

Clifford Alozo King

His first wife was Eliza Hardee who he married during the Civil War. They had 7 children, and when Eliza died at the age of 52, Clifford married again, a woman named Virginia. Clifford was a Captain in the Confederate Army. He served under General W. J. Hardee, his wife's uncle. After the Civil War, Clifford struggled with finances. His father, Barrington, had died soon after the war ended and the family estate was tied up and remained unsettled for over 20 years. In an attempt to gain some immediate cash, he renounced all claims to his share of his father's estate in exchange for \$1700. A few years later, he filed bankruptcy and all his property was sold.

In 1887, Clifford was living in Waco, Texas, and planning to go to Austin to pursue the cotton business. In January 1896, Clifford wrote to his brother from Colorado Springs. In the letter he said he was forced to sell his home in Smithville, TX, and needed money or his family would be living on the streets. He wrote of how much he and his family liked Colorado Springs (they were living at the foot of Pikes Peak) . Clifford wrote he was going to work in the insurance business, and also had a part share in a mining business. He was killed while exploring a mine.

Clifford has over 155 known descendants. In the early 1900s, his son, John Hardee King performed in Vaudeville. His two grand-daughters, Mamie and Jane performed in Vaudeville and on Broadway. Mamie was in the original Broadway production of "Irene" in 1924. In 2004, most of Clifford's descendants live in the western United States.