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THE CHESNUT FAMILY

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THE CHESNUT FAMILY ORIGINATED IN AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
WILLIAM CHESNUTS NAME APPEARED ON LAND RECORDS IN 1762.

THE CHESNUT FAMILY WAS A LARGE FAMILY WITH ONE ARM OF THE FAMILY
ENDING UP IN LLANO COUNTY BY WAY OF LONDON, KENTUCKY.

WILLIAM LEE CHESNUT AND HIS BROTHER JOHN CAME TO THE VALLEY
SPRINGS COMMUNITY IN LLANO COUNTY IN THE LATE 1800S WITH THEIR
FATHER, EVAN KINCAID, AND MOTHER SALLIE PEARL CHESNUT.

AT SOME POINT IN TIME AND FOR REASONS UNKNOWN THE BOYS FATHER
AND MOTHER RETURNED TO LAURAL COUNTY KENTUCKY.

WILLIAM LEE AND JOHN REMAINED ON IN VALLEY SPRINGS DOING CATTLE
WORK FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND ODD JOBS AROUND THE COMMUNITY.

AFTER WORKING A FEW YEARS TOGEATHER JOHN CHESNUT MOVED ON TO
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA, LEAVING WILLIAM LEE ALONE IN VALLEY SPRINGS.

WILLIAM LEE CONTINUED HIS WORK AND BUILT UP A SMALL CATTLE HEARD
OF HIS OWN.

WILLIAM TOOK A INTEREST IN A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL WHO WAS THE
DAUGHTER OF BLANCHE A. B. MAYES A LOCAL RANCHER.

WILLIAM LEE C. A. CALOYMA MAYES WERE MARRIED ON
DECEMBER 12 AND MADE THEIR HOME AT VALLEY SPRINGS.

OUT OF THIS CHILDREN BORN, EVAN KINCAID
(S. MARY L. BELL) and ALICE EVELYN

ERY SA...ENCE OF LOOSING THEIR MOTHER
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TIMES WERE EXTREAMLY HARD FOR THE CHESNUTS AFTER THE LOSS OF
THEIR MOTHER, HOWEVER THEY WERE BLESSED WITH MUCH LOVE AND
SUPPORT FROM THE MAYES AND WALLACE FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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WILLIAM LEE HAD STARTED TRAPPING FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN ADDITION
TO HIS FARMING AND RANCHING AND THIS REQUIRED HIM BEING GONE
FROM HOME FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME AND HAVING TO LIVE OUT OF A
WAGON WHILE THE CHILDREN STAYED IN LLANO WITH GRANDFATHER AND
GRANDMOTHER MAYES TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

IN SPITE OF SOME EXTREME HARDSHIPS THE CHESNUT CHILDREN WENT ON
TO LEAD FULL AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PATRICK
HENERY WHO DIED AT AN EARLY AGE.

THE SAND HAS SLIPPED THROUGH THE GLASS AND THE CHESNUTS ARE GONE
FROM LLANO COUNTY, HOWEVER IM SURE WILLIAM LEE AND NONA CALOYMA
WHEREEVER THEY MAY BE ARE BEAMING WITH PRIDE AT THE BIRTH OF
THEIR GREAT, GREAT GRAND DAUGHTER, ASHLEY NICOLE CHESNUT WHO
WAS BORN IN BEEVILLE, TEXAS IN 1987.

WILLIAM EARL NEWSOM