

Section K

Kate Rattan (unknown-unknown) married **Paul Elsworth** on 06 May 1888 in Greene County, Illinois. [Greene County, Illinois Marriage Volume F: 172, License 2282]

Section L

L. S. Roton took 30 acres of land on Blain Creek in Lawrence County, Kentucky. The tract was surveyed 25 May 1857 and recorded in Book 51, page 53. [Willard Rouse Jillson, compiler, *The Kentucky Land Grants*, Volume 1, part 2 (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1971), 1650]

Larkin Rattan (about 1803 Kentucky-after 07 December 1832), 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). Her married **Rebecca Russell** on 07 December 1832 in Greene 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; Greene County, Illinois Marriage Volume 1: 20, License 589; Reddin Russell household, 1850 U. S. census, Collin County, Texas, population schedule, no post office given, page 6, line 41, family 63, 16 November 1850, NARA M432, roll 910, gave Mary Buford Rattan's age as 62 and her birthplace as Tennessee.]

Laura Jane Rotan (1867 Tyler County, Texas-1949; buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) was the daughter of **Robert Rotan** (1822 Alabama-after February 1887 Polk County, Texas) and his second wife, **Martha Jane Low** (unknown-by 1871 Polk County, Texas) and granddaughter of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas). Laura attended the Crow school, held July through December 1879 in an abandoned log house on the Martin Buxton place, located one mile northeast of Peach Tree Village in Tyler County. Her brother was **George Robert Rotan** (1865 Polk County, Texas-1949). Laura married **Newton Jasper Hayes** (1848-1915; buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) on 19 November 1885 in Tyler County, Texas. In 1929, fifty years after her experiences at the Buxton school, she agreed to chair the invitation committee for the Reunion of the Crow School, sponsored by John Henry Kirby and held at Peach Tree Village on 12 and 13 July 1929. Laura Rotan Hayes lived at Chester at that time; apparently she lived all of her life in Tyler County. [Laura Hayes tombstone; Newton Jasper Hayes tombstone; Tyler County, Texas Marriage Book 2/3:510; *Reunion of the "Crow School,"* 1, 104, 114; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198)]

From *Beaumont Journal*, 13 July 1929:

"I shall never forget that first day at school," Mrs. Laura Hayes, who was Laura Rotan, declared.

Mrs. Hayes was 10 years of age when she started to school. Her mother was dead, and since her brother was going to school, a distance of four miles from their home, her father decided she had better go along, too.

It was generally understood that school teachers were mean. Her aunts and cousins had told her she would be whipped every day when she went to school.

Therefore, it was a pitiful little girl, with tears streaming down her cheeks, who reported for her lessons at the Buxton school.

"I felt sure my time had come and I was prepared for the worst," Mrs. Hayes said, recalling the incident.

"But how different she found everything to be. The schoolmaster, whom she had feared so much, instead of whipping her, took her on his knee, comforted her, and it was while sitting on Prof. Crow's knee that the little girl was taught her A,B,C's."

Lemon Roton, age 40 to 50, was a resident of Lawrence County, Mississippi, in 1840. His household consisted of seven people. They were one male age 5 to 10, one male age 10 to 15, one female under age 10, one female age 10 to 15, one female age 30 to 40, one male slave under age 10. *Lemon* may have been a surname, since another man with the same first name was listed on line 18 of the same page as *Lemon Speights*. **Lemon Roton** was listed on the agriculture census in 1840. [Lemon Roton household, 1840 U. S. census, Lawrence County, Mississippi, population schedule, no township given, page 48, line 13, no month and day given, NARA M704, roll 216]

Levi Roden bought a tract of 100 acres of land on Collins River, Lowry's Creek in Warren County, Tennessee, on 10 August 1813, from Thomas Walling. [Warren County, Tennessee Deed Book A:415]

Lillian Bell Rotan (27 May 1895-13 December 1896; buried Post Oak Cemetery, Bosque County, Texas) was a daughter of **Ella** ___ and **Lee Rotan**. [Lillian Bell Rotan tombstone]

Lillian [Lilly] Rotan (25 December 1865 McLennan County, Texas-04 January 1958 Sterling County, Texas), a daughter of **Clotelia B. McGee** (1844 Louisiana-16 May 1878 McLennan County, Texas) and **William T. Rotan** (1835 Mississippi-after 21 December 1878), a granddaughter of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas). She was age 5 on 20 July 1870. Lillian lived with the family of her aunt, **Anthony J. McGee**, and her uncle, **J. C. Boone** (who had married 07 January 1873 in McLennan County, Texas), on 05 June 1880 at their farm in McLennan County, Texas. On 25 November 1888,

Lillian Rotan married **Neal Reed** (10 September 1851 McLennan County, Texas-27 March 1924 Sterling County, Texas), a son of **Mary** ____ (about 1834 Tennessee-unknown) and **William Reed** (about 1831 Missouri-unknown). The couple established a ranch in Sterling County in 1889 and raised their six children there.

Lilly Rotan did NOT live in the household of John Edward Rotan in Waco, McLennan County, Texas, at any time, as reported by some Rotan researchers. There is doubt she ever met John Edward Rotan. She lived with her aunt and uncle, Anthony and J. C. Boone, on their farm and met her future husband as a neighbor to that farm.

[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 M-593, roll 1598; J. C. Boone household, 1880 U. S. census, McLennan County, Texas, population schedule, no post office given, ED 108, SD 4, sheet 115, page 8, line 22, dwelling 70, family 70, 05 June 1880, NARA T9, roll 1318; William Reed household, 1880 U. S. census, McLennan County, Texas, population schedule, no post office given, ED 108, SD 4, sheet 123, page 24, line 38, dwelling 227, family 228, 22 June 1880, NARA T9, roll 1318; Trina Beth Reed Johnson to Writer, telephone conversation, 27 July 1999]

Littleton Rattan (about 1810 Illinois-18 December 1847 killed by Indians during the Mexican War) was a son of **Mary Buford** (1782 Tennessee-after 16 November 1850) and **Richard Rattan** (1776 Tryon, Polk County, North Carolina-after 1831), 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). **Littleton Rattan** first married **Nancy Waggoner** (1815-1843 Paris, Lamar County, Texas) on 29 July 1829 in Greene County, Illinois. By 27 November 1830, Littleton Rattan's household was recorded in Greene County, Illinois, by **Richard Rattan**, enumerator. Nancy's age on the census was given as 10-15 and she was the only female in the household. Littleton was age 20-30. Two other males lived in their household, one age 15-20 and one age 20-30. [Greene County, Illinois Marriage Volume 1: 11, license 316; Littleton Rattan household, 1830 U. S. census, Greene County, Illinois, population schedule, no post office given, page 16, line 15, by 27 November 1830, NARA M19, roll 24; 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; Sylvia M. Kibart and Rita M. Adams, editors, *Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas*, Volume 1 (Wolfe City, TX: Henington Publishing Company, 1989), 184-186; Reddin Russell household, 1850 U. S. census, Collin County, Texas, population schedule, no post office given, page 6, line 41, family 63, 16 November 1850, NARA M432, roll 910, was used to determine the life dates of Mary Buford Rattan.]

The couple came to Texas, in 1839 from Illinois and Littleton received land from the Republic of Texas. In 1841 they were among the first white settlers in Collin County, where they lived near Dr. **William Edward Throckmorton**, **James Webb Throckmorton**, **William R. Garnett**, **Garrett Fitzgerald**, **Pleasant Wilson**, and **Edmund Dodd**. Nancy and Littleton Rattan had four children before Nancy died in 1843. They were **Wade Hampton Rattan** (1831 Illinois-unknown, who married **Amanda Nix** on 27 December 1855 Fannin County, Texas), **Jarvis Franklin Rattan**, **David Rattan** (who married **E. C. Bartley** on 29 August 1867 Fannin County, Texas), and **Meriah/Mariah Rattan** (December 1838 Illinois-unknown).

After Nancy's death, Littleton married Mrs. **Eliza Cooper** on 22 April 1844 in Lamar County, Texas. Eliza and Littleton had two children—**Elihu Parmer Rattan** (1845-unknown) and **Mary Rattan** (1847 Texas-unknown). David Waggoner, Littleton's brother-in-law and Eliza Rattan's husband, was appointed guardian over the persons and property of **David Rattan** and **Mariah Rattan**, minor heirs under the age of fourteen years. The remarried widow, **Eliza Cooper Rattan Davis**, was appointed guardian over the persons and property of Elihu Parmer Rattan and Mary Rattan. [Sylvia M. Kibart and Rita M. Adams, editors, *Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas*, Volume 1 (Wolfe City, TX: Henington Publishing Company, 1989), 184-186; Richard Rattan Family Group Record, Ancestral File, online <http://32.96.111.13/Search/af/family_group_record.asp?familyid=7991513>, accessed 10 October 1999; Texas Marriages to 1850, online <http://sse.dll?DB=EAMTX&SE=SSE.DLLL&DATABASEID=30000&DB-EAMTX&GSI=1601137>, accessed 22 October 1999; Littleton Rattan probate proceedings, Hopkins County, Texas Probate Minutes (November 1846-September 1853) Volume 1: many pages]

Reportedly, Littleton Rattan and several of his kin served in the Black Hawk War in Illinois and in Texas Littleton had served as a Texas Ranger along the Red River. **Littleton Rattan** and **Daniel Rattan** served as privates in **James S. Gillet's** Company, which was recruited primarily at San Antonio, Texas. Their term in federal service began on 26 April 1847 and ended 02 June 1847. The men did not live near San Antonio, but they wanted to enlist and chose the company of the 30-year-old Captain James S. Gillet. Littleton and Daniel Rattan joined up for another tour that proved fatal to Littleton. Captain Gillet formed another company—Company H—and the Rattan men became privates and were mustered into federal service on 05 June 1847. On 18 December 1847, Littleton was killed by Indians at an unidentified location as he served. **Daniel Rattan** was mustered out of federal service with his unit on 15 June 1848. Littleton Rattan's probate came to Hopkins County, Texas Probate Court in the fall of 1848 with **David Waggoner**, his brother-in-law, as administrator. Littleton's widow, **Eliza Cooper Rattan**, who had married **Martin H. Davis** in 1848, was appointed guardian over **Elihu P. Rattan**, **Mary Rattan**, **Hampton Rattan**, **Jarvis F. Rattan**, **David Rattan**, and **Mariah Rattan**. When Eliza and Martin H. Davis left for California in 1849, Nancy's children became wards of **David Waggoner** and Dr. **Owen S. Davis**, brother of **Martin H. Davis**, was named guardian of Eliza's children. [Charles D. Spurlin, *Texas Volunteers in the Mexican War* (Austin: Eakin Press, 1998), 184-185, 199-201; Sylvia M. Kibart and Rita M. Adams, editors, *Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas*, Volume 1 (Wolfe City, TX: Henington Publishing Company, 1989), 184-186; Hopkins County, Texas Probate Court Minutes (Nov 1846-Sep 1853) Volume 1: many pages]

Louisa Rattan (about 1827 Greene County, Illinois-unknown) was a daughter of **Gillian Hill** (25 September 1792 Georgia-1870; buried Throckmorton Cemetery, Collin County, Texas) and **Thomas Rattan** (1787 South Carolina-11 November 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). She married **Hogan Witt**. [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]

Lucinda Rotan (1854 Tyler County, Texas-unknown), 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), married **W. James Cliburn** (1851 Mississippi-unknown) on 22 December 1872 in Tyler County, Texas. The couple had three Texas-born children by June 1880. They were **Martha Cliburn**, 7, **Mary Cliburn**, 3, and **Robert Cliburn**, who was born in July 1879. [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 2/3:178; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198); James Cliburn household, 1880 U. S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, ED 105, SD 1, sheet 381, page 5, line 16, dwelling 42, family 43, 01 June 1880, NARA T-9, roll 1329]

Lucy A. Rattan (maybe 1822 Carrollton, Greene County, Illinois-unknown) was a daughter 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 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). **Lucy A. Rattan** married **Hugh Jackson** on 23 June 1840 in Greene County, Illinois. [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; Greene County, Illinois Marriage Volume 1:53, License 1583; Sylvia M. Kibart and Rita M. Adams, editors, *Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas*, Volume 1 (Wolfe City, TX: Henington Publishing Company, 1989), 184-186]

Lucy Jane Throckmorton (about 1833 Sparta, White County, Tennessee-about 1833 Sparta, White County, Tennessee), a daughter 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) died as an infant. [James Webb Throckmorton obituary, *The Dallas Morning News*, 22 April 1894]

