

**JOHN THOMAS  
WAGONER**

(1848 - 1918)

And

**RACHEL DELANEY  
WORLEY**

(1860 - 1937)

## John Thomas Wagoner, Washington Waggoner

### JOHN THOMAS'S GRAND CHILDREN 1987 Reunion

(From Top Down) CP Jr. Wagoner, Bertha Moore, Edna Mae McGrew, Emma Lou Bush, Barbara Faye Waters, Laverne Hargrove, Laura V. Harrison, Bennie Owens, Jason Whitlock, Lamar Owens, J.B. "Red" Lenard, Roy Dan Wagoner with Stephanie (great, great grand), Elnora Avery, Oswald Owens, Lonnie Lenard, Nathan Wink (back), Melvin Whitlock, A.J. Whitlock. Castie Moore



John Thomas  
1903



## John Thomas Wagoner



Back: Artie, niece Fanny Hendrix, Bud, Ida, and Lula. Front: Cull, (father) John Thomas, (Mother) Rachel holding Johnanna, Elizabeth Rainbolt Smalling (Rachel's mom), Jake Wink (1<sup>st</sup> grandson), Theodocia. Emma and Mary Elizabeth are not shown in picture. Circa 1903.

**John Thomas**, third child of the union of **Washington Waggoner** (1814) and **Nancy Alice Smalling** (1823), was born 19 Feb 1848. A daughter, **Mary**, is listed on the 1850 US Census as age 4 years. But we can find no further information about her. John was one year old according to the 1850 US Census taken in Blount County, Alabama.

Washington and Nancy's family moved to Mississippi after the census where Washington's other two sons, **William Newton "Bill"** (1851) and **Zachariah** (1853), were born. We are not sure how, but we know that Washington died about 1855. At this time, we have no reason to think he came to Louisiana with his family.

By 1860, John Thomas's mother, **Nancy Alice**, was in Caldwell Parish, Louisiana and had remarried a widower, **William W. "Varmint" Gregory**, who was 14 years older than she was. According to the US Census, six children from his first marriage, ages 22 to 3 years; a daughter, **Emily** (1858) by Nancy; and the four Wagoner brothers, ages 17 - 6 years, were living in one household. "Varmint" Gregory (WW's nickname) is infamous in Caldwell Parish for his feats and deeds of strength. He was a carpenter according to the US Census and is remembered as a logger and cotton gin owner in the area.

Only John's older brother, **Calvin**, fought in the Civil War. **John** and his younger brothers and step-brothers were farming and logging during the war years. One story John Thomas passed down told that when there were deserters in the area during the Civil War, the family would slip in to the house to cook and eat, but didn't stay around otherwise. John Thomas, a young teenager by that time, would be put on top of the house as the look-out. When he saw soldiers coming, he was supposed to "N... holler," and when he did, they would almost turn the table over getting up so fast to run and hide.

At the age of 30, John Thomas married 18-year-old **Rachel Delaney Worley** (1860) on 28 February 1878. John and Rachel had 10 children over the next twenty years. But only two were sons: **Marion Ephron "Bud"** (1885) and **Cullpepper** (1896). The oldest child, **Emma** (1879), died at the age of 25, just 3 years after her youngest sister, **Johnanna** (1901) was born. John and Rachel were married for 40 years before his death on 28 February 1918; but Rachel lived another 19 years.

Granny Rachel remained at the Gregory home place for several years, and several of her kids lived with her from time-to-time. After their marriage in 1921, **Cullpepper "Cull"** (1896) and **Gartha Viola Owens** (1903) lived with her during the births of their first 2 daughters. In 1926, when Cull and Gartha moved to their present homestead, Granny Rachel came to stay with them.

**Cullpepper "Cull" Wagoner**, ninth child of John Thomas and Rachel, remembered a story told about his daddy as a little boy. As was the custom in the community, several families got together to butcher hogs and share the meat. Since refrigeration had not been invented, every part of the pig had to be processed on-the-spot. This meant lots of sausage in "gut" casings, smoked hams and ribs, rendered lard, pickled ears and feet, and "Melts," the spleen of the hog. Seems Mr. Reed, a neighbor, made all the hog killings and just loved the melts. So did 10-year-old John Thomas. One time, Mr. Reed stayed for supper after the butchering and, as was the custom back then, the kids had to wait for the men to finish eating before getting their turn. John T. watched as Mr. Reed ate about 6 melts, then walked up to him and said, "Mr. Reed, I guess you got a belly full of melts!" Needless to say, John T. got a good whipping from his step-father after Mr. Reed left.

John Thomas bought a grandmother clock from a traveling salesman in 1887 for the amazing price of \$75.00. That was the year **Donie** (1887) was born and died. Granny Rachel left the clock to Cull after her death on 29 July 1937. It set on the mantle in Cull's house on Cypress School Road for many years, and was passed on to Cull's youngest son, **Kenny Macio** (1939).

John Thomas Wagoner's children were:

- 1) Emma V. (1879 - 1904)
- 2) Theodocia (1881 - 1938)
- 3) Mary Elizabeth (1883 - 1956)
- 4) Marion Ephron "Bud" (1885 - 1975)
- 5) Donie (1887 - 1887)
- 6) Sarah Artie (1888 - 1927)
- 7) Ida F. (1891 - 1957)
- 8) Lula Epsibelle (1894 - 1970)
- 9) Cullpepper (1896 - 1971)
- 10) Johnanna (1901 - 1985)



Emma Wagoner Miller, John Thomas Wagoner, Washington Waggoner



↑ ONE OF HIS BUDDIES GUNBY ↑  
MILLER

WORLD WAR I VETS  
Emma's third son, Gundy  
Miller and a friend in  
front of a US Flag with  
48 stars.

About 1920  
Emma married Dahl Miller.  
Their second son, Sidney  
Gilbert and Mertie (Bryant)  
had Allie Mae March 12, 1920



Allie Mae Miller

Theodocia Wagoner Wink, John Thomas Wagoner, Washington Waggoner



2008 Reunion  
Nathan Wink with sons,  
Dennis and Phillip Wink



Theodocia about 1903

About 1920

J.E.

Verdie B

Nathan

Marion Culpepper





Mary Elizabeth Wagoner Moore, John Thomas Wagoner, Washington Waggoner



1944

Mary Elizabeth Wagoner Moore holding her grand daughter, Patricia Williams, only child of Bertha Moore and Pete Williams.

1987 Mary's Family  
Pete Williams (Bertha's husband), Dottie Barnett, Lela Gregory, Dottie's daughter in back, Bertha Moore Williams, Pauline (Casta's wife) and Casta Moore (sitting)



Marion "Bud" Wagoner, John Thomas Wagoner, Washington Waggoner



Marion Ephron "Bud"  
Wagoner about 1903



FIRST COUSINS ABOUT 1916  
Ennis Dean "Big Son", Ida's McGrew's Son  
Richard Lassion "Pit", Bud's Son.



E.D. (son) McGrew + Pit WAGONER

BUD WAGONER REUNION 1998  
Betty Faith Wagoner Howell, Roy Lee  
Wagoner, and Francille Wagoner Jordan



Artie Wagoner, John Thomas Wagoner, Washington Waggoner



Artie about 1903, age 15 years



2008  
Dorothy Wagoner Pinton, Artie's second child.

1989 Reunion  
Dorothy with Roger Pinton  
(2<sup>nd</sup> son) and his family



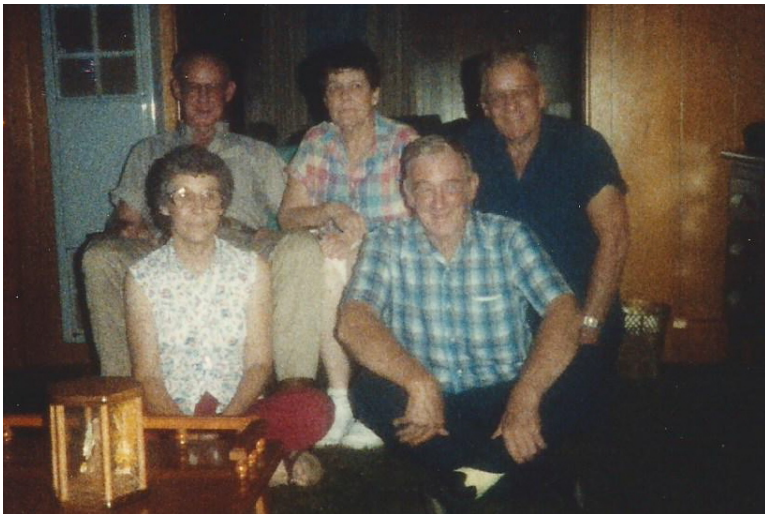
Ida Wagoner McGrew Lenard, John Thomas Wagoner, Washington Waggoner



Ida about 1903 age 12



Ida about 1930



Ida Lenards Kids  
Red, Bernice, and J.T.  
Barbara Faye, and Lonnie

Ida McGrew Descendants  
2002  
Ennis Dean "Big Son's" Family  
Billie Kvaternik (Betty's  
daughter), Betty Ruth  
McGrew Kvaternik, Mary Lou  
McGrew Rutledge, Ashlyn  
Hilburn (Mary Lou's grand  
daughter)





Lula Wagoner, John Thomas Wagoner, Washington Waggoner



Lula about 1903,  
age 9 years



1989  
Bennie, Oswald, Lamar,  
Edna Mae, Willie Lea,  
Emma Lou



1992.  
Oswald, Bennie, Lamar,  
Willie Lea, Emma Lou, Edna Mae



Cullpepper Wagoner, John Thomas Wagoner, Washington Waggoner



1945  
CP Jr, Elnora & Lee Roy Avery  
(son-in-law), Lenora, Roy Dan,  
Laverne,  
Kenny, Cull, Gartha, Julius

1962 Reunion  
CP, Jr. Roy Dan,  
Elnora Wagoner Avery,  
Julius, Kenny.  
Laverne Wagoner Hargrove,  
Cull & Gartha (Owens)  
Wagoner, Lenora Wagoner  
Scalfano



Johnanna Wagoner Whitlock, John Thomas Wagoner, Washington Waggoner



Johnanna about 1903  
Age 2 years



Johnanna's First Two  
Children about 1925

Jason is about 2 years old.  
A.J. is about one year old.



