

## Section V

**Vera Della Rotan** (14 February 1905 Texas-13 August 1994 in Tyler County, Texas. She lived at Woodville, Tyler County, Texas, when she died.

[Texas Death Records, online, <http://vitals.rootsweb.com/tx/death/search.cgi>, accessed 15 February 2001; Vera Rotan entry, 451-14-1278, issued in Texas before 1951, Social Security Death Index, online <http://www.ancestry.com/ancestry/search.asp>, accessed 01 September 1999]

## Section W

**Wade Hampton Rattan** (about 1812 Madison County, Illinois-25 December 1841 killed by Indians at Bird's Fort, Fannin County, Texas) was a son 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) was 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). Wade Hampton Rattan married \_\_\_ **Pyle**. The household of **Wade H. Rattan** was listed in Green County, Illinois in 1840 by **Andrew J. Witt**, enumerator and Wade's future brother-in-law. Wade was a male age 20 to 30; his wife was also age 20 to 30. Three young males lived in his household. One male age 5 to 10 may have been a son. Two males age 15 to 20 were too old to be his sons. [Wade H. Rattan household, 1840 U. S. census, Greene County, Illinois, Carrollton Precinct, page 80, line 13, December 1840, NARA M104, roll 60; 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; *History of Greene and Jersey Counties, Illinois* (Springfield, Illinois: Continental Historical Company, 1885), 1075, named Hamp Rattan as a son of Thomas Rattan in 1820 in Greene County, Illinois.]

**Wateree Creek** in Old Craven County, South Carolina, was the watercourse near the homes of **William Roden, John Roden, Thomas Roden, George Roden, and Jeremiah Potts** from the 1760s and later in the eighteenth century. [South Carolina Archives, Entries #0002-005-0012-00150-00, #0009-003-0008-00287-03, #0002-005-0024-00057-00, #0002-005-0024-00392-00, [online http://members.tripod.com/hawkmoon3/rodens.html](http://members.tripod.com/hawkmoon3/rodens.html), accessed 29 October 2004]

**Wills [Wells] Griffith** and **Elizabeth** his wife of Christian County, Kentucky, sold land in Christian County, Kentucky, to **William Griffith** of the same county, for \$400 on 01 April 1801. This land was granted to **Wells Griffith** by the State of Kentucky, Number 3488. Wells Griffith was the father of **Dan Griffith**, who married **Margaret Rotan**. **William Rotan** (1762-1841) and his family may have stopped long enough in Christian County after leaving Barren County, Kentucky, to be listed on the 1801 tax list in that county with two horses and no land. Since Margaret was only about six years old in 1801 and her family was living in Jackson County, Tennessee, by 1803, she did not marry Dan Griffith at that time. **Dan Griffith** is first found on White County, Tennessee tax rolls in 1817 and the couple probably married around that time in White County, Tennessee. [Christian County Genealogical Society, *Deed Abstracts of Books A-B-C-D-E and F for Christian County, Kentucky for the years 1797-1817* (Hopkinsville, KY: Christian Co. Gen. Soc., Inc., 1987), 25; Christian County, Kentucky Assessment Rolls for the year 1801]

**Wills [Wells] Griffith** had a deed witnessed by **Wm. Rotten** on 08 March 1790 in Spartanburg District/County, South Carolina. [Spartanburg County/District, South Carolina Deed Book B:339-340]

*Note: This evidence seems to tie William Rattan to Spartanburg County, South Carolina, in 1790.*

**William Albion Little Throckmorton** (20 September 1819 Sparta, White County, Tennessee-1856 Arkansas), 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 granddaughter of **William Rotan/Rhotan** (about 1762-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee), married **Mary Eliza Fletcher** in March 1840. [James Webb Throckmorton obituary, *The Dallas Morning News*, 22 April 1894]

**William Edward Rotan** (14 July 1828 Sparta, White County, Tennessee-09 February 1906 Stanberry, Gentry County, Missouri; buried Cooper Cemetery, Gentry County, Missouri), a son of **Cynthia Jones** (1812 White County, Tennessee-after 1884 Illinois) and **John Minor Rotan** (about 1807-by May 1837 White County, Tennessee), and grandson of **William Rotan** (about 1760 South Carolina-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee), joined a military company to fight in the Mexican War when he was seventeen years old. His military record described him as 5 feet, 7 inches in height with blue eyes, black hair, and fair complexion. He married **Catherine Gray** (unknown-about 1853) at an unknown date and place. Catherine Gray Rotan died about 1853 and William Edward Rotan married a woman who may have been her sister, **Sarah Gray** (unknown- about 1857), on 28 May 1854 in Clinton County, Missouri, with **William Bradford**, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, officiating. Sarah Gray and William Edward Rotan had a daughter, **Malinda E. Rotan**, before Sarah died about 1857. Malinda E. Rotan married **James J. Milligan** on 16 May 1879 in Worth County, Missouri. [*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); Work of Rotan family researchers, supplied 18 August 1999 by Nancy Kessler]

On 20 February 1857, William Edward Rotan may have bought 159.46 acres of land in Clinton County, Missouri. He moved to Platte City, Platte County, Missouri in 1858 and to Marion County, Illinois in 1864. William Edward Rotan married **Sarah Jane Oliver** (05 May 1845 Omega, Marion County, Illinois-28 May 1927 Stanberry, Gentry County, Missouri), a daughter

of **Mahala Wilson** and **Wesley Smith Oliver**, in Marion County, Illinois on 16 March 1865 in Marion County, Illinois. Sarah Jane Oliver and William Edward Rotan had seven children. Their children were **Nancy H. Rotan** (1866 Illinois-30 December 1915 Gentry County, Missouri), who married **Ammon Perry** on 29 October 1891 in Gentry County, Missouri; **John W. Rotan** (1868 Louisville, Clay County, Illinois-unknown); **Martha Rotan** (1870 Louisville, Clay County, Illinois-unknown), who married **John Davis** on 24 December 1891 in Gentry County, Missouri; **Byron M. Rotan** (1872 Louisville, Clay County, Illinois-unknown), who married **Hulda E. King** on 08 September 1898 in Gentry County, Missouri; **William Rotan** (1876 Louisville, Clay County, Illinois-before 1906); **Minnie Mahala Rotan** (11 February 1878 Worth County, Missouri-06 February 1962 Moberly, Randolph County), and, **Walter O. Rotan** (08 March 1885 Gentry County, Missouri-unknown). William Edward Rotan was a farmer. He and his family lived in Clay County, Illinois in 1870 and in Worth County, Illinois in 1880. In 1900 they lived in Gentry County, Missouri, and niece **Ada Rotan** and nephew **Edwin Rotan** lived in the household. [*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, Illinois Marriage Volume D: 26, License 90; I am indebted to the work of Rotan family researchers, supplied 18 August 1999 by Nancy Kessler]

**William E. Rotan** (05 October 1858 Polk County, Texas-21 April 1890; buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) 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 a 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; W. E. Rotan tombstone; Lucinda Barnes Rotan tombstone; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198)]

**William Garnett** (1828 Kentucky-after 06 August 1870) married his first cousin, **Sarah Fitzgerald Sadler** (1818 Alabama-after 06 August 1870), a daughter of **Elizabeth Rotan/Rhotan Fitzgerald** (1784 South Carolina-October or November 1845 Fannin County, ) and **Jabez Fitzgerald** (before 1786 Tennessee-before 27 November 1843 Fannin County, Texas, when his probate came to court), on 03 July 1856 in Fannin County, Texas. On 06 August 1870, they lived in Collin County, Texas, where William was a farmer. They had a daughter, **Caroline Garnett**, age 13 and a student. Also living in their household were possible children of Sarah Sadler from her earlier marriage to **William Saddler**. They were **Martha Saddler**, age 22 and born in Texas, and **William Sadler**, age 17 and born in Texas. Ten-year-old **Rachel Pace**, a student, also lived in the Garnett household. Her kinship to the family has not been determined, but she may have been a niece. [William Garnett household, 1870 U. S. census, Collin County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, Highland post office, stamp 434, page 34, line 28, dwelling 220, family 230, 06 August 1870, NARA M593, roll 1579; Fannin County, Texas Marriage Book A (1850-1865)]

**William R. Fitzgerald** (about 1811, White County, Tennessee-unknown), a son of **Elizabeth Rotan/Rhotan Fitzgerald** (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), arrived in Texas as a married man in January 1838 and received 640 acres of land from the Republic of Texas. He was a farmer in Fannin County, Texas, on 29 January 1851. His wife was **Nancy A. \_\_\_** (about 1820 Georgia-unknown) and they had five children by 1851. Their children were **J. E. Fitzgerald**, an eight-year-old daughter; **Sarah Fitzgerald**, a six-year-old daughter; **F. Fitzgerald**, a four-year-old son, **Robert P. Fitzgerald**, another four-year-old son, and **M. H. Fitzgerald**, a one-year-old son. All of the children in their household in 1851 were born in Texas. [William Fitzgerald file, Certificate 107, General Land Office of Texas; Jabez Fitzgerald probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Minutes, Book A: 292; Book C: 349, 367; Wm. R. Fitzgerald (sic) household, 1850 U. S. census, Fannin County, Texas, population schedule, no township given, page 166A, line 18, household 280, family 280, 29 January 1851, NARA M432, roll 910]

**William Rhoden** was granted 200 acres on Wateree Creek, Craven County, South Carolina, on 12 March 1765. *Note that William Rotton/Rotan (1762-1841), father of Mary Ann, was about three years old at the time.* This man may be a brother of Richard Rotten, who received land in 1756. [Entry #0002-005-0012-00150-00, South Carolina Archives, accessed online <http://members.tripod.com/hawkmoon3/rodens.html>, accessed 29 October 2004]

**William Roden** received 200 acres in Old Craven County, South Carolina, on 15 December 1763. [Again, William Rotton/Rotan (1762-1841) was a small child at this time.] [Entry #0009-003-0008-00287-03, South Carolina Archives, accessed online <http://members.tripod.com/hawkmoon3/rodens.html>, accessed 29 October 2004]

**William Roden** gave land for the building of Wateree Creek Baptist Church in Old Craven County, South Carolina, on 06 December 1763. He may be the same man listed above. [Townsend, *South Carolina Baptists*, as cited online at <http://members.tripod.com/hawkmoon3/rodens.html>, accessed 29 October 2004]

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

**William Roden** was shown as number 51 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), **John Roden** (number 24), **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]

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

**William Rotton, Sr.**, and **John Rotton, Sr.**, were referred to as “brothers jointly” of South Carolina on 12 May 1791 in a lease and release given to **Edward Ballenger** of Spartanburg County, South Carolina, for 60£ sterling, 300 acres on both sides of the south branch of Lawson’s Fork waters of Pacolaet [Pacolet] River, which was granted to **John Rotton** by Wm. Tryon, Governor of North Carolina and conveyed to **William Rotton**. Since the deed was lost, both signed the conveyance to Ballenger. [Spartanburg County, South Carolina Deed Book B:553-534, online <http://members.tripod.com/~hawkmoon3/rodens.html>, accessed 28 October 2004]

*Note: This land was in North Carolina when it was granted. The North Pacolet River is in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, while the Pacolet River is in Union County, South Carolina. The deed does not state that the brothers were from Spartanburg County, but that Ballenger was.*

**William Rottan/Rotan** (1762-1841) may have been closely kin to the two **John Rottan/Rattan** men in Barren County, Kentucky, but there were other unidentified men with various spellings of **Rotan** who lived in Barren, Green, Logan, and Warren counties of Kentucky, who might also be kin. They were:

1. 1795 – **Samuel Routen** married **Elizabeth Walker** on 22<sup>nd</sup> of August in Green County, Kentucky. The identity of **Samuel Routen** is not known. [Green County, Kentucky Marriages, compiled by Sandra K. Gorin (Glasgow, KY: Gorin Genealogical Publishing, n. d.), page not found]
2. 1797 – **Wm & Wm Rottan** were referred to in a land transaction in Green County, Kentucky, in which **Hardin Williams** took up 200 acres of land that bordered the two men named **William Rottan**. One of these men was surely William Rotan/Rotton (1762-1841). **Wm Rotten** entered land in Green County, Kentucky, on Spring Creek and Chapman Furgerson’s line in 1798 and sold the same land to Jacob Howdeshell in 1803. *Conclusion: William Rotan/Rotton* (1762-1841) was probably a son of an older **William Rottan** (who may have been born in the 1830s, making him a candidate for the brother of the older John Rottan, Sr.). [Green County Entries 1780-1812, Logan County Entries 1796-1815 and Warren County Entries 1797-1799 of Original Lands in Barren County, KY, compiled by Sandra K. Gorin (n. p.: by compiler, 1991), 9, 29]
3. 1798 – **Henry Rotan** took up 200 acres of land on Little Barren in Green County, Kentucky. On 14 November 1798. **Henry Rhoaden** received 170 acres in Logan County, Kentucky, south of the Green River. **William Rotan** (1762-1841) may have been related to **Henry Rotan**. [Green County Entries 1780-1812, Logan County Entries 1796-1815 and Warren County Entries 1797-1799 of Original Lands in Barren County, KY, compiled by Sandra K. Gorin (n. p.: by compiler, 1991), 35; Kentucky Land Grants, Volume 1, Chapter IV, Grants South of Green River (1797-1866), page 396]
4. 1801 - **Nehemiah Rotten**, who died between July and October 1803 court in Barren County, Kentucky, filed pre entry for 100 acres in Barren County at July Court 1801. There were two men named Nehemiah Rotten in Barren County; one was called Jr. William may have been related to Nehemiah, although only Nehemiah’s wife was named in the will and William did leave Barren County in 1801 before the death of Nehemiah.; Barren County, Kentucky Deed Book Before A: 26-27]
5. 1803 - **Richard Rotan** held property in Barren County, Kentucky, in September 1803, when **William** and **Rosey Rotan** sold their property in that county to **Jacob Howdeshell**. The deed mentions “thence East 180 poles binding **Rich’d Rotan** to a black and post oak thence South...” in describing the boundaries of the plot of land. [Barren County, Kentucky Deed Book A:450]

**William Rotan/Rotton/Rhotan** (1762 probably South Carolina-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee) may have had “200 acres of second rate land surveyed on Spring Creek beginning on Chapman Ferguson’s line on the north side of said creek and to run down the creek for compliment” in Green County, Kentucky, on 20 September 1798, under No. 731. [Abstracts of Green County Land Entries, compiled by R. N. Smith and Laura Lee Butler (Burkesville, KY: by compilers, 1975), 50]

Green County, Kentucky, was form in 1792 from Lincoln and Nelson counties. Part or all of the following counties were taken from the area that was once Green County—Adair, Barren, Clinton, Cumberland, Hart, McCreary, Metcalfe, Monroe, Pulaski, Russel, Taylor and Wayne...The great bulk of the records are *South of Green River* entries of 1798 and 1799. [R. N. Smith and Laura Lee Butler, compilers, *Abstracts of Green County Land Entries* (Burkesville, KY: by compilers, 1975), Introduction]

William Rotan/Rotton (1762-1841) can first be identified in Barren County, Kentucky by 27 August 1799, when 200 acres of land were surveyed for him on Blue Spring Creek. For the years 1799 and 1800, when he was about 37 and 38 years old, William was listed on Barren County, Kentucky assessment rolls, along with **John Rotan/Rottan** (in 1799-1804), **John Rotan, Sr.** (in 1799). Other people with similar surnames in Barren County from 1799 through 1804 were **Jeremiah Rotan** (in 1804), **Nehemiah Roten, Sr.** (in 1801-1802), **Nehemiah Roten, Jr.** (in 1802), and **Sarah Rotan** (in 1803-1804). A second man named **William Rotan** was listed in 1799, but his identity is not yet known. One **John Rotan** (1747 North Carolina-11 October 1821

Madison County, Illinois; buried Vaughn Cemetery, Madison County, Illinois), who standardized the spelling of his surname as **Rattan**, migrated to Madison County, Illinois, after 1804. He may have been a brother of William and the other **John Rotan** (1720s-unknown) could have been their father, or an uncle of William's. The second **William Rotan** who lived in Barren County in 1799 may have been the father of William Rotan (1762-1841). [Barren County, Kentucky Tax Lists, 1799 through 1816, compiled by Sandra K. Gorin (Glasgow, KY: Gorin Genealogical, 1992), 163]

Barren County, Kentucky Court Order Books, 1799-1818:

July Court 1799, Barren County, Kentucky – “Ordered that **Thomas Parsons** be appointed a Constable this County he having made Oath and together with **Wm Rotton** and **David Dickson** his Securities entered into bond in the penalty of 500 dollars Conditions as the law directs.”

“Ordered that **Wm Rottan** be appointed a Constable in this County he having made Oath and together with **David Thompson** and **David Dickson** his Securities entered into bond in the penalty of 500 dollars conditions as the Law directs.” [Barren County, Kentucky Court Order Books, 1799-1818, page number torn, Family History Library microfilm 209735]

1798-**William Rotten** had land surveyed in Green County, Kentucky, on Spring Creek and bordering Chapman Furgerson's line in 1798. This area later became Barren County. [Survey Entries in Green County, Kentucky Court House, 1780-1812, page 83, compiled by Sandra K. Gorin, *Green Co Entries 1780-1912, Logan Co Entries 1796-1815 and Warren Co Entries 1797-1799 of Original Lands in Barren County, KY* (n. p.: by compiler, 2001), 9]

27 August 1799 – “Barren County State of Kentucky Surveyed for **Wm Rotten** 200 acres of 2<sup>nd</sup> rate land by virtue of a Commissioners Cert No 1560 lying in the drafts of the Blue Spring Creek Beginning at **Harden Williams** Beginning a black and white oak thence N 55 W 48 poles to a hickory on a conditional line between sd **Rotton** and **Parsons** thence West 65 poles to two post oaks thence North 180 poles to a stake binding on **Parsons** thence East 180 poles binding on **Rich<sup>d</sup> Rotten** to a black and post oak thence S 40 E 80 poles to **Harden Williams** line thence S 36 W 180 poles to the Beginning Surveyed August 27<sup>th</sup> 1799

Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Coker DS

Dan<sup>l</sup> Curd SBC

**John Lee            Hardin Williams    CC”**

[Barren County, Kentucky Surveyors' Book, 1799-1908, page 39, Family History Library microfilm 1697959, Item 18; Middle Tennessee Entry Book 54: 4, Number 8]

NOTE: Since William's son, Richard, was too young to own land in 1799, this Richard Rotten may have been a brother of William's. One Rich Rotton received 200 acres in Jackson County (a parent of White County), Tennessee, on the south branch of Spring Creek on 09 March 1802. Did he migrate with our William? William's son, Richard, was only about 20 years old in 1803, as I can determine.]

**William Rotan/Rotton/Rhotan** left Barren County before 1801 and began his migration to Jackson County, Tennessee, where he lived on 10 September 1803 when he and Rosey sold their Barren County, Kentucky, land to **Jacob Howdeshell**. Part of Jackson County, Tennessee, became White County in 1806. By 05 April 1807, William Rotan was living in White County, Tennessee, when he was empanelled on a grand jury in that county. In the first year of extant tax records in White County, 1811, **William Rotton** paid a poll for himself (son Richard paid his own and son John M. was too young to pay), but he was dropped from the poll list following the year 1812. Although he continued to pay county and state taxes on slaves and land, he had surely reached his fiftieth birthday. Therefore, a somewhat firm date of 1762 can be set for the birth of William Rotan. He owned three slaves and 320 acres of land on Lick Creek that he received by grant. On 23 March 1813, Wm. Rotton signed a petition in White County to authorize the continuation of a turnpike that had opened in 1809. [Barren County, Kentucky Deed Volume A:450-452, Family History Library Roll 0209719; Court of Pleas and Quarter Session, White County, Tennessee, County Clerk's Court Minutes, Volume 7:20, 05 April 1807, Tennessee State Library and Archives micropublication 23; 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, for year 1812, page 73, Tennessee State Library Archives micropublication 123; Petitions to the General Assembly of Tennessee, Legislative Petitions 1812-1813, Tennessee State Library and Archives microfilm roll 4]

William Rotan married **Rosey [Rosann]** [maiden name unknown, but it may have been **Middleton** (1760s-before 1830 White County, Tennessee) about 1781. They became parents of nine known children. According to William's probate proceedings, their offspring were **Richard M. Rhotan/Rotton/Rotan** (about 1782-by October Term of Chicot County, Arkansas 1833), who married **Susanna** \_\_\_ (15 November 1786-18 April 1858 Chicot County, Arkansas; buried private cemetery, Lake Hall Plantation, Chicot County, Arkansas); **Elizabeth Rotan** (1784 South Carolina-October or November 1845 Fannin County, Texas), who married **Jabez Fitzgerald** (before 1786 Tennessee-before 27 November 1843 Fannin County, Texas); **Sarah Rotan** (about 1790 South Carolina- between 29 May 1843 and 25 May 1846 Fannin County, Texas), who married **James T. Garnett** (1780-by 01 December 1840 Fannin County, Texas); **Mary Ann Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-09 November 1860 Tyler County, Texas), who married **Peter Cauble** (1786-09 March 1870 Tyler County, Texas); of **Margaret Rotan** (1795 South Carolina-before 07 June 1860), who married **Dan Griffith** (1792 South Carolina-after 07 June 1860); **Susan Rotan Throckmorton** (about 1798 South Carolina or Kentucky-about 1839 Arkansas), who married Dr. **William Edward Throckmorton** (1795 Virginia-02 October 1843; buried Throckmorton Cemetery, Collin County, Texas); **Martha W. Rotan/Rhoton** (1801 Tennessee-01 April 1884 Waco, McLennan County, Texas); of **Nancy Hampton Rotan** (24 September 1806-1855 White County, Tennessee), who married

**Severe/Sevier Evans** (08 March 1802-27 November 1847 White County, Tennessee); **John Minor Rhoton/Rottan** (about 1807 White County, Tennessee-by May 1837 White County, Tennessee), who married **Cynthia Jones** (1812 White County, Tennessee-after 1884 Illinois).

When William Rotan and Rosey sold their 200 acres on Blue Spring creek in Barren County, Kentucky to Jacob Howdeshell for £145, the deed was witnessed by **John Rotan** (who marked with an R), **Dan Curd**, **Wm. Renick**, and **John Houdeshell**. A release of Rosey Rotan's dower was signed by **Wm. Renick** and **Dan Curd** on the same day. When the 1820 U. S. census was taken in White County, Tennessee, William Rotan's household consisted of two males under ten, one male age 16 to 18, one male age 18-26, one male age 26 to 45, one male over age 45, three females age 16 to 26, one female 26 to 45, and one female over age 45. On 30 November 1830, the household of William Rotan was counted on the U. S. census in White County, Tennessee. Living next farm to **Dan Griffith**, the Rotan household consisted of nine people. They were one white male age 5 to 10, one white male age 15 to 20, one white male age 20 to 30, and one white male age 70 to 80 (**William** who was about age 71). The identity of the other males is uncertain. One white female lived in his household and she was probably the 29-year-old **Martha W. Rotan** (1801 Tennessee-01 April 1884 Waco, McLennan County, Texas), who was age 20 to 30. The other members of William's household were slaves. One male was age 24 to 35 and one was age 55 to 100. Two female slaves were age 24 to 35. By the 1840 U. S. census, William Rotan lived as the only white person in his household of sixteen person when the 1840 U. S. census was taken. Eight free persons of color lived in this household—five males under age 10, one female under age 10, one female between age 10 and 23, one female between age 24 and 36. Seven slaves lived in his household—two males under age 10, two males between age 24 and 35, one male between age 55 and 100, one female between age 24 and 36, and one female between age 36 and 55. One blind person lived in the household and two persons were employed in agriculture. William Rotan was not listed as a Revolutionary War pensioner on this census. [Sylvia M. Kibart and Rita M. Adams, editors, *Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas*, Volume 1 (Wolfe City, TX: Henington Publishing Company, 1989), 184-186; AIS Census Index <<http://www.ancestry.com/census/main.asp>>, assessed 29 September 1999; William Rotan household, 1820 U. S. census, White County, Tennessee, population schedule, no township given, online <http://www.keathleywebs.com/cgi-bin/wccensus.cgi>, accessed 28 September 1999; William Rotan household, 1830 U. S. census, White County, Tennessee, population schedule, no township given, page 21, line 14, 30 November 1830, NARA M19, roll 182; William Rotan household, 1840 U. S. census, White County, Tennessee, District 2, page 19, stamp 11, line 18, no date given, NARA M704, roll 536; Nancy Kessler (2001 Holly Avenue, No. 113, Columbia, Missouri 65202) to Writer, email, 08 August 1999; Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, Decd, White County, Tennessee chancery Court Minutes Book A: 113-114; Tennessee Records, online <http://ancestry.com/ancestry/search.asp>, accessed 07 October 1999; James T. Garnett probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Book A: 154, 159, 174-175, 477]

The nine known children of **Rosamond/Rosann [Rosey]** \_\_\_\_ (about 1760s-before 1830 White County, Tennessee) and **William Rotan/Rhotan** (about 1762-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee) were:

**1. Richard M. Rhotan/Rotan** (about 1782-by October Term of Chicot County, Arkansas 1833), who married **Susanna** \_\_\_\_ (15 November 1786-18 April 1858 Chicot County, Arkansas; buried private cemetery, Lake Hall Plantation, Chicot County, Arkansas) and had two sons and a daughter. [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]

**2. Elizabeth Rotan** (1784-October or November 1847 Fannin County, Texas), who married **Jabez Fitzgerald** (before 1786 Tennessee-before 27 November 1843 Fannin County, Texas) in White County, Tennessee. The couple left White County about 1813, when Jabez's name disappeared from the county clerk's minute book. Perhaps, they traveled to Kentucky along with the Garnett family. By 1830 they lived in Marion County, Alabama, and moved on to Fannin County, Texas, later in the decade. Some of their children married their Garnett cousins. [Jabez Fitzgerald probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Book A: 154, 159, 174-175, 477]

**3. Sarah Rotan** (about 1790 South Carolina-between 22 February 1841 and 25 May 1846 Fannin County, Texas), who married **James T. Garnett** (1780 to 1790-by 01 December 1840 Fannin County, Texas) about 1813 in White County, Tennessee. The couple migrated to Kentucky before settling in Marion County, Alabama by 1830, where they were recorded with three sons and five daughters. They eventually moved to Fannin County, Texas. [James T. Garnett vs. Edward Foster & Edmund Hawin, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, White County, Tennessee County Clerk's Minute Book 9:127, Tennessee State Library and Archives micropublication roll 23; 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; Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, decd, White County, Tennessee Chancery Court Minute Book A, pages 113-114; James T. Garnett probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Book A: 154, 159, 174-175, 477]

**4. Mary Ann Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-1860 Tyler County, Texas; buried Cauble-Burch Cemetery, Peach Tree Village, Tyler County, Texas), who married **Peter Cauble** (1784 North Carolina-1870 Tyler County, Texas; buried Cauble-Burch Cemetery, Peach Tree Village, Tyler County, Texas) probably in White County, Tennessee. They lived in Franklin and Marion counties of Alabama and in Tyler County, Texas. They had nine known children. [Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, decd, White County, Tennessee Chancery Court Minute Book A, pages 113-114; White County, Tennessee Statements and Wills, Book C, page 10; Mary Ann Rotan Cauble tombstone; Peter Cauble tombstone]

**5. Margaret Rotan** (1795 South Carolina-before 07 June 1860), who married **Dan Griffith** (1792 South Carolina-after 07 June 1806) about 1815 and had three sons and a daughter by 1830, when they lived next farm to William Rotan. Another son and daughter were born in 1831 and 1834. They lived in Butler County, Missouri, on 30 October 1850. Dan Griffith was appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of William Rotan. Dan Griffith lived in the household of his son, **Dan Griffith** (1831 White County, Tennessee-after 07 June 1860), in Fulton County, Arkansas, on 07 June 1860. [Dan Griffith household, 1830 U. S. census, population schedule, no township given, page 21, line 15, 30 November 1830, NARA M19, roll 182; William Rotan, Dec'd, Letters of Administration, White County, Tennessee Statements and Wills, Book C, page 10; Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, decd, White County, Tennessee Chancery Court Minute Book A, pages 113-114; Dan Griffith household, 1850 U. S. census, Butler County, Missouri, population schedule, District 10 being, stamp page 166, line 25, dwelling 233, family 239, 30 October 1850, NARA M432, roll 393; Dan Griffith household, 1860 U. S. census, Fulton County, Arkansas, population schedule, Pleasant Ridge Township, Ash Flat post office, stamp page 419, line 13, dwelling 91, family 17, 07 June 1860, NARA M653, roll 41]

**6. Susan Jane Rotan** (about 1798 South Carolina or Kentucky-about 1839 Arkansas), who married Dr. **William Edward Throckmorton** (1795 Virginia-02 October 1843; buried Throckmorton Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) 10 December 1818 probably in White County, Tennessee, and had six children. [Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, decd, White County, Tennessee Chancery Court Minute Book A, pages 113-114; William Edward Throckmorton tombstone; James Webb Throckmorton obituary, *The Dallas Morning News*, 22 April 1894; Washington County, Arkansas Deeds Book A: 149; William E. Throckmorton probate proceedings, Washington County, Arkansas Probate Book A: 273; Frances Grimes Sutherwood, *Throckmorton Family History* (no publication details known) and Throckmorton Family Bible, which was in the possession of Mrs. Mary Throckmorton Byrne of Goliad, Texas, in 1925 supplied facts about the lives of Susan Jane Rotan and William E. Throckmorton and their family; data from both as well as his research notes of the Throckmorton family were supplied by Michael A. Ports (754 McHenry Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21230) to Writer, Letter, 29 November 1997]

**7. Martha W. Rhoton/Rotan** (1800 White County, Tennessee-01 April 1884 Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), who never married and had a son, **J. Edward Rotan** (09 April 1844 White County, Tennessee-10 March 1932, Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas). [White County, Tennessee Statements and Wills, Book C, page 10; List of Property and Polls Taken in White County, Tennessee, Years 1848 and 1849, District 1, Tennessee State Library, Family History Library microfilm 0507969; Nancy Eavans household, 1850 U. S. census, White County, Tennessee, population schedule, District 1, page 13, line 24, dwelling 160, family 160, 25 July 1850, NARA M432, roll 900; Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, decd, White County, Tennessee Chancery Court Minute Book A, pages 113-114; Thomas Snodgrass household, 1860 U. S. census, White County, Tennessee, population schedule, Sparta post office, page 3, stamp 84, line 36, dwelling 20, family 20, 01 June 1860, NARA T9, roll 278]

**8. Nancy Hampton Rotan** (24 September 1806 White County, Tennessee-1855; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, White County, Tennessee), who married Colonel **Severe/Sevier Evans/Eavans** (08 March 1802-27 November 1847; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, White County, Tennessee) about 1830 and had two sons and a daughter. [Nancy Eavans (sic) household, 1850 U. S. census, White County, Tennessee, population schedule, District 1, page 13, line 24, dwelling 160, family 160, 25 July 1850, NARA M432, roll 900; Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, decd, White County, Tennessee Chancery Court Minute Book A, pages 113-114; White County, Tennessee Will Book C: 309; White County, Tennessee Will Book E, page 171; Nancy Rotan Evans tombstone; William Rotan Evans tombstone; Nancy Kessler (2001 Holly Avenue, No. 113, Columbia, Missouri 65202) to Writer, email messages, 07 and 08 August 1999; Tennessee Records, online <<http://ancestry.com/ancestry/search.asp>>, accessed 07 October 1999]

**9. John Minor Rhotan/Rotan** (about 1807 White County, Tennessee-by May 1837 White County, Tennessee), who married **Cynthia Jones** (1812 White County, Tennessee-after 1884 Illinois) about 1827 probably in White County, Tennessee, and had three sons and two daughters. [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]

**William Rotan**, age 18 to 25, was a resident of Lawrence County, Mississippi, in 1820. His household consisted of one female age 16 to 25, who was surely his wife, and one female under age 10, who was surely his daughter. This **William Rotan** may have been a son or a brother of **Neriah Rotton**, who was also listed on page 70 of the same census. [William Rotan household, 1820 U. S. census, Lawrence County, Mississippi, population schedule, Township 8, page 74, line 1, no month and day given, NARA M33, roll 57]

**William Rotan** (1868 McLennan County, Texas-unknown) was a son daughter of **Clotelia B. McGee** (1844 Louisiana-16 May 1878 McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas) and **William T. Rotan** (1835 Mississippi-after 21 December 1878), a grandson of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas). He was age 2 on 20 July 1870, but nothing more of his life was found. [Nancy McGee household, 1870 U.S. census, McLennan County, Texas, population schedule, Waco post office, East of the Brazos River District, page 39, line 25, household 269, family 272, 20 July 1870, NARA M593, roll 1598]

**William Rotan Evans** (24 September 1834-24 September 1857 White County, Tennessee; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, White County, Tennessee) was born to **Nancy Hampton Rotan** (24 September 1806 White County, Tennessee-1855; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, White County, Tennessee) and Colonel **Severe/Sevier Evans/Eavans** (08 March 1802-27 November 1847; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, White County, Tennessee). William Rotan Evans was a grandson of **William Rotan** (about 1760-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee). On 25 July 1850 William lived with his widowed mother, his aunt, **Martha W. Rotan** (1801 Tennessee-01 April 1884 Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), and his cousin, **J. Edward Rotan** (09 April 1844 White County, Tennessee-10 March 1932, Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), at Sparta, White County, Tennessee. On 7 January 1852, William R. Evans married Mary E. McManus in White County, Tennessee, with William Clayton, Esq., officiating. [Nancy Eavans (sic) household, 1850 U. S. census, White County, Tennessee, population schedule, District 1, page 13, line 24, dwelling 160, family 160, 25 July 1850, NARA M432, roll 900; Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, decd, White County, Tennessee Chancery Court Minute Book A, pages 113-114; Nancy Kessler (2001 Holly Avenue, No. 113, Columbia, Missouri 65202) to Writer, email, 08 August 1999; Tennessee Records, online <http://ancestry.com/ancestry/search.asp>, accessed 07 October 1999; White County, Tennessee Marriage Book, 1809-1859, page 40]

**William S. Rattan** (about 1824 Illinois-1850 on the way to California Gold Rush; buried at sea) was a son 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) 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). William S. Rattan, age 23, served as a private in Fannin County, Texas, Company B when the unit was mustered into federal service on 24 February 1847. William S. Rattan received a disability discharge on 24 November 1847, probably as a war casualty.

His unit was mustered out of federal service on 30 June 1848. William S. Rattan never married. [Thomas Rattan tombstone; Gillian Hill Rattan tombstone; 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; Charles D. Spurlin, *Texas Volunteers in the Mexican War* (Austin: Eakin Press, 1998), 229-230]

**William Thomas Rotan** (1853 Tyler County, Texas-1929; 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 lived with his widowed mother and siblings in Polk County on 11 August 1860. His mother's family was recorded twice on the Hopkins County, Texas, census in 1870. They lived at Bright Star post office on 30 July 1870, when William was age 15, and at Black Oak post office on 12 September 1870, when William had turned age 16. He married **Annie Lou Morris** (1863-1938; buried Hughes Springs Cemetery, Cass County, Texas) on 25 December 1883 in Hopkins County, Texas. On the 1894 Hopkins County, Texas assessment roll, **W. T. Rotan**, abstract 594, was levied tax on 74 acres from **B. Merrill** survey, valued at \$300. [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; Hopkins County, Texas Marriage Volume 5: 263; Hopkins County, Texas Assessment Roll, 1894, Wm. T. Rotan tombstone; Annie L. Rotan tombstone]

**William T. Rotan** (about 1835 Mississippi-after 21 December 1882), a son of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas) and possibly of his wife, **Sarah Robinson** (unknown Alabama-before 1850), served as a private in Company E, Fourth Texas Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Hood's Texas Brigade, Longstreet's Corps, Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. Company E was organized in McLennan County, Texas, and enrolled at Waco, Texas, on 13 July 1861. The local designation for the company was *Lone Star Guards* and its 100 men marched out of Waco soon after their enrollment in the summer of 1861 with a band playing, dogs barking, and friends and relatives shouting fond words of farewell. Some of the children, dogs, and sweethearts followed along for several miles until the company disappeared from sight on the Marlin road to the south. Company E was mustered into Confederate service at Richmond, Virginia, on 16 September 1861, for the duration of the war, having spent the summer enroute. Over the next four years, the company fought a Gaines' Mill, Second Manassas, Antietam, and Chickamauga, suffering casualty rates of over 40%. The original company commander was **Captain Edward D. Ryan**, who was wounded at Gaines' Mill and died 04 July 1862 at St. Frances de Sales Hospital, Richmond, Virginia. Of the 122 men who served in the company over its four-year history, twenty-eight men of the company were killed, forty-three were wounded, and five were taken prisoner. [Harold B. Simpson, *Gaines' Mill to Appomattox, Waco & McLennan County in Hood's Texas Brigade* (Waco: Texian Press, 1988), preface, 278-279]

Private **W. T. Rotan** was reported sick in Richmond Hospital from 09 October until 05 November 1861. He was detailed as Brigade Teamster on 29 November 1861 and continued at that assignment until he once again became a patient for an unspecified length of time in Richmond Hospital, beginning on 15 August 1862. He was hospitalized at the same institution for a third time on 26 February 1863. His company was ordered to the Wilderness, north of the Orange Plank Road, near Orange courthouse, Virginia, before dawn on the morning of 06 May 1864 and received orders directly from General Robert E. Lee to charge the Federal troops with bayonets fixed. Some critics have said that the plan was to sacrifice the Texas companies at this battle, but Longstreet recalled them before they were annihilated. In response to General Lee's order, **W. T. Rotan** was wounded and three of his fighting friends of three years—**Lieutenant Ed Tilly**, **Sergeant John W. Johnston**, and **Private C. A. Wideman**—were killed at the Battle of the Wilderness. The severity of wounds and the date of discharge for **W. T. Rotan** was not recorded, but his name was not among the company's original remaining twenty men, commanded by a sergeant, who surrendered at Appomattox. Probably Rotan began the long walk back to Texas as soon as his wounds allowed. [Harold B. Simpson, *Gaines' Mill to Appomattox, Waco & McLennan County in Hood's Texas Brigade* (Waco: Texian Press, 1988), preface, 278-279]

After his return to McLennan County, Texas, William T. Rotan married on 02 February 1865. He married **Clotelia B. McGee** (1844 Louisiana-16 May 1878 Bold Springs, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), with A. Davis, M. G., officiating. In the tax year 1866, W. T. Rotan paid his poll and declared no property in McLennan County, Texas. On 20 July 1870 William worked as a painter and the couple, their daughter, and son lived with Clotelia's mother, **Nancy A. McGee** (1821 Georgia-unknown), brother **Alphis McGee** (1854 Texas-unknown), and sister, **Josephine McGee** (1856 Texas-unknown). Their daughter, **Lillian [Lilly] Rotan** (25 December 1865 McLennan County, Texas-04 January 1958 Sterling County, Texas), was age 5 and their son, **William Rotan** (1868 McLennan County, Texas-unknown), was age 2. The couple had another daughter, **Anna [Annie] Bell Rotan** (1875 Hill County, Texas-unknown), in 1875 and Clotelia McGee Rotan died in 1878. Annie was cared for by her aunt, **Mariah Jane Rotan Cauble** (1830 Alabama-25 January 1882 Cherokee County, Texas), who had no children of her own—only two married stepdaughters. When Jane Rotan Cauble died early in 1882, she left her considerable estate to Annie, disappointing other family members. **Lillian Rotan** lived with the family of her aunt, **Anthony J. McGee**, and uncle, **J. C. Boone**, on 05 June 1880 on their farm in McLennan County. Where William Rotan lived after the death of his mother was not found. [McLennan County, Texas Marriage Book 1, page 43; McLennan County, Texas Assessment Roll, year 1866, Office of the State Comptroller, Texas State Library and Archives, microfilm roll 632; Nancy McGee household, 1870 U.S. census, McLennan County, Texas, population schedule, East of the Brazos River, Waco post office, sheet 73, page 39, line 25, dwelling 269, family 272, 20 July 1870, NARA M593, roll 1598; Mariah Jane Cauble will, Hill County, Texas Probate Book 6:461-467; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198); See also N. A. McGee household, 1860 U. S. census, McLennan County, Texas, population schedule, Bold Springs post office, sheet 420, page 70, line 12, dwelling 459, family 459, 07 July 1860, NARA M653, roll 1300; Martha Stamp death certificate, number 4172,

Form D, City of Austin, number 3710, supplied by Judy Womack (2710 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Texas 79413, on 29 October 1998, stated that Martha's mother was Sarah Robinson; Trina Beth Reed Johnson to Writer, telephone conversation, 27 July 1999.]

**William Wroten** married **Isabella Tilman** on 23 February 1819 in Lawrence County, Mississippi. [Texas Marriages to 1850, online <http://sse.dll?DB=EAMTX&SE=SSE.DLL&DATABASEID=3000&DB=EAMTX&GSI=1601137>, accessed 23 October 1999]

**Willis Arlon Rotan** (13 December 1896 Leonard, Fannin County, Texas-21 August 1983 El Paso County, Texas) registered for World War I military draft at Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas, on 15 June 1918. He was 21 years old and married to **Dorothy Mess Rotan**. He was employed by **John W. Rotan** in Fort Stockton, Texas. His father was born at Sulphur Spring, Texas. [Willis Arlon Rotan Card, Serial Number 1, Order 13, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, NARA roll 1983577, 15 June 1918; Texas Death Records, online <http://vitals.rootsweb.com/tx/death/search.cgi>, accessed 15 February 2001]

**Wylie Rotton** lived in Lawrence County, Mississippi, when the state census was taken in 1824. [Mississippi 1824 State Census Index, AIS Census Index, online [/sse.dll?db=kycen&se=SSE.DLL&DatabaseId=3556&db=kycen](http://sse.dll?db=kycen&se=SSE.DLL&DatabaseId=3556&db=kycen), accessed 22 October 1999]