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Carlye Mae is the daughter of John Bob Wallace.

By Marcus G. Burrage



76 John Henry Cade Family: John Henry & wife, Mary Lee and daughters: Elva, Olive and Enola.

## CADE, JOHN HENRY

Youngest of thirteen children of David H. Cade (1820-1905) and Martha (?) Cade (1825). They came to Texas from Mississippi sometime in the early 1840s, settling on a farm near Mt. Sylvan in Smith County. John Henry was born there on 4 Feb 1865, and died 28 Oct 1949. His father and two older brothers were in the Civil War. Sometime around 1889, he married Mary Lee Davis who was born 29 Oct 1871, And died 3 May 1922. On 13 Feb 1892, John Henry purchased a farm from W.E. Polk and family in what was later the Jones community near Grand Saline on FM 1255 and FM 110. Besides farming, he owned a small grocery store. He gave land for the school in the Jones community.

The four children born to this union were: Elva G. Cade (1890-1970), married John L. Padgett on 4 Apr 1911 and to this union were three boys and a girl: Morris Nolen, Vernon Clarence, Ivan Lee and Annett (Padgett) Harris. There were eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Leonard Cade (1892-1897).

Olive Ivan Cade (1897-1974), married Ernest Burges on 7 Aug 1922. To this union one child Mary Elizabeth Davis Caldwell was born. Two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Olive Ivan taught school in Silver Lake, Colfax and Jones communities. Enola Jane Cade born 1902, married Ernest Burges on 7 Aug 1921. To this union were born two girls: Ernestine (Burges) Nations and Elene (Burges) Ferguson. There were

three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Enola still lives two and one half miles from where she was born on the family farm.

By: Mary E. Caldwell

## CANTRELL FAMILY

(Zion, Jesse J., James, John, Joseph and Richard) Zion was born 6 Sep 1821, in Pendleton District S.C. He accompanied his family to GA as a young child. He grew up in Carroll Co. and on 23 Dec 1841, he married Elizabeth Smith. Her mother, Nancy, came to America from England when she was about six years old. Marriage records are on file in Carroll County Courthouse. In all census schedules she is listed as Eliza (Elizer) but on her gravestone as Eliezer. Apparently the census-taker spelled it like it sounded to him. Zion's father was Jesse J. Cantrell, born in Pendleton District S.C. in 1769. His mother was Mary Jane..?, born in S.C. in 1800.



77 Zion & Elizabeth Cantrell

In 1854, Zion and Eliza moved their family west to Texas, settling in Van Zandt County near Edom. They had seven children at that time. Land records in Canton indicate that Zion and his oldest son, Jim, started buying land along an old road leading east from Edom. This road would later become SH 64 from Tyler to Canton. Between 1855, and 1860, Zion and Jim bought a total of 600 acres. Zion donated land for a school and established a church. This place was named Zion Hill. The home of Alpha Hambrick stands on the site of this old church and school. Alpha is the granddaug-

hter of Molly Boykin (Margaret Cantrell). The younger children of Zion and Eliza and the family of one of their daughters, Nancy Davis, were educated here in this school.

The home of Robert and Mollie Boykin still stands down the road a short distance from the site of Zion Hill. The site of the old Cantrell home can still be seen about one half mile east of the old Boykin home. Mollie and all her children are deceased. Robert died 20 Apr 1884.

Zion, Elizer and one son, William T. are buried in the Concord Cemetery about five miles east of Zion Hill and three miles east of Chandler TX. One daughter, Sallie Padgett, is also there. They were well-to-do and considered leaders in the community. The Cantrells farmed their land until Zion died in 1897.

James Riley.. J.R. (Jim) was born in Carroll Co. GA in 1842. He was about twelve years old when his family moved to VZC TX. When the Civil War started in 1861, he was about nineteen years old. In Sep 1861, he enlisted in Company H, 10th Texas Cavalry, in Red River County. He was discharged in Apr 1863, disability. He re-enlisted in Company D, Bates Regiment, Texas Infantry and served until the end of the war in 1865. He first married Pharely Piles in March 1867, in VZC. She was born in 1840, in AR. They moved to Henderson Co. TX where they lived until she died about 1877. They were recorded in 1870, in precinct 4, Henderson Co. In 1880, he was listed back home in VZC. He, as head of the house and Eliza, Zion, Georgia Ann and another sister, Nancy Davis and her family, who were living with them. There were also three of Jim's children listed.

On 11 Jan 1883, Jim married Mary Dosie Mayfield, born 21 July 1858, in AL. It is not known if there were children of this marriage. They lived many years in Athens, Henderson Co., TX. It was there that he applied for a Civil War pension on 10 Jan 1910. His application was approved and he drew a pension until he died. Mary Dosie died 18 Jan 1913, in Athens, TX, of blood poisoning. James R. died 27 Oct 1919 at the home of his son-in-law, L.D. Stover. I have been unable to find where they are buried.

Children: 1. Thomas Jefferson, born 15 Feb 1868, in Henderson Co. 2. Callie E. born 1871, in Henderson Co. 3. Julius D. born 1874, in Henderson Co. MARY ANN, Mary (Mollie) was born in Carroll Co., GA. She married Robert S. Boykin, 25 Apr 1867, in Edom, VZC. They had eight children. Robert was born in Arkansas in 1839. He was a blacksmith in 1880. He died 20 Apr 1884. Mollie died Nov 1941 at the age of 97. Robert and two of their children are buried in the Red Hill Frontier Cemetery off SH 64, but Mollie and a son and daughter, Mack and Minnie, are buried at the



78 a. William T. Cantrell



78 b. James R. Cantrell

Edom Cemetery about ten miles away.

The old Boykin home still stands today between ZION HILL and the site of the old Cantrell home. CHILDREN: 1. Minnie, 2. Lula, 3. Frank, 4. George, 5. Melinda, 6. Annie, 7. Carrie, and 8. Mack.

**WILLIAM TAYLOR:** William was born in Carroll Co., GA on 9 Feb 1848. Census shows him living alone in his home and his occupation was a druggist. He never married. He died 10 Apr 1885, and is buried in Concord Cemetery beside his father and mother. Nothing else could be learned about him.

**NANCY ANN:** Nancy Ann was born in Carroll Co., GA on 11 Mar 1846. She married George Washington Davis in VZC on 17 Dec 1871. They went to Hood Co. immediately before their marriage. Their four children were born in seven years. George died suddenly 18 Feb 1878. Nancy was pregnant with her fifth child at that time. She went back to Zion Hill to live with her father, mother and brother, Jim. Her fifth child, Margaret, was born there. Zion and Eliza helped her raise and educate her family. They grew up at Zion Hill.

The 1900 census for VZC shows her living with one of her daughters and family, Thomas and Della House, near Zion Hill. Sometime later, time unknown, she went to Frost, Texas to live with her youngest daughter, Margaret Dickson. She lived with Margaret and Ed Dickson until her death on 6 Nov 1932. During these years, she would go to visit her son, William R. Davis, in the summer. She would also get on the train and go visit other relatives in various places. She was a very spry little lady until her death. She was almost eighty-seven years old when died.

**Children:** 1. William R. born 31 Dec

1872, in Hood Co. Died 4 Apr 1938. Buried in White Rose Cemetery, Wills Point. He married Lillie M. Clark on 27 Dec 1908. Parents of four sons.

2. Della Lee born 2 July 1874, in Hood Co. Died 13 July 1913, in Ennis. Married Thomas House 22 Nov 1888, in VZC. Parents of four sons and three daughters.

3. Luther O. born 10 Nov 1875, in Hood Co. Died 16 Dec 1944. No other information about him. (Died in Harris Co., probably Houston).

4. Josephine Mae born 21 Feb 1877, in Hood Co. Died 10 Apr 1954, in Frost. Married Jack M. Haynes, 7 July 1892. Buried at Frost. Parents of three sons and four daughters.

5. Margaret Lula born 9 Jun 1878, in VZC at Zion Hill. Died 27 Feb 1960. Buried at Frost. Married F. E. Dickson 22 Nov 1892, in Navarro Co. Parents of four sons and two daughters.

**MARGARET MISSOURI:** Margaret was born in Carroll Co., GA, 20 Jan 1850. She died on 8 May 1937, at Lockney, TX. and is buried in Irick Cemetery. She married Thomas F. Beall, 22 Dec 1870, in VZC. He died on 10 Jan 1936, at Lockney. They had ten children, all deceased at this time. CHILDREN: 1. Beulah Morris, born 29 Jan 1878, in VZC. Died 17 May 1949. 2. Otho Leslie, born 17 Aug 1873, in VZC. Died 19 Feb 1963. 3. Nora Romieo, born 8 Apr 1874, in VZC. Died 27 Dec 1965. 4. Florence Ila, born 6 Nov 1878, in Clay Co. Died 16 Jun 1940. 5. Erin Mason, born in Clay Co. Died 8 Oct 1971. 6. Walter Warren, born 29 Jul 1882. 7. Oren Homer, born 26 Apr 1884, in Montague Co. Died 22 Jul 1959. 8. James Haile, born 21 Nov 1886, in Throckmorton Co. Died 6 Apr 1968. 9. Ollie May born 17 May 1889, in Throckmorton

Co. Died 21 Apr 1980. 10. Addie Pearl, born 18 Jul 1891, in Floyd Co. Died 25 May 1974.

**SARAH ELIZABETH:** Sallie was born in Carroll Co., GA on 9 Dec 1851. Died in VZC 4 Apr 1922 at 71 years old. She married Robert H. Padgett. They lived their lives near Zion Hill. He was a farmer. He died 11 Aug 1911. They are both buried in Concord Cemetery. Robert was thirteen years her senior. It is said they were wealthy. They had two children. (Armata Jane was born in Carroll, GA on 11 Jan 1854. She married Robert S. Weaver 20 Jan 1876, in VZC. She died 20 Nov 1925. He died 13 Nov 1924. They are both buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Tyler. Her grandson, George Shockley, lives in Tyler. They had eight children: Mattie, Georgia, May, Emory, Naomi, Clara, Gaudia and Bonnie. They are deceased. Georgia Ann was born at the old Cantrell home near Edom in 1856. She married W. A. Sessions 10 Jan 1884, and died 21 Aug 1922. Have been unable to find her burial place or any other information about her. She gave birth to triplets in 1892, two girls and a boy. They were born and died 20 Apr 1892. They are buried in Red Hill Cemetery on SH 64, Tyler to Canton road. There is a story that Sessions was not liked by people who knew him. After Georgia Ann died, he lived alone, and no one would visit him. They found him dead on the floor of his home. He had been dead several days and it was in the summer. They dug a grave in the back yard, rolled him in an old quilt and buried him.

**JOSEPHINE**

"Josie" was born at the old Cantrell home near Edom on 10 Nov 1858. She died 5 Nov 1893, and is buried in the Edom Cemetery. She married B. B. Youngblood 27 Dec 1877. The 1880, census for VZC shows they have a daughter, Sarah, 2 years and eight months of age. Later they had three other daughters, Vernon, Lillie and Lulu and four sons. There as Bee, who became a Baptist preacher and schoolteacher. George was a banker at Edgewood, Tx. Burl was a merchant at Chandler. Kirby married Millie Beckham in Smith Co. They had three children: Earl, Harbard and Audrey. B.B. and Bee and Bee's wife are all buried in the Edom Cemetery. Bee was 91 years old when he died. Joel Youngblood, son of Bee, lives at Lake Palestine at this time. Bee died in Dec 1974. The VZC census shows J. Youngblood, age 47, was born in S.C. Sarah, age 7, was born in S.C. B.B., 8 years. A.J. Youngblood was Jacob, father of B.B. After Josephine died, B.B. married again. Her name was Sallie. She died in 1933. Josephine, Sallie and B.B. are buried side by side in the Edom Cemetery.

#### CANTRELL - NEXT GENERATION

Thomas J., son of Jim (JR), see census for

*These two girls are not of Sarah F.*



1900. He and Dora had eight children: Alice V., Nannie L., Hoyt--they are in a rest home at Van, Tx. at this time; Olen C. lives at 920 E. 8th St. in Tyler; James Thomas (Tommie) died at the end of Feb 1984, and is buried in the Edom Cemetery. His wife, Mattie, is in a rest home in Tyler. (Since this was compiled, Mattie has passed away). Thomas J. died 4 Apr 1934. His wife, Dora, died in 1917. They are buried in the Edom Cemetery. James L. (Lonnie) died Aug 1971. Carl Julius was killed in California in 1951. They are also buried in the Edom Cemetery.

Julius D., son of Jim. I have been unable to find his graves. The VZC census for 1900 shows him living in the house with his grandmother, Eliezer. She died 11 Jan 1908. Tommie Cantrell told me that Julius sold the farm not long after she died and went to Edom and built a home. He did not live long after that. I could not determine the date of his death. I located the house that he built, and an elderly woman living there remembered him.

Callie E. was the daughter of J.R. (Jim). See census for 1900. She married a Stover and one of her daughters, Johnnie Tidmore, lives in Athens today. She is 95 years old, as of 1985. She has six sons and four daughters, all living.

Census for Carrol Co. Ga. 1850, Smith family, of Elizer Cantrell. Dwelling 416. Andrew, 48 Father, born South Carolina; Nancy 53, Mother, born England; Margaret, 18, Sister, born Georgia; Sarah 16, Sister, born Georgia; Martha, 14, Sister, born Georgia; Nancy, 13, Sister, born Georgia; Catherine, 10, Sister born Georgia; Stephen, 06, Brother, born Georgia.

Elizabeth (Elizer) is not on this census due to the fact that she had married Zion Cantrell in Dec 1841.

There may have been other children not on this census due to being married or away from home.

## ZION CANTRELL ANCESTORS

Zion Cantrell was born 1821, in Pendleton District South Carolina. Died 6 Sep 1897, in Edom. Jessie James Cantrell, Father, born in 1794 in the 96th District of South Carolina, later Pendleton District. In 1818, he married Mary Jane ? . She was born in 1800, in South Carolina. They had eight children, including Zion. Time of deaths are unknown.

James Cantrell--Grandfather was born in 1751 in New Castle Co. (now Delaware). He married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ about 1771. Dates of death unknown.

John Cantrell--Great-grandfather was

born Oct 1724, in New Castle Co., PA (now Delaware). He died in 1802. Probably buried in the Buck Creek Cemetery.

Joseph Cantrill Great-great grandfather (note change in spelling) was born about 1695 in Philadelphia, PA. He married Catherine Heath about 1718. She was the daughter of John Heath, whose grandfather came to America on the ship, SAFETY, from England in 1635. Dates of death unknown. It is known that they had nine children.

Richard Cantril--Great, great, great grandfather (note change in spelling) was born in Derbyshire, England in 1660. He migrated to the province of Pennsylvania in 1682, the year of its establishment. No record has been found of his passing. He was a brick mason and brick maker. He married Dorothy Jones in 1693. She was born in Wales in 1673. Children: 1. Mary, 2. Joseph, 3. Zebulon, 4. Dorothy.

By H.A. Cantrell

## CARROLL FAMILY

Family of Sarah Carroll (Mrs. Parker Davis) Jason Carroll, son of John and Martha Carroll, was born 2 Oct 1818, in NC. He married Hetty McLain, born 24 Jan 1825, on 6 Oct 1840. Twelve children were born to this union. Margaret Ann (20 Jan 1842), Susan J. (27 Sep 1844), John Allan (9 May 1847), William J. (23 Apr 1849), Jason J. (16 Jul 1851), Mary J. (9 Jan 1854), Andrew L. (25 Sep 1856), Marion Alonzo (17 Nov 1859), Mason Mack (4 Jun 1862), Hetty (30 Jan 1865), Chalcedony (14 May 1867), Noah Napoleon (5 Apr 1869). The family moved to Texas around 1870. Jason Carroll died 8 Aug 1894, and Hetty Carroll died 24 Aug 1899. They are buried at the Corinth Cemetery. William J. Carroll (Bill), son of Jason and Hetty Carroll (22 Dec 1849), married Mary Ann Thomas on 28 Oct 1869. Born to this union were eight children: Arnie Alonzo, James, Mary, Jason, Sarah Catherine, Verdie, Arabell and Noah. William J. Carroll died 15 Nov 1915 and is buried at Oakland Cemetery. Mary Thomas Davis died 14 Mar 1988 and is buried at Live Oak Cemetery in Hamilton, TX.

Sarah Catherine Carroll (Sally), daughter of William (Bill) and Mary Carroll, was born 17 May 1879.

Her mother died at an early age, after which the family moved and settled in East Texas. Sally and Parker Davis were married 14 Jul 1895. Parker Davis (30 Aug 1871), was the son of Richard Magafio and Elizabeth Davis. Sally and Parker had six sons and a daughter. They were William Ray, Homer Perry, Lee, Elbert Parker, Jimmie Melvin, Coy Edwin and Selma Seymore.



79 Sally Davis, Parker's Wife

Jimmie Melvin and Selma (Mrs. C.E. Buchanan) are the only living children of Sally and Parker Davis at this writing (Mar 1989). Sally David died 6 Oct 1953 and is buried next to her husband at Oakland Cemetery.

By Sue Kimmel

## CARROLL-MCLAIN

Jason Carroll was born 2 Oct 1818, in NC and died 8 Aug 1894, in Van Zandt Co. (VZC) and was buried at the Corinth Cemetery.

He was the second son of John and Martha Carroll, both born in NC. Their children were Nathan, Jason, Malcolm, Shadrack Jackson, John, Doctor, Martha, Emaline, Sarah, and Marion W.

This family moved to Pike Co. AL around 1828, and lived in the Springhill area south of Troy, AL.

Jason married Hetty McLain 6 Oct 1840. She was born 24 Jan 1825, in GA and died 24 Aug 1899. She was buried next to Jason at Corinth. Jason converted to Christianity in 1839, and Hetty in 1859. He was a master mason from 1851 on.

Three of Jason's grown children moved to Smith Co. by 1870. Jason decided to move the rest of his family to TX. They loaded all their belongings aboard a steamboat at Mobile, traveling to New Orleans up the Mississippi River, then up the Red River to Shreveport. There, they boarded the train to Marshall. From there, they bought a wagon and team and leased another to make the last leg of their journey to Smith Co.

They stayed in Smith Co. one year and raised one crop, then went looking in the Wills Point area for land. They had enough money to buy 160 acres and traveled over a lot of VZC before finally settling in the