

Church of Christ in Lone Oak

2980 LONE OAK ROAD

Paducah, Kentucky

PETTY GENEALOGY

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JOEL PETTY

The Pettys were a hardy clan living in Tennessee. Their home was in Hardin County, which is about 75 miles from the "David Crockett" country. Hardin County is crossed by the Tennessee River and adjoins both Mississippi and Alabama on the south.

Not much is known of Joel Petty who is said to have been born about 1779. His wife's name is not known, neither are those of his first two children, but they were said to have been girls. It is presumed that they remained in Tennessee or else stopped in the Ozark region when all of the boys migrated to Texas. At the San Antonio Public Library is a book entitled, "First Families of Missouri", in which two Petty women are mentioned but it has not been established that they were the same Pettys.

After living in the Ozark country for several years, the sons of Joel Petty came to Texas and settled in Bastrop County at a community that has rightfully been called "Pettytown". Only John Petty and his large family of children remained there, but many remember the other boys, i.e. Jonathan, Theophilus, Joel Jr., Hubert, and Dock Petty, as having once been at Pettytown. The many Pettys scattered throughout the state could have sprung from these Petty brothers.

The story of the death of Joel Petty is one that has been carried down from one generation to another. He was bitten by a rabid animal of some sort before the invention of the Rabies serum by Louis Pasteur. As the time drew near for him to become affected with the

disease, he had his family to chain him to a tree in the yard. His food was carried to him there, so one day he asked them to set the food down and get away from him as he was feeling very badly. Thus he died the terrible death of rabies without the assistance of medicine of any kind.

JOHN PETTY

John Petty, the eldest of Joel Petty's boys, married Elizabeth Dawson, one-half Cherokee Indian, in Tennessee. They were the parents of 16 children, 14 of whom lived to be grown. All of the children are presumed to have been born before they came to Texas. Some were born in Tennessee and younger ones were born in the Ozark country. Their coming to Texas took place sometime before the Civil War.

Elizabeth Dawson Petty was the daughter of Samuel Dawson and Annie Ross. There are several Samuel Dawsons in history, so it is not determined which, if any, of these Dawsons were this same Samuel. The Indian ancestry of the Pettys comes from Elizabeth Dawson Petty. Her mother, Annie Ross, was a full-blood Cherokee Indian. It is said that John Ross, leader of the Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma history was a relative of hers. The Cherokee tribe originally came from Tennessee to the frontier country of Oklahoma at that time. Old timers at Pettytown tell of a visit once to Grandma Petty by a brother who rode a horse from a far away place.

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Being of Indian descent the Pettys were great lovers of games and ~~amuse~~ sports of all kinds. They indulged in Horse-racing, foot races, wrestling, and later when baseball came into the country, Pettytown was said to have the best team in that territory. Several of the Petty boys, Johnson, Samuel, and others once tried to see which could swallow the biggest rock. When it came time for Johnson to make his try, his rock was so big that it nearly choked him to death, and the remaining ones didn't make the try. It was said that this rock in the stomach of Johnson Petty contributed to his death in later years.

Johnson, James, Samuel, and Riley Petty were said to have served in the Confederate Army from Texas. Johnson had a horse shot out from under him at the battle of Galveston. These four also, drove cattle up the trail to Kansas when the driving was rough indeed. Their descendants are eligible for membership in the Old Trail Drivers' Association, Pioneers' Association of Texas, and United Daughters of Confederacy.

The Pettys brought their religion from the Ozark country or from Tennessee. In those days, the church of Christ was called the Christian church. There were three families of Pettytown that were pioneers and all came from the same part of the Ozarks. They were: Pettys, Fowlers, and Bazes. One older Fowler (deceased) said that preacher D. P. Baze converted his father to the Christian church in Arkansas before he came to Texas. D. P. Baze also married many of the Petty couples. He was said to have ridden a mule bareback on his preaching tours around Pettytown country. It is believed that he could be classified as one of the ~~the~~ first church of Christ preachers in Texas, and the Pettytown church among the oldest.

A brief history of the 16 Petty children and their burial places is here given:

- Jane Queen-- Buried in Lawler Cemetery, near Florence, Williamson Co., Texas. She lived to be 87 years old.
- Edna Queen--Had no descendants. Died in birth of first child. Place of burial unknown.
- Gibson Petty -- Place of burial and descendants unknown.
- Anderson Petty --Buried in Coleman Cemetery, Coleman, Texas. He helped to build the town of Coleman. The town is built on the site of his farmstead. Four of his children married Hopkinsons.
- Levicia Riddle---Buried in Pettytown Cemetery. Grave unmarked.
- Ann Catherine Williams--Buried in Willow Creek Cemetery near Sublime, Texas. She lived longer than any of the 16 children. Was 91 at the time of death.
- Joanna Barber-- Went to Oklanoma where she took up land on her Indian rights. She is buried there at a place unknown at present.
- James Marion Petty--Buried at Pettytown beside his wife, Arrena Fowler.
- Elizabeth Hayhurst--Place of burial unknown. No descendants.
- Johnson Petty- Buried in Pettytown Cemetery. Grave unmarked.
- Samuel Petty--Buried in Pettytown Cemetery.
- Ailsa Hayhurst--Place of burial unknown.
- Temple Arminia Crouch--Buried in ~~Paducah~~ Kelsey Cemetery, Kelsey in Upshur Co., Texas.

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Joseph Riley Petty--Buried in Pettytown Cemetery.

Mary Petty--Died at the age of 4 years. Buried in Arkansas

Martha Petty--Died in infancy. Buried in Arkansas.

JOHNSON PETTY

Johnson, or John as he was called, seemed to be the subject of more stories than any of the Petty boys. It was he who swallowed the biggest rock, and he who had a horse shot out from him at the battle of Galveston during the Civil War. It appeared that ~~he~~ was the most daring, although none of the Pettys were afraid of life or death. On one of Johnson's trail driving trips with cattle to Kansas, he came back by Missouri in a prairie schooner to get his sister Ann Catherine Williams, who was a widow, and brought her to Pettytown. The Texas prairies were full of Indians then. One night as they put up for camp and unhitched the horses, the horses scampered away out of sight over the unknown country. There ~~they~~ were among Indians in a wild country. His sister asked John if he thought those horses would ever return and he told her to go to sleep and not worry about them. The next morning as dawn came, they saw the horses coming over the prairie to the wagon. It seemed that he had previously traded for an Indian pony which was among them, and it brought the other horses back with it. John remarked that he knew that Indian pony would come back and that he had not worried about the matter. Worry was unknown among the older Pettys, and whatever they might have done or not done, they certainly were of the kind that built this great state of Texas.

Johnson Petty married Cynthia Statira Peacock. She was said to be a very proud lady which offset some of his ruggedness. Aunt Statie, she was called. She had several brothers who once lived at Pettytown, of which John Peacock was the best known.

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Husband- Joel Petty

Birth- Abt. 1779 Place - Tennessee
Death- Abt. 1819 (of Rabies) Place - Tennessee
Burial - Tennessee
Wife- Mrs. Joel Petty
Born, Died and Buried in Tennessee

Children:

1. Female - Name and other information unknown
2. Female - " " "
3. Male - John Petty - Born Dec. 9, 1801 in Tennessee. Died March 26, 1832
Married about 1819 or 1820 to Elizabeth Dawson.
4. Jonathan Petty - Born in Tennessee.
5. Theophilus Petty - Born in Tennessee. Married to Sally -- .
6. Joel Petty, Jr. - Born in Tennessee. Married to Julie--.
7. Hubert Petty - Born in Tennessee. Married to Hulda--.
8. Dock Petty - Born in Tennessee. Married to Rendy--.

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Husband- John Petty

Born Dec. 9, 1801 in Tennessee. Died March 26, 1832 at Pettytown. Buried
at Pettytown, Bastrop Co., Texas. Was son of Joel Petty.
Married about 1820 in Tennessee to:

Elizabeth Dawson, who was born Feb. 5, 1805 in Tennessee. She died
August 3, 1873 at Pettytown, Bastrop Co., Texas. Buried
in Pettytown cemetery. She was the daughter of Samuel
Dawson and Annie Ross, a full blood Cherokee Indian.

Children:

1. Female - Jane Petty-Born Mar. 13, 1822 in Hardin Co., Tenn. Married
to Samuel Queen. Died Aug. 14, 1909.
2. Female - Edna Petty - Born 1824 in Hardin Co., Tenn. Married Elias Queen.
3. Male - Gipson Petty - Born in Hardin Co., Tenn. Married to Mary Polley
4. Male - Anderson Petty - Born June 8, 1828 in Hardin Co., Tenn. Died
May 11, 1889. Married May 12, 1849 to Sarah Ann Vaughn.
5. Female- Levidia Petty - Born 1829 in Hardin Co., Tenn. Married to
Joab Riddle.
- Female 6. Ann Catherine Petty - Born Jan. 13, 1831 in Hardin Co., Tenn.
Married to Thomas C. Williams. Died Feb. 4, 1922
7. Female - Joannah Petty- Born 1832 in Hardin Co., Tenn. Married to
Isaac Hobbs and Isaac Barber.
8. Male - James M. Petty - Born March 8, 1833 in Hardin Co., Tenn. Married to Arrena
Fowler. Died Feb. 9, 1905.
9. Female - Elizabeth Petty - Married to Warner Hayhurst.
10. Male - Johnson M. Petty - Born Aug. 11, 1837 in Missouri. Married
Feb. 1, 1861 to Cynthia Statira Peacock. Died Jan. 21, 1887

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11. Male - Samuel Dawson Petty - Born Mar. 2, 1839 in Missouri.
Married May 5, 1870 to Mary E. Huddleston. Died May 30, 1906
12. Female - Ailsa Petty - Married to Robert Clark and Henderson Hayhurst
13. Female - Temple Arpinta Petty - Born May 28, 1842 at Berryville,
Carroll Co., Arkansas. Married to James Rice Crouch.
Died May 11, 1907.
14. Male - Joseph Riley Petty - Born Jan. 7, 1843 at Berryville, Carroll
Co., Arkansas. Married to Martha Elizabeth Caysby. Died
June 24, 1907.
15. Female - Mary Petty - Born in 1844 in Arkansas. Died in 1848.
16. Female - Martha Petty - Born about 1845. Died in infancy.

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Husband: Johnson M. Petty

Born August 11, 1837 in Missouri. Died January 21, 1887 at
Pettytown, Bastrop co., Texas. Buried at Pettytown Cemetery/
Son of John Petty and Elizabeth Dawson.

~~Married to~~ Wife

Married at Pettytown, Bastrop Co., Texas on Feb. 1, 1861,
(ceremony performed by D. P. Baze) to:

Cynthia Statira Peacock, who was born July 29, 1845 in
Missouri. She died March 21, 1883 at Pettytown, Bastrop
Co., Texas. Buried in Pettytown Cemetery.

Children:

1. Male - Alfred Mannon Petty - Born Jan. 14, 1862 at Pettytown, Bastrop
Co., Texas. Married to Sarah Riddle
2. Male - James Albert Petty - Born Sept 2, 1865 at Pettytown. Married
Aug. 27, 1889 to Annie Petty.
3. Female - Lucy Ann Petty - Born May 20, 1866 at Pettytown.. Married
August 11, 1881 to Andrew Jackson Fowler. Died March 15, 1940.
4. Male - William W. Petty - Born Sept. 17, 1868 at Pettytown. Married
to Lily Winters.
5. Male - Cyrus Thompson Petty - Born August 21, 1870 at Pettytown.
Married to Ella Perkins. Died April 3, 1941
6. Male - John Calvin Petty - Born Sept. 7, 1872 at Pettytown. Married
to Nocie Winters. Died Sept. 4, 1915.
7. Male - Richard Edward Petty - Born July 18, 1875 at Pettytown.
Married to Fannie Clewis
8. Frances Elizabeth Petty - Born Dec. 1877 at Pettytown. Died in 1878.
9. Female - Armenta May Petty - Born May 21, 1878 at Pettytown. Married
June 1, 1892 to Nathan J. Ricks
10. Male - Samuel Lonzo Petty - Born April 21, 1880 at Pettytown.
Married Jan. 5, 1912 to Beatrice Owens. Died Nov. 20, 1932.

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Husband:

Andrew Jackson Fowler - Born December 28, 1859 at McKinney, Collin Co., Texas. Died May 11, 1943 at Sabinal, Uvalde Co., Texas. Buried at Sabinal Cemetery, Sabinal, Uvalde Co., Tex. Son of John Fowler and Margaret McNear.

Married August 11, 1881 at Bastrop Co., Texas by D. P. Baze to:

Lucy Ann Petty: Born May 20, 1866 at Pettytown, Bastrop Co. Texas. Died March 15, 1940 at Sabinal, Uvalde Co., Texas. Buried at Sabinal Cemetery. Daughter of Johnson Petty and Cynthia Statira Peacock.

Children:

1. Margaret Leora Fowler - Female - Born July 4, 1882 at Pettytown, Bastrop Co., Texas. Married March 23, 1910 to Julius K. White.
2. Male - Horace Edwin Fowler - Born July 7, 1884 at Pettytown, Tex. Died Sept. 30, 1889.
3. Male - John M. Fowler - Born Aug. 23, 1886 at Pettytown, Texas. Married Jan. 12, 1908 to Tommie Sharp.
4. Female - Ethel May Fowler - Born December 30, 1890 at Pettytown, Bastrop Co., Texas. Died January 7, 1955. Buried at Roselawn Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas. Bexar County. Married Oct. 23, 1910 to Peter Bryce Hicks. * see back
5. Male - Lyle Lester Fowler - Born Oct. 27, 1892 at Pettytown, Texas. Married March 1912 to Dessie Eunice Williams. Died Nov. 8, 1953.
6. Female - Pearl Elvira Fowler - Born June 13, 1895 at Pettytown, Tex.
7. Female - Allie Myrtle Fowler - Born Dec. 28, 1897 at Pettytown, Tex. Married December 30, 1917 to Charles Sidney Taylor.
8. ~~Ruby~~ Female - Ruby Gertrude Fowler - Born Dec. 23, 1902 at Lockhart, Caldwell Co., Texas. Married December 9, 1923 to Alfonso James Emerson.

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Husband: Peter Bryce Hicks - Born January 29, 1888 in Alabama, near Montgomery. Came to Caldwell Co., Texas when about 3 years old. Son of Alonzo W. Hicks and Mary Jane Neuzent. *See back*

Married by G. H. P. Showalter ^{at} near Lockhart, Caldwell Co. Texas on October 23, 1910 to: *See back* ^{May 19, 1943} *See back* ^{See back} *See back*

Ethel May Fowler: Born December 30, 1890 at Pettytown, Bastrop Co., Texas. Died January 7, 1955 at San Antonio, Bexar Co., Texas. Buried at Roselawn Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas. Daughter of Andrew Jackson Fowler and Lucy Ann Petty.