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A TRELOGY written by HAZEL JONES at the teachers college PITTSBURG KANSAS AUG-31-1931-.

MISS NELLIE B, BROWN was bernald in cardington OHIO DEC,-6-1867- DAUGHTER JAMES & LYDIA BROWN was married to MARTIN LUTHER JONES OF MINERAL POINT KANSAS later changed to AMIOT MARRIED-JAN,-26-1892-.

TO this union were bernald -5-CHILDREN MYRTLE INES JONES OCT,-17-1893- DIED JUNE-30-1896- CLYDE J, JONES JAN-4-1898- CLYDE J, JONES OF EDCOUCH TEX. MARRIED MISS NELLIE MYRA HAWLEY at PAOLA KANSAS JUNE-27-1932-to this union -3-children were bernald CECIL JARDEN JONES DOUGLAS LUTHER JONES & LYNDA ACHSA JANEL JONES later MARRIED MIKE GREY SEPT-9-67-.

ELLA HAZEL JONES JUNE-3-1901-MARRIED ORVAL BEARLY of parker kansas at topeka kansas FEB,-15-1941- LUTHER ROY JONES SEPT,7-1903-DIED JAN-16-1916 ALTA GLADYS JONES -MAY-23-1909-MARRIED LEE VAN WIE -MAR-4-1932-who passed away JAN,1950- MARRIED HERBERT RHODES JULY-4-1954-.

MARTIN JONES PASSED AWAY DEC-1-1930- NELLIE B, JONES PASSED AWAY MAR,-13-1952-.

CECIL JARDEN JONES MARRIED TO MARLYN HUGHES to this union one SON was bernald DENNIS BARTH JONES JUNE-1963-*named Judy 1964* HOYLE one DAUGHTER was bernald FEB,-1965- KANDI JONES CECIL JARDEN JONES was married to SHARRON ANN MOSLEY FEB-1967-.

DOUGLAS LUTHER JONES WAS MARRIED TO SHARRON KLANDRUD-1968- to this union two children have been bernald DOUGLAS LUTHER JR, a daughter SHARYL KAY JONES.

MISS NELLIE B, BROWN left OHIO when she was -1-year old to live in IOWA

LIVED at DESOTA -9-yrs, lived at MONTEZUMA IOWA -2-yrs, she came to KANSAS when she was -12-yrs, old . They came in a covered wagon train in -1879- HER family located at MEICINE LODGE KANSAS they ran a (DAIRY).

THE BIG FLOOD OF APRIL-22-1885-

The following was told by my MOTHER that happened in KANSAS in the spring of -1885-it had been a warm day but toward evening black cloudys begin to roll up in north west . IN the night there was a cloud bust at the head of medicine river & the water came down ELEM creek -5-FT, in a roll sweeping ever thing before it .THE back water rose -2- ft, in our house the first we knew of the flood was when the water was even with our beds when we woke up. <sup>one</sup> ~~our~~ neighbors family just -1-mile above us was all drowned & all that was left of the house was the floor we had to leave the house & climb a hill back of the house the hunt for the drowned begin the next morning I helped find-4- of my class mates after hunting -5-days the father of these children was found burried in the sand all except his hand .

NEAR MEDICINE LODGE -18-people were drowned they were camped in a park some of the people were found in up in trees.

The water washed one (GIRL) up in a tree top & the water rolled beneath (HER) it seemed as if the (POOR GIRL) <sup>would</sup> died up there they offered -\$500.00- to any one who would resue her.

A (COW BOY ) with his pony swam beneath the tree & the GIRL dropped on the pony the cow boy would not take the money .

MY FATHER lost -40- head of fine cattle & HIS farm was ruined (BUT) we did not complain because we were thankful none of us had DROWNED .

(APRIL-22-1885-) will be rembered as a day of great (SORRY)

GREAT LAND RUSH OF OKLAHOMA -1889-AS TOLD BY MY MOTHER NELLIE B, JONES

I was still liveing in western KANSAS with my parents when OKLAHOMA was opened up for settlement . ONE day my FATHER said I am going to OKLAHOMA & take a claim I said I am going along & take a claim FATHER said (WHO) is going to teach your school this fall I said some one else can teach it . FATHER seemed to think a (GIRL)M would not stand a chance in the race for a claim we started for the OKLAHOMA line a few days before the opening date we had some thrilling EXPERIENCES before we arrived.

IN order to get a drink of water it was necessary to drink out of holes along the trail the CIMMARON RIVER was high we got stuck in the QUICK SAND & the men had to get out in the river & push we had to hitch an ether team on to pull the wagen across the river the water came up in the wagen bed.

When we arrived in the INDIAN RESERVATION , the cew boys told us the INDIANS were on the war path.

AT nite we put -8- wagens in a cir cyle & steed guard all nite but no indians appeared the next nite a rattle snake was killed just before we went to bed on the ground .IT was necessary to leave one of the wagens behind that had broken down & lead the things on the ether wagen .

WE ARRIVED on the west line the nite before the leng age rembered day of APRIL-22-1889- there was (THOUSANDS) of men & women & CHILDREN who had came to seek their fertune in the (SANDS OF OKALAHOMA ).

IT was impessiabile to sleep during the nite as there was a lot of excite -ment CHILDREN cried Dogs barked men QUARRELED FAUGHT '& played cards all nite .About -ll-oclock ever one begin to get in line fer the big race some were on herse back some in buggies & carts & wagens one man dreve a herse & cew FATHER & MY BROTHER were on horses (MY SISTER & I DROVE AN OLD MULE HITCHED TO A ~~ERT~~ BUGGY)

AT -12-OCLOCK the seldiers fired the gun & the race was on I drove the old mule over the line & jumped out & staked my claim (BUT) -5-men stuck their stakes near mine SISTER & I put up our (TENT) .

THAT evening FATHER & BRO, came back discourged as some one else was always a head of them but the next day they were lucky & each filed on a claim BROTHERS claim was next to the (FAMOUS DALTON BOYS) farm he proved up they always treated him like real (GENTLEMEN) HE built a SOD house by digging a hole in the ground then putting lumber across the top of the hole & covering it with (SOD). AS there was no trees for fire wood we picked up (BUFFALO CHIPS) we piled them up to dry diddent smell to good when they were burning but it beat freezeingin the cold weather .

MY SISTER & I had quite an experence there was one nite brother was gone & we were alone an (INDIAN)came in & wanted some thing to eat & said he wwas going to eat & SNOOZE we feed him & he laid his BLANKET on the floor & went to sleep SISTER & I set up all nite one of us had the axe & the other one had a butcher knife it was a good thing he never made a false move all nite & it was a good thing for him he diddent as the old saying goes the only (GOOD INDIAN IS A DEAD ) ONE & he sure would of been a good INDIAN if he had of made a false move .

#### BACK TO MY EXPERENCE OF FILLING A CLAIM.

When the land effice opened at kingfisher I was there to get filling papers I thought I had arrived ealy but there was a line of men already standing in line ready to file .

QAfter standing in line all day I was given a (NUMBER) my NO, was -640- the man said if you leese your NO, you will leese your place .

The next morning I was at the land effice early the MEN that had staked my claim thought they would wait till the rush was over but they waited to long.

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I lived on my claim a years & half & paid (ONE DOLLAR & A QUATER ) AN ~~EX~~ acre & the claim was mine it was located half a mile west of KINGFISHER on the north side of the road . Afer I had been there a year & half I took the (CHILLS) so had to leave I went to Kansas to visit an other SISTER ELLA YOUNG there I MEET a young farmer named MARTIN LUTHER JONES & we were later married & I spent the rest of my life in KANSAS.

(MY GREAT GREAT GRAND-FATHER)

Durring the time of the war between ENGLAND & THE COLONIES this young MAN was a soldier in the ENGLISH army he did not wish to fight the colonies because he thought the colonies were in the right. HE had been trying for years to tget to come to the colonies but they wouldent let him contrays to his wishes he was forced to sail to america to fight against the colonies (HE) told them they could make him come (BUT) he never would fight against the colonies they told him if he diddent he would be shot . JUST at dusk when the boat was entering the besten harbor (HE) jumped ever beard many shots were fired at him but he was a good swimmer & had pracisticed swmming great distances under water so he was able to reach shore SAFELY. HE swam up the river & came out on the bank back of a bakery where they had big bake evens back of the bakery when he came out of the water a (GIRL) was coming out to through out dish water. WHEN SHE saw him in his (ENGLISH UNI-FORM-) on it about scared her to death he had quite a time to convince her he wasent going to hurt her he told her his troubles & he told her was for the colonies she hid him in a big bake even he had no money. After she was off work she taken some of her money & bought him some clothes the next day he asked for work at the inn & bakery & was imployed as a waiter he later fought on the side of the colonies later they were married & that is (MY GREAT GRAND FATHER & GRAND MOTHER .

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HE RETAINED one of his names & called him self GEORGE FLUCKEY no one knew whether his real name was GEORGE OR FLUCKY he never told any body witch it was .HIS PARENTS were RICH but he was a peer boy new a FORTUNE was lost in ENGLAND because this man changed his name I was told by my MOTHER who was a great grand daughter that one of the grand daughters tried to trace the fortune back to ENGLAND for years but was never able to prove behind a reasonable doubt who he was but he was able to live the kind of a life he believed in .

YOU may already have all this but I though I would send it any way to date I have not received the book .

MY CHILDREN ADDRESS ARE AS FOLLOWS

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MRS, LYNDA GREY -910-BARRACUDA CORPUS CHRISTI TEXAS

I have been wondering how you ever tracked MY SISTER & ME I worked in K,C, once at -1813-& helmes also once at LEE SUMMIT at that time GRANDPA BROWN had a SISTER lived there HER name was RHODA I BELIVE & she had a DAUGHTER named MERTY YOUNG I stayed with them that was about -1923-I believe .

I have spent some time in new countries I worked on a ranch in western SOUTH DO, in -1917- we went to the yellow stone park in 1968- & went by the ranch I came to the VALLEY of RIO GRANDE in 1926- there has sure been a lot of chances since that there is about -50-miles of the lower valley that you are in a town most of the time I am in the middle of the Valley north & south there is a town about ever -2- miles .

SURE glad to hear from you & I know you have sure put in a lot of work .

IF there is any thing else I can do to help let me know .



YOURS TRULY  
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