

Section M

M. A. Fitzgerald (1842 Tennessee-unknown) was a 9-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; **E. Fitzgerald**, a 7-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]

M. B. Roten [unidentified] married **Anna Grant** on 05 October 1890 in Hill County, Texas. [Hill County, Texas Marriage Volume 5: 108]

Malinda E. Rotan (unknown-unknown), only child of **Sarah Gray** (unknown-about 1857) and **William Edward Rotan** (14 July 1828 Sparta, White County, Tennessee-09 February 1906 Stanberry, Gentry County, Missouri; buried Cooper Cemetery, Gentry county, Missouri) and a granddaughter of **Cynthia Jones** (1812 White County, Tennessee-after 1884 Illinois) and **John M. Rotan** (about 1806-by May 1837 White County, Tennessee), 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); Nancy Kessler to Writer, email, 18 August 1999]

Malinda Rattan married **John H. Bartis** on 03 April 1844 in Lamar County, Texas. [Texas Marriages to 1850, online [.../sse.dll?DB=EAMTX&SE=SSE.DLL&DATABASEID=3000&DB=EAMTX&GSI=1601137](http://sse.dll?DB=EAMTX&SE=SSE.DLL&DATABASEID=3000&DB=EAMTX&GSI=1601137), accessed 23 October 1999]

Malinda Throckmorton married **John H. Wilson** on 28 October 1845 in Fannin County, Texas. [Fannin County, Texas Marriage Book A (1850-1865)]

Margaret Elizabeth Fitzgerald (1814 Tennessee-unknown), a daughter of **Elizabeth Rotan/Rhotan** (1784 South Carolina-October or November 1845 Fannin County, Texas) and **Jabez Fitzgerald** (before 1786- before 27 November 1843 Fannin County, Texas when his probate came to court), first married **___ Baker**. She secondly married **John R. Garnett** (1814 Tennessee or Alabama-unknown), a son of **Sarah Jane Rotan** (about 1798 South Carolina-between 22 February 1841 and 25 May 1846 Fannin County, Texas) and **James T. Garnett** (1780 to 1790-by 01 December 1840 Fannin County, Texas when his probate came to court) and a farmer, on 09 May 1843 in Fannin County, Texas. On 01 February 1851 they lived in Fannin County, Texas. Living in their household were **James Garnett**, 17 and born in Texas; who may have been the brother of John R. Garnett. **Gaby [Jabez] Garnett**, a six-year-old boy born in Texas; **William Garnett**, a four-year boy born in Texas; **Jane Garnett**, 2 and born in Texas, were the children of Margaret and John. **Joseph Jones** (16-year-old laborer born in Tennessee), **Stephen Jones** (13 and born in Texas), and **Garnett Jones** (31-year-old farmer born in Alabama) were surely relatives who lived with the family. Ten black and mulatto people whose names were not given were also members of the household. [Jabez Fitzgerald probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Volume A:292-295 and Volume C:349, 367; Patricia Armstrong Newhouse, compiler, *Fannin County, Texas Known Marriages 1838-1852* (Honey Grove, TX: Newhouse Publication Co., 1980), 7; 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; Michael A. Ports (754 McHenry Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21230) to Writer, Letter, 06 July 1991] Reportedly, **John R. Garnett** was a good hunter and his hunting friend was **Mark R. Roberts**. Garnett came to Fannin County, Texas, by 1837. He was probably not married before he married his cousin when he was about age 29. The Garnett family later included a daughter, **Mary**, who was born about 1853. [Floy Crandall Hodge, *A History of Fannin County, Featuring Pioneer Families* (Hereford, Texas: Pioneer Publishers, 1966), 182]

Margaret Rotan (1795 South Carolina-before 07 June 1860), a daughter of **Rosann/Rosey** [maiden name unknown, but it may have been **Middleton**] (about 1764-before 1830 White County, Tennessee) and **William Rotan/Rhotan** (about 1762-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee), proved to be a mystery to family researcher for decades. She was known only as the wife of **Dan Griffith** (1792 South Carolina-after 07 June 1860), reportedly a son of **Elizabeth Wofford** and **William [Daniel] Griffith**. On 30 November 1830, the **Dan Griffith** household lived next farm to the household of **William Rotan** and was listed on the U. S. census, White County, Tennessee. Living in the Griffith household were one white male under age 5 (later identified as **Wells Griffith**), one white male between age 5 and 10 (probably **Russell Griffith**), one white male between age 10 and 15 (**William Rotan Griffith**), and one white male age 30 to 40 (probably **Daniel Griffith**, the husband and father). Two white females lived in the Griffith household. They were one daughter age 5 to 10 (name unknown) and the wife of Dan, daughter of William Rotan, and mother of the four children, who was age 30 to 40. Four slaves lived in the Griffith household. They included one male age 24 to 35, two females under age 10, and one female age 24 to 35. [Dan Griffith household, 1830 U. S. census, population schedule, no township given, page 21, line 15, 30 November 1830, NARA M19, roll 182]

After tracking the many Griffith men who appeared on the White County tax lists, I was able to learn that the name of Mrs. Dan Griffith was **Margaret**. The first entry on the tax lists for Daniel Griffith was in 1817, when he was taxed on fifteen acres of land on Lost Creek. He paid no poll, meaning he did not have his residence in the county since he was about age 28 and poll ages were 21 to 50 years. He paid tax on the same tract in 1818, but he was not head of a household in White County when the 1820 U. S. census was taken. His family may have lived in William Rotan's household. In 1821 Dan Griffith paid one white poll, 1 black poll, and taxes on 82 acres on Caney fork. In 1822 Dan Griffith lived in the same militia company (Capt. James Baker's) as did **William Rottan**. In 1837 **Russell Griffith** (born before 1826 who was an older son of Dan) appeared with one poll for the

year 1837 and disappeared by 1838. The rolls for years 1842 through 1846 are missing, but in 1847 Dan Griffith lived in District 1 and the names of two Griffith men were listed below his name. One man was **William R. [Rotan?] Griffith**, who owned a watch and a town lot and paid one poll. This man may have been the same man who was known as **Rotan Griffith** and was a customer at the store of Lincoln and Clark in Sparta, White County, Tennessee, in the period from 30 December 1836 to 30 September 1838. The other man on the 1847 tax list was **Wells Griffith**, who paid only one poll. Wells Griffith, with his uncommon name, became my anchor in finding Margaret's name. [White County, Tennessee Trustee's Office Tax Book (1816-1818), Book (1821-1825), Book (1826-1829), Book (1832-1836), Book (1837-1841), and Book (1847-1850), Tennessee State Library and Archives micropublication 123; "Abstracts from the Journal of a Store Keeper in White County, Tennessee," 30 December 1836 to 30 September 1838, *Ansearchin' News* 13:2 (April-June 1966), 59-65]

On 05 July 1841, "the death of William Rotan late of this County of White Deceased was suggested in open court and that he departed this life intestate whereupon **Dan Griffith** was appointed and qualified as administrator." Dan Griffith and wife were also named as heirs in the distribution of the estate on 18 April 1845 in White County, Tennessee, meaning Mrs. Dan Griffith appeared to be a daughter of William Rotan. Perhaps, the reason Dan Griffith became administrator of the William Rotan probate was the fact that he was a son-in-law who remained in the county after the others had migrated and his sons were dead. [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]

The last year that Dan Griffith paid a poll was 1841, meaning he reached the age of 50 by 1842. The last year Dan Griffith was taxed on land in White County was 1849. It was during the year of 1849 that Dan Griffith and his family moved to Butler County, Missouri. On 30 October 1850, **Wells Griffith**, the man with the uncommon name who paid his poll in the same district as Dan Griffith in White County, Tennessee, was living in Dan Griffith's home and appeared to be his 24-year-old son. Others in the household were **Dan Griffith**, age 58 and born in South Carolina, **Margaret Griffith**, age 55 and born in South Carolina, **Dan Griffith**, age 19 and born in Tennessee, and **Corrasan Griffith**, a 16-year-old daughter who was born in Tennessee. Using this census record, one can determine that the younger children of the Griffith family were **Wells Griffith** (born about 1826 and the under 5 years son on the 1830 census), **Dan Griffith** (born about 1831), and **Corrasan Griffith** (born about 1834). [White County, Tennessee Trustee's Office Tax Book (1837-1841) and Book (1847-1850); Dan Griffith household, 1850 U. S. census, Butler County, Missouri, population schedule, District 10 being, stamp 166, line 25, dwelling 233, family 239, 20 October 1850, NARA M432, roll 393]

Therefore, we can conclude that **Margaret Rotan** (1795 South Carolina-before 07 June 1860) married **Dan Griffith** (1792 South Carolina-after 07 June 1860) about 1815 (when she was about age 20) and had three sons and a daughter by 1830—**William Rotan Griffith** (born about 1817), **Russell Griffith** (born about 1820 White County, Tennessee), and unidentified daughter (born about 1823), **Wells Griffith** (born about 1826 White County, Tennessee), when they lived next farm to William Rotan. Another son [**Dan Griffith**] and daughter [**Corrasan Griffith**] were born in 1831 and 1834. [Dan Griffith (sic) 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 166, line 25, dwelling 233, family 239, 20 October 1850, NARA M432, roll 393]

Margaret Rotan Griffith apparently died before the next census, when Dan Griffith lived in the household of their son, **Dan Griffith** (1831 White County, Tennessee-after 07 June 1860), in Fulton County, Arkansas, on 07 June 1860. Living in the household of the younger Dan Griffith was his wife **Janie** ____, age 27 and born in Alabama. Their children, who were born in Arkansas, were **Riley Griffith**, age 5, **William Griffith**, age 4, and **Margaret Griffith**, age 1. **Richard L. Armstrong**, a 19-year-old farm laborer was also part of the household. [Dan Griffith household, 1860 U. S. census, Fulton County, Arkansas, population schedule, Pleasant Ridge Township, Ash Flat post office, page 419, line 13, dwelling 91, family 17, 07 June 1860, NARA M653, roll 41]

Mariah Jane [Jane Mariah] Rotan (1830 Alabama-25 January 1882 Cherokee County, Texas), a daughter of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas), married **John Martin Cauble** (03 September 1812 Tennessee-28 May 1879 Hill County, Texas; buried Bold Springs Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas) on 12 February 1847 in Tyler County, Texas. On 14 November 1850 the couple farmed in Tyler County, Texas, with his daughters, **Samantha A. Cauble**, age 14, and **Sarah Cauble**, age 12, both born in Tennessee. On 29 August 1870 Martin W. Cauble and Jane Rotan Cauble lived on a farm in Hill County, Texas, with an unidentified fourteen-year-old male named **William Cauble**. The family of Jane's brother-in-law, **Peter King** (14 April 1815 Alabama-22 December 1897; buried Bold Springs Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), lived next farm to them. On 03 June 1880 the widowed Jane Cauble lived with her niece, **Annie Rotan** (1875 Hill County, Texas-unknown), her brother-in-law, **Peter King**, her sister, **Mary King** (1815 Alabama-05 January 1895 Hill County, Texas; buried Bold Springs Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), and another niece, **Mattie King** (about 1864 Texas-unknown). King farmed Jane Rotan's land. [Tyler County, Texas Marriage Book 1:127; John M. Cauble household, 1850 U. S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, no post office given, sheet 172, page 344, line 42, dwelling 160, family 160, 14 November 1850, NARA M432, roll 915; Martin W. Cauble household, 1870 U. S. census, Hill County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 4, Hillsboro post office, sheet 456, page 42, line 1, dwelling 296, family 296, 29 August 1870, NARA M593, roll 1591; Peter N. King household, 1870 U. S. census, Hill County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 4, Hillsboro post office, sheet 456, page 42, line 4, dwelling 297, family 297, 29 August 1870, NARA M593, roll 1591; J. M. Cauble tombstone; Jane Rotan household, 1880 U. S. census, Hill County, Texas, population schedule, ED 77, SD 3, sheet 411, page 4, line 26, dwelling 36, family 36, 03 June 1880, NARA T9, roll 1311; Mariah J. Cauble will and probate, Hill County, Texas Probate Book 6:461-467]

Maria Rattan and **David Potter** married in Fannin County, Texas, on 24 December 1866. [Hunting for Bears, compiler, *Texas Marriages, 1814-1909* (Provo, Utah: My Family.com, Inc., 2004), online <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/>, accessed 29 October 2004]

Marion Henry Rotan (25 February 1904-29 Jun 1958; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) [unidentified] served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. [Marion Henry Rotan tombstone]

Martha C. Rotan (1836 Mississippi-05 January 1925 Confederate Women's Home, Austin, Travis County, Texas) was a daughter of **Sarah Robinson** (unknown Alabama-before 1850) and **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas). On 16 November 1850, she lived in Tyler County, Texas, with the family of **Narcissa Barnes** (1827 Mississippi-unknown) and **William C. Autrey** (1825 North Carolina-unknown), who had married on 18 November 1846 in Tyler County, Texas. **Martha C. Rotan** married **Wiley W. Stamps** (about 1830 Georgia-Civil War) on 29 May 1851 in Tyler County, Texas. The couple had five children before he died in the war. Their three children, as listed on 25 August 1860 were **Wiley Stamps** (about 1854 Tyler County, Texas-unknown), **Martha Stamps** (about 1857-unknown), and **George Stamps** (June 1860-unknown). On 28 June 1870 the widowed Martha Rotan Stamps lived with her children: **Wiley Stamps**, **James O. Stamps** (about 1860 Tyler County, Texas-unknown), and **Moses Stamps** (about 1863 Tyler County, Texas-unknown). [Wm. C. Autrey household, 1850 U.S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, household 185; Wiley Stamps household, 1860 U. S. census, Polk County, Texas, population schedule, Beat 1, Cold Springs post office, sheet 1, page 93, line 27, dwelling 627, family 657, 25 August 1860, NARA M653, roll 1303; Martha Stamps household, 1870 U. S. Census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Woodville post office, sheet 382, page 29, line 11, dwelling 178, family 178, 28 June 1870, NARA M593, roll 1606; Tyler County, Texas Marriage Book 1:30; Martha Stamps death certificate, number 4172, Form D, City of Austin, number 3710, supplied by Judy Womack (2710 59th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79413, on 29 October 1998; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198)]

Mrs. Martha C. Rotan [unidentified] married Dr. **Marcus L. Ragan**, a Tyler County physician, on 29 May 1851 in Tyler County, Texas. [Tyler County, Texas Marriage Book 1:30; *Sketches of Tyler County History* (Bevil Oaks Texas: Whitmeyer Printing, 1986), 232]

Martha Patricia Rattan (maybe 1814 Madison 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) was 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). **Martha Patricia Rattan** first married **Isaac Brown** on 04 June 1831 in Greene County, Illinois. Secondly, she married **Henry Blanford** on 26 October 1836 in Greene County, Illinois. [Greene County, Illinois Marriage Volume 1: 16, License 470; Volume 1:35, License 1026; 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]

Martha W. Rotan (1801 Tennessee-01 April 1884 Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas) was named as an equal heir, as a daughter, of **William Rotan** (about 1763-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee), a widower. Martha W. Rotan was a sister of **Mary Ann Rotan** (1796 South Carolina-1860 Tyler County, Texas), who married **Peter Cauble**. Martha Rotan was about 40 years old when her father died, but she had not married. Martha lived with her father until his death, when she moved in with her sister, **Nancy Hampton Rotan Evans** (24 September 1806 White County, Tennessee-1855; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, White County, Tennessee), widow of **Sevier/Severe Eavans/Evans**. [Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, decd, White County, Tennessee Chancery Court Minute Book A, pages 113-114; William Rotan household, 1840 U. S. census, White County, Tennessee, population schedule, District 2, page 19, stamp 11, line 18, no date given, NARA M704, roll 536]

In 1844, when Martha was middle-aged at 43, she gave birth to a son. The circumstances of the birth are unknown, except the fact that Martha was probably not married. Since women in the mid-nineteenth century were vulnerable to the whims of unscrupulous men and had little with which to defend themselves, Martha was probably raped. She was certainly old enough to be wary of men seeking such a relationship outside of marriage. She lived in the same household with her son through the four censuses of their mutual lives. In 1848, seven years after her father's death, Martha was listed on White County, Tennessee tax assessment roll with one slave, valued at \$500. She paid a tax of \$1.35. On the 1849 tax record of White County, Tennessee, Martha Rotan paid a levy of \$1.50 on the \$500 slave. On 25 July 1850, Martha Rotan and her son lived in the household of her widowed sister, **Nancy Eavans**, age 42, in White County, Tennessee. Also living in the Eavans household was **William R. Eavans**, age 15, who was Nancy's son. The other occupant of the house was **J. Edward Rotan** (09 April 1844 White County, Tennessee-10 March 1932, Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), Martha W. Rotan's son. Nancy Hampton Rotan Evans died before the next census, leaving Martha W. and John Edward Rotan without a home. By 01 June 1860, **Martha Rotan**, age given as 58, and **Edward Rotan**, age given as 18, lived in Sparta in the household of a relative, Dr. **Thomas Snodgrass**, a physician who had married the daughter of **Nancy Rotan Evans**. [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 (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; 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]

By the next census, Edward Rotan had fought and been wounded in the Civil War. After the war, he migrated to Texas and on 06 July 1870, **Martha Rotan**, mother of **Edward Rotan**, lived with her son, a teacher, and his wife, **Kate Sturm McCall Rotan** (May 1851 Mount Vernon, Kentucky-17 October 1931 Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), in East Waco, McLennan County, Texas. On 04 June 1880, the last census of Martha's life, she lived with her son's family at South Third Street in Waco, Texas. Martha's obituary in the *Waco Daily Examiner* stated that "Mrs. Martha Rotan died April 1 at the residence of her son, E. Rotan, Esq., age 83 years. Funeral today at the residence, 8th & Clay, with burial at Oakwood." Martha was buried in the same plot as Edward Rotan, his wife, and children. Martha was surely loved by her

son and others in her family. She acted ethically by raising her son with love and care on meager resources. [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; 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; M. W. Rotan tombstone; Edward Rotan tombstone; Kate Sturm McCall Rotan tombstone; *The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution*, Volume 39, page 109; *McLennan County, Texas Cemetery Records: Oakwood Cemetery* (Waco: Central Texas Genealogical Society, Inc., 1979), 38; *Waco Daily Examiner*, 02 April 1884: "Mrs. Martha Rotan died April 1 at the residence of her son, E. Rotan, Esq., age 83 years. Funeral today at the residence, 8th & Clay, with burial at Oakwood."

Mary Ann Rotan (1794 South Carolina–09 November 1860 Tyler County, Texas; buried Cauble-Burch Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) was named in the distribution of the estate of **William Rotan** (about 1762- by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee) on 18 April 1845 in White County, Tennessee. She was his daughter. She married **Peter Cauble** (1784 Guilford County, North Carolina–08 March 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:113-114; White County, Tennessee Statements and Wills, Book C:10; Mary Ann Rotan Cauble tombstone; Peter Cauble tombstone]

Mary Ann Rotan (1815 Alabama–05 January 1895 Hill County, Texas; buried Bold Springs Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), a daughter of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina–by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas), married **Peter Johnson King** (14 April 1815 Alabama–22 December 1897; buried Bold Springs Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas) reportedly in 1818 in Itawamba County, Mississippi. Descendants of Mary Ann Rotan King claim that she was born in 1820 in Yalobusha, Itawamba County, Mississippi, although that county was not created until 1836. Itawamba County, Mississippi, is contiguous with both Franklin and Marion counties of Alabama. The Rotan family may have lived in all three counties at various times.

The couple had ten known children—**Mary Jane King** (1840 Mississippi-unknown), **William Marion King** (1842 Mississippi-unknown), **Nancy Ann King** (14 August 1844 Itawamba County, Mississippi-unknown), **John Willis King** (09 December 1845 Peach Tree Village, Tyler County, Texas-unknown), **Rufus L. King** (25 December 1849 Peach Tree Village, Tyler County, Texas-unknown), **Sarah Elizabeth King** (07 April 1851 Moscow, Polk County, Texas-unknown), **Louisa Catherine King** (07 March 1855 Polk County, Texas-unknown), **Aletha Tennessee King** (1857 Polk County, Texas-unknown), **Ludia King** (1861 Texas-unknown), and **Martha King** (23 February 1864 Moscow, Polk County, Texas-unknown). [Donna Evans cowcrazy78@hotmail.com, *Our Family Quilt* (undocumented), posted at Ancestry.com on 29 September 2001, accessed 29 August 2003]

On 18 February 1849, **J. P. King**, **John M. Cauble**, **Calvin A. Barnes**, and others were ordered by the Court of Tyler County to work the road "leading from Woodville to Russell Creek near J. R. Laird's, from the Ford on Billums Creek at E. Parsons, to said Russell Creek." The couple lived next farm to **John W. Rotan** in Tyler County, Texas, on 14 November 1850 with **Mary J. King**, 10 and born Mississippi; **Wm. A. King**, 8 and born Mississippi; **Nancy A. King**, 5 and born Mississippi; **John W. King**, 4 and born Texas; **Rufus L. King**, 2 and born Texas. In tax year 1855 P. J. King paid a poll in Hill County, Texas. On 09 August 1860 the King family had a Moscow post office address in Polk County. Seven children lived with them: **Mary Jane King**, age 20, **Wm. M. King**, age 17, **Nancy Ann King**, age 16, **Rufus King**, age 12, **Sarah E. King**, age 9, **Louisa C. King**, age 5, **Alitha Tennessee King**, age 3. On 29 August 1870 the King family lived next farm to that of her younger sister and brother-in-law, **Mariah Jane Rotan** and **Martin W. Cauble**. On 03 June 1880 they lived in the household of Mariah Jane Rotan Cauble in Hill County. Again in 1871, P. J. King paid a poll in Hill County. [Mary A. King tombstone; P. J. King tombstone; Tyler County Court Minutes Book A: 29; P. J. King household, 1850 U. S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, no post office given, sheet 173, page 345, line 28, household 167, family 167, 14 November 1850, NARA M432, roll 915; Hill County, Texas Assessment Rolls 1853-1872, Office of the State Comptroller, roll 472; Peter J. King household, 1860 U. S. census, Polk County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, Moscow post office, sheet 17, page 62, line 22, dwelling 424, family 441, 09 August 1860, NARA M653, roll 1303; Martin W. Cauble household, 1870 U. S. census, Hill County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 4, Hillsboro post office, sheet 456, page 42, line 1, dwelling 296, family 296, 29 August 1870, NARA M593, roll 1591; Peter N. [sic] King household, 1870 U. S. census, Hill County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 4, Hillsboro post office, sheet 456, page 42, line 4, dwelling 297, family 297, 29 August 1870, NARA M593, roll 1591; Jane Rotan household, 1880 U. S. census, Hill County, Texas, population schedule, ED 77, SD 3, sheet 411, page 4, line 26, dwelling 36, family 36, 03 June 1880, NARA T9, roll 1311; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198)]

Mary Lee Throckmorton (about 1821 Sparta, White County, Tennessee–about 1821 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]

Mary J. Rattan (about 1828 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). **Mary J. Rattan** married **William Fitzhugh** (about 1819 Kentucky-unknown) on 24 September 1847 in Collin County, Texas. The William Fitzhugh household was recorded in Collin County, Texas, on 06 July 1860 and Mary's mother, **Gillian Hill Rattan**, lived with them. The children of the household were **Sarah E. Fitzhugh**, age 7 and born Texas; **John T. Fitzhugh**, age 5 and born Texas; **Louisa C. Fitzhugh**, age 3 and born Texas; **George D. Fitzhugh**, age eight months and born Texas. **Gillian Hill Rattan** was age 68 and born in Georgia.

Also living in the household was **Fitzhugh Stroud**, a forty-year-old farmer, who was born in Pennsylvania. [Wm. Fitzhugh household, 1860 U. S. census, Collin County, Texas, population schedule, McKinney post office, Precinct 9, page 81, stamp 35, line 13, dwelling 552, family 581, 06 July 1860, NARA M653, roll 121; Texas Marriages to 1850, online [.../sse.dll?DB=EAMTX&SE=SSE.DLL&DATABASEID=3000&DB=EAMTX&GSI=1601137](#), accessed 23 October 1999; 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]

Mary [Mollie] Rattan (23 January 1862 Collin County, Texas-unknown) 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 **Isaac Jones** and had no 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]

Mary [Polly] Rattan (1819 Illinois-after 16 November 1850) was a daughter of **Mary Buford** (about 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). Polly Rattan married **Reddin Russell** (about 1813 Tennessee-after 16 November 1850) in Green County, Illinois, on 09 May 1835. The couple had seven children by 1850. They were **Hiram Russell**, 12 and born Texas; son **Thompkin Russell**, 12 and born Texas; son **Henry Russell**, 9 and born Texas; son **S. Russell**, 7 and born Texas; son **Norris? Russell**, 5 and born Texas; daughter **Mary J. Russell**, 3 and born Texas; son **King C. Russell**, three months old and born Texas. [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: 28, License 838; 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]

Mary [Buford] Rattan (1782 Tennessee-after 16 November 1850), widow of **Richard Rattan** (1776 Tryon, Polk County, North Carolina-after 1831), lived in the Collin County, Texas, in 1850 in the household of her son-in-law **Reddin Russell**, a 37-year-old farmer, who was born in Tennessee. Others living in the household of Reddin Russell were Mary Buford Rattan's daughter and Reddin Russell's wife, **Mary [Polly] Russell**, 31 and born Illinois, son **Hiram Russell**, 12 and born Texas; son **Thompkin Russell**, 12 and born Texas; son **Henry Russell**, 9 and born Texas; son **S. Russell**, 7 and born Texas; son **Norris? Russell**, 5 and born Texas; daughter **Mary J. Russell**, 3 and born Texas; son **King C. Russell**, three months old and born Texas. [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]

Mary Texana Rotan (1857 Tyler County, Texas-unknown), a daughter of **Zemilia [or Zimila] Ann Askew** (26 September 1828 Mississippi-19 June 1915 Hopkins County, Texas; buried Union Springs Cemetery, Hopkins County, Texas) and **John Willis Rotan** (1826 Alabama-19 December 1858 Polk County, Texas), was a granddaughter of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas). She lived with her widowed mother and siblings on 11 August 1860 in Polk County, Texas. Her mother's family was recorded twice on the 1870 U. S. census, but Texana Rotan's name appeared only on the census taken on 12 September 1870 when the family lived at Black Oak, Hopkins County, Texas. On 30 April 1876 Mary Texana Rotan married **John D. Owens** in Hopkins County, Texas. [Zemila Rotan household, 1860 U. S. census, Polk County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, Moscow post office, sheet 19, page 68, line 1, dwelling 440, family 459, 11 August 1860, NARA M653, roll 1303; Emily Rotan household, 1870 U. S. census, Hopkins County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 1, Bright Star post office, page 13, line 5, dwelling 85, family 88, 30 July 1870, NARA M-593, roll 1592; Ann Rotan household, 1870 U. S. census, Hopkins County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, Black Oak post office, page 15, line 37, dwelling 104, family 104, 12 September 1870, NARA M-593, roll 1592; Hopkins County, Texas Marriage Volume 4: 185]

Merrel [Merrill] E. Rattan (about 1810 Madison County, Illinois-unknown) 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). **Merrel E. Rattan** first married **Melvina Negos** on 15 November 1832 in Green County, Illinois. Secondly, he married **Ann Morfoot** (21 January 1813-09 September 1889; buried Hopewell-Morfoot Cemetery, Greene County, Illinois) on 23 November 1843 in Greene County, Illinois. Merrel E. Rattan and Ann Morfoot may have had a son, **Richard M. Rattan** (18 April 1846-28 December 1913; buried Hopewell-Morfoot Cemetery, Greene County, Illinois), who was buried beside Ann Morfoot Rattan. M. E. Rattan was a candidate for Greene County, Illinois Commissioners' Court in August 1847, receiving 268 votes. [Greene County, Illinois Marriage Volume 1: 20, License 583; Volume 1: 67, License 1990; Ann M. Rattan tombstone; Richard M. 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; *History of Greene and Jersey Counties, Illinois* (Springfield, Illinois: Continental Historical Company, 1885), 651; Sylvia M. Kibart and Rita M. Adams, editors, *Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas*, Volume 1 (Wolfe City, TX: Henington Publishing Company, 1989), 184-186]