

The following information on William Brian and Brian family from "Genealogy of William Brian , Jacob Humble and David Zeagler Families, 1700-1967" by Osee W. Zeagler, Member, General Philemon Thomas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; presented this genealogy to Louisiana Society Daughters of the American Revolution, N.S.D.A.R, Mrs. Joseph A. Tobin, Jr., Regent, L.S.D.A.R. Bound July, 1967, Genealogical Records Committee, Mrs. Frank H. Walker, Chairman, pages 24-37, 90-98.

“Hannah Rogillio, born 23 November 1822, died 2 January 1846, was the daughter of Policarpo Rogillio, a Castilian Spaniard of noble birth, son of Jose' Rogillio and Mary Ruffina, natives of the LaSuza District of Toledo, Spain. (The 'noble birth' has not been documented, although the story has been passed down through the family for several years).

Policarpo had been shipwrecked near the mouth of the Mississippi River, had managed to get ashore, and made his way north to Baton Rouge where he was married, first to Mary Smith about whom we know nothing; then to Margaret Kelly, a widow whose maiden name was Thomas. Both Hannah and Mary (who married Solomon Morgan Brian) were children of Policarpo Rogillio and Margaret Kelly. Margaret Thomas Kelly was the daughter of Ellis Thomas and his wife Arvina, who came to this country from Wales.

The succession of Hannah Rogillio is recorded in Book D page 312 of East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, as of 4 January 1848. Policarpo was married a third time, to Catalina Robertson, but we have no dates and no information as to whether they had children. Margaret Thomas' first husband Kelly, was the son of Archibald Kelly and Margaret McGill.

Hannah Rogillio Brian's headstone inscription reads as follows: "Hannah Brian, late wife of Francis Brian, died Jan 2nd, A.D. 1846, age: 34 years, 1 month and 10 days."