On February 15, 2009 Mary Jeffrey offered information by email on her ancestor. More was gleaned from other sources.

John B. James was born to Mr. & Mrs. William James, Jonesboro, Tennessee, September 18, 1895. He died March 11, 1959. Both he and his wife are buried in the Combes Cemetery. At his death there were seven surviving children, 20 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren.

He married Mary Callie Gaines (b. January 17, 1879 in Maryville, TN) on August 18, 1895. They moved to Dallas in 1897 then Rogers, TX in 1899. They purchased a farm in Hunt County near Commerce and moved there in 1910. This was sold when they purchased a farm on the Wilson Tract, west of Harlingen, TX. They moved there January 1, 1914.

Mr. James purchased a garage in Harlingen in 1918. In the 1920 US Census, James lists himself as a garage mechanic. At home are Carrie 40 and children Viola H., 5; Orville W., 12; John B. Jr., 10; Millie L. (who will be called Nell), 8; and Mildred S., 6, who is apparently called Shirley. All have been Texas born.

James will serve on the school board in the years 1923 and 1924. Eventually he became the owner with a partner of the Valley Bus Line operating out of that city. The attached photograph, whose original once hung in the lobby of the Stonewall Jackson Hotel, San Benito, indicates that this vehicle was No. 8, so the operation was fairly sizeable. The company operated in the years 1926 and 1927 according to Ms. Jeffrey.

By 1930 John and Callie reside at 714 N. A Street, Harlingen. One of the James daughters, Nell James, was among the first graduates of Harlingen High School. This year she is employed as a telephone operator. Her bothers Orville and John Jr. are laborer's on their dad's onion farm. Also by this year the youngest sibling Betty R., 8, has been listed in the family.