

Although the 1850 Census from Cherokee County, Texas shows Jesse Lawhon as born in Alabama, this may be incorrect. It is well documented that his brother John William Lawhon, who was one year older than Jesse, was born in North Carolina. John W Lawhon was in Mississippi from 1850 – 1854 while Jesse was in Texas. They may have both been born in North Carolina, moved to Alabama, and then John to Mississippi and Jesse to Texas. At any rate, by late 1854 they were both in the Curry Creek Settlement.

Jesse Lawhon was living in Cherokee County, Texas when the 1850 Census was taken (listed as Jesse Laughorn.) He was listed as living with the Isaac and Agnes Penrod household. This is likely how he met Isaac's sister Lovina Penrod (28 Jul 1828 - 21 Dec 1891) who was born in Ohio and died in Llano County, Texas. They were married on 24 Oct 1850, in Cherokee County, Texas. On the marriage record the surname is spelled "Lorhorn."

Jesse and Lovina Lawhon became the parents of three sons:

1. Samuel Lawhon: born 28 Jul 1851 in the Curry Creek Settlement (now Kendalia area), Comal County (now Kendall County), Texas; died 1851 in the same place. Burial unknown.
2. John William Lawhon: born 23 Sep 1852 in the Curry Creek Settlement (now Kendalia area), Comal County (now Kendall County), Texas; died 4 Jun 1944 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas. Buried: Jones Cemetery.
3. Henry Jesse Lawhon: born 23 Oct 1854 in the Curry Creek Settlement (now Kendalia area), Comal County (now Kendall County), Texas - died 14 Jan 1884 in Kendall County, Texas. Burial unknown.

Jesse Lawhon was the Overseer for Judge William Early Jones, and he was killed by Indians on a raid 14 May 1855 while on the range chasing down a stray calf. Judge William Early Jones made arrangements for Jesse Lawhon to be buried in an area of his property which later became known as the Jones Cemetery. Through the years several of Jesse Lawhon's were laid to rest there. His brother, Captain John William Lawhon is buried in his family cemetery 5.25 miles southeast of the Jones Cemetery. Both brothers have descendants who live in the area.

A few years after Jesse Lawhon's death, his widow Lovina (Penrod) Lawhon married Methodist Circuit Rider, Rev. Daniel Rawls. He was called Parson Dan Rawls and was one of historic "Austin's 300". He organized the first Methodist Church in Blanco County, Texas, a log cabin building which was used for the church and for the school. They had a daughter named Maria Smith Rawls. Parson Daniel Rawls died in 1862.

Lovina (Penrod) Rawls married Wesley Hughes Callahan 24 Apr 1867, in Kendall County, Texas. He was a son of famed retired Texas Ranger Captain James Callahan who was killed when Wesley was about 13 years old. Wesley Callahan's mother Sarah (Day) Callahan died from grief a few months after her husband's death. Judge William

Early Jones received guardianship of Wesley Callahan and his younger brother James Sanford Callahan, transferred from Edward Pettus in late 1858. Pvt Wesley Callahan and his brother Sanford Callahan served in 1st Texas McCullough's Mounted Rifles, 8th Texas Calvary, CSA in the Civil War.

Wesley and Lovina Callahan had a daughter Alvada Clara Callahan born 18 Jul 1868 in Kendall County, Texas. Texas Ranger Wesley Callahan, age 28, died while serving in the Frontier Services year 1870. Family lore is that he died of pneumonia and was buried on the trail where they were on a mission. Lovina Callahan did not remarry. She was a strong, resolute Christian woman who had much tragedy in her life, but she persevered and raised her children.

Lovina's daughter Maria Smith Rawls married, had five children, was divorced, and eventually moved to California. She married a Fitzsimmons, and later died in Los Angeles County, California, burial unknown.

Lovina Callahan became ill and died 21 Dec 1891 a few days before her youngest daughter Alvada Clara Callahan was to be married. She was buried in Oxford City Cemetery, Llano County, Texas. Alvada Callahan married David Riley on 26 Dec 1891 in Oxford, Llano, Texas.

David and Alvada Callahan Riley became the parents of seven children. David Riley died 16 Nov 1946 in Travis County, Texas and was buried in the same cemetery where his parents were buried. Alvada Riley lived to be 84 years of age, died 26 Apr 1953, and was laid to rest in the Riley Family Cemetery on the Riley Ranch, Kimble County, Texas, where most of their children were buried.