

**THE MANTOOTHS OF TENNESSEE**  
**GENESIS OF AN AMERICAN FAMILY**

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## THE MANTOOTHS OF TENNESSEE INTRODUCTION

This review of Mantooth history is dedicated to the memory of my late wife, the former Bea Mantooth. In the beginning, the author's primary purpose was to make available to her brothers and sisters and their descendants a coherent story of the Mantooths as revealed in her correspondence. It is hoped that members of other branches of the Mantooth Family also may find it useful in their search for their antecedents.

The study had its origin in 1975 when the author, while researching his Estep ancestors in Tennessee and North Carolina, discovered in the Library of the Alabama Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama, a copy of the 1830 census of Tennessee compiled by Byron Sistler, which listed several Mantooth families who were residents of Coker County, Tennessee. Subsequent research in the 1850 census of that county and Polk County, Tennessee, revealed the names of a John Mantooth, Sr., and of his wife and children living in Polk County. Among the children were older sons, Jasper and Newton, and a younger son, John, Jr., age 5. The existence of the brothers Jasper and Newton confirmed the recollections of Bea's father, Albert Berry Mantooth, that his father (the 5-year-old John) had two older brothers (or half-brothers) who bore those names, names that John perpetuated by naming his first-born son Jasper Newton.

This clue to her ancestral family led Bea to review her notes of conversations with her father, and to query her brothers and cousins about their recollections of family history as related by their parents and grandmother Mantooth. In addition, she initiated a voluminous correspondence (which she carried on for the remaining 12 years of her life) with a great number of Mantooths, all of whom traced their history to Coker County, and most, if not all, of whom recalled family stories tracing their ancestry to a Cherokee wife of a Mantooth forefather. The correspondent who made the greatest contribution to Bea's research was her second cousin, Clarence Franklin Mantooth, who has researched the Montieth-Mantooth family for many years. His letters are cited often in the Notes. Most, if not all, of her other correspondents are also cited in the Notes.

Because much of Bea's correspondence was with descendants of Mantooth families who moved to the "West," much of the last half of this study, perforce, deals with those families, a surprising number of whom eventually settled in or near McClain County, Oklahoma.

To all those whose correspondence made this work possible, the author wishes to express on Bea's behalf her gratitude and thanks for the contributions each of them made to her research which she was unable to complete before her death on February 15, 1987.

The reader should note the repetition of given names, especially of males (such as John, Robert, James, William, Calvin, and Thomas, to mention only those most frequently used), a repetition that complicates the tracing of family relationships. Another problem, particularly with those named John, is in differentiating those identified in the census returns and other records as Sr., or Jr. The Jr. probably became a Sr., when he left his home community or when his father died.

Citations of correspondence addressed to Bea Mantooth Estep do not show her as the addressee. Citations of other correspondence show both writer and addressee. References to Bea Mantooth Estep are shown by her initials, BME; those to Clarence Franklin Mantooth by CFM. BSS refers to Brenda Sherrill Schwall.

Also included is a list of correspondents showing each by name, relationship to earliest identified Mantooth ancestor, and the most recent mailing address that appears on correspondence in Bea's files.

NOTES from Brenda Sherrill Schwall, April, 1993.

During the summer of 1992 I was talking to Jennie Goodman (Mrs. Floyd) of Maryville, TN, one of my Mantooth-Ford-Frazier cousins. She had come across the "Indian Application" of Mary Griffith, and her sister Elizabeth Welch, claiming descent from "Cherokee Tom" Mantooth. During our conversation she mentioned (again) that a number of families had come from Shenandoah County, Virginia to Coker County, Tennessee in the 1790's. I was able to get copies of the complete "Indian Claims" of the two sisters which gave much genealogical information on my line. I was also able to find the marriage record of Thomas to Elizabeth Phariss and the 1787 tax list upon which he appeared. Along with other information, I sent packets of this information to ten people researching Mantooths. After tracking down the new address for Raymond Estep I was rewarded with a letter from him and an original copy of this manuscript which he had prepared for Bea's family. I was flattered that he would share such a labor with me and I asked him if he would be willing to revise it and include the new information I had found which certainly changed a lot of our theories about the first two generations of Mantooths. I offered to retype it for him and he offered to let me revise it for him. This I have done and with his final approval, I hope to make it available to some libraries as well as family members.

My cousin, Maxine Johnston Douglas, and I have been working on a book together on our Johnston family and have included a large chapter on our Mantooth-Ford-Frazier branch but have not included the information on the

western migration found here. It is my hope that I will someday be able to compile information on all the children of Thomas (Cherokee Tom) and Elizabeth Phariss Mantooth into a comprehensive book and include the information in it. The search has been exciting and extremely confusing. We may never be able to separate all of the grandchildren and assign them to the correct families. Please let me know if you have any information to add. I am eager to do a good job on this family. BSS

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## THE MONTEITH HERITAGE<sup>1</sup>

As every genealogist and family historian soon learns, many family surnames underwent many changes in Colonial America. One of the surnames that suffered through misspellings was that of Montieth--some 20 variant forms of which are found in pre-Revolutionary tax and militia records in Pennsylvania.

To Mantooth genealogists of recent generations one of the two great challenges confronting them has been that of identifying the Scottish ancestor who converted the original spelling of Monteith to Mantooth and thus created a niche in history for himself as the "paterfamilias" of a long and unbroken line of hundreds (perhaps thousands) of descendants throughout the United States who proudly bear the Mantooth name.

## THE MYSTERY OF THE MISTY BLUE HILLS<sup>2</sup>

Numerous family members representing descendants of his several sons and daughters have failed over recent decades to identify the founding father. The tracing of early Mantooth history has been made extremely difficult by the almost total lack of official records--Federal census returns for many East Tennessee counties (including Cocke) prior to 1830 do not exist, and Cocke County court records were destroyed when the Courthouse in Newport burned in 1876. The task is further complicated by the fact that Federal census returns prior to 1850 list only the given names of the heads of households--other family members are identified only by sex within five-or 10-year age groups.

## ORIGIN OF THE MANTOOTH NAME

No authentic evidence has been found that identifies the creator of the Mantooth name. Family legend indicates that it was coined by a Montieth who married a Cherokee, an act violently condemned by his brother. Embittered by this reaction to his marriage, the groom severed relations with the brother and changed his name to

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1 CFM, 10/19/1977, "My father told me that two Montieth brothers came to this country (from Scotland)" ... and that one "changed his name to Mantooth ... In correspondence with other Monteith-Montooth-Mantooth descendants, I was given the same story."

In a ltr of 9/05/1979, to CFM, Mrs. W.O. Royle wrote: "I do know they were Monteith in Scotland. I was just in Scotland this May and did go to Perth and Lake Monteith where I know they came from ... We do claim kin to the Royal King of Stewart, and also are kin to the Graham Clan."

2 The term is that used by Ruth Webb O'Dell in the title of her book, Over the Misty Blue Hills: The Story of Cocke County, Tennessee. It refers to the phenomenon that gives the Smoky Mountains their name.

Mantooth.<sup>3</sup> Whether the family legend is accurate or not, the writer (after searching hundreds of records during more than 15 years) is inclined to believe it is true.

### THE CHEROKEE CONNECTION

Another major problem confronting family historians is that of identifying the Cherokee married by the original Mantooth. That there was a Cherokee ancestor seems certain, a fact attested to by descendants of numerous branches of early Mantooth families,<sup>4</sup> but, until now (1992), not one of them has discovered evidence that reveals

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3 CFM, 10/19/1977, "In correspondence with a Monteith descendant living in Charlotte, N.C., I am told two Monteith brothers arrived in the U.S. from Scotland in 1751 aboard the ship Rebecca. My father had told me that two Monteith brothers came to this country, and that one married a part Cherokee lady, that the other brother didn't like that, so they parted company (the two brothers), and the brother who married the Indian lady changed his name to Mantooth and moved into the northwestern part of N.C." (Note: this area is now Tennessee. BSS)

Mrs. Lillian Fritz, 8/25/1980, "I knew of the Cherokee blood but I never heard of the Scotch side until I started this search.

Mrs. Joe Beach (Lillian Monteith) of Huntersville, N.C., says that two brothers came from Scotland in 1751 on the ship Rebecca, Captain was William Wood, one of them married a Cherokee woman and his brother disowned him so the one who married the Indian changed the spelling of his name to Mantooth."

If the legend is true, the brother who retained the Monteith name may have been Henry, who was entered in an 1805 tax record of Greene County, TN, as Henry Mantooth. See Byron Sistler, Index to Early Tennessee Tax Lists, p. 125. All later records show his name as Monteith. In August 1982 his gggson, Oscar Jenkins, Sr., of Greenville, TN, told CFM that Henry Monteith, Sr., was born in Scotland in 1728, came to Virginia as a young man where he married and then moved to Greene County, TN. Buford Reynolds, in his volume: Greene County Cemeteries, copied this entry from the tombstone of Henry Monteith: "5/27/1733-11/23/1838. Age 105 yrs, 5 mos, 28 day." After Henry's death, his son George applied for a pension for his mother based on his father's service in the Revolutionary War. George wrote that his father, Henry, had fought in the Pennsylvania Line, or Pennsylvania Militia, in a number of battles of the Revolution, and had died before 1839. (Ltr from George Monteith in the Pension File of Henry Monteith.)

4 CFM, 3/22/1979, "...my sister and brother believe we are 1/64th Cherokee, which would make (our ggfather) John (b. 1812) 1/8th."

BME's first cousin, Paul Mantooth, thinks that his ggfather, John Mantooth, Sr., (b. 1812) was 1/4th Cherokee.

Brenda Schwall, 5/18/1988, "I find the same story in every family, ... that he (Thomas?) married an Indian girl and changed his name to Mantooth. I have heard that story in every branch I

her name, and no one seems to know whether she was a full-blood or a mixed blood. The problem is further complicated by the fact that Mantooths chose not to live on a reservation. A review by the writer of all Cherokee censuses from the 1820's to the early 1900's has failed to reveal a single Mantooth on the Cherokee rolls--he has found only three letters in the official records pertaining to the Cherokees in which a Mantooth recorded a claim to being of Cherokee descent.<sup>5</sup>

#### EARLY MANTOOTH

The question that has confounded Mantooth family members for years--did a Monteith marry a Cherokee and subsequently change his name to Mantooth--was brought one step nearer final solution in 1992 by Brenda Schwall with her discovery of marriage and tax records in Shenandoah County, VA, that gave credence to the previously mentioned recollections as to the origin of the family (see notes 3-4). Although this evidence does not identify the Monteith-Mantooth or his wife, it does identify a product of that marriage--Thomas Mantooth, the person known to his descendants as Cherokee Tom (see p. 5), who, almost certainly, was the first Mantooth to settle in Cocke County, TN. The author believes that he was the Thomas Mantuths who married Elizabeth Phariss, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Phariss, in Shenandoah County on September 3, 1785, bondsman, Samuel and Elizabeth Phariss,<sup>6</sup> and that he was the same person registered in the 1787 tax list in that county as Thomas Mantooth (which may be the first recorded use of the Mantooth name).<sup>7</sup> The author also believes that he

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have talked with so there must be some truth in it."

Jeffery B. Price, 2/10/1990, "There is a family story told that a Mantooth ancestor back about two generations (1750's, before Lawson Mantooth) was a big Irish/Englishman (could be Scottish [?]) with red hair and a full red beard who married a Cherokee woman."

Lillian Fritz, 8/25/1980, "My grandmother (Anna Lillian Mantooth) always told me that her father (Isaac Mantooth) was half Cherokee Indian, her grandfather (James Mantooth) was full Indian. She was very proud of her Indian ancestors."

Sandra Mantooth, 4/10/1980, "My grandfather, John L. (grandson of Lawson, Sr.), told me that he was more than half-Cherokee coming from both his parents."

Margaret Ann Allen, 5/30/1988, "... (my ggggrandfather) Thomas Mantooth (was) 1/4 Indian."

David A. Mantooth, 5/5/1980, "We are certainly connected to the Cherokee nation but the biological connection is ... lost in antiquity as far as I can determine. My father [grandson of Hugh] spoke of it often when I was growing up but I do not believe he knew how many generations had passed since the Mantooth married the Cherokee. I have one sister who has the high cheek bones, characteristic of the Cherokees. I'm quite proud of that heritage, but I wish I could determine the origin."

<sup>5</sup> See p. 20 and note 49, also the 1907 Applications to the Eastern Cherokees filed by Elizabeth Welch and Mary Griffith, granddaughters of Thomas Mantooth, Jr. Nos. 12746 and 12747.

<sup>6</sup> BSS: Shenandoah County, Virginia, Marriage Bond, Sept. 3, 1785, Thomas Mantuth to Elizabeth Phariss, Virginia Archives, Virginia State Library, 1101 Capitol, Richmond, VA.

<sup>7</sup> BSS: Shenandoah County, VA, Personal Property Tax, 1787, List "B", in the 1787 Census of Virginia, compiled by Yantis and

was the same Thomas Mantooh, who, by letter, on January 7, 1792, joined the Big Pigeon Primitive Baptist Church in Cocke County, TN.<sup>8</sup> Evidence strongly supporting the author's belief is afforded by the close association of Thomas Mantooh in Virginia and Tennessee with the Phares (Faris, now Pharris) and Leith (Leath and Leeth) families, families which migrated from Shenandoah County, VA, to eastern Tennessee in the same period. Samuel Phariss' Bible lists a daughter Elizabeth, born 9 September 1764.<sup>9</sup>

Over the next four decades the Mantooh name was recorded several times in preserved written records of eastern Tennessee. Among these are: 1) Jefferson County Court Records, November 1793, deed from John Baldrige to Thomas Mantooh;<sup>10</sup> 2) The citation in church records in 1803 of Thomas Mantooh for some unnamed transgression;<sup>11</sup> 3) the deeds recording the purchase (in 1824) and the sale (in 1831) by John Mantooh of land in adjoining Greene County, TN;<sup>12</sup> 4) an entry recording the reception of John Mantooh "by experience" in the Big Pigeon Baptist Church in 1829;<sup>13</sup> 5) the reception into the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Cocke

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Love, Vol., 1, p. 612. List "B" shows a Thomas Mantooh as the owner of two horses and two head of cattle.

8 BSS: Minutes of the Big Pigeon Baptist Church, Cocke County, Tennessee, 1787-1874, Ansearchin' News, Vol., 17, pp. 66-68.

BSS: Original copy of the Minutes cites pp. 9, 15-16, 20-21, 44, 54-55 for Thomas Mantooh; Ebenezer Leath, pp. 19-21, 24-27, 34; Samuel Phares pp. 8-14, 17, 19-20, 25-32.

BSS: Over the Misty Blue Hill's by O'Dell, p. 155, erroneously lists a John Mantooh as joining along with Thomas Mantooh on January 7, 1792, but the WPA typed copy and the Ansearchin' News index mention only that a John Mantooh joined in 1829. I have been unable to locate the whereabouts of the original minute book but a microfilmed copy is located at McClung Library, Knoxville, TN.

9 BSS: Samuel Phariss Bible records, 1742, from Joyce Pharris, Fullerton, CA.

10 Jefferson County, TN, Court Minutes, 1792-1795, Nov Session 1793, p. 33.

11 Minutes of Big Pigeon Baptist Church, cited in ltr from Mrs. W.O. Royle to CFM, 9/05/1979, enclosure from CFM to BME, 10/09/1979, and enclosure from BSS to RE 1/15/1993.

12 On 10/26/1824, John Mantooh and George Gray of Cocke County paid \$850 to Isaac Baker of Greene County for 200 acres of land lying on the south side of the Nolichucky River in Greene County. On 10/07/1831, John Mantooh, for \$425, sold to Ephriam Bird of Cocke County 100 acres of land on the south side of the Nolichucky River which he had bought from George Gray. (The land description indicates that the land sold was part of the original purchase.) Greene County Deed Book No. 13, p. 362, and No. 16, p. 180.

See notes 8 and 11.

County between 1836 and 1860 of Eliza, Evaline, Lydia, Mary, Polly and Rosaman Mantooth.<sup>14</sup>

#### CHEROKEE TOM MANTOOTH

In the Cherokee applications of 1906 two of the great-granddaughters were turned down for failure to prove the Cherokee Indian ancestor. In their applications were affidavits from a Robert Mantooth (probably a grandson) and James Wilson Ford, a grand-son-in-law. These gentlemen both said that all of the neighbors called Thomas Mantooth (Sr.) "Cherokee Tom" and that "from his looks and color and his general deportment he was half Indian blood." Another spelling for the name was given as "Mantuff."<sup>15</sup>

This is undoubtedly the Thomas Mantuths/Mantooth from Virginia who married Elizabeth Phariss in 1785, and who joined the church in 1792 and bought land in 1793. He is the 60-70 year old listed in the 1830 census. If he was about the same age as his wife who was the 86-year-old Elizabeth Mantooth in the 1850 census, he was probably born in the early 1760's.

The children of Cherokee Tom and Elizabeth (Phariss) Mantooth may have been:

1. Mary Mantooth, c. 1788, VA, married Joseph Burke in 1811<sup>16</sup>
2. John Mantooth, c. 1789, VA, m 1) Elizabeth Burke, 2) Mgt<sup>17</sup>
3. Thomas Mantooth, Jr., 1790-1800, married Letitia Dillon<sup>18</sup>

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14 Minutes of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Cocke, Cty.

15 See note 5.

16 Rev. War Pension Record of Joseph Burke, No. 25493.

17 Brenda Schwall, 5/16/1988, wrote: "Elizabeth Self [Newport, TN]...was quite sure that John was married to Betsy Burke because her grandmother's sister had lived with her grandparents when a small child. I think that John must have had two wives, too, for the 1850 census has a different age and name for his spouse, Margaret....I think that Betsy could have been the daughter of Joseph Burke by a first marriage although no mention has been made in his Revolutionary War pension application. He was born in 1763 and Mary in 1788. They didn't marry until 1811."

18 BSS: Jefferson County, Tennessee, Chancery Court Minute Book I, 1836-1846, p. 10. October 3, 1836: William C. Roodman (Roadman) vs John Mantooth, administrator of the estate of Thomas Mantooth. Heirs listed: Letitia Mantooth, widow; Margaret; Elizabeth Mantooth Ford and her husband James (Wilson) Ford; minors: (Letitia was guardian), James; William; Hugh; Elvira; and Louisa.

BSS: "Indian Applications" (12746 and 12747) of two of James and Elizabeth Ford's children give the list of children of Thomas and Letitia as: Elizabeth (died in 1880); Robert (died aft. 1900 in Polk Co); Margaret; William (died in Cocke Co); Huey (died in MO ([see note 41]) and Eliza; others not known. The lists differ, and the 1830 census does have an extra male who could be the Robert not mentioned in the suit.

See also note 67.

4. Robert (?)Mantooth, 1790-1800, (30-40 in 1830 Rhea County)
5. Letty Virginia, c. 1796, married Billie Hall (earlier had a daughter, Nancy Mantooth, by John Lillard)<sup>19</sup>
6. Elizabeth Mantooth, c. 1796, married Benjamin Frazier<sup>20</sup>
7. Samuel Mantooth, c. 1799, married Litha Phariss<sup>21</sup>
8. William Mantooth, c. 1803 married Nancy<sup>22</sup>
9. James Mantooth, c. 1807 married Mary<sup>23</sup>

#### The 1830 Tennessee Census<sup>24</sup>

The 1830 Federal Census returns reveal the residence of five Mantooth Families in Cocke County. Identification of spouses and

children is based on the 1850 census and court records. These were:

1. Cherokee Tom and Elizabeth (Phariss) Mantooth, each between 60 and 70 years of age along with 2 males 5-10, 1 male 10-15, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 10-15 and 1 female 20-30. The identities of the younger members is unknown.
2. John and Betsy (Burke) Mantooth, the John age 61 in 1850, born in Virginia, each between 40 and 50 along with 1 male under 5, 1 male 5-10, 2 males 20-30 and 2 females 15-20.
3. Thomas Jr. and Letitia (Dillon) Mantooth, 30-40 with 1 male under 5 (Robert?), 1 male 5-10 (Hugh), 2 males 15-20, (James and William), 1 female under 5 (Loisa?), 2 females 15-20 (Elvira and Margaret? Daughter Elizabeth is either married or Loisa is not yet born.)
4. William, 20-30 and wife Nancy (Lee) 15-20, with one female under 5 (Harriet born 1829-30).

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<sup>19</sup> Conversations and correspondence with CFM. Enclosure to ltr from Bessie Lee Ford Wilde (ggggranddaughter of Nancy Mantooth Ford, natural daughter of John Lillard and Letty Virginia Mantooth), Hartford, TN, 1977, to CFM; enclosed in ltr from DVM to BME, 11/08/1977. 1850 census record for William Hall.

<sup>20</sup> Brenda Schwall, 5/16/1988, wrote: "I am descended from Lydia Mantooth Frazier, daughter of John and Betsy Burke Mantooth, born in 1807 and died in 1883. She was married to Martin Frazier whom we think was the brother of Benjamin Frazier who married Elizabeth Mantooth (?) and who had the elderly Elizabeth Mantooth (86 years old) living with him and his wife and daughter in the 1850 census. Lydia said that her parents were born in Virginia. John stated that he was born in Virginia as were Elizabeth Phariss Mantooth and Joseph Burke."

<sup>21</sup> Census records, Rhea County marriages, 1880 Mortality Schedule.

<sup>22</sup> 1850 Cocke County, Tennessee, Census.

<sup>23</sup> Ibid.

<sup>24</sup> See 1830 census. The author first consulted the return as published by Byron Sistler in 1969 under the title: 1830 Census, East Tennessee. In this edition Mantooths are shown on pages 269 and 271.



5. James, 20-30 and wife (Mary), 15-20 and one male under 5 (William born 1830).

In Rhea County was Samuel Manitheth (Mantooth), 30-40 and wife, Litha (Phariss-Faris) 20-30. Also therein, some 15 households from Samuel, was a Robert Manteith (Mantooth?) and wife, ea. 30-40.

#### The 1839 Cocke County Tax List<sup>25</sup>

In the 1839 Tax List eight Mantooths were recorded living in the 8th District of Cocke County. Among these were a James, with 137 acres of land, two others named James, and a William. It also includes Elizabeth (Phariss) Mantooth, widow of Cherokee Tom as the owner of 200 acres of land. She is shown in the 1850 census as being a native of Virginia and at that time 86 years of age. Also listed was Letty (Letitia Dillon) Mantooth, widow of Thomas Jr., with 130 acres of land. Also in the 8th district was John Mantooth, whose 344 acres made him the largest landowner among the Mantooths. In the 9th District resided another John Mantooth, Jr. (probably the John Mantooth who was born about 1812,<sup>26</sup> and who moved to Polk County, TN, about 1840<sup>27</sup> and to Franklin County, AR, between 1857 and 1860).<sup>28</sup>

#### The 1840 Tennessee Census<sup>29</sup>

By 1840 the number of Mantooth families in Cocke County totaled eight (one at least had moved since 1839). These were: John and wife, each 50-60; Thomas and wife (30-40); James, 30-40 and wife, 20-30; William, 30-40, wife, 20-30; William and wife, 20-30; Samuel and wife, 20-30; John and wife, 20-30; and James and wife, 20-30 (with whom was living a female, 70-80, who was probably Elizabeth, the widow of Cherokee Tom and the grandmother of James.)

#### The 1850 Tennessee Census<sup>31</sup>

By 1850 the number of Mantooth families had increased to 13 in Cocke County and five in Polk County, TN. Beginning with this census it is possible for present-day researchers to gain a clearer picture of the ancestors from whom they descend. Also, it is possible to make reasonable assumptions as to the identity of children, otherwise unidentifiable in the 1830 and 1840 censuses, and thus to trace an ancestor back one or two generations before 1850. The existence of a William, age 30-40, and another William, age 20-30, in the 1840 census, indicated that they may have been uncle and nephew, or cousins. John Mantooth, age 61, born in Virginia has to be the oldest son of Cherokee Tom and Elizabeth (Phariss) Mantooth. Oral tradition gives his first wife as Elizabeth

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25 See 1839 Tax List of Cocke County.

26 His age is given variously in his Union Army Service Records. His discharge papers, issued in Memphis, TN, 4/10/1865, give his age as 53.

27 He signed an election bond in Polk County on 11/04/1842. "Some Mantooth Records," a compilation by CFM, enclosed in his ltr of 3/31/1978.

28 Franklin County, Arkansas, census of 1860.

29 See 1840 Census of Cocke County.

30 These two William Mantooths may have been uncle and nephew.

31 See 1850 census returns of Cocke and Polk Counties. TN.

(Betsy) Burke and his eldest child as Lydia born 28 August 1807.<sup>32</sup> There are 5 males in the 1830 census. Since the John Mantooh, who moved from Polk County to Arkansas before 1860, stated in his Union Army military records that he was born in Cocke County about 1812,<sup>33</sup> he could have been the second or third child of this John, born about 1789. There is some evidence to indicate that among this younger John's brothers were Lawson, c. 1827 (23 in 1850), who married Mahala Montgomery,<sup>34</sup> and Robert Mantooh who married Harriet Bush.<sup>35</sup>

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32 See note 17 and Cocke County Cemeteries p.467. Information given by Mrs. C. H. Fox of Newport. Visited by BSS on 4/13/1993 Lydia's stone reads 8/28/1807-1/12/1883. Buried there is also her husband Martin and a sister Mary with no stones. It is on a rise in a field on Sweetwater Rd., Hall's Top Mountain, in the Edwina Community, and is opposite the home of Allen Mantooh, second house on the left.

BSS: Circuit Court of Cocke County, March 1873 I-178-9. Recorded 31 April 1874. Robert Mantooh, Admr. of John Mantooh vs. Thomas Mantooh and others. Sold the lands of which John Mantooh dec's subject to the widow's dower and other incumberances to John F. Stanbery for \$28.25. This document lists widow Margaret (Penland); Robert Mantooh as Admr and in his own right, Thomas Mantooh, Samuel Mantooh, James Mc---y, Elizabeth Bryant, Aron Bryant, Lawson Mantooh, Margaret Mantooh, Polly Bryant, Morris Bryant, John Mantooh, Jr., Permelia Mantooh, Hugh Mantooh, Amanda Clevenger and William Clevenger. (Knowing that Elizabeth married Aaron Bryant, we presume that the Polly (Mary?) was married to Morris (Wm. M.) Bryant, Permelia to her husband Hugh, son of Thomas, Jr., and Amanda to William Clevenger. No Lydia is listed.

33 See note 26.

34 Lawson married Mahaley (Mahala) Montgomery in Polk County, TN, 10/26/1847. The date is recorded in the family Bible. The County Clerk of Polk County, A.J. Williams, in a letter of 12/30/1890, advised Mahala that the marriage license had been issued 10/25/1847. Copies of the Bible record and the letter from Williams are in the Union Army Pension File for Lawson, Sr. For more on Lawson's family, see pp.16-18 and notes thereto.

35BSS: Jim Mantooh, in a letter of May 10, 1993, sent a copy of a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Mantooh, (now deceased) of Etowah, TN, from HC Mantooh (retired postmaster of Newport), 17 June 1968, which stated: My father was Alexander, his father Robert, and his father John. My grandfather Robert and my father were born and raised in the Edwina section of Cocke County (originally called Sweetwater)...I know of only one brother that my grandfather had. His name was Lawson.

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## MANTOOTH MIGRATIONS

Within three decades of the arrival of the first Mantooth in Cocke County, his descendants, drawn by the lure of new land (especially after the forced removal of the Cherokees), by the pressure of an expanding population, or by the wanderlust, began to follow Horace Greeley's reported advice of "Go West Young Man." For most of the first three decades, Mantooth migration was confined to counties to the west and southwest of Cocke, principally to Polk County. But, beginning in the 1850's the lure of the West began to pull in earnest. Once the most venturesome crossed the Mississippi River the flood tide of migration was on, slowed only temporarily by the Civil War. The following is a brief attempt to identify Cocke County Mantooths who went "West" in the first century after the migration began.

### THE EARLY MIGRATIONS

#### Samuel Mantooth<sup>36</sup>

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Mantooth, Samuel Mantooth, James Mc---y, Elizabeth Bryant, Aron Bryant, Lawson Mantooth, Margaret Mantooth, Polly Bryant, Morris Bryant, John Mantooth, Jr., Permelia Mantooth, Hugh Mantooth, Amanda Clevenger and William Clevenger. (Knowing that Elizabeth married Aaron Bryant, we presume that the Polly (Mary?) was married to Morris Bryant, Permelia to her husband Hugh, son of Thomas, Jr., and Amanda to William Clevenger. No Lydia is listed.

36 Rhea County Marriages lists a Samuel Mantieth married to Lethey Faris April 1, 1819; "Early Immigrants to Hiwassee District of Meigs County," lists a Samuel Montuth in Knoxville, Nov. 14-15, 1820; "Rhea County Tax List, 1823, Captain Wilson's Company," lists a Samuel Mantoath. (Two citations supplied by Patricia Emde, 3/01/1978 and one by BBS 1/15/1993.)

An "1838 Meigs County School Record" lists a Samuel Mantooth-enclosure to ltr, Jim Mantooth, 4/13/1981. (This enclosure is the most comprehensive review of the descendants of Samuel Mantooth the author has seen. The date of Samuel's death is not known to the author. He was still living at the time the 1870 census was taken. Although his will was dated 7/27/1862, it was not probated until the April 1880 term of the Polk County Court.

The 1880 Mortality Schedule lists a Litha Mantooth, 81, deceased February 1880, disease of the heart (BBS).

Last Will and Testament of Samuel Mantooth, signed 7/27/1862, and of Hugh Mantooth (his son), signed 1/11/1904, copies enclosed in ltr from David J. Mantooth, 5/05/1980. Samuel's children, as named in his will, were: Calvin, Robert, Thomas, Hetty, D.H. (Houston), Hugh, Elizabeth and Sarah.

Much other information on Samuel's family is in ltrs of Jim Mantooth, 2/07/1980, 4/20/1980, 5/19/1980 to BME, and his ltr to CFM, 10/10/1979.

The Polk County Courthouse burned in 1893. Ltr from W.I. Davis, Polk County Court Clerk, 3/14/1980, replying to inquiry of BME, 3/12/1980.

Rev. Marvin R. Mantooth wrote Walter O. Monteith, 10/02/1978; "We have been having the Mantooth Reunion about 12 years. The Reunion is (held) in Fort Mountain State Park, east of Chatsworth, GA." (Most of those attending this reunion presumably are descendants of Samuel Mantooth who lived and died in Polk County,

The first Mantooth to leave Cocke County apparently was Samuel. This is true if he was the Samuel Mantieth who married Lethey Farris (Phariss) in 1819 in Rhea County, and if he was the Samuel Montuth who, in November 1820, moved from the Knoxville area to the Hiwassee District of what later became Meigs County, and if he was the Samuel Mantoath who appeared in a Rhea County tax list in 1823, and if he was the Samuel Mantooth (sometimes rendered Manitheth, or Mantchell), who, with his family, was living in Rhea County at the time of the taking of the 1830 census. By 1840, Samuel and his wife, Litha, were living with their children in Polk County, where he was reported to have owned or operated a 1,000-acre plantation. The 1880 Mortality Schedule lists the death of a Lithe Mantooth, age 81, in Feb 1880, of heart disease. She is the daughter of Robert Phariss and granddaughter of Samuel Phariss (born 1742) who was the father-in-law of Cherokee Tom. Samuel and many of his descendants lived out their lives in Polk County. Some migrated across the state line into neighboring counties in north Georgia, where many of their descendants still live. Some of them gather at a Mantooth Reunion in Fort Mountain State Park east of Chatsworth, GA, on the first Sunday before Labor Day.

#### Robert Mantooth<sup>37</sup>

The writer has discovered no verifiable evidence of the existence of this Robert Mantooth, but because the 1850 census listed two Robert Mantooths, ages 25 and 26, in Cocke County, and an additional two Robert Mantooths, ages 26 and 27, in Polk County, he believes that they were named for an older Robert Mantooth. If such a Robert Mantooth did exist, he may have been the Robert Monteath, who served in the War of 1812, and who was the Robert Manteith living in Rhea County in 1830. This last Robert and his wife, each 30-40 years of age, had four sons under 20 and six daughters under 15. No trace of this family has been found in later census returns for Tennessee.

In the Cocke County census of 1860 a Martha E. Mantooth, age 21, born in Georgia, was listed in the home of Martin Frazier (who was married to Lydia Mantooth.) In the same census, taken later in 1860 in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, a Martha Monteith, a teacher, age 19, 11 in the 1850 census of the same county, was listed in the family of a Robert Monteith. Could these Marthas have been the same person, and, if so, was her father

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TN, a short distance north of the reunion site.)

See also note 9.

37 The Company Muster Roll of the 4th Regiment, East Tennessee Militia (Detached) shows a Robert Monteeth served as a Private in Capt. Joseph Hale's Company from 11/13/1814 to 5/18/1815. In an attached power of attorney Robert's name is spelled Monteith and his signature (which he marked with an "X") is spelled Mantooth. See also 1830 census of Rhea County and other census returns mentioned.

Patricia Emde, 3/30/1978, "I feel that the Robert Monteath is the brother of Samuel (1830 census.)

There is a possibility that he may have been the Robert Monteith who moved to Texas. Mrs. Jimmie (Betty) Varner to Raymond Estep, 9/09/1980, "I have been in touch with someone who had a Robert Monteith m(arried) Mary Ann Robertson (Robinson). Has same family members as mine,...Their records said Robert and family came to Texas from Monroe Co., TN. and he died the year they arrived, 1838. The widow and sons received their land on their status as 'late immigrants.' Her land record only listed her as widow..." (This family settled in Nacogdoches County, which later was divided to form Angelina County, the area where Thomas Mantooth was to settle some 20 years later.)

the Robert Mantooth (Monteith, Monteath) mentioned above?

## THE 1850 MIGRATIONS TEXAS

Thomas J. Mantooth38

The first of the Mantooths to have left Tennessee was Thomas J. Mantooth (born 30 September 1808), whose first wife, Mary Sisk, died after the birth of their fourth child. His second wife, some 22 years his junior, was Lydia Davis Dillon,39 whom he married before 1850, and by whom he had six more children. In 1857 the family moved by covered wagon to Angelina County, TX, where Thomas became a farmer and cattleman. He also served as a probate judge (he may have been a justice of the peace in Cocke County) from 1858 until 1862. He and Lydia died in 1865 as a result of an accidental poisoning. His children achieved prominence in law, business, medicine (one son graduated from Tulane Medical School), and public service (one son served as postmaster, another as mayor of Lufkin and later as county sheriff).

## ARKANSAS

John Mantooth, Sr.40

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38 Genealogical Chart of Thomas Mantooth (by Mrs. W.O. Royle), in LDS Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah (copy supplied by Mrs. Clara Mae (Mantooth) Miller). Land of the Little Angel--A History of Angelina County, Texas, by Angelina Historical Survey Commission, Bob Bauman, editor, gives brief biographies of six of Thomas's sons by two wives. (Angelina County was created out of Nacogdoches County in 1846, eleven years before Thomas moved to Texas.) In a ltr to CFM, 10/05/1979, Mrs. W.O. Royle, ggdaughter of Thomas, gave the names of his children: by Mary Sisk: Albert, Eveline, John and Calvin; by Lydia Dillon: Lafayette, Edwin J., Blackburn, Florence, Hester, and Thomas C.

39 More recently (1992), in the new History of Angelina County, Texas, pp. 614-618, appeared three articles by Mrs. Royle and one by E.J. Bowers. Mrs. Royle here gives the name of Lydia Davis instead of Lydia Dillon. In Our Ewing Family, Laura Elizabeth Dingle Roddie Ewing said that Lydia was the step-daughter of John Dillon [eldest son of Thomas and Margaret Eagan Dillon, see p. 35]. Her father was a Mr. Davis BSS).

After having worked with all the census and other records, It is my conclusion that Thomas J. Mantooth was probably the eldest son of John (61 in 1850) and Betsy (Burke) Mantooth. John was the only male old enough to have a son born in 1807. All other Thomas Mantooths were born after 1829.

40 The most reliable information on John Mantooth, Sr., is found in his Union Army Pension File and that of his son, Jasper, who died in the Army General Hospital in Memphis, TN, 3/05/1865.

John Mantooh, Sr., a lifelong blacksmith, who was born about 1812 in Cocke County, may have been the son of John Mantooh (61 in 1850), a native of Virginia, and the eldest son of Cherokee Tom. It is difficult to identify John in the few available records. He may have been the "Jno. Mantooh, Junr.," listed as resident No. 92 in the 1839 Tax List of Cocke County, and the John Mantooh, head of Family No. 276 in the census of 1840, a return that showed a husband and wife, each 20-30, with two sons under 5, two daughters under 5, and two daughters 5-10. John certainly settled in Polk County before 1842, for on November 4 of that year he signed an election bond in that county. If he was the same John Mantooh who was listed in the 1840 census of Cocke County, he lost his wife and four daughters before 1850. In that year's census he was living in the Old Fort community of Polk County with a second (or third) wife, Sopha, age 34, a native of North Carolina, and five children: Jasper, 12, Newton, 10, Suffrony (Sophronia), 8, John, 5, and Mary, 2. In the next ten years three more children were born in Tennessee. The 1860 census listed them as: Andrew, 8, Thomas J., 6, and James M., 3. Between the birth of James M. and the taking of the 1860 census the family moved from Polk County to the Mill Creek Township in Franklin County, AR. The new post office for the family was Charleston.

After serving in the Union Army as a farrier in the 2nd Regiment, Arkansas Cavalry (Volunteers), from September 13, 1863, to April 10, 1865, John returned to Franklin County where he lived for the rest of his life. He is reported to have died in January 1880 while visiting his son, John, Jr., who moved from Franklin County to near Leonard, Fannin County, TX, in that month. His grave has not been located. (Several other branches of Cocke/Polk County families migrated to Fannin county in the 1890's and still have descendants there today.) His wife, Sopha (Sophia), died January 21, 1880, apparently while visiting a daughter in Cherokee County, KS, and was buried in the Spicklemier Cemetery in that county. Her tombstone reads: "Sophia, wife of John Mantooh" and gives her age as 63 years, 10 months, and 17 days.

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Census returns of Polk County, TN, for 1850, and of Franklin County, AR, for 1860 and 1870 list family members.

Among those contributing valuable recollections have been his grandson, Albert Berry Mantooh (father of BME), several of A.B.'s children, and nephews and nieces, and CFM.

In 1978 "Uncle Tommie" Mantooh (probably the last surviving grandson of John, Sr.), a resident of Peter Pender, AR, and his wife supplied valuable recollections, including the belief that John, Sr., certainly had been married twice, and, possibly, three times. Robert Mantooh, a first cousin of BME, and a resident of Paris, AR, introduced her to "Uncle Tommie," and also guided her on a tour of the Lowes Creek Cemetery, where John Mantooh, Jr., is buried, and introduced her to other relatives in the area.

Jim Mantooh in ltrs of 2/01/1980, 4/20/1980, and 5/19/1980, to BME, and 10/10/1979, to CFM he expressed his belief that John Mantooh, Sr. (c. 1812) was a son of John Mantooh (61 in 1850). In ltr, 4/31/1981 to CFM, he wrote: "I believe your Gr-Grandfather John was a nephew to my G-G-G-Grandfather Samuel and that John (61 [in 1850 census]) was his father and also the brother to Samuel (51 in 1850)."

## MISSOURI----KANSAS

### Hugh Mantooth, Sr.<sup>41</sup>

Another Mantooth who went west in the pre-Civil War period was Hugh, who was married to Parmelia Mantooth (daughter of John) by Thomas Mantooth (probably a justice of the peace, and probably also a cousin) in Cocke County on August 1, 1845. According to the Eastern Cherokee Applications of 1906 he is identified as the son of Thomas Mantooth, Jr., and Letitia Dillon Mantooth.<sup>42</sup> At some time after the taking of the 1850 census the family left Tennessee. By 1859, the year their son "Bill" was born, the family was living in Howell County, MO. On August 12, 1862, at Mt. Vernon, Lawrence County, MO, Hugh enlisted in Company C., Enrolled Missouri Militia, a unit in which he served until his discharge on March 31, 1863. In 1868 or 1869 the family moved to Bourbon County, KS, and, after several years, moved again, this time to a farm near the village of Hale, located northeast of present Sedan, in Longton Township in Elk County. Hugh died there on October 4, 1881, and was buried in the nearby Crum Cemetery. Later, Parmelia was denied a widow's pension on the ground that Hugh's Missouri Militia unit was never incorporated in the Union Army. To Hugh and Parmelia were born at least 11 children: Harvey Pendleton (1848), Lettie, Sis, Bill (James W.), Amanda, Ava (Evelyn), Tennessee (Sarah T.), Tom (Thomas A.), Brooks (Brooksey), Lura B. (Lorabell), and Hugh, Jr. (born about 1874). The son known to later generations as "Bill" may have been the William J. Mantooth who married a part-Cherokee in Indian Territory (see p. 29). Hugh Mantooth, Jr., the youngest child, is reported to have changed his surname to Monteith.

### MIGRATIONS AFTER THE CIVIL WAR ARKANSAS

The writer has not been able to determine what influence, if any, John Mantooth, Sr. (the first Mantooth to settle in Franklin County, AR, see pp. 14-15), had on the decisions of other Mantooths to locate in that county. The closeness of his kinship to Lawson Mantooth, Sr., is not known, but there is some evidence that indicates that John was an older brother of Lawson. If he was, that probably was the reason why three of Lawson's children and

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<sup>41</sup> The chief sources of information on Hugh Mantooth, Sr., are his Union Army Pension File, the 1850 census return for Cocke County, TN, and a ltr of 5/05/1980, from his ggrandson, David J. Mantooth, who named Hugh's children. The Soundex version of the 1880 census return for Kansas is also of great value. Census returns for Missouri and Kansas for 1860 and 1870 should help in resolving questions relative to some of his children. A phone conversation with David J. Mantooth on 3/17/1981 shed new light on Hugh's children, particularly "Bill".

BSS: See also the Eastern Cherokee Applications of Mary Griffith and Elizabeth Welch which list Hugh as a son of Thomas Jr. and Letitia as having gone to Missouri and died there. Also the suit in Jefferson County, 1836, against the heirs of Thomas Jr.

See note 35.

<sup>42</sup> See notes 5 and 18.

his widow lived in the county at one time or another. Regardless of the relationship and/or attraction, Franklin County became a kind of lodestone drawing Mantooshs to Arkansas.

#### Lawson Mantoosh, Sr.43

There is no evidence to indicate that Lawson Mantoosh, Sr., ever lived in Arkansas, which was to become the future home of four of his children and his widow. Lawson, who was the son of John Mantoosh (61 in 1850), was a native of Cocke County. He married Mahala Montgomery at Benton in Polk County on September 26, 1847. By 1850, the young couple, then living in Cocke County, had the first two of eleven children to be born to them. On January 28, 1864, at Camp Dick Robinson, KY, Lawson joined the Union Army as a private in Company K., 8th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry Volunteers, the unit in which he served as a blacksmith until mustered out on September 11, 1865. He died in Cocke County in September 1870 soon after the registration of his family in the 1870 census on August 25.

At some time after the taking of the 1870 census, Mahala moved to Franklin County, AR, probably to be near her children who had settled there many years earlier. She was living near Dorietta in that county in October 1890 when she applied for a widow's pension based on the military service of her husband Lawson in the Union Army. When and where she died and was buried have not been discovered by the writer.

#### Lewis (Louis) and Lawson Mantoosh, Jr.44

Apparently, the first member of the Lawson Mantoosh family to locate in Franklin County was Lewis, who, in 1870 was working as an 18-year-old field hand on a farm in Mill Creek Township not many miles from the home of John Mantoosh, Sr., Just when Lewis' brother, Lawson, Jr., moved to Arkansas has not been determined by the writer. By 1880 the two brothers were living in Christian Township, Independence County, in eastern Arkansas. By then, both were married--Lewis to Emily Hindman, a native of Illinois; Lawson, Jr., to Sallie Bollinger. Subsequently, one or both of the brothers settled in or near Newport in adjoining Jackson County, AK, where one or both of them operated a mill. Here, they were visited by a number of Mantooshs as they moved farther west. Lewis may have joined those moving west--there is one report to the effect that he lived for a time near other Mantooshs in the Celina-Pilot Point area of north Texas (see p. 20 and following), but in 1888, when his daughter,

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43 The best information on Lawson Mantoosh, Sr., is found in his Union Army Pension File. In addition, census returns for Cocke County, TN, from 1850 through 1870 trace the growth of his family. For information on his children, see pg.17-18 and notes 44-46. A copy of the family Bible record in his Pension File lists his children as follows: John, Sarah E., Louis, Lawson, Permealy, Andy, Mandy, Janet, Mahala, Sherman, and Thornton. See Note 35.

44 The principal source of information on Lewis (Louis) and Lawson, Jr., is found in the 1850 through 1870 census returns for Cocke County, TN, for 1870 for Franklin County, AR, and the 1880 Soundex version of the Arkansas census. The Bible record copy in the Union Army Pension File of Lawson Mantoosh, Sr., gives the dates of birth for each of his children. Independence Co., AK, marriage 31 May 1874, from Maryellen Leachman.

Other information is found in the Delayed birth certificate for Elizabeth Mantoosh; death certificate for John L. Mantoosh; Delayed OK death certificate for Emma (Anna?) Watson.

Valuable information was supplied by Mrs. Maudine Pound in ltrs of 4/05/1980, 4/22/1980, and 3/26/1980; and by Miss Sandra Mantoosh, in ltr of 4/10/1980. T.O. Mantoosh, 12/12/1979.



Celia Victoria, was born, Lewis and his second wife, the former Sarah White, were living near Mulberry, just across the Arkansas River north of the Mill Creek area where his brother John had located earlier (see p. 18). Seven years later, by the time his daughter Elizabeth was born, on December 22, 1895, Lewis was living near Charleston in the southern part of Franklin County. On May 4, 1910, at the age of 58, he registered in the census in Taloka Township, Haskell County, OK, with daughter Emma and an unnamed third wife to whom he had been married for 10 years. When and where he died are facts not known to the writer. His daughter Emma died in Oklahoma City, OK, on November 6, 1929. Death records indicate that her usual place of residence was Enloe, TX.<sup>45</sup>

John Mantooth<sup>46</sup>

When John Mantooth (the oldest child of Lawson, Sr., and Mahala Mantooth), who was born in August of 1848, and his wife Rhody (Rhoda) left Tennessee, is not known to the writer. They may have arrived in Franklin County, before his younger brother Lewis left the county, for their daughter Lucy, who was 7 in 1880, was born in Arkansas. Certainly, they had settled in Mill Creek Township in Franklin County by the time the 1880 census was taken. The writer believes that John and Rhoda lived out the rest of their lives in that county (see note 47).

Sarah Elizabeth (Mantooth) Burke<sup>47</sup>

Another member of the family of Lawson Mantooth, Sr., to reside in Franklin County was their second child, Sarah Elizabeth, who was born in 1850. She became the second wife of William Newton Burke about 1880 and later located near her older brother John in Mill Creek Township. She died in that community on June 18, 1914, and was buried in the near-by Price Springs Cemetery.

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45 Talmage Mantooth, in an interview on 10/19/1979, reported that a son of Lewis Mantooth (probably born in the 1880's) settled in the vicinity of Hugo, OK, where he died in the 1950's. The latter's son, a grandson of Lewis, according to Talmage, was living in 1979 in the south edge of Hugo on U.S. Highway #271.

46 The chief sources of information on this John Mantooth are the census returns for Polk County, TN, for 1870, and Franklin County, AR, for 1880. His date of birth, 8/11/1848, is given in the copy from his parents' Bible record in Lawson, Sr.'s Union Army Pension File. See also Cocke County, TN, census returns for 1850 and 1860 for family of Lawson Mantooth, Sr.

47 Information on Sarah Elizabeth is found in the census returns for Cocke County, TN, 1850-70, in her father's family; and in the family Bible record (see note 43) which gives her date of birth as 1/05/1850. Information on her marriage and life in Arkansas was supplied by her ggrandson, Jeffery Burke Price, in ltrs to the author of 2/10/1990 and 4/24/1990. In ltr of 2/10/1990 he wrote; "I am told that a lot of my MANTOOTH ancestors (relatives) who came from TN are buried in Lowe's Creek Cemetery, AR, as well." (For more on this cemetery see note 40.)

## ALABAMA

### Esau Mantooth (Monteith)48

Esau Mantooth, the son of James "Irish Jim" (b. 1817) and Rosaman (Hartsell) Mantooth (b. 16 May 1815), was born in Cocke County, December 23, 1845. After serving in Company K, 8th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry, Volunteers (Union), from October 20, 1863, until September 11, 1865, he returned to Tennessee where he married Arminta Atchley on November 13, 1865. Over the next several years he worked on the railroad and eventually became a locomotive engineer. During this time he lived in both Knoxville and Morristown. His only child by this marriage, Clide E. Mantooth, was born on September 11, 1884. In 1888 Esau lost his job on the railroad and is thought by some to have visited for a time with former Cocke County Mantooths in Newport, AR. Before the end of 1888 he returned to railroading in Jasper, AL. Between 1888 and 1897 he lived in Russellville, Birmingham, and again in Russellville, AL. During this time he adopted the name of Monteith possibly in order to gain employment on the railroad, married, and fathered several children. In 1897 he abandoned his Alabama family and his railroad job, and settled in Knoxville, TN, where he lived until his death on May 27, 1910. He was buried in the Union Army Cemetery in Knoxville. On April 15, 1893, Esau's first wife, Araminta, in widow's claim No. 575,382, asserted that Esau had left his home some five years before to go west to find employment, that she had not heard from him since his departure, that she had every reason for believing that he was dead, and for that reason she sought to qualify for a widow's pension. Whether he ever divorced either his first or his second wife is not known to the writer.

### George Mantooth49

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48 The principal source of information on Esau Mantooth-Monteith is his Union Army Pension File. Additional information is found in Cocke County, TN, census returns beginning in 1850. His Alabama years as Esau Monteith were revealed to BME in personal visits and phone conversations with his grandson, Walter Owen Monteith, a longtime Bell telephone engineer of Birmingham, who died 6/01/1980. A genealogical chart prepared by Walter shows his father, James Edward Monteith, grandfather Esau, and ggrandparents, James and Rosaman Hartsell. Three months after Esau joined Company K he was joined by Lawson Mantooth. They were both mustered out on the same date (see p. 16 and note 43.)

49 Aside from census returns for Cocke County, TN, for 1860 and 1870, which list him in his father's family, and the Cocke County census for 1900, which lists him with wife and children, the only other source of information discovered by the author was his "Application" N. 42170, "Eastern Cherokees," filed with the U.S. Court of Claims, Eastern Cherokees, which was received by the Court on 8/31/1907. His children and their dates of birth, as given in his application, were: Lille (1887), Zora (1889), Susa (1892), Ethel (1894), William H. (1897), Charley M. (1899), Roy (1903), Fanne (1905). The 1900 census of Cocke County, TN, lists; Lillie B. (Nov. 1886), Zora (Apr. 1890), Susie (Dec. 1891), Ethel (May 1895), Hobart (Feb. 1897), and Charley M. (Dec. 1899).

George H. Mantooth, the son of John and Mary (Runions) Mantooth, was born in Cocke County about 1859. After marrying Sarah Hall, the two continued to live in Cocke County until some time after registering in the 1900 census. On August 6, 1907, in Pisgah, Jackson County, AL, George filed a claim with the Special Commissioner of the Court of Claims in Washington for compensation from the fund established by Congress in 1906 to compensate Cherokee Indians and/or their descendants for the lands taken from them at the time of the removal to present-day Oklahoma in the 1830's. In his claim, George asserted that his father was "half-Indian" and that his wife also was of Indian descent. Follow-up correspondence by the Court of Claims was never answered. No further trace has been found of George and Sarah and their eight children named in the claim. (The writer has not had access to 1910 and later census returns.)

TEXAS  
CELINA-PILOT POINT

Elizabeth (Mantooth) Bryant<sup>50</sup>

A focal point, or at least a temporary stopping point, for Mantooths moving west, for some as yet unexplained reason, was the region known to later generations as the Celina--Pilot Point area in either Collin County or Denton County or both. The writer has not learned who was the first Mantooth to settle there, but it may have been Elizabeth Mantooth (April 21, 1818-September 26, 1900), the daughter of John Mantooth (61 in 1850)<sup>51</sup>. In 1867 or 1868 they moved from Cocke County to the above area where they were recorded in the 1870 census. Over the next three decades several other Mantooths joined them, some only temporarily. Those who halted there for only a brief time before moving north of Red River are listed below in the section on Indian Territory.

Calvin Mantooth<sup>52</sup>

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(Unfortunately, it is difficult to unscramble the information in this application. Some one who is knowledgeable on the family members of George and his wife might be able to glean valuable information from the application.)

50 Talmage O. Mantooth, in several conversations with BME, told of Mantooths who lived in the Celina--Pilot Point area. Another who told of Mantooths living in or passing through the area was Mrs. Donna Minke in ltr of 7/29/1986.

Information on Elizabeth (Mantooth) Bryant, including a genealogical chart, in ltrs of 4/10/1988 and 5/30/1988, of Mrs. Margaret Ann Allen, gggdaughter of Elizabeth, who reported that Elizabeth and Aaron were buried in the Scott Cemetery, Collin County, TX.

51 See note 35.

52 Calvin appears in the Cocke County, TN, census returns of

Whether Calvin Mantooth, born in 1859, the son of Robert and Harriet (Bush) Mantooth, died in Tennessee or Texas is not known to the writer. After Calvin's death, his son, D.C. decided at the age of five or six that he could not live with his mother's second husband. He then moved into the home of an aunt or uncle in the Celina-Pilot Point area where he lived until he was able to exist on his own. In his adult years he lived in Oklahoma (see p. 31).

#### Clayborn Mantooth<sup>53</sup>

Stephen Clayborn Mantooth (born 1851), the son of Harriet, unmarried daughter of William and Nancy Mantooth, married Eudochia (Dosia) E. Lingenfelter about 1871. In the early 1890's the family, joined by that of Fate Odell, moved to the Celina-Pilot Point area where they lived for a number of years until they moved north into Indian Territory (see p. 30).

#### A.J. Mantooth<sup>54</sup>

A late comer to the Celina-Pilot Point area was Andrew Jackson Mantooth, born October 3, 1846, to Robert and Evaline Mantooth in Cocke County. His first wife, Mary Anne Rains, may have been a sister of Albert Rains, who married A.J.'s sister, Icyphene (see p. 32). A.J. and his third wife, Emma Gates, and several of his children moved to McKinney, the county seat of Collin County, Texas, in 1907. One of his younger children, Horace Roadman Mantooth (born September 3, 1904), grew up in the area and later moved to Oklahoma. In 1985

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1860 through 1880 in the family of his parents, Robert and Harriet Mantooth. Other information is based on the recollections of his son, D.C. (Delbert Caywood), see p. 31 and note 65.

53 The 1860 and 1870 census returns of Cocke County, TN, show Clayborn with his mother in the family of William and Nancy Mantooth. The 1880 census return of Cocke County lists his own family with four children and his mother. Most other information was supplied by his grandson, Talmage O. Mantooth, in several interviews and correspondence, supplemented by Mrs. Donna Minke in ltr of 7/29/1986, which sheds light on route taken and stopovers of Mantooths en route from Tennessee to Texas. See also p.28 and note 62.

54 Cocke County census returns from 1850 through 1870 show Jackson in the family of Robert and Evaline Mantooth. The 1880 census lists him as A.J. with no wife, but with three children, five and under, and his sister Margaret. His first wife, Mary Anne Rains, whom he married 9/24/1874, died shortly after the birth of son Charley, 11/25/1879. A. J. married Hester Williams, 2/12/1882, and married Emma Gates, 5/30/1888.

The 1900 census of Cocke County lists Andrew J. and family, and shows his occupation as blacksmith. His son Robert L. (Luther), 22 years of age, and living at home, was shown as a school teacher.

Aside from the census information, other details were supplied by Talmage O. Mantooth in ltr of 5/08/1985. Enclosed was a listing of wives and children of A.J., with appropriate dates, copied from the Family Bible of A.J.'s son, Horace Roadman Mantooth, who then lived at Rush Springs, OK.

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## GLEN ROSE

### Aaron Mantooth55

Aaron Mantooth (born about 1853), the son of Robert and Harriet (Bush) Mantooth, and an older brother of Calvin (see p. 23), apparently moved to Texas in the 1870's. His oldest son, Thomas Landon, was born in Callahan (apparently the county of) in 1879. A younger son, Boyce, was born near Glen Rose, the county seat of Somervell County (southwest of Fort Worth) in 1905, and died in Parsons, KS, in 1932. Several of Aaron's descendants remained in the Glen Rose area, which became the site of an annual Mantooth Reunion as late as the 1970's.

## FANNIN COUNTY

### John Mantooth, Jr.56

Apparently, the first Mantooth to reside in Fannin County, Texas, was John, Jr., who was born in 1845, probably in Polk County, TN, and who moved with his parents (see pp. 14-15) to Franklin County, AR, before 1860. After his marriage to Elizabeth Pendergrass in 1869, they remained in that county until January 1880, when they bought a large farm located near Leonard, some 10-15 miles southwest of Bonham, the county seat of Fannin County, TX. From then until June 1887, when he returned to Arkansas, John alternately farmed, operated a wagon yard, a hotel, and a restaurant in the new town of Leonard, where three of his wife's brothers, graduates of Vanderbilt Medical College, began their practice. In November 1887, John died and was buried in Lowes Creek Cemetery located near the small village of Peter Pender in Franklin County.

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55 Aaron appears in the 1860 and 1870 census returns of Cocke County, TN, in the family of Robert and Harriet Mantooth. The only other information the author has seen is in a ltr of 1/27/1976 to Laurence Mantooth (brother of BME) and in two ltrs to BME of 7/06/1978 and 8/23/1978 from Mrs. Sue Mantooth of Eldorado, KS, whose husband, William Joe, was two years old when his father, Boyce, died in 1932.

56 John Mantooth, Jr., first appears in the records in the 1850 census of Polk County, TN, as the five-year-old son of John, Sr. He is listed again in the 1860 census of Franklin County, AR, in his parents' family, and in that county in 1870 as head of his own family. His marriage license application is recorded in that county. A number of documents on file in the Fannin County, TX, courthouse cover his purchase and sale of farm land northeast of Leonard, and numerous transactions pertaining to the purchase and sale of town lots in Leonard. Many of the details of John's life in Leonard and of his death near Peter Pender, Franklin County, AR, and his burial there in Lowes Creek Cemetery were recalled by his son, Albert Berry Mantooth (father of BME). His children were: Amanda Elizabeth, Jasper Newton, Linnie, John Columbus (Lum), Mary, Albert Berry, Maggie, and Calvin (the last two were twins).

Other branches of the Mantooth family through the Mantooth-Ford-Frazier line moved to Fannin County about 1890. Letitia Ford Frazier, eldest child of Elizabeth Mantooth and James Wilson Ford, and several of her children moved there from Polk County.<sup>57</sup>

#### William Moore Mantooth<sup>58</sup>

The second Mantooth known to have lived in Fannin County was William Moore Mantooth (1849/50-December 22, 1911), the son of James and Rosamon (Hartsell) Mantooth, who married Ellen Nora Bailey in Cocke County. After the birth of their son, Walter M., in 1882, the family moved to Fannin County. Whether the decision to settle there was influenced by the presence there of John Mantooth, Jr., is not known to the author. After residing in the county for a number of years, they moved to the Celina-Pilot Point area before settling in present Oklahoma just north of Red River.

#### DELTA COUNTY

#### Joseph Mantooth<sup>59</sup>

Joseph Mantooth (March 24, 1864--December 11, 1942), still another son of Robert and Harriet (Bush) Mantooth, also settled in Texas. When he arrived and where he first lived are not known to the writer. One of his

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57 BSS: Interview with Zula Hilliard, Cleveland, TN, in June 1985, and Bill Sadler of Bonham, TX, who was visiting her, who are descended through Elizabeth Mantooth Ford. Also visit of my cousin, Maxine Douglas Johnston to Fannin County, TX, 1984?.

58 William Moore Mantooth is shown in the 1850 census of Cocke County, TN, as the seven-month-old son of James and Rosamon Mantooth, and is listed again in the 1860 census return. In 1870 he is listed with his widowed mother shown as Rosa. In 1880 he is shown in the census return with his wife and three children. Most of the remaining information pertaining to his family was supplied by his granddaughter, Ora Adah Mantooth, in ltrs of 1/27/1980 and 3/13/1980, and in subsequent ltrs and interviews. His children were; Florence, Stephen, George W., Walter M., Oscar, Virginia Elizabeth, John Henry, Nora, and James.

59 The first official records of Joseph Mantooth are found in the 1870 census of Cocke County, TN, as the 7-year-old son of Robert and Harriet Mantooth, and in the 1880 census as their 18-year-old son. The best tracing of Joseph is that by Mrs. Aileen Mantooth (wife of William L. Mantooth) in ltr of 7/09/1988. She shows Joseph's father, Robert, as the son of John Mantooth born in Virginia and with wife Margaret. (This has to be from the 1850 census of Cocke County, RE.) (From my information, Margaret is a very recent second wife. John was married to Betsy Burke and the census records show 5 males in 1830, 4 in 1840, BSS.) Aileen shows that Joseph married Lucinda Josephine Whistler.

sons, Harvey, was born on August 24, 1896, in Delta County, which is an adjoining county to Fannin County (see above). He died in neighboring Hunt County on March 18, 1962.

## INDIAN TERRITORY--OKLAHOMA

### John Mantooth, Jr.60

Although he never lived in Indian Territory, John Mantooth, Jr., (see p. 25) may have been the first Mantooth to visit the area. During the Civil War, while his father and brother Jasper served in the Union Army, he probably crossed the region many times en route to and from West Texas where he traded for horses he sold either to the Confederate or Union forces.

### Elizabeth (Pendergrass) Mantooth61

Some three years after the death of John Mantooth, Jr., in 1887, his widow, the former Elizabeth Pendergrass, moved her seven unmarried children from Franklin County, AR, through Indian Territory and newly opened Oklahoma Territory via Oklahoma City to the southern part of the Chickasaw Nation. Over the next decade, she lived north of Red River near present Marietta, before locating for a few years in the Old Hart community west of present Ada, and then, before 1898, moving to the Rosedale area of present McClain County, where she lived for the next 20 years during which time her children married and began their families. She died in Blanchard in the same county in 1932, and was buried in the Paoli Cemetery in neighboring Garvin County by the side of her youngest son, Calvin, who had died at the age of 12 (after a hunting accident) on 4/11/1898.

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60 H.P. (Paul) Mantooth, 1st cousin of BME, reports that his father, John Columbus (Lum), a son of John, Jr., told him of John Jr.'s experiences as a horse trader during the Civil War. See also note 56.

61 Nancy Elizabeth Pendergrass, the daughter of Confederate veteran, John Jason Pendergrass, was born in Marshall County, AL, 7/06/1851. The Franklin County, AR, Marriage Book, p. 148, shows that she married John Mantooth, Jr., on 2/18/1869. The story of the family's movement to Fannin County, TX, and of its return to Arkansas, where John, Jr., died, and of his wife's trek into Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) with her children was remembered by her son, Albert Berry Mantooth, father of BME.

Her death certificate shows that she died in Blanchard, OK, 12/09/1932.

The story of her departure from Franklin County, AR, was told to BME on 6/13/1978 by J. O. (Jephtha Olaf) Pendergrass, probably the last surviving grandson of John Jason Pendergrass, and by Mrs. Norene (Rogers) Pile, daughter of Rowena Corrina Pendergrass, youngest sister of Nancy Elizabeth. J.O. told of accompanying his father and grandfather before 1907 from Peter Pender, AR, on a visit to Nancy Elizabeth in Lexington, Oklahoma Territory.

W.T. Mantooth, Sr.62

No evidence has been discovered by the writer to identify the parents or place of birth of W.T. Mantooth, Sr. He must have been a person of distinction to have been named to the first Federal Grand Jury that met at Purcell, Indian Territory (present McClain County) on April 27, 1896. He may have been the Thomas Mantooth whom family members recall operated a store at McGee southeast of Byars in present McClain County. In 1901 the McMasters Publishing Company's Gazeteer and Business Directory of The Indian Territory listed W.T. Mantooth as the operator of a general merchandise store in Johnson(ville) north of present Byars. His wife and two of his sons are buried in the Johnsonville Cemetery. No trace of W.T., Sr., has been found after the death of his son, W.T., Jr., in 1905.

Clayborn Mantooth63

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62 The Purcell (Oklahoma) Register, 3/22/1984, p. 5, reprinted the item on the Grand Jury. W.T.'s wife, Mary F., born 5/22/1860, died 3/02/1899; his 1-yr-old son, Bussie E., died 10/27/1900; his 2 1/2 yr-old son, W.T., Jr., died 11/28/1905. Talmage O. Mantooth recalls his family speaking of a Thomas Mantooth who owned a store at "Old" McGee.

In the autumn of 1913 Elizabeth (Pendergrass) Mantooth and sons "Lum" and A.B., and their families lived for some two months near Bowie, Arizona, the home of an "Uncle Tom" Mantooth. BME, and brothers Laurence and Albert and cousin Alvin, each remembered "Uncle Tom" and playing with his children. Could he have been the W.T. (Thomas) Mantooth of the Johnsonville-Byars-Rosedale area of I.T.? Since Elizabeth Mantooth had lived many years in Franklin County, Arkansas, and, later, had lived in the Byars-Rosedale area of present McClain County, had she known "Uncle Tom" in one of those areas? And, was his presence in Bowie the reason she and her sons chose Bowie as their stopping place in Arizona?

It seems certain that "Uncle Tom" was not a Mantooth. Laurence, who was 7 years old when he was at Bowie, and his 1st cousin, Paul Mantooth, in interviews of 10/17 and 10/28/1979, both recalled stories told by their parents that he ("Uncle Tom") had been involved in a murder or near-murder, and had taken his wife's maiden name and moved "west." CFM (who has never met his 2nd cousins, Laurence and Paul), had told BME a year earlier (7/10/1978) of a man in Franklin County, AR, who had killed a man (or thought he had killed him), and who had taken the name of CFM's grandfather "Thomas Mantooth" and fled the country. Could he have been the "Uncle Tom" of Bowie and the Thomas (W.T.) Mantooth, the storekeeper and member of the grand jury?

63 See note 53. OK death certificate for C.M. Mantooth. Talmage O. Mantooth (who supplied much of the information on his



After living in the Celina-Pilot Point area of Texas for a few years, Clayborn Mantooh (see p. 24) moved his family about 1894 to the Johnsonville area of present McClain County, the same area where W.T. Mantooh, Sr., (see p. 29) resided. In 1895 Clayborn bought a farm from a "homesteader" who lived some 10-12 miles to the north across the South Canadian in the Box Community of the newly opened Oklahoma Territory. On this farm located some 8 or 10 miles southeast of present Lexington in Cleveland County, he and his wife lived the rest of their lives. Clayborn died on January 24, 1939, and was buried in the Box Cemetery. A great-grandson, Randolph Mantooh, was a featured actor in the TV series Emergency, Loving and is now appearing in General Hospital (1993).

#### Walter M. Mantooh<sup>64</sup>

Walter M. Mantooh, the son of William Moore Mantooh and Ellen Nora Bailey (see p. 26), was born in Cocke County on November 22, 1882. He moved with his parents to Texas in 1883, and, a few years later, moved with them across the Red River into southern Oklahoma. As a young man, he moved north again, probably to the Johnsonville area of present McClain County where other Mantoohs resided. Next, he moved across the South Canadian River into Cleveland County, and, on February 1, 1905, married Sallie Frances Slater. He died on February 17, 1967, and was buried in the Noble Cemetery in the same county. His daughter, Adah Mantooh, a retired teacher, continued to make her home in Noble in 1993. Walter's brother, John Henry, born March 1, 1890, served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the 142nd Infantry in WW I. He died on September 10, 1959, and was buried in the Blanchard Cemetery in McClain County, OK.

#### D. C. Mantooh<sup>65</sup>

Delbert Caywood (better known as D.C.) Mantooh (see p. 23) was born on October 18, 1888, probably in Cocke County. After reaching maturity in the Celina-Pilot Point area of north Texas, he became an employee of the Shell Pipeline Company. His last employment with that company was at its pumping station east of Lexington in Cleveland County, OK. His only daughter, Mae, married Neil Sherman, later a banker in Purcell, OK, where Mae continued to reside in 1993. After his retirement, D.C. often visited in Purcell with A.B. (Albert Berry) Mantooh,

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grandfather's family) still resided in 1993 in the same area of Cleveland County, OK, where Clayborn moved his family in the 1890's. Clayborn's oldest daughter, Betty, married Rufus Fox and remained in Cocke County, TN. His second daughter, Moody, married Russ Runyan in Newport, AR, apparently during the family's journey to Texas. The other children apparently married in what is present Oklahoma. Conversations and correspondence with Talmage O. Mantooh, and ltr of Mrs. Donna line, 7/29/1986. Clayborn's children were: Betty, Moody, Louella, Critty (Crittenden) Ada, Arizona, John, Dan, Jessie, and Belle. (T.O. Mantooh, 10/17 and 10/19/1979.)

64 See note 58. Most of the information on her father was supplied by Ora Adah Mantooh. The marriage of William Moore Mantooh and Sallie Frances Slater, 2/05/1905, is recorded in Marriage Record Book 6, p. 198, Cleveland County, OK.

65 See note 52. Tombstone of Delbert C. Mantooh, Lexington, OK, Cemetery. Interviews with Neil Sherman, Purcell, OK, 10/18 and 10/25/1979.

a son of John Mantooth, Jr., the Tennessee native who grew up in Franklin County, AR, and lived in Fannin County, TX, from 1880 until 1887 (see p.23), where A.B. was born in 1884. D.C. died on August 19, 1966, and was buried in the Lexington Cemetery.

#### Icyphene (Mantooth) Rains<sup>66</sup>

Icyphene, the fifth child of Robert and Evaline Mantooth, was born on April 21, 1858. After her marriage to Allen Rains, she and her husband remained in Cocke County until after the birth of her child, Robert T. Rains in 1888. The family then moved to Norton in Wise County, in southwest Virginia, where son James died on August 31, 1914, as the result of an accident in a coal mine. Sometime after the death of James, the family lived for a time at Newport, a small village located northwest of Ardmore in Carter County, OK, and may have lived for a time near El Reno in Canadian County, OK. By 1918 the family had moved to a farm in the vicinity of Washington in McClain County, OK. Children born to them were: Evaline Rains, 21 Jan 1878; Lillie A. Rains, 24 Aug 1879; Margaret J. Rains, 23 Mar 1882; Dannie B. Rains (f) 18 Feb 1884; William A. Rains, 14 Feb 1886; James Rains, 14 Feb 1887 (not listed in Bible); Robert T. Rains, 4 Aug. 1888; Isaac A. Rains, 19 Sept 1891; John Broadus Rains; 1 Feb 1895, and Joseph Manning Rains, 19 Aug 1900. Icyphene died in McClain County, OK, on February 1, 1933; her husband, on May 3, 1933. Both were buried in the Washington Cemetery, which is located one mile north of what was then the farm home of Albert Berry Mantooth, grandson of the Civil War veteran, John Mantooth, Sr., (see p. 15) of Franklin County, AK.

Icyphene's older sister, Margaret, who was born on October 3, 1855, never married. In 1900 she was working in the home of Cas McNabb in Cocke County. She died in Oklahoma on June 8, 1918, and was buried in the same plot in the Washington Cemetery where her sister Icyphene and husband Allen Rains later were buried.

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66 Cocke County, TN, census returns for 1860 and 1870 show her in the family of Robert and Evaline Mantooth. Oklahoma death certificate for Icyphene Rains. This shows her mother's maiden name as Sallie McCoy, but the census returns clearly show her mother's given name as Evaline. In the Virginia death certificate for her son, James Rains, issued in Wise County, VA, 8/31/1914, Icyphene's name is given as Feane (probably a short form of Icyphene).

Much information on Icyphene's family is given in ltr of 3/07/1985, from Mrs. Dorothy McPheron, wife of a great-grandson of Icyphene, who supplied photos of the tombstones of Icyphene and Allen Rains. (The author has visited the cemetery, where he also saw in the same burial plot the tombstone of Icyphene's unmarried sister, Margaret Mantooth.)

Bible records from Mary Dousett. BSS

William J. Mantooth<sup>67</sup>

The only Mantooth so far identified who settled in the Cherokee Nation of Indian Territory was William J. Mantooth, who, in, or before, 1892, married Mary Elizabeth Garbarino, a part Cherokee. In 1906 he and his wife and five young daughters were living on a farm some six miles southeast of Vinita, Indian Territory. In that year his wife filed a claim for remuneration by the U.S. Court of Claims for the taking of Cherokee lands in Tennessee at the time of the Indian removals in the late 1830's. It was later approved. In additional papers filed in 1907, his wife gave William's age at that time as 49. Could this William J. Mantooth have been the James W. Mantooth listed in the 1880 census in Elk County, KS, as the 21-yr-old, Missouri-born, son of Hugh and Parmelia Mantooth? If his age was given correctly in 1880, he would have been 48 in 1907. Later generations of Hugh's family lost all track of this James W., whom they knew of only as "Bill." Could he have been another of those who "disappeared" in Indian Territory?

THE FAMILY OF  
JOHN MANTOOTH born 1812

John Mantooth (c. 1812-1/22/1880?) married first ( ? )

A. Jasper (c. 1838-3/05/1865)

married Harriet E. Jones, 5/24/1860

B. Newton (c. 1840- ? )

married second Sophia Hall (?) 3/07/1816-1/21/1880

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67 Most of the information on William J. Mantooth is contained in Application No. 14753, Eastern Cherokees, filed by his wife, the former Mary Elizabeth Garbarino.

Some of the speculation as to William J.'s ancestry is in ltr of David J. Mantooth, 5/05/1980, and his phone conversation of 3/17/1981. See also Note 41.

C. Sophronia (c. 1842- ? )  
married (1) Jesse Jones, 11/03/1861  
married (2) Frank Vick, ?

D. John M. Jr. (4/19/1845-11/11/1887)  
married Nancy Elizabeth Pendergrass, 2/18/1869

E. Mary Ann (c. 1848-9/12/1872)

F. Andrew Jackson (c. 1851/52- ? )  
married Catherine Rice 10/13/1870  
Andrew J. was 19, Catherine was 15. Andrew J. may have died in 1873 or before as a person listed  
as Catherine Mantooth, age 17, married William B. Kensey (age 21 o/a 3 Sept 1873. She may have  
been the widow or divorced wife of A.J.

G. Thomas Jefferson (9/23/1853-2/18/1907)  
married Julia Elizabeth Rector, 1877 (?)

H. James Madison (10/31/1856-1/11/1929)  
married Elizabeth Carolina Simpson, 8/16/1880

#### Thomas Mantooth, Jr.'s. In-laws

#### Additional Information on Thomas Mantooth, Jr.'s, wife Letitia Dillon

BSS: In a letter of April 22, 1993, from Julie Eagan, I received the following information on the Eagan family. The only Dillon family in Cocke County in the 1790's was Thomas Dillon and his wife, Margaret Eagan Dillon. It is probably that the Letitia Dillon (born 1790-1800) who married Thomas Mantooth, Jr., was the daughter of Thomas (d. 6 Aug 1832) and Margaret Eagan Dillon (b. C. 1772-14 June 1843). Margaret was the daughter of Barnaby Eagan Jr., (b. C. 1747, Augusta Co. VA-21 Oct 1823, Wilson Co., TN) and Susannah Whitson. Barnaby Eagan Jr., was the son of Barnaby Eagan Sr., (c. 1715-1789) Shenandoah Co., VA), and Rachel McDowell (will dated 1790, Shenandoah Co., VA). Rachel was the daughter of Charles McDowell who died in Anson Co., NC, in 1751. Her brother, John "Hunting" McDowell, was famous in the Rev. War in NC. The McDowells were from Ireland. Susannah Whitson Eagan was the daughter of William Whitson, Jr.(born 11 March 1750, Stafford Co. VA, and who died in 1783 in Washington Co. TN), and Margaret. William Whitson, Jr., was the son of William Whitson Sr., and wife Lydia. William Whitson, Sr., was the son of Joseph Whitson (b. C. 1640) and Mary Fletcher. Joseph Whitson was the son of another Joseph Whitson (b. c. 1815 in England) who died in 1696 in Overwharton Parish, Stafford Co., VA. Much of the Whitson data comes from the Overwharton Parish Registers, courtesy of Julie Eagan.

#### CORRESPONDENTS

- ALLEN, Mrs. Margaret Ann, 1007 N. Jefferson St., Carrollton, MO 64663, (gg granddaughter of Elizabeth (Mantooth) Bryant)
- EMDE, Mrs. R.H. (Patricia), 5600 Dorrell Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89106 (descendant of Samuel Mantooth through his daughter, Hettie, who is named in Samuel's will.) Mail returned 1995.
- FRITZ, Mrs. Lillian, 9418 Urbana Ave., Arleta, CA 91331  
(gggranddaughter of Isaac, son of James and Rosaman Mantooth)
- LEACHMAN, Maryellen, PO Box 536, Balboa, CA. 92661-0536
- McPHERON, Mrs. Dorothy, 805 North 8<sup>th</sup> St., Sp. 69, Avondale, AZ 85323 (her husband is g grandson of Icyptene Mantooth Rains)
- MANTOOTH, Miss Adah, 314 North 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Noble, OK 73068  
(G granddaughter of James and Rosaman Mantooth)
- MANTOOTH, Mrs. Aileen, 2024 Kevin Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 637-1  
(her husband, William L. Mantooth, is g grandson of Robert and Harriet Mantooth.
- MANTOOTH, Clarence, 39 Badalona Cir., Hot Springs Village, AR 71909 (g grandson of John Mantooth, Sr., of Franklin Co, AR, (deceased)
- MANTOOTH, David J., P.O. Box 221 Sylvia, KS, 67581  
(G grandson of Hugh Mantooth, Sr., See Note 33)
- MANTOOTH, James (Jim) 111 Cherokee Village Court, Ball Ground, GA 30107 (ggg grandson of Samuel Mantooth of Polk County, TN.
- MANTOOTH, Rev. Marvin R., Rt. 1, Box 69, Crandall, GA 30711  
(G grandson os Samuel Mantooth of Polk County, TN)
- MANTOOTH, Miss Sandra, Rt. 5, Box 321, Ada, OK 74820  
(gg granddaughter of Lawson Mantooth, Sr.)
- MANTOOTH, Mrs. Sue, 1516 Terrance Dr. Eldorado, KS. 67042  
(Her husband, William Joe, grandson of Aaron, and G grandson of Robert and Harriet Mantooth)
- MANTOOTH, Talmage O., RFD # 2, Wanette, OK 74876  
(grandson of Clayborn Mantooth) Deceased
- MINKE, Mrs. Donna, P.O. Box 996, Argyle, TX 76226  
(gg granddaughter of Clayborn Mantooth)
- MONTEITH, Walter O., formerly of 1674 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., West, Birmingham, AL 35208 (grandson of Esau Monteith/Mantooth- Walter died June 1, 1980)
- POUND, Mrs. Maudine, Rt. 1, Box 95, Antlers, OK 74523  
(gg granddaughter of Lawson Mantooth, Sr.)
- PRICE, Jeffery B., 318 Center Lane, Santa Paula, CA 93060-1543  
(G grandson of Sarah Elizabeth (Mantooth) Burke, daughter of Lawson Mantooth, Sr.)
- ROYLE, Mrs. W.O. (Annie Jewel), 519 Laurel St., Lufkin, TX 75901  
(G granddaughter of Thomas J. Mantooth, who moved to Texas in 1857. She died September, 1997)

SCHWALL, Mrs. Brenda, 715 Old Dallas Rd., Chattanooga, TN. 37405

(Gggg granddaughter of Thomas Mantooth, Jr. & Letitia Dillon)

VARNER, Mrs. Jimmie (Betty), 2822 Abilene St., San Angelo, TX 76901 (A Monteith; supplied info on Robert Monteith in Tx)