

CHARLEY STONEWALL JACKSON
&
NANNIE ELLEN (JONES) MOBLEY

Charley was born in South Carolina on August 11, 1862, being the youngest child born to Charles and Eliza Ann (McClain) Mobley. He came to Texas some time between 1870 and 1874. He and Nannie Ellen Jones, daughter of Mabry Madden Jones and Martha (Ponton) Jones, were married 9 October, 1884 in the Marclina Church by Rev. W.V. Jones. (Methodist Minister) Nannie E. was the first child born to M.M. and Martha Jones. Her birth date was 31 July, 1864. So she would have been 20 years old at the time of her marriage and Charley would have been 22 years old. They continued to live in Wilson Co. Texas and all of their (twelve) children were born there except the last three. Sadie, Ruth, and Joel were born in Comanche Co.

The 1890 Wilson Co. census show Charles S. Mobley age 28, and Nannie E. Mobley age 26 with these children: 1. Addie Sue b. 9 July, 1885, 2. Robert Sherrill b. 8 October, 1886, 3. Charles Jenkins b. 10 November, 1888, 4. Henry Mabra b. 28 December, 1889, 5. Thomas Andrew b. 24 June, 1891, 6. Jessie Wallace b. 30 August, 1892, 7. Harvey Carrol b. 20 January, 1893, 8. Hardy B. b. 15 May 1898-----Now we know for sure that the census records were wrong about this name. We know that this was Artie Bell and a female and not a male as listed on the census. 9. Eula Mae b. 11 March, 1900.

After Eula Mae was born, Charley began his travels all over the state of Texas and into New Mexico to seek land for his large family. Addie told that she remembered going to school in Devilla, Milam Co. ,Which must have been about 1901. Then in 1902 they were in Comanche Co. where the last three children were born. 10. Sadie Lee b. 21 December, 1902, 11. Ruth Ellen b. 19 December, 1903 and 12. Joel Jones b. 4 November, 1905.

Their oldest daughter, Addie Sue married Drew Todd in Comanche Co. 25 December, 1904. The family traveled on north and lived near Floydada in Floyd Co. in 1906 where Drew and Addie's first child, Cleo wea born. In 1907 they were living in a half-dug-out near Knowles, N.M. and this was where their twins, Ellis and Earl were born. But, by 1909 they had gone back South to a warmer climate in Mason Co. Texas.

Something must have been wrong with the Mason Co. weather also, as they were soon northward bound and living in Dickens Co. the next year. The children were in school at the Cottonwood school, east of Afton when they were not picking cotton for Mr. Charley Cannon. Here they made friends with many of the early pioneers of Dickens Co. There were the Laws, Becks, Cannons, Arringtons, McCartys to name a few. The next year Charley rented land from Mr. Cannon and put in a crop. The son, Tom, met and married Maddie Montgonery, and son Charles Jinkins is known to have registered a cattle brand here at this time. Son, Robert Sherrill was hauling freight for W.C Post from Post to Spur and he met and married Bessie Speights in 1911.

In 1914 the family was back in Lee Co. N.M. to file on a claim. They begin life in a half-dug-out until Charley hired help to build on two adobe rooms with a shed-room on the back. We are unsure about how many of the married children followed the family, but Drew and Addie's other children were all born at Knowles, N.M except the last one. So they must have stayed on in the vacinity. In 1915 Charleys family was picking cotton in Childress Co. near Wellington and we have a picture of Bessie being with the family there. Their son, Jinks married Zula Ball in 1916 at Floydada, Texas.

After cotton harvest was over, they went to Dickens Co. and lived in the Duncan Flat community. Charley bought land one-half mile east of the community school. The four younger girls were the only children at home, now. They broke out, cleared the land and put in a crop. Charley built a rather nice house for the times. The big question is "why couldn't

It had become a way of life for the family to live like Gypsies. It must have been a very hard life for the women!

They lived in the Duncan Flat community about four years. The second daughter, Artie B. met and married David P. "Bud" Smiley here in 1919. There was only three girls at home after that and in the early part of 1920 Charley, Nannie, and the three girls went to Hunt Co. for a year. Then he bought a place in San Saba Co. in the China Creek community in 1921. Charley was 60 years old by this time and in poor health. They hitched up the team to the wagon one last time and went back to Dickens Co. living with the families that lived there. (Sherrills and Arties)

Death came to Charley 22 Sept, 1922 and he was buried at Afton Cemetery. It was said he died of Dropsy. Grandma McCarty and Dr. Haney treated him, but to no avail. (see the letter copy which Nannie wrote to Addie about his death).

Sadie Lee married Lesslie Ethridge in 1921 while they were in San Saba Co. Nannie and two girls were left to live amongst the married children, thereafter. Nannie sold the farm in San Saba Co. Ruth married Frank C. Miller in 1924 in ~~Floyd~~^{Parmer} Co. Texas. After about ten years had passed Eula went to Lubbock to do domestic work and Nannie spent most of her later years in the home of Addie and Drew Todd. In fact, that is where she died 27 November, 1950. Her body was shipped back to Dickens Co. and lay in state until the funeral in the home of Bud and Artie Smiley. The funeral service was held in the Primate Baptist Church at Afton, Texas and she was buried beside her Charley at the Afton Cemetery.

NANNIE ELLEN JONES MOBLEY

1864-1950

On July 31, 1864 in Lavaca County, Texas Nannie Ellen was born to Mabry Madden, age 47 and Martha Ponton Jones, age 22. There were seven older half-brothers and sisters by M.M.'s first wife and six younger brothers and sisters born after Nannie Ellen.

At the age of twenty she married Charley S.J. Mobley on October 9, 1884 in the community of Marclina in Wilson County, Texas by a Methodist minister. (See the pictures of the Marclina Church and Cemetery page 11 & 12) They remained in Wilson County for about fifteen years and had nine children during this time, however, one of them lived only ten months, but the other eight lived to adulthood.

About 1900 Nannie and Charley began moving about all over Texas, staying in one place for only a year or so and then move some other place. They had three more children born in Comanche County, but the last one died at birth.

With the exception of one time Nannie Ellen never saw or visited with any of her brothers and sisters or her mother and father again. Such a life must have been very hard on a family, having to move about in a wagon, cooking over a camp-fire and washing clothes in a pan or the creek. Nannie's first child was a girl then she had five sons!! Do you suppose she and this one daughter did all the cooking and washing for these six men?? We would just have to believe that she had a very hard life, but she was never known to complain. After thirty-eight years of married life her Charley died on September 22, 1922, leaving her with two single daughters and a farm in the China Creek Community of San Saba County.

She sold her farm and they lived around with the married children. Nannie spent many years with her youngest daughter and family, but was living with the oldest

daughter when she died.

Despite the fact that this dear woman gave birth to twelve children, she was never sickly or complained. She went about her work humming a little tune. She paid her way wherever she was living, shelling peas, snapping beans, patching clothes, or gathering eggs, etc. She was quite spry in actions all of her life up to her last days.

Nannie Ellen was a devout Primitive Baptist and some of her children and grandchildren were also. She was a mild mannered person, always made the most of any bad situation and seemed to be content where ever she was. She just seemed to turn her burdens over to the Lord and went about life as happily as possible. Her father M.M. Jones was a Minister of the Gospil in the First Christian Church and her grandfather, Dr. Joel Ponton was a Minister of the Gospil in the Church of Christ. This fact leads us to believe she was taught these good trates early in life.

At the age of eighty-six years the dear old matriarch died in the home of her oldest daughter in San Saba, Texas, but she was returned to Dickens County and buried in the Afton Cemetery beside her Charley on November 27, 1950. She was survived by eight of her children and fifty-seven grand children.

MONDAY'S Child is fair of face,
TUESDAY'S Child is full of Grace,
WEDNESDAY'S Child is full of woe,
THURSDAY'S Child has far to go,
FRIDAYS'S Child is loving and giving,
SATURDAY'S Childworks hard for a living,
But the Child born on the SABBATH DAY
is blithe and bonnie, good, and gay.

Zora Billingsley