

JANE RAGSDALE WILLIAMS JUSTUS was my great great grandmother (and is my brick wall). She was b ca 1815 (or 1823, as per the 1850 Cenesus for Spring River Township in Lawrence County, Arkansas).

I can find no Ragsdales living in Lawrence County, Arkansas in 1830. In fact Jane's marriage to WILLIAM WILLIAMS on the 24th of May 1835, is the earliest Ragsdale I can find there. On the 1840 Census for Spring River Township, Wm.WILLIAMS is living next door to Wm RAGSDALE. The census reads as:

	white males			white females		
	0/20	20/40	40+	0/20	20/40	40+
Wm Ragsdale	0	1	0	1	1	0
Wm Williams	2	1	1	3	1	0
Benjamin Ragsdale (living 3 households away)	4	1	0	2	1	0

William Williams died in 1841, leaving Jane with the following children:

1. JAMES O. WILLIAMS
2. THOMAS D. WILLIAMS
3. WILLIAM WILLIAMS
4. NANCY WILLIAMS
5. ELIZABETH JANE (married M.MASSEY)
6. MARTHA WILLIAMS

Jane then marries STEPHEN JUSTUS (b July 1791 in North Carolina) in Lawrence County, Arkansas on 9 March 1843. Children born to this marriage are:

1. JAMES ALLEN JUSTUS (b ca 1844-45 near Smithville, Ark.)
2. FRANCIS MARION JUSTUS (b ca 1846; married MANDA HUFFMAN in Lawrence County, Ark.)
3. EMMA REBECCA JUSTUS (b Feb. 1850 or 1851 in Spring River, Ark.; married JAMES S. RATLIFF)
4. MARY JUSTUS(b. ca 1849 in Spring River, Ark.; ont on 1860 Census, so must've died before 1860)
5. BENJAMIN HENRY JUSTUS (b ca 1852-53 in Gum Springs, Ark.; married MARY MATHEWS/MATHIS on 24 Dec 1871 in Lawrence Co., Ark.; died after 1892 in Lawrence County, Arkansas.

Jane died after 1852 and before 1860. I have not been able to find Jane or Ben's grave.

I think that JANE , WILLIAM and BENJAMIN are siblings; since they all live very near each other on the 1840 Census for Spring River Township in Lawrence Co., Arkansas. BENJAMIN HENRY JUSTUS is the 1st Benjamin I've ever found in the Justus Family since they came over from England in the 1600's to Virginia. I believe Benjamin came from Jane's side (her brother) and that Henry came from Stephen's side: Stephen had a brother named Henry.

Has anyone have any proof as to who were Jane's parents? I sure would appreciate some help.

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