



Leonard Wm. Wood (1816-1889), and his wife Permelia Green (1828-1886).

farm to John Oliver Lacey and moved to Kansas, where his stay was brief, and then moved on to Texas, settling near Alvarado in Johnson County, where he remained for a short time. He then moved to Chatfield, Nacarro County, and then to Henderson and Kaufman Counties, making the latter one his permanent resting place. Of interest is a copy of a letter he wrote in 1851, while still a resident of Illinois, to his cousin, William J. Goodner, also of Illinois.

" February 22nd, 1851.

I now take the opportunity to write you a few lines to let you know that we are all well at present, hoping that these lines may find you all enjoying the same Blessings. I have nerve to write to you. We have had a grate cry about the Road Railroad but I think that question is about settled. It will go I suppose in about nine miles of me. William I want you to come over to my sugar Camp some of these days and get

a Beite of sugar and tell me what you mak ahawling. I want you to write me what a man Can mak one day with another By Hawling with a Good soan of Horses. Now I have a good farm, but I Cant mak money out of it and you know I am a great hand to talk about making money. Be Shure to write and let me know what I can mak with that kind ova team and let me know what I haft to pay for House rents an fire wood. I thought I would rent my farm and Com on there an hawl flower this summer provided you think I could make two or three Hundred dollars Clear of all Expense.

You must look over Bad Spelling and writing. So no more at present.

Your affectionate Cosin,

Leonard W. Wood."

His daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Pratt, wrote me that their home in Kansas was constructed with hewn walnut logs. When they left Missouri and headed for Texas, they traveled with a train of wagons consisting of thirteen families headed by Captain June Peak. In passing through "old Indian territory", they placed their wagons in a circle, tied the horses to the wagons, and slept within the enclosure, to better protect themselves against the Indians. The train of wagons forded the Red River near Durant, Oklahoma, and the Trinity River at the foot of what is now Commerce Street in Dallas, which was then small and of little importance.

While Leonard was still in Jefferson Co., Illinois, he was appointed guardian of an Alfred Wood, over 14 years of age, and Robert Wood, under 14 years of age. It is not known just who these boys were, and how long the guardianship lasted. To the union of Leonard W. & Permelia Green Wood there were born six children.

Ch: 1e. William Thomas Wood, b. 10-14-1857, Centralia, Ill. d. 2-5-1941, Tolosa, Tex. Farmer & stock raiser. In middle life moved to Kemp, Tex. Interred in Cemetery in Kemp. Member of Christian Church. m: Emma King 4-29-1890