

Gary Hobbs).
Front Row: Heather Baxter (daughter of
Andrew and Rhonda Baxter) and Jeremy
Hobbs (son of Gary and Judy Baxter Hobbs).

Webb, and Eli is son of David (Burr) and
Misty Davis Baxter.

The Bratcher Family

Perry Oscar (P. O.) Bratcher was born March 27, 1886, in Tennessee and died May 5, 1971, in McKinney, Texas. Perry was the son of James Mack and Lucy Ann Whitt Bratcher. Perry's father, James Mack Bratcher was born October 1854 in Tennessee, and died January 15, 1928, in Texas. Perry's mother, Lucy Ann Whitt was born January 27, 1862, in Tennessee, and died September 3, 1936, in Texas. Perry also had two brothers and one sister born in Tennessee. Perry Oscar had a twin brother, Berry Lonzo Bratcher, another brother Walter Lee Bratcher and a sister, Minnie Bea born in Tennessee. James Mack and his wife, Lucy, left Tennessee in the early 1900's and came to Texas, settling in the Kaufman/Ellis County area. After arriving in Texas, four more children were born to James Mack and Lucy Ann Bratcher. They were Everett, Stella, William and Ella Mae Bratcher.

P. O. Bratcher married Minnie Lee Pennington. Minnie was born May 3, 1891, in McMinnville, Tennessee. She came to Texas in 1892. She died April 17, 1963. They married October 27, 1906. P. O. and Minnie are both buried in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. After they married, they lived in Milford, Texas. In 1915, they moved west of Prosper, Texas, on the Love Ranch in Denton County. They had five children: Otis Edgar (Red) Bratcher, Ethel Inez, Bernice Willia, Montrue Stella and Lucy Gretchen Bratcher. Otis, Ethel Inez and Bernice were born in Kemp, Texas. Montrue Stella and Lucy Gretchen Bratcher were born in Denton County, Texas, near Prosper after the family moved from the Kaufman area.



The Bratcher Family - L to R: Montrue, Bernice, Ethel, Minnie, Otis and Lucy Bratcher, 1951



P. O. and Minnie Bratcher

P. O. farmed for many years. In the 1950's, he and Minnie moved to the town of Prosper. P. O. worked at Cyril Reese's Service Station and also sold block ice. Minnie had a snow cone stand near the service station. Perry was also a bee-keeper. He worked the hives and sold the honey. Minnie loved to crochet and she made a white block bedspread. Her daughter, Lucy, entered it at the Texas State Fair in 1950, and it won third prize.

P. O. and Minnie's son, Otis, was born in Kemp, Texas, on August 30, 1914, and married Irene Rogers on March 25, 1933, in Collin County, Texas. He was a farmer. Irene Rogers was born September 28, 1916. They lived west of Prosper until the early 1940's when they moved to the Light's Ranch, northwest of Prosper. After farming the Light's Ranch many years, the family moved to Celina to be near some land he was farming in the area.

Otis died August 5, 1998, and Irene died June 8, 2003. Both are buried in the Belew cemetery, located between Pilot Point and Aubrey, Texas. They had two children, Carole Jean and Michael (Mike) Rogers Bratcher. Carole Jean was born November 27, 1938, just west of Prosper in Denton County. Carole Jean graduated from Prosper High School in 1957. Carole married Arthur L. (Ott) Rucker from Celina and they currently live in Celina. Arthur was born June 1, 1936, in Celina, Texas, and they were married in Durant, Oklahoma, on September 30, 1961. They had two children, Jimmy Rucker born in McKinney, Texas, (deceased November 27, 2006) and Kimberly Jean Rucker (born in Sherman, Texas, on May 18, 1965). Kimberly married Guillermo Alexander (born December 29, 1956) and they had two children, Andrew

(born June 22, 1992) and Suzanna Alexander (born October 13, 1995). Kimberly and her family currently live in Laredo, Texas.

Michael (Mike) Rogers was born August 28, 1946, in Denton, Texas. He graduated from Celina High School in 1964. Mike Bratcher married Maura McCurdy and they had four children, Christopher, Claire Irene, Kelsy and Kayla Bratcher. Claire Irene Bratcher married Jason Anderson. Mike was a pilot and flew for Braniff Airways and U. S. Airways. He and his wife currently live in Southlake, Texas, and he is a pilot for Net Jets Airways.



Mike Bratcher and Montrue Bratcher



Montrue and Lucy Bratcher

Ethel, the oldest child of Perry and Minnie Bratcher, was born October 5, 1909, and died September 29, 1971. She is buried in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Ethel never married. Bernice Willia Bratcher married Raymond Waller and they lived in Prosper. They had three children, Dorothy, Perry, and Terry (twins) Waller. Bernice was born February 18, 1912, and died on February 19, 2010. Montrue Bratcher married James D. Chitsey. She was born July 3, 1922, and she and her husband currently live in Dallas, Texas. Lucy Gretchen Bratcher was born December 16, 1925, and died December 14, 2008. She married Ernest Marmon, Sr. Lucy and Earnest had two children, Sheila Denise and Ernest Fry Marmon, Jr. After Ernest, Sr. died, Lucy married Charles Atkins. Charles and Lucy both graduated from Prosper High School in 1942. Charles Atkins died on February 13, 2013, at his home in Dallas, Texas, and is buried in the Ridgeview Cemetery in McKinney/Allen, Texas. Lucy died December 14, 2008, in Dallas, Texas. She is buried in the Ridgeview Cemetery.



Ethel Bratcher



L to R: Montrue, Otis and Bernice Bratcher



Otis, Ethel, Montrue (baby) and Bernice Bratcher



*The Bratcher Children
L to R: Bernice, Lucy, Montrue and Otis Bratcher*



*The Perry Bratcher Family
L to R. First Row: Raymond Waller, Terry Waller, Irene Bratcher, Otis (Red) Bratcher, Perry Waller, J.D. Chitsey and Perry Bratcher (back of his head)
Second Row: Dorothy Waller Carter, Johnnie Carter, Ethel Bratcher, Mike Bratcher, Carole Bratcher, Lucy Bratcher Marmon, Bernice Waller (Raymond's wife), Montrue Bratcher Chitsey and Minnie Bratcher.*