

THE MATTHEW PEACOCK AND BURFORD S. MORGAN FAMILIES

By Mrs. Bertella Morgan

Matthew Peacock was born in Alabama. Susan Black was born in Georgia. They met and were married in Mississippi, when he was 18 and she was about 15. She had been left an orphan when she was about 8 years old. She was left alone among strangers, by the sudden death of her father. Because of the earlier death of her mother, her father had Susan with him on his job as Tie Inspector in Mississippi. She could tell the people where they were staying, where she had lived in Georgia and that she had some brothers. They wrote there but didn't succeed in finding them so they just kept her and "tasked" her with the slaves. There she stayed until she and Matthew Peacock were married, about 1867.

To this union were born five sons and four daughters. James was born in 1868, Ella 1871, Albert 1874, Luther 1877, Dora 1879, Daisey 1882, Lawrence 1885, Josey 1889 and Walter 1892. About 1885 they moved by covered wagon from Mississippi to Texas, settling near Bonham. They were farmers and cattlemen. Hearing of good grassland in Oklahoma, they moved on into Oklahoma in 1889, but not until Burford (Bud) Morgan married Ella Peacock, March 24, 1887, at Bonham. Then they all moved to Oklahoma and settled on land leased from the Indians in the Chickasaw Nation.

As far back as we can trace the Morgan line, is that Bud's father, Jasper Morgan, was born in Texas about 1840. He married Sarah -- about 1861 at Houston, Texas. Three sons and two daughters were born to them; Andrew, Jerry, Burford, Martha and Mary. Jasper died when Bud was 6 or 8 years old and the boys grew up in the cattle camps, working for the cattlemen.

Andrew married Bertha -- and they had two boys and three girls; James, William, Mary, Ollie and Bertha. They stayed in Texas. Jerry and Bud had a double wedding, Jerry and Jennie - and Bud and Ella, March 24, 1887. Jerry and Jennie had three sons. I have their pictures but do not know their names. They stayed in Texas also.

Bud and Ella had three sons, Lesley, Claude and William Burney (Bill). The birth of John Lesley on April 11, 1889, kept Bud from making the "Run", but they did come on to Cleveland County later.

The Peacock family moved on up to and settled near Oklahoma City on farms in northeast Cleveland County, but Bud stayed in the Chickasaw Nation several years. In about 1900, they moved to the Banner Community east of Noble and farmed there, the boys went to school at Banner. They stayed there until 1906 when they moved to Norman. They did teaming there, hauling material to pave the streets, both in Norman and Oklahoma City.

Bud Morgan never went back to the farm, living at 113 East Beal until he died in July 1940. Ella Morgan died in Norman in 1945, and they are both buried in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery there.

Matthew Peacock and Susan moved to Norman near Bud after their children married and scattered. Matthew died suddenly in 1931 while visiting a son at Anadarko and is buried there. Susan died in 1938 at Norman and is buried in the Warren Cemetery in the "Ten Mile Flat."

Albert Peacock married Cora Sigmon and Dora Peacock married Cora's brother Priestly Sigmon, and they both got farms in the "Big Pasture" near Anadarko. Albert and Cora had one daughter, Goldie, who died in 1947. Cora died in 1949 and Albert in 1959. Dora and Priestly had two children, Flossie and Cecil. Priestly died in 1952 and Dora died in 1972 at the age of 93.

Lawrence married May Jones of Oklahoma City and two daughters were born to them, Verna and Florence. Lawrence was killed in 1928 when the car he was driving was struck by an Interurban car in Oklahoma City. He had worked for the Oklahoma Railway Company for several years. He is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Oklahoma City.

Josey married Frank Heneger at Norman. They have five children, three boys and two girls -- Mildred, Dale, James, Clarence and Louise. Mildred and Dale were killed when the car they were in was struck by a train north of Norman. They are buried in the Warren Cemetery. James and Clarence live in Oklahoma City and Louise lives in Norman near her mother. Frank Heneger died in 1938 and is buried in the Warren Cemetery. Josey still lives in Norman at 110 W. Johnson.

Walter Peacock married Nancy at Sapulpa where he was the Wells Fargo Express agent for a number of years. He was transferred to Chickasha and there reaching retirement age, he retired and still lives there. They had one daughter, Betty.

James Peacock went back to Texas and married there. They had two daughters, Ora and Zeda. James died in 1920.

Daisy Peacock died without issue in 1959, Claude Morgan married Eunice Claxton in Norman in 1915. They had one daughter, Evarene born November 18, 1917. She married B. M. Nawery of Louisiana and they have a son, Mark, and a daughter, Penelope, and now live in Shreveport, Louisiana. Claude and Eunice still live in Norman at 115 N. Sherry. He was in the construction and real estate business in Norman for years and is a stockholder in the Exchange Bank, was Chairman of the Board, but is now retired.

William (Bill) Morgan married Verna Moffit in Norman in 1916. They had two daughters and three sons -- Anita, DeLois, Clifford, Neil and Gene. Most of these live in or near Norman or Oklahoma City except Clifford who lives in Greeley, Colorado. Bill and Verna still live in Norman.

John Lesley Morgan married Bertella Dollarhide September 20, 1914, at Moore, Oklahoma. They had a son and a daughter, Ross L., born at Norman and Mary Beth at McAlester where they lived for 27 years. They moved to Bristow in 1948 where John Lesley died in 1955 and is buried there. Bertella Morgan still lives in Bristow (1973).

The rest of this family story is in Pioneers of Cleveland County, Book I, under -- Family of John R. and Mattie Dollarhide.