

1880 Coryell, TX census:

James R. Rucker 30, b. MO;  
Elsy O. (wife), age 23, b. GA;  
Thomas J. (son), age 5, b. TX;  
Nora V. (dau), age 2, b. TX;  
Wilton W. (brother), age 13, b.  
TX; Marcus O. (brother) 11, b.  
TX; Martha D. (mother), age  
49, b. GA (widowed).

Here was Martha, a widow, but who was her husband? I looked for her son Marcus. Also brother Wilton, living with him, were the clues that led me to the right family.

I searched my records for Marcus and Wilton. These unusual names were enough for me to find this family in my records. Martha [Shellnut] was married to Jeremiah<sup>6</sup> Thomas Rucker (Wilton<sup>5</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup> and Jeremiah's wife Henrietta<sup>5</sup> Stanley, Susannah<sup>4</sup> Smith, Margaret<sup>3</sup> Rucker, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>).

I heard from a descendant, John E. Rucker of Santa Maria, CA, 2000: William H. Rucker, known as "Bus," and his wife, "Lottie," had ten children. He was a colonel with the 82th Airborne and was made field general twice. The family is very proud of him.

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Note for Mike Rucker: One of Bus's nephews, Choice Randall Rucker, was an All-American football player at the University of Arkansas. He was among the first to "hit the silks" in Germany in WWII.

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## Photo Corner

### "Grannee" Rucker

A woman of the old west

A wonderful photo of a Rucker woman was found by Wilora Tucker of Kilgore TX. She found it in an antique shop in Gladewater, TX.

Wilora sent a copy of the picture to Chris Rucker who posted it at The Rucker photo web site.

On the back is written:

*Grannee Rucker  
Mother of Laura Emma  
Chambers  
Grannee Rucker  
Lived in fort in pioneer days  
at Elkhart Texas in order to  
be safe from Indians*

Please help us identify Grannee Rucker. Contact the Editor or Wilora Tucker at [wd.tucker@att.net](mailto:wd.tucker@att.net).

"Grannee"  
Rucker

