

## Section E

**E. Fitzgerald** (1844 Tennessee-unknown) was a 7-year-old girl who lived in the household of **James Isham** (1818 Tennessee-unknown) and his wife **S. A. Isham** (1824 Tennessee-unknown) in Fannin County, Texas, on 27 January 1851. Also living in the James Isham household were: **J. B. F. Isham**, a 2-year-old boy born in Texas; **Wm. Isham**, a one-month-old boy born in Texas; **M. A. Fitzgerald**, a 9-year-old girl born in Tennessee; **P. B. Fitzgerald**, a 5-year-old girl born in Tennessee; **E. Sadler**, a 26-year-old male laborer, whose birthplace was not given; and, three black slaves whose names were not given. [Jas Isham household, 1850 U. S. census, Fannin County, Texas, population schedule, no township given, page 163B, line 31, dwelling 250, family 250, 27 January 1851, NARA M432, roll 910]

**E. Rotan** (12 January 1889 Waco, McLennan County, Texas-unknown), a white female, was recorded. [Registered Births of City Health Physician, Heart of Texas Records 25:3 (Fall 1982), 122]

**Edward [John Edward] Rotan** (09 April 1844 White County, Tennessee-10 March 1932, Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), a son of **Martha W. Rotan** (1801 White County, Tennessee-01 April 1884 Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas) and an unidentified father, grew up in Sparta, White County, Tennessee. John Edward Rotan was close to his mother and according to each U. S. census of their mutual lives they were separated only during his years as a soldier. (Since some dedicated mothers became camp followers during the Civil War, Martha and Edward may not have been far apart during that time.) On the first census taken in his lifetime, 25 July 1850, **J. Edward Rotan** was recorded as age 8 and a student, living in the household of **Nancy Hampton Rotan Eavans [Evans]** (24 September 1806 White County, Tennessee-1855; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, White County, Tennessee) and with **Martha Rotan**, his mother who was Nancy Hampton Rotan Evans's sister. Nancy's son and Edward's cousin, **William Rotan Evans** (24 September 1834-24 September 1857; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, White County, Tennessee), also lived in the household that was located in District 1, White County, Tennessee. By 01 June 1860, with both Nancy Hampton Rotan Evans and William Rotan Evans deceased, Edward and Martha Rotan had moved into the residence of a kinsman and local physician in Sparta, **Thomas Snodgrass**. Edward was eighteen years old and a student and his mother, **Martha Rotan**, was age 58. During the Civil War, Edward Rotan enlisted in Captain Dan Brown's Company K, 16th Tennessee Regiment, Wright's Brigade, in the Army of Tennessee. He was elected lieutenant of his unit and served in the capacity of captain before the end of the war. He saw action in seventeen battles, including Jonesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, and the Siege of Atlanta, and was seriously wounded at one time. [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; Nancy Rotan Evans tombstone; William Rotan Evans tombstone; Nancy Kessler (2001 Holly Avenue, No. 113, Columbia, Missouri 65202) to Writer, email, 08 August 1999; 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; Edward Rotan death record, Texas Death certificate 13136, Registrar's number 153]

In March 1867, John Edward Rotan migrated to McLennan County, Texas, and took a teaching position in East Waco. He married fellow teacher, **Kate Sturm McCall** (May 1851 Mount Vernon, Kentucky-17 October 1931 Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), a daughter of **Eliza Ann Sturm** and **James L. L. McCall**, on 22 August 1869 in McLennan County, Texas, with **Wm. M. King**, M. G., officiating. Kate McCall Rotan was a graduate of Waco Female College in 1865 and was a leader in the establishment of Waco's first public library. The couple had nine children, four of whom died at an early age. On 06 July 1870 Edward Rotan was a 26-year-old teacher, living with his 19-year-old wife, **Kate**, and his mother, **Martha Rotan**. During the year of 1870, the Rotans went into business with **W. R. Kellum**, who was a local merchant. The 1876 directory of Waco listed him as **John Edward Rotan**, 10 Mary Street in East Waco, Texas. His advertisement read, "Kellum, Rotan & County Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, and General Merchandise, Will buy Cotton, Wool, Hides, &c., East Waco, Texas." On 04 June 1880, Ed Rotan, his wife Kate, their four children, his mother, and their cook lived on South Third Street in Waco. The Rotans prospered and around 1890 built a remarkable three-story home on Columbus Avenue. On 02 June 1900 Edward Rotan was president of a bank and his family continued to live at 1503 Columbus in Waco. Four children lived at home in 1900. **Ann Sturm [Annie] Rotan [later Howe]**, was age 20, **George Rotan**, age 13, **Kathleen Rotan [later Sargent]**, age 12, and **Frances Rotan [later Sargent]**, age 10, as well as two servants. By 1900, daughter **Antoinette Rotan** had married Dr. **Frederick Peterson** and no longer lived with the family and sons, **Edward, Ned, Robert**, and **James McCall Rotan**, had died. By 03 May 1910, Edward Rotan and his family still lived at 1503 Columbus in Waco. Only daughters, **Frances** and **Katherine**, lived at home. On 05 March 1917 the Rotans sold their showplace home to the **A. J. Dossett** family. When Edward Rotan died he lived at 2425 Austin Avenue, Waco, Texas. [McLennan County, Texas Marriage Book 1:125; E. Rotan entry, McLennan County, Texas, 1890 tax list, in *Heart of Texas* 24:1 (Spring 1981), 14; Edward Rotan household, 1870 U. S. census, McLennan County, Texas, population schedule, East Waco post office, sheet 10, page 5, line 8, dwelling 35, family 33, 06 July 1870, NARA M593, roll 1598; John Sleeper and J. C. Hutchins, *Waco, & McLennan County, Texas 1876* (Waco: Texian Press, 1966), 136, 161; 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; Edward Rotan household, 1900 U.S. census, McLennan County, Texas, population schedule, ED 73, SD 9, sheet 4, page 197, 1503 Columbus, dwelling 66, family 66, NARA T623, roll 1656; Edward Rotan household, 1910 U. S. census, McLennan County, Texas, population schedule, Waco post office, Justice Precinct No. 1, Ward 2, ED 81, SD 11, sheet 17, stamp page 69, 1503 Columbus, line 23, 03 May 1919, NARA T624, roll 1575; Lavonia Jenkins Barnes, *Early Homes of Waco and the People Who Live in Them* (Waco: Texian Press, 1981), 135-140, supplied by Trina Beth Reed Johnson (P. O. Box 479, Sterling City, Texas 76951); Roger N. Conger, "Kate Sturm McCall Rotan," in *The New Handbook of Texas*, Volume 5 (Austin: Texas State Historical Association, 1996), 693; *The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution*, Volume 39, page 109]

**Edward Ezra [Ned] Rotan** (after 04 June 1875-24 August 1885 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). Edward Ezra Rotan had not reached his fifth birthday and lived with his parents and siblings in Waco, Texas, on 04 June 1880. His life ended when he was just over ten years old. [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 Daily Examiner*, 25 August 1885; *McLennan County, Texas Cemetery Records: Oakwood Cemetery* (Waco: Central Texas Genealogical Society, Inc., 1979), 38]

**Edward Rotan** (1892 Waco, McLennan County, Texas-05 June 1893 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). Edward Rotan lived only a few months. [*McLennan County, Texas Cemetery Records: Oakwood Cemetery* (Waco: Central Texas Genealogical Society, Inc., 1979), 38; *Index to Early McLennan County Deaths* (Waco: Central Texas Genealogical Society, Inc., 1987), 489]

**Elisha Roton** took 4 acres of land on Mill Creek in Monroe County, Kentucky. The tract was surveyed 14 October 1864 and recorded in Book 65, page 98. [Willard Rouse Jillson, compiler, *The Kentucky Land Grants*, Volume 1, part 2 (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1971), 1650]

**Elizabeth [Lizzie] Rotan** (1848 Tyler County, Texas-unknown) was a daughter 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 granddaughter of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas). She was listed on Tyler County, Texas school census in 1854. She married **George E. Polk**, a neighbor, on 23 October 1868 in Tyler County, Texas. [Robt Rotan household, 1850 U. S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, household 157, family 157, 13 November 1850, NARA M432, roll 915; 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; Tyler County, Texas Marriage Book 2/3:115; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198); Gifford White, ed., *Texas Scholastics, 1854-55* (St. Louis: by Writer, 1981), 339]

**Elizabeth Rotan** (about 1784-October or November 1845 Fannin County, Texas) was a daughter of **Rosann/Rosey** [surname unknown, but may have been **Middleton**] and **William Rotan/Rhotan** (about 1762-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee) and a widow when she was named as an heir in the distribution of her father's estate on 18 April 1845 in White County, Tennessee. She was the widow of **Jabez Fitzgerald** (about 1786 Tennessee-before 27 November 1843 Fannin County, Texas, when his probate came to Fannin County, Texas probate court), perhaps a son of **Jane Moore** and **Garrett Fitzgerald, Sr.** (1740 Virginia-24 October 1804 Flynn's Lick, Jackson County, Tennessee). Although *Goodspeed's History of White County, Tennessee*, states that Jabez Fitzgerald settled in Sparta, White County, Tennessee in the years between 1800 and 1815, he served on a White County jury as early as 16 July 1807, along with **William Rottan**. He had married **Elizabeth Rotan** about 1806 since their son, **Garrett Fitzgerald**, was born about 1807. On 15 November 1809 **Jabez Fitzgerald** transferred a plat certificate to **William Rotan**, with **John Green** and **Middleton Rottan** as witnesses. [Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, decd, White County, Tennessee Chancery Court Minute Book A, pages 113-114; White County, Tennessee County Clerk Minutes, Volume 7:32, 16 July 1807, Tennessee State Library and Archives micropublication roll 23, listed Jabez Fitzgerald as a juror, meaning he was at least 21 years old and a white man; White County, Tennessee County Clerk Minutes, Volume 7:130, 15 November 1809, Tennessee State Library and Archives micropublication roll 23; Jabez Fitzgerald was named as a legatee of Garret Fitzgerald, deceased, on 29 July 1812, Book 27, page 332, number 8494, Record Group 50, Tennessee State Library and Archives micropublication roll 7; Jabez Fitzgerald Pedigree Chart, Ancestral File, online <[http://32.96.111.13/Search/af/pedigree\\_chart.asp?recid=15685384](http://32.96.111.13/Search/af/pedigree_chart.asp?recid=15685384)>, accessed 11 October 1999]

By 1830, the Fitzgeralds had migrated to Marion County, Alabama. About 1838, Jabez Fitzgerald and family arrived in Texas. He thought he had proved his claim to a league and a labor of land by the oath of **John Seymore**, who swore that **Jabez Fitzgerald**, who was over age 50 years, loaned Seymore a saddle free of charge to ride into the service of the Texas army during the revolution. However, his claim was rejected as fraudulent on 13 March 1841. In 1838 Jabez Fitzgerald paid a poll in Fannin County, Texas, meaning he was not yet age 55, where he declared a value of \$3450 for his property. In 1840 he paid a poll and declared 872 acres of land, three slaves, 1 work horse, and 1 wood clock for taxation. **Elizabeth Fitzgerald**, his widow, was taxed in the same county for the years 1844 and 1845. **Jabez Fitzgerald** executed his will on 19 March 1841. His estate was divided among his wife, **Elizabeth Fitzgerald**; and their sons, daughters, and sons-in-law, **John R. Garnett** (1814 Kentucky-unknown) and **Margaret Fitzgerald Garnett** (1814 White County, Tennessee-unknown). Others heirs were **James Garnett**; heirs of **Garrett Fitzgerald** (about 1807 White County, Tennessee-by 1844); **Thomas Jenkins**, husband of **Francis Fitzgerald**; **William R. Fitzgerald** (about 1811 White County, Tennessee-unknown); **Sarah Fitzgerald Sadler** (1818 Alabama-after 06 August 1870), wife of **William Sadler** (who died before 1856); **Rachel B. Pace**, an apparent widow or *femme sole*; and **James T. Fitzgerald**. [Jabaz Fitzgearrd (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; Garnet Fitzgearrd (sic) household, 1830 U. S. census, Marion County, Alabama, no township given, page 167, line 11, no date given, NARA M19, roll4; Jabez Fitzgerald probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Minutes, Volume A:292 and Volume C: 349, 367; Jabez Fitzgerald file, Certificate 82, First Class, General Land Office of Texas, 02 August 1838, rejected 13 March 1841; Fannin County,

Texas Assessment Rolls, 1838, 1840; Wm. R. Fitzgerad (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; 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; William Garnett household, 1870 U. S. census, Collin County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, Highland post office, stamp page 434, line 28, dwelling 220, family 230, 06 August 1870, NARA M593, roll 1579, gives Sarah Fitzgerald Saddler Garnett's birth year and birth state; Writer acknowledges research clues submitted by Michael A. Ports (754 McHenry Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21230) in a letter to Writer, 06 July 1991]

Reportedly, **Jabez Fitzgerald** was a brother of **Garrett Fitzgerald** (1785-1850), with whom he came to Texas in the 1830s. Both Jabez and Garrett Fitzgerald settled on the Red River north of Bonham, Texas, where Garrett maintained a ferry across Red River in 1838. Garrett Fitzgerald and his unidentified wife had three sons, **Garrett Fitzgerald** (1806-1850), **Samuel Fitzgerald** (1813-1896), **Joseph Fitzgerald** (1818-1846), and a daughter **Maria Fitzgerald** (1824-unknown), who married **W. W. Johnson**. This data was taken from a secondary source and its accuracy is unknown. The same writer had Jabez Fitzgerald married to the woman who was actually his daughter, **Margaret Elizabeth Fitzgerald Baker Garnett**. [Floy Crandall Hodge, *A History of Fannin County, Featuring Pioneer Families* (Hereford, Texas: Pioneer Publishers, 1966), 177-178; See 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]

**Eliza Rattan** (about 1814 Illinois-after 1850 probably Collin County, Texas), a daughter of **Mary Buford** (1782 Tennessee-after 16 November 1850) and **Richard Rattan** (1776 Tryon, Polk County, North Carolina-after 1831) 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). Eliza Rattan married **Dan Waggoner** (about 1811 Virginia-unknown) on 16 March 1835 in Greene County, Illinois, and migrated to Texas. By 27 January 1850 they had six Texas-born children of their own and provided a home to Eliza's three nephews, sons of the deceased **Littleton Rattan** [see entry for Littleton Rattan]. Living in their home were: **F Waggoner**, 13, **V. Waggoner**, 11, **Wm Waggoner**, 9, **Mary Waggoner**, 7, **O. Waggoner**, 3, **M. Waggoner**, one month old, **H. Ratton**, 20, **J. Ratton**, 17, and **Davis Ratton**, 15. [Dan Wagoner (sic) household, 1850 U. S. census, population schedule, Fannin County, Texas, no township given, page 164B, line 24, household 260, family 260, 27 January 1851, NARA M432, roll 910; Sylvia M. Kibart and Rita M. Adams, editors, *Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas*, Volume 1 (Wolfe City, TX: Henington Publishing Company, 1989), 184-186; Greene County, Illinois Marriage Volume 1:28, License 822; Richard Rattan Family Group Record, Ancestral File, online <[http://32.96.111.13/Search/af/family\\_group\\_record.asp?familyid=7991513](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]

**Eliza Rattan** married **Martin H. Davis** on 12 April 1848 in Hopkins County, Texas. [Texas Marriages to 1850, online .../sse.dll?DB=EAMTX&SE=SSE.DLL&DATABASEID=3000&DB=EAMTX&GSI=1601137, accessed 23 October 1999]

**Emma Rotan** (about 1865 Texas-unknown) was born to **Mary [Mollie] Curtis** (about 1845 Louisiana-unknown) and **George W. Rotan** (about 1843 Mississippi-unknown). She was a granddaughter of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas) and of **James Curtis** (23 October 1806 Amite, Mississippi-unknown). On 06 August 1870, Emma Rotan was age 5 and lived with her parents and siblings at Houston, Harris County, Texas, where her father was a farmer. Her siblings were **Octavia Rotan**, a sister age 7, **Augusta Rotan**, a sister age 3, and **Joseph Rotan** (August 1869 Texas-unknown), a brother. She may have married **J. B. Mye** on 28 December 1884 in McLennan County, Texas. [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; McLennan County, Texas Marriage Book D, no page given]

**Emma Rotan, Miss**, married **J. B. Mye** on 28 December 1884 in McLennan County, Texas. [McLennan County, Texas Marriage Book D: no page given]

**Ernest A. Rotan** (15 March 1903-19 May 1968 Tyler County, Texas; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) [unidentified] served as a private first class medic in World War II. He lived at Hillister, Tyler County, Texas 77624, when he died. [Earnest A. Rotan tombstone; Ernest Rotan entry, 467-05-4784, issued in Texas before 1951, Social Security Death Index, online <<http://www.ancestry.com/ancestry/search.asp>>, accessed 11 August 1999; Texas Death Records, online <http://vitals.rootsweb.com/tx/death/search.cgi>, accessed 15 February 2001]