

# FROM OUR MEMBERS

Ledbetter Family 73

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When I was a teenager in Southern Illinois, I saw an old bible at my aunts house (Eliza Ann Elizabeth LEDBETTER LEWIS) at Cave-in-rock, Hardin County, Illinois. This was in the 1940's. The bible was falling apart at that time. I do not know how old the bible was. I would guess that the bible was purchased in the mid 1800s.

At the death of my aunt, Mrs. LEWIS, in 1967, my father, Charles Marion LEDBETTER received the book and disposed of the bible except for the family records. At the death of my father in 1970, my brother George R. LEDBETTER of Rolla, Missouri received the family record pages. I, Harold G. LEDBETTER, of Camarillo, California received the pages in 1971 and have the original pages at present. In the record below, I have tried to copy the exact spelling and entries as they appear in the bible record.

The bible record shows the descendants of John LEDBETTER of Hardin County, Illinois. According to the book "LEDBETTERS From Virginia" by Roy C. LEDBETTER, William R. LEDBETTER, Justus R. MOLL, and James D. Tillman Jr.; John LEDBETTER moved with his father, John C. LEDBETTER, to Hardin County Illinois in about 1826 from Tennessee.

## BIRTHS

1. John LEDBETTER was borne in the Year of Our Lord 186 November 15th 186 (1806).
2. Elizabeth LEDBETTER (Elizabeth H. WRIGHT) was born the Year of Our Lord 1811 December the 29.
3. James Alx (Alexander) LEABETTER was born in the Year of Our Lord May the 5 1829.
4. William J. LEABETTER was born in the Year of Our Lord July the 27 1831.
5. Frances S. (Sina) LEABETTER was born in the Year of Our Lord March the 4th 1833.
6. R. H. LEABETTER (Robert Henry) was born in the Year of Our Lord March the 7th 1835.
7. Meary E. LEABETTER (Mary Ellen) was born in the Year of Our Lord February the 16 1838.
8. Tabitha Ann LABETTER was born in the Year of Our Lord August the 15th 1840.
9. Nancy J. LEABETTER (Nancy Jane) was born in the Year of Our Lord November the 16 1844.
10. Meathew LABETTER was born in the Year of Our Lord Meay the 4 1846
11. Arter (Arthur) LEABETTER was boren in the Year of Our Lord June the 21 1848.
12. Ruthey S. T. (Celestina) LEABETTER was born in the Year of Our Lord November the 28 1853.



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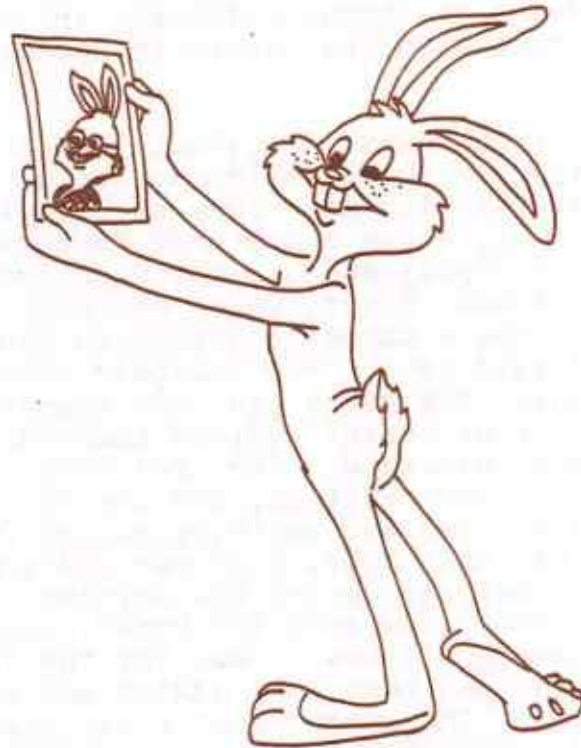
13. Meary LEABETTER was born in the Year of Our Lord February the 28 1876.
14. Charloote LEDBETTER (Charlotte Marie PALMER) was borned inn the Year of our Lord Jannar the 12 1844. (Wife of Meathew)
15. John William LEDBETTER was bornd in the Year of Our Lord December the 4 1869.
16. Eliza Ann Elizabeth LEDBETTER was boned in the Year of Our Lord March the 18 1872.
17. Leonia Franses LEDBETTER was bornd in the Year of Our Lord January the 7 1874.
18. Dysker Culumbes LEDBETTER was borned in the Year of Our Lord December the 28 1876.
19. Dora Elen LEDBETTER was borned in the Year of Our Lord May the 9 1878.
20. Rosey Ztty LEDBETTER (Rosetta) was borned in the Year of Our Lord Junary the 13 1880.
21. Pronetty LEDBETTER was borned in the Year of Our Lord Jannary the 13 1880.
22. Charles Marien LEDBETTER was borned inn the Year of Our Lord Febuary the 25 1883.
23. Dolley Bell LEDBETTER was borned inn the Year of Our Lord Sept the 20 1886.

## MARRIAGES

1. John LEABETTER was marrid to Ellizabeth WRIGHT in the Year of Our Lord May the 4 1828.
2. J. A. LEABETTER (James Alexander) was marrid to Salisna T. LEABETTER (Salista Thurman LOWE) in the Year of Our Lord Febuary 2 1853.
3. Sina LEABETTER (Frances Sina) marrid to Luke HAMBRINK April the 12 1855.
4. R. H. LEABETTER (Robert Henry) was marrid to Manirvy BOYD December the 3 1855.
5. Mary E. LEDBETTER was marrid to John FRALEY Octtober 26 1856.
6. Nancy J. LABETTER was marrid to Allen HOBBS February the 18 1863.
7. Tabitha Ann LEABETTER was marrid to James L. YOUNG?
8. Dora Elln LEDBETTER married to Reed DISBROW Dec 10 1899.
9. Mathey LEABETTER was marrid to Sharlet PALMORE Octtober the 12 1865.
10. R. H. LEABETTER (Robert Henry) was marrid to Rebecky TUCHER March 25 1865.
11. Tabitha Ann YOUNG was marrid to Richard VALDOURE Sept 8 1869.
12. Ruthey S. T. (Celestina) LEABETTER was marrid to Marlen DEVERS Sept the 24 1868.
13. Arter (Arthur) LEABETTER was marrid to Biller HUGHES March the 14 1868.
14. Mathew LEDBETTER married to Mary LEEPER November 8 1917.

## DEATHS

1. William J. LEABETTER died in the Year of Our Lord 14 May 1848
2. Elizabeth LEABETTER (Wife of John) died the 17 day of October 1864.
3. John LEDBETTER died in the Year of Our Lord July the 2 1885.
4. Mary E. LEDBETTER departed this life Feb 6 1908.
5. Leonia Franses LEDBETTER departed this life December the 6 AD 1876.
6. Pronetty LEDBETTER departed this life August the 24 A D 1885.
7. John W. LEDBETTER departed this life June the 13 A D 1889.
8. Osker C. LEDBETTER departed this life June the 13 A D 1889.
9. Dollie Bell LEDBETTER departed this life Jan 9 A D 1912.
10. Charlotte M. LEDBETTER (Wife of Mathew) departed this life November 17 A D 1914.



"I LOOK JUST LIKE MY GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER"

THE HISTORY OF JOBE CALLOWAY AND HIS DESCENDENTS

submitted by DEE RICKARDS

*Editor's note: The following article was written by Dee Rickards' maternal grandmother, Lucy Lee Calloway Bales, who was born July 9, 1890 in Chilton County, Alabama, the daughter of Turpen Calloway and Sydney Caroline Estes. The author married Mycajah Bryant Hart on September 6, 1905 in Alabama. He died on December 19, 1940, and she later married William R. Bales. The author died on October 4, 1965 in Los Angeles, California. The material is un-documented oral history.*

During the summer of 1954, I attended the reunion of the Calloways in Alabama. At that time it was suggested that a history be made of the descendents of Jobe Calloway. My cousin, Enoch Calloway, volunteered to write the history. Later his eyesight failed, and he was unable to complete the work. He sent his information to Professor Jones, but Professor Jones was unable to do it, as he was busy writing a book. So, in the year 1957 I, Lucy Lee Calloway Bales, offered to take the compiled data furnished to me, and prepare it for publication.

Rev. Elvey Calloway of Florida states that he believes all Calloways in America are descendents of Thomas Calloway, an immigrant from England, who probably came with the Oglethorpe Colony of 1733, or perhaps later.

It appears that Jobe Calloway was born about 1768 in the state of Georgia. He, along with his three children; Bette, Mary and Ben, later moved to the state of Alabama. They settled in the swamp lands of the Alabama River, where now stands Montgomery, Alabama. In or about 1800, Jobe Calloway and his three children settled on the east banks of the Alabama River, where he built a log cabin, which was located about where Commerce Street in Montgomery is now. There were indians and wild game. Ben Calloway hunted game where the Alabama Capitol, built 106 years ago, now stands! Educationally speaking, our people were no better equiped than their neighbors, and practically all were unlearned. The area from which they came, Georgia, had but recently been settled, and the forest into which they pioneered allowed no time for anything except the bare necessities of life. Day and night, both men and women were busily engaged, with the women helping during the daytime clearing the land and making the fence. They grew corn for bread, vegetables for the table and cotton for making clothes. Feed for the livestock was also grown. At night the men kept busy making and mending shoes and harnesses for the horses. The woman spent their nights carding and spinning cotton thread, and weaving cloth to make the family wardrobe. They used candles for light, and later on had coal oil lamps. These people, though not educated, knew values. Everyone obtained a home and some of them large bodies of land. They taught their children obedience and the fear of God through their Missionary Baptist faith. Jobe Calloway had three children:

Bette Calloway, who married Masculine Dukes.  
Mary Calloway, who married William Popwell.  
Ben Calloway, who married Polly Melton