

THE J. W. HUFFMAN FAMILY

This history compiled by Nell Hicks, Maggie Berry, and Lloyd Huffman in June, 1978. We believe these are true facts.

The Huffman ancestors came from Germany, (date unknown).

James William (Bud) Huffman was born April 11, 1850 in Tennessee.

Here he grew to manhood, married Kate Silvertooth, born March 29, 1854.

Kate died in 1883 leaving four small children - Eulela, John, Walter and Joe. J. W. soon boarded the train in Bedford County, Estill Springs,

Tennessee with four children and headed for Euless, Texas, the home of his mother and father - who with five daughters and four sons had

arrived some years earlier. The Euless Methodist church now stands on ground donated by his father John Walker Huffman.

J. W. Huffman married the second time June 25, 1885 to Sallie Artemisha Cribbs, Daughter of W. P. and Tracy Cribbs. Sallie was born September 27, 1863 in Tennessee. She came to Euless Texas as a child, with her family traveling in a covered wagon caravan.

She recalled the the wagon was so heavily loaded that she walked most of the way.

J. W. and Sallie had five children - Arthur, Grover, Clarence, Maggie and Lloyd. Arthur and Clarence died in infancy and are buried in Callaway Cemetery, a few miles south of Euless.

Around 1889 the family moved to the Crowley place about six miles southeast of Grapevine, (known as the Grapevine Prairie).

About 1893, a farm was bought and a home built four and a half miles southeast of Grapevine in the Minters Chapel Community, (Muriel also).

This place remained in the Family until the DFW airport took over in 1967. The church at Minters Chapel was the first Methodist Church in Tarrant County, the date believed to be 1853 or 1854.

Sallie A. Huffman died March 9, 1927. J. W. Huffman lived until July 3, 1936. Sallie, J. W. and four sons-John, Walter, Joe and Grover are all buried in the Minters Chapel Cemetery, which has been put in perpetual care in 1976.

There are twenty-eight grandchildren, forty-six great grandchildren. The two living children - Maggie and Lloyd- now live in Chico, Texas. Lloyd retired after being in school work forty-six years, the last thirty-six years spent as school supt.

J. W.'s mother was Jane Greene Huffman, born March 21, 1827, died October 3, 1906. His father was John Walker Huffman, born November 20, 1823, died December 2, 1907. His grandfather was George Huffman (dates unknown).

In the early 1900's there were six cars in Grapevine and surrounding area. In 1910 three were bought in one day. J. W. Huffman bought one of the three.

Follows are statistics on the children and grandchildren:

Eulela Huffman Rogers - born April 22, 1875 - died April 26, 1946. Married in 1891 to Charles Minters Rogers - born February 26, 1869- died October 24, 1932. To Eulela and Charlie were born :

Charles Priestly Robers - born March 26, 1901 - died January 23, 1977.

Edna Lousia Rogers Wilson - born April 26, 1904.

Katie Lura Lee Rogers Folk - born September 18, 1906.

John Frank Rogers - born May 28, 1911, died February 27, 1975.

Mary Alice Rogers Barnard - born January 3, 1914.