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R. H. Rattan (19 September 1873-02 May 1884; buried Wall Cemetery, Fannin County, Texas) probably lived in Fannin County, Texas. [R. H. Rattan tombstone, online <ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/tx/fannin/cemetery/wallcem.txt>, accessed 11 October 1999]

R. M. Rattan (unknown-unknown) married **Catharine W. Doughty** on 06 February 1871 in Greene County, Illinois. [Greene County, Illinois Marriage Volume F: 8]

Rachel B. Fitzgerald (unknown-unknown) was a daughter of **Elizabeth Rotan** (1784 South Carolina-October or November 1845 Fannin County, Texas) and **Jabez Fitzgerald** (before 1786 Tennessee-before 27 November 1843 Fannin County, Texas, when he probate came to court) and a granddaughter of **William Rotan/Rhotan** (about 1762-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee). She married ___ **Pace** in the 1840s probably in Fannin County, Texas. [Jabaz Fitzgearld (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; Jabez Fitzgerald probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Volume A: 292-295 and Volume C: 349, 367]

Reuben Rattan (about 1808 Kentucky-unknown) was 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). [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; 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]

Richard M. Rattan (18 April 1846-28 December 1913; buried Hopewell-Morfoot Cemetery, Greene County, Illinois) was surely a son of **Ann Morfoot** (21 January 1813-09 September 1889; buried Hopewell-Morfoot Cemetery, Greene County, Illinois) and **Merrel E. Rattan** (about 1826 Illinois-unknown) and a grandson 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). **Merrel E. Rattan** and **Ann Morfoot** married on 23 November 1843 in Greene County, Illinois. **Richard M. Rattan** and **Ann M. Rattan** were buried together in Hopewell-Morfoot Cemetery. [Richard M. Rattan tombstone; Ann M. Rattan tombstone; Greene County, Illinois Marriage Volume 1: 67, License 1990; 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]

Richard M. Rhotan/Rottan/Rotan (about 1782 perhaps South Carolina-by October Term of Chicot County, Arkansas 1833) was a son of **William Rotan/Rhotan** (about 1762- by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee) and a brother of **Mary Ann Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-09 November 1860 Tyler County, Texas; buried Cauble-Burch Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas), who married **Peter Cauble** (1784 Guilford County, North Carolina-08 March 1870 Tyler County, Texas; buried Cauble-Burch Cemetery, Peach Tree Village, Tyler County, Texas). In the first year of extant tax records from White County, Tennessee, the year 1811, Richard M. Rotton paid his poll and tax on 100 acres of land he received by grant in Hickory Valley. On 16 February 1813, Richard M. Rotton witnessed an indenture between **William Rogers** of Barren County, Kentucky and **Jonas Turner** of White County, Tennessee. On 23 March 1813, **Capt. Richard M. Rotton** signed a petition in White County to continue the upkeep of a turnpike which had opened in 1809. By 21 December 1815, **Richard M. Rotton** may have lived in Warren County, Tennessee, where he executed an indenture to **Shadrick Mooneyham** for 57 acres in 3rd District on main Caney Fork, as witnessed by **John A. Rotten**. [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, Tennessee State Library Archives micropublication 123; Bill for distribution of estate of William Rotan, decd, White County, Tennessee Chancery Court Minute Book A:113-114; Petitions to the General Assembly of Tennessee, Legislative Petitions 1812-1813, Tennessee State Library and Archives microfilm roll 4; White County, Tennessee Deeds Volume E:143; White County, Tennessee Deeds Volume F:103]

Richard M. Rottan/Rotan married **Susanna** ___ (15 November 1786-18 April 1858 Chicot County, Arkansas; buried private cemetery, Lake Hall Plantation, Chicot County, Arkansas), who served as administratrix of his estate. **Richard** and **Susanna** had three children, who were named in their grandfather's (William Rotan's) probate. They were **John A. Rhotan/Rottan/Rotan** (about 1818 Mississippi-unknown), **Nancy Rhotan/Rottan/Rotan** (about 1815 Tennessee-unknown), and **William Rhotan/Rottan/Rotan** (about 1820 Mississippi-unknown), who were named as heirs of their deceased father. Because **Richard M. Rhotan** owed money to his father's estate, his heirs received nothing in the distribution of their grandfather's estate. **Richard Rotan** was listed on the assessment rolls of Chicot County, Arkansas, for the years 1828, 1830, and 1832. [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; Thanks to Michael A. Ports for the clue to this research.]

Richard Rattan (1776 North Carolina-after 1831), a son 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) and a brother of **Thomas Rattan** who settled

in Collin County, Texas. **Richard Rattan** married **Mary Buford** (1782 Tennessee-after 16 November 1850) and they had twelve known children. The **Richard Rattan** family lived in Kentucky around the turn into the nineteenth century and migrated to Illinois before 24 August 1814, when he purchased land in Southeast Section 14, Township 05 North Range 09 West Meridian 3. In 1817 he lived two miles from the road that was laid out between Edwardsville and Alton in Madison County. **Richard Rattan** and his family still lived in Madison County, Illinois, when the 1818 Illinois state census was taken. His household consisted of one free white male age 21 and upwards and eight other white inhabitants. On 07 September 1819, Richard Rattan was appointed constable for Wood River township, Madison County, Illinois, after entering a security bond of \$500 and taking an oath. In 1829, **Richard Rattan** succeed **Cyrus Tolman** as County Treasurer in Greene County, Illinois, and served in the office two years. By 27 November 1830, Richard Rattan's household was recorded in Greene County, Illinois. Richard was listed as age 50-60 and Mary was counted as age 40-50. A total of nine persons lived in their household. One male, age 20-30, and one son age 15-20, and one son, age 5-10 were part of the household. The females in the household seem puzzling since the family had only two daughters and a mother. However, one female age 5-10, two females age 10-15, and one female age 15-20, and the mother, age 40-50, were counted. [Sylvia M. Kibart and Rita M. Adams, editors, *Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas*, Volume 1 (Wolfe City, TX: Henington Publishing Company, 1989), 184-186; Illinois Public Land Purchase Records Volume 23, pages 3, 152, online [/sse.dll?db=lantrac&se=SSE.DLL&DatabaseID=3780&db=lantrac&GSI=7018233&GSFN](http://sse.dll?db=lantrac&se=SSE.DLL&DatabaseID=3780&db=lantrac&GSI=7018233&GSFN), accessed 23 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, gave Mary Buford Rattan's age as 68 and her birthplace as Tennessee; *History of Madison County, Illinois* (Edwardsville, Illinois: W. R. Brink & Company, 1882), 83; *Court Records of Madison County, Illinois, 1818-1821*, compiled by Bob Johnston (Edwardsville, Illinois: Madison County Genealogical Society, 1983), 48; *History of Greene and Jersey Counties, Illinois* (Springfield, Illinois: Continental Historical Company, 1885), 698, 1073-1074, called "Richard Rattan, the brother of Thomas:"; *Illinois Census Returns, 1810, 1818*, Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library, Volume 24 (Springfield, Illinois: Illinois State Historical Library, 1935), 131; Richard Rattan household, 1830 U. S. census, Greene County, Illinois, population schedule, no post office given, page 2, line 1, by 27 November 1830, NARA M19, roll 24]

Their children were:

1. **Richard Rattan** (1797 Kentucky-unknown);
2. **John W. Rattan** (about 1798 Kentucky-after 1818);
3. **Jarvis B. Rattan** (about 1799 Kentucky-unknown);
4. **Larkin Rattan** (about 1803 Kentucky-after 1832);
5. **Hiram Rattan** (1805 Kentucky-after 1850 U.S. census, Hopkins County, Texas),
6. **Thomas Rattan** (1806 Kentucky-unknown);
7. **Reuben Rattan** (about 1808 Kentucky-unknown);
8. **Jacob Rattan** (about 1809 Kentucky-unknown);
9. **Littleton Rattan** (1810 Illinois-18 December 1847; by Indians during Mexican War);
10. **Daniel Rattan** (about 1818 Illinois-after 1850 U. S. census, Hopkins County, Texas);
- 11, **Mary [Polly] Rattan** (about 1818 Illinois-after 16 November 1850);
12. **Eliza Rattan** (about 1820 Illinois-after 1850 Fannin County, Texas U. S. census).

Several of the Rattan children and their mother moved on to Texas in the 1830s. Among them were **Thomas, Hiram, Littleton, Daniel, Mary, and Eliza**. [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; 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]

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Richard H. (M.) Rotan, age over 45, was a resident of Lawrence County, Mississippi, in 1820. His household consisted of two males under age 10, one female under age 10. [Richard H. Rotan household, 1820 U. S. census, Lawrence County, Mississippi, population schedule, Township 9, page 65, line 26, no month and day given, NARA M33, roll 57]

Richard Rottan (born before 1781 to be of legal age and able to witness a deed or to prove and record such) witnessed a deed on 27 March 1802 when John Rottan, Jr., and wife conveyed to **John Green** a tract of 100 acres in Barren County, 75 acres and ¼ of above acres, a 200-acre settlement right patented by **John Rottan, Sr.** Other men who witnessed the deed were **John Hall** and **George Wilhelms** and signed by **John Rottan** and **Mary Rottan**. The deed was proved and recorded on 08 August 1804 by **Richard Rottan**. [Barren County, Kentucky deed Book before A:99-101, Family History Library roll 0209719]

Note: Richard M. Rotton, son of William (1762-1841), was born about 1782 and could have been of legal age, if my guess about his birth year is wrong; however, he always used his middle initial and William and his family were gone from Barren

County in 1802. **Richard Rattan** (1797-after 1831), son of **John Rattan, Jr.**, and **Mary Green Rattan** was about 5 years old. Was this Richard a brother of **John Rattan, Jr.**?

Richard Rotten (about 1700 maybe North Carolina-by 1772 Old Craven County, South Carolina) was the father of **John Rottan/Rattan, Sr.** (about 1720s maybe North Carolina-after 1800 may have died in Barren County, Kentucky), who married **Sythana/Sythany** ___ (unknown-unknown). On 02 October 1772, “**John Rottan** and **Sithana**, his wife, of Craven County” sold to “**James Martin** of same” 250 acres of land for 10£ South Carolina money. This John Rottan had apparently inherited the land from **Richard Rotten**, who was granted it on 11 February 1756. The record states that John Rotten “has good, sure and indefensible estate of inheritance in fee simple.” Witnesses were **William Rotten**, **James Eades**, and **William Mark**. **John** and **Sithana/Sythana Rottan/Rattan, Sr.**, migrated to Kentucky by 1799. [Fairfield County, South Carolina Deed Book B, page 232, accessed online <http://members.tripod.com/hawkmoon3/rodens.html>, accessed 29 October 2004; *Barren County, Kentucky Tax Lists, 1799-1809*, compiled by Sandra Gorin (Glasgow, KY: Gorin Publications, 1993), 163-164]
Conclusion: William Rotten/Rottan (1762-1841) was connected to John Rottan/Rattan, Sr. (about 1720s-after 1800) and to Richard Rotten (about 1700-by 1772 Old Craven County, South Carolina), and to John Rottan, Jr., (1747 North Carolina-1821 Illinois) and his wife Sythana Rottan.

Rich Ratton received 200 acres in Jackson County (a parent of White County), Tennessee, on 09 March 1802, located on the south branch of Spring Creek, including his own improvements. [Middle Tennessee Entry Book 54:4, Number 8]
Note: This Richard Ratton is unidentified. He might be a brother of William Rotan (1762-1841).

Robert Arnold Rotan (06 February 1899 Tyler County, Texas-27 July 1961; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) was a son of **Clara B. Rhodes** (22 February 1880 Texas-15 October 1968 Tyler County, Texas; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) and **John E. Rotan** (05 November 1874 Texas-unknown), a grandson of **Ann Polk** (July 1846 Texas-unknown) and **Robert Rotan** (1822 Alabama-after February 1887 Polk County, Texas), a great-grandson of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas), and brother of **Ruby Rotan** (14 November 1896 Tyler County, Texas-unknown), **Burnice E. Rotan**, and **John T. Rotan**. On 12 September 1918, Robert Arnold Rotan of Woodville, Texas, registered for World War I military draft. He was 19 years old and tall with medium build, blue eyes, and dark-colored hair. He was serving in **Capt. J. E. Wheat** Company of Texas Infantry at that time. By early January 1920, Robert A. Rotan gave his age as 20 and his occupation as a porter at the railroad depot. He lived with his parents and brothers on Chester Road in Tyler County at that time. Robert A. Rotan married **Juanita Beall** (14 Mar 1899-19 February 1973 Tyler County, Texas) and had one known daughter, **Betty Jane Rotan**. Juanita Beall Rotan lived at Woodville, Tyler County, Texas 75979, at the time of her death. She was buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas. [Robert Arnold Rotan tombstone; Tyler County, Texas Marriage Book 2/3:155, 5:253; John Rotan household, 1900 U.S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, ED 104, SD 8, sheet 15, page 174, line 28, dwelling 253, family 265, 29 June 1900, Family History Library roll 1241674; John Rotan household, 1910 U.S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 1, ED 158, SD 2, sheet 2, page 191, line 84, dwelling 33, family 33, 16 April 1910, NARA T624, roll 1594; Robert Arnold Rotan Card, Serial Number 106, Order A-1027, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, NARA roll 1983696, 15 June 1918; Texas Death Records, online <<http://vitals.rootsweb.com/tx/death/>>, accessed 15 February 200; John E. Rotan household, 1920 U. S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 1, ED 201, SD 9, sheet 1B, page 130, line 78, dwelling 16, family 17, 3-5 January 1920, NARA T625, roll 1847; Juanita Beall Rotan tombstone; Juanita Rotan entry, 459-05-8536, 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; Texas Birth General Records, online <http://vitals.rootsweb.com/tx/birth/general/search.cgi>, accessed 20 February 2001]

Robert Garnett (1832 Kentucky-after 06 August 1870), a son of **Sarah Rotan** (1796 South Carolina-between 22 February 1841 and 25 May 1846 Fannin County, Texas) and **James T. Garnett** (1780-by 01 December 1840 Fannin County, Texas), who lived in Marion County, Alabama, in 1830 with the families of **John Rotan**, **Jabez Fitzgerald**, and **Garrett Fitzgerald**. The family migrated from Alabama to Kentucky and to North Texas in the 1830s. Brothers of Robert Garnett were **John R. Garnett** (1814 Kentucky-after 1851), who secondly married his older first cousin, **Margaret Elizabeth Fitzgerald Baker**, and lived in Fannin County, on 01 February 1850, and **James T. Garnett, Jr.** (1825 Alabama-after 1851), who also lived in Fannin County, Texas in 1851. Robert Garnett married **Mary** ___ (1835 Kentucky-after 06 August 1870) and they had four Texas-born daughters by 06 August 1870, when they lived in Collin County, Texas. Their daughters were **Ann Garnett**, 12, **Jane Garnett**, 7, **Lee Garnett**, 4, and **Margaret Garnett**, who was born in September 1869. [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; James T. Garnett probate proceedings, Fannin County, Texas Probate Book A: 154, 159; 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; Robert Garnett household, 1870 U. S. census, Collin County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, Highland post office, stamp 434, page 36, line 40, dwelling 227, family 237, 06 August 1870, NARA M593, roll 1579]

Robert Middleton Throckmorton (28 January 1828-08 April 1864 at the Battle of Mansfield, Louisiana, during Civil War), 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 grandson of **William Rotan/Rhotan** (about 1762-by 05 July 1841 White County, Tennessee), was reportedly seventeen years old when he joined Company E, a unit raised at Cedar Springs, Texas. The company was mustered into federal service on 02 July 1846 and mustered out on 09 September 1846 for duty in the Mexican War. He later married **Eva Fish**. He was among the 1,000 Confederate soldiers who died at the Battle of Mansfield during the Civil War. [James Webb Throckmorton obituary, *The Dallas Morning News*, 22 April 1894; Charles D. Spurlin, *Texas Volunteers in the Mexican War* (Austin: Eakin Press, 1998), 176-177]

Robert [Bob] Rotan (1822 Alabama-after February 1887 Polk County, Texas), son of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas), was an early landholder in Tyler County, Texas. He was a private in Liberty County Company B that was mustered into federal service on 22 June 1846 and mustered out on 02 October 1846. When his unit returned home, he was overlooked and was left to return home on his own. The trip required an additional six months. [Tyler County, Texas Deed Records, abstract 55, online <ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/tx/abstracts/tyler.txt>, accessed 04 November 1998; Charles D. Spurlin, *Texas Volunteers in the Mexican War* (Austin: Eakin Press, 1998), 162-163; *Sketches of Tyler County History* (Bevil Oaks Texas: Whitmeyer Printing, 1986), 44, 233]

He first married **Lucinda Barnes** (03 February 1830 Rankin Mississippi-1859 Tyler County, Texas; buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas), a daughter of **Tabitha Hough** and **James Barnes**, on 03 December 1846 at Mount Hope, Tyler County, Texas. On 19 February 1850, **Robert Rotan, Wm. C. Autrey, D. B. Cauble, James Cauble, Peter Cauble hands, James Barnes**, and others under **John W. Cauble**, overseer, were ordered by the Tyler County court to work "road leading from Belt's Ferry to D. R. Smith's, from the East side of Russell's Creek bottom to Daniel R. Smith's." By 13 November 1850, Rotan was a farmer in Tyler County, Texas, and valued his property at \$150. His wife, Lucinda was age 20 and born in Mississippi. Their daughter, **Elizabeth**, was age 2 and born in Texas. On 19 February 1851, **Robert Rotan, Calvin A. Barnes, Martin Cauble**, and others were ordered to road duty on the Woodville to Russell's Creek Road. **Rufus Rotan, Robert Rotan**, and others were ordered by the Tyler County court to work "the road leading from Woodville to Herman A. William's, between the place where the Road leaves the Hardshell Road and W. Sansom's old bridge" in Precinct 30. On 21 February 1853, Elizabeth was listed on the Texas school census in 1854 in the household of her father. Other children born to Lucinda Barnes Rotan were **J. A. Rotan** (about 1851-unknown), **Lucinda Rotan** (about 1854 Tyler County, Texas-unknown), and **William E. Rotan** (05 October 1858 Polk County, Texas-21 April 1890; buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas). Siblings of **Lucinda Barnes Rotan** were **James Barnes** who married **Mary Green, Narcissa Barnes** who married **William Autrey, Nancy Barnes** who married **Anthony Graham, Mary Barnes** who married **Andrew McKee, Tibitha Barnes** who married **J. M. Hallmark**, and **Sarah Barnes** who married **William Priest**. [Tyler County, Texas Marriage Book 1:123-124; Tyler County, Texas Court Minutes Book A: 37, 113; Robert Rotan household, 1850 U.S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, household 157, family 157, 13 November 1850; Tyler County, Texas Court Minutes Book A: 63; Gifford White, ed., *Texas Scholastics, 1854-55*, 339; Lucinda Barnes Rotan tombstone; W. E. Rotan tombstone; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198)]

Secondly, **Robert Rotan** married **Martha Jane Low** (about 1832 Tennessee-by 01 October 1871 Polk County, Texas) on 30 November 1857 in Polk County, Texas. Robert Rotan's children who lived with him and Martha Jane Low Rotan on 01 August 1860 were **N. E. [Elizabeth] Rotan**, a daughter, age 11, and born in Texas; **J. A. Rotan**, a son, age 9, and born in Texas; **L. [Lucinda] Rotan**, a daughter, age 6, and born in Texas; **W. [William E.] Rotan**, a son, age 1, and born in Texas. Children born into Robert Rotan's marriage to Martha Jane Low were **George Robert Rotan** (1865-1949) and **Laura Jane Rotan** (1868-1949). On 07 September 1867, **R. Rotan**, voter 435, appeared before the Tyler County, Texas Voter Registration Board under the military Reconstruction government and stated that he had lived in Peach Tree Village precinct 3 for 20 years, in Tyler County for 20 years, and in Texas for 20 years (meaning he came to Texas in 1847). On 06 December 1870, **Robert Rotan** executed a deed to **J. R. C. Barnes** in Tyler County. After the death of Martha Jane Low Rotan, Robert Rotan married **Ann Polk** (July 1846 Texas-unknown) on 01 October 1871 in Tyler County. Four children were born of that marriage. They were **John E. Rotan** (05 November 1874 Texas-unknown), **Henry Rotan** (January 1876 Texas-unknown), **Alice Rotan** (January 1880 Texas-1947; buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas), and **Nettie Rotan** (November 1887 Texas-unknown). However, only Robert, Ann, and George, who was age 15, were shown at the bottom of page 4 of the 1880 U. S. census, Tyler County. It was obvious from the numbering on the following page that a page was missed in the microfilming. Robert Rotan was one of the promoters of 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. [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; 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; Robert Rotan household, 1870 U. S. Census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Woodville post office, sheet 383, page 30, line 34, dwelling 188, family 188, 29 June 1870, NARA M593, roll 1606; 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; Tyler County, Texas Deed Volume H: 119-120; *Reunion of the "Crow School,"* 1; Tyler County, Texas Marriage Book 2/3:155; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198); Robert Rotan entry, Tyler County, Texas Voter Registration Board under the Reconstruction military government on 06 September 1867, in *Yellow Pages* 22:3 (Fall 1992), 16; Anna Rotan household, 1900 U.S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, ED 104, SD 8, sheet 13, page 172, line 56, dwelling 220, family 232, 27 June 1900, Family History Library micropublication 1241674]

Robert White [Bob White] Rotan (1883-24 May 1884 Waco, McLennan County, Texas; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas), son of **Kate Sturm McCall** (May 1851 Mount Vernon, Kentucky-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), lived only ten months. [*McLennan County, Texas Cemetery Records: Oakwood Cemetery* (Waco: Central Texas Genealogical Society, Inc., 1979), 38; *Waco Daily Examiner*, 28 May 1884]

Roland Rattan (1852-1872; buried Wall Cemetery, Fannin County, Texas) was buried in Fannin County, Texas. [Roland Rattan tombstone, online <ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/tx/fannin/cemetery/wallcem.txt>, accessed 11 October 1999]

Rotan Griffith, a son of **Margaret Rotan** (1795 South Carolina-before 07 June 1860) and **Daniel [Dan] Griffith** (1792 South Carolina-after 07 June 1860), was listed as a customer at the store of Jesse Lincoln and Daniel Clark in Sparta, White

County, Tennessee, during the period 10 December 1836 and 30 September 1838. The assumption is that Rotan Griffith was of legal age or living on his own during this period. "Dan Griffeth, son, wife, Jones" and "Daniel Griffith" were also listed as customers of the same store. ["Abstracts From The Journal of a Store Keeper in White County, Tennessee," in *Ansearchin' News* 13:2 (April 1966), 59-65]

Ruby Rotan (14 November 1896 Tyler County, Texas-unknown), a daughter of **Clara B. Rhodes** (22 February 1880 Texas-15 October 1968 Tyler County, Texas; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas) and **John E. Rotan** (05 November 1874 Texas-unknown), granddaughter of **Robert Rotan** (1822 Alabama-after February 1887 Polk County, Texas), great-granddaughter of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas), and sister of **Robert Arnold Rotan** (06 February 1899 Texas-27 July 1961; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Tyler County, Texas), lived in Tyler County, Texas, on 29 June 1900. Ruby Rotan married **James E. Wheat**, a prominent attorney and the first mayor of Woodville (1929-1931), on 16 September 1917 in Tyler County, Texas, and became known as an elegant Southern woman. They had three children: **Josiah Wheat** (23 December 1928 Tyler County, Texas), **James Edward Wheat**, and **Ruby Ruth Wheat Steinhauser**. [Tyler County, Texas Marriage Book 2/3:155, 5:253 and Book 8: 460; John Rotan household, 1900 U.S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, ED 104, SD 8, sheet 15, page 174, line 28, dwelling 253, family 265, 29 June 1900, Family History Library roll 1241674; John Rotan household, 1910 U.S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 1, ED 158, SD 2, sheet 2, page 191, line 84, dwelling 33, family 33, 16 April 1910, NARA T624, roll 1594; Clara B. Rotan tombstone; Robert Arnold Rotan tombstone; Tyler County, Texas Marriage Book 8:460; *Sketches of Tyler County History* (Bevil Oaks Texas: Whitmeyer Printing, 1986), 128; Texas Birth General Records, online <http://vitals.rootsweb.com/tx/birth/general/search.cgi>, accessed 15 February 2001]

Rufus H. Rotan (1834 Alabama-unknown), probably a son of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas), was a 16-year-old farmer, living in the **James Willey** household in Tyler County, Texas, in 1850. **Rufus Rotan**, **Robert Rotan**, and others were ordered by the Tyler County court to work "the road leading from Woodville to Herman A. William's, between the place where the Road leaves the Hardshell Road and W. Sansom's old bridge" in Precinct 30, on 21 February 1853. His neighbors who were also assigned to the same duty were **D. Barclay**, **Edmund Frazer** and his slave **Cropper**, **J. W. Pool**, **A. A. McKee**, **Old Wm. Tipton** and his sons, **G. P. Kayhea**, **Isaac Peters**, **Wm. R. Brown**, **A. Grayham**, and **Robert Rotan**. By 1865 he migrated to McLennan County, Texas, and on 08 August 1865 **R. H. Roten [Rotan]** married **Sarah Renfro** in that county, with **L. D. Stringer**, O. M. G., officiating. [James Willey household, 1850 U. S. census, Tyler County, Texas, population schedule, household 22, family 22, NARA M432, roll 915; Tyler County, Texas Court Minute Book A:113; McLennan County, Texas Marriage Book 1:48; Patti Hendrix Eckhoff, Rotan family group records (undocumented), supplied 06 June 1993 by Eckhoff (20020 Des Moines Memorial Dr., Seattle WA 98198)]

Rufus R. Rotan (1851 Tyler County, Texas-unknown), a son 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 grandson of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas). He lived with his widowed mother and siblings on 11 August 1860 in Polk County, Texas. His mother's family was recorded twice in 1870 because they moved from Bright Star community to Black Oak community during the year. Rufus was age 17 on 30 July 1870, but he had turned 18 by 12 September 1870 when the census taker again counted his family. Rufus was a farmer in 1870. [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]