

## John Simpson Bridges

The family moved quite a bit. In the 1850 census, they lived in the Indian Territory attached to Harrison Count, Missouri where he was born. In the 1860 census, they lived in Van Buren, Crawford County, Arkansas. In the 1870 census, they lived in Johnson, Polk County, Missouri. In the 1880 census they lived in Mill Creek, Morgan County, Missouri. In the 1900 census John was listed at "J.S. Bridges" and the family lived in Pike Township, Carter County, Missouri. In the same census, his youngest daughter, Bertha (born about 1898), was not listed and although the birth date for John Thomas was listed as 1889 in the original document, he is shown as age 40 at the time of the census. In the 1910 census, the family name spelled "Bridget" and they lived in Carrollton, Boone County, Arkansas.

According to verbal family history, John tracked some bank robbers from Oklahoma to Texas. This is confirmed by a May 17, 1901 article in the Altus, Oklahoma, Plain Dealer newspaper titled "Altus Burglarized". This means that the family also lived in Navajoe, Texas/Oklahoma in 1901 on the Indian reservation at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

[Link to the original US Gen Web Archives document.](#)