

# Gragg Family History



The following history provides information and facts that explain the lineage of Charlie and Alice Gragg. This history was compiled through interviews with family members, State of Arkansas census records (death certificates, registrations) and individual memories. Any omissions are not intentional. Additions and corrections can be emailed to [graggfamilyreunion@yahoo.com](mailto:graggfamilyreunion@yahoo.com). Thank you and enjoy!

The earliest account of Alice Gragg were tracked back to Drew County, Arkansas. Alice was born in Monticello in 1864. She died January 30, 1922. There is no early information about Charlie Gragg.

Charlie and Alice were married in 1877. They had eight children.

## Children of Charlie and Alice Gragg

Virture Handley  
Birdie Neal  
Jim Gragg  
Andrew J. Gragg  
Otha Gragg  
Will Gragg  
John W. Gragg  
Richard Harris (Charlie's son)

**Virture Handley** married and had several children. She eventually moved to Milwaukee, WI. We were not able to locate additional details on her family.

**Birdie Neal:** Birdie's first husband was Ross David. There was no information on her second husband, except they resided in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She had no children but helped raise Elbert (Bo) Spencer and Horace Spencer.

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**Jim Gragg:** Jim had one child Mattie Lee; it is not known if Jim ever married.

**Andrew J. Gragg:** Andrew married Alice. They had six children.

Children of Andrew and Alice:

Mattie Mae  
Albert Lee  
Vera  
Johnny Bob  
Jennie (Buss)  
Ophelia



*Mattie Mae* married Will Sherman. They had no children.

*Albert Lee.* Albert married Isabel. They had one child.

Children of Albert and Isabel:

Elmer (Doodie)

Elmer (Doodie) married Ollie Mae Webb and resided in Cornerville, Arkansas. They had five children.

Children of Elmer and Ollie Mae:

Jerry  
LaNora  
Janet  
Perry  
Chynethia (Chyna)

*Vera* married Greeley Spencer and resided in Cornerville, Arkansas. They had seven children.

Children of Vera and Greeley:

Gladdis  
Willie Lee  
Betty Inez  
Annette  
Marie  
Judy  
Elijah

Gladdis. We have no family information.

Willie Lee. We have no family information.

Betty Inez married John Lee Hardin and resides in Lacey, Arkansas. They have nine children.

Children of Betty Inez and John Lee Hardin:

Anthony Watson  
Bobbie  
John L  
Henry  
Glenn  
Linell  
Jeffery  
Stacey  
Bernard Baines (stepson)

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Annette married Lonnie Watson and resided in Cornerville, Arkansas. They have two children.

Children of Annette & Lonnie:

Nukie

Kent

Marie married Tolvier Lee Lewis and resided in Cornerville, Arkansas. They had four children.

Children of Marie & Toliver Lee:

Jimmy

AberGale

Tony

Fajamae

Judy married Richard Mckiever and resides in Wilmar, Arkansas.

Children of Judy & Richard

Betty Ann

Donna

Elijah married Shirley Davis and resided in Cornerville, Arkansas. They had four children.

Children of Shirley & Elijah:

Diane

Damon

Betty

Brenda Faye

**Johnny Bob.** His first wife was Willie Mae; they had no children. Johnny Bob's second wife was Varnell. They resided in Monticello, Arkansas. They had five children.

Children of Johnny Bob & Varnell

LouVera

Jerry (twin)

Terry (twin)

Sam

Judy

LouVera resides in Monticello, Arkansas.

She has three children.

Children of LouVera

Kevin

Pierce (Dunner)

Cedric Griddine

Terry. We have little family information on Terry. He had one child.

Children of Terry

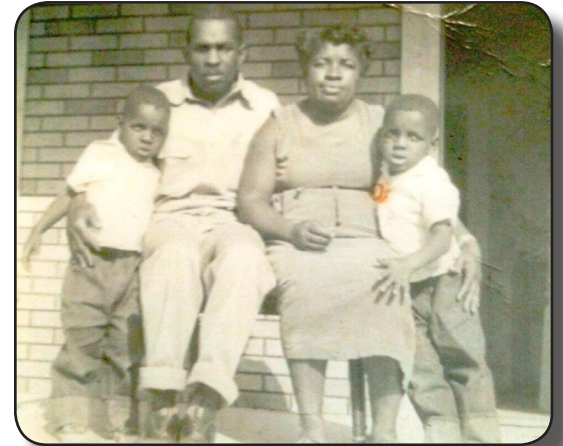
Terry Jr.

Sam. We have little family information on Sam. He had two children.

Children of Sam

Varnell

Rod



Left to Right. Terry Gragg, Johnny Bob Gragg, Vernell Gragg, Jerry Gragg.

**Jennie (Buss)** married John Johnson and resided in Cornerville, Arkansas. They had four children.

Children of Jennie & John

Majorie

LV

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Esterree  
Theodore

Majorie. We have no family information.

LV. We have no family information.

Esterree. We have no family information.

Theodore married Claretha Rhodes and resided in Wilmar, Arkansas. They had seven children.

Children of Claretha & Theodore:

James Preston

Louise

Johnnie Ray

Sharon

Sherita

Theo

Another son (name unknown)

**Otha Gragg:** Otha married Elizabeth Barker, sister to [his brother] John's wife, Mollie. They had six children. Otha's second wife was Lula Josephine Gonder. They had no children. They resided in Cornerville, Arkansas.

Children of Otha & Elizabeth:

Lillian Claretha

Lottie (Bill)

Vollie

Richard

Eddie Mae

Iona

Estella (Kut)

Stella



Seated. Andrew, Left. Otha, Right.

**Lillian Claretha** married Dave Swift and resided in Monticello, Arkansas. They had seven children.

Children of Lillian Claretha & Dave:

Hubert Hedwood

Bernice

Jimmy

Richard

May Verne

David (D.S.)

Roy Chester

**Lottie (Bill)** resided in Cornersville, Arkansas. She had one son.

Children of Lottie (Bill):

Edward (Ed) Williams

Edward married Sammie Johnson and resided in Cornerville, Arkansas. They had five children.

Children of Edward & Sammie:

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Artis Teen (Edward's stepdaughter)  
Charles Wayne (known as Bitty, Edward's stepson)  
Sammy Edward  
Anthony  
Deloris

**Vollie.** We have no marriage information for Vollie. She had one son.

Children of Vollie:

Curtis Calbert

Curtis married Bernaline Killion. He is currently married to his second wife, Sallie Phillips, and resides in Monticello.

Children of Curtis:

Sandra  
Reginald

**Richard** married Ollie Lee Spencer and resided in Plantersville, Arkansas. They moved to Springfield, Illinois to live with their son and his family when their health failed and they were no longer able to maintain their home. They had one child.

Children of Richard and Ollie Lee:

Wordia (son)

Wordia married Bernice Harris and resided in Springfield, Illinois. They had six children, five sons and one daughter.

Children of Wordia & Bernice:

Joe Wayne  
Richard  
James  
Will  
Johnny  
Yvonne

**Eddie Mae** married T.J. Crowell and resided in Warren, Arkansas. They had 11 children.

Children of Eddie Mae & T.J.:

B. R.  
Billy Ray  
Quincy  
Cloretha  
Clothee  
Sammy T  
Marrell (twin)  
Parnell (twin)  
Jean  
T. J., Jr.

One child died as a child, name and gender unknown.

**Iona** married J. W. Handley and resided in Cornerville, Arkansas. They had one child.

Children of Iona and J. W.:

Wanda Faye, who resides in California.

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*Estella (Kut)* was married first to Masso Williams. They had no children. Estella's second husband was Frank Walker. They had three children and lived in the Drew County area.

Children of Estella & Frank:

Alice Ann  
Frank Jr.  
Charlie

*Stella* married Johnny Hall and resided in Monticello, Arkansas. They had seven children.

Children of Stella & Johnny:

Alberta  
Dorothy  
Vernell  
Aquilla  
Margarett (Patty)  
Johnny Q  
Sonny (nickname)



Stella Gragg Hall

**Willie Gragg** married Lizzie and resided in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. They had five children.

Children of Will & Lizzie:

Lilly  
Jack  
Essy  
Ida  
Lelie

*Lilly*. We have no family information for Lilly.

*Jack* married Fannie Smith. Fannie resides in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Children of Jack and Fannie:

Albert  
Elaine  
Lynn  
Deborah  
Rosie Lee  
Willie  
Frank



*Essy*. We have no marriage information for Essy. She had eight children.

Children of Essy:

Charles  
Richard  
Oliver  
Floyd

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Vincent  
Gwen  
Rita  
Anthony

*Ida.* We have no information on her marriage or family.

*Lelie.* We have no family or marriage information..

**John W. Gragg** was born June 28, 1878 and died on January 1, 1938. John was born in Bedman, Arkansas. John and his family resided in Refs Bluff until moving to the current Gragg property in Plantersville, Arkansas. John was a farmer. His main crop was cotton. He also raised cows, hogs, horses and chickens. John W. married his first wife, Wordia. They had one child.

Children of John and Wordia:

Mary Jane

*Mary Jane* was born on 01/02/1898. Mary Jane married Clem Walls in January 1915. They resided in Plantersville, Arkansas later moving to Palo Alto, California. They raised nine children.

Children of Mary Jane & Clem:

Ida (Mary Jane's stepchild)  
Moudie L (Mary Jane's stepchild)  
May L (Mary Jane's stepchild)  
Willie B  
Bernice  
Lavon  
David E  
Earnest O  
Eddie O

John W's married his second wife, Mollie Barker., on July 25, 1900. Mollie was born in Montongo, Arkansas on 10/02/1875. Mollie's parents were Ann and Monroe (Jim) Barker. Mollie died on April 30, 1922.

Children of John W. & Mollie:

Floyd Eugene (Mollie's son)  
Annie Leola  
John Henry  
Elvin Garfield  
Julian Orlando  
OV (grandson)

*Floyd Eugene.* John W. married Floyd's mother, Mollie, before he was born and raised him as his son. Floyd was born on 8/25/1900. Floyd changed his name to *Floyd Harris* when he got married. His father was Monroe Harris. Floyd moved his family to Little Rock, Arkansas where he became a chef at the



Front: Elvin, John Gragg, Mollie Gragg & Julian.  
Back: Leola, Mary Jane, Floyd and John Henry.

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Marion Hotel. He had two children, their names and locations are not known. He died in 1930 at age 30.

**Annie Leola** was born 12/12/1901. She married Jeff Davis, son of Scott and Celia Davis in 1921. Annie Leola died in Monticello, Arkansas on 03/14/1990.

Children of Annie Leola and Jeff:

Otis (stepson)  
Uyless (stepson)  
Duffie (stepson)  
OV (raised by John and Mollie)  
Jeff Jr.  
Rita Mae  
William Henry  
Calvin Coolege  
Tyree (Top)  
Iona Deloris  
Willie Scott  
Birtho  
Mylow (Pitt)  
Jearline - *twin*  
Yearline - *twin*  
Norma Jean  
Erma Jean  
Leroy Daniel (Debo)  
Retha Lee (Quincy) (granddaughter)



Erma Jean



Annie Leola



Birtho



Yearline



Jearline

Otis married Vassie. They had two daughters.

Children of Otis and Vassie:

Evelyn  
Patricia

Uyless married Haiwatha Williams.

Children of Ulyess and Haiwatha:

Joe  
Shirley  
Florence  
Floyd  
Patricia  
Carlene  
Marilyn  
William (Motto)  
Sherby Jean  
Cynthia Sue  
Bobbie Ray (grandson)

Duffie married Ometa Jordan.

Children of Duffie and Ometa:

Roy (stepson)  
Joe Lee (stepson)  
L. C. (stepson)  
Debbie (step-granddaughter)



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OV married Lonnie Brown. They had six children.

Children of OV and Lonnie:

- Jessie Margaret
- Gerdie Lee
- AO
- Lavon
- Leron
- Peggy (granddaughter)

Jeff Jr. married Clydie Swift. They had six children and resided in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Children Jeff Jr. and Clydie:

- J. C. (stepson)
- Albert (stepson)
- Annette
- Charles
- Karen
- Vickie

Rita Mae married Willie Brown. They raised one child.

Children Rita Mae and Willie:

- Willie, Jr. (nephew)

William Henry married Dossie Mae. They had one child.

Children Henry and Dossie Mae:

- Felicia Ann

Calvin married Lettie Bell. They had two children. Calvin's second wife was Shirley Woods.

They had seven children.

Children Calvin and Lettie Bell:

- Ocie
- Fulton

Children of Calvin and Shirley:

- Bill
- Sherry
- Kevin
- Donna
- Toni
- Dennis
- Sondra

Tyree married Eileen. They had six children.

Children Tyree and Eileen:

- Tyree Jr.
- Dale
- Ricky
- Shirley Ann
- Michael
- Johnnie Lee

Iona married Travis Ridgell.

They had no children to survive infancy.

Willie Scott married Zeophis Gray. They had four children.

Children Scott and Zeophis:

- Beatrice
- Clara Dean
- Betty



From Left to Right: Norma Woodard, Scott Davis and Iona Ridgell.

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Zachery

Birto married Charles (CW) Jackson. They lived in Wilmar and Montincello, Arkansas. They had seven children.

Children of Birto and Charles (CW)

Retha Lee (Quincy)

Charles Junior

Bessie Lee

Benford Ivory (Jim)

Johnny Ray

Perry Lawrence

Theresie Ann (Kathy)

Mylow (Pitt) married Rosie Lee James. They had seven children.

Children of Mylow (Pitt) and Rosie Lee:

Betty Jean

Mylow Jr.

LaSondra Kaye

Barry Eugene

Gary LeVelle

Derrick Marice

Keith Anthony

Jearline married Reuben Martin. They raised two children.

Children of Jearline and Reuben:

Dorothy

Jonathan

Yearline married John Lee Lamb. They resided in Kansas City, Kansas. They had eight children.

Children of Yearline and John:

Deloris

Patricia

John Jr.

Jeffery

Jacqueline Sue

Selena

John Paul

Rhonda Jean

Norma Jean married Curtis Woodard. They had seven children, three sons and four daughters.

Children of Norma and Curtis:

Linda

DeWayne

Brenda

Regina Lynette

Derrick

Curtis Larone

Qualondia

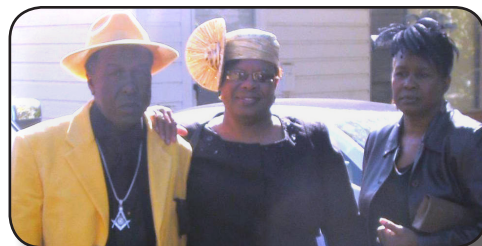
Erma Jean married Raymond Robinson.

Children Erma and Raymond:

Marilyn

Willie (raised by Rita Mae)

Sharon



From Left to Right: Charles Jackson, Retha "Quincy" Collins and Bessie Jefferson.



From Left to Right: Selena Boyd, Jeffrey Lamb, Deloris Lamb, Patricia Lamb and Jacqueline Jamison.



From Left to Right: Shirley Woodard, Derrick Woodard, Norma Woodard and Brenda Woodard.

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Collette  
Raymond Jr.  
Ramona  
Felicia

Leroy Daniel (Debo) never married; no children.

*Elvin Garfield* was born January 21, 1906. He married Iwilda Lewis on January 26, 1926. They resided in Plantersville, Arkansas on the original John W. property. They had 11 children.

Children of Elvin Garfield and Idwilda:

John Elvin  
John Thomas (J.T.)  
Bennie Jean  
Jolean  
Robiezine (Bob)  
Lena Mae  
Shirley  
Pearl  
Larry  
Dwight  
Henry

John Elvin married Annie Mae Wooten. After a career in the U.S Army, they settled in New Port News, Virginia.

They have four children.

Children of John Elvin & Annie:

Linda (John's daughter)  
Venita  
John Jr.  
Monica Faye

John Thomas (J.T.) married Effie B. Jordan and resided in Kansas City, Kansas. They had six children.

Children of John Thomas & Effie:

Ann (J.T.'s daughter)  
Clark  
Thomas  
Elizabeth  
Joy  
Sharon  
Bridgette

Bennie Jean married Wesley Smith and resided in Camp Ground/  
Monticello, Arkansas.

Children of Bennie Jean & Wesley:

John Wesley

Jolean married Vick Pruitt. He died not long after they married. Her second husband was Cleophis O'Neal. They resided in Monticello, Arkansas.

They had no children.

Robiezine married Elvin Owens, Sr. and resides in Monticello, Arkansas. They have three children.

Children of Robiezine & Elvin:

Rozine



Elvin Garfield and Iwilda



Standing (L-R): Lena Mae Edwards, Pearl Copeland, Bennie Smith, Jolean O'Neal.  
Kneeling: Robiezine "Bob" Owens.



Front: Dwight Gragg and John Gragg Sr.  
Back: Larry Gragg and Henry Gragg

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Elvin Jr.

Antonaya (Toni)

Lena Mae married Grover Edwards and resides in Kansas City, Kansas.

Children of Lena Mae:

Glenda Faye

Anthony Lavelle

Shirley married Albert White and resides in Kansas City, Kansas.

Children of Shirley & Albert:

Albert Leslie, Jr

Ronnie Eugene

Alvin LaDale

Gregory

Veronica Lynn

Verneta (NeNe)

Pearl resides in Kansas City, Kansas. She has one son.

Children of Pearl:

Bruce

Larry married Bettye Joe Goodman and resides in Monticello, Arkansas.

Children of Larry & Bettye Joe:

Larry Jr.

Bettina

Dwight married Artie Williams and resides in Malvern, Arkansas. They have two children.

Children of Dwight & Artie:

Dwight (Duane)

Tobi

Henry never married and resides in Rio Vista, California after retiring from the military.

Henry has no children.

**Julian Orlando** was born on 08/12/1908. His first wife was Ruby Dunlap (grandma Lizzie's granddaughter).

Ruby died after about one and one-half years of marriage. They had no children. Julian's second wife was Hazel (Sophie) Turner. They resided in Plantersville and lived on the original John W. Gragg estate. His daughter, Ruthie Mae and her granddaughter Rosalind currently reside on the estate.

Children of Julian and Hazel:

Ruthie Mae

Agnes Vivian

Pricilla Juanita

Ruthie Mae's first husband was Jesse Boyd.

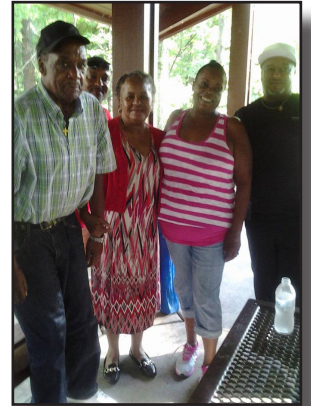
Children of Ruthie Mae & Jesse:

Jessie Mae

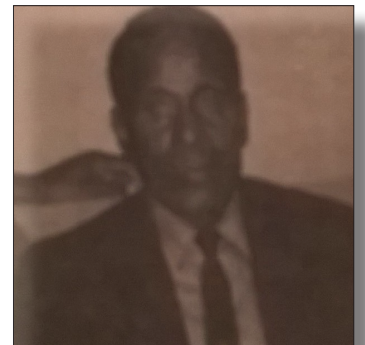
Her second husband was G. W. Vincent. They resided in Flint, Michigan until GW died and Ruthie Mae retired and moved back to Plantersville, Arkansas.

Children of Ruthie Mae and G. W. (Donnie)

David Samuel



L-R: Albert White, Dale White, Shirley White, Vicki Davis & Albert White, Jr.



Julian Gragg



Ruthie Mae Vincent

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Lonnie Carl  
Barbara Ann  
Katherine Joann  
Gregory Wayne  
Phyllis Jean  
Bryan Lee  
Jennifer Lynn  
Rita Bernice  
Micheal Evans

Agnes Vivian married Ira Lee Lewis and resides in Flint, Michigan.

Children of Agnes Vivian and Ira Lee:

Augusta  
Joey  
Angie

Pricilla Juanita married Hugh Watson and resided in Flint, Michigan.

Children of Pricilla & Hugh:

Lola  
Sandra  
Fred  
Paula  
Felicia