

## **Augustus Owen McCroan**

John Wesley Pulley was born December 16, 1873 in Searcy, Arkansas. He came with his family to the Jewell community from Searcy, Arkansas. Their son, Jasper Gibbs **Pulley**, Jr. told the story of the family coming to Texas sometime between 1886 and 1900. They paid \$1 per person for the privilege of riding in a boxcar. People got off the train when it reached the area in which they wanted to settle. The Pulleys initially came to Comanche county where they had family.

John Wesley Pulley met Emma Estelle **McCroan** in Jewell and they were married December 4, 1895. She was the daughter of **Augustus Owen** and **Mary I. Hardeman McCroan**. John and Emma had three children in Texas - Euna Estelle born December 25, 1898 and Clyde William born October 17, 1899. A baby daughter was born July 28, 1901 but only lived a few hours. The [baby](#) was buried at Jewell Cemetery.

Sometime in 1901 or 1902, John and Emma moved their family to Arapaho, Custer County, Oklahoma where John was Construction Foreman for a railroad. A daughter, Lylia Ozella Pulley, was born in Arapaho, Oklahoma on October 8, 1902. However her mother, Emma Estelle, died of typhoid fever on September 17, 1903. This resulted in the breakup of the family in Oklahoma. John Wesley **Pulley**, brought his three small children back to Texas to live with their grandparents.

Euna (5 yrs. old) and Clyde (4 yrs. old) went to live with their father's parents, Jasper Gibbs (53 yrs. old), and, Nancy Jane (60 yrs. old) Pulley. Emma Estelle's parents, **Augustus** (55 yrs. old) and **Mary** (45 yrs. old), **McCroan**, who lived near the Pulley's, took Ozella (1 yr. old) to live with them.

As a young child, Ozella tripped and fell into the **McCroan's** fireplace. She lost her right eye. She wore special glasses that had a smoked lens over that eye socket. Ozella never married. She worked at the Gorman electric company for many years. [Ozella](#) is buried at the Oakland Cemetery in Duster, Texas near her father and her grandparents. [Augustus](#) and [Mary McCroan](#) are buried in Jewell Cemetery.