

**PART II**

**COURTRIGHT**

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**SLATER**

CHAPTER I

COURTRIGHT

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· KLINETOP

## COURTRIGHT and SLATER

Courtright, Richard R.

Born: 30 May 1836  
 Where: Wilesbarre, Penn.  
 Died: 4 Dec. 1915  
 Where: Stillwater, Oklahoma

Courtright, Joseph

Born: 5 Dec. 1810  
 Where: Pennsylvania  
 Died: 28 Sept. 1840  
 Where: Dixon, Illinois

Klinetop, Lydia

Born: 8 Aug. 1808  
 Where: London, England  
 Died: Circa 1898  
 Where: Davenport, Iowa  
 Buried: Dixon, Illinois

Slater, Hannah Marie

Born: 15 July 1846  
 Where: East Granfield,  
 LaGrande Co., Indiana  
 Died: 21 Mar. 1909  
 Where: Stillwater, Oklahoma

Slater, Thomas Issach

Born: 1812  
 Where: Ohio  
 Died:  
 Where:

Palfyman, Elizabeth

Born: 1807  
 Where: London, England  
 Died:  
 Where:

The  
 COURTRIGHT (KORTRIGHT) FAMILY  
 DESCENDANTS OF  
 BASTIAN VAN KORTRYK

A Native of Belgim who Emigrated to Holland about 1615

By JOHN HOWARD ABBOTT  
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The information on the Courtright Family was taken from this publication. In doing research for this book, I acquired a copy from the Genealogica Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints and could not determine by correspondence if the book had any copy-right protection. So I am using the material with full credit for this research going to John Howard Abbott. As he wrote in the introduction "Your compiler is amply compensated in the thought that this record may afford pleasure to the Courtright descendants by giving them reliable information of their ancestors, Your Kinsman, John Howard Abbott."

The following information was found:

THE COURTRIGHT FAMILY OF THE WYOMING  
 VALLEY, PA.

FIRST GENERATION.

1. JAN BASTIAENSEN, son of Bastiaen Van Kortryk, came, as we have seen, from the small town of Beest, in Gelderland, Holland, sailing April 16, 1663, in the ship "Spotted Cow," accompanied by his brother Michiel, and their respective families. Jan was the owner of a bouwery, or farm, on Staten Island, spent part of his time at Harlem, but there is very little recorded of his early history.

His children, all born at Beest, came with him, and finally settled at Harlem, a small village eight miles north of New Amsterdam, their names being Cornelis, Hendrick, Laurens and Belitie.

## SECOND GENERATION

2. HENDRICK JANSEN, (VAN CORTRIGHT), soon after his arrival, purchased land near Stuyvesant's Bouwery, on Feb. 12th, 1669, but did not long hold it, and with his brother Laurens, went to Esopus, (Kingston) Ulster County, New York, where he married on Dec. 14, 1672, Catharine, dau. of Hans and Elsje (Pieters, van Hamburg) Webber. The court record of this marriage states she was "born in New York"; Hans Webber was appointed Captain at arms to the garrison at Fort Amsterdam, on Sept. 28, 1647, and died in 1649, and his widow married in 1650, Matthys Capito, removed to Esopus, where she was killed by the Indians in 1663. Hendrick evidently lived at Harlem for a time, as his first child was born there, in 1674, but he afterward purchased land at Mombaccus, Township of Rochester, where he raised his family.

Hendrick Jansen Cortrecht was among the list of early freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Rochester, who on January 20th, 1714, was assessed the sum of six shillings, ten pence, he at that time being estimated to be worth fifty-five pounds sterling in assessable wealth. On Sept. 22, 1703, his name appears on the "Quit rent" list.

He died in 1741, aged 93 years, and his wife in 1740, having had children, Jan, Hendrick, Cornelis, Geertie, Arie, Antie, Jacob, Louwerens, Jannetje, Pieter, and Catryn.

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## THE CORTRIGHT (KORTRIGHT) FAMILY

## THIRD GENERATION

3. CORNELIS HENDRICKSEN CORTRIGHT, third child of Hendrick, was baptized in the Reformed Dutch Church at New York, the record being, "Cornelis, son of Hendrick Janszen and Catharyn Hans, baptized Nov. 3d, 1680, the sponsors being Jacob Janszen (Decker), Belitie Jans, and Reyer Michielszen." His marriage is thus recorded in the Dutch Church, at Kingston, "Cornelis Hendricksen, j. m., born in Mombackes, and Christina Roosekrans, j. d., born in Kingstouwn, and both residing in Mombackes, married December 26, 1701."

For several years he lived at Rochester, where with his brothers, he was a prominent man, but later in life removed to Marbletown, not far from Rochester, where several of his children were born, and after living there several years, he probably removed to the Minisink district, in Monroe County, Penn., as his wife joined the church there, known as the Smithfield church, June 23, 1745, "upon the representation of satisfactory certificates, in the presence of Niclas Du Pay, elder of the church." He and his wife witnessed the baptism of a grand-child in 1736, so probably he was living in Monroe Co., Pa., at the time, which then was included in Northampton County.

His name was written in the church records variously as, Cortregt, Cortrecht, Cortreght, etc., and sometimes with a K.

The records of the church at Kingston show his children were, Hendrick, Magdalena, Catrina, Johannes, Sara, Cornelis, and Benjamin, all of whom came to the Minisink district, except the latter two, who remained in Ulster County.

## FOURTH GENERATION

## DESCENDANTS OF JOHANNES CORTRIGHT

(See pages 39 and 50)

JOHANNES CORTRIGHT, son of Cornelis Hendricksen and Christina (Roosekrans) Cortright, was born at Marbltown, Ulster County, N. Y., bap. at Kingston, Aug. 15, 1714, and m. Margriet Dennemarken, Jan. 24, 1735. He removed to the Minisink, first settling in the "lower neighborhood" of this district, located in Sussex County, N. J., where in 1731 Johannes Westbrook deeded to him and others, a tract of land for a burying ground and school, the first record of him there.

His brother, Hendrick, also lived there at the time, and both were pioneer settlers in this new country, with other Hollanders who emigrated from Kingston, Marbltown, Hurley, Rochester and other places in Ulster County early in the eighteenth century.

With his family, he removed to Northampton County (now Monroe), Pa. about 1744, across the Delaware River, where he purchased a farm, located in Lower Smithfield Township, his future home.

In 1772, he was assessed there a proprietary tax of four pounds, his son John, Jr., twelve shillings, Christopher, one pound, six shillings and eight pence, and Elisha the same amount.

Johannes and Margaret (Dennemarken) Cortright had issue:

John, bap. Nov. 1, 1738, m. Maria Van Vliet.

Christopher, bap. June 17, 1740, m. Martha Miller.

Samuel, bap. July 5, 1742.

+ Elisha, bap. Jan. 13, 1745, m. Alida (or Huldah) Dingman.

Abraham Van Kampen, bap. Oct. 2, 1748, m. Effie Drake.

Elizabeth, bap. Sept. 3, 1751, m. John Schoonover.

Christina, bap. June 9, 1754.

## FIFTH GENERATION

ELISHA CORTRIGHT, m. Alida (or Huldah) Dingman prior to 1768, removed to the Wyoming Valley about 1774, first settling at Hanover, but later went to Salem, Luzerne County, where he was a farmer.

He survived the battle of Wyoming, July 3, 1778, but his brothers John and Christopher were both killed, their names inscribed on the monument at Wyoming with the other patriots who were killed. Elisha d. in 1821, was buried in Beach Grove Cemetery, having had:

Cornelia, b. Oct. 20, 1768, m. Emanuel Hoover.

+ ~~Abraham b. 1769, m. Sarah Boucher.~~

Eva, b. Mar. 4, 1774, m. Aaron Writer.

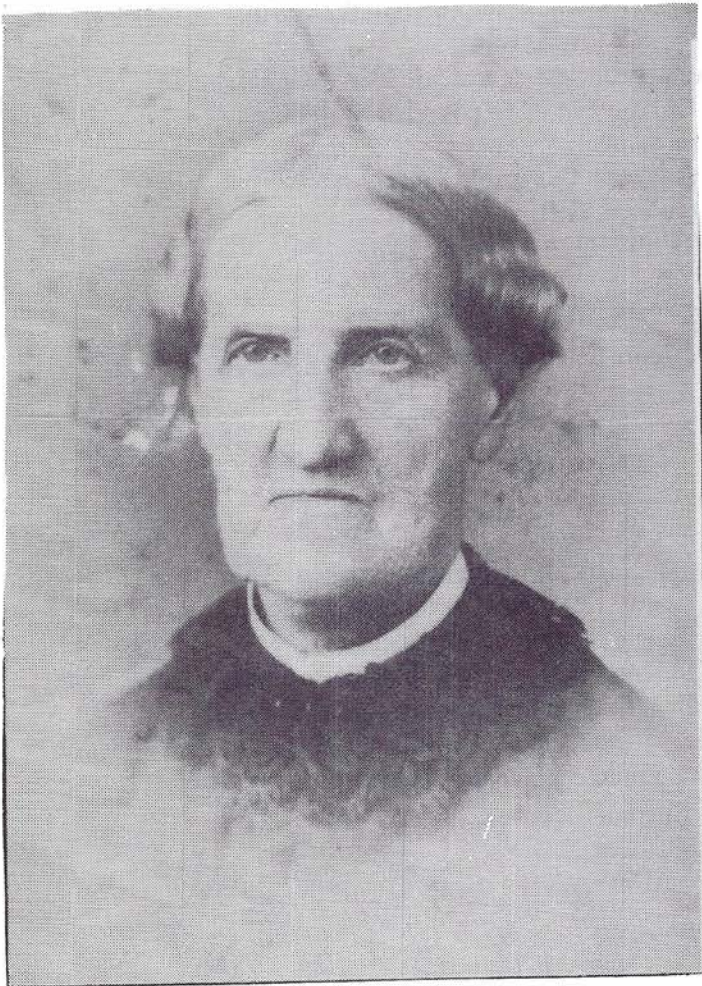
Isaac, b. 1776, m. Mary Dodson.

Andrew, b. 1780, m. Matilda Bowman.

## SIXTH GENERATION

✓ ABRAM AND SARAH (BOUCHTER) COURTRIGHT, issue:  
 + Elisha, b. 1795, m. Sarah Kline-top.  
 + John B., b. 1796, m. Nancy Santee, m. 2d, Eliza Pollock.  
   Margaret, b. 1800, m. Solomon Parker.  
   Ellen, b. 1806, m. Martin Line, m. 2d, Gerard Harrison.  
 + Isaac, b. 1808, m. Mary Pollock.  
 ✓ Joseph, b. 1810, m. Lydia Kline-top.

✓ JOSEPH AND LYDIA (KLINETOP) COURTRIGHT, issue:  
Richard.



LYDIA COURTRIGHT (KLINETOP)



JEANNE CULLIN (COURTRIGHT)

## COURTRIGHT - KLINETOP

Joseph Courtright was born in Pennsylvania December 5, 1810. His parents were Abraham Cortright and Sarah Boucher Cortright. In about 1833 in Pennsylvania at the age of 22 he married Lydia Klinetop. This is shown in the book, "The Courtright" (Kortright) Family Decendants of "Bastian Von Kortryk, a native of Belgium who emigrated to Holland in 1615. By Howard Abbott. On page 98 and 99 it reads as follows:

Joseph Courtright born 1810, married to a Lydia Klinetop and listed one son, Richard. No other dates.

Also Joseph's brother Elisha born 1795 was married to a Sarah Klinetop.

Lydia was born on August 8, 1808 in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, making her age about 25 when they married.

Joseph and Lydia had two children Richard R., born May 30, 1836 in Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania and a daughter named Jeanne.

In 1837 they moved to Dixon, Illinois. Richard would have been one year old.

Then on September 28, 1840 Joseph died, he was only 30 years of age. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Dixon, Illinois.

Lydia lived on in Dixon until 1870 and raised her family. At that time at age 62 she moved to Davenport, Iowa to live with her daughter Jeanne. Jeanne was married many years before to Charles Culins. Lydia lived with her for over 28 years. At over 90 years of age she died in Davenport. She was brought back to Dixon, Illinois and buried beside her husband Joseph in Oakwood Cemetery.

This is how her obituary read in the Dixon paper:

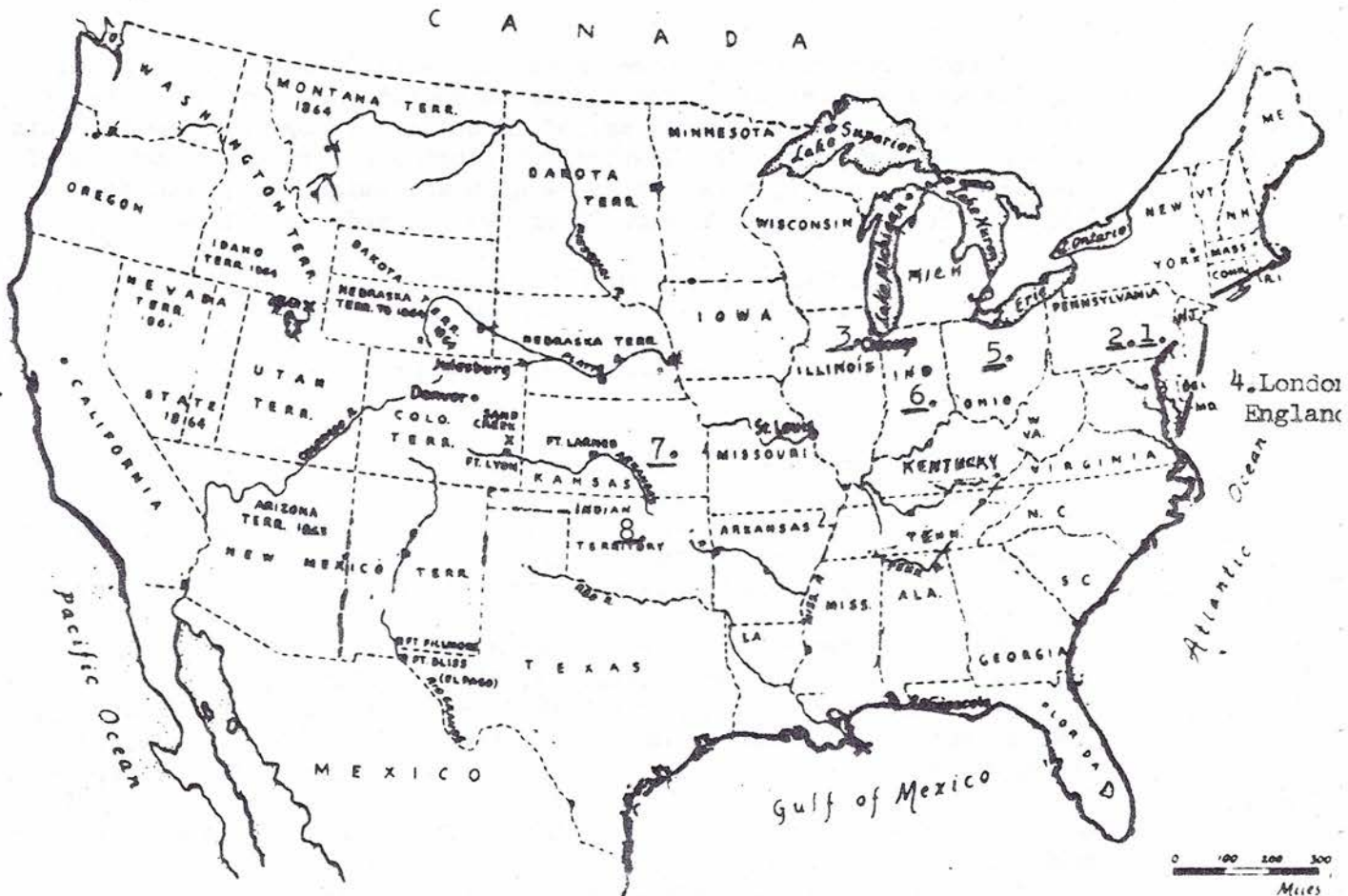
Submitted by: Helen Milliron (Courtright)

## An old settler Dead

The remains of Mrs. Lydia Court-right were brought to this city today from Davenport, Iowa, and buried in Oakwood cemetery at noon. Her daughter, Mrs. Charles Culins, Accompanied by a friend of deceased, Mrs. George Miller, came with the remains. Mrs. Courtright's maiden name was Lydia Klinetop, and she was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1808. She came to Dixon 1837 and here her husband died many years ago. Twenty-eight years ago she went to Davenport to reside with her daughter. She had been ill the past three years but retained her mental faculties to the last and was an exceedingly bright and cheerful lady though over ninety years of age. The funeral services were held in Davenport. Besides this daughter she leaves a son, Richard Courtright, whom many here will remember he now resides in Oklahoma.



## MOVEMENT ACROSS UNITED STATES

COURTRIGHTS

1. 1810 - Joseph Courtright born in Pennsylvania.
2. 1810 - Lydia Klinetop born in Pennsylvania.  
1833 - Joseph Courtright married (circa) Lydia Klinetop.  
1836 - Richard Courtright born in Pennsylvania.
3. 1837 - Joseph Courtright Family moved to Illinois  
1840 - Joseph Courtright died in Illinois.

SLATERS

4. 1807 - Elizabeth Palfyman born in England.
5. 1812 - Thomas Slater born in Ohio.  
Elizabeth Palfyman and Thomas Slater were married. - Place unknown.
6. 1841 - Thomas Slater family was living in Indiana.  
1846 - Hannah Marie Slater born in Indiana.

RICHARD COURTRIGHT FAMILY

7. 1866 - Richard Courtright and Hannah Marie Slater married in Kansas.  
1868 to 1884 - 13 Children were born in Kansas.
8. 1889 - Land rush into Oklahoma

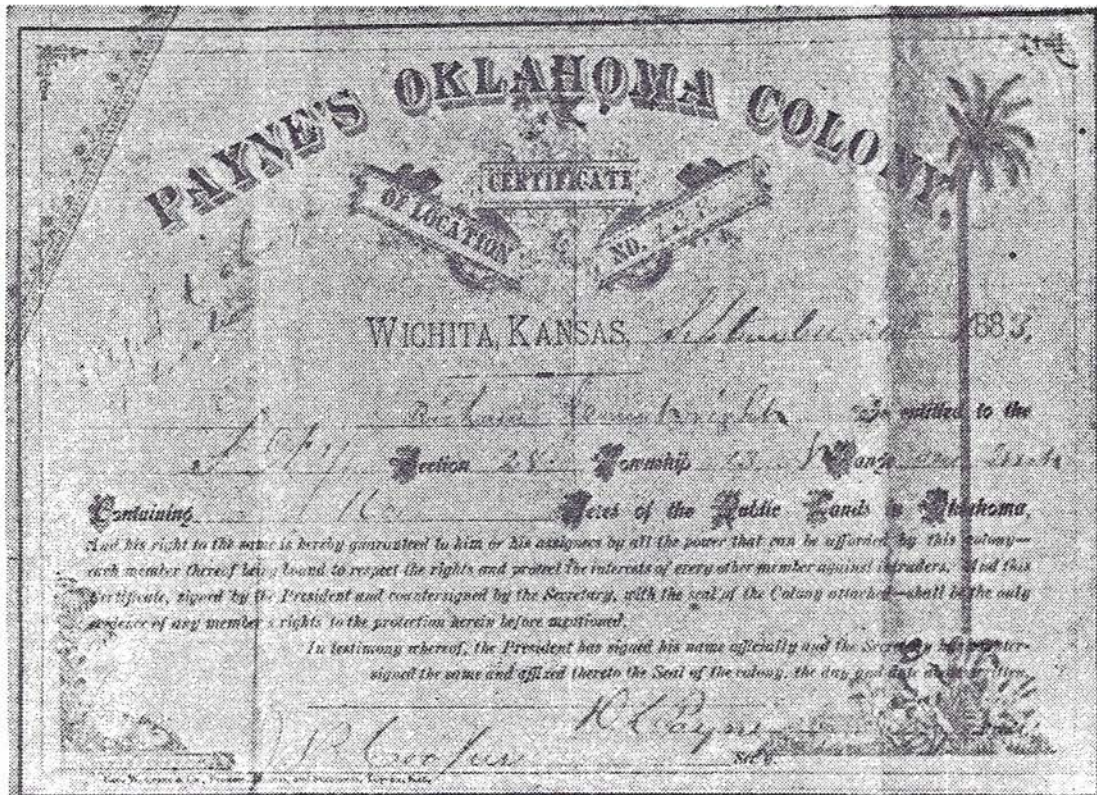
## CHAPTER II

RICHARD R. COURTRIGHT

&amp;

HANNAH MARIE SLATER

## License for a 'Sooner'—Before the Strip



On display in the Ponca City library museum as part of the pioneer and Indian mementoes there is the above land certificate issued by the late David L. Payne, one of the most active of the men who agitated for the opening to settlement of lands such as the Cherokee Strip country.

This certificate was purchased for the museum from Claiborne Collier, 82 former Marland resident now living in California. Collier reported to Mrs. C. W. Arrendell, head of the library's museum committee, that he took part in some of Payne's colonizing movements.

The certificate of location signed by Payne didn't promise settlers much beyond what protection they could provide themselves. It carries at the left a note that it is "subject to change of location" and says:

"Wichita, Kansas, September 20th, 1883

"Richard Courtright is entitled to the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 25, Township 13 N Range One West containing 160 acres of the Public Lands in Oklahoma, and his right to the same is hereby guaranteed to him or his assignees by all the power that can be afforded by this colony—each member thereof being bound to respect the rights and protect the interests of every other member against intruders, and this Certificate, signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, with the seal of the Colony attach-

ed—shall be the only evidence of any member's rights to the protection herein before mentioned.

"In testimony whereof, the President has signed his name officially and the secretary has countersigned the same and affixed the Seal of the colony, the day and date as is written.

"D. L. Payne, pres't.

"J. R. Cooper, sec'y."

### Payne Often Arrested

Payne and his boomers—many of whom later became "sooners" by taking land ahead of the official opening—were particularly active in the Cherokee Strip country.

Numerous arrests failed to deter Payne, who launched a large-scale colonizing movement from Caldwell, Kan., across the Strip in December of 1880. Driven back, Payne organized another colony in 1882, a third in 1883.

One of the biggest of the Payne movements was in August of 1883, when 250 colonists left Arkansas City and came southward into this part of the Strip.

Last of the Payne colonizing attempts was that in 1884. Payne's followers tried to establish the town of Rock Falls on the Chikaski river northwest of Blackwell, about four miles south of Hunnewell, Kan. Quite a settlement was established and a newspaper, The Oklahoma War Chief, was published briefly before the army again ousted the colonists.

### Photographs Are Displayed

Payne's death in Wellington Nov. 27, 1884, left the colonists without a leader, but William L. Crouch, an associate, took over the leadership.

The library museum also is displaying a newly acquired group of photographs of chieftains of the Kaw Indian tribe, which had been placed first in the Washunga headquarters of the tribe by Mrs. Glenn Paris.

Other articles displayed include Indian material given by John Scott Alcorn, the late George L. Brett, a medal and other pieces from Kaw Chief Mose Bellmard and many pieces from the late Ernest Emmett Thompson.

The library museum will be open from 1:30 to 4 p. m. on Tuesday, but the articles will be on display thereafter.

FEDERAL TRACT BOOKS OF OKLAHOMA TERRITORY

ROLL 2 BOOK \_\_\_\_\_ PAGE 107

NAME OF ENTRYMAN: Richard Cowtright LAND OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

LAND: QUARTER SECTION SE SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP 19N RANGE 3E

TYPE OF LAND ENTRY:	DATE OF ENTRY:	LAND ENTRY NUMBER:
CASH PURCHASE	_____	_____
HOMESTEAD APPLICATION	<u>January 14, 1890</u>	<u>6326</u>
HOMESTEAD FINAL CERTIFICATE	<u>February 4, 1895</u>	<u>747</u>
INDIAN ALLOTMENT	_____	_____
OTHER ENTRY	_____	_____

Land entry papers for Oklahoma are in the Washington National Records Center, Archives Branch, 4205 Suitland Rd., Washington, D.C. 20409. Copies are available for a fee. Record copies of the patents are in the Bureau of Land Management, Dept. of the Interior, P.O. Box 1449, Santa Fe, N.M. 87501. Copies of the patents are available for a fee. Please send all numbers and full land description when writing to either agency.

Cowtright Jan 14 1890

747 Feb 4 1895 53 160

Richard Cowtright Jan 14 1890

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HOMESTEAD.

APPLICATION

No. 6326

Land Office at Luther, D. T.

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1890

I, Richard Overbright of Stillwater  
Ind. Ter do hereby apply to enter, under Section 2289,

Revised Statutes of the United States, the South East 1/4

of Section 93 in Township 19<sup>th</sup> of

Range 9<sup>E</sup> containing 160 acres.

Richard County, Ind.

Land Office at Luther, D. T.

July 14, 1890

I, John D. Dill REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE,  
do hereby certify that the above application is for Surveyed Lands of the class  
which the applicant is legally entitled to enter under Section 2289, Revised  
Statutes of the United States, and that there is no prior valid adverse right  
to the same.

John D. Dill

Register.



The Richard Courtright Sr. Family

Left to Right

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|----------|---|---|
| Back Row | - | Richard Jr., Wilbur, Joe and Mary                 |
| 2nd Row  | - | Lydia, Hannah, Gertrude, Helen, Sadie and Charles |
| 3rd Row  | - | Richard Sr., Hannah Marie, Mode                   |

## RICHARD R. AND HANNAH MARIE COURTRIGHT

Richard R. Courtright born May 30, 1836 in Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania his parents were Joseph Courtright and Lydia Klinetop.

Richard was well educated and had varied interests, farming, surveying, and politics. He served as a colonel, in M Company, the second regiment of the cavalry, the Union side.

He married Hannah Marie Slater in Kansas about 1866. She was the daughter of Thomas Slater and Mary Palfyman. Richard was about thirty years of age and Hannah was about twenty. Hannah was a wonderful mother, kind and a very good person.

Richard was a very strict father and they did a wonderful job of raising a large family, however much credit must be given to Hannah for as you will see as their life continued Richard was away from home a good deal of the time.

From this union Hannah bore thirteen children, seven girls and six boys. In order of birth they were Mary E., Amos Wilbur, Joseph, Thomas, Lydia, Gertrude, Rosalie, Charles Henry, Sarah Jane, Richard, Hannah Marie, Helen, and Moses; ten lived to adults. Thomas died in childhood, Rosalie died at one month old and Richard broke his neck while turning a hand spring at age eighteen.

Richard farmed and took odd jobs surveying, during this time he helped survey land in Indian Territory between the Kansas border and what later became Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Many people thought this area should become colonized, based on the belief that the Railroads and the Cattleman were taking it over ignoring the government and the Indian treaties.

Richard joined this group who was under the leadership of David L. Payne, they decided to move on the land in 1883. David Payne issued land grants, such as the copy at the beginning of this chapter.

At one time the Payne Oklahoma Colony had 14,000 members. A thousand of them were illegally in Oklahoma Indian Territory, of course Richard was among them.

There were many skirmishes between Federal Troops and the Colony, many arrests were made and fines assessed, we have no record of Richard being arrested but we do know that he was there. It took the federal troops almost a year to oust them all back to Kansas.

In 1889 the land was opened by the government for homesteading. It was opened by race, the first person their to stake their 160 acres was the owner. At noon on April 22, 1889 Richard was on a fast horse and headed for the area near Stillwater. He knew exactly where he was going for he had been there several times and of course helped survey it.

When he arrived his quarter section was occupied but through court actions proved the occupant was a Sooner. (This was someone who slipped in ahead of the allotted time.)

Hannah and all the children except Lydia, who was married, soon followed. We can imagine the task of taking care of a family in that type of environment. At this time My mother, Hannah Marie was eight years old.

Richard and Hannah built a home, planted and were quite successful on this fertile land, 5 miles south east of Stillwater. Richard continued his social life, he was a member of the Clayton school board, trustee and assessor for the Clayton Township, United State Marshall and Democratic Committeemen.

Hannah passed away on March 21, 1909 at the age of 63. She was buried in Fair Lawn Cemetery, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Richard passed away December 4, 1915 at the age of 79. He was buried beside Hannah in Fair Lawn Cemetery.

This ends an era, but from this union of 13 children came forth a new generation of 66 grandchildren. I wonder how many descendents in all, in my family which is Hannah Marie Courtright Ladd we give Grandfather and Grandmother nine Grand-children, seventeen Great Grandchildren and thirty-two Great Great Grand-children and we owe much to the wonderful teaching, preserverance, courage and love of Grandfather Richard and Grandmother Hannah.



1890 - 1st Territorial Census  
Census—United States

State <i>Oklahoma</i>				County	Town/Township																									
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				<i>Courtight, Richard</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>54</i>						<i>Penn.</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>13 mo.</i>			<i>Co. M Reg. 2, Col.</i>				<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>				
				<i>Hanna</i>	<i>wife</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>44</i>						<i>Ind.</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>13 mo.</i>						<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>					
				<i>Wilber A</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>21</i>						<i>Kas.</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>7 mo.</i>						<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>					
				<i>Joseph</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>20</i>						<i>Kas.</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1 mo.</i>						<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>					
				<i>Tertrude</i>	<i>da.</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>16</i>						<i>Kas.</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>6 mo.</i>						<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>					
				<i>Charles H.</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>13</i>						<i>Kas.</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>8 mo.</i>						<i>X</i>	<i>no</i>					
				<i>Sarah</i>	<i>da.</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>13</i>						<i>Kas.</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>2 mo.</i>						<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>					
				<i>Richard</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>11</i>						<i>Kas.</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>8 mo.</i>						<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>					
				<i>Hannah</i>	<i>da.</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>9</i>						<i>Kas.</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>8 mo.</i>						<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>					
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				<i>Mabel</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>5</i>						<i>Kas.</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8 mo.</i>						<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>					
				<i>Mary E.</i>	<i>da.</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>22</i>						<i>Kas.</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>13 mo.</i>						<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>					

# 1900 Census—United States

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Oklahoma				Payne										Pawnee															
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			28	Courtright, Richard	Head	W	M	May	1836	64	M	32			Penn.	Penn.	Penn.				Farmer	0		yes	yes	yes	R		F
				Hannah	Wife	W	F	July	1848	51	M	32	13	9	Ind.	Ohio	England							NO	NO	yes			
				Hannah	Daughter	W	F	Mar	1881	19	S				Kan.	Penn.	Indi.						0	yes	yes	yes			
				Helen	Daughter	W	F	Nov	1882	17	S				Kan.	Penn.	Ind.						0	yes	yes	yes			
				Moses	Son	W	M	Dec	1884	15	S				Kan.	Penn.	Ind.				Farm laborer	0	0	yes	yes	yes			
				Slater, Samuel	Bro. in law	W	M	July	1841	58	wd.				Ind.	Ohio	England							yes	yes	yes			
				Howard, James P.	Son	W	M	Sept	1848	51	wd.				Missouri	Kent.	Tenn.				Farm laborer			yes	yes	yes			

DECEMBER 31, 1915

## OBITUARY

Richard Courtright.

Richard Courtright was born in Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 30, 1836; died December 5, 1915. He came to Kansas in an early day where he was married to Miss Hannah Slater. To their union were born thirteen children, six boys and seven girls. This wife preceded him in death March 21, 1909. Two children died in infancy, two lived to be grown and passed away, nine still survive, and all live in Oklahoma except one daughter, Sadie Walkenshaw, who lives in Iowa, and all were present at the funeral except Mrs. Walkenshaw.

"Uncle Dick," as he was familiarly called all over Payne county, was one of the early pioneers of Oklahoma, having come into the country with Capt. David L. Payne, but was ordered out by government troops. He afterward made the race into Oklahoma and finally got a claim five miles southeast of Stillwater, where he lived for about twenty years. He was a member of the Clayton township school board before the organization of the districts. Afterward he continued to be a member of the school board of Oak Grove district until he finally removed to another district, but was almost continually on the school board until a few years before his death. He also served as township trustee of Clayton township and assessor of the same township in every capacity in which he served he faithfully and honorably served the people to the best of his ability, and his work was always of a high order. He was a kind father, a good neighbor, and trustworthy friend. Many a poor, struggling claimholder in early days had cause to bless the name of Richard Courtright for his timely aid and counsel. He served as county central committeeman for the democratic party several times, and many noted men were entertained at his hospitable home. His body was laid to rest in Fair Lawn cemetery, Stillwater, following services at the home of his son, Charles, near Perkins, December 6, 1915.

And so closes the life chapter of a good man, great because of his faith in man's humanity to man, and so we say of him:

There is no death! The stars go  
down  
To rise upon some fairer shore,  
And bright in heaven's jeweled  
crown  
They shine forever more.

CHAPTER III

RICHARD R. COURTRIGHT

&

HANNAH MARIE COURTRIGHT  
(Slater)

CHILDREN

Courtright, Mary E.

Born: 20 April 1868  
Where: Jackson Co, Kansas  
Died: 13 Nov. 1927  
Where: Osage Co., OK  
Married: Collier, Claiborn

Children:

Collier, Edgar  
Collier, Etta  
Collier, Clairborn (Bud)  
Collier, Ruth

Mary was born April 20, 1868 in Jackson County Kansas. She Homesteaded 80 acres adjacent to her fathers in the Oklahoma land rush of 1889.

She later married Claiborn Collier. They had four children.

They lived on and farmed the above land all their lives.

A copy of the recording of her homestead papers accompanies this writing. She preceded Claiborn in death by 20 years, passing away on November 13, 1927.

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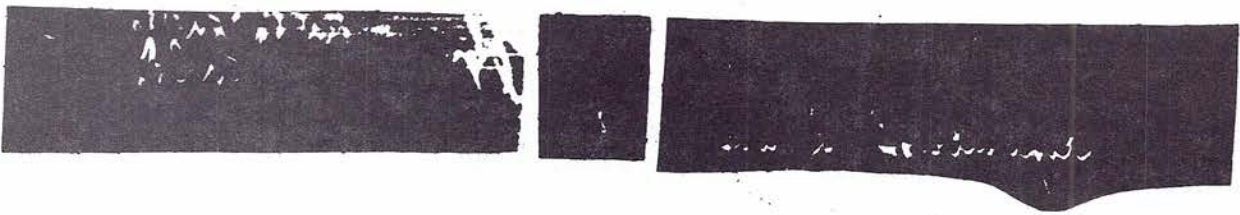
NAME OF ENTRYMAN: Wm. C. Conright LAND OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

LAND: QUARTER SECTION 5<sup>th</sup> SE<sup>4</sup> SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP 19N RANGE R3E

TYPE OF LAND ENTRY: (80 acres) DATE OF ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ LAND ENTRY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CASH PURCHASE	_____	_____
HOMESTEAD APPLICATION	<u>July 23, 1889</u>	<u>4016</u>
HOMESTEAD FINAL CERTIFICATE	<u>January 15, 1896</u>	<u>1576</u>
INDIAN ALLOTMENT	_____	_____
OTHER ENTRY	_____	_____

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Courtright, Amos Wilbur

Born: 12 May 1869  
 Where: Jackson Co., Kansas  
 Died: Dec. 1943  
 Where:  
 Married: Sneed , Frankie

Children:

Courtright, Richard  
 Courtright, Ruby  
 Courtright, Viola  
 Courtright, Flournoy  
 Courtright, Marie  
 Courtright, John  
 Courtright, Earl

Dear Barbara

Some of the questions you asked in your letter will be answered in part by the enclosed forms. You will note that Frankie's real name was Lilly Frances, however they tell me she always went by the name of Frank of Frankie, and why, I haven't been able to find out. She died at age 42 of cancer of the uterus or cervix, I'm not sure. It was quite tragic, as Uncle John was only 7 yrs. old and Earl was 8, Marie was 12, and my mother (Viola) was only 16. She, being the oldest still at home was compelled to be mother to the children. Of course it was extremely hard as she was trying so hard to complete high school and keep the home. She graduated, but it was only her extreme determination and guts. Consequently, she continued to feel as their mother even after they were grown.

Wilbur and Frankie were married in Kans. and later moved near Stillwater, then they lived for a time at Ingalls, where 3 or 4 of the children were born. They also lived near Clayton for a time, and then eventually bought a farm near Perry, and later moved near Perkins, where both Frankie and Wilbur later died.

Wilbur and his brother Joe were both old time cowboys in the early days, and worked on the famous 101 Ranch in the Osage Country (what is now northeastern Okla.).

I don't know of anything I can tell you about Wilbur, other than he was first a cowboy, and later was a farmer, mostly in Payne and Logan counties all his life. With no education, and never any money, he had a difficult time making ends meet during the time his family was growing up. Making a living out of the red clay soil of Okla. was no easy task, but he worked hard and was a gentle and kindly man to all who knew him.

Grandpa raised mostly cotton and corn, and I would suppose oats and feed for his cattle. Mama said all the kids were required to pick cotton during the summer as that was probably their main money crop.

*Lilly Mae*

Dear Barbara,

Since I wrote you I have remembered several little things I remember Mama telling us about while we were children at home. They are probably insignificant, and of no use to you but I thought interesting.

As I told you, Wilbur (Grandpa) was a cowboy while he was young, and he told several instances of meeting Indians, because at that time they still roamed freely in Okla. Territory, and they camped all over. One time, he and Uncle Joe happened upon an Indian camp late in the evening. They were tired and hungry, and the Indians invited them to have some supper with them. Grandpa said it looked like beef stew in a large iron pot over the fire. They handed him a dipper and a plate. The old Indian remarked, "Dig down deep - puppies in the bottom". He was pretty shocked, but dog meat was a delicacy to the Indians, so he took a plate full. Maybe he just ate the vegetables and pushed the meat aside-ha.

Another incident, Wilbur's wife (Frank) was baking bread one day. Of course you must remember that in those days, those old log cabins were hot in the summer, and of course they always didn't have screen doors, so Grandma (Frank) left the kitchen door open to get some cool air. She was bustling about the kitchen, and happened to look up and a tall Indian stood in the doorway. He couldn't speak English but just grunted and pointed to the fragrant fresh loaves of bread she had just removed from the oven. She was so scared she gave him two loaves and he took off in a trot.

Grandpa also told of the time an old Indian chief had offered him 80 acres of land for my mother (Viola) when she was a little girl. She was a beautiful child, with long dark curls and big violet eyes. He really wanted her and offered Grandpa land for her. Grandpa often teased Mama (Viola) about it in later years, and said he wished he had made the trade, as those 80 acres later had oil on them.

All for now,  
Love, *Viola Mae*



1900 Census—United States

State Oklahoma County Payne Town/Township Pawnee  
 Microfilm roll number \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3 June 1900 Supervisor's district number 219  
 Enumeration district number 189 Sheet number 2 Page number \_\_\_\_\_

Location				Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family	Relation to head of family	Personal description										Nativity			Citizenship			Occupation		Education			Home owned or rented	Home owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house
Street	House number	Dwelling number	Family number			Color	Sex	Month of birth	Year of birth	Age	Marital status	Number of years married	Mother of how many children	No. of these children living	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Year of immigration to US	Number of years in US	Naturalization	Occupation	No. of months not employed	Attended sch. (months)	Can read	Can write	Can speak English			
				<u>Cowtright, Wilbur</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>May 1869</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>7</u>			<u>Kan.</u>	<u>Pa.</u>	<u>Ind.</u>				<u>farmer</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>				<u>F</u>
				<u>Francis</u>	<u>wife</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Mar 1875</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>MO.</u>							<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>				
				<u>Richard C.</u>	<u>son</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Feb. 1894</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>S</u>				<u>OKI.</u>	<u>KA.</u>	<u>MO.</u>						<u>2</u>							
				<u>Reben</u>	<u>son</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Sep. 1885</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>S</u>				<u>OKI.</u>	<u>KA.</u>	<u>MO.</u>													
				<u>Clarence</u>	<u>son</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Aug. 1899</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>S</u>				<u>OKI.</u>	<u>KA.</u>	<u>MO.</u>													
				<u>Viola</u>	<u>daugh.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>July 1899</u>	<u>10/12</u>	<u>S</u>				<u>OKI.</u>	<u>KA.</u>	<u>MO.</u>													

Courtright, Joseph

Born: 24 June 1870  
Where: Jackson Co., Kansas  
Died: 28 Oct. 1944  
Where: Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Married: Vines, Amanda Jane

Children:

- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Courtright, Carl         | Courtright, Bertha  |
| Courtright, Harold       | Courtright, Helen   |
| Courtright, Marjoria     | Courtright, Richard |
| Courtright, Gertrude     | Courtright, DeWayne |
| Courtright, Foris (Buck) | Courtright, Lucia   |
| Courtright, Joseph       |                     |

Submitted by: Helen Milliron (Daughter of Joseph Courtright)

"Cimarron Family Legends"  
Vol II 1980  
Publisher: Perkin Journal  
Perkins, Oklahoma

Joe was a old time cowboy, he operated the livery stable in Stillwater and Perry. In later life he worked for Tom Berry and Rassie Hert gathering cattle and mules and driving them to the rail head at "Vinco". He and Amanda had 11 children.

The Joe Courtright children attended school several years at Forest Valley School. Their father worked for Tom Berry. In 1914 there were seven of them in school.

In 1916 they moved to the "Union" School District at that time there were three sets of Courtright cousins in the same school. They even had the Courtright baseball team.

In 1924 Gertrude, Joe's second daughter, returned to the school district as a teacher where she formally attended as a fifth and sixth grade student.

A year later the school was consolidated into the Perkins District.

Among the children and grandchildren of Joe Courtright are doctors, teachers, ministers and many other vocations. A great many still live in the Perkins and Stillwater area.

*We were poor and all of us worked and all in all were a very close and happy family and still are although we don't live very close. Gertrude and I live the closest. About 30 mi. apart. We keep in touch by phone & letters. Carl is the farthest. He is in New Mexico*

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NAME OF ENTRYMAN: Joseph F. Courtwright LAND OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

LAND: QUARTER SECTION SW SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP 18 N RANGE 1 E  
*(160 acres)*

TYPE OF LAND ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ LAND ENTRY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CASH PURCHASE

HOMESTEAD APPLICATION

Sept. 30, 1889

5154

HOMESTEAD FINAL CERTIFICATE

March 10, 1896

1735

INDIAN ALLOTMENT

OTHER ENTRY \_\_\_\_\_

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*Joseph F. Courtwright* *Sept 30 1889*

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State OKlahoma County Payne Town/Township Cimmarron  
 Microfilm roll number \_\_\_\_\_ Date 7 June 1900 Supervisor's district number \_\_\_\_\_ Enumeration district number 181 Sheet number 23 Page number \_\_\_\_\_

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Street	House number	Dwelling number	Family number			Color	Sex	Month of birth	Year of birth	Age	Marital status	Number of years married	Mother of how many children	No. of these children living	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Year of immigration to US	Number of years in US	Naturalization	Occupation	No. of months not employed	Attended sch. (months)	Can read			
				<u>Cowtright, Joseph</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>1870</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>KA.</u>	<u>Ills.</u>	<u>MO.</u>				<u>Farmer</u>			<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>F</u>
				<u>Amanda</u>	<u>wife</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>1874</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>ARK.</u>	<u>Georgia</u>	<u>MO.</u>							<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>		
				<u>Carl</u>	<u>son</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>1899</u>	<u>1 1/2</u>				<u>OKla.</u>	<u>KA.</u>	<u>ARK.</u>											
				<u>Wise, James</u>	<u>ser.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>July</u>		<u>22</u>				<u>MO.</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>MO.</u>				<u>Farm laborer</u>	<u>2.</u>		<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>		

Courtright, Thomas

Born: 22 Sept. 1871  
Died in childhood

Courtright, Lydia

Born: 16 Oct. 1873  
Where: Jackson Co., Kansas  
Died 13 Nov. 1935  
Where: <sup>1</sup> Oklahoma  
Married: <sup>1</sup> Elwood, Charles  
<sup>2</sup> Wilson, John

Children:

Elwood, Clyde	Wilson, Nellie
Elwood, Cyrus	Wilson,
Elwood,	Wilson, Vernie
Elwood, Harrison	Wilson, Lucile
Wilson, Harvey	Wilson, Virgie
Wilson, Andy	
Wilson, Willis	
Wilson, Elsie	

Lydia was born October 16, 1873, in Jackson County Kansas. She married at an early age to Charles Elwood. They had four children. She re-married later to John Wilson. They had nine children. They lived around Ripley, Oklahoma. She passed away at age 62 November 13, 1935.

Submitted by: Anna May Phillips (Ladd)

In 1913 Hannah and Irvie Ladd moved, the farm had been acquired by Hannah's sister Lydia and her husband John Wilson. It was a school lease and had two parts to the house, one made of logs and the other of boards connected by a long porch. They soon made friends with neighbors. Quite a number of Indian families lived in the vicinity.

The following year the John Wilson family decided they wanted to move on the farm. So for several months they lived in one part of the house and the Ladds in the other. The Wilson boys were older than the Ladd children. They were permitted to build a big bonfire outside and keep it going for days. What great times they all had.

The Indians would have big pow-wows and feasts. One cold winter night a knock sounded on the door. When the door was opened there stood four intoxicated Indians. They were invited in, for fear they would freeze if turned away. The men kept a fire all night in the heater. The Indians lay around on the floor until morning. Then they left. All the times the Ladds and Wilsons lived there the Indians did not harm or bother them in any way.

Submitted by: Elsie Wilson Vanzandt

Dad was adventuresome. We moved around in Oklahoma. He usually bought his land. The last home was a farm about 10 mi. from Stillwater.

He got a oil lease on it, but no oil. After his death mother bought a house in Mehan.

We and:

aunt Hannah's family had great times together. Our mothers used to do the Indian dance to entertain us.

Courtright, Charles Henry (Twin of Sarah)

Born: 9 Jan. 1878  
 Where: Cedar Vale, Kansas  
 Died: 13 July 1956  
 Where: Oklahoma City, OK  
 Married: Little, Bessie

Children:

Courtright, Roy	Courtright, Pearl
Courtright, Charles	Courtright, Delce
Courtright, Claiborn	Courtright, Betty
Courtright, Willie	Courtright, Walter

Submitted by : Delce Copeland - Daughter of Charles Courtright

We lived on a farm, which we owned, 4 miles East of Perkins and 1 mile north.

I can remember a very bad snow storm in 1930 and the drought years. (1932 or 1933) We lost all of our fruit trees, about all that came up was our early corn. That meant corn meal mush, hominy, and canned corn; it got rather tiresome. There was no crops so the government bought our cattle and slaughtered them. The farmer was allowed to keep the meat if they chose, we canned stew meat, beef steak and what ever else we could use. I just remember getting sick of red meat for awhile but we didn't go hungry. One year before all this we ( the whole family including your Grandmother Hannah) canned 1000 qts. of peaches. That was the last good crop of peaches for 5 years. I have a picture of everyone peeling peaches. The boys slept in the wagons and it was kind of fun with everyone around and laughing alot.

I also remember the dust bowl days, washing clothes on the board and hanging them on the line. Then seeing the dust come in and hurrying out to get them off the line and putting them in baskets all covered up but they got dirty anyway and had to be done over. Seems like we were always poor and I didn't know any better.

*In Memory of**Charles H. Courtright**Born**January 9, 1878**Date of Death**July 13, 1956**Services from**Strode Chapel**Clergyman Officiating**Bro. John R. Stewart**Final Resting Place**Fairlawn**My father**A Living Memorial*

Left to right - Wilber Courtright and wife Frances  
 Joseph Courtright and wife Amanda  
 Mode Courtright and wife Rose  
 Charles Courtright and wife Bessie



Submitted by Delcy Copeland - daughter of Charles H. Courtright

### WASHDAY

It's Monday of any week, that means washday. Rush to get breakfast over and the dishes washed and put away. Put beans on to cook for dinner. Strip the beds of sheets, there is probably only one pair to a bed. While Mother is doing these "small" chores one of the kids, or two if they are small, is out at the old pump filling a wash tub full of water. Then mother builds a fire under the old black cast iron kettle which is filled with water.

The order of the day from then on:

If it is warm weather the wash tubs and the old wash board is placed under a tree. Clothes to be washed are in assorted piles according to color. The sheets or white things are washed first. Using a cake of homemade lye soap, you wash on the rubboard hoping you don't scrape your knuckles. ( that hurt's) You rub on the board, rub generously with lye soap up and down, until it is really clean. No spots! Wring it out and place in tub of rinse water. When the first rinse tub is full, the clothes are rinsed up and down, wrung out and put in the kettle of hot water which has cut up lye soap in it. Then while boiling, a stick (usually an old cut off broom handle) is used to stir the clothes, from the boiling water with this same stick. They are put in a tub of cold water. The soap is rinsed out again, wrung out and placed in a tub of bluing water. This helped keep the white things white. Then you rinse again, put in a basket carry to the clothes line and hang up to dry. Then you start again on the other "batches" of clothes. Changing water when the one is no longer deemed to be clean enough. The men's work clothes are washed last because they are the darkest and dirtiest. Things that need starch, such as dresses, dresser scarves, men shirts, ect. are taken into the house. If you are lucky enough to be able to afford "Faultless" starch you use that. Otherwise a starch is made of a little flour and water cooked on the wood stove and weakened down, according to the amount of stiffening wanted in the garment. These are hung on the line.

The men come in from the fields for dinner. At our house it was usually the beans and home made bread or corn bread, if there is time. Maybe something from the jars in the cellar pickled beets, canned peaches, pickles from the pickle barrell or some home made sour kraut from a large crockery jar. The beans are seasoned with salt pork or ham. All in all it's a very good meal.

Then it was the dishes and back to the old rubboard. The other clothes taken off the line and folded and put away. The sheets are put back on the beds. The starched pieces are brought in and put in a pile. You fill a bowl full of water and dip your fingers in the bowl and one at a time sprinkle the clothes to be ironed. Then roll each and put in a bushel basket.

Then it's time for supper. Eggs to gather, wood to be brought in, chicken's to feed, go to the pasture and bring in the cows, and the lamps to be filled with oil. The men feed the livestock and milk the cows. Then after the dishes are washed someone brings out the violin or harmonica. We sing and dance around and have a little fun. Then the kids gather around the dining table and study.

It's the end of another wash day. Tomorrow we iron with the old flat irons heated on the stove.

I remember often I was in my own home years later thanking God for my electric iron and now I thank God for automatic washers and clothes dryers and especially for dacron and polyester. I have more wash days but I still have time to bake a batch of cookies or a cake (using a cake mix), watch a favorite TV program or just sit and think about "THE GOOD OLD DAYS".

*Delce Copeland*

Courtright, Sarah Jane

(Twin to Charles)

Born: 9 Jan. 1878

Where: Cedar Vale, Kansas

Died: 26 Sept. 1938

Where:

Married: Walkinshaw, Will

Children:

Walkinshaw, Roy

Walkinshaw, Pearl

Walkinshaw, John

Walkinshaw, Esther

Walkinshaw, Hannah

Walkinshaw, Edgar

Walkinshaw, Nettie

Walkinshaw, Etta

Sarah Jane was born January 9, 1878 in Cedar Vale, Kansas. She married Will Walkinshaw and they lived on a farm all their lives near Blanchard, Iowa. They had eight children. Sarah and her brother Charles were twins. She died September 26, 1938.

## Courtright, Richard

Born: 2 Jan. 1880  
 Where: Cedar Vale, Kansas  
 Died: 8 July 1898  
 He was age 18.

*Do you know how Richard Courtright  
 died? I have he was Born 2 Jan 1880  
 and died 8 July 1898 at age 18?  
 Mother told us he was turning-hand-  
 springs and fell and broke his neck.*

## Courtright, Gertrude

Born: 21 Oct. 1874  
 Where: Jackson Co., Kansas  
 Died: 29 Mar. 1900  
 Where:  
 Married: Vines, Lee

## Children:

Vines, Harry

Gertrude was born October 21, 1874 in Jackson County, Kansas. She married Lee Vines. They had one child, Harry. She died at the early age of 26 on March 29, 1900.

## Courtright, Rosalie

Born: 27 Dec. 1875  
 Where: Cedar Vale, Kansas  
 Died: Died in infancy - 1 month old.

Born: 24 Mar. 1881  
Where: Cedar Vale, Kansas  
Died: 13 Mar. 1949  
Where: Drumright, Oklahoma  
Husband: Ladd, Irvie Earl

Children:

- Ladd, Anna May
- Ladd, Goldie
- Ladd, Charlie
- Ladd, Homer
- Ladd, Troy
- Ladd, Etna (Roy)
- Ladd, Earl
- Ladd, Kenneth
- Ladd, Donald

**AFFIDAVIT OF BIRTH**

For use in cases where Certificates of Birth cannot be supplied

PLACE OF BIRTH

County of Chautauque STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

Township of \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OF KANSAS

City of Cedarvale No. \_\_\_\_\_ street. Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Child Hannah Marie Courtright

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

ALL DATA USED IN THIS AFFIDAVIT MUST BE AS OF DATE OF BIRTH OF THIS CHILD.

Sex of Child. <u>7</u>	Twin, Triplet, or other?	Number in order of birth.	Legitimate. <u>yes</u>	Date of birth <u>Mar. 24, 1881</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)
Full Name. <u>FATHER</u> <u>Richard Courtright</u>		Full Name. <u>MOTHER</u> <u>Hannah Slater</u>		
Residence. <u>Cedarvale, Kansas</u>		Residence. <u>Cedarvale, Kansas</u>		
Color. <u>White</u>	Father's age. <u>44</u> years. (At time of birth of this child)	Color. <u>White</u>	Mother's age. <u>34</u> years. (At time of birth of this child)	
Birthplace. <u>Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania</u>		Birthplace. <u>Indiana</u>		
Occupation. <u>Farmer</u>		Occupation. <u>Housewife</u>		

(Name of attending physician)

**AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, MIDWIFE, PARENT, NEAREST RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS OF THIS BIRTH.**

State of Oklahoma, Payne County, ss.

E.H. Courtright being first duly sworn, on oath states that he resides at Stillwater in Payne Oklahoma, and that the statements contained in the foregoing Affidavit of Birth are true and correct, as affiant is informed and verily believes.

E.H. Courtright

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for said county and state, this 14 day

of July 1942.  
My commission expires Nov 6, 1943.

Louis Cochran  
Notary Public.

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ State Registrar.

By: Earl Ladd

Hannah was born March 24, 1881 near Cedar Vale, Kansas, she was eight years of age when they came to Oklahoma. She grew up on the frontier and could ride and shoot as good as the boys. When about eighteen she was taking the census for Clayton Township, she didn't get back until late. She saw this white object bobbing along in front of her, finally she decided she would run over it, she spurred her horse and ran at it. As she approached in the dark, a man with a white sack of flour on his shoulder, yelled, "What do you think your doing!" She swerved and missed him. The next day one of her neighbors said some drunk tried to run over him.

Hannah had beautiful blond hair, blue eyes and was a friend to everyone.

She married Irvie Earl Ladd and they had nine children. She passed away March 13, 1949 and was buried in the Parkland Cemetery.

Courtright, Helen C.

Born: 6 Nov. 1882  
 Where: Cedar Vale, Kansas  
 Died: 14 Jan. 1965  
 Where: Seattle, Washington  
 Husband: DuRain, Leo

Children:

DuRain, Ruth  
 DuRain, Helen Marie  
 DuRain, LeoMae  
 DuRain, Wayne

Submitted by: Ruth Focht (DuRain) - daughter of Helen DuRain (Courtright)

Helen was born November 6, 1882 in Cedar Vale, Kansas. She married Leo Edward DuRain and they lived near Perry, Oklahoma. They had four children. Hannah and she were quite close and visited each other alot. They retired to Lela, Oklahoma, Leo passed away at age 67. Helen passed away at age 83 on January 14, 1965 in Seattle, Washington while living with her daughter Helen. They were both laid to rest in Highland Cemetery Pawnee, Oklahoma.

They owned 320 acres 16 miles north of Perry, Okla.  
 At the peak of the depression the government shot and  
 buried 300 head of cattle, there was nothing to feed them  
 He lost better than 100 head of hogs. Then he  
 lost the farm. Moved north of Lela on leased ground, until  
 buying their home in Lela. "



*In Memory Of*  
**Mrs. Helen C. DuRain**

Born November 6, 1882  
 Cedar Vale, Kansas

Entered Into Rest January 14, 1965  
 Seattle, Washington

Service 11:00 A.M.  
 Wednesday, January 20, 1964

Poteet Funeral Chapel  
 Pawnee, Oklahoma

*Officiating*  
 Rev. H. E. Hitt

**BEARERS**

Frank Gates	Harry Vines
Cecil Milliron	Claud Clancy
Walter Courtright	Lewis Copeland

*Interment*  
 Highland Cemetery  
 Pawnee, Oklahoma

Under Direction  
**POTEET FUNERAL HOME**  
 Pawnee, Oklahoma

Courtright, Moses

Born: 18 Dec. 1884  
Where: Cedar Vale, Kansas  
Died: 19 July 1977  
Where:  
Wife: Dillman, Rose

Children:

Courtright, Freda  
Courtright, Merle

Moses was born December 18, 1884, the youngest of 13 children. He married Rose Dillman and they had two children. They divorced not long after the birth of their children.

Rose boarded executives in her home in the 1930's in Bristow, Oklahoma.

She was very kind to me (Earl Ladd) while I was attending Bristow Junior College, I assisted her in preparation of the meals for my board and I owe her the greatest appreciation for her help and generosity. Moses or (Mode) as he was called never re-married, he lived in Blanchard, Iowa and worked at various construction jobs. Although he was the youngest he lived to be the oldest.

He passed away July 19, 1977 at the age of 93.

## CHAPTER IV

SLATER

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## SLATER - PALFYMAN

Thomas Issach Slater was born in Ohio in 1812. Elizabeth Palfyman was born in 1807 in London, England. When she emigrated to the United States is not known at this time but in the United State Census of 1850, La Grande County, Indiana it reads as follows:

Name	Age	Sex	Born
Thomas Slater	38	M	Ohio
Elizabeth Slater	43	F	England
Samuel Slater	9	M	Indiana
Amos Slater	5	M	"
Hannah Slater	3	F	"
Pete Slater	1	M	"

Occupation: Farmer

So from this we can see they had lived in Indiana since 1841 and at that time had four children. The fourth child Hannah Marie Slater was born July 15, 1846 in La Grande County, Indiana.

This information was submitted by Ruth Juanita Focht from a letter written by Mrs. Calvin Slater (Celia) to her mother Helen DuRain (Courtright) on September 20, 1957. The letter had many other interesting facts and read as follows:

Stillwater Okla  
Sept 19, 1957.

Dear Helen, your letter recd. and as always so glad to hear from you. Just me and little Steve, I call him Pat so much we talk to him about his Grandpa. so much we want him to remember him,

(SON'S) I am glad you Louis Leg is better I really know about how you feel when some thing gets wrong with the Children.

I <sup>(am)</sup> am trying to find out where  
 Sam. and Julia were married  
 it was <sup>(out)</sup> out at Sedan Kans. so  
 I sent one <sup>(letter)</sup> to Hoton. but I talked  
 to Rosa yesterday over the phone  
 she said it mite be Windfield  
 so I'll try it, also  
 his first marriage. I reced. a nice  
 letter from the Probate judge  
 at Sedan. of the sale of a former  
<sup>(who)</sup> <sup>(and)</sup> <sup>(and)</sup>  
 wife, was a Bro. to Lou  
 Sam Slater. and the, and list  
 of the heirs that was as follows.  
 Sarah J. Slater, widow  
 John, Hannah, Truce, Sanford,  
 Owen, George, Gilbert,  
 Barbary Bundle and Sara "Ward,  
 date" about Dec. 23, 1878, I had  
 some of these <sup>(Name's)</sup> names.  
 John's family was The girl  
 Gertrude was the one I  
 use to correspond with but

Just quit writing, and when  
I did, she had left I guess  
I let Frank Slater have all  
those papers pertaining to  
<sup>(family)</sup> that, Prince and he said he  
would give them to Alford  
Crane, and I think he did.  
I just got Grace's daughter's  
address. The other wife so  
I am going to write her  
and get Harry Crane's <sup>(address)</sup> address,  
that's Alfred's son, he is  
a Lawyer to, so maybe he  
has those papers I gave Frank. I  
<sup>(am)</sup> am running out the Church  
records and it shows up old  
Sam Slater, <sup>(who)</sup> who brought the  
place of the first Cotton gin  
in the U.S. Esther said

it sure give him <sup>(sam)</sup> a good  
 record, and if all men was  
 as he, what as he was, how  
 fine they would have been,  
 she told all it said about  
 him, I just cant under  
 stand why she didnt go  
 and see who had been  
 Bapitized. There is a <sup>(woman)</sup> Mormon  
<sup>(down)</sup> down there some where she  
 told Walker her mother was  
 a Slater, and told him all  
 about, Sam Slater, also the  
 Prince of Orange, and King of  
 England told him he had  
 nothing to worrie about the  
 Slaters had all been Bapitized  
 for up to, 1946, and she was  
 going back to Salt Lake.  
 Walker ask me if I thought  
 she was windy, I said no  
 some of these <sup>(some)</sup> Slater's <sup>(came)</sup> comes  
 to Okla.

(oh yes)  
 Eyes Helen, that Picture  
 you have with the man <sup>(MAN)</sup>  
 with that Mustache, I said  
 Looked like Aunt Lizzie Slater  
 its her Father and Mother  
 I knew. I had seen that Picture  
 at Lydaies, George Slater and  
 Wife. she was a Maines.

George Maines own Sister,  
 so some time if I can I  
 would like to have a Picture  
 of it, I had, a small one of  
 your Mother, and Grandpa  
 and Uncle Pete.

I <sup>(saw)</sup> Derwayne Courtwright last  
 eve, over at the Store on  
 Chandler Y. on 18 H. J. see  
 him every once and a while  
 so take care of yourself  
 and just let Jack Frost  
 get the weeds <sup>at em</sup>  
 I can scratch, I write ok,  
 cant spell very well

so I'll  
 stop asking you ans. and  
 be carefull. Love as ever

Celia  
 hope your family is, well

1880 CENSUS - UNITED STATES

County

*Jackson County*

Town  
Township

*Cedar*

Call No.

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Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Color	Sex	Age prior to June 1st	Month of birth if born in census yr.	Relationship to head of house	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Married in census year	Occupation	Miscellaneous Information	Cannot read or write	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Enumeration Date
		<i>Slater, Peter</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>31</i>		<i>Head</i>						<i>Farmer</i>			<i>Ind.</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>England</i>	
		<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>Wife</i>						<i>Housewife</i>			<i>Ind.</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	
		<i>Amos</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>5</i>		<i>Son</i>									<i>Kan.</i>	<i>Ind.</i>	<i>Ind.</i>	
		<i>Addie</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>Daughter</i>									<i>Kan.</i>	<i>Ind.</i>	<i>Ind.</i>	
		<i>Mary J.</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>45</i>		<i>Mother In-Law</i>									<i>Ohio</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	
		<i>Liantitia</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>13</i>		<i>Sister In-Law</i>									<i>Kan.</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	



Peter, Hannah and Sam Slater