

## The Lizzie Lusk Letter

A letter was written by Lizzie (Elizabeth) Blevins Lusk, wife of Hugh Boyd Lusk, son of Robert Monroe to Jeremiah, sometime before her death in 1908.

*"This is the name of your grandfather Lusk's name and family that lived in Missouri, Robert was your father: James, Hugh, Bill, Alfred, Wylie (he died on his way to California years ago), Polly, Rebecca, Sarah, Martha. (Robert and others listed are the children of John). Jerry Lusk family came to Arkansas in 1849 the same year that my father came. We all got together on the river a long way above Memphis. I was in my twelfth year. I remember the trip until yet. Many things I never will forget while I keep my senses. Jerry, I am glad I found out where you live. I want you to write and tell me all about that country. I want to come see you in the worst way. Keep this. Uncle Bill Lusk went to Iowa and died there. He never raised but one child. Your cousin John Lusk told Boyd all about the connection when he was down there in the time of the Civil War. Jerry, remember your Grandfather's name was John Lusk Jerry, this is about all that I can tell you. Your Uncle James Lusk settled up the estate in Missouri that much I know. That man that came to your house I guess he was a fraud your grandfather never left any children in Tennessee. They all went to Missouri with him. Except your father and he came to Arkansas about 1849."*

Lizzie was probably talking about Greer County, Oklahoma, where Jeremiah and Sallie Ann Lusk went to about 1894. She mentioned that James Lusk, son of John Lusk, settled up the estate. She did not seem to know about the Guardianship papers for Jeremiah and his siblings when the grandfather, John Lusk, died and whose administrator sent Robert Monroe's 6 children \$1,200 in Arkansas. Jeremiah had forgotten about the guardianship and that he had requested that he be given his last \$50 and be released from the guardianship. Lizzie was a widow at this time and was living in Arleta, Oregon, where she and her husband, Hugh Boyd Lusk, had moved.