

## Section G

**Garnette Rotan** (27 January 1891 Leonard, Fannin County, Texas-unknown) was 26-years-old when he registered for World War I draft in Pecos County, Texas. He gave his occupation as Journalist-Soldier and he was in Federal Officers Training at Camp Funston, Texas. He was a white, single man with no dependents and had been in military service for six years. He was described as tall with a slender build. His eyes were blue and he had dark brown hair. He may have been a brother of **Willis Arlon Rotan**, who also registered in Pecos County, Texas. [Garnette Rotan Registration Card, Form 1, Number 299, Order 12, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, NARA roll 1983577, 30 June 1917]

**Garrett Fitzgerald** (1806 White County, Tennessee-1851 Fannin County, Texas) 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, perhaps to Georgia, and to Fannin County, Texas by 1838. He married **Nancy** \_\_ (1809 South Carolina-about 1873 Fannin county, Texas) in 1827 probably in Marion County, Alabama. Although there is a time gap in the birth order of their children between 1838 in Tennessee and 1847 in Texas, Nancy is believed to have been the mother of all of Garrett's children. Reportedly, their children were **William Patrick Fitzgerald** (02 May 1830 Marion County, Alabama-29 October 1914 Savoy, Fannin County, Texas; buried Wild Willow Cemetery, Bonham, Fannin County, Texas), who was a laborer and attended school in 1851; **Elizabeth Jane Fitzgerald** (28 November 1831, Marion County, Alabama-20 August 1893 Dodd City, Fannin County, Texas; buried Dodd City Cemetery, Fannin County, Texas), who attended school in 1851; **Garrell [or Garrett] A. Fitzgerald** (1834 Tennessee-unknown), who attended school in 1851; **Thomas C. Fitzgerald** (1836 Tennessee-unknown); **Jabez Fitzgerald** (1838-about 1898 Fannin County, Texas), who attended school in 1851; **Mary M. Fitzgerald** (about 1847 Texas-unknown); **Reuben Fitzgerald** (about 1848 Texas-unknown); and **Charlotte [Charity] Fitzgerald** (1849 Texas-unknown). [Garnet Fitzgearld (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: 292-295 and Book C: 349, 367; G. Fitzgerald, Jr. household, 1850 U. S. census, Fannin County, Texas, population schedule, page 167, line 1, dwelling 296, family 296, 30 January 1851, NARA M432, roll 910; Writer acknowledges clues by Michael A. Ports (754 McHenry Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21230) to Writer, Letter, 06 July 1991]

**Garrett Fitzgerald**, probably son of **Nancy and Garrett Fitzgerald** listed above, married **Elizabeth Waldrum** on 02 August 1855 in Fannin County, Texas. [Fannin County, Texas Marriage Book A (1850-1865)]

**George Ann [Annie] Rattan** (04 January 1856 Collin County, Texas-12 April 1942 Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; buried Mount Olivet Cemetery, Tarrant County, Texas) was a daughter 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 granddaughter 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). She married **William McKindree Moore** on 14 May 1881 in Collin County, Texas, and had two 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]

**George Rhoden** (number 20) was shown on the tax list of **Benjn. Lockhart, Esq.**, in Warren County, Tennessee, in 1812, along with **Jeremiah Roden** (number 1), **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]

**George Robert Rotan** (11 May 1865 Tyler County, Texas-1949 Polk County, Texas; buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas), son of **Martha Jane Low** (unknown-by 1871 Polk 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), attended the Crow school that met for one six-month term, July to December 1879 in an abandoned log house on the Martin Buxton place, located one mile northeast of Peach Tree Village. George was age 15 and lived with his father and stepmother in Tyler County on 01 June 1880. On 21 June 1900 George Rotan was listed as age 35 and single. He was a salesman in Tyler County, and gave his birthplace as Mississippi [which is doubtful since his father had lived in Tyler County, since December 1846]. At the Reunion of the Crow School, he served on the arrangement committee, 12 and 13 July 1929, at Peach Tree Village. At that time George Rotan lived at Chester, Tyler County, Texas. His sister was **Laura J. Rotan** (1868 Polk County, Texas-1949) who married **N. J. Hays**. [Robt. Rotan household, 1880 U. S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, ED 105, SD 1, sheet 379, page 4, line 48, dwelling 39, family 40, 01 June 1880, NARA T-9, roll 1329; George Rotan household, 1900 U.S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, ED 104, SD 8, sheet 9B, page 168, line 52, dwelling 153, family 164, 21 June 1900, Family History Library roll 1241674; George R. Rotan tombstone; *Reunion of the "Crow School," Held at Peach Tree Village, July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 1929*, Program of the Event, J. B. Cranfill Collection, Eugene C. Barker Texas History Center, Austin Texas, 1; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198)]

**George Vallandigham Rotan** (18 July 1886 Waco, McLennan County, Texas-unknown), 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 **John Edward Rotan** (09 April 1844 White County, Tennessee-10 March 1932, Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas) and a grandson of **Martha W. Rotan** (1801 White County, Tennessee-01 April 1884 Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), registered for World War I military draft on 05 June 1917. At that time he was a 30-year-old white man and lived at 1505 Columbus, Waco, Texas. He was employed at Security Bankers Trust & Company in Waco. Although he was married and had three children, no "nearest relative" was given. [George Vallandigham Rotan Registration Card, Form 1, Number 967, Order 501, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, NARA roll 1983771, 05 June 1917]

**George W. Rotan [Sr.]** (about 1843 Mississippi-unknown; buried Falls County, Texas), orphaned son of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas) and brother of **John Willis Rotan** (1826 Alabama-19 December 1858 Polk County, Texas) and of **James M. Rotan** (March 1841 Mississippi-after 07 June 1900; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas), 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. On 16 July 1860 **Geo. Rotann** [sic], age given as 20 and a farmer, lived in the household of **D. R. Nalley** at Stark Grove, McLennan County, Texas. George W. Rotan married **Mary [Mollie or Babe] Curtis** (about 1845 Louisiana-unknown; buried Powers Chapel Cemetery, Falls County, Texas), a daughter of **Anne McCollister** and **James S. Curtis**, on 27 August 1861 in McLennan County, Texas. On 06 August 1870 George and Mary Rotan lived with their children at Houston, Harris County, Texas. George Rotan was a 27-year-old farmer in the summer of 1870. Their children were **Octavia Rotan** (about 1863 McLennan County, Texas-unknown) [married **Romans**], **Emma Rotan** (about 1865 McLennan County, Texas-unknown), **Augusta [Gussie] Rotan** (about 1867 McLennan County, Texas-unknown) [married **Prather**], and **Joseph Rotan** (August 1869 McLennan County, Texas-unknown). Later children born to the couple were **George W. Rotan, Jr.** (29 June 1873 Waco, McLennan County, Texas-12 December 1959 San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas; buried Mission Burial Park, Bexar County, Texas), **Annie Rotan** [married **Patterson**], **Blanche Rotan**, **John Rotan** (about 1878-unknown) [married **Lucy** \_\_\_], **Robert Rotan** (1908 Texas-unknown), and **Samuel Rotan**. [Guardianship of George and James Rotan, Case 199, Polk County, Texas Probate Volume C:88, 125; Case 222; Gifford White, ed., *Texas Scholastics, 1854-55* (St. Louis: by editor, 1981), 337; D. R. Nalley household, 1860 U. S. census, McLennan County, Texas, population schedule, Stark Grove post office, page 75, line 38, dwelling 494, family 494, 10 July 1860, NARA M653, roll 1300; McLennan County, Texas Marriage Book 1:33; 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 1, page 33; R. E. Alexander to Writer, a Rotan family chart (undocumented), sent by email 13 February 2001 from raydon@gvtc.com>]

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No. Oct Term 1858  
 199 Guardianship of } Upon the application of John  
 George and James Rotann } Rotann for letters of guardian  
 ship of the minors. James and George Rotann coming on  
 to be heard and the court being satisfied that the usual motion  
 had been given and that Said John Rotann is the Brother of said  
 minors and the proper person to take Said guardianship  
 It is therefore ordered by the Court Letters of guardianship  
 issue to said John Rotann upon his giving Bond in the  
 Sum of Six hundred dollars - with Security as  
 the Law directs.

**George W. Rotan, Jr.** (29 June 1873-unknown), a son of **Mary [Babe] Curtis** and **George W. Rotan, Sr.**, and grandson of **John A. Rotan**, registered for World War I military draft on 06 September 1918 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was age 45, white, and tall with a slender built. His eyes were gray and his hair was brown in color. He worked as a millwright for Dupont Company. His wife was **Maude Rotan**, who lived with him at 2415 S. Aguisano Street in Oklahoma City. [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; George W. Rotan Registration Card, Serial Number 3717, Order Number 2528, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, NARA roll 1852061, 06 September 1918; R. E. Alexander to Writer, a Rotan family chart (undocumented), 13 February 2001, online [raydon@gvtc.com](mailto:raydon@gvtc.com), was used to identify this descendant.]

**Greenberry Roden** was connected to **William Roden** and his wife, **Mary**, and their son, **Jonathan** and their "other children." **Greenberry Roden** was a witness in court when the will of **William Roden**, written 20 February 1795, came to court on 18 November 1800 in Chester County, South Carolina. Other witnesses were **Allen Mayfield** and **James Atterbury**. **Greenberry Roden** (00100-00000-00) was listed on the 1800 U. S. census for Chester County, South Carolina, apparently living alone. [Chester County, South Carolina Probate file 58, package 898, online [http://www.geocities.com/reb\\_leader2001/roden/RodenState.html](http://www.geocities.com/reb_leader2001/roden/RodenState.html), accessed 28 October 2004; Greenberry Roden household, 1800 U. S. census, Chester County, South Carolina, page 83, online Ancestry.com, assessed 28 October 2004]