of **Jabez Fitzgerald**. [Jabez Fitzgerald probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Volume A: 292-295 and Volume C: 349, 367; James Garnet(sic) household, 1830 U. S. census, Marion County, Alabama, population schedule, no township given, page 167, line 6, no date given, NARA M19, roll 4; John R. Garnett file, Certificate 29, General Land Office of Texas, James T. Garnett probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Book A: 154, 159; Jno. R. Garnett household, 1850 U. S. census, Fannin County, Texas, population schedule, no township given, page 170A, line 42, household 332, family 332, 01 February 1851, NARA M432, roll 910]

Living in the John R. Garnett household on 01 February 1851 in Fannin County, Texas, were **James Garnett**, 17 years old and claimed to have been born in Texas, who was a son from John's first marriage. **Gaby [Jabez] Garnett**, a six-year-old boy born in Texas; **William Garnett**, a four-year boy born in Texas; **Jane Garnett**, 2-year-old girl and born in Texas, were children of Margaret Fitzgerald and John R. Garnett and lived in their household. **Joseph Jones**, 16-year-old laborer born in Tennessee; **Stephen Jones**, 13 years old and born in Texas; **Garnett Jones**, a 31-year-old farmer born in Alabama, lived with the Garnett family and may have been nephews of John R. Garnett. Ten black and mulatto people whose names were not given also lived in the Garnett household. [Jabez Fitzgerald probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Volume A: 292-295 and Volume C: 349, 367; James Garnet(sic) household, 1830 U. S. census, Marion County, Alabama, population schedule, no township given, page 167, line 6, no date given, NARA M19, roll 4; James T. Garnett probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Volume A: 154, 159; Jno. R. Garnett household, 1850 U. S. census, Fannin County, Texas, population schedule, no township given, page 170A, line 42, household 332, family 332, 01 February 1851, NARA M432, roll 910]

Reportedly, **John R. Garnett** was a good hunter and his hunting friend was **Mark R. Roberts**. Garnett came to Texas by 1838, according to Certificate 29. It is doubtful that **James Garnett** was actually born in Texas in 1833. John's first wife probably died and he married his cousin when he was about age 29. The Garnett family later included a daughter, **Mary**, who was born about 1853. [Floy Crandall Hodge, *A History of Fannin County, Featuring Pioneer Families* (Hereford, Texas: Pioneer Publishers, 1966), 182; Jno. R. Garnett household, 1850 U. S. census, Fannin County, Texas, population schedule, no township given, page 170A, line 42, household 332, family 332, 01 February 1851, NARA M432, roll 910; John R. Garnett file, Certificate 29, General Land Office of Texas]

John Roden was listed in Chester County, South Carolina, in the 1790 U. S. census with 1 free white male 16 years or older, 2 free white males under 16 years, and 5 free white females. **William Roden 2-1 [or 7]-2**, **William Roden, Jr.** 1-4-2, and **Thomas Roden 3-3-2**, also lived nearby. [John Roden household, 1790 U. S. census, Chester County, South Carolina, unknown district, NARA M637, roll 11]

John Rotan (May 1878 Texas-unknown), a son of **Mary [Babe] Curtis** and **George W. Rotan, Sr.**, was a 22-year-old hired hand, who lived in the farm household of **John W. Hines** (November 1846 Mississippi-unknown) and his large family on 09 June 1900 in Justice Precinct 3, McLennan County, Texas. In 1907, John Rotan married **Lucy** __ (about 1884 Texas-unknown). By April 1910, John worked as a carpenter and lived with his wife, their son, **John Ed Black Rotan** (1908 McLennan County, Texas-unknown), his brother, **G. W. Rotan, Jr.**, and his nephew, **George Romans** (about 1883-unknown), son of John's older sister, **Octavia Rotan Romans**. [John W. Hines household, 1900 U. S. census, McLennan County, Texas, population schedule, Justice Precinct 3, ED 84, SD 9, sheet 8A, stamp page 102, Line 18, dwelling 121, family 122, 09 June 1900, NARA T623, roll 1658; John Rotan household, 1910 U. S. census, McLennan County, Texas, population schedule, Justice Precinct No. 1, Waco post office, Ward 3, ED 85, SD 11, sheet 4B, page 141B, line 93, 2025 Cleveland Street, dwelling 85, family 90, April 1910, NARA T624, roll 1575]

John Throckmorton Rotan (09 May 1877-unknown) registered for the World War I draft in Dallam County, Texas, on 12 September 1918. He lived at Texline, Texas, and his next of kin was **Lucy Frances Rotan**, probably his wife. He was 41 years old with brown eyes, gray hair, and he was tall with a slender build. He was a farmer. [John Throckmorton Rotan Card, Order 593, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, NARA roll 1952598, 12 September 1918]

John Willis Rotan, Sr. (1826 Alabama-19 December 1858 Polk County, Texas), son of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas), may have served as a private in Liberty County Company B, that was mustered into federal service on 22 June 1846 and mustered out on 02 October 1846 for duty in Mexico during the Mexican War. His name was recorded as *John M. Ruston*. This was the same company in which his brother **Robert Rotan**, his future brother-in-law **Martin Cauble**, **D. B. Cauble**, **J. M. Cauble**, and **John W. Cauble** served. [Charles D. Spurlin, *Texas Volunteers in the Mexican War* (Austin: Eakin Press, 1998), 162-163]

He married **Zemilia [or Zimila] Ann Askew** (26 September 1828 Mississippi-19 June 1915 Hopkins County, Texas; buried Union Springs Cemetery, Hopkins County, Texas), sister of **Casey Askew** (Mississippi-buried Union Springs Cemetery, Hopkins County, Texas) on 16 February 1847 in Polk County, Texas. Their daughter, **Sarah M. Rotan**, was born in 1848 in

Texas. On 20 February 1849, “John Rotan, Jr.” was ordered by the Court of Tyler County to work on the “commonly called the Jordans Ferry Road,” along with **Robert Rotan** and **Cauble** among others. John Willis Rotan was a farmer in Tyler County, Texas, on 14 November 1850 and lived next farm to his sister and brother-in-law, **Mary Ann Rotan** and **P. J. King**. John Willis Rotan was initiated into Mount Hope Masonic Lodge on 01 January 1853. **J. W. Rotan** witnessed a deed for **H. W. Carter** in Tyler County on 01 April 1853. **John W. Rotan** witnessed the deed when **Emanuel Clements** conveyed land to **Mary Ann Rotan Cauble** on 20 May 1856 in Tyler County. He was an older brother of the minors, **James M. Rotan** (March 1841 Mississippi-after 07 June 1900; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) and **George Rotan** (about 1843 Mississippi-unknown; buried Falls County, Texas), and was given letters of guardianship for them in October 1858 Term of Polk County Probate Court, only to die three months later. In 1858, J. W. Rotan was assessed in Polk County for 177 acres from Wm. Dickson headright, valued at \$600, for four horses worth \$250, for sixty head of cattle valued at \$360, and one poll. He signed the tax record as *J. W. Rotan* in his own hand. At the February Term 1859 of Polk County, Texas Probate Court and Zimila Askew Rotan applied for the appointing of appraisers for his estate. The court appointed **Jesse R. Lanes**, **Willemy Toullus**, and **B. W. Many** for the current and the next term. At June 1859 Term of Polk County, Texas Probate Court the inventory of community property was submitted in the succession of John W. Rotan and his wife. On 11 August 1860 Zemilia Rotan, age 30, lived with her six children at Moscow, Polk County, Texas. Her children were **Sarah Rotan**, 11, **Rufus R. Rotan**, 9, **Wm. Thomas Rotan** (1853 Tyler County, Texas-1929 Cass County, Texas; buried Hughes Springs Cemetery, Cass County, Texas), 7, **James Casey Rotan** (1855 Tyler County, Texas-1935 Cass County, Texas; buried Hughes Springs Cemetery, Cass County, Texas), 5, **Mary Texana Rotan**, 3, and **John Willis Rotan**, 1. Zemilia Askew Rotan eventually migrated to Hopkins County, Texas, where her family was counted twice on the 1870 U. S. census because they moved from Bright Star post office to Black Oak post office during the year. Zemilia Askew Rotan died in Hopkins County, Texas. [John W. Rotan household, 1850 U. S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, no post office given, sheet 173, page 345, line 35, dwelling 168, family 168, 14 November 1850, NARA M432, roll 915; Tyler County, Texas Court Minutes Book A: 8; Tyler County, Texas Deeds Volume B: 155, Volume C: 243-244; Zemila Rotan household, 1860 U. S. census, Polk County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, Moscow post office, sheet 19, page 68, line 1, dwelling 440, family 459, 11 August 1860, NARA M653, roll 1303; Polk County, Texas Marriage Book A:7; *Sketches of Tyler County History* (Bevil Oaks Texas: Whitmeyer Printing, 1986), 119; Probate of John W. Rotan, Polk County, Texas Probate Book C:88, Case 199; C:125, 154, Case 222; J. W. Rotan entry, Polk County, Texas Tax Roll, 1858, pages 42-43, Family History Library micropublication roll 1006864; Emily Rotan household, 1870 U. S. census, Hopkins County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 1, Bright Star post office, page 13, line 5, dwelling 85, family 88, 30 July 1870, NARA M-593, roll 1592; Ann Rotan household, 1870 U. S. census, Hopkins County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, Black Oak post office, page 15, line 37, dwelling 104, family 104, 12 September 1870, NARA M-593, roll 1592; Wm. T. Rotan tombstone; Mrs. S. A. Rotan tombstone; Shirley Brook gave me the clue that the widow of John Willis Rotan migrated to Hopkins County, Texas, but I searched the public records on my own for Zemilia Rotan and her descendants.]

- *Polk County, Texas Probate Volume C: 125*
Feb Term 1859

No.222 Succession of } The application of
John Rotan } Zemila A. Rotan for
the appointing of appraisers of
the Estate of her deceased husband,
John Rotan, deceased. It is ordered
by the Court that Jesse R Lanes
Willemy Toullus and B W Many
be and they are hereby appointed
appraisers of said Estate and that
they repeat their action to the next
term of this Court.

- *Polk County, Texas Probate Volume C: 154*
June Term 1859

No. Succession of J. W. Rotan } The Inventory of the Community
222 Property of John Rotan & wife is by the Court received and
ordered to be recorded.
Whereupon Court adjourned until Court is in Court
June the 28th 1859

Wm McCormick
Ct Judge

John Willis Rotan, Jr. (1859 Tyler County, Texas-unknown), a son of **Zemilia [or Zimila] Ann Askew** (26 September 1828 Mississippi-19 June 1915 Hopkins County, Texas; buried Union Springs Cemetery, Hopkins County, Texas) and **John Willis Rotan, Sr.** (1826 Alabama-19 December 1858 Polk County, Texas), was a grandson of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas). He lived with his widowed mother and siblings on 11 August 1860 in Polk County, Texas. John Rotan was age 10, attended school, and lived with his mother and siblings at Bright Star, Hopkins County, Texas, on 30 Jul 1870. His family was counted a second time on the 1870 census on 12 September 1870, when they lived at Black Oak, Hopkins County, Texas, and his mother’s name was recorded as *Ann Rotan*. [Zemila Rotan household, 1860 U. S. census, Polk County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, Moscow post office, sheet 19, page 68, line 1, dwelling 440, family 459, 11 August 1860, NARA M653, roll 1303; Emily

Rotan household, 1870 U. S. census, Hopkins County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 1, Bright Star post office, page 13, line 5, dwelling 85, family 88, 30 July 1870, NARA M-593, roll 1592; Ann Rotan household, 1870 U. S. census, Hopkins County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, Black Oak post office, page 15, line 37, dwelling 104, family 104, 12 September 1870, NARA M-593, roll 1592]

John W. Rattan (about 1798 Kentucky-after 1818), a son of **Mary Buford** (1782 Tennessee-after 16 November 1850) and **Richard Rattan** (1776 Tryon, Polk County, North Carolina-after 1831) and a grandson 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). [Richard Rattan Family Group Record, Ancestral File, online <ancestry.com>, accessed 10 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]

Joseph Rotan (August 1869 Texas-unknown) was born to **Mary [Mollie] Curtis** (about 1845 Louisiana-unknown) and **George W. Rotan** (about 1843 Mississippi-unknown). He was a grandson of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas). On 06 August 1870, Joseph Rotan was almost one year old and lived with his parents and sisters at Houston, Harris County, Texas, where his father was a farmer. His sisters were **Octave Rotan**, age 7, **Emma Rotan**, age 5, and **Auguste Rotan**, age 3. [George Rotan household, 1870 U. S. census, Harris County, Texas, population schedule, Houston post office, sheet 676, page 76, line 14, dwelling 583, family 584, 06 August 1870, NARA M593, roll 1589]