

**THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH JOHNS(T)ON
AND HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH COOPER
OF GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH & ELIZABETH COOPER JOHNSTON OF GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Joseph Johnston, born c. 1792 in Greene County, Tennessee, was the son of Zopher Johnston Senior, a Revolutionary War Soldier. On 12-18-1816, Joseph married Elizabeth Cooper, bond by William A. Hankins. Elizabeth Cooper, born 7-8-1793 in Virginia, was the daughter of Christopher Cooper Senior and Jane Brown Cooper. Joseph and Elizabeth lived on the 189 acre Roaring Fork farm of Joseph's father, Zopher Johnston Senior. After his Father's death, Joseph is shown in the annual District 12 tax lists as owning 94 acres of land, half of the Roaring Fork farm. Joseph's brother, John, owned an equal, 94 acres of land.

Joseph served in the War of 1812 in Captain Robert Maloney's Company, enlisting on 10-14-1813. He was discharged on 2-8-1814, after fulfilling his three month commitment. Joseph received \$30.70 for his service.

Other than a short period of time spent in Grundy County, Missouri around 1860, Joseph lived his entire life on the Roaring Fork farm in District 12. Yet, of the three sons of Zopher Johnston Senior it is his son, Joseph, we know the least about. What little we know about his family is largely reconstructed from the Greene County Census records and the District 12 Tax Lists.

After 13 years of marriage, the 1830 census indicates Joseph and Elizabeth had two sons. They also had four daughters, one born between 1816-20, two between 1821 to 1825 and one between 1826-1830. The 1840 census for this family indicates one of the older sons was still in their household. Their second son lived next door with Joseph's mother-in-law, Jane Brown Cooper. A third son was born between 1836-1840. Only two daughters were in the 1840 household, one born between 1821-1825 (Mary Jane) and one born between 1826-1830 (Hiley). The oldest two daughters had either married or were deceased by 1840.

By 1850 the family surname of Johnston had been permanently changed to Johnson. Joseph's wife, Elizabeth Cooper, died before 1850. It is not known where she is buried; however, she is probably buried in the Old Cooper Burial Ground on her parents' farm. This old family cemetery is located off of Baileyton Road on Spider Stine Road. There are 26 handmade stone markers; none are readable. **For further information on the Old Cooper Burial Ground, please refer to the separate article on the Family of Christopher and Jane Brown Cooper.**

From the 1850 Census, we are able to document some of Joseph and Elizabeth's children who were still in Joseph's household. Residing in household #636 with Joseph Senior, is his oldest son, Joseph Addison Johnson (Junior), born 8-26-1817. Also in Joseph's household were his two, unmarried daughters, Mary J. age 25 (born c. 1825) and "Hilley" age 22 (born c. 1828). The ages of these two females agree with the prior 1840 census. Residing next door in household #637 is Riley Johnson, age 32 (born c. 1818).

Joseph Senior, Joseph Junior and Riley were farmers and "coopers", the makers of barrels, casks and kegs. Joseph Senior also operated a distillery. In the 1857 District 12 Tax List, Joseph Senior was taxed on distilling equipment.

Joseph Senior's sons, Joseph Addison and Riley Macken Johnson, migrated to northern Missouri in the 1850's, settling in Grundy County. Joseph Johnston Senior is also in the 1860 Grundy County, Missouri, census. However, Joseph Senior did not stay in Missouri. He had returned to Greene County by the following year and is in the District 12 Tax List. Joseph Johnston Senior remained in the annual tax lists through 1871. He is no longer listed in the Tax roster of 1872. It is presumed this is the year he died.

Joseph Senior's two sons, Joseph Addison and Riley Macken Johnson did not return to Tennessee, and they lived out their days in Missouri. Joseph Senior's 94 acre farm on Roaring Fork was passed to his only male family member who remained in Greene County. This was his nephew, Landon Carter Johnson, a son of Joseph Senior's older brother, John Johnston (1788-1855).

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It is not known where Joseph Johnston Senior is buried. It is presumed he is buried with his wife, Elizabeth Cooper Johnston, who is surely buried on her parents' farm in the Old Cooper Burial Ground on Spider Stine Road in District 12.

The early Greene County census records indicate Joseph and Elizabeth had seven children, three sons and four daughters. It is unlikely any of these children remained in Greene County. No marriages are found in Greene County for any of these family members after 1860. Clearly none of the sons remained in Greene County because they never appear in a Tax List subsequent to 1858.

The children of Joseph and Elizabeth Cooper Johnston are believed to be:

1. Joseph Addison, born 8-26-1817. Joseph Addison Johnson married Nancy Reynolds on 6-25-1841. They were married by Joseph's Uncle Christopher Cooper Junior, Justice of the Peace. Joseph Addison and Nancy are in the 1850 Greene County census with four children in their household. In 1858, the family left Greene County and settled in Liberty Township of Grundy County, Missouri. The family possibly briefly stopped in Illinois in 1858 in route to Missouri. The census information for the sons of Joseph and Nancy gives conflicting information. It is possible one of their sons was born in Indiana in 1865 and another son was born in Kentucky in 1866. By 1870, the family lived in Liberty Township of Grundy County, Missouri. The family's migration can be traced through their children's places of birth. Joseph Addison Johnson died on 9-27-1869 in Grundy County, Missouri. The tombstone of Joseph's wife, Nancy Reynolds Johnson, gives her date of death at age 58 on 1-19-1879, although this may be incorrect. They are buried in the Willis Family Cemetery in Grundy County. Joseph Addison and Nancy Reynolds Johnson had eleven and possibly thirteen children. **For further information, please refer to the separate article on Joseph Addison and Nancy Reynolds Johnson.**

2. Riley Macken, born c. 1818. Riley married "Cinda" (Lucinda) Cox, a daughter of Eliakim and Nancy Long Graham Cox, on 11-12-1840. The bondsmen for the wedding were Riley's cousins, Landon Carter Johnson (a son of John Johnston), John Foster (a son of Mercy Johnston Foster), and neighbor Mitchel Delashmit, who was a Cox in-law. The marriage was performed by Riley's Uncle Christopher Cooper Junior, Justice of the Peace. Riley and Cinda are in the 1850 Greene County Census with three young children in their household. In 1856, Riley and his family left Greene County and migrated to Liberty Township in Grundy County, Missouri. Riley and Cinda had eight known children. Riley Macken Johnson died on 7-24-1882. Cinda died sometime after the 1880 census. Their burial place has not been found, although it is probable both Riley and Cinda are buried in the Willis Family Cemetery with Riley's brother, Joseph Addison Johnson and his wife. **For further information, please refer to the separate article on Riley and Lucinda Cox Johnson.**

3. POSSIBLY Elijah, born 1836-1840. There is no "proof" that the third and youngest son of Joseph and Elizabeth Johnston was named Elijah. However, on 7-17-1854, an Elijah Johnson married Polly A. Hawkins, bond by E. H. West and William P. Hankins, marriage performed by John E. Kidwell, Justice of the Peace for District 12. The Hawkins family was a District 12 neighbor of the Johnson family. Elijah is not found in any Greene County census; nor is he found in any Greene County Tax List. Because Elijah never appears in a tax list, this indicates he married and left Greene County before the age of 21. Elijah is also not found in any Missouri Census in counties where the Johnson families migrated. Yet, in Sullivan County, Missouri, an Elijah Johnson married Mrs. Nancy Ann Simpson on 3-30-1862. The Simpson Family was also a District 12 Greene County, Tennessee Family, who migrated to Missouri during the 1850's. This marriage seems to indicate that Elijah, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Johnston, was at least briefly in Missouri. Because Elijah's brother, Joseph Addison Johnson was perhaps in Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky, it is possible Elijah lived in one of these states. No descendants of Elijah Johnson, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Cooper Johnston, have been located.

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Joseph and Elizabeth also had four daughters, all of whom were in the 1830 household. Only two were in the 1840 household. These younger two daughters were still unmarried in 1850:

4. Mary Jane, born c. 1825. Mary Jane's brothers left Greene County in 1856 (Riley) and 1858 (Joseph Addison). The father, Joseph Johnston Senior, was also in Grundy County at the time of the 1860 Census. There is no marriage record in Greene County for Mary Jane. It appears Mary Jane migrated to Missouri, although no marriage record for her has been found. Nothing else is known about Mary Jane.

5. "Hiley" (Hila), born c. 1828. There is no marriage record for Hiley in Greene County after 1850. There is one marriage record for a Hiley Johnson to James Willis on 9-13-1847; however she is believed to be a daughter of Zopher (Junior) and Phebe Cooper Johnston. In 1850, Hila and James Willis are in their separate household with their 2-year old son, John. They lived as "tenants" on the farm of Zopher Junior. Hila and James Willis removed to Grundy County, Missouri in 1852. Because both brothers, Zopher Junior and Joseph, named daughters Hiley/Hila, who were born one year apart, it is not possible to irrefutably determine the parentage of these two girls. The available documentation would support the conclusion that Zopher and Phebe's daughter, Hila, married James Willis in 1847. In 1880, a grandson of Joseph and Elizabeth Cooper Johnston lived with Hila and James Willis. In this census, this young man was not reported as "nephew", but as "other". Joseph's sons, Riley and Joseph Addison, did not migrate out of Greene County until 1856 (Riley) and 1858 (Joseph Addison). No marriage record has been found in Grundy County or Sullivan County, Missouri for Hiley, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Cooper Johnston.

Because no marriages have been found in Missouri for Mary Jane and Hiley, it would appear they did not live in Missouri. Given that the youngest "brother", Elijah, is likewise not in Missouri, the prospect exists that some of Joseph and Elizabeth Cooper Johnston's children settled elsewhere.

The two older daughters of Joseph and Elizabeth, both of whom were no longer in their parents' household by 1840, are believed to be:

6. PROBABLY Louisa, born c. 1819-1820. Louisa Johnson married Robert Sample Junior on 9-29-1836. Louisa apparently died before 1839, because on 2-8-1839, Robert Sample Junior remarried to Mary Johnson, a daughter of John and Caty McKahen Johnston. Both marriages were performed by Christopher Cooper Junior, Justice of the Peace. Christopher Cooper was the brother of Elizabeth Cooper Johnston, the wife of Joseph. **For further information on Mary Johnson Sample, please refer to the separate article on the Family of John and Caty McKahen Johnston.**

7. POSSIBLY Rebecca, born c. 1821-25. A descendant of Joseph Addison Johnson (child #1, above) believes he had a sister, Rebecca who married Robert Brassfield in Missouri. There is no marriage record in Missouri for Rebecca Johnson and Robert Brassfield. There is no Robert and Mary Brassfield in a Missouri census from 1860 to 1880. John Johnston, the older brother of Joseph Johnston did have a daughter named Rebecca who first married John Graham (in Tennessee), then remarried to James Simpson (in Missouri). This Rebecca was born c. 1811, far too early for her to be a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Cooper Johnston. It is very possible that the fourth daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth may have died before 1840, the last date she appears in a census. No additional information is available at this time.

The family histories of Joseph and Elizabeth Cooper Johnson's sons, Joseph Addison and Riley Macken Johnson are compiled from several sources. I have relied heavily on census information, which in some cases is conflicting. I have also relied on the research of their descendants, and other family members. This information is also conflicting. Thus, when in doubt, I have used my best judgment as to what is more accurate.

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH A. & NANCY REYNOLDS JOHNSON OF GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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Joseph Addison Johnson, born 8-16-1817 in Greene County, Tennessee, was the oldest son of Joseph (Senior) and Elizabeth Cooper Johnston. On 6-25-1841, Joseph Addison married Nancy C. Reynolds (1821-1879??). They were married by Christopher Cooper Junior, Joseph Addison's Uncle. Joseph Addison and Nancy Reynolds Johnson are in the 1850 Greene County census with four children in their household: Andy born c. 1844, Wealthy, born c. 1846 (a daughter); and twins William and Mary, born c. 1849. They resided with Joseph Addison's father, Joseph Johnston Senior on the 94 acre farm on Roaring Fork. Both father and son were "coopers", as was Joseph Addison's brother, Riley, who lived next door.

Joseph Addison Johnson is in the District 12 annual tax rosters through 1857. He never owned any land, but was taxed as a poll, only. In 1858, Joseph Addison and his family left Greene County. The family possibly stopped in Illinois, where their son, Lemuel, was born in 1858, based on the 1880 census (which could be incorrect). By May of 1860, the family had settled in Liberty Township of Grundy County, Missouri where their son, James, was born. Joseph Addison and Nancy possibly left Missouri in the 1860's for a brief period. The 1880 census gives the birthplaces of their son, Joseph Norman, born about 1865 in Indiana, and their son, Thomas, born about 1866 in Kentucky. The 1880 census could be incorrect. If the family left Missouri for a brief period, they had returned to Grundy County, Missouri by 1869, the year Joseph Addison Johnson died.

Joseph Addison Johnson died at the age of 52 on 9-27-1869 in Grundy County, Missouri. He is buried at the Willis Family Cemetery. Joseph Addison's widow, Nancy Reynolds Johnson, and her children were enumerated in the 1870 census of Grundy County. The events surrounding the death of his widow, Nancy C. Reynolds Johnson, are very unclear. Nancy's tombstone at the Willis Cemetery gives her date of death on 1-19-1879 at age 58. Yet, Nancy is enumerated in the 1880 household of her oldest son, William. On the enumeration, Nancy's name is "crossed out". Adding confusion is that Nancy was remembered by a granddaughter as still being alive around 1900. The last grandchild passed away in 2005 at the age of 98.

We do not know how many children were born to Joseph Addison and Nancy Reynolds Johnson, but from the census records, they numbered at least eleven. Two additional children were possibly twins, born c. 1842/43, who died before the 1850 census. Nancy Reynolds Johnson is the quintessential pioneer woman, whose hands rocked the cradle, baked the bread and churned the butter while eking out a sparse existence on the Midwest prairie. Nancy and her brood of children would have packed up all their worldly belongings and traveled back and forth across the Midwest in a covered wagon. At the age of 54, she was a widow with nine children to care for. Yet, with all of the demands of motherhood, she lived long enough to be remembered by her grandchildren. The children of Joseph Addison and Nancy Reynolds Johnson were:

1. Andy/Andrew, born 12-23-1844. Andrew married Macey Brassfield (1843-1905). He died on 4-9-1890. In the 1900 census, Macey reported three children, two of whom were living. These children were: **(1) Joseph Addison**, born c. 1862; died 7-27-1916 in Youngstown, Ohio; **(2) Thomas Welch**, born 12-15-1863; died 3-17-1932, buried Mt. Zion Cemetery; and **(3) William A.**, born 6-11-1864; died 9-14-1865, buried Willis Cemetery. In the 1900 census of Grundy County, Macey Brassfield Johnson was residing in the household of her son, Thomas and his wife, Ella and their young daughter, Etta L. Macey died on 10-12-1905. Macey and Andrew are buried at the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Grundy County.

2. Wealthy, a daughter born c. 1846, who possibly died in childhood before 1860.

3. William R., born 3-7-1849, a twin. William married Amanda M. Williams on 1-16-1876. In 1880 William's widowed mother, Nancy, and brothers, Thomas A. and Lemuel, were in his household. William died on 7-18-1923 in DeKalb County, Missouri. Amanda died on 3-24-1923. They are buried in the Galt Cemetery East. In 1910, William and Amanda reported four children, two living: **(1) Mary Jane**, born c. 1878; and **(2) Charles**, born 1880. A possible child is **(3) John**, born and died 1884, buried Galt Cemetery.

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4. Mary Jane, born 3-7-1849, a twin. Mary Jane married John Winfrey on 7-3-1869. They lived in Grundy County. In 1910, Mary Jane was a widow and lived with her daughter, Dora. Mary Jane reported six children; only four of the children are identified: **(1) Laura E.**, who probably died in childhood; **(2) Nancy, born c. 1878**; **(3) Epham**; and **(4) Dora** (1872-1923 buried Galt West Cemetery), who married William M. Maloney. William was the son of Hugh S. Maloney, and the grandson of John and Jennie Sample Maloney who were also from Greene County, Tennessee. **For further information on William M. Maloney, please refer to the separate article on John (Junior) and Jennie Sample Maloney.**

5. John Frank, born 7-5-1853. He married Margaret Isabelle Houston on 9-13-1877. The family lived in Putnam County, Missouri by 1900. In the census, John Frank and Margaret reported five children, four then living. One daughter was born after 1900. John Frank died on 2-19-1927 in Putnam County, Missouri. He is buried in Dickson Cemetery. John Frank and Margaret's children were: **(1) Rolla Burton**, born 7-7-1878; died 6-2-1920 in Iowa; **(2) William Andrew**, born 3-18-1881; died 8-19-1967 in Putnam County, Missouri; **(3) Belva Maude**, born 1883; died 1886; **(4) Anna Mabel**, born 10-23-1888. She married David D. Campbell. Anna Mabel died in 1962 and is buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery in Sullivan County, Missouri. **(5) Jessie Celia**, born 6-16-1891; died 7-14-1909 in Putnam County, Missouri; and **(6) Eithel Frances**, born 1907.

6. Elizabeth L., born c. 1855. Elizabeth married Francis "Frank" M. Williams on 8-21-1873. They had two known children: **(1) Amanda**, born c. 1874 and **(2) John F.**, born c. 1877. Elizabeth may have been deceased by 1900.

7. Lemuel, born c. 1857/58 in either Tennessee or Illinois. He married Sarah "Sadie" Rhodes on 5-25-1882. After their marriage, Lemuel and Sarah migrated to Nebraska. By 1900, they had settled in Jackson County, Kansas. The 1900 census gives Lemuel's date of birth as November 1855, born in Tennessee. In the census, they reported 10 children, 8 then living. Six of the children can be identified: **(1) Della E.**, born c. 1885 NE; **(2) Dolly J.**, born c. 1887 NE; **(3) Juna E.**, born c. 1889 MO; **(4) Willie R.**, born c. 1891 MO; **(5) David A.**, born c. 1895 NE and **(6) Joseph A.**, born c. 1899 NE. The family was no longer in Kansas by 1910.

8. James R., born May 1860 in Missouri. He married Rossa Dunlap on 8-7-1887 in Sullivan County. They had the following children: **(1) Ellis W.**, born 1888; **(2) Clarence Oliver**, born 1890; **(3) Stella Maude**, born 1892; **(4) Ernest**, born 1898; **(5) Carl R.**, born 1896; **(6) Mecy**; and **(7) Thelma Irene**.

9. Winfield Scott, born December 1861 in Missouri. He married Mary Wood on 9-13-1883. In 1900, they reported six children, four living: **(1) Thomas O.**, born 1883, who died during World War I in 1917, buried Mt. Zion; **(2) Lewis E.**, born 10-8-1884; **(3) Ira E.**, born 1886; **(4) Alfred W.**, born 1896; died 12-12-1921, buried Mt. Zion; **(5) Meurl**, YOB and YOD not known; **(6) Woody M.**, born 1899. Children born after 1900 were: **(7) Delphia**, born 1904; **(7) Era P.**, born 1907; died 1961, buried Mt. Zion; and **(8) Rina E.**, born 1908. Winfield Scott died on 5-15-1936 and is buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

10. Joseph "Norman", born 1-5-1865 in Indiana. Norman and his wife, Rose, had the following children: **(1) Ada ("Addy")**, born 1895; **(2) George**, born 1899; **(3) Laura**, born 1900; and **(4) Norma**. Norman's wife, Rose, died before 1919. Joseph Norman Johnson died on 8-14-1919 and is buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. The death certificate information was provided by his sister, Mary Jane Johnson Winfrey.

11. Thomas, born c. 1863-66 in Missouri or Kentucky. In 1880, Thomas lived with his brother William. In the 1900 census, Thomas and his wife, Georgie (Benge?), reported four children: **(1) Dick (Robert)**, born 1895; **(2) Sherman**, born 1896; **(3) Blanch Ruth**, born 1897; and **(4) Naomi**, born 1901. Sometime after 1910, Thomas left "for parts unknown, going West."

THE FAMILY OF RILEY AND LUCINDA COX JOHNSON OF GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Riley Macken Johnson, born c. 1818 in Greene County, Tennessee, was the son of Joseph (Senior) and Elizabeth Cooper Johnston. Riley's middle name of "Macken", may be a spelling variation of the surname of Riley's Aunt Catherine "McKahen" Johnston, the wife of John Johnston Senior. Riley married "Cinda" (Lucinda) Cox, a daughter of Eliakim and Nancy Long Graham Cox, on 11-12-1840. The bondsmen for the wedding were Riley's cousins, Landon Carter Johnson (a son of John Johnston), John Foster (a son of Mercy Johnston Foster), and neighbor Mitchel Delashmit, who was a Cox in-law. The marriage was performed by Christopher Cooper Junior, Riley's Uncle. **For further information on Lucinda's family, please refer to the separate article on the Eliakim and Nancy Cox Family.**

Riley first appeared in an annual Greene County Tax List in 1840, living in District 12. (The tax lists for years 1835-1839 are missing.) Riley is in the 1840 Tax List as a poll only, he owned no land. In 1840, Riley would have been about 21 years of age, giving Riley an estimated year of birth of 1818-1819. Riley is not enumerated in his father's 1840 household, but lived next door with his maternal grandmother, Jane Brown Cooper. Riley and Cinda were married two weeks after the 1840 census was enumerated. They, too, lived in District 12, along the Baileyton Road at Roaring Fork, with many of their large, extended families of brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, and numerous cousins.

Riley and Cinda are in the 1850 Greene County Census with three young children in their household, Margaret J. born c. 1843, Elizabeth born c. 1845, and Thomas born c. 1847. Riley's occupation was that of "Cooper". He consistently appears in the annual District 12 Tax Lists through 1855. In 1856, Riley and his family removed to Grundy County, Missouri.

Riley and his wife, Lucinda, died before several of their children reached adulthood. Their son, Hugh born in 1858, for whom we have the most complete information, did not know his parents were born in Tennessee. This would seem to indicate that Hugh did not know much about his parents.

Riley Macken Johnson died on 7-24-1882. Family tradition has passed down that Riley became overheated during a harvest and died. We do not know when Cinda Cox Johnson died. She was alive in 1880, but because Cinda is not mentioned in Riley's estate settlement, she probably predeceased him. The burial place of Riley and Cinda has not been found, however it is almost certain they are buried in unmarked graves at the Willis Family Cemetery. The Willis Family Cemetery is in the middle of a pasture in Grundy County, long neglected.

The children of Riley and Cinda Cox Johnson included:

1. Margaret Jane, born c. 1843. "Jane" married John Priest. She was in her parents' 1870 household in Grundy County, but no longer in their household by 1880. Thus, Margaret Jane married between 1871-1879. John Priest was many years older than Margaret Jane. John's first wife, Susannah, died on 5-1-1873. John Priest died at the age of 92 on 2-2-1893. He and his first wife are buried at the Willis Family Cemetery. It would be unlikely if Margaret Jane had children with her elderly husband.

2. Elizabeth, born 2-12-1845. She married John Francis Marion Brassfield (1842-1935) on 1-29-1867. John served with the 23rd MO Infantry Company B. He was the first Postmaster of Galt, Missouri. Elizabeth and John had nine children: **(1) Mary Isabelle**, born 2-2-1869; died 2-10-1955 in San Bernardino, Calif.; **(2) William Wallace Washington**, born 10-25-1870; died 1-8-1917, buried Galt East Cemetery; **(3) Martha Eliza**, born 10-29-1872; died 6-21-1935 Galt, Missouri; **(4) Aaron Bannister**, born 5-1-1875; died 12-22-1943, buried Galt East Cemetery; **(5) Ella Elizabeth**, a twin, born 7-7-1877; died 8-31-1899, buried Galt East Cemetery; **(6) Ida Frances**, a twin, born 7-7-1877, who married Robert L. Bailey; **(7) Bertha Ann**, born 7-24-1880; died about 1959, buried Galt West; **(8) John Blaine**, born 3-14-1884; died 9-7-1910, buried Galt West; and **(9) Osceola Agnes**, born 9-8-1888; died 4-5-1956 in Kansas City, Missouri. In the 1910 Census, Elizabeth Johnson Brassfield said eight of her nine children were then living. Elizabeth Johnson Brassfield died on 5-27-1924. She is buried in the Galt East Cemetery.

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3. Thomas, born c. 1847, who appears to have died before the 1860 census was enumerated.

4. Mary or May A., born c. 1855, married James Brassfield after 1880. This family was no longer in Grundy County by 1900. Mary died in St. Louis, Missouri. No descendant information is available at the time of this writing.

5. Hugh Malone (Maloney??), born 5-19-1858. Hugh was the first child born in Grundy County, Missouri. Hugh married Florence Eleanor Reed after 1880. The witnesses to the wedding were Elijah Johnson and Joseph Johnson. Hugh and Florence removed to Oklahoma about 1901-1904. The family is found in the 1910 Census of Johnson Township, Dewy County, Oklahoma. Four of their children were still in their household. Their son, Lee, was born about 1900 in Missouri. The youngest child, Charlie, was born about 1904 in Oklahoma, thus dating the family's migration out of Missouri. In 1910, Hugh's wife, Florence, stated she had ten children, seven of whom were then living. The children of Hugh and Florence Johnson were: **(1) Robert Riley** (1881-1962); **(2) Willie Wiley** (1883-1884); **(3) Clara Maggie Mae** (1884-1969), who married George A. Tunis; **(4) Lucinda Catherine** (1887-1967), who married Mr. Meadows, then Daniel Herbert; **(5) George R.** (1890-1918); **(6) Andrew Heskett "Heck"** (1893-1970); **(7) Alice Marie**, born c. 1896; **(8) Martha Angelina**, born c. 1897; **(9) Thomas Lee** (1899-1970); and **(10) Charlie**, born c. 1904 in Oklahoma. Hugh Malone (Maloney??) Johnson died on 4-1-1931 in Vicki, Oklahoma.

6. William, born c. 1860. William is in his parents' 1880 household in Liberty Township, Grundy County, Missouri. William, son of Riley and Lucinda Cox Johnson, is not found in the 1900 Census or thereafter in Grundy or nearby Sullivan County, Missouri. A research inquiry from the 1970's found at the T. Elmer Cox Library in Greeneville indicated William did not marry.

7. Nancy A., born c. 1865. Nancy married Ruben C. Brassfield on 11-29-1885. Nancy was probably deceased by 1910. The 1910 census of Liberty Township, Grundy County, included Ruben C. Brassfield, his elderly mother, age 91, and a nephew. Nancy and Ruben did not have children, although they adopted John's nephews, Allen Ellsworth Barlow and Joseph Oscar Brassfield. Ruben C. Brassfield died in 1918.

8. Clarissa, born c. 1868. Clarissa died, unmarried, at the age of 18 in 1886. Her burial place is not known.

As can be seen from the Johnson marriages, the Family of Riley Macken Johnson had a very close relationship to the family of William (1814-c. 1866) and Levina (1814-1888) Brassfield who are buried at the Willis Family Cemetery. In 1860, the only year Joseph Johnston Senior (1792-1872), the father of Riley Macken and Joseph Addison Johnson, can be documented in Missouri, is when he lived next door to William and Levina Brassfield. Joseph Johnston Senior probably lived as a "tenant" on their farm. In the 1860 census of Grundy County, Missouri, Joseph Senior's occupation was given as "cooper".

While in Grundy County, Missouri, it is an odd situation that Joseph Johnston Senior did not live with either of his sons, Riley Macken Johnson or Joseph Addison Johnson. Joseph Senior returned to Greene County, Tennessee in 1861. Perhaps Father and Sons had a "falling out"; or maybe, Joseph Senior simply wanted to go back home to Tennessee.

Joseph Johnston Senior, the Father of Riley Macken and Joseph Addison Johnson, lived out his days alone on his Roaring Fork farm in Greeneville, Tennessee. Given the closeness of these families, this is extremely unusual; and one must wonder if there is more to their personal stories than what can be retold today.