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The 1870 -1910 Tennessee to Oklahoma Migration of the Jasper Butler Family

### ***1<sup>st</sup> Generation***

**Jasper Butler was born in Tennessee (TN) about 1838.***(His birth county and parents' names have yet to be discovered. There is a Jasper Butler, age 12, born TN, in the household of John R. Butler on the 1850 US Census, District 6, Coffee County (Co), TN. There is no adult female in the household, leading to the presumption that John was a widower. The next household following John R. Butler is George Butler, age 45. Adjacent census households usually means close geographic proximity; adjacent census households with same name usually mean they are related. John R. is 26 and George is 45. There is a strong presumption they are father & son or older & younger brothers.)*

His wife-to-be **Martha Caroline (Surname unknown)** was similarly born in TN on 30 March 1845. *Martha's exact date of birth and death are from Butler family records. In entries on her 1880, 1900, & 1910 US Census enumeration, she reported that she was born in TN, her father was born in North Carolina (NC) and her mother in NC (1880 & 1910) and Kentucky in 1900.*

**Jasper and Martha** married about 1862. *Estimate based on the about birth year of 1863 for their first child, Margaret M. The date and place of marriage have not yet been discovered.*

The first record found to date on which **Jasper and Martha** appear as a married couple is the 1870 US Census, Willow Spring Township (Twp), Howell Co, Missouri (MO). **Jasper** was a farmer. Their five known children were born in MO between 1863 and 1875. *It has not been discovered when before 1863 Jasper and Martha came to MO or whether they came as a married couple or separately.*

**Jasper** died between 1874-1880. Martha was enumerated as a widow on the 1880 US Census of Tyrone, Franklin Co, Illinois (IL). **Jasper's** death bracket estimate based on the about birth year of 1875 for their presumed last child, Marion J.

**Martha** died 14 February 1926. *She is last found recorded on the 1910 US Census, Indiahoma Twp, Comanche Co, Oklahoma (OK) in her son, William E. Butler's household. She reported having had 6 children, 5 of whom were alive in 1910.*

The names, birth year and birth state of **Jasper & Martha's** children are:

a. Margaret M. Butler	1863	MO
b. Mary E. Butler	1868	MO
c. James J. Butler	1870	MO
d. William E. Butler	1873	MO
e. <b>Marion J. Butler</b>	1875	MO

## ***2nd Generation***

**Marion Jasper Butler** was born on 24 April 1875 in MO. He is first recorded in his own household in 1910 on the US Census of Dustin, Hughes Co, OK; he was subsequently enumerated in the same place in 1920 and in Allen, Pontotoc Co, OK in 1930. *His birth date copied from his WWI Selective Service Registration. It has not been discovered yet when he, his brother William E., and their mother migrated from MO to OK.*

His wife-to-be **Laura Alice (Surname unknown)** was born in Texas (TX) about 1879. *In her entries on the 1910, 1920 & 1930 US Census enumeration, she was listed as Marion's wife, born in TX, and that her father and mother were born in TN (1910 & 1930) and US (1920).*

**Marion** and **Laura Alice** married about 1896. *Estimate based on the about birth year of 1897 for their first child, Harve Australia Butler. The date and place of marriage have not yet been discovered.*

**Marion** listed his occupation as: manufacturer of soft drinks (1910), farmer (1920), and owner & manager of an ice plant (1930).

**Marion** and **Laura** died after 1930. *They were both alive for the 1930 US Census enumeration of Pontotoc Co, OK. The date and place of death and burial for neither have not yet been discovered.*

The name, birth date and place of birth of **Marion & Laura's** only child are:

**Harve Australia Butler**

16 March 1897

Wetumka, then Indian Territory, now Hughes Co, OK

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Generation*

**Harve Australia Butler** was born 16 March 1897 in Wetumka, then Indian Territory, now Hughes Co, OK. He is first recorded in his own household in 1920 on the US Census of Dustin, Hughes Co, OK. *{Based on family information, he and his family should be found on the 1930 US Census, in Allen, Pontotoc Co, OK. They have not been found to date.}*

His wife-to-be, **Evelyn Gertrude (Surname unknown)** was born in 1898 in OK. Evelyn stated on her US Census 1920 entry that her father was born in TX and her mother in IL.

**Harve and Evelyn Gertrude** were married before 5 June 1918. *(The first record linking the couple as married was his World War I Selective Service Registration completed on that date. The date and place of marriage have not yet been discovered.)*

**Harve** listed his occupation in 1920 as plumber.

Name, date and place of birth of **Harve and Evelyn Gertrude's** children are

- a. Warren E. Butler *(family record: 13 February 1918, Dustin, OK)*
- b. (female) Butler *(family record: 21 December 1919, Dustin, OK; died 21 December 1920, Dustin, OK)*
- b. (female) Butler *(family record: 3 May 1920, Dustin, OK)*
- c. (female) Butler *(family record: 25 April 1924, Allen, OK)*
- d. Bobby Gene (now Robert) Butler *(family record: 2 November 1929, Ada, OK)*