

RIDDLE

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teacher and/ migrated to Ohio & there m. Susan Montgomery, July 28, 1838. Their only child, America Ann Montgomery Riddell, was b. Oct. 7, 1832. migrated to Alabama, abt. 1840, after Susan's death John m. 2d. Mary Caroline Atkins, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Ment) Atkins, in Fayette (now Lawley) Co., Ala. John & Mary Caroline Riddell moved to Mississippi abt. 1843, settling in Choctaw Co., where ten children were b.

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Dear Mrs. Smith:—We noticed this reference, which seemed to carry some traditional overtones in a way comparable to what you told us about Robert Riddle. Time and area elements are also somewhat compatible. It might be possible to pursue this lead further, if you so direct. let us know.

Hastily,

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RIDDLE-RIDDLE: John Riddell or Riddle b. Feb. 19, 1805, in Philadelphia (?) Pa.; d. Aug. 15, 1880, Choctaw Co., Miss. One story tells that his parents died in Ireland and left five small boys to the care of spinster aunt, who brought them to America. Samuel d. and was bur. at sea; four landed and settled in Philadelphia with aunt, who educated and prepared each boy for a vocation. John wanted to be a sailor, but became a teacher and

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Robert Riddle

Riddle family

OGGS REFERENCE ONLY

JOHN SAMUEL RIDDLE
January 1, 1831 - May 29, 1905

by
Mary Ann Wilson

John Samuel Riddle was born January 1, 1831, in Shelby County, Kentucky, the fifth of seven children, born to Jacob Riddle and Lucretia Ann Ellis. He spent his childhood and early adult life in Shelby County and all but two of his sixteen children were born in Shelby County.

On February 13, 1855, at the age of 24, he married Angeline Vardaman in Shelby County. John and Angeline had three children: James William Riddle (born January 2, 1856); Mary Elizabeth Riddle (born May 11, 1857) and Lucy Ellen Riddle (born August 10, 1859). Apparently there were complications after Lucy's birth and Angeline died on August 12, 1859.

My great grandmother, Permelia Elizabeth Hulett, enters the picture a month later.

On September 19, 1859, John Riddle, now 28, and Permelia Elizabeth Hulett were married in Franklin County, Kentucky. Elizabeth, born March 4, 1841 in Franklin County, was the 18-year-old daughter of James Madison Hulett and Dosha Moore. From this marriage, thirteen children would be born, two of which did not survive childhood.

About 1882, John decided to move west. No doubt this move was influenced by his oldest son, James William, who had come to Texas a few years earlier with his Vardamon relatives. James became a Baptist minister, married Cynthia Ellen Coop on August 26, 1881 in Coryell County, Texas and settled in that area. At least eight children were born to James and Cynthia. He was pastor of the Union Baptist Church in Hamilton County in 1897-1898. He died August 15, 1922 and is buried in the City Cemetery in Gatesville, Texas.

John's oldest daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who had married William D. Hulett remained in Kentucky. Her sister Lucy Ellen, according to family tradition, came with the family to Texas.

According to his obituary, John and his family settled near Buckner's Orphans' Home. Like many who came to Texas in this time frame, he was a farmer and was perhaps seeking the rich fertile soil, which lay dormant.

John Preston Riddle, and his infant son, were the first Riddles to die in their adopted state. John Preston's obituary from the October 29, 1889 Dallas Morning News was by-lined "Orphans Home, Texas October 27". John Preston was buried at the Pleasant Mound Cemetery. It is not known where his infant son, who died in January 1889, is buried.

As far as can be determined, all of John Samuel's children married in Dallas County. And all the children but one daughter lived in and around Dallas County all their lives, died and are buried here.



In a few years, the Riddles moved to Elam Springs or Elam Station. The obituary for Elizabeth printed in the April 2, 1900 issue of the Dallas Times Herald stated she died near Elam Station at the age of 59. It is believed the two youngest daughters were born at Elam Springs. It has been suggested that Elam Springs was located in what is now the Pleasant Grove area of the city of Dallas.

After Elizabeth's death, John and his two youngest daughters moved closer in to the city of Dallas, perhaps even within the city limits. He died on May 29, 1905 at the age of 74 at his home on Willow Street and was buried in the Pleasant Mound Cemetery next to Elizabeth and John Preston.

At least two more children would be buried in the Pleasant Mound Cemetery near their parents - Hester and Jesse. Two more children, Benjamin and Lelia, my grandmother, are buried across Scyene Road in the Pleasant Mound "Public Cemetery".

The following is taken from page 31 of "Pioneers of Yesteryear Pleasant Mound Public Cemetery and Memorial Park 1848-1873", compiled by Stella Vinson Bryant:

John Riddle brought tobacco seedlings from Kentucky and raised his own tobacco. The Riddle family was a very religious family. The young folks would gather at the Riddle home on Sunday afternoon and sing songs, while the Riddle girls took turns playing the family organ (the foot peddle type organ). The young fellows wanted to play croquet, but John S. Riddle forbid playing croquet on Sundays. When there was a party given (ice cream or a box supper), if the younger set started playing music and dancing, the Riddle girls were instructed by Pa Riddle to leave the party and come home at once!

Mary Adams White
Dallas, Texas
(Taken from fond remembrances of
her mother, Ethel Riddle Adams)

The following obituary written by S. A. Hayden, is from the Thursday, June 8, 1905 issue of the "Texas Baptist and Herald":

"And Enoch walked with God and was not, for God took him." These inspired words are in a striking way applicable to John Samuel Riddle, who died instantly while resting on his bed in Dallas last Monday afternoon and was buried from the residence of his son-in-law, L. G. Adams, 173 Willow Street, Tuesday at 1 p.m. For most of the hundred and eight days the writer sat in the courthouse, Bro. Riddle sat almost daily by his side. His presence was like a daily ancestral benediction. Cheery, unselfish, loyal to his convictions, he listened to the trials almost from the opening to the close with scarcely an intermission. Such fidelity stands out on the ocean of life like an island covered with tropical foliage, flowers and fruit perennial.

John Samuel Riddle was born in Shelby, Co., Ky., January 1, 1831, nearly seventy-five years ago. He came to Texas in 1882, only one year before the writer came to Dallas, and he settled

near the Orphans' Home and was for some time deacon of that church. Later he became deacon of the Pleasant Grove Church, about two miles south of the Orphans' Home. His son-in-law, Bro. John Body, lived at Calhoun, on the M., K. & T. Railway. Bro. Riddle spending much of his time there, became a member and a deacon of the Pleasant View Church.

Brother Riddle was a remarkable man, tall, erect, of natural intellectual forces, cheerful by nature, joyous by grace, conservative, constant and true. The writer has never known a finer character and he never saw more sincere filial affection than was shown the deceased by his devoted children. He was twice married. Both his companions preceded him to the world of light. Of seventeen children, sons and daughters, all became Baptists except one. One of his sons is a preacher now. Thirteen of his children survive him. They are loyal to the principles their father emphasized in his life. His excellent life and his sudden death were suggestive of Enoch's translation. "He walked with God and was not, for God took him." Nearly all of his children resident in Texas were present at the funeral service and accompanied the remains to Pleasant Grove burial ground, six miles east of Dallas, where he was laid by the side of his wife, from which with the redeemed of the Lord they will be awakened at last in the final resurrection and be caught up with the returning Savior in the air and so be forever with the Lord.

S. A. Hayden

The following obituary appeared in the "Texas Times"

Obituary of Elizabeth P. Riddle

Died near Elam, Dallas Co., Texas on Sunday, April 1, Elizabeth wife of John S. Riddle, aged 59 years. Deceased was born in Franklin Co., Ky. She was a member of the Baptist Church forty years. Bro. Riddle lost a loving and faithful companion and the children a mother whose life commended to them that Savior whom she loved and trusted. Seven of her children are Baptists. - J. B.

Engravings from tombstones are:



John S. Riddle
January 1, 1831 - May 29, 1905
"Mother xxx is broken, In our household band,
But a chain is forming in a better land"



Elizabeth
Wife of J. S. Riddle
Died April 1, 1900
Aged 59 years, 28 Days
"It's hard to break the tender cord,
When love has bowed the heart,
Tis hard, so hard to speak the words,
We must forever part."



John P. Riddle
Born March 4, 1862
Died October 23, 1889
"A precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home that never can be filled.
God in His wisdom, has recalled the boon His love has given,
That though the body moulders here, His soul is safe in
heaven."

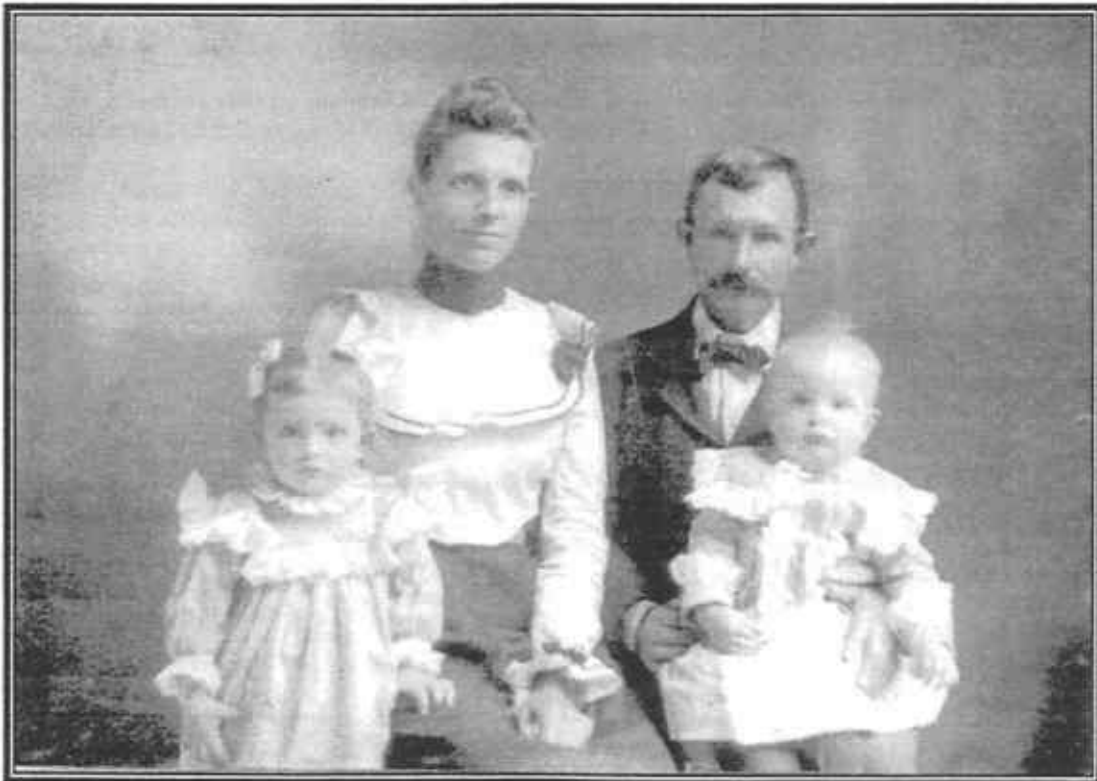


Jacob Riddle
Born: August 19, 1804
Died July 29, 1882
Graefenburg Cemetery
Shelby County, Ky.
"A light from our household is gone
A voice we loved is stilled
A place is vacant in our hearts
That never can be filled."

(Note similar wording on John P. Riddle's stone)



**Back Row (left to right): Nancy Riddle Stinnett, Angeline Riddle Body, Rosy Riddle Bowland
Front Row (left to right): Ethel Riddle Adams, Florence Riddle Adams, Lelia Riddle Wilson
Children: Marion Wilson (with bow in hair) and Beulah Adams Circa 1918**



**Lelia Riddle and Marion F. Wilson
Lillie Mae Wilson and Harry Buell Wilson Circa 1901**

Descendants of John Samuel Riddle

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN SAMUEL³ RIDDLE (*JACOB², JAMES THOMAS¹*) was born January 01, 1831 in Shelby Co., Ky., and died May 29, 1905 in Dallas, Texas. He married (1) ANGELINE VARDAMON February 13, 1855 in Shelby Co., Ky.. She was born 1834 in Kentucky, and died August 12, 1859 in Shelby Co., Ky.. He married (2) PERMELIA ELIZABETH HULETT September 19, 1859 in Franklin Co., Ky., daughter of JAMES HULETT and DOSHA MOORE. She was born March 04, 1841 in Franklin Co., Ky., and died April 01, 1900 in Dallas, Texas.

Children of JOHN RIDDLE and ANGELINE VARDAMON are:

2. i. JAMES W.⁴ RIDDLE, b. January 02, 1856, Shelby Co., Kentucky; d. August 15, 1922, Gatesville, Coryell Co., Texas.
- ii. MARY ELIZABETH RIDDLE, b. May 11, 1857, Shelby Co., Kentucky; m. WILLIAM D. HULETT, December 13, 1877, Franklin Co., Ky..
- iii. LUCY ELLEN RIDDLE, b. August 10, 1859, Shelby Co., Kentucky.

Children of JOHN RIDDLE and PERMELIA HULETT are:

- iv. HENRY HARRISON⁴ RIDDLE, b. July 09, 1860, Shelby Co., Ky.; d. January 20, 1861, Shelby Co., Ky..
- v. JOHN PRESTON RIDDLE, b. March 04, 1862, Shelby Co., Ky.; d. October 23, 1889, Dallas Co., Texas; m. MARY BLAIR(?), September 11, 1885, Dallas Co., Texas.
3. vi. ROANN (ROSA) RIDDLE, b. March 03, 1864, Shelby Co., Ky.; d. December 19, 1938, Dallas Co., Texas.
4. vii. PERMELIA ANGELINE RIDDLE, b. December 27, 1865, Shelby Co., Ky.; d. August 13, 1938, Dallas Co., Texas.
5. viii. NANCY KATHERINE RIDDLE, b. March 17, 1867, Shelby Co., Ky.; d. January 10, 1943, Joplin, Jasper Co., Missouri.
6. ix. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN RIDDLE, b. December 18, 1868, Shelby Co., Ky.; d. February 13, 1906, Dallas Co., Texas.
- x. EDMONY RIDDLE, b. February 12, 1871, Shelby Co., Ky.; d. February 16, 1871, Shelby Co., Ky..
7. xi. LELIA NORA (LEE NORA/LENORA) RIDDLE, b. February 28, 1872, Shelby Co., Ky.; d. November 23, 1957, Dallas, Texas.
8. xii. NEWELL HESTER RIDDLE, b. January 19, 1875, Shelby Co., Ky.; d. May 08, 1908, Dallas Co., Texas.
- xiii. EMMA DIER RIDDLE, b. January 02, 1878, Shelby Co., Ky.; d. July 06, 1917, Dallas Co., Texas.
- xiv. JESSE LEONARD RIDDLE, b. October 25, 1880, Shelby Co., Ky.; d. November 17, 1947, Terrell, Kaufman Co., Texas; m. SALLIE E. BLANTON; b. May 06, 1879, Tennessee; d. January 05, 1948, Dallas Co., Texas.
9. xv. FLORENCE RIDDLE, b. October 26, 1883, Dallas Co., Texas; d. September 02, 1967, Dallas Co., Texas.
10. xvi. QUEEN ETHEL RIDDLE, b. April 23, 1886, Dallas Co., Texas; d. February 22, 1974, Dallas Co., Texas.

Generation No. 2

2. JAMES W.⁴ RIDDLE (*JOHN SAMUEL³, JACOB², JAMES THOMAS¹*) was born January 02, 1856 in Shelby Co., Kentucky, and died August 15, 1922 in Gatesville, Coryell Co., Texas. He married CYNTHIA ELLEN COOP August 26, 1881 in Coryell Co., Texas. She was born November 16, 1861 in Owl Creek, Arkansas, and died August 29, 1947 in Temple, Bell Co., Texas.

Children of JAMES RIDDLE and CYNTHIA COOP are:

- i. HATTIE⁵ RIDDLE, b. August 1882.
- ii. MAUDE RIDDLE, b. May 1884.
- iii. SOLON RIDDLE, b. April 1888.
- iv. ELLEN ELIZABETH RIDDLE, b. August 13, 1891; d. October 29, 1892, Coryell Co., Texas.
- v. HOMER RIDDLE, b. May 1893.
- vi. ABBIE RIDDLE, b. February 1894.
- vii. LOYD RIDDLE, b. June 1897.
- viii. DEWEY RIDDLE, b. September 1898.

3. ROANN (ROSA)⁴ RIDDLE (*JOHN SAMUEL³, JACOB², JAMES THOMAS¹*) was born March 03, 1864 in Shelby Co., Ky., and died December 19, 1938 in Dallas Co., Texas. She married HARRY C. BOWLAND December 18, 1886 in Dallas Co., Texas, son of BOYD BOWLAND and ELIZABETH COLEMAN. He was born February 25, 1858 in Ohio, and died April 01, 1928 in Dallas Co., Texas.

Children of ROANN RIDDLE and HARRY BOWLAND are:

- i. CLARENCE⁵ BOWLAND, b. December 1887, Texas; d. June 20, 1952, Dallas Co., Texas.
- ii. ROY BOWLAND, b. March 1896, Texas; d. February 01, 1954, Dallas Co., Texas; m. GLADYS.

4. PERMELIA ANGELINE⁴ RIDDLE (*JOHN SAMUEL³, JACOB², JAMES THOMAS¹*) was born December 27, 1865 in Shelby Co., Ky., and died August 13, 1938 in Dallas Co., Texas. She married (1) JOHN BODY December 18, 1883 in Dallas Co., Texas. He was born May 25, 1845 in England, and died November 05, 1908 in Dallas Co., Texas. She married (2) W. W. VICK Abt. 1923.

Children of PERMELIA RIDDLE and JOHN BODY are:

- i. JOHN E. (LYNN)⁵ BODY, b. August 28, 1884, Texas; d. May 22, 1946, Dallas Co., Texas; m. LELA MCCOMMAS, July 24, 1907, Dallas Co., Texas.
- ii. PERCY C. BODY, b. April 22, 1886, Texas; d. August 16, 1935, Dallas Co., Texas; m. MYRA GOFORTH.
- iii. JAMES EVERETT BODY, b. Abt. 1903.
- iv. ANNA BODY, b. August 1891, Texas; m. L. L. MCWILLIAMS.

5. NANCY KATHERINE⁴ RIDDLE (*JOHN SAMUEL³, JACOB², JAMES THOMAS¹*) was born March 17, 1867 in Shelby Co., Ky., and died January 10, 1943 in Joplin, Jasper Co., Missouri. She married AARON ISHAM STENNETT November 23, 1890 in Dallas Co., Texas, son of DAVID STENNETT and CAROLINE SAMPLE. He was born January 31, 1857 in Macoupin Co., Illinois, and died August 24, 1934 in Joplin, Jasper Co., Missouri.

Children of NANCY RIDDLE and AARON STENNETT are:

- i. FLOYD⁵ STENNETT, b. October 06, 1891, Grand Prairie, Texas.
- ii. EARL S. STENNETT, b. March 06, 1894, Grand Prairie, Texas.
- iii. MACY (MIKE) STENNETT, b. November 17, 1895, Grand Prairie, Texas.
- iv. ROYCE STENNETT, b. February 25, 1897, Grand Prairie, Texas.
- v. LAURA STENNETT, b. December 30, 1901, Joplin, Jasper Co., Missouri.
- vi. PAUL FAWN (PETE) STENNETT, b. January 27, 1904, Joplin, Jasper Co., Missouri.

6. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁴ RIDDLE (*JOHN SAMUEL³, JACOB², JAMES THOMAS¹*) was born December 18, 1868 in Shelby Co., Ky., and died February 13, 1906 in Dallas Co., Texas. He married ELMINA MAYO SCOTT September 27, 1891 in Dallas Co., Texas. She was born January 19, 1872 in Dallas Co., Texas, and died June 09, 1917 in Dallas Co., Texas.

Children of BENJAMIN RIDDLE and ELMINA SCOTT are:

- i. LENNIE⁵ RIDDLE, b. November 10, 1891, Dallas Co., Texas; d. September 10, 1966, Dallas Co., Texas.
- ii. SAMUEL ERNEST RIDDLE, b. May 08, 1894, Dallas Co., Texas; d. July 19, 1920, Terrell, Kaufman Co., Texas.
- iii. FRANK RIDDLE, b. November 11, 1895, Dallas Co., Texas; d. March 15, 1897, Dallas Co., Texas.
- iv. RUTH MAY RIDDLE, b. August 09, 1897, Dallas Co., Texas; d. April 18, 1958, Dallas Co., Texas.
- v. LOLA B. RIDDLE, b. November 19, 1899, Dallas Co., Texas; d. January 13, 1970, Kerrville, Texas; m. CATLIE BEARD CORLEY, 1921.
- vi. NETTIE CAROLINE RIDDLE, b. April 13, 1903, Dallas Co., Texas; d. December 21, 1975, Dallas Co., Texas.
- vii. BENNIE FRANCIS RIDDLE, b. May 04, 1906, Dallas Co., Texas; d. June 04, 1987, Garland, Dallas Co., Texas.

7. LELIA NORA (LEE NORA/LENORA)⁴ RIDDLE (*JOHN SAMUEL³, JACOB², JAMES THOMAS¹*) was born February 28, 1872 in Shelby Co., Ky., and died November 23, 1957 in Dallas, Texas. She married MARION FRANCIS (SIG - FRANKLIN) WILSON July 17, 1898 in Dallas Co., Texas. He was born April 11, 1861 in Missouri, and died August 11, 1933 in Dallas, Texas.

Marriage Notes for LELIA RIDDLE and MARION WILSON:
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Children of LELIA RIDDLE and MARION WILSON are:

- i. LILLIE MAE² WILSON, b. August 17, 1899, Dallas Co., Texas; d. March 03, 1944, Dallas, Texas; m. JAMES HENRY SAUNDERS, August 25, 1914, Dallas Co., Texas; b. March 16, 1898, Sherman, Texas; d. September 03, 1944, Dallas, Texas.
- ii. HARRY BUELL WILSON, b. December 08, 1900; d. August 17, 1905.
- iii. EDNA ANGIE WILSON, b. October 27, 1905, Dallas Co., Texas; d. June 23, 1966, Dallas Co., Texas; m. HERMAN GOODMAN, July 17, 1928, Dallas Co., Texas; b. March 29, 1909; d. April 08, 1978, Dallas Co., Texas.
- iv. INEZ BEULAH WILSON, b. October 22, 1907; d. December 18, 1907.
- v. VERNON EUGENE WILSON, b. July 12, 1909, Dallas, Texas; d. October 24, 1972, Dallas, Texas; m. (1) GERTIE LEE MITCHELL, April 06, 1929, Dallas, Texas; b. January 18, 1910, Melrose, Nacagdoches Co., Texas; d. September 20, 2000, Seagoville, Dallas County, Texas; m. (2) GEORGIA ANN STROUHAL, 1946; b. February 23, 1924, Crisp, Texas; d. September 17, 2001, Gun Barrell, Texas.
- vi. NORA MARION WILSON, b. April 06, 1914, Dallas Co., Texas; d. December 31, 1999, Mesquite, Dallas County, Texas; m. (1) JERRY MLYNCZAK, 1939; b. March 31, 1909, Winona, Minnesota; d. March 31, 1948, Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas; m. (2) RAYMOND GOSH, Abt. 1950; m. (3) ODELL GOODMAN, Abt. 1969; b. July 08, 1917; d. June 09, 1995, Mesquite, Dallas Co., Texas.

8. NEWELL HESTER⁴ RIDDLE (*JOHN SAMUEL³, JACOB², JAMES THOMAS¹*) was born January 19, 1875 in Shelby Co., Ky., and died May 08, 1908 in Dallas Co., Texas. She married DAVID MURRAY BOWLAND August 18, 1894 in Dallas Co., Texas, son of B. BOWLAND and MARY COLEMAN. He was born October 27, 1862 in Berio, Ohio, and died February 03, 1938 in Dallas Co., Texas.

Child of NEWELL RIDDLE and DAVID BOWLAND is:

- i. HERBERT⁵ BOWLAND, b. June 04, 1895, Dallas Co., Texas; d. August 27, 1970, Dallas Co., Texas; m. VERA RILEY, June 20, 1914, Dallas Co., Texas.

9. FLORENCE⁴ RIDDLE (*JOHN SAMUEL³, JACOB², JAMES THOMAS¹*) was born October 26, 1883 in Dallas Co., Texas, and died September 02, 1967 in Dallas Co., Texas. She married WILLIAM ADAMS November 30, 1901 in Dallas Co., Texas. He was born December 29, 1875 in Arkansas, and died May 01, 1911 in Dallas Co., Texas.

Children of FLORENCE RIDDLE and WILLIAM ADAMS are:

- i. JOHN I. (BABE)⁵ ADAMS, b. September 24, 1902; d. March 16, 1975.
- ii. EDITH MAE ADAMS, b. June 07, 1904, Dallas Co., Texas; d. April 15, 1957, Dallas Co., Texas; m. JESSE J. HEATHCOCK.
- iii. W. FRANK ADAMS, b. June 30, 1907, Dallas Co., Texas; d. February 13, 1942, Dallas Co., Texas.
- iv. LEONARD T. ADAMS, b. October 24, 1908, Texas; d. January 26, 1987, Dallas Co., Texas.
- v. WILMUTH MARIE ADAMS, b. Abt. 1912; d. December 21, 1983; m. (1) O. K. BLACK, Abt. 1940; m. (2) TROY VINES, Abt. 1970.

10. QUEEN ETHEL⁴ RIDDLE (*JOHN SAMUEL³, JACOB², JAMES THOMAS¹*) was born April 23, 1886 in Dallas Co., Texas, and died February 22, 1974 in Dallas Co., Texas. She married LONNIE G. ADAMS July 19, 1902 in Dallas Co., Texas, son of JOHN ADAMS. He was born February 12, 1880 in Arkansas, and died June 17, 1951 in Dallas Co., Texas.

Children of QUEEN RIDDLE and LONNIE ADAMS are:

- i. L. G.⁵ ADAMS, JR.
- ii. ARTHUR LEE ADAMS, b. Abt. 1904, Dallas Co., Texas; d. April 03, 1968, Tarrant Co., Texas.
- iii. ANNA BELLE ADAMS, b. January 08, 1906, Dallas Co., Texas; d. March 30, 1978.
- iv. MARY LORAIN ADAMS, b. February 24, 1908; d. June 19, 1987; m. UNKNOWN WHITE.
- v. BEULAH IRENE ADAMS, b. February 04, 1915, Dallas Co., Texas; d. June 05, 1987, Dallas Co., Texas; m. D. M. BOWLAND, JR., June 01, 1937, Dallas Co., Texas; b. Abt. 1918, Dallas Co., Texas; d. May 31, 1993, Dallas Co., Texas.