

## NANCY JANE GARRISON AND ROBERT W. RODGERS

In the spring of 2006, I received a tip that Pa Bill's older sister Nancy Jane Rodgers Garrison<sup>1</sup> and younger brother Robert W. Rodgers had lived their last days in northern Oklahoma. I confirmed this through the 1910<sup>2</sup> and 1920<sup>3</sup> census and in July of 2006 visited Alfalfa County, Oklahoma to find their graves. It was a very moving moment to know that even though this branch of our family had left Scotland County, MO many years before that they still were close to each other, and even to at least one of their half-siblings from their mother's second marriage to Abraham Love. Nancy Jane's husband Lewis Fidel Garrison died on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1911 in Alfalfa County and is buried in the Aline Star Cemetery there.<sup>4</sup> It would seem that after his death Nancy Jane would spend her last days with her brother Robert and wife Katie as she is in their home in the 1920 census. Nancy Jane died on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1921.<sup>5</sup> Nancy Jane and Lewis' son James Garrison<sup>6</sup> and his wife Mattie<sup>7</sup> are also buried in that cemetery as are several other Garrisons I believe are related. Just down the road in the Pleasant Ridge cemetery is the last resting place of Robert W. Rodgers, his half brother Charlie Love, and their wives. There is also a memory stone there for Uncle Doc Rodgers.

Robert W. Rodgers died on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1924. Unfortunately, I don't know too much as of this writing about Robert's time in Oklahoma. I need to go back there some day and do research on his life, but I haven't as of yet. He was the postmaster of several

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<sup>1</sup> [Lewis and Nancy Garrison](#)

<sup>2</sup> [1910 Federal Census](#)

<sup>3</sup> [1920 Federal Census](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Lewis' Stone](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Nancy's Stone](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Jim's Stone](#)

<sup>7</sup> [Mattie's Stone](#)

communities it would seem so I am sure there is much to be found. Robert's wife Katie L. died on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1927.<sup>8</sup> Directly, next to their stone I was surprised to see a memory stone for Alfred (Uncle Doc) Rodgers who was Pa Bill's brother.<sup>9</sup> I am told Uncle Doc died in Carmen, Oklahoma and is buried there. It is a mystery as to who would have put that memory stone up and why. Robert's half brother Charlie Love is also close and he died in 1935.<sup>10</sup> Charlie, Robert, Nancy Jane, and Pa Bill all had the same mother, Mary Ann Moore. Mary Ann, incidentally, is buried in the Friendship Cemetery<sup>11</sup> near Crawford Station, Scotland County, MO with her second husband, Abe Love, who was a Civil War Union veteran.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> [Robert and Katie Rodgers' Stone](#)

<sup>9</sup> [Uncle Doc's Stone](#)

<sup>10</sup> [Charles Love Stone](#)

<sup>11</sup> [Mary Ann Love Stone](#)

<sup>12</sup> [Abe Love Stone](#)