

**James and Frances Chapman Fuqua** arrived in Ralls County in 1827 from Fleming County, Kentucky, where James was born. He was the son of John F. and Margaret Lawson Fuqua, both born in Virginia. Frances was the daughter of James and Phoebe E. Pearce Chapman, also from Virginia. James and Frances settled 5 miles east of New London near the original Salt River Christian Church. His brother William Fuqua and his family accompanied James on the move to Ralls County. A Fuqua Cemetery was established on April 21, 1830, with the death of Horace B. Fuqua, one-month-old son of James and Frances. It is believed that this grave is the oldest marked grave in Ralls County. The last person buried there was Joe Fuqua on March 16, 1949, making 85 known graves in the Cemetery. On September 12, 1983, the Fuqua Cemetery was deeded to the Salt River Christian Church fulfilling a promise by the Fuqua family that dated to the founding of the Church in 1836.

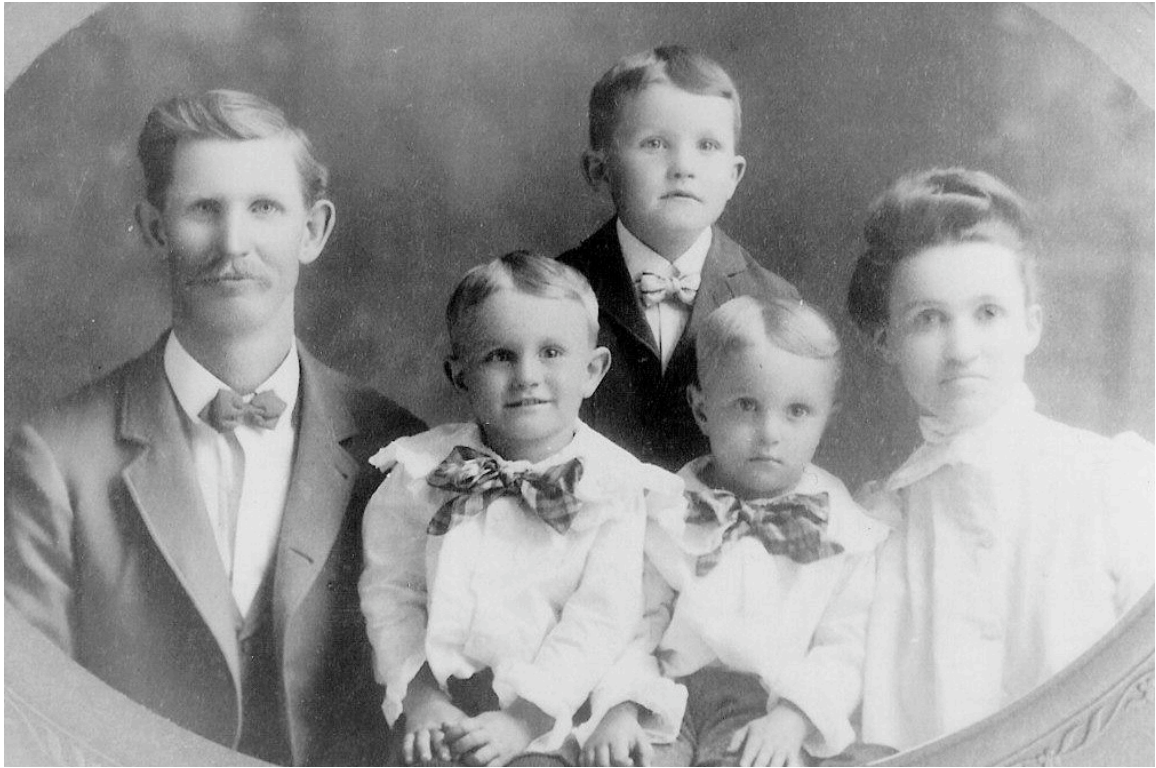
**John James Fuqua** was born on December 17, 1838, in Ralls County and the 10<sup>th</sup> child of James and Frances. He was married to Julia Gordon on March 18, 1862. They farmed and continued to live near the original homestead raising a family of four boys and two girls.

**Edward Frank Fuqua** was the 5<sup>th</sup> child of the couple and was born on August 5, 1872, near New London. He grew up farming and married Anna "Annie" Mary Fletcher on October 17, 1895, in New London. In 1900, they were living near Frankford in Pike County and subsequently moved back to Ralls County purchasing a homestead 4 miles east of New London in 1905. The homestead is still owned by descendants of Edward and Annie. The couple had three sons, John Wesley born in 1897, and twins Carl Sylvester and Pearl Lester born on January 5, 1901.

**Pearl Lester Fuqua** married Etna Pearl Epperson on February 20, 1921, in New London. The couple had three children, Charles Edward, Winifred Jean and Dorothy Louise. They purchased a farm adjacent to Pearl's parents and had a family farming operation combining efforts from three generations of Fuquas. Pearl died on September 23, 1960 after a bout with lung cancer. Earlier that year, his friends and neighbors arrived at his farm to prepare for that year's crop. In all, 57 people with 32 tractors arrived to plow and fertilize the 175 acres.

**Charles Edward Fuqua** married Gloria June Cramer of Hannibal on July 22, 1944, in Deming, New Mexico, where Charles was an officer being trained as a bombardier during World War II. After the war, they lived in Columbia while Charles completed his degree in accounting at the University of Missouri. In 1947, they moved to New London to reside, and in 1949 Charles and Gloria moved to a farm across the road from the Fuqua homestead and began their careers as a life-long Ralls County farm family. Charles and Gloria had two children. Victoria Lynn born in 1946 and Mark Edward born in 1949.

*Victoria Lynn (Fuqua) Brashears*



The Edward Frank Fuqua Family circa 1905. Pictured left to right: Edward Fuqua, Carl Sylvester Fuqua, John Wesley Fuqua, Pearl Lester Fuqua, and Anna Mary Fletcher Fuqua.



Assist Neighbor – Neighbors of Pearl Fuqua, Ralls county farmer, who is scheduled to undergo a lung operation in the University Hospital at Columbia today (Friday), got together Wednesday to plow and fertilize his 175-acre farm. Thirty-two tractors were used, operated by neighbors. Women of the neighborhood assisted Mrs. Fuqua in serving lunch, while John Harlow and Cliff Brown hauled gas, Richard Lake hauled and spread fertilizer, and Bill Shellers, from the Harrison Motor Company, helped in the field. Machinery was furnished for the occasion by the Harrison Motor Company. Neighboring farmers who arrived to bring tractors and help with the chores included: Bob and Leo Epperson, Russell and Ohrie Epperson, Rollie Fisher, Charles Daniels, Tom Williams, Mervin Haden, Raymond Briscoe, Steve Mekulcik, Joe Yohn, Kenneth Epperson, Arthur Epperson, Glen Briscoe, Jack Briscoe, Otis Wolfe, Clayborne Aichley, Merrit Nichols, Duane Dotson, Roy Webster, Ray Moore, Grover Moore, Jim Epperson, Lester Fuqua, Ray Bateman, Charles Fuqua, Jim Quinlin, Hurley Daniels, Dean Hamilton, Wes Fuqua, John Stout, Ed Hirner, Ikie Babyak, Omar Gillian, Bill Harlow, Sonny Fletcher, Leland Perkins, Thurman Jacobs. Assisting Mrs. (Etna) Fuqua in serving lunch were Dorothy Quinlin, Rosalie Epperson, Golden Epperson, Richard and Brad Epperson, Jerry Quinlin, Ann Mikulcik, Sue Wolfe, Elsie Moore, Carolyn Epperson, Pauline Fuqua, Dorothy Fisher, Bonnie Epperson, and Gloria Fuqua. (Courier-Post Photo).