

Wallace
W.E. Bradley
7137 Fauna
Houston, TX 77061-3919

Route 2, Box 122
Meridian, Ms. 39305
July 23, 1988

Dear Wallace,

I have had a time trying to find you. I finally got your address from one of your young cousins. Wait - don't get excited, I'm not a bill collector! You may remember me, one of the New girls from Pine Springs. I married James White, a LONG time ago and we are now living in Pine Springs. I have become something of a history buff and am writing a book on the "History of Pine Springs, The First 100 Years". When I finally get it finished our new County Dept. of Archives & History plans to publish it. It has taken more time and research than I had anticipated, but now I am about at the place where the Bradley family came to the community, and I find that I can't find out much about the Bradleys. Can you help me? (I about have the Thead family already.)

About all the old-timers that are still living remember is that the Bradleys lived 'way back off the road' on the west side, south of the store, and that they had a BUNCH of boys in the family, with your father, Rush, being one of them. Nobody seems to recall any of their names.

I need to know:

1. Where did the Bradley's come from, and when?
Why to Pine Springs? ?
2. Who was their Papa & Mama? ?
3. Did they own where they lived or did they rent? ?
4. Were they farmers? (There was a lot of logging going on at about that time.)

Loggers

5. When did they leave and where did they go? ?
6. When and where did their Papa & Mama die, and where were they buried? →
7. When did Rush and Mattie Thead marry? ^{9/16} In Pine Springs? →

8. Where did they live?

9. Were you three boys born in Pine Springs? *TEXAS, + different places + then back to Meridian Miss. (Separated when Wallace was born.)*
(Lauderdale Co., Miss.)

10. Did you all marry and the names of your children, and years everyone was born.

Wallace E Bradley married to Christine Pruitt Bradley March 15, 1949
(Mrs) Dorothy Y. Bradley - Petersek Sept. 19, 1951 MARRIED TO: JAMES Petersek, - CHILDREN
MICHAEL F. Bradley Oct. 15, 1955 single } BOBBY Joe Swint, 9-21-1971
CALVIN W. Bradley Oct. 7, 1956 single } CYNTHIA Petersek - 11-29-1980
CHRISSE Petersek - 12-4-1981
Served in Armed Forces 2. discharged in 12/45

Route 2, Box 122
Meridian, Miss. 39305
April 27, 1990

Dear Mrs. Franklin,

I am writing a history, "Pine Springs, The First 100 Years", that will be published this fall. The book covers the years from when Lauderdale County was formed in 1833 through the year 1935.

The 'old-timers' who are left in the community - there aren't many left - remember the Bradley family who were here in the 1910 era, but cannot tell me much about them. I wrote to Wallace Bradley, who I knew as a girl, and he gave me your address. Can you help enlighten me who the Bradleys were? About all I hear was "they had a big family of boys".

I don't expect you to tell any family secrets, but if you know any little stories about "the life and times" of the family or if you recall any stories about Pine Springs about "how things were then", would you share them with me? I am trying to show who the many folks were that have lived here, who they were, what brought them here and why, and where they went when they moved away.

I have found no deeds to suggest that the Bradleys owned land in Pine Springs. Were they farmers or loggers? (That was about the only occupations going on at that time.) Did they marry (other than Rush Bradley) any girls from Pine Springs?

To make it easier, I am enclosing a little quiz that I would appreciate if you would fill out as best as you can.

Thank you very much,

Mary Ellen White

Mary Ellen White
(Dau. of Leon New of Pine Springs)

I found this James "Jim" Bradley in thge 1910 Lauderdale County census. Was this your grandfather? (Or father?) I have filled in what I am guessing to be right. If this was Rush's parents please sell in anything else you remember and please correct any mistakes I have made.

JAMES "JIM" BRADLEY

Born: 1852, Alabama

Died: (where? When?)

Married Frances M. _____ (B. 1857,Ala), about 1884 (Where?)

(Census said Frances had 18 children, with 10 still living in 1910)

Was this your grandfather? (Father?)

What can you tell me about him?

Possible Children

1. JOSHUA "JOSH" BRADLEY

Born: 1886

Died: June 23, 1971, 80 yrs. old.

Married: Ella Curry in 1904. She was daughter of Sam Curry.

(He was living near Jim and Frances Bradley in 1910. I am guessing that he was James Bradley's son. Am I right?)

Children: (From census in 1910)

1. Fred A. Bradley, 1905

2. Ruth Bradley, 1908

3. More?

2. _____ Bradley, died young or married before 1910.

Born:

Died:

Married:

Children?:

3. _____ Bradley

Born:

Died:

Married:

Children?:

4. _____ Bradley

Born:

Died:

Married:

Children?:

5. RUSH A. BRADLEY (Married a girl from Pine Springs)
Born: Dec. 28, 1894
Died: Aug. 14, 1984, Bur. Mason Sec., Forest Park-Lawndale, Houston, Tx.
Married: Mattie Leona Thead, (b. July 14, 1894, d. Aug. 18, 1972) in in
Pine Springs, Lauderdale Co, Ms.

Children:

1. James Carbin Bradley, Dec. 29, 1918, Pine Springs, Lauderdale Co, Ms..
Married: Jeanette _____
No children.
2. Wallace Edison Bradley, Dec. 21, 1921, Pine Springs, Lauderdale Co., Ms.
Married: Christine _____ (Lives in Houston, Tex.)
Children:
3. Wilmer Lee Bradley, Sr., Sept. 12, 1927-July 30, 1980
Married: Judith Lee Culberhouse (?)
Children: Wilmer Lee Bradley, Jr., mar. Roxanne _____ (?)

6. CARL A. BRADLEY

Born:

Died:

Married: Nina _____ (deceased)

Children:

1. Lottie Mae Bradley (deceased)
2. Wilhemnia LeBowitz (Living in Bellaire, Tex.)

7. FRANK A. BRADLEY *MARRIED 12-6-20 BORN IN SELMA, AL*
Born: ~~Sept. 5, 1898~~ *3-25-98*

Died: ~~Sept. 5, 1975, Florida~~ *4-10-75*

Married: Elsie RADFORD, (d. ~~12/15/82~~ *4-1-82*, Pensacola, Fla.)

Children:

- ~~4.~~ Richard
- ~~1. &~~ Maxine *ELMO IS MAXINE'S HUSBAND*
- ~~3. Elmo (twin?)~~ *JAMES (DIED IN APRIL 1988) ORR*
- ~~5.~~ Joyce Bradley Franklin, Pensacola, Fla. *(MY HUSBAND, WILTON FRANKLIN, DIED JAN. 2, 1982 - I REMARRIED FRANK ORR, JR ON JULY '87*
- ~~2.~~ ROBERT

8. GILBERT "GIBBIE" BRADLEY

Born: 1900.

Died: 1987, Bristol

Married:

Children:

(XOYX) Frank & Joyce Orr
943 Springmier Place
Thousand Oaks
Pensacola, FL 32514

9. ERNEST L. BRADLEY

Born: 1901

Died:

Married:

Children:

*Maxine may be able to help
her address is: Maxine Tinsley
128 River Bridge Rd.
Suffolk, VA 23435*

10. ROBERT E. BRADLEY

Born: 1904
Died:
Married:
Children:

11. ELMER BRADLEY (TWIN)

Born: Aug. 26, 1907
Died: Oct 11, 1956, Bur South Park Cem. at Brookside, Tex.
Married: Frances _____ Where: _____ When:
Children: None

12. THELMA BRADLEY (twin)

Born: Aug. 26, 1907 Where?
Died;
Married: _____ McCallum Where?
Children:

1. CARY - WHO IS DECEASED

LATEST ADDRESS I HAVE
2720 LA PALMA
MODESTO, CA 95354
When?

13. _____ BRADLEY

Born:
Died:
Married:
Children:

When did you come to Pine Springs?

How long were you here?

Where did you live?

What do you remember about Pine Springs School?

Who ran the General Store when you were here?

Do you remember when the Methodist Church was organized?

Did any of your brothers (other than Rush) marry anybody from Pine Springs?

Did you farm or work in logging industry? Who did you work for?

I have heard that Ethel, who married Roy Lovett, was a Bradley girl. Did you know her?

Why did you leave and where did you go?

How many of your brothers or sisters lived in Pine Springs? Who were your parents?

USE THE BACK SIDE IF YOU THINK OF ANYTHING YOU THINK I'D like to know.

I did not know my Dad's people very well, since we lived in VA during my childhood and vacations were scarce. I knew Uncle Carl, Uncle Rush and Thelma but only because they visited us and on rare occasions, we visited them.

7/23/88

Hi

Just a note to say we have it hot, but this year already. That a lot of rain yesterday.

Not much to do Thursday! Since the weekend several yrs. back!

Had planned on coming thru the end of this month, but now not so sure. As we were going to go to Arkansas to J. Carlson's & then to Nashville, Tenn.

Things aren't as planned so don't know if we'll get to go the next month. If things pick up. They see you; then why not, do next year.

Hope you well at your house: All are doing fine.

Keep in touch. Don't want to know the anything? Write to Joyce Franklin, & if you

Find out anything about where
who lives. Let us know, please.
They knit white, blue & pink
I had more pink around
before we found out almost a yr.
I am from all of us. Keep in touch
Shelby & Chris

Hollace E. Bradley
7137 Fairway
Houston, TX 77061-3919

June 1-713-643-9222.

also indicated Oct 2 1942

PS I was 339 Inspector 85th Div.
three years
and I was with 5th
Army and was discharged

Dec. 25-1945 based in Miss
for a year when I came to Texas
in 1946, married in 1949 and
still here. Best regards
W.E. Bradburn

Wilmer Lee Bradley Jr. left
Judith Lee Bradley Culbertson add. unknown

Wilmer Lee Jr. wife Roy Adams (2 children) ph # 713-442-7635 if not
write: 4202 Connorsdale, Houston TX 77039 442-2540 by
(CONNORS DALE)

ex wife Mrs Lee Bradley (John Hitchcock 7812 Appleton Houston, TX
77022
ph 713-692-4863
(may have information ?)

1001 00 47770
0021 02 002
75 000 0000
J.M. [unclear] w/f

I found this James "Jim" B. Bradley in the 1910 Lauderdale Co. census. Was this your grandfather? I have filled in what I GUESS to be correct. If this was Rush's parents, please fill in anything else you remember and correct any mistakes you see.

In 1910 the Jim Bradley family was living in the western side of Beat 3, Lauderdale Co. near Lost Gap neighborhood. Some of this is from census record, some from other records (marriage, etc.). How much do I have right?

JAMES "JIM" B. BRADLEY

unknown

Born; 1852, Alabama

Died: (When, where?)

Married: Frances M. _____ (b. 1857, Ala) about 1884. (Where?)

(Census said Frances had 13 children, with 10 still living in 1910.)

What can you tell about him?

Children: (From 1910 census)

1. Joshua "Josh" Bradley

Born; 1888

Died: *June 23, 1971 - 80 yrs.*

Married: Ella Curry in 1904. She was daughter of Sam Curry.

He was living near Jim with his wife & children in 1910, probably their son.

Children: (May have had more after 1910)

1. Fred A. Bradley, 1905-

2. Ruth Bradley, 1908-

2. _____ Bradley (Died young or married before 1910)

Born;

Died: ?

Married:

Children:

3. _____ Bradley

Born:

Died: ?

Married:

Children:

4. _____ Bradley

Born: ?

Died:

Married:

Children:

5. Rush A. Bradley

Born: 1894 *Dec 28*

Died: *8/14/84*

Married: Mattie Leona Thead, 1916, Lauderdale Co., Ms. *Born 7/14/1897, Died 7/18/1971*

What can you tell about him?

MASON SECTION AT FOREST PARK - LAUNDALE HOUSTON, TX
Where? POLLY RYZEN HOSEA RICHMOND, TEX
Where? BORN 7/14/1897, DIED 7/18/1971
Forest Park Funeral Home League, TX.
Section #213, LOT #252
BORN Dec. 29 - Nochedron wife Jeanette
BORN Dec. 21
BORN Sept 12, DIED 7/30/1980

Children:

1. James Carbin Bradley, 1918-

2. Wallace Edison Bradley, 1921-

3. Wilmer Lee Bradley, 1927-1980

6. Carl A. Bradley
Born:
Died:
Married: NINA - DIED
Comments:

Children: LOTTIE MAE BRADLEY Died
WILHEMINA LE BOWITZ - 4319 Bellaire Av. Apt 536
Bellevue - TX 77401

(Feel maybe write to her)

7. Frank A. Bradley
Born: 1898 Sept. 5
Died: 9-5, 1975 in Florida or 4/11/82 (founder
DIED 12/15/82?)
Married: ELSIE (see Remake 3la)
Comments:

Children: RICHARD
MARINE & ELMO
JAMES
JOYCE FRANKLIN lives in
1943 Thousand Oaks (see Remake 3la)

8. Gilbert "Gibbie" Bradley GIB in P.S.
Born: 1900
Died: 1987 - see Bristol
Married:
Comments:

Children:

9. Ernest L. Bradley
Born: 1901
Died:
Married:
Comments:

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10. Robert E. Bradley
Born: 1904
Died:
Married:
Comments:

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Children:

11. _____ Bradley
Born: (1906?)
Died: Died young? (Guessing)

12. Elmer Bradley (twin)
Born: 1908 1907
Died: Oct. 11, 1956 Buried AT South Park
Married: FRANCES Cemetery AT Brookside, TX near
Pearland, TX.
Comments: —
LAST KNOWN AT ANDREWS, TX. ?

Children:
NONE

(write to Aunt + she can tell more)
13. Thelma Bradley (twin) (McCALLUM)
Born: 1908 1907, August 26. (77 in 88)
Died:
Married:
Comments: 2840 E BROADWAY, APT. 129 MESA, ARIZONA
ADDRESS: 2720 LA PALMA, MODESTA, CALIF. 95334
Tel: 2720 LA PALMA, MODESTA, CALIF. 95334
Children:

I don't expect you to tell any family secrets, but if you know any little stories about the 'life & times' of the Bradley family or if you recall any stories about life in Pine Springs that would be interesting to put in my book, will you please share them with me? Any little funny things that happened or that show how folks lived "back then" would be appreciated. This history covers a period of time from 1836 to 1936.

I am trying to show who the many many folks were that have lived here, who they were where they came from and why, and where they went when they moved away.

Thank you so very very much!

Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen (New) White

P.S. James heard me say I was writing to you and he asked to be remembered, and hopes that you are doing well...

ME

also Hulon Brodley?

1860 Sumter Co, FL
 488 F. M. Bradley (watchmaker)
 27 - GA - Oland.
 Sarah 25

Western side of Beat 3 - 1910 Census

James "Jim" B. Bradley

Born: 1852 - ALA

Died:

13 kids

10 living in 1910

married: Frances m. ~~Bradley~~ (B1857AL) ca 1884

Lived in Western side of Beat 3, Lauderdale Co. in 1910 - near (Last Gap?)

(86)

MARCH 2, 1846 Mary ANN Bradley vs Joseph Bradley - divorce

Children: (13) (May not be in order of Birth) (From 1910 Census)

~~1~~

7 FRANK R. BRADLEY 1898

2

?? ANDREW BRADLEY
 22 ALA, CSA 6 mo when he d.
 JUNE 20, 1864

8 Gilbert "GIBBIE" BRADLEY 1900

m. J. Bradley, wife -
 Applied for Pension in 1905

3

9 ERNEST L. BRADLEY 1901

Lived near
 Last Gap
 1910

4 JOSH (JOSHUA?) BRADLEY 1886
 m. 1904
 m. ELLA Curry, dau of Curry
 F. FRED A. 1905
 RUTH 1908

10 ROBERT E. BRADLEY 1904 -

DOS. ONE 1/2000? How died 1906

WORKED
 as
 m. H. Wright
 in 1910
 Director
 of
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5 RUSH A. BRADLEY 1894
 m. MATTIE Thead - 1916, L. Co.
 A CARLIN BRADLEY 1918
 B WALLACE 1922
 C WILLMER LEE 1928

11

6 CARL A. BRADLEY 1896

12 ELMER BRADLEY - (TWIN) 1908 -

Carlin Bradley in WWII - Army - Major
 Retired from @ Ft Benning, Ga

13 THELMA BRADLEY - 1908 -

#4 RUSH A. BRADLEY

B.

D

m. (1) Mattie Thead - dau. of Jim Thead of Pine Springs

Children: ① CARBIN BRADLEY -

3

② WALLACE BRADLEY -

③ WILMER LEE BRADLEY -

BRADLEY - Census

Book
Wayman B. B. B.
488-7235

1850 Whynot - Toomsua

JOHN BRADLEY 94 VA 1756 \$200
LITTY BRADLEY 72 NC

338-347 1782
JEREMIAH DEAN 68 NC \$0
SARAH DEAN 58 NC
338-348
MARY A. BRADLEY 23 AI
HENRY J. " 3 AI (1847)

MARY ANN BRADLEY divorced
(Joseph Bradley Mar. 3, 1846)
Land. Co.

ENLISTED JUNE, 1863 IN ALA
ANDREW BRADLEY - IN 22ND ALA, CSA
ABOUT 6 mo when he died (IN CLARKE CO, AL JUNE 20, 1864)
WIDOW, Mrs. M. J. BRADLEY, ^{B. 1838} APPLIED/PENSION ¹⁹⁰⁴
married May 13, 1855
ENLISTED IN ALA JUNE, 1863
Served in 22ND ALA Reg. 6 mo
When he died in Clarke Co, Al. while
in service - June 20, 1864
M. J., widow, 67 yrs old, lives in her
Bro in 1905, has 1 son, 2 daus.

338-346 Western Side/Beat 3 1910

Jims B. Bradley 48 AI ²⁶ ^{YRS} Rent
FRANCES M. 43 AI ^{13 Kids} 10 LIVING
* RUSH A. 16 AI 1894
CARL A. 14 MS 1896
FRANK R. 12 MS
ERNEST L. 9 MS
ROBERT E. 6
ELMER TWIN 2
THELMER TWIN 2

Bradley - MEN - Wedding Records

William H. - ELIZ. J. FINLEY 1853
 W.H. - Lucy C. West 1866
 J.W. - Maggie McGowan 1908
 J.W. - Annie Smith 1913
 L.C. - Willie Rack Guy 1915
~~RA (RUSH) - MATTIE TREAD 1916~~
 LEE D. - MARY HALL 1920
 ALLEN - Lelia May Hardy 1923
 RM - May Bauden 1923

fe - Bradley

1911 - VIOLA J - MILDRED HOPKINS
 1911 OLA D. - A. J. MINORIE
 1924 VERA - FS DYLE
 1931 Frank A - Gladys F. BROWN
 1931 Mattie - T L SERRA
 1932 Orlie - I L FANSHILL
 " Therman C W WOODHILL
 1936 Malar F W FREY

^{cast}
 # 56 ^{cast} Mary Ann Bradley vs Joseph Bradley
 3-2-1846
 DIVORCE

W.E. BRADLEY'S
 7137 FAUNA
 HOUSTON, TX 77061-3919
 PH. 1-713-643-9222

DATE OF PENSION: _____
DATE OF DEATH: JUNE 20, 1864
CLARKE CO, ALA.

DATE OF APPLICATION: JULY 19, 1905
MARRIAGE DATE: MAY 13, 1855
OCCUPATION: unable to work

AGE: _____
AGE: 67

VETERAN'S NAME: BRADLEY, ANDREW

SPOUSE'S NAME: M. J. BRADLEY

ADDRESS: Toomsuga, Miss

ENLISTED: JUNE, 1863 WHERE: ALABAMA

DISCHARGED: DIED JUNE 1864 WHERE: DIED IN SERVICE WITH MEASLES

OFFICERS: CAPT. CRAWLEY

WITNESSES: H. D. LAWSON, E. T. BROWN, N. A. BOSWELL, J. D. BROWN

CERTIFIED: W. F. BROWN, J. L. McWilliams, D. S. LACY, R. M. CAMP, B. V. WHITE, Ch. CLK.

MISC.: WIDOW HAS 1 SON, 2 DAUGHTERS - LIVES WITH HER BROTHER, T. D. BROWN
HAS NO PROPERTY
(LETTER ENCLOSED)

From Circuit Ct. Records:
PAGE 30: SEPT. 11, 1846 - ST. VS JOSEPH BRADLEY - CHARGED E ASSAULT & BATTERY.
PAGE 56 - SEPT 12, 1846 - MARY ANN BRADLEY SUED JOSEPH BRADLEY FOR DIVORCE.
CASE WAS DISMISSED BY CONSENT, DEFENDANT HAD TO PAY COURT COST.