

SALLY, DEMIRA, JOHN, AND LIZZIE RODGERS

The one other child of Mary Ann Moore and James HC, Sally Ann Rodgers Rath died of small pox on January 12th, 1875 at the age of twenty. She had married Joseph Rath on February 22nd, 1874.¹ I have not been able to find her burial site in Scotland County, MO as of yet. Lastly, there are the three children James HC Rodgers and Harriet Colvin.

As already discussed, it would seem that Demira married a William Shannon and died sometime in the fall of 1880 in Chester, Randolph County, Illinois. I am currently conversing with local researchers there to see if there is any more information on them. I have discovered that their son William Edward Shannon married Minnie Thieret on September 15th, 1898 and they apparently had several children.² It would seem William Edward Shannon would die by 1910 as Minnie is listed on the 1910 census as having been widowed.³ I have been unable to make contact with this branch of our family as of this writing to confirm. Also, it was confirmed during the pension investigation that James HC's youngest daughter Louisa Elizabeth (Lizzie) Rodgers died at age ten in February 1873 in Dykes, Missouri. The last remaining child was John Ray Rodgers.

Thanks to John Ray Rodgers much of what you are reading is possible. It was he who started the pension applications that resulted in an exhaustive and conclusive investigation into the family of James HC Rodgers. It would seem that John was estranged from his mother and step father Harriet and Hiram Colvin, and would move from Texas County, MO to Greene County, Arkansas over the course of the 1900⁴-1930⁵ censuses. He married Effie (maiden name unknown) prior to 1900 and over the course of

¹ [Sally Rodgers-Rath Marriage License](#)

² [William Shannon 1900 Census](#)

³ [Minnie Shannon 1910 Census](#)

⁴ [John Rodgers 1900 MO Census](#)

⁵ [John Rodgers 1930 AK Census](#)

time had nine boys and one girl according to a letter I received from Rick Dillinger who is a descendent of John Ray Rodgers.⁶ As of this writing I have not had a chance to research them too much, but I was thrilled to spend some time on the phone with John Ray Rodgers granddaughter Billie Jean Brown a year or so ago. That branch of our family has grown rather large over the years with at least one of John Ray Rodgers' daughters having ten children herself! I hope to meet with some of these people in the near future to hammer out the details. I would also like to talk to Hiram and Harriet Colvin's descendents, but they, too, have not been found at this time.

⁶ [Dillenger letter](#)