

THE STANDIFER FAMILY HISTORY

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Thomas Standifer was born March 21, 1832 in Lee County, Virginia. In 1849 Thomas married Mary Elizabeth Peavler in Knox County, Kentucky, near Barbourville. They were married by Williams Evans, an United Baptist minister. Elizabeth was born November 14, 1832 in Kentucky. She was the daughter of Lewis Peavler and Catherine Head. On January 26, 1850, Ruth Standifer, the first of their twelve children, was born in Kentucky. By 1851 the Standifers were settled near North Salem in Linn County, Missouri.

In July of 1861 Thomas enlisted in Captain Fred C. Loving's Company "K" of the 7th Cavalry Regiment of the United States Volunteers at Brookfield, Missouri. His occupation was listed as "farmer" on his Civil War records, but he also raised and trained race horses. He furnished his own mount during his tour of duty. Although he had enlisted for a three year term, due to bad health, he was discharged December 22, 1862, at Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

During the years between 1850 and 1879, Thomas and Elizabeth's family grew by leaps and bounds. They had eleven daughters and one son. In December 1878, this son, Archibald Standifer, died short of his twenty-first birthday. Thomas and Elizabeth grieved and suffered over his death for many years. This grief was somewhat lessened by the birth of their only Standifer grandson, Archie Curtis, soon after Archibald's death, and by the closeness of their large family of daughters and their families.

In 1889 Thomas and Thomas J. Stufflebean, his son-in-law, came to Noble, Oklahoma, on the train to buy land. They bought several hundred acres south and west of Noble and returned to Missouri to get their families.

Three of Thomas' daughters remained in Linn County, but the rest packed up and moved to Cleveland County.

Although Thomas could neither read nor write he was an astute businessman, having numerous real estate dealings in and around Noble, and was at one time a director of a bank there. Always he considered himself a farmer. He raised sheep, which provided his family with their own wool, tobacco, and raised horses on his farm as well as small grain and garden products.

As Thomas and Elizabeth grew older, they gave up their farm and moved into Noble, living for several years on West Walnut Street, then later with their daughter and son-in-law, Docia and Thomas Stufflebean. Thomas died June 11, 1917, at the age of 85. Elizabeth died May 11, 1921, at the age of 88. They are buried side by side in the Noble IOOF Cemetery.

Although Thomas and Elizabeth Standifer lost their only son, Archibald, who had married Frances Thorp McCoy, the Standifer family name was not lost because Archibald and Frances Standifer had a son born to them named Archie Curtis. It is of interest to follow the continuation of the descendants through Archie Curtis Standifer's marriage to Julia Bell LaCount. This marriage tied together four Cleveland County, O.T., pioneer families: Standifer, LaCount, McCoy and Brandon.

#### CHILDREN OF THOMAS STANDIFER AND MARY ELIZABETH PEAVLER

Name	Birthdate	Place	Married
Ruth Standifer	26 January 1850	Kentucky	Albert Lambert
Sarah Standifer	30 January 1853	Missouri	Marshall Canada
Elizabeth Standifer	18 September 1855	Missouri	John Davis
Archibald Standifer	18 January 1858	Missouri	Francis Thorpe McCoy
Cathern Standifer	11 February 1860	Missouri	Fred Marshall La Count

Mary (Polly) Standifer	24 December 1864	Missouri	James D. Lambert
Docia Standifer	15 March 1866	Missouri	Thomas J. Stufflebean
Matilda Standifer	15 October 1868	Missouri	Wes Head
Clara Standifer	30 April 1871	Missouri	Will Barnes
Harriett Standifer	16 June 1873	Missouri	Andrew Thompson
Margaret J. Standifer	8 June 1876	Missouri	John Carmon
Zilpha Standifer	27 December 1879	Missouri	Hiram W. Cartwright.

Archibald Standifer married Francis Thorpe McCoy, their son, Archie Curtis Standifer, married Julia Bell La Count.

#### CHILDREN OF ARCHIE STANDIFER AND JULIA BELL LA COUNT

Name	Birthdate	Place	Married
Jesse C. Standifer	1 December 1898	Noble, Oklahoma	Betty Jo Stover
Virgil C. Standifer	5 February 1901	Noble, Oklahoma	Myrtle Sweeney
Thomas O. Standifer	5 October 1902	Cogar, Oklahoma	Velda McQuirt
Fanny Olivia Standifer	12 May 1904	Cogar, Oklahoma	Charles Polson (1)
Archibald Standifer	27 September 1906	Cogar, Oklahoma	Blance Nail
(daughter: Sharron Jo Standifer)			
Theola Bea Standifer	23 August 1908	Cogar, Oklahoma	Simon Nelson
Charley O. Standifer	10 September 1910	Cogar, Oklahoma	no marriage
H. Newman Standifer	27 October 1912	Cogar, Oklahoma	Clara McCord
Robert L. Standifer	10 December 1914	Cogar, Oklahoma	Alice Nicholson (1)
Noah O. Standifer	16 December 1916	Cogar, Oklahoma	Dorothy Herbert
Ole Owen Standifer	6 July 1919	Cogar, Oklahoma	Betty Pearl Pribble(1)
Lloyd I. Standifer	30 December 1923	Foraker, Oklahoma	Ann Cambra (1)

(1) denotes first wife.