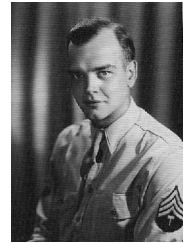


# Ancestors of Howard Thornton LOONEY

## First Generation

1. **Howard Thornton LOONEY** was born 19 Oct 1918 in Teague, Freestone Co., Texas. He died 14 Jul 1974 in El Paso, El Paso Co., Texas from Myocardial Infarction (Heart Attack) and was buried in Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas.

Some documents (birth certificate included) list name as Howard Thorning Looney. Later the mistake was corrected through an affidavit by Lily Lenore Looney and the issuance of a new birth certificate.



Howard married **Betty Lou DEHLINGER**, daughter of Walter DEHLINGER and Hazel Fae HUMPHREY "Fae", on 15 Feb 1946 in El Paso, El Paso Co., Texas. Betty was born 12 Nov 1925 in El Paso, El Paso Co., Texas. She died 2 Dec 2002 in El Paso, El Paso Co., Texas and was buried 6 Dec 2002 in Restlawn Cemetery, El Paso, Texas.



## Second Generation

2. **Edward Hardin LOONEY "Eli"** was born<sup>1</sup> 22 Jul 1875 in Oakwood, Leon Co., Texas. He died 13 Feb 1956 in Arlington, Tarrant Co., Texas and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., Texas. Eli married Elenora Mary Elizabeth BRIEDEN on 22 Jul 1902 in Castroville, Medina Co., Texas.

Birth location from PICHOT family book page 191.

Following is a biography written by Robert Riddle:

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"Edward Hardin Looney was about five years old when his father died in 1879. His father, James W. Looney was almost 70. Edward and his sister were sent to live with their halfbrother Fredrick B. Looney. Their mother, Mary Rushing, "a little red-haired school teacher" had died soon after the birth of Ed's sister, Frances Mae, in 1876. Fredrick B. Looney was almost 40 years older than Ed. The presence of a tiny half-brother and half-sister in the household apparently created a lot of resentment. Their mother was younger than their oldest half-sister. Several of Ed's and Mae's half brothers and sisters lived in the same household at the time. Fredrick B. was a doctor and Ed called him "Bud Doc". Fredrick's wife was Martha Ann Arnett and Ed called her "Sis Annie". A half sister, Susan Looney, was "Sis Sue", and another half brother, William Riley Looney, was called "Bud Will". He may have called them "Bud" and "Sis" because he couldn't yet say "brother" and "sister" when he first knew them. Ed's older half brothers and sisters called him "Eli" and called Frances Mae "Fannie". Ed and Mae are referred to in the 1880 U. S. Census by those names. He was known to some of us as "Indaddy Looney".

Ed was not treated well. He was evidently punished often and brutally. His punishment was usually being picked up by the scruff of the neck and the seat of his pants and having his head banged against the wall. When he was about 10 years old he ran away and went to work as a water boy on the railroad. He never returned home but he would leave messages secretly to his sister in a gate post at their house in Oakwood, Leon Co., Texas. He went on to become a railroad engineer for the old Trinity and Brazos Valley Railroad, which later became part of the Great Burlington Route. In the early 1900's he was sent to Mexico to assist in training and organizing the fledgling Mexican railway



system. Teague, Texas, in Freestone County, was a hub for the railroad systems running through the central part of the state. After the birth of their second child, Hylma, Ed and Lilly (Brieden) made their home there. They raised their family in Teague until 1920 when they moved to Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., Texas.

Ed had a bad temper. On one occasion a federal inspector climbed up onto Ed's locomotive to look around. Ed didn't take kindly to this and kicked the man off the locomotive, knocking some of his teeth out. For this he was fired and was denied his retirement pension from the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Ed, or "Indaddy Looney" as we knew him, was a Christian Scientist. At about the age of 60, his feet got tangled in some vines while walking through his garden. He fell and broke his hip. He refused any medical help on religious grounds. His hip never mended and he was hobbled for the rest of his life. He could never walk again without the help of a crutch or a cane. He refused to stay at home and become a burden to his wife, Lilly (Brieden), so he moved out of his house and into the Home for Aged Masons in Arlington, Texas. He spent the last 20 or so years of his life in the Masonic Home. He is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Fort Worth, Texas.

(The information on the life of E. H. Looney is from a letter he wrote in 1948 to his son, Howard, and discussions with my mother Hylma (Looney) Riddle, my sister, Betty Jo (Riddle) Blair, and my brother Eddie J. Riddle.)" (Robert Riddle)

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Moved from Freestone Co. to Fort Worth between Oct 1918 and 1920 (116 West Hattie Street, now (2005) 116 Pennsylvania Avenue. They were still residing there for the 1930 census.

3. **Elenora Mary Elizabeth BRIEDEN** "Lilly" was born 21 Dec 1879 in Castroville, Medina Co., Texas and was christened 1 Jan 1880. She died 18 Jun 1961 in Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., Texas and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., Texas.



listed as "Lenora" in 1880 Census

Priest recorded her name as Eleanora Maria Elisa (not Elizabeth) Brieden

Following is a biography by Robert Riddle:

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Lilly was the sixth of nine children born to Catherine Pichot and Leopold Brieden between the years 1871 and 1885. One of the family stories to come down to us about her is that her parents allowed each of the older children who were in the family when she was born to give their new baby sister a name. Then her mother named her Lilly because she was "white as a lily". Thus her full name: "Lilly Lenora Mary Annie Elizabeth Brieden". This story was related by her daughter, Hylma (Looney) Riddle.

When we were little, our grandmother (we called her "Inday Looney") taught us a children's poem in German. This poem was taught to her by her father, Leopold Brieden, when she was a little girl. It was apparently something that he remembered his parents reciting to him. They had brought their family to the Castro Colony in Medina County, Texas, from their home in the Alsace region of France. She would recite the poem to us in German, laced with the Alsatian dialect.

It sounded to us like this:

"Iklepty gross,

Iklepty klein,

Iklepty vee

Ein kleiny Shvine."

In German, it's: "Ich lieb' dich gross,

Ich lieb' dich klein,

Ich lieb' dich wie

Ein kleine Schwein."

Translated literally, it says: "I love you big, I love you small, I love you like a little pig."

Back before anyone had air conditioning, Inday had a unique way of cooling down rooms in her house during the heat of summer. In the rooms that she wanted to cool, she would put up several strings like clotheslines a little above head height. Then she would drape wet cup

towels over the strings. She would then direct an electric fan to blow air over the wet cup towels. The effect of the water evaporating from the wet towels would actually cool the room down. The difference would only be a matter of about 2 or 3 degrees, but on a day when it was over 100 degrees outside it felt wonderful to walk into her cooled living room.  
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They had the following children:

- F i. **Veva Olga LOONEY** was born<sup>2</sup> 11 Jun 1903 in Castroville, Medina Co., Texas and was christened 15 Jan 1905 in St Joseph Catholic Church, San Antonio, Texas. She died 16 Dec 1987 in Hutchinson, Kansas.
- F ii. **Hylma Yetive LOONEY** was born<sup>2</sup> 9 Feb 1906 in Mart, McLennan Co., Texas. She died<sup>2</sup> 19 Mar 1995 in Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., Texas and was buried about 21 Mar 1995 in Mount Olivet Cemetery (Meditation Section), Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., Texas.



- 1 M iii. **Howard Thornton LOONEY** was born 19 Oct 1918 and died 14 Jul 1974.

### Third Generation

- 4. **James William LOONEY**<sup>1</sup> was born 22 Apr 1809 in Kentucky. He died 16 Jan 1879 in Freestone Co., Texas and was buried 1879 in Cotton Gin Cemetery, Freestone Co., Texas. James married Mary RUSHING about 1874 in Oakwood, Leon Co., Texas.

James William Looney was born 22 Apr 1809 in Kentucky. James served two terms as the county sheriff (likely Cumberland Co, Kentucky) (Robert Riddle) (note that there were no Looney's listed in Cumberland Co. during the 1830 census). James married Frances "Fanny" Smith before 1835 in Kentucky. They remained in Kentucky until about 1838 or 1839 when they moved to Weakley County, Tennessee where they resided until about 1851. (Weakley Co. is in northwest Tennessee and borders Kentucky). In the 1840 census, it is seen that two boys and two girls, all under the age of five are in their household. James was employed in "agriculture." The children are Frederick, Susan, and the youngest child at the time, James (the younger James). The fourth child is an unknown female who apparently died before the 1850 census.

Annual tax lists from 1842-1850 for Weakly County, Tennessee indicate James and Fannie lived in District 12, which was the far southeast section of the county (near present day Gleason, TN). In the 1850 census James' occupation is listed as "blacksmith" and he and Fannie have six children in their household: Frederick (14), Susan (13), James (10), John (8), Billy(6) and Rebecca (4). During this period no land or slaves were recorded under ownership.

Around 1851, the family would move to southeast Arkansas (Ashley County), a journey of more than 300 miles. From the 1860 census, it is seen that James and Fannie were living in Marie Saline Township of Ashley Co. Arkansas. Four children are in the household: Susan, Rebecca, William and Jesse (age 9), with Jesse being born in Arkansas (his name appears to have been recorded as "James" in the 1860 census). In 1860, James' occupation is again listed as "blacksmith," but he must have been farming some land since the value of their land was \$5500. The value of their personal property was \$1500.

In about 1863 the family would move to Freestone County, Texas (Robert Riddle), which was soon followed by Fannie's death in February, 1864. (From Ashley Co. Arkansas to Freestone Co. Texas is around 340 miles). An 1870 census record has not been found for James Looney. About 1874 James would marry again, to Mary Rushing. Mary was allegedly younger than James' oldest daughter, Susan, which created an interesting situation (Edward Looney letter).

James and Mary had two children, Edward and Fannie, both born in Oakwood, Leon County, Texas (note that Oakwood is on the border of Freestone and Leon Counties, and is some 35 miles from Cotton Gin). James would also outlive Mary, who died on 8 Jan 1876 (Robert Riddle). Mary's death was apparently from complications with the

birth of Fannie, born the same day. It's interesting to note that this last child was named after James' first wife.

James would live another three years and died 16 Jan 1879. He is buried beside his first wife, in Cotton Gin Cemetery, Freestone Co., Texas (it is assumed they are together, though the Freestone Co. cemetery listing does not explicitly state so).

5. **Mary RUSHING** was born after 1837 in Texas. She died<sup>3</sup> 8 Jan 1876 in Oakwood, Leon Co, Texas.

The ancestry of Mary Rushing is quite a mystery. Her existence is known from a letter that her son, Edward Hardin Looney, wrote in about 1948.

She is thought to be younger than James William Looney's oldest daughter from his first marriage, hence a birth year of after 1837. Biologically, she must have been born prior to about 1860 in order to have her first child in 1875. A most probable birth date is about 1840, which would make her about 35 years old when she and James William Looney were married.

Was Mary previously married before her marriage to James William Looney. This is likely, and if so was Rushing really her maiden name or just from the previous marriage?

She is known to have been short with red hair, and that her family were early settlers of Falls Co., Texas. It is also thought that she taught school in Tidwell Prarie, Falls Co., Texas.

Mary died about 8 Jan 1876 as a results of complications with the birth of her second child with James William Looney.

They had the following children:

- 2 M i. **Edward Hardin LOONEY** was born 22 Jul 1875 and died 13 Feb 1956.
- F ii. **Frances Mae LOONEY** "Fannie" was born<sup>3,4</sup> 8 Jan 1876 in Oakwood, Leon Co., Texas.

Birth date per daughter Aleph (told to Robert Riddle by Aleph ca 1992).

6. **Leopold BRIEDEN** was born 30 Sep 1843 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, France. He died 22 Jun 1922 in Castroville, Medina Co., Texas and was buried<sup>5</sup> in Roselawn Cemetery, San Antonio, Bexar Co., Texas. Leopold married Catherine PICHOT on 12 Jun 1870 in Castroville, Medina Co., Texas.

Stone Mason

Roselawn Cemetery now known as San Fernando Cemetery #3.



7. **Catherine PICHOT** was born 7 Dec 1852 in Castroville, Medina Co., Texas. She died 29 Jul 1926 in San Antonio, Bexar Co., Texas.



They had the following children:

- F i. **Marie Alvenia BRIEDEN** "Alva Mary" was born 31 Mar 1871 in Castroville, Medina, Texas and was christened 16 Apr 1871 in Castroville, Medina. She died 2 Dec 1960 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.  
Listed as "Alvina" in 1880 Census
- M ii. **Leopold BRIEDEN** was born 25 Sep 1872 in Castroville, Medina, Texas. He died 25 Sep 1872 in Castroville, Medina, Texas.
- M iii. **Thomas Alfred BRIEDEN** was born 19 Sep 1873 in Castroville, Medina, Texas. He died 2 Mar 1969 in Moore, Frio, Texas.

- F iv. **Mary Ellen BRIEDEN** was born 14 Aug 1875 in Castroville, Medina, Texas. She died 18 Nov 1876 in Castroville, Medina, Texas.
- M v. **Frederick Marcus BRIEDEN** was born 13 Feb 1877 in Castroville, Medina, Texas. He died 1910 in Mexico.
- 3 F vi. **Elenora Mary Elizabeth BRIEDEN** was born 21 Dec 1879 and died 18 Jun 1961.
- F vii. **Clafra Theresia BRIEDEN** was born 18 Jan 1882 in Castroville, Medina, Texas. She died 23 Jul 1953 in Fort Worth, Tarrant, Texas.
- F viii. **Mathilda Irene BRIEDEN "Mattie"** was born 23 Aug 1883 in Castroville, Medina, Texas. She died 7 Jun 1977 in Austin, Travis County, Texas.
- M ix. **Paul I BRIEDEN** was born 1887 in Hondo, Medina, Texas. He died 22 Feb 1919 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.
- F x. **Leopold Ervin BRIEDEN** was born 25 Apr 1885 in Castroville, Medina. She died before Feb 1919.

Documents demonstrate she signed Lilly Lenora Looney in her own hand. Other names on documents relating to her include: Eleanora Mary Elisa Brieden, Lilly Elizabeth Brieden, and more.

## Fourth Generation

- 8. **Robert LOONEY** was born<sup>6</sup> about 1774 in Christian Co., Kentucky. He died<sup>7,8</sup> 1822 in Christian Co., Kentucky. Robert married Susanna WILLIAMS about 1808.
- 9. **Susanna WILLIAMS** was born<sup>9</sup> about 1785 in Indian Creek, Knox Co., Kentucky. She died<sup>8</sup> 1869.

They had the following children:

- 4 M i. **James William LOONEY** was born 22 Apr 1809 and died 16 Jan 1879.
  - M ii. **Robert William LOONEY** was born<sup>2</sup> 1815.
  - M iii. **John C. LOONEY** was born<sup>2</sup> 1817.
  - M iv. **Jesse E. LOONEY** was born<sup>8</sup> 1820 in Kentucky.
  - M v. **Benjamin Hardeman LOONEY** was born<sup>10</sup> 1822. He died<sup>10</sup> 1905.
  - F vi. **Sarah LOONEY**.
  - F vii. **Rebecca LOONEY**.
- 12. **Andre BRIEDEN** was born 25 Sep 1808 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, France. He died 5 Sep 1881 in Castroville, Medina Co., Texas and was buried<sup>5</sup> 1881 in St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Castroville, Medina Co., Texas. Andre married<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth ZUERCHER on 1 Jan 1837 in Oberentzen, Haut Rhin, Alsace, France.

On-line listing of St. Louis Catholic Cemetery has a lot of Briedens listed there, but does not have Andre Brieden (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txmedina/cemeteries.htm>).

- 13. **Elizabeth ZUERCHER** was born<sup>5</sup> 28 Oct 1808 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, Alsace, France and immigrated<sup>5</sup> 1846. She died<sup>5</sup> 28 Sep 1854 in D'Hanis, Medina Co., Texas.

They had the following children:

- 6 M i. **Leopold BRIEDEN** was born 30 Sep 1843 and died 22 Jun 1922.
- M ii. **Jacques BRIEDEN "Jacob"** was born 27 Jan 1840 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, France. He died 1911.

- M   iii. **Jean Baptiste BRIEDEN** was born 1 Aug 1845 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, France. He died 5 Jan 1933 in San Antonio, Bexar Co., Texas.
  - F   iv. **Louisa Mary BRIEDEN** was born 7 Mar 1847 in Vandenburg, Medina Co., Texas. She died 1 Sep 1926 in D Hanis, Medina Co., Texas.
  - F   v. **Regenia BRIEDEN** was born 1849 in Medina Co., Texas. She died 1943.
  - F   vi. **Carolina BRIEDEN** was born 1853 in D'Hanis, Medina Co., Texas. She died 1919.
  - M   vii. **Louis BRIEDEN** was born 1854 in Medina Co., Texas.
14. **Jean Nicolas PICHOT Jr** was born 5 Feb 1820 in Milly Meuse Lorraine France. He died<sup>11</sup> 28 Feb 1864 in Castroville, Medina Co., Texas and was buried<sup>12</sup> in St Louis Catholic Cemetery, Castroville, Medina Co., Texas. Jean married Regina HALLER on 24 Nov 1846 in Bexar Co., Texas.

Jean Nicolas Pichot Jr. was awarded two 640 acre sections of land on the bank of Hondo Creek, a branch of the Rio Frio. He later owned a saloon on the west bank of the Medina River, and a home on the east bank. He allegedly kept his money in a barrel and slept at the saloon to protect the business. He was robbed and killed on 25 Feb 1864 (Eva Lee Pichot Smith).

15. **Regina HALLER** was born 24 Apr 1830 in Fellinging, St. Amarin, Haut Rhin, Alsace, France and immigrated 8 Apr 1844 in Galveston Co., Texas. She died 12 Feb 1892 in Austin, Travis Co., Texas and was buried in Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Austin, Travis Co., Texas.

Immigratn:           08 Apr 1844       Jean HALLER and Marie Anne GOLLY; Galveston, Galveston County, Texas; departing Strasbourg 22 Nov 1843 on the "Heinrich."

They had the following children:

- F    i. **Theresa PICHOT** was born 15 Oct 1847 in Medina County, Texas. She died 4 Mar 1938 in Medina County, Texas and was buried in St Louis Catholic Cemetery, Castroville, Medina County.
- 7 F   ii. **Catherine PICHOT** was born 7 Dec 1852 and died 29 Jul 1926.
- F    iii. **Maria Emilia PICHOT** was born 5 Oct 1856 in Medina Co., Texas. She died 27 Oct 1919 in Austin, Travis Co, Texas.
- M    iv. **Louis Nicolaus PICHOT** was born 6 Dec 1858 in Medina County, Texas. He died 23 Oct 1925 in Austin, Travis County, Texas and was buried in Austin Cemetery, Austin, Travis County, Texas.
- M    v. **Adolph Albert PICHOT** was born 7 Aug 1862 in Medina County, Texas.

## Fifth Generation

16. **John LOONEY** was born<sup>5</sup> about 1744 in Augusta, Virginia. He died<sup>5</sup> about 1819 in Warren, Tennessee. John married Elizabeth RENFRO.

Following entries from OneWorldTree database (Donald N. Panther-Yates, donpanther@msm.com)

Birth: 1744 in Looney's Creek, Augusta Co., VA 1

Death: 1819 in Warren or Smith Co., Tenn. 1

Military Service: Captain John Looney

Event: Fact 6 NOV 1777 Signed Petition from North of Holston against Fincastle Petition in Washington Co., Va.

Event: Fact Eldest son and heir of Robert Looney

Event: Fact Heir apparent to grandfather Robert Looney, assisted in his inventory in 1771

Event: Fact 10 NOV 1773 Deeded 213 acres of legacy to John Paxton, Botetourt Co., Va.

Event: Fact BET. AUG - DEC 1776 Bullock Master in southern Washington Co. after Cherokee expedition under

Col. Wm. Christian

Event: Fact 17 JUL 1789 Indebted "a sorrel horse" appraised at 6 pounds to Hawkins Co., Tenn. (Stray Masters Books, 1787-1791)

Event: Fact 1790 Appointed ensign in new Hawkins Co., Tenn., also on voters list

Residence: 1773 Looneys Mill Creek, Botetourt Co., Va. next to Renfros

Event: Migration ABT. 1775 Moved south to lower part of Washington Co., Va, now Sullivan Co., Tenn..

Note:

Acc. to the book Early Looneys in America, David Looney migrated to lower Washington Co., Va. with Stephen and Margaret Renfro, John Looney, some of the children of Absolom Looney and others. The Looneys played prominent parts in the defense of the settlements against Indians and in the formation of the Lost State of Franklin. In other words, they were Wataugans. In the 1780s Henry Turney was in the area of Manskers Station near Gallatin. --Source: Linda McCreary, 1802 Eastwood Drive SE, Decatur, Alabama 35601.

In October 1781 Capt. John Looney joined Col. John Sevier on the southwest side of the French Broad River, then crossed the Tennessee River to the Overhill Cherokee Towns, which they destroyed. He was captured and released in 1782.

John Looney had a grant from N.C. of 160 acres on Possum Creek (Oct. 23, 1782), in Sullivan County (which became Hawkins Co. in 1786), perhaps in Stanley Valley near a 600 acre tract entered by David Looney in 1784. On Nov. 16, 1790 he had a grant on Sinking Creek adjoining Thomas Caldwell and later obtained additional land in Hawkins Co., Tenn.

Andrew Michaux, French botanist, took lodgings at Capt. Looney's house near the Cumberland river on Mar. 10, 1796.

John Looney expanded his holdings westward. On Jan. 1, 1797, he purchased 240 acres on the north side of Cumberland River in Sumner Co. from Henry Turney (another Sephardic Jew). He signed a Sumner Co. petition dated Sept. 30, 1800. He also became prominent in Smith Co., becoming justice of the peace in 1809. White Co. was formed from Smith in 1806, and Warren Co. from White County in 1807. Looney's Trace was a local landmark. He apparently lived in Smith Co. In 1808 he was guardian of John and Stephen Renfro. He died about 1818, for in Feb. of 1819 his son and heir John of St. Clair Co., Ala. deeded the plantation in Warren Co. to Elisha Dodson. This was on Barren Fork of Collins River "where John Looney Sr. formerly lived." Witnesses were Isaac Martin and William Barnes. (Warren Deeds, D, p. 128).

17. **Elizabeth RENFRO** was born 1740/1745 in Botetourt, Virginia.

They had the following children:

- M i. **John LOONEY** was born<sup>13</sup> about 1771.
- 8 M ii. **Robert LOONEY** was born about 1774 and died 1822.
- M iii. **Martin LOONEY** was born<sup>13</sup> about 1776.
- M iv. **Moses LOONEY** was born<sup>13</sup> 6 Aug 1780.
- M v. **Stephen LOONEY** was born<sup>13</sup> about 1782.
- F vi. **Unknown LOONEY** was born<sup>13</sup> about 1784.
- F vii. **Unknown LOONEY** was born<sup>13</sup> about 1787.

18. **James WILLIAMS**<sup>7</sup> married Keziah WILSON.

Revolutionary War soldier (Elizabeth Baker).

19. **Keziah WILSON**<sup>7</sup>.

They had the following children:

- 9 F i. **Susanna WILLIAMS** was born about 1785 and died 1869.
24. **Andre BRIEDEN** was born 1765 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, France and immigrated<sup>5</sup> 1846. He died 16 Apr 1848 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, France. Andre married Marguerite MEYER on 4 Nov 1805 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, France.
25. **Marguerite MEYER**.

Andre and Marguerite had the following children:

- 12 M i. **Andre BRIEDEN** was born 25 Sep 1808 and died 5 Sep 1881.
  - M ii. **Nicolas BRIEDEN** was born 12 Mar 1811 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, France. He died 29 Apr 1815 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, France.
  - M iii. **Jean George BRIEDEN** was born 23 Apr 1813 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, France. He died 29 Mar 1816 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, France.
  - M iv. **Jaques BRIEDEN** was born 4 Jan 1806 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, France.
  - F v. **Marie Agatha BRIEDEN** was born 21 Nov 1809 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, France.
  - M vi. **Nicolas BRIEDEN** was born 6 Jul 1812 in Oberentzen, Haut-Rhin, France.
28. **Jean Nicolas PICHOT Sr**<sup>14</sup> was born 15 Jan 1785 in Nantillios, Milly Meuse, Lorraine, France and immigrated 5 Jan 1843 in Galveston, Galveston Co., Texas. He died about 1845 in Medina Co., Texas and was buried in St Louis Catholic Cemetery, Castroville, Medina Co., Texas. Jean married Marie Elizabeth Josephine CHARPENTIER on 15 May 1807.

Jean Nicolas Sr. and Louis, his older brother, both learned their father's trade, that of a cordier (rope maker).

Jean Nicolas Sr. had eleven children with Marie...but only four lived to adulthood and only three moved to Texas.

Jean Nicolas Sr. came to Texas without his wife with the ardent desire to make enough money to buy back the rightful title of duchess which was taken from her family during the French revolution. Her family had escaped persecution only by moving to Alsace. Jean Nicols, a man of intelligence owned a vineyard and was a cordier by profession for income. The family's status in life had been reduced in France and he was determined to regain what had been stripped from them by going to Texas to earn the money needed to restore their rightful position.

He had the forethought to bring several volumes of lawbooks to the new country. Since he was one of the nine original settlers who first arrived to settle the village of Castroville, he without question was the first to bring lawbooks to Castroville. With the many excellent records recorded in the county and not in other counties of the times this seems to indicate they served their purpose well.

The excitement of it now being possible for Nicolas Sr. to accomplish dream gave him a great deal of energy. He did many extra jobs for the money. His great granddaughter Bertha Brauer Griffen wrote "being energetic J.N.P. went to cut hay on the Helotes and was bitten by a rattlesnake..." It is known rattlesnake bites are not always fatal she continued "...and a man by the name of Linderburg or Linderman gave him a glass of turpentine mistaken for whiskey to counteract the poison of the bite and caused his death after a short time. His burial place can still be seen all walled up and a fence around it."

The bite occurred just three years after they arrived in America. Probably the summer of 1846.

The children now had the responsibility to carry out the family dream without him.

No priest and no Catholic record book at time of death.

29. **Marie Elizabeth Josephine CHARPENTIER** was born 18 Apr 1785 in Grand Pre, Department of Ardennes.

They had the following children:

- 14 M i. **Jean Nicolas PICHOT Jr** was born 5 Feb 1820 and died 28 Feb 1864.
- F ii. **Marie Jeanne PICHOT** "Jeanne Marie" was born 13 May 1824 in Milly Meuse Lorraine France. She died 26 Oct 1888 in Medina Co., Texas and was buried<sup>12</sup> 1888 in St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Castroville, Medina Co., Texas.  

One source places burial at Ihnken Family Cemetery, Medina Co., Texas.
- F iii. **Alexis PICHOT** was born 24 Jun 1826 in Milly Meuse Lorraine France. She died 2 Nov 1912 in Medina Co., Texas and was buried<sup>12</sup> 3 Nov 1912 in St Louis Catholic Cemetery, Castroville, Medina Co., Texas.

Got Alexandrine as her first name from somewhere. Alexis came from Bonnie Ludwig's book.

Alexis is said to be the most exuberant of the two girls when telling the family of the free land that was available in the new country called Texas.

30. **Jean HALLER** was born 29 Jul 1805 in Felling, Oderen, France. He married Marie Anne GOLLY.

Immigratn: 08 Apr 1844 Jean HALLER and Marie Anne GOLLY; Galveston, Galveston County, Texas; departing Strasbourg 22 Nov 1843 on the "Heinrich."7 Castro's sixth ship.

31. **Marie Anne GOLLY** was born 15 Jan 1808. She died 13 Nov 1892.

Immigratn: 08 Apr 1844 Jean HALLER and Marie Anne GOLLY; Galveston, Galveston County, Texas; departing Strasbourg 22 Nov 1843 on the "Heinrich."7

They had the following children:

- 15 F i. **Regina HALLER** was born 24 Apr 1830 and died 12 Feb 1892.

## Sixth Generation

32. **Robert LOONEY Jr.** was born 1721 in Isle of Man, Ireland. He died 15 Feb 1756 in Reed Creek, Augusta, Virginia. Robert married Margaret RHEA on 1742 in Augusta Co., Virginia.

Following from OneWorldTree database (Barbara Anne Hearne, gardenNgranny409@aol.com)

Death: 15 FEB 1756 in Killed by Shane Indians 1

Event: Event 1742 Was on the Muster Roll of Augusta Co., VA

PROP: 30 JUL Received a Land Grant of 213 acres

Following from OneWorldTree database entry:

Robert Looney was on the Muster Roll of Augusta County in 1742. On July 30, 1742 received a grant of 213 acres beginning at the South side of Luney's Mill Creek and extending to Beaver Damn Swamp. Robert Looney was a surety on Eleanor Draper's bond of May 17, 1749, for her administration of George Draper's estate. (Probably the George Draper who went hunting and never returned. His wife was killed by Indians in July 1755 at Draper's Meadow on New or Wood's River). On Nov. 27, 1755, Robert Looney and John Mills were processioners for Looney's Creek and the waters thereof. In Feb. of 1756 Robert Looney was killed by the enemy at Reed's Creek, "nigh Alex Sawyer's" east of Kings Mills, later Kingsport, Tennessee. (William Preston's Journal.)

Margaret Looney gave bond as administratrix 17 March 1756. John Looney and Robert Rowland were sureties. (Was Margaret related to Robert Rowland?) This John Looney was a younger brother to Robert and at about this time he became son-in-law to Stephen Rentfro. The Robert Looney, Jr. estate was appraised 15 May 1756 by John Bowen, Hugh Caruthers, Robert Rowland, and William Harbison. Margraet Looney may have been identical with the Margaret Looney who in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1759 sued Anthony (Fee Book) when Anthony sued Looney and Co.(Order Book).

Father: Robert LOONEY b: ABT. 1692 in Ballagilly Farm, Maughold Parish, Isle of Mann, Ireland/England

Mother: Elizabeth LEWELLYN? b: ABT. 1700 in Isle of Mann

33. **Margaret RHEA.**

They had the following children:

- 16 M i. **John LOONEY** was born about 1744 and died about 1819.

38. **Samuel WILSON**<sup>7</sup>.

He had the following children:

- 19 F i. **Keziah WILSON.**

56. **Ogier PICHOT**<sup>14</sup> was born May 1741. He died before 1807. Ogier married Therese ANTOINE.

Lived in the parisian of Nantilloise, Meuse, France. Was 43 years, 7 months, 26 days of age when his son Jean Nicolas was born.

57. **Therese ANTOINE**<sup>14</sup> was born before 1770. She died before 1807.

Approximately 36 years old when son Jean Nicolas was born. Had a brother named Jean Nicolas Antoine for whom she named her son and appointed godfather. He lived in Milly.

They had the following children:

28 M i. **Jean Nicolas PICHOT Sr** was born 15 Jan 1785 and died about 1845.

58. **Jean Babtist (sp?) CHARPENTIER**<sup>14</sup> was born before 1770. He died before 1807. Jean married Marie Catherine MARON.

59. **Marie Catherine MARON**<sup>14</sup> was born before 1770. She died before 1807.

They had the following children:

29 F i. **Marie Elizabeth Josephine CHARPENTIER** was born 18 Apr 1785.

## Seventh Generation

64. **Robert LOONEY**<sup>15</sup> was born 1692 in Ballagilley Farm, Maughold, Isle Of Man, England. He died 14 Sep 1769 in Augusta, Virginia. Robert married Elizabeth STOVER (BARABAR) on 1715 in Ballagilley Farm, Maughold, Isle Of Man, England.

All the following from Barbara Anne Hearne OneWorldTree entry:

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Name: Robert LOONEY

Sex: M

Birth: ABT 1692 in Ballagilley Farm, Maughold Parish, Isle of Man, Ireland/England

Death: 14 SEP 1769 in Looney's Mill Creek, Botetorte Co., VA

Burial: SEP 1769 Reed Creek, Botetorte Co., VA

Occupation: A Manx farmer from Ballagilley, Maughold Parish, Isle of Man

Occupation: Farmer

Occupation: Ran Looney's Ferry & Looney's Mill (Looney's Creek flows into the James River)

Will: 13 NOV 1770 Will probated in Botetorte Co., VA

Event: Event 1735 Entered the Quaker Colony of VA with Alexander Ross and Morgan Bryan of PA

Event: Event 12 NOV 1735 Received a Patent from the Crown, George II for 294 acres

Event: Event 30 JUL 1742 400 acres on "Lunnie's" Mill Creek

Immigration: 1731 To the Colonies

Probate: 14 SEP 1769 Botetorte Co., VA, Book A, p. 03

Reference Number: 5604

Note:

Records of William A. Little

Walls Family Tree and Others

Entries: 19208 Updated: Fri Jun 28 22:47:27 2002 Contact: Sandra Walls

Name: Robert LOONEY

Given Name: Robert

Surname: Looney

Sex: M

Birth: Abt 1692 in Ballagilley Farm, Maughold Parish, Isle Of Mann, Ireland/England

Death: 14 Sep 1769 in Looney's Mill Cr., Botetourte County, Virginia

Burial: Sep 1769 Botetourte County, Virginia, Reed Creek, Virginia

Reference Number: 1461

Event: Fact 1 Was A Manx Farmer From Ballagilly, Maughold Parish, Isle Of MAN  
Will: 13 Nov 1770 Will Probated In Botetourt County, Virginia  
Event: Fact 2 1735 Entered The Quaker Colony Of Virginia With Alexander Ross And Morgan Bryan Of Pennsylvania  
Event: Fact 3 12 Nov 1735 Recieved A Patent From The Crown, George The 2ND For 294 Acres  
Event: Fact 4 30 Jul 1742 400 Acres On "Lunie S" Mill Creek  
Immigration: 1731 Immigrated To The Colonies  
Event: [Name]Occupation Farmer, Ran Looney's Ferry And Looney's Mill  
Probate: 14 Sep 1769 Botetourte Co., VA, Book A, P. 3  
Change Date: 27 Mar 2002 at 08:26

Note:

In about 1724, Robert and Elizabeth Looney came to America from the Isle of Man, Great Britain, with their family, settling first in Philadelphia, PA and later in colonial Maryland. Soon thereafter they moved west to the new frontier and settled in Augusta County, Virginia on the James River. There on Looney Creek, Robert and Elizabeth raised their family, established the first ferry crossing of the James River, built a mill, grew crops and raised livestock. Due to the constant conflict between France and England, as well as the threat of Indian attack, a fort was ordered built in 1755 around the Looney home site. This fort was named Fort Looney and was at the junction of Looney Creek and the James River. This fort was part of a series of forts ordered built along the frontier to protect settlers and to keep the French from claiming the territory. Fort Looney was visited in 1756 by Col. George Washington, future first president of the United States.

The Looney sons were frontiersmen and pioneers. Some fought and died with the British against the French and Indians. Some were killed by Indians during frequent frontier raids on settlers while others helped to explore and expand the frontier boundaries first into southwestern Virginia and eventually into Tennessee Indian Territory. The Looney sons and grandsons fought against the British in the War of Independence.

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DECEMBER, 1971  
THE LIPES SITE, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Howard A. MacCord, Sr.

The Lipes Site (44, S0.1) lies on the right (south) bank of the James River, just west of the mouth of Looney Mill Creek, 15 miles west of the town of Buchanan, Virginia, and .4 miles east of the crossing of the James River by Interstate Highway 81. The site is about 25 feet above normal river stage and has rarely been flooded. Probably in prehistoric times, it did not flood at all. The site is owned by the Lipes family, to whom we are indebted for the privilege of making the present story of the site. We are also obligated to Mr. Stuart B. Carter of Buchanan for bringing the site to our attention, for helping make arrangements for the work, for help in the actual field-work, and for his hospitality to several of us during the time we worked at the site.

The site has been known to the archaeological world for many years. A letter in the files of the Valentine museum of Richmond, from a Mr. Charles L. Wilson, dated 9 July, 1903, reports the findings of burials on a point where Looney's Creek enters the James River. He reports that many burials were found and not removed, and that the site yields pottery, axes, etc. The burials were found about 1892 when an ice house was excavated on the site. In addition, many local collectors of Indian relics have found the site a productive place to search after each plowing. About 1966, Mr. Stuart Carter (with permission of Mrs. Lipes) tested a spot near the river bank and found a deep refuse-filled pit, which he excavated. The materials found in this test are included in the analysis of the cultural materials found in the current work.

A farm road perpendicular to the river leads from the high ground south of the river valley to the river bank at the western edge of the site. A corresponding road leads north from the north bank of the river. The river between the two ends of the road is still and deep, and here was the only suitable place for miles for ferrying across the river. The present farm roads are the survivors of the "Carolina Road" along which so many pioneers moved during the mid-18th Century, and the ferry is the well-known Looney's Ferry.

Because of the ideal topography of the site and its proximity to the road and ferry site, it was almost inevitable that the site would have been settled at an early date. While the earliest history of the site is unknown, it is certain that on July 30, 1742, Mr. Robert Looney patented the site. Presumably, he also kept a tavern for lodging and feeding the travelers using his ferry and the Carolina Road.

With the growing threat of Indian attacks in 1754-55, Looney was obliged to fortify his homestead. He probably had enough men (he had 5 grown sons) at the tavern-ferry to run the fort for routine guard duty, and he could count on neighbors and travelers to augment this force if an attack came. The fort was already in existence in 1755 and was called Fort Looney. Apparently the fort was never attacked, possibly because it was too strong. In 1758 the fort at Looney's ferry was renamed Fort Faquier in honor of the newly arrived Governor of the Colony. The subsequent history of the fort is uncertain. We know that Robert Looney died in 1769, and one son (Absalom) pioneered into Tazwell County (Stoner, 1962). Looney's house continued to stand, with additions and changes until about 1914, when it was torn down. A solitary pear tree still stands as an indicator that the site was formerly a homestead. In addition, there are people in the neighborhood who can remember the house. The site is now a plowed field, and such debris from more than 175 years of occupation still litters the ground. Where the house formerly stood, the soil is filled with bricks and stones from the old foundations.

Migrated from the Isle of Man in 1730, to Virginia, settled on Looney Creek which flows into the James river.

Estate of David Looney, 10 Sept. 1814, Sullivan Co., TN

Knox Co., TN, Will Book 4, dated Aug 2, 1823, Moses Looney Will

Samuel Looney lived close to brother Moses Looney in Knox Co., TN

Annals of Southwest Virginia 1769-1800, By Lewis Preston Summers, Vol. 1, in two parts-Part 11, Botetourt Co., Wills 1770-73

A list of Early Marriages in Botetourt Co., VA (1769-1800), From Court Records.

In 1735 the Family of Robert Looney was one of seventy that entered the Quaker Colony of Virginia, with Alexander Ross and Morgan Bryan of the Providence of Pennsylvania. The colony bought 100,000 acres of land near Winchester, Virginia. Among the purchasers listed is Robert Looney. He also received a patent dated November 12, 1735 from the Crown, George the 2nd, for 294 acres on the south bank of the Cohongoronta, upper Potomac River, near the Samuel Owens plantation. He received a grant of 250 acres on the James River and on "Lunie s" Mill Creek, 400 acres on "Lunie s" Mill Creek on July 30, 1742. Robert purchased a large tract of land in Botetourt County on the upper James River, across the river from Buchanan, Virginia, a tract well over 1500 acres.

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Robert Luna, 294 acres, on the south bank of the Potomac River. On June 13, 1766, Robert Looney signed a power of attorney empowering James Jack of Frederick County to sell for him a certain tract of 294 acres described as patent land granted him November 12, 1735, by authority of an order in council made to Alexander Ross and Morgan Bryan. It is stated in this instrument that Robert Looney was then a resident of Augusta County, Virginia. Witnesses, Wm. Thompson, David Looney, Thomas Jefferson, Peter Hogg, G. Jones. On November 4, 1766, Robert Looney of Augusta County, by his attorney James Jack, sold to Jeremiah Jack of Frederick County this same 294 acres. The property is described as being on the Potomac River and adjoining Samuel Owens.

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65. **Elizabeth STOVER (BARABAR)**<sup>16</sup> was born about 1701 in Isle Of Man, England. She died 20 Aug 1747 in Augusta, Virginia and was buried in Virginia.

They had the following children:

M i. **Absalom LOONEY**<sup>17</sup> was born about 1729 in Isle Of Man, England. He died 28 Sep 1791 in Botetourt, Virginia.

32 M ii. **Robert LOONEY Jr.** was born 1721 and died 15 Feb 1756.

112. **Andre PICHOT**<sup>14</sup> was born before 1726. He married Marie MARIMS.

Lived with wife in parish of Nantilloise, Meuse, France

113. **Marie MARIMS**<sup>14</sup> was born before 1726.

Also spelled, Marins.

They had the following children:

56 M     i. **Ogier PICHOT** was born May 1741 and died before 1807.

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