

a horseback massager, he was wounded— two bullets in his back. The wound never healed and he was left permanently crippled. He farmed the land in Scott County Missouri left to him by his parents. He died at the age of 62, after which the land was sold.

Children by first wife, Pernecy Findley (b. Jan 19 1844 d. Aug 17, 1882):

1. Alliece (Alice) Riggs (b. Feb. 14, 1868, d. Aug, 1871)
2. Olgy (Oliver) W. Riggs (b. Sept 26, 1873, d. July 16, 1874)
3. Beverly Riggs (b. July 4, 1882, d. Aug. 13, 1882)
4. Mollie Mae Riggs (b. May 20, 1880, d. June 25, 1965): married Sidney Johnson Kimbell (B. Sept. 2, 1871 d. 1942) on December 22, 1897.

Children:

1. Myrtle G. Kimbell (b. Nov 18, 1894.) A foster child
  2. Sidney Johnson Kimbell, Jr. (B. 1914). Had two sons, John Walter and James Michael.
5. Robert Henry Riggs (b. June 21, 1871, d. 1951). Married four times:
1. Bessie Mable Trotter. Had one son Marion John Watson, who married twice. He and his first wife, Vernie Blanche Wilson, had 2 daughters and 1 son. By his second wife, Helen Powell, he had 2 sons and 1 daughter.
  2. Emma Hart. No children.
  3. Nellie \_\_\_\_\_ No children.
  4. Virginia \_\_\_\_\_ One son, Richard Weber.

Children by second marriage to Mary Elizabeth LeGran Belk, a widow with three children— ( Laura Josephine, Lucile Elizabeth, and James Ebenezer Garfield.)

1. Bernadine Alena Riggs (b. December 24, 1884). Had one daughter- Doris Childers, who had a daughter, Lois; and one son, Edwin J. Childers, who had two sons Bryan and Robert.

2. John Arthur Riggs (b. May 4, 1886, d. May 19, 1959) married Lela Wilson (b. January 20, 1888, d. November 30, 1986) on May 20, 1908 in Kennett, Missouri. He began working at age 16 as a telegrapher for the Frisco Railroad. Moved to Kennett in 1907 to become Station Agent and telegrapher. In 1908 he moved to Caruthersville, MO to work for Frank Dillman Egg Case Manufacturing and Veneer Plant. In 1913 he started his own sawmill and in 1915 opened a Sand and Gravel Plant and Coal Yard. He suffered a complete break down in 1921 and in 1922 went to Los Angeles for five months. He returned to Caruthersville to sell his business and his home. In 1923 he moved to Los Angeles where for two years he built and sold houses. He returned to Caruthersville in 1925 to open a Finance Company and to take over the Ford Agency at Steele, Missouri. In the fall of 1926, he became the dealer for Russell Grader and opened an office as the Arkansas Road Equipment Company in Little Rock, Arkansas. The office was moved to Memphis in 1928. In 1929 when Caterpillar bought out Russell Grader, he moved back to Little Rock as a Caterpillar dealer and opened the Arkansas Tractor and Equipment Company. The name was changed to J. A. Riggs Tractor Company in 1937.

Children:

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2. Ferdinand (b. 1911, d. 1914)