

After his overseas duty, he was stationed in Washington and Oregon until the war's end. He came back to Lubbock and worked as a carpenter with his father-in-law while awaiting the arrival of his first-born. After Jim's birth, J.D. went to work for Phillips Petroleum Company in Borger, Texas. Iris Ann was born four years later after a transfer to Shidler Oklahoma. Five years later it was back to Borger where their third child, Virginia Lynn was born.

Though he left the farm, J.D. never lost his love of the outdoors. He enjoyed maintaining a nice yard and watching his trees and garden grow. He instilled his love of nature and the scientific world in each of his children. A cocoon or an unusual bird became an object lesson in science. His love for the outdoors was also exemplified in his love for hunting. He enjoyed hunting dove, quail, pheasant, and deer.

J.D. was firm in his Christian faith. He served as a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School superintendent, and as a Deacon in the Baptist Church.

J.D. planned and saved to see that his children receive a college education. This desire was fulfilled. Jim received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering at Texas Tech University. Iris received a B.S. in Pharmacy from Southwestern State University in Oklahoma. Virginia received a B.S. in Microbiology.

J.D. died July 5, 1975 of cancer, but his life and values remain instilled in all his children and will be passed on to his seven grandchildren. *Iris Poffett, daughter*

MORGAN-NEVINS

William Fruit Morgan was born 27 March, 1884 at the Grove, Coryell County, Texas, the ninth child of William Harrison Morgan and Lourena Woodley Morgan. He attended country schools, one of which was the Carden School taught by his oldest brother, Thomas A. Morgan.



Center: William Fruit Morgan, sister Sophronia Gertrude Morgan, left and sister Mittie Pope Morgan, right McKinley Studio — About 1905.

The family resided on a farm and young Fruit shared in the chores. When hired as a laborer he received a standard wage of fifty cents a day. When the streets of Gatesville were paved with brick, he was a helper. In his teens he became employed by F. A. Thompson Grocery as clerk and delivery boy.

It was customary in the early 1900's for housewives to order groceries by telephone rather than make a trip to the store. It was on occasion of delivering groceries to the home of Mrs. Wallace Blanton that Fruit met Sarah Elizabeth (Sallie) Nevins, sister of Mrs. Blanton. On 31 December 1906, Fruit Morgan and Sallie Nevins were married in Fayette County, Texas, the bride's home. The honeymoon consisted of a railway trip to Waco, Texas and a New Year's Eve celebration as the train pulled into the Waco Depot. The newlyweds established a home in Gatesville.

Five children, Bessie Mae, Joseph Alston, Vernon Francis, Adella Aloise (Della), and James Leland, were born in Gatesville. Young Joseph only lived two days. He is buried in the old Masonic part of the Gatesville City Cemetery near Fruit's brother, James Alston Morgan, who died of typhoid fever. In 1910 Fruit's sister, Lourena Adella Chatham, died suddenly after the birth of a daughter. *Phyllis*

In 1915 Morgan and family, his parents, and brother, Thomas A. and family, moved to Marlow, Oklahoma Territory. A lawyer by this time, established a law practice there. He was admitted to the Bar in Coryell County. In 1916 Fruit was employed by the City as "night watchman." Later he was employed in the Street Department operating a grader drawn by horses; next he became engineer at the City Light Plant. In 1929 he purchased The Marlow Mattress Factory, operating this business and continuing his employment at the light plant.

In 1936 Morgan sold his mattress factory and moved to Russellville, Arkansas, where he purchased a furniture store and added a mattress factory. He also bought a large stone house on Shinn Mountain. The Morgans were parents of four sons (besides the infant who died in 1909) and three daughters. Evy Opal, Edwin Buford and Travis Orin were born in Stephens County, Oklahoma. Three sons served in World War II: James L. in the Infantry, Buford in the Coast Guards, and Travis as an Ensign in the Navy.

In 1942 Morgan moved to Lubbock, Texas, where he owned and operated Morgan's Rushing Drug Store until 1944 when he moved to Irving, Texas and purchased the Twin Wells Grocery. He retired in 1948 when Loop 12, a state highway, was to be constructed and his property was purchased for a right-of-way.

On 21 May, 1955 William Fruit Morgan died in Dallas, Texas, the result of a heart attack. *Della M. Martin*

SAMUEL MORGAN

The Samuel Morgans came to the Osage Community before nineteen hundred. This family is very important to the past of this community. Samuel and Susan Morgan were parents of seventeen children. Five girls and twelve boys. The boys were cowboys, farmers, blacksmith and God fearing men. The five girls taught their families to love God and each other. They gave to the community several preachers who are still well known.

Their children were: Mary Susan, Joseph and Frances, John Jefferson, Samuel Alexander, Sarah Elizabeth or Sallie, James Courtney and Isaac, Annaliza, Amanda or Mandy, Laura Ellen, Samuel Hickie Jr., Thomas Edward or Uncle Bud, Albert Curtis and William Delbert, Nathan or Uncle Bud and one child unnamed.

Mary or Aunt Bishop married John Perry Bishop. Their son Alfred married Ira Mae Merritt, a local girl in the community. Rev. Merritt P. Bishop, a Baptist minister in Arlington, Texas, is the grandson of Aunt Mollie and Uncle John Bishop. His brother Roy Judson Bishop, is deceased.

Sarah or Sallie married E. A. McKinney. They were my parents.

Frances or Aunt Frank married Rev. David Hull, a Baptist minister, who pastored churches in the community. They had seven children. One, Rev. Owen J. Hull, was pastor of the First Baptist church in Gatesville many

years.

Laura Ellen — Aunt Laura married W.H. Cranfill. They had one son, Henry Lee. A grandson, Henry Lee Cranfill Jr. lives in Waco.

Amanda or Aunt Mandy married Sam Raisback, and they lived near Carlton, Texas. This family had six children: Ed, Jeff, Fred, Mary, Sam and Ruth.

One of the big things was a trip to the Raisbacks. This took a wagon and team, loaded with food and kids and several days on the road camped out. The end of the trip meant good times and friendship with kin they liked to visit.

The get togethers the McKinnies had in the summertime were something else. Old stories told again and again. All day preaching and dinner on the ground.

The families are getting few. We hope the spirit of our past is still strong and try with all our might to uphold the good name our parents and grandparents gave to this community in years past.

Sunday, June 3, 1984, was homecoming for Osage Baptist Church. As I stood in the church yard I could almost see and hear the family members talk and tell the stories I've heard so many times. This place holds so many memories of those gone before: The McKinnies, Morgans, Bishops, Hulls and Cranfills. All tied together by the same parents, The Morgans. *Alla B. Nettles*

MORGAN FAMILY

The history of most families when traced back, becomes lost in the misty uncertainty of poor or no records. Especially is this true in Great Britain the unsettled period before 1660, due to destruction of church and public records of this era. The Morgan family is of Welsh origin. Family tradition in the family are among the early settlers of North America and landed somewhere near Plymouth. They lived in that vicinity and the colony of Virginia for sometime, settling in North Carolina by 1600.

Willis Morgan was born 1811 in North Carolina. In 1839 he entered into a marriage bond with Bethany Bailey Delamothé widow of Henry Delamothé who came to America from France in search of gold. He is listed in Montgomery County as early as 1796 as "Henri De La Mothe." At the time of Bethany Bailey Delamothé's marriage to Willis Morgan she had a small daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, born 1838, who also took the name of Morgan. Willis Morgan and family resided in Montgomery County near where the Yaddin and Uwharrie Rivers come together to form the Peebles River, until about 1846, when they moved to Campbell County, Georgia. The Morgan families were usually large; reportedly, Willis had about nine brothers and sisters. Willis and Bethany were the parents of (1) Rosannah (1840-1915) who married J.W. Upchurch; (2) John T. Morgan (1842-1922) married first Clara Ware, a widow (3) William Harrison (1844-1927) married Lourena M. Woodley and (4) Maryetta (1848-



Family Gathering at Home of William Harrison "Harris" Morgan, in Coryell County, Texas During Fall of 1908 — **Back Row, Standing:** Thomas L. Bond (son of Ada Morgan Bond); Robert L. Murphy and wife Mittie Morgan Murphy holding son, William Fruit Murphy; Will Chatham and wife Adella Morgan Chatham; Gertrude Morgan (by holding daughter Lela Irby). **Middle Row:** Guy A. Morgan; Henry Asbery Morgan and wife Anna Hodge Morgan holding son, John T. Morgan; William H. "Harris" Morgan and wife Lourena Woodley Morgan; Ada Morgan Bond and son, James H. "Dick" Bond; Thomas A. Morgan and wife, Emma Percy Morgan holding son, John Thomas Morgan. **Front Row:** Guy "Bud" Morgan; Mittie Lee Morgan; Dora Morgan (children of James Alston Morgan and Martha Clementine Chatham Morgan); Elmo Chatham and James Richard "Jim" Chatham (sons of Will and Adella Morgan Chatham); Clyde Morgan, Harris Morgan and Willie Morgan (children of Henry Asbery Morgan and Anna Hodge Morgan); Nannie Lou Morgan; Harrison Morgan and Alice Morgan (children of Thomas A. and Emma Percy Morgan); Martha Clementine Chatham Morgan (widow of James Alston Morgan) holding daughter, Allie; Sarah E. "Sallie" Nevins Morgan and husband William Fruit Morgan holding daughter, Bessie Mae Morgan.