

7. Addie Eva married Everett Edward Bartholomew--1 daughter
Hazel Jane married Ralph A. Matthew--1 son
 8. *Beulah Grace Bradley married William James Walker--3 children
Gracie Ann married Ralphe Peroqitz--3 children
Mildred Rosalie married Joe Tom McKinsey--2 children
*James Robert married Teresa Brannon
 9. Ralph Gilbert Bradley married Effie Roley--1 son
Vernon Ralph--dead
 10. *Julia Pauline Bradley
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*Indicates those who now reside in Norman and Cleveland County.

- Pearl married George Sewell--4 children
 Walter--dead
 Clara married Wesley Choate--3 children
 Carl married Bonnie Benson--dead
 *Laura Mae married Maurice Fear--4 children
 Estol married Lucille White--1 son. Estol was killed at Iwo
 Jima, World War II
 *Ervin married Laura Hayes--5 children. Ervin teaches public
 school system in Norman
 *Chester Ray married Grace Cortner--3 children
 Virgie Lee married Eugene Clark--2 children
 2 infants died in infancy
3. Lulu Pearl Bradley married Alonzo Sanders--both dead. 7 children.
- Jewell married Jerry Coslow--1 daughter
 Orval
 Emmitt married Inez Erickson
 Delmer married Marvin England--2 children
 Cora married Eddy Bryan
 Ora married John Samuel--6 children
 Orin married Louis Chris
4. *Emma Mae married George Elmer Long--6 children - both dead.
 *Ruth Marie
 Iva Rosalie married Joseph Oliver Dunham, Jr. --2 children
 Mary Eunice married Cecil F. Clotfelter, Jr.
 *Nora Idabell
 Earl Edward married Verla Stukey--3 children
 Maud--deceased
5. *Walla Samantha married James Frederick Ingram--10 children. Both
 dead.
- Virgie married Virgil Cobb--4 children
 Rodie married Lee Owens--2 children
 Jodie married Virginia Scott--3 children
 *Blanche married Leonard Waggoner--2 children
 *Frances married Robert Feuerborn--4 children
 *Edith married Tommy Louis Walton--4 children
 Eva married Adrick Jack Morris--4 children
 *James married Duffy June Will--1 daughter
 *Bobby Gene married Bertha Mae Estep--4 children. Norman Postal
 official.
 Betty Jean married Johnathan Maher--2 children
6. Lawrence Alfred married *Ethel Ellis--3 children. Lawrence is
 deceased.
- *Geneva Idell married Jack Houston Jones--3 children
 Paul Alfred married Bertha Marie Brantley--2 children
 Arthur Leo (dead) married Dorothy Pauline McClure--3 children
 Arthur was a German prisoner during World War II.

The Kelly men acquired valuable holdings of land. Thomas (Red) Kelly purchased lot 159 (250 acres) on Betty's Creek in the Valley district (Rabun Gap, Georgia) . . . This lot was given to Amanda Kelly, who married Alfred Ledford of western North Carolina . . . This place was expanded into one of the finest farms in the whole valley."³

There were nine children born to Amanda and Alfred Ledford. Four of the Ledford children married Garlands. It is from this Garland lineage that B. B. McKinney, the distinguished Baptist gospel composer, is a descendant. (It might be noted here that there were five Garland brothers who came from England on the same ship in the early colonial period, drifted southward into Tennessee and western North Carolina. They owned land in Macon County, North Carolina). Curiously enough four daughters of Amanda and Alfred Ledford were given names of western states--Nevada, Colorado, Missouri, and Kansas. Aunt Kant (Samantha Kansas) married A. B. Wall, who was sheriff in Macon, County, North Carolina, but later moved to Oklahoma settling at Mill Creek. After his death, the family moved to Oklahoma City. Only a daughter, Florence Newberry and her son, J. (Jay), are living now; they live in Newalla, Oklahoma.

Andrew died May 15, 1917. In 1932 his widow, Julia Missouri, moved to Norman with the youngest daughter, Julia Pauline, who still resides in the family home and owns the farm. Julia Missouri died November 9, 1940, and is buried beside her husband in the family plot in the Fairview Cemetery, five miles east of Noble on the south road.

The old blue back speller, the McGuffey Readers and the Bible were the standard textbooks in the Bradley household. The older children as well as the younger were nurtured in the admonition of the Lord and the Golden Rule. If a Bradley gave his word, it was the same as giving his bond. Love and respect of our country were firmly implanted in the feelings of each member of the family. They stood for schools, churches, and good citizenship. These were the mores that were instilled in the ten children, most of whom established their homes in Cleveland County after their marriage. Modern modes of transportation, distance shortening, etc. aided the present generations to migrate over the entire country.

Mrs. Emma Bradley Long, my mother, forsook her opportunity for a college education at the request of her father. His health was gone and there were small children at home and he needed a helper. This decision was regretted later by both my mother and her father. She did all she could to see that her children were educated; two of her five children received two degrees each. Emma died September 26, 1972, and is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Noble, Oklahoma.

The children of Julia Missouri and Andrew Damascus Bradley were as follows:

1. George William Bradley married Bertha Baily--both dead. 1 daughter, Helen.
2. Lela Marinda Bradley married Clarke Poley--both dead. 11 children.

³ibid., pp. 199-200.

leave the rich fertile soil of the mountains and make the long trek to Indian Territory. What a pioneering spirit he must have had! To leave loved ones so far behind and take his large family so far away with bright hopes for a good tomorrow. His was not the "trail of tears" as experienced by his friends, the Cherokees, who made the sad journey seven decades earlier.

The family share-cropped the first two years east of Lexington, Cleveland County, but were eager to own their own land, a family trait that was part of their great heritage. The homeplace purchased was nine miles east of Noble, on the north road, in the Highland Community--just down the hill and up the long hill to the Highland school house! As a child that house was the prettiest house I knew with such beautiful stained glass doors and such a large living room. Imagine a house with three porches! In the kitchen there was an insulated built-in ice box, none other like it for miles around. Here the Bradley family settled, became part of the community, and joined the Methodist Church. Three more little "Okies" were born to the family after their arrival in Oklahoma. Those were the last years of territorial days and the first years of statehood for Oklahoma. They were not easy years, Oklahoma had a great drought during this time. Cleveland County suffered from dust storms caused by the drought. Andrew's health did not improve with the change of climate. Aunt Laura, Rabun Gap, Georgia, visited the family in 1909 and begged them to return to Georgia; but this was their home--Oklahoma and they were here to stay. One by one, most of the children returned for a visit to the native North-South Carolina and Georgia but only for a visit.

My grandmother, Julia Missouri Ledford Bradley, was born November 7, 1866, the daughter of Samantha (Amanda) Kelly and Alfred Ledford. Amanda and Alfred were married in 1849. Amanda was the daughter of Thomas (Red) and Susan Hefner Kelly who were married in 1827. Thomas was called Red, as he had red hair, to distinguish him from another Thomas Kelly in the community. His father's (John) family history can be traced back to Culpepper County, Virginia, with the original family coming from England. John Kelly was a man of wealth, owning land in several counties in North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia. He had three sons and three daughters.

"John Kelly was an enterprising, aggressive and foresighted man, and had ready money . . . He was never active in politics, although his oldest son, known as Thomas (Red) Kelly, was the first Clerk of the Inferior Court, and was conspicuous in public affairs. The will of John Kelly is a very interesting document. It is dated December 11, 1848. This was just two days before his death. His disposal of his property follows the old English custom of leaving his lands to his sons, and little if anything to his daughters . . ." ¹ He willed two lots (500 acres) "on the east side of the Tennessee River and on Kelly's Creek to his grandson, George W. Kelly, and stated in the will that he didn't want it ever to go into the hands of anyone that did not bear the Kelly name. Today after 125 years, these two lots are still occupied by his great-grandchildren. Thomas Kelly and Frank Kelly, two leading citizens of this generation and other descendants of John Kelly still live there. None of the land has ever passed into other hands."²

¹ Ritchie, Andrew Jackson. Sketches of Rabun County History. Clayton, Ga., Ritchie, 1948, p. 166-167.

² Ibid., p. 166.

THE ANDREW DAMASCUS BRADLEY FAMILY

By Mary Long Clotfelter

Oklahoma! The land of the red-people and how it must have felt to my grandparents and their seven children when they arrived in 1905 in the heart of the state, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, the land of the huge Indian reservations, and especially that of the Cherokee Indians, was not a land to fear but a land of enterprise where one could realize his ambitions and live. A new life, a life hopefully free of pain with fresh, dry warm air.

My grandfather, Andrew Damascus Bradley, who was known by the nickname of "Major", was born August 13, 1860, in Macon County, North Carolina, the son of John Jim and Altha Long Bradley; he was one of four children. Young Andrew was only four when his father and an uncle, Isaac Terrell, were called into service for the Confederate Army during the Civil War. The brothers were in different companies but on one occasion the two companies met. It was there that Terrell saw his brother who was very ill with the measles but he could not minister to him and had to march on. After the battle was over, Terrell returned to learn that his brother had died. Later Andrew's mother remarried, married a Preston (Press) Long and the youngest two children (my grandfather and his little sister) were reared by their paternal grandparents.

Andrew Damascus must have been named for his grandfather as his name was Andrew D. (Andy). Andy was born in 1806 in Rutherford County, North Carolina, and his wife, Elizabeth, was born in 1807, in the same county. Andy's family had moved from Virginia to the rich farm land in the Little Tennessee Valley region in the foothills of the Smokey Mountains, not too many miles from the Cherokee Indian Reservation in North Carolina. Andy and Elizabeth's other son, Isaac Terrell, owned land and were Postmasters at Otto, Macon County, North Carolina. Isaac Terrell and Elmina had a son, Ed, and a daughter, Belle.

John Jim and Altha Bradley had one son (Andrew Damascus) and three daughters --Addie, who married Bill Garland; Lou; and Lizzy, who married George Mann, a preacher, and had five children. Altha had a son and a daughter after her marriage to Press Long. Among the immediate descendants of Andy Bradley there were three Methodist preachers and four teachers. Andy gave the land for the Asbury Church and cemetery near Otto.

Andrew Damascus married Julia Missouri Ledford and they bought their farm that was across the road from the Asbury Church from his Uncle Isaac Terrell. Seven of their children were born there, in the lovely mountain region overlooking the Little Tennessee Valley. My mother, Emma Bradley Long, learned to read from the inscriptions of relatives' names on their tombstones.

Working on his tobacco farm while bothered with asthma plus the high humidity that is so prevalent in the Smokey Mountains, caused Andrew to look westward. A short stay of nearly two years in Union, South Carolina, working in the cotton mills did not improve the health problem. At the urging of Jasper Hopper (a former resident of Rabun Gap, Georgia, and a cousin of his wife's aunt) who was settled east of Noble, Oklahoma, the family decided to