

THE STONE FAMILY

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Bible Record of the John S. Stone Family (1789-ca 1839)

John Stone, born 26 Nov., 1769, died between 1835 and 1839
His wife, Isabelle Elizabeth Wright, born 8 Feb. 1791,
daughter of William and Isabella (Traillkill) Wright

John and Isabelle married 1812, Clark County, Kentucky

Their children:

- A. Wesley P. Stone, 8 Nov. 1813, Clark County, Kentucky
- B. Malinda Stone, 30 Mar. 1815, Clark County, Kentucky
- C. Shelton A. Stone, 17 Sept. 1816, Clark County, Kentucky
- D. Kisiah Stone, 23 Nov. 1817
- E. John Dudley Stone, 25 Dec. 1819, Montgomery County, Missouri
- F. Susan Stone, 3 Mar. 1820, Missouri
- G. Joseph A. Stone, 24 Aug. 1823, Missouri
- H. Isabel C. Stone, 9 May 1825, Missouri
- I. Leroy D. Stone, 15 Mar. 1828, Missouri
- J. Willis Shackelford Stone, 4 Mar. 1830, Montgomery County, Mo.
- K. Thomas G. Stone, 28 Apr. 1832, Missouri
- L. Jane Artemicia Stone, 10 Sept. 1835, Missouri

This Bible was copied by Mrs. Virginia Hicks, 4658 Cristy Way, Castro Valley, California 94547. She sent the record to "The Ozark Quarterly" where it was printed March, 1973. I recognized it as one of the very early families in this area. Their descendants are scattered throughout Springdale and east of Springdale, as well as in other states.

The Bible was taken across the plains in an oxcart, apparently by the son Willis Shackelford Stone, as it includes brothers, sisters, parents and children of Willis and his wife, Ildegriitta Fitzgerald, who were married in Washington County, Arkansas in 1851. The Bible states they were married in Fayetteville 23 Aug. 1851 by Rev. John Holcomb, witnesses L. D. Stone and W. Phillips. Ildegriitta Fitzgerald was born 4 May 1835, Washington County, Arkansas, the daughter of James and Mahala (White) Fitzgerald. James Fitzgerald was born 1 July 1809, the son of John and Mary Fitzgerald. James Fitzgerald's home is shown on 1834 survey maps of the Springdale area as being just south and west of today's Moore's Drop Forge Co., on the curve, lefthand side going north on Old Missouri Road. He and his father (with others) were responsible for the mail route from Springfield, Missouri to Fayetteville, Arkansas, the route being obtained from Congress and approved in 1836. (Territorial Papers of Arkansas, Vol. XXI).

This old Bible states James Fitzgerald married Mahala White 13 Dec. 1832. Mahala was born 12 June 1814 in Alabama. I believe she will prove to be the daughter of another early settler of Springdale, Sherrod White and his wife Susan. Sherrod and Susan White

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Lived on the back side of Fitzgerald Mountain. Sherrod died after 1843 and before 1850. This name, over the years, in some records, has been read as "Sherwood."

A. Wesley P. Stone, born 1813, married by 1838 to Lucinda Emily Rogers. They had

1. Emeline, born 1838, married Wm. Joyce
2. Delany, born 1840, married John McGuire, according to family (is Francis McDonough on marriage records; abstract shows McGuire)
3. James, born 1845
4. William Columbus, born 1847, married Nancy C. Sanders
5. Madison Green, born 1849, married Julia A. -----
6. Sultana, born 1851
7. Thomas T., born 20 Sept. 1856, died 11 Sept. 1920, married Josephine Wiggins. Some of their children were: Ras, Guy, John, Denver
8. Sarah Caroline, born 1859, married William Osburn Harp, son of Philip and Elizabeth (Hinds) Harp. They had: Emeline H., Robert W., Dora Johnson, Nora Etta Smith, Marjorie Donaldson, Maud Overlander, Margaret Vaughan, Hattie, Ollie, Henry, Tom, Ellis, Ward Columbus, and Clyde Harp.
9. Jackson, born 1861, married Romelia Harp, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Hinds) Harp. Some of their children: Sadie, Ella, Toy, Dallas, Orville and Arthur.

B. Malinda Stone, born 30 Mar. 1815, Kentucky, married Daniel Barefoot in Missouri. He died in Montague County, Texas in 1895. Malinda died 1881 in Texas. Daniel and Malinda Barefoot moved to Texas in 1859. Some of their children:

Jcrathan Barefoot, born 1837, Missouri
John Barefoot, born 1839, Missouri
Sarah, born 1841, Arkansas
Mary, born 1843, Arkansas
William
Thomas, born 1846
George Washington, born 1849, married Sallie Boone in Texas and had Mrs. Suzannah Woodson (perhaps others)
Judge Bert B. Barefoot
Clifford Barefoot

C. Shelton A. Stone, born 27 Sept. 1816, married Elizabeth Higgins 31 March 1848. They had Nolen, born 1849, and Virginia, born 1850, and probably others. According to tradition, Shelton built the first school house about 1850 on what was known as the old Carroll place on White River, Highway 68 East (property now owned by Joe Steele)

D. Kisiah Stone, born 23 Nov. 1817 does not show up in our early Washington County, Arkansas records. She either married in Missouri and stayed there or died when small, or is listed with another middle name in our records. If married, her name is unknown.

- E. John Dudley Stone, born 25 Dec. 1819 in Missouri, married Luelza McKinney, 16 Mar. 1848, Washington County, Arkansas, daughter of David and Manerva McKinney. David McKinney homesteaded what is now called Stone-Harp farm on the White River where Harlan Harp lives today. On this farm, which is across the river east of Neal's Bluff, is the old Stone Cemetery. There are at least 30 burials in this cemetery, but only two stones remain: that of Luelza Stone, born 12 Aug. 1831, died 27 Sept. 1876, wife of J. D. Stone; and a son of theirs. The son's stone carries one date, 1 Aug. 1871, which has to be a death date, since we know John died in 1864. A footstone says W. S., so it is either their son Willis, born 1855, or William, born 1860. I feel this old cemetery holds the bodies of John and Isabella Stone, David and Manerva McKinney, John Dudley Stone, and by tradition, others buried here are: Two infants of Grover and Pearl Shrum Hilton, Berry Sherrod children, and Ben T. Johnson. Berry Sherrod was the son of Sterling Brown Sherrod and Margaret Lankford. Sterling and Margaret died in 1864, along with five of their children. Perhaps they are also buried here. John Dudley Stone and wife Luelza had

Luelza, born 1849, married Jacob F. Cloer. Luelza and Jacob are grandparents of attorney John Cloer.

John, born 1852

James Henry, born 21 Feb. 1853, married Eliza J. Williams.

They had Cora A., Albert, and others

Willis, born 1855

Thomas, born 1858

William, born 1860

Albert, circa 1862

Cidney, circa 1863

Frances A., 1864

John Dudley Stone and Luelza are part of a Civil War story which I will write about in a different article. John Dudley was killed in 1864 by James Ingram. In 1870, John's son John, born 1852, killed Rev. James Ingram as one of the men responsible for his father's death.

- F. Susan Stone, born 3 Mar. 1820 in Missouri, is called Susannah in other records. She married Elisha Lane Cloer, 3 Feb. 1848, as his second wife. Elisha had married Matilda Barnet the first time on 19 Sept. 1827 in Lauderdale County, Alabama. Their first two children are not proven, but we think Rebecca Cloer, born 1827-8 married James Taylor, and James Cloer, born 1829 in Alabama married Rhoda Ann Smith, daughter of Priscilla (Seborn) and Henry B. Smith. Rhoda Ann and James are buried in a beautiful cemetery hidden in the hills in the Mayfield area. This is a large cemetery and has practically all of its stones, marked and unmarked, in place. Some of these descendants are Gayers, Bowermans, McCoys, Garretts, Johnsons, etc. Other known children of Elisha and Matilda Barnet Cloer were: Jacob Francis, born 1830, married Martha Rogers and Angeline Eubanks; Sarah Elizabeth Cloer, born 1836, married Jeremiah Combs, son of Mathew and Frankie Brown Combs; John H. Cloer, born 1838 and died 1862; Henry G. Cloer, born 1840, married Mary Della Joyce. Matilda

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died shortly after 1840 and Elisha married our Suzannah Stone. They had four children:

Thomas W., born 1848, married Mary Hensley

L. C. (a male), born 1852

Matilda J., born 1854

Susannah C., born Aug. 1850, married Isaac Newton Harp, the son of Philip and Elizabeth (Hinds) Harp. They had seven children: Nora Lee, born 1872; Philip Alva, born 1873; Zada Agnes, born about 1875; Luther E., born 1879; Ella; Evadna; and Walter. Suzannah died by 1894, for on Mar. 17 of that year, Isaac Newton Harp married M. J. Vanzant, born 1871. They had two children: Earnest and Jewell.

Philip Alva Harp, born 1873, married Rose Mae Boyd, the daughter of Ezekiel and Nancy Jane (Gist) Boyd. They had: Hazel A. Cate, born 1896; Zello O., born 1899, first wife of George W. Graham; Lottie, who died when small; Mildred, wife of Joe Murphy; Helen, wife of ? Searcy and Mr. Lawson (she lives in Oklahoma); Jesse Agnes, who married Russell Gay and lives east of Springdale; and Harvard Harp, who died in 1968 and was founder of today's Harp Food Stores.

Elisha Lane Cloer, born 1807, died 30 Sept. 1859. His wife, Suzannah Stone Cloer, died after 1880.

- G. Joseph A. Stone, born 24 Aug. 1823 in Missouri, married 27 July 1848 Washington County, Arkansas, to Melissa Jane Hash, daughter of the widow Elizabeth Hash. Melissa was born 6 Aug. 1830 in Illinois. Some of their known children are:

America, born 1850

Henry Newton, born 24 Mar. 1852, died 1927, married Margaret Boyd

Frances L.

Nancy Ann

Keziah Malinda

Melissa Wright Stone, born 3 Apr. 1861. She married John Redding Bias, the son of Armstrong "Bank" Biass and his second wife Katherine Hawkins. John Redding Biass was a half brother to Rhoda Biass, wife of John Howard Holcomb (son of Rev. John Holcomb). Rhoda and John Holcomb were my husband's great-grandparents. John R. Biass and his wife Melissa Stone went to California to live. Mrs. Nora L. Sharlow, 408 Sequoia Avenue, Monteca, California, is a granddaughter, and Mrs. Frances M. Webb of 942 Long Court, Modesto, California is a great-granddaughter. Both were living in 1968.

- H. Isabel C. Stone, born 9 May 1825 in Missouri, married on 12 Oct. 1847 in Washington County, Wilson Phillips of Benton County, Arkansas, believed to be the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Looney) Phillips. Wilson Phillips was born Jan. 1824, and died 1 June 1877. Isabel died 1866. Both are buried in Bluff Cemetery, Springdale. They had eight children at least:

Artismissa Phillips, born 1848
Nancy, born 1858, died 1868
Thomas F.
Robert S.
Lewis
Dorothy
Andrew

The names of these children are taken from the 1865 Census of Washington County. The only link I have with this family is a great-great-granddaughter, Mrs. Kathryn Baley, Rt. 1, Box 215, Tulalake, California 96134.

I. Leroy D. Stone, born 15 Mar. 1828 in Missouri, died 1892 in Kansas, married Nancy Phillips, also believed to be a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Looney) Phillips. If so, Nancy was born 1829 in Alabama. They are believed not to have had any children. In the 1850 census, they had Susan Dooley, born 1848, with them. Susan married Henry Payton in 1872. They also had two Sherrod children (Sarah and Charlotte) with them in 1860. According to the 1870 census, they had in their household: Susan Dooley; Willis Stone, son of his brother John Dudley Stone; and Isaac Newton Harp, who married Suzannah Cloer.

J. Willis Shackelford Stone, born 14 Mar. 1830 in Missouri, married Ildegitta Fitzgerald. Willis died 1 Nov. 1914, Chico, Butte County, California, and is buried in the City Cemetery at Sonora, California. His wife Ildegitta died 26 Dec. 1916 at the Stone Ranch and is buried in the City Cemetery, Sonora, California. They had:

Orville P. Stone, born 4 June 1854, died 28 Feb. 1935,
buried Stent, California

Thomas J. Stone, born 3 March 1859, married Emma Ferguson
28 April 1886. Tom died 10 June 1936 in Oakdale, California

George G. Stone, born 13 March 1861 (Bible has George L. Stone)
married Alice E. Bruner 15 Nov. 1896. George Died July
1943 in Oakland, California

Isbel C. Stone, born 16 Aug. 1862, married Henry A. Hicks 21
Oct. 1883. Isbel died 28 June 1924; buried at Chico,
California.

(Other names in this Bible, which I cannot connect, are:
Ada V. Stone, born 28 July 1876. Ada Viola Stone married
James M. Early on 7 Oct. 1897. James M. Early died 16
March 1919, buried Oakdale, California. Ada V. Early died
11 Nov. 1930, buried in Oakdale, California.

(Other memorandum in this Bible: "Mary Elizabeth Fitzgerald,
born 18 July 1876, born Springdale, Washington Co., Ark. came
out here to see us on Feb. 24, 1894, and left 28 Mar. 1894
back for her home in Arkansas."

(Viola M. Early, born 26 March, 1900, Stone Ranch
Liston L. Early, born 25 Jan. 1906, Stone Ranch

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Lottie Ada Early, born Jan. 1909, Stone Ranch
James W. Early, born 27 Dec. 1916, Sonora, California
Jacqueline I. Early, born 12 May 1930, Stockton, California
Lowell M. Knoop, born 20 Sept. 1922
Betty Alberta Knoop, born 16 July 1925
Dennis Melvin Knoop, born 14 July 1948
Montgomery Lowell West, born 20 Sept. 1948
Jayne Suzanne West, born 4 April 1952

(Other births are of Ildegritta Fitzgerald's parents and brothers and sisters. They are listed at the end of this article.)

Mrs. Virginia Hicks is apparently married to a son of Isbel and Henry Hicks, and should be contacted for later lineages of this family.

- K. Thomas G. Stone, born 28 April 1832 in Missouri, married 15 May 1851 to Melinda Boyd, daughter of Wm. D. and Elizabeth (Oxford) Boyd. In 1853 he married a second time, to Eliza J. Jones. Nothing further is available on this family.
- L. Jane Artemicia Stone, born 10 Sept. 1835 in Missouri, married 18 Sept. 1852 to Joel Baggett whose age was shown as 18 on his marriage record. The Baggett family came to this area shortly after 1850. I do not have the descendants of this couple.

This ends the list of John and Isabelle E. Stone's family. John Stone came from Kentucky to Missouri (Montgomery County) in 1818. He is shown in the 1830 census of Missouri, but Isabel, his wife, is shown as head of the household in the 1840 census of Washington County, Arkansas. Sometime after 1835 he died, but whether it was in Missouri or Arkansas is impossible to say at this late date. I cannot find Isabelle Elizabeth after the 1850 census of Washington County, at which time she was living in Clear Creek township. So she must have died before 1860.

Daniel and Melinda Stone Barefoot are shown in 1850 with a child born 1839 in Missouri and one born 1841 in Arkansas, so it is possible the Stone family came from Missouri in 1839 after John Stone, the father, died.

Frances Woods who transcribed the 1850 Washington County census has John Dudley Stone as George D. Stone, but this has to be an error as all other records are "John." Anyone who has read the census films can realize how this can happen.

Since Luelza McKinney Stone, wife of John D. Stone went flying to Fayetteville to the Stone family for help (after John Dudley's death), I believe Stephen Kelton Stone will prove to be a cousin to John Dudley Stone. More research is needed to prove this. Parker F. Stone, born 1788 in North Carolina, was son of English-born Allen Stone. Parker Stone married Kindness Hicks and had Robert, Harriet, Sallie, Allen, Mary, Stephen Kelton (born 1819) and Sophia.

Stephen Kelton Stone is known to have gone fishing on the old Stone farm at White River with Wm. McGarrah of Fayetteville and Jonas M. Tebbetts. There is a Socrates B. Stone here in 1837 Circuit Court Records and gone by 1840. Other Stones in early records of Washington County are:

Nancy Stone, born 1829 in Tennessee, married Lewis Harp in 1845, the son of John and Lucy Harp. Nancy is supposed to have been a step-daughter of either a Mr. Vaughan or a Mr. Stone.

Osleancy Stone who married James Barr in 1845

Margaret Stone, age 42, of Brush Creek, who married John Busten or Buster, age 40, in 1845. Margaret was probably the mother of these Stones: Samuel Stone, born 1820 in Tennessee, living with Ambrose and Salina (Hash) Clarke in 1850; Eliza Stone, born 1826 in Tennessee, married 1847 to Martin C. Rieff as his second wife. They went to California. Samuel Stone married 1856 to Gabrilly Yeager; Amanda Stone married Randolph Smith in 1854.

How, or if, they fit with the John Stone family, I do not know. Perhaps it will help others.

Stephen Kelton Stone was born 25 Sept. 1819 in North Carolina. His sister Sophia married a James Gatlin. Stephen married Amanda Brodie, daughter of L. Brodie. They had: Mary, born 1843, married George Allbright; Robert, born 1848; Amanda, who never married, perhaps others. Sophia Stone, born 1836 in Tennessee was living with Stephen in 1850 (she is daughter of his first wife.) The Arkansas History Centennial, Vol. II, page 302, has data on Stephen. Mary Brodie, born 1835, living with Stephen Stone, states her DAR lineage as Dr. John Brodie of Virginia; also states Amanda Stone, daughter of Stephen, her cousin. Amanda died after 1926; her DAR ancestor, Capt. Robert Hicks.

The Fitzgerald names in the Stone bible should be recorded here

James Fitzgerald, born 1 July 1809 (his 1850 cen read wrong)

Mahala White, born 12 June 1814
(Parents of Ildegitta Fitzgerald)

Brothers and sisters of Ildegitta are:

Marcella Fitzgerald, born 5 Oct. 1833

Jasper Newton Fitzgerald, born 15 Jan. 1837 (but must have died by 1850)

Manervy Penelope Fitzgerald, born 27 Dec. 1838

Malinda Fitzgerald, born 9 June 1840

Sanford C. Fitzgerald, born 5 Mar. 1842

Delilah Fitzgerald, born 6 Nov. 1843, dead by 1850

Lelitha (census says Tabitha) Fitzgerald, born 21 Mar. 1846

Zachary T. Fitzgerald, born 9 June 1847

Susan Fitzgerald, born 20 Nov. 1848

Nicholis Fitzgerald, born 1 Oct. 1850

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The above were all born in Washington County, Arkansas.

John S. Fitzgerald, born 1 June 1852.

The Mary Elizabeth Fitzgerald born in 1870 is probably a cousin to these children. Possibly she was the daughter of Isaac Shelby Fitzgerald and his wife Jane (believed to have been a Wolf).

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With the next FLASHBACK we hope to include the John and Mary Fitzgerald family.

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