

# Descendants of John Sterling & Sarah Lucinda ?? of Anderson Co, Texas

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## FIRST GENERATION

1. **John Sterling** was born in April 1819 in Louisiana.<sup>1</sup> He died on February 24, 1852 in Anderson County, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

John came to Texas in 1839. He applied for and received a 3rd class land grant for 640 acres.

It seems he lived most of his adult life in Cherokee Co. TX where there is still an area of land known as the John Sterling Survey.

Anderson Co. TX did not come into being until 1850, so the area in which he lived may have been a part of Cherokee Co. until very shortly before his death.

He was married to Sarah Lucinda about 1840 in probably Texas.<sup>3</sup> **Sarah Lucinda**<sup>4</sup> was born on October 29, 1820 in Illinois.<sup>5</sup> She died after 1912 in Carrizozo, New Mexico.<sup>6</sup> John Sterling and Sarah Lucinda had the following children:

- 2           i. **James Nathaniel Sterling** was born on June 27, 1841 in Texas.<sup>7</sup>
- 3           ii. **Sarah Lucinda Sterling** was born on September 21, 1844.<sup>8</sup> She was also known as Sally Lou.<sup>9</sup>  
She was always called Sally Lou
- 4           iii. **William Riley Sterling** was born on January 18, 1847.<sup>10</sup>
- 5           iv. **Thomas Jefferson Sterling** was born on September 7, 1849.<sup>11</sup>
- +6          v. **Eliza Jane Sterling** (born on February 27, 1852).

## SECOND GENERATION

6. **Eliza Jane Sterling** (John-1) was born on February 27, 1852 in Cherokee County, Texas.<sup>12</sup> She died on June 13, 1904 in Coke County, Texas.<sup>13</sup>

She was married to Issac Newton Coalson (son of Charles Coalson and Cinderilla Davis) on December 28, 1871 in Coryell County, Texas.<sup>14</sup> Issac and Eliza were married by a Rev. Dodson. **Issac Newton Coalson** was born on April 22, 1850 in Rusk County, Texas.<sup>15</sup> He died on November 12, 1934 in Bronte, Coke, Texas.<sup>16</sup> He was a Freighter in Texas.<sup>17</sup> Eliza Jane Sterling and Issac Newton Coalson had the following children:

- 7           i. **John E. Coalson** was born about 1874 in Menard County, Texas.<sup>18</sup> The location is not known for sure. He died before 1900.<sup>19</sup>
- +8          ii. **Benena Elenora Coalson** (born in August 1878).
- +9          iii. **Emmitt Arthur Coalson** (born on December 2, 1880).
- +10        iv. **Agnus L. Coalson** (born on July 12, 1887).
- +11        v. **Ula Bernice Coalson** (born on May 3, 1893).

## THIRD GENERATION

8. **Benena Elenora Coalson** (Eliza Jane Sterling-2, John-1) was born in August 1878 in Probably Coryell County, Texas.<sup>20</sup> She died in 1943 in Sweetwater, Nolan, Texas.<sup>21</sup> She was buried in Bronte, Coke, Texas.<sup>22</sup>

She was married to Joe Harkins about 1894.<sup>23</sup>

She was married to John Bankhead Roberts on March 13, 1902 in Coke County, Texas.<sup>24</sup> **John Bankhead Roberts** was born about 1861 in Marion County, Alabama.<sup>25</sup> He died on October 15, 1922 in Fisher County, Texas.<sup>26</sup> He was buried in McCaulley Cemetery, Fisher County, Texas.<sup>27</sup>

9. **Emmitt Arthur Coalson** (Eliza Jane Sterling-2, John-1) was born on December 2, 1880 in Mason County, Texas.<sup>28</sup> He

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died on October 30, 1956.<sup>29</sup>

He was married to Mary Francis Stephenson.<sup>30</sup>

10. **Agnus L. Coalson** (Eliza Jane Sterling-2, John-1) was born on July 12, 1887 in Mason County, Texas.<sup>31</sup>

She was married to Joe Cotner.<sup>32</sup> **Joe Cotner** died in 1918.<sup>33</sup>

She was married to John Thomas Evans in 1922.<sup>34</sup>

11. **Ula Bernice Coalson** (Eliza Jane Sterling-2, John-1) was born on May 3, 1893 in Probably Mason County, Texas.<sup>35</sup> She died in Fisher County, Texas.<sup>36</sup>

She was married to Joe Hitt.<sup>37</sup> **Joe Hitt** was born in Fisher County, Texas.<sup>38</sup>

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