

T. T. ATTAWAY 1869-1953

*Granddaughter - Mildred Carr Wolfard (Mrs. Robert E.)*

Thomas Titus Attaway was one of twin sons, Tom and John, born to Joseph and Elizabeth Hardaway Attaway, on February 2, 1869, in Jasper County, Texas. Their father, Joseph, was born November 11, 1830, in Atlanta, Georgia, married Elizabeth Hardaway in Caddo Parrish, Louisiana, on October 11, 1851. They raised a family of thirteen children. He fought in the Civil War, then moved his family to Texas, first Jasper County, then Waller County.

Thomas married Emma Elizabeth Swank, daughter of Otto and Sophie Hager Swank, originally from Pennsylvania, and raised a family of eight children. In 1910, Tom came to Cleveland County to look over land and to visit his youngest brother, Edgar Lee Attaway, who had come to Oklahoma earlier, bought 360 acres near Enterprise and ran a cotton gin. Tom returned to Texas for Emma and the children, and came back to Oklahoma in a covered wagon in 1913. They settled on a farm in the Denver community near Little River.

Tom and Emma moved to Norman in 1922 so their children could attend high school. They lived on the corner of North Porter and Johnson the first year, near the present day Norman Municipal Hospital. Tom bought and remodeled a house at 629 E. Comanche where they lived until both he and his wife died, Tom, February 27, 1953, Emma, May 10, 1959.

Tom was a carpenter by trade. He was a member of I.O.O.F. Lodge and the Nazarene Church which was the old sandstone building on the corner of Comanche and South Porter. He was intensely interested in politics and actively campaigned for "Alfalfa" Bill Murray, a man he much admired, when he was elected Governor of Oklahoma.

Emma loved to grow flowers. Beside her vegetable garden each year, she grew beautiful roses, peonies, petunias, and portulaca. Her grandchildren can remember that she also forced bulbs, narcissus and hyacinths indoors in the winter in shiny colored pebbles and rock. Many of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have inherited her love for nature and the growing of beautiful plants. Several children and grandchildren actively participate in Garden Clubs in Norman and over the state.

Sixty descendants of Tom and Emma Attaway, many still living in Norman, gathered for a reunion at Andrews Park in 1971. The eight Attaway children and their descendants are:

- I. Laura Edna - born November 25, 1893  
Married Rev. Evert Lester Striegel - died 1956  
Married Oliver Williams - 1969

- A. Lester Stephen Thomas Striegel - born 1915, died 1946

Married Mary Walker

1. Bobby Glen  
Married Loraine Vanderwall  
a. Vicki Ann b. Lisa c. Shannon  
Married Charles Rhinehart  
(1) Kelly Dinelle

2. Tom Lester  
Married Clydell Weir  
a. Eric b. Pamela c. Andrea

3. Michael  
Married Sandra Neams  
(1) Jamie Allison

B. Emma Mae - born 1916, died - 1917

C. Lois Doreen - born January 2, 1917  
Married Glen Music 1933  
Married John Appel 1967

1. Jimmy Don Music  
Married Betty Cannon  
a. Mike b. Mark c. Michelle d. Marjorie  
e. Jimmy Don, Jr.

2. Peggy Janell Music  
Married Jim Ward  
a. Warren Dale b. Wendi Dianne c. Wanda Denise

3. Barbara Gail Music  
Married Larry Ray Lewis  
a. Heather Leeanne b. Jennifer Gail

D. Charles Lonnie - born March 1919, died - 1965  
Married Fleeta Taylor

E. Lela Ruth - born 1920, died - 1922

F. J. R. - born October 26, 1922 - died 1966

Married Virginia Lee Thomas

1. Ricky  
2. Ronnie  
3. Jana Rene

G. Joyce Evonne - born January 7, 1932  
Married Rev. Dwight Nuenschwander

1. Edward  
2. Nancy

- II. William Arthur - born January 20, 1896  
Married Ella Munsinger - died 1966
  - A. Rev. Charles Allen  
Married Verle Bynum
    - 1. Rev. Charles Allen, Jr.  
Married Beverly Cargile
      - a. Charles Allen III b. John Wesley
    - 2. Paul Steven  
Married Bonita Harrell
      - a. Stephen Christian
- III. Minnie Elizabeth - born January 14, 1901  
Married James Hubert Crawford
  - A. James Hubert, Jr., June 27, 1923  
Married Mary Frances Ellis
    - 1. Sherrill Rene  
Married Jack Harriet
      - a. Robert
  - B. Thomas Cecil born September 27, 1925  
Married Donna Mae Ives
    - 1. Thomas Cecil, Jr.  
Married Dodgion
    - 2. Terri
    - 3. Tracy Dawn
  - C. Emma Jean - born May 31, 1931  
Married Charles William Smith
    - 1. Deborah Jean
    - 2. Charles Ronald
    - 3. Michael James
    - 4. Kevin Scott
    - 5. Stephen Jeffrey
  - D. Ramona Elizabeth - born April 27, 1933  
Married Warren Kermit Laying
    - 1. Mark
    - 2. Myren
    - 3. Cynthia Elizabeth
- IV. Mary Azalee - born May 27, 1903  
Married Royal Parson Hagood
  - A. Wilburn Royal - born October 28, 1920  
Married Jean Sutton

1. Mark Shane
  2. Gary Michael
- B. Thomas James - born June 10, 1923  
Married Drusilla Irene Patton
1. Delores Drusilla  
Married Bill Marrs (William Robert)
    - a. William Robert, Jr.
    - b. Jennifer Lynn
    - c. Lisa Lorraine
  2. Brenda Karen
  3. Marion Louise  
Married Curtis Ray Davis
  4. Tommie Ann
- C. Mary Louise - born 1927; died - January 3, 1938
- D. Edward Kenneth - born 1932  
Married Illa Friend
1. Sherri Louise  
Married J. C. Kessinger
- E. Robert Eugene - born 1934  
Married Betty Nems
1. Robert Lee
  2. Barbara Lynn  
Married Benjamin Harrison Slusher
- F. Jerry Slusher - born 1944
- V. James Edgar - born 1905  
Married Ruth Owen
1. Jimmy Ruth  
Married Edith Elnora Secest 1933
  1. Katheryn Elnora - born 1938  
Married Leroy Holman
    - a. Gwyndolyn Gail
    - b. Randy
    - c. Margaret
  2. James Elmer - 1940  
Married Betty Wilkerson
    - a. Terry
    - b. Jimmy Lee
  3. Faye - born 1942  
Married M. B. Parks
    - a. Roy Lee
    - b. Debra
    - c. Larry  
Married Clara Cottrell 1958

VI. Maudie Lucille - born September 19, 1906  
Married Stephen Jewell Carr - 1921

A. Mildred Eloise - born May 6, 1922  
Married Claude Everett Swackhammer 1941

1. Claude Everett, Jr., November 16, 1942  
Married Cynthia Ann Rytting May 28, 1965  
a. Troy Eugene, July 19, 1970

Married Robert Eugene Wolfard, January 20, 1946

2. Robert Eugene, Jr. August 8, 1950
3. Wyn Dee Ann, May 12, 1952
4. Adrienne Eloise, September 10, 1957

B. Arlie Emma Jean, born February 13, 1924  
Married Max A. Goldner

1. Maxine Jeanette, October 30, 1942  
Married Walter Neal  
a. Scott Alan b. Michelle c. Kelly
2. Karen Sue, January 3, 1944,  
Married John Sailors  
a. Bradley Dean b. Kimberly

C. Jewell Wanda Lee, born July 28, 1926, died 1930

D. Stephen Jewell, Jr., born May 8, 1928, died 1934

Married Hubert Swindle 1947

VII. Nanie Ellen, born December 21, 1909, died 1958  
Married Donnie Dee Wilson

A. Donald Dee, born November 5, 1931  
Married Marilyn Rudkin  
a. Brian David b. Todd Allen

B. Gary Wendell, born August 4, 1936  
Married Janice Hagood  
a. Danon Joan b. Michael Troy c. Suzanne Rymond

VIII. Ethel Lee - born August 6, 1910  
Married Earl L. Brown - 1929

A. Patricia Nan - born January 1, 1931  
Married Ernest Adrian Hogan

1. Lela Suzette  
Married Larry Weaver  
a. Patrick

2. Michael  
Married Debbie Hagen
  3. Gary David
  4. Dale Anthony
  5. Adrian Gail
- B. Lela Estelle, born April 10, 1935  
Married Jerome Dunlap
1. Russell
  2. Lisa Ann
- C. John Earl - born May 3, 1938  
Married Gail Jean Powell
1. Tammy Jean
  2. William Courtney
- D. William Paul - born June 1, 1945  
Married Sherrill Cunningham
1. Lance Wayne
- E. Lee Courtney - born October 29, 1948  
Married Cathy Busch

## THE J. W. BALL FAMILY

*By Ella Ball (daughter)*

J. W. Ball was born in Georgia in 1855; he married Minnie McLellan in Georgia on December 23, 1885. Minnie was born in Alabama in 1866; her parents moved to Georgia and it was here she met and married J. W. Ball.

The J. W. Balls lived on a farm in Georgia; two children were born to them. One child died when a few days old, the other baby, Velva, grew to adulthood and moved with her parents to the Indian Territory and later to Cleveland County, O. T.

In 1888 the J. W. Ball family, with Mrs. Ball's brother, Angus McLellan, moved from Georgia to the Chickasaw Nation and settled on a farm near Velma on Wild Horse Creek to await the opening of the free lands to white settlement. While the Balls were living near Velma, their third child was born, a girl named Ella. In all, eight more children were born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ball - altogether there were twelve children born to the family.