CLEMUEL CLAY CHISAM

Note on John H. Chisam: A cousin has always suspected John H. Chisam was murdered by Kansas Jay Hawks (Red Legs) and referred to a book SECRET 6.

**Generation: 1**

1. Clemuel Clay Chisam was born in 1851 in White County, Tennessee; died in 1890 in Henrietta, Clay County, Texas. Family members say he worked on John Simpson Chisum’s ranch.

Clem married Elizabeth Ann Rice on December 27, 1876. She was the daughter of Clinton Younger Rice (1821-1902) and Nancy Hurst (1827-1883). Elizabeth was born on March 21, 1862 in Clay County, Texas and died June 23, 1929 in Cooke County, Texas. After Clem’s death, Elizabeth married Joseph Thetford (1854-1928) in 1895.

Children:

Josie Agnes Chisam was born November 21, 1881 in Denton County, Texas; died May 14, 1982 in Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico.

Claibourne Harrison Chisam was born September 13, 1888 in Texas; died October 3, 1971 in Valley View, Texas.

Clemuel Clay Chisam was born April 9, 1890 in Texas; died January 10, 1957 in Gainsville, Cooke County, Texas.

Note: Clem was working all over northern Texas ranching. The two sons could have been born in any of several counties.

**Generation: 2**

Josie Agnes Chisam was born November 21, 1881 in Denton County, Texas; died May 14, 1982 in Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico.

Josie married Claude Walter Duffey on May 21, 1904 in Cooke County, Texas. He was born June 30, 1877 in Brown County, Texas; died March 29, 1959 in Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico. His parents were Marcus Monroe Duffey (1848-1929) and Parthena Havana Weaver (1859-1945)

Note:

In the early 1900’s, Marysville, Texas (and surrounding area) was the home of the Chisam’s and Duffey’s. All of Josie and Claude’s children were born there. Claude, an asthmatic, owned a general store, but also traveled to purchase cattle. At some point, he traveled to the high plains of Texas – the western part of Texas. This area is really dry. Upon his return to Marysville, he announced that he had had the best nights of sleep in his entire life, sold his store, packed up the family, and he and Josie moved to Tahoka, Texas. He became a sharecropper. The family later moved to Plains, Texas and Meadow, Texas. In 1949, he and his son, Claude Clinton, purchased a quarter section of very rocky land in eastern New Mexico near Lovington in Lea County. After clearing this land of rocks, they raised cotton. I have often wondered how hard that must have been for Josie to leave her family and move so far away from them.

Josie and Claude had 6 children:

Agnes Havanna Duffey born December 22, 1905 in Marysville, Cooke County, Texas; died November 17, 1997. She is buried in Decatur, Wise County, Texas. She married Jennings Crisp Brown (12/25/1896-3/24/1951) in 1928 who was the son of Tom W. Brown and Mattie Brewer. Agnes and Jennings had two sons: Thomas Jennings Brown , born 1930 and Claude Duffey Brown, born 1933.

Monroe Clay Duffey born November 30, 1908 in Marysville, Cooke County, Texas died March 16, 1989 in Brownfield, Terry County, Texas. He married Myrtle Inez Millsap in 1931 in Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico. Myrtle was the daughter of Jefferson Luther Millsap (1879-1963) and Alpine Louis Murray (1893-1965). Clay and Myrtle had two daughters: Ira LaNelle (1932) and Mary Jane (1934)

Claude Clinton Duffey born September 12, 1911 in Marysville, Cooke County, Texas; died March 29, 1986 in Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico. Clinton never married, but lived on the farm with Josie and Claude. After their deaths, he remained on the farm until his health required him to move into Lovington.

Thelma Elizabeth Duffey born October 15, 1915; died December 8, 2000. She married Rupert Pierce Turner on December 30, 1946 in Brownfield, Terry County, Texas. He was the son of John Fletcher Turner (1876-1956) and Ella Davenport (1889-1963). Rupert was born in Girard, Kent County, Texas on October 25, 1917 and died October 28, 1990 in Lubbock, Texas.

Thelma and Rupert had 3 children:

Edna Josie Turner born October 1, 1947 in Brownfield, Terry County, Texas. Never married.

Marilyn Agnes Turner born June 28, 1949 in Brownfield, Terry County, Texas; died November 27, 1955 in Hobbs, Lea County, New Mexico.

Note on Marilyn: Marilyn contracted Bulbar polio in 1952 (age 3) and was paralyzed from the arms down. She died of pneumonia at age 6 due to paralysis of one side of her diaphragm.

John Pierce Turner born January 12, 1953 in Fort Sill, Comanche County, Oklahoma; died May 23, 1967 in Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico.

Note on Johnny: Johnny was killed in a motorcycle accident at age 14.

Silas Wilson Duffey born February 19, 1919 in Marysville, Cooke County, Texas; died December 30 in Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico. He married Inez Rose. They had 4 children: Rose Ann Duffey (1946), Nancy Elizabeth (1949), James Wilson (1950), Jack Claude (1955).

Edna Lee Duffey born August 17, 1921 in Marysville, Cooke County, Texas; died March 11, 1940 in Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas. Married to Davis Beasly.

Edna Lee died in a drowning accident at age 18.

**Generation: 3**

David Iver Peters born April 14, 1972 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. David is the natural son of Edna Josie Turner, adopted by Ken and Ruth Peters. David married Wendy McArthur in August 1995. She is the daughter of Paul McArthur and Mona Sherman. They have two children: Braylon Iver Peters (3/25/1998) and Alyssa Faith Peters (3/23/2000)