

Bellefonte as a young man in 1838, by way of New Hampshire and Ohio. He amassed several acres of land in Scottsboro, buying 80 acres from Dozier Skelton in 1842, and buying the town square of Bellefonte in 1874 for eighty dollars.

His son, David King Caldwell, Sr. was born in Bellefonte in 1845. He married Sue Snodgrass in 1881, and built their first

home at the present site of the Caldwell Playground. He operated a brick kiln where the First United Methodist Church now stands. He and his wife had nine children: Frances Caldwell (1882-1947), Daisy Caldwell (1884-1984), David King (1887-1977), the subject of this history, Irene Caldwell (1889-1968), Eva Caldwell Sides (1890-1949),



King Caldwell

Lula Caldwell Palmer (1893-1964), Dorothy Caldwell Huffman (1896- ), Hamlin Alexander Caldwell (1898- ), and Elbert H. Caldwell (1901- ).

David King Caldwell, the third child of David King and Sue Snodgrass Caldwell, was born June 22, 1887, at the site of Caldwell Elementary School. He worked his way through high school and Auburn University by working in a brickyard, on highways and as a mail carrier. He carried the mail from Scottsboro to Section before the bridge was built, requiring him to stay on the mountain, getting up at 4 a.m. the next morning to take mail from Section back to Scottsboro.

King Caldwell received his B.S. in 1906 and his Civil Engineering Degree from Auburn in 1910. He worked as an engineer helping develop highways in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and east Texas. He settled in Tyler, Texas in the early 1930's, where he married his wife, Lottie Ray. He became very prosperous with oil and in investment business in the early 1930's. He became president of two oil companies and continued to grow in wealth.

Having no children, he used his wealth to help in the education, and well-being of people, mostly children. In Scottsboro, he donated 15 acres and much of the money for the construction of Caldwell Elementary School. He also gave the land for King Caldwell Park, the Scottsboro City Library, City Hall and the old Recreation building. He and his sister, Daisy, gave liberally to the library. He gave much money to several churches in Scottsboro and on Sand Mountain, and for building the city pool in Section. Textbooks and medicine for children, as well as playground equipment for Caldwell Playground were other causes he gave to.

In Tyler, Texas, he and his wife established the D.K. Caldwell Foundation for philanthropic activities. They founded Caldwell Zoo in 1937, a 50-acre free zoo, which has over 675,000 visitors per year. This zoo is maintained by a trust fund set up by the Caldwells, which perpetually pays for all expenses. He established Caldwell Playschools for pre-schoolers, paid for lighted baseball fields, gymnasiums, the city auditorium, provided homes for the aged, was active in scouting, 4-H, and handicapped programs.

King Caldwell shared his wealth in very positive ways in two different counties of two different states. His generosity continues to bless residents of Scottsboro, Alabama and Tyler, Texas, and will for generations to come. *Submitted by: The Jackson County Heritage Book Committee*

Sources: Daily Sentinel May 21, 1970 and October 12, 1977. Caldwell Family File in Scottsboro Public Library, The Story of Scottsboro by Jerry Gist, History of Jackson County by Kennamer.

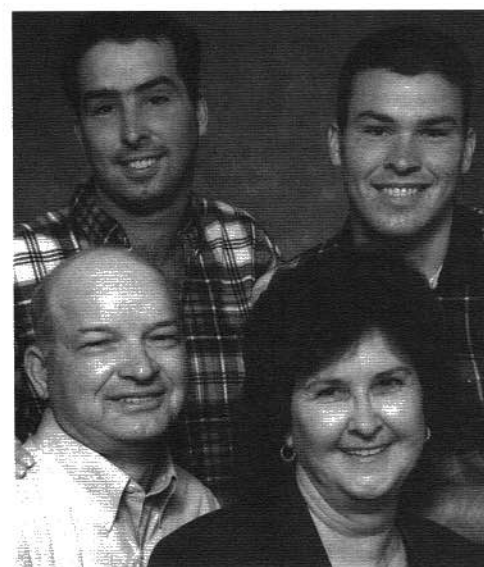
## Lonnie Eugene and Myrvle Lee (Brown) Camp Family

The family of Lonnie Eugene Camp originated near the DeKalb — Jackson Co. line in the community of Browntown, AL. Eugene was born to Rev. Asa Camp and Jenice Dean Camp on 10/47/43. He was reared in and near the same community, attending Pleasant View Elementary, Dutton Jr. High, and Sylvania High Schools.

On July 4, 1964, he married Myrvle Lee Brown (b: 7/17/43), daughter of Elbert Brown and Lillian (Williamson) Brown, from Bowman's Cross Roads in Jackson Co. They were married by Rev. J.Q. Ham at his home near Albertville, AL. She had attended Dutton Jr. High, Section High School, and Jacksonville State University where she received a B.S. Degree in Secondary Education with a major in mathematics and a minor in history. (See Elbert Brown family article)

Eugene worked in construction work; served as a cook in the military (12/20/65 - 12/67) at Fort Benning, GA, and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; served as Street Department Supervisor for the Town of Henagar and farmed 500 to 850 acres after his regular job. Myrvle taught mathematics at Fyffe High School (1965-1974); history at Valley Head High School (1/68-5/68); mathematics at Sylvania High School (1974 to present) and helped Eugene farm after school.

Eugene and Myrvle have two sons: Dennis Eugene Camp (b: 12/29/68), and Kevin Dewayne Camp (b: 12/13/75). Dennis attended Sylvania High School; served in the AL National Guard; was stationed at Ft. Jackson, SC; received AIT training at Fort Sam



Left to Right: Dennis, Kevin, Myrvle, and Eugene Camp (1997)

Houston, TX and was in the 109th Medical Evacuation Unit of Huntsville, AL, which served in Saudia Arabia during Desert Storm. Since Desert Storm, he has been employed by Earth-grains Bakery and is the father of two sons, Joshua Blake Camp (b: 5/23/91), and Zachary Lee Camp (b: 7/18/96).

Kevin also attended Sylvania High School graduating as valedictorian, and receiving 12 other top honors of his class including Boy's State, D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award,

and Ram Award for the basketball team. He attended Northeast State Community College, Rainsville, AL, where he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, President of Mu Alpha Theta, Who's Who, and received an A.S. Degree in 1996. He then attended Auburn School of Pharmacy at Auburn University, Auburn, AL, (1996-) where he served as President of APHA - ASP and was a member of Kappa Psi pharmaceutical fraternity.

All members of the family belong to Pilgrim First Congregational Methodist Church at Browntown, AL, of Jackson Co. They joined as follows: Myrvle (8/14/53), Eugene (8/13/54) Dennis (8/12/80) and Kevin (9/16/90); as did their parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and great-great-grandparents. The family presently lives in Henagar, AL, where they farm, teach school and work at public works. *Submitted by: Eugene Camp, 19433 AL Hy 75, Henagar, AL 35978*

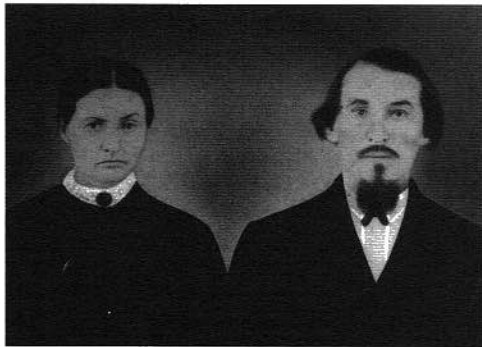
## James M. Campbell Family

by Ann B. Chambless and Paralee Moody

James M. Campbell moved his family to Jackson County in 1824 from the Short Mountain area in what became Cannon County, Tennessee. He was born January 17, 1796, in Kentucky, and moved to Tennessee with his parents, William and Susanna Campbell, by 1806. William Campbell was on the 1812 Tax List of Warren County, Tennessee very close to Whitefield Elledge. James M. Campbell married Jane (Jenny) Elledge (daughter of Whitefield and Rachel Elledge, Sr.) circa 1813.

The last record of James M. Campbell in Warren County, Tennessee is a land grant of 50 acres in 1824. The first official record of James Campbell in Alabama is when his name appeared in the military records of the Jackson County Militia dated August 30, 1824. (All Jackson County males between the ages of 16 and 45 were required to register and serve in the State Militia as soon as

they became residents of Alabama). James Campbell was appointed Constable in Jackson County in 1826. The first record of his buying land appears in Jackson County Deed Book D dated June 1832. James Campbell's estate settlement shows that he owned 1300 acres at the time of his death (August



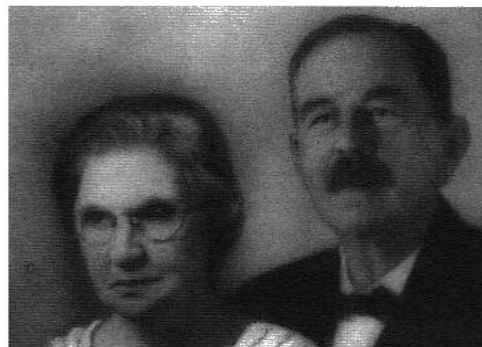
*William White and Paralee Elledge Campbell - parents of Mrs. A.H. (Jenny) Moody*

15, 1863) stretching from Robinson's spring to the western edge of present-day Hollywood. On July 17, 1852, James Campbell purchased 40 shares of Memphis & Charleston Railroad Company stock at a cost of \$80.00 per the receipt in the files of his great-granddaughter, Ann Barbee Chambless.

James M. and Jenny (Elledge) Campbell's children: Tabitha, b. 1814, married John William Johnson; they lived in DeKalb County, TN. Rachel, b. November 30, 1816, married John Bynum; she died January 11, 1876. Susan, b. May 31, 1819, married Meredith King; she died October 8, 1881. Mary, b. ca 1821, married Thomas Scott.

William Whitefield, b. Aug. 11, 1827, married Paralee Elledge, July 23, 1868 (daughter of White Bethel and Ann (Newberry) Elledge). He was named after his grandfather William Campbell and grandfather Whitefield Elledge. He owned stock in the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, was a Mason, and conducted many funerals. He received a land grant signed by President Martin Van Buren. This land is located at Chicken Foot and has been in the family for 4 generations. Paralee Moody (named for Grandmother Paralee Elledge Campbell) is the present owner. William W. Campbell died March 6, 1873. His wife died August 18, 1883 when their daughter Ursula Jane (Jenny) Campbell was 14 years old. She went to live with her Uncle John and Aunt Eliza Jane Campbell and attended the local school as well as Winchester Normal.

Ursula Jane Campbell married Albert Henry Moody in 1889. Their children:



*Albert Henry Moody and Ursula Jane (Jenny) Campbell Moody*

William Lit Moody, John White Moody, Jephtha Edwards Moody, Sr., Bessie Laura Moody, James Albert (Big Jim) Moody, Paralee Moody, Alexander Moody, Hattie Irene (Brooks) Moody, and Virginia White (Redwing) Moody.

Sarah Jane Campbell, b. 1828, married James J. Holland. James Newton Campbell, b. 1830, married Mary Skelton; he died in the 1860s. Eliza J. Campbell, b. March 14, 1833, married Pleasant Whitaker Barbee, December 27, 1860; she died June 2, 1896. Isaac Clay Campbell, born March 8, 1936, married Sarah Margaret Card; he died March 1918, Bedford County, Tennessee. Rufus Campbell, b. 1838, died during the Civil War. George W. Campbell, b. August 4, 1840, married Mary Jane Proctor in 1872; he died in January 1918.

Jane (Jenny) Elledge Campbell died about 1845, and James Campbell married (2) his sister-in-law, Ann (Newberry) Elledge (widow of Jenny's brother White Bethel Elledge); James and Ann Campbell were parents of: John Earth, b. August 17, 1848, married Eliza Jane Proctor in 1871; he died 1924. White Bethel (Sam), born March 14, 1862, never married, died September 1, 1931.

After Ann's death, James M. married (3) Sarah Elizabeth Browning, and they were the parents of: Joseph David, born April 16, 1863, married Nancy Brandon in 1883; he died 1898.

Some Campbell descendants living in Scottsboro in 1997 include: Paralee Moody, Jephtha (Jep) Moody, Jr., Jephtha Moody III, Jane Moody Bergman, Ruth Moody Bradford, Dr. Charles

Bradford, Moody Stone, David Stone, and Virginia Lipscomb Pitt who descend through William Campbell through his daughter Ursula Jane Campbell who married Albert Henry Moody; Lalia Keith Sisk, Nancy Sisk Gilliam, and Betty Sisk Esslinger who descend through John Earth Campbell through his daughter Margaret Ann Campbell Selby through her daughter Eunice Selby Keith; Martha Barbee Hess and Ann Barbee Chambless who descend through Eliza Campbell who married Pleasant Whitaker Barbee through their son Thomas Carlton Barbee through his son Albert Leonard Barbee; and Martha McClendon Hughes and Carey (Butchie) Hughes who descend through Susan Campbell who married Meredith King through their daughter Mary King who married James Polk McClendon through their son James Henry McClendon through his son Thomas Brooks McClendon. John Proctor and Patricia Proctor Jessup descend through Rachel Campbell who married John Bynum through their daughter Mary Elizabeth Bynum who married Robert Franklin Proctor through his son John Franklin Proctor through his son James Moody Proctor. Jessie Mae Tribble Dawson, who descend through John Earth Campbell through his daughter, Margaret Ann Campbell Selby through her daughter Ella Selby Tribble. Submitted by: Paralee Moody, 405 Veterns Dr., Scottsboro, AL 35768

### The Family of John J. Campbell

In the early 1800's John J. Campbell arrived in Jackson County from Virginia, where he was born in about 1779. On May 17, 1819 he married Aney Webster in Madison County in the Alabama Territory and moved to Tennessee shortly thereafter.

John and Aney had 8 children that we know of: John R. born in 1820, Willis McLemore in 1823, George Lafayette in 1825, Sarah J. in 1831, Stephen in 1832, Margaret in 1833, Emaline in 1836, and Martha in 1838. By the 1850, only his four daughters were living with John in Jackson County and Aney is not listed in the federal census. She probably had died by that time.

On July 2, 1840 John and Aney purchased 109 acres of land in Jackson County for \$584.22. Their sons John, Willis, and George purchased three parcels of land totaling 159.13 acres on August 3, 1845.

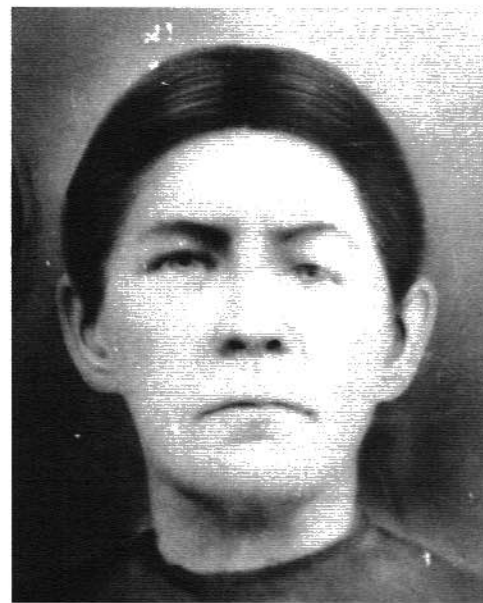
George (41), and his brother, Willis (43), both enlisted in Oregon County, Missouri and served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War in Company I, Fristoe's Regiment, Missouri Cavalry.

John R. Campbell married Elender (last name unknown) and their children were: William (b. 1842), Sarah (b. 1843), James (b. 1845), John F. (b 1847), Milton (b 1849), and Mary (b 1850).

George Lafayette Campbell, 5'6", with blue eyes and light hair, married Sarah Beason in about 1845 in Alabama and in 1860 they and nine of their children are listed in the census of Oregon County, Missouri: John (b 1847), William (b 1848), James F. and Mary (b 1850), Willis (b 1852), Anna (b 1854), Margaret (b 1857), Sarah (b 1858), and George (b 1859). After George's death in January 1899 and burial in Elm Store, Arkansas, Sarah moved to Oklahoma to live with her daughter, Catherine, and died there in 1908-1910.

Willis McLemore Campbell, 5'7", with blue eyes and dark hair,

and Mary Jane Simmons were married in Alabama and had 7 known children: Sarah (b 1846), William (b 1848), Anie Ellender (b 1850), Martha (b 1852), Mary (b 1856), Clementine (b 1859), and Alabama (b 1860). Both Clementine and Alabama died before 1870. Anie is said to be part Indian and it is therefore logical that all of Willis' children were. It has not been determined which ancestor was the Native American, nor which tribe (probably Cherokee). Willis married Anne



*Anie Elender (Campbell) (Bruce) (Harrelson) Clay taken in approximately 1915.*



J. Clark in 1885 in Oregon County, MO and died there in January of 1899, the same month as his brother, George.

Anie Ellender was married 3 times. First to Joseph Columbus Bruce (1851-1876) on March 30, 1870 in Alton (Oregon County), Missouri. They had 4 children: James McLemore (1871-1935), Mary Jane (1872-1873) who lived only 1 month, William Columbus (1874-1958), and J.F. (1876-1877) who was born after his father's death and lived less than 2 months. James (Mack) married Irabelle Jones (1874-1950) in 1895 and had 12 children: George McLemore (died at birth in 1896), Etta Josephine (1897-1946) who married Benjamin Conway, Nora Pickney (1898-1993) who married Julius Denton, William Louis (1901-1967) who married 1st Beatrice Smith, 2nd Effie Bailey, 3rd Dorothy Hartley, James Miles (1902-1982) who married Ava Neal, Georgia Mae (1904-1979) who married Willard Bone, Joseph Columbus (1906-1979) who married Beulah Dunning, Erma Virgie (1907- ) who married Cecil Jones, Lucy Anie (1909-) who married R.F. Allen, Evelyn Verna (1911-) who married Olis Turner, Lelia Elizabeth (1913-) who married Delbert Counts, and Norma Lorine (1915-) who married Marvin Greene.

Anie's second husband was W.T. Harrelson whom she married April 3, 1878. They had one son, Thomas Floyd who was born in 1879 in Arkansas. Family legend says that on a trip in a covered wagon through Oklahoma, Tommy got mad at his mother, left the family's wagon on horseback, and never returned. No one knows what happened to him.

On February 20, 1887, Anie married her 3rd husband, John Russell Clay (1938, Jackson County, AL - 1907, Oregon County, MO). They had two children: Charles Cicero (1888, Mountain Home, AR-1955, Joplin, MO) who married Fronia Barnes and had 2 sons, and Etter Emaline (1892, McKinney, TX-1974, Kansas City, MO) who married Levi Wesley Snider (1893, Fremont, MO-1978, Kansas City, MO) and had 8 children, 6 of whom lived to adulthood. Anie moved to Earlsboro, OK after John Russell's death in 1907 to live with her son Will Bruce. She died in 1919 of cancer of the eye and is buried in Neal Cemetery there.

Etter Emaline and Levi Snider's children are: Fern Bluebell (1914-) married Eugene Ritchey and had 1 daughter, Charlotte Eileen in 1936. Adrian Offrey (1916-1964) married Mildred Long and had 1 daughter, Cheryl Annette in 1944. Nora Ilene and Ollie Maxine were twins born in 1918 in Earlsboro, OK. Nora died during a flu epidemic in Carter County, MO at age 2 months. Maxine married Olos Marshall and had 1 daughter, Jenneth Eileen in 1947. Leroy Arnold (1920-1990) married Viola Hooper and had 4 children: Leroy Edward in 1942, Jo Anne in 1944, Robert Eugene in 1947, and John Wayne in 1956. A daughter named Goldie was born between 1921 and 1924 and died in infancy. Levi Wesley, Jr. (1925-1987) married Mildred Harlow and had 2 children, James Lee in 1947 and Linda Jeanne in 1948. Harold Robert (1930-1981) married 1st Joanne, then Janet Cee and had no children with either wife. Levi and Etter were married in Fremont, Missouri, moved to Earlsboro, Oklahoma, then to Osawatomie, Kansas, and finally Martin City and Kansas City, Missouri. Levi and several members of his family worked as railroad men. Their families were historically farmers but railroad work was steady, dependable and much needed during the depression. Today, Fern and Maxine (my mother) are the only children of Etter and Levi still living and both reside in MO near their daughters. As in most modern families, we are living in all parts of the U.S. Submitted by: Jenneth Eileen Marshall Long

## **Julia Ann (Brown) (Marshall) and Clifford S. Campbell Family**

### **Pioneer**

Julia Ann Brown (b: 2/14/1877-d: 4/4/54) was the fifth of ten children born to Rev. Jesse Jermany and Mary Elizabeth (Bailey) Brown (See Rev. Jesse Jermany Brown Article). It is believed that Julia was born in either Calhoun or Cleburne Co. AL. Family tradition indicates that when she was about three years old, her father moved to Dekalb Co., around 1880 and lived in the Adamsburg Community on Lookout Mountain. A circuit riding minister and farmer, he is thought to have crossed over into Jackson Co., before 1884, later returning to Dekalb Co., around Tenbrook, and back to Jackson Co., sometime around 1900.

At nineteen, Julia married Charles A. "Charlie" Marshall on 12/17/1896 near Tenbrook in Dekalb County. They had one child, Stella Mae Marshall (b: 1/26/1898 Dekalb Co., AL - d: 1/10/45,

Jackson Co., AL). Charlie was of frail health and became ill from working in the coal mines and died a short time later. He is buried near other Marshall family members at Bulah Church Cemetery near Geraldine. (See also William Ernest Rush Article).

Julia then married Clifford S. Campbell (12/3/1871 - d: 5/20/60) on 12/5/1899 near Tenbrook in Dekalb Co. They did not have any children from this union. "Uncle Cliff and Aunt Julie" as their many nieces and nephews affectionately knew them by, were true pioneers in this area. Cliff worked in the coal mines during the "boom years" of the 1890's around Fort Payne. After that they acquired homestead rights to 80 acres, near what used to be known as "Double Bridges" or Mayhem between Browntown and Sylvania. Around 1900 that whole area was still lush virgin forest, a wilderness much as the Indians had left it several decades earlier. Cliff cleared the land and built a two room log house which they later extended with an "L" on one side. The logs and lumber were sawn with a crosscut saw and a bow-saw. This was the first house built between Browntown and Dean's Chapel. Julia's nephew, Bill Brown, reflected on the "thousands" of loads of rock which he helped Cliff haul out after the land was cleared, before it could be used for cultivation. In his later years, on many occasions Cliff spoke to his step-great-grandson about the hundreds of loads of railroad ties he split from this farm and another he later acquired in the same area. After splitting them with only an ax



*L to R: Cliff & Julia (Brown) Campbell, and Stella Marshall standing in front of original log and plank house ca 1911.*

and maul, he then would follow the "trails" down the mountain to the Tennessee River where the ties would be loaded on barges for transport to their final destination. There were few "real roads" during this time and travel by wagon over the trails going down the side of the mountain was very treacherous, particularly during rainy seasons. Cliff

turned over more than one load, wrecking the wagon and having to repair it and reload the ties - a process which would require several days away from home - albeit only 15 miles away.

Converted at Mayhem Church and baptized in the creek nearby, Julie and Cliff were founding members of the Pilgrim First Congregational Methodist Church in Browntown and remained lifelong members.

Cliff and Julie farmed around this general area along the Jackson and Dekalb county line for the next 40 years until his health deteriorated to the point where he could not keep it up. Using a mule and what would now be considered antique plows, they primarily raised cotton and corn as their cash crops and sometimes some soybean hay for the farm animals. Prior to the introduction of decent fertilizer, after creation of the TVA; little else would grow sufficiently to "make a crop". Food for the long winters was raised in the garden and canned during the summer. Jams and jellies were made from wild berries and fruit from their small orchard. Slaughter of a pig or cow and curing in the smoke house would periodically provide a welcome meal of meat.

During this time, Cliff and his brother-in-law "Uncle Joe" Brown opened a rock quarry on his farm from which Joe extracted rock to be used to build chimneys, walls for dug wells, and foundations for houses. (See Joseph Elbert Brown Article). One of Julie's sisters, Lucy and her husband Hensley Payne lived on his farm sharecropping and operating a blacksmith shop for several years during this time. (See Hensley Payne Article).

About 1913 to 1914 Cliff and Julie sold their original place to a Mr. Bethune - 89 acres for \$5,000. They moved over near "Old Elliott's Crossroads" (near Henagar, AL), and worked on "Uncle John" Elliott's place for four to five years. They then moved back to near Browntown and bought and cleared what is now known as the Collins place near the Dekalb and Jackson Co. lines on Jackson Co. Hy 16. During this period, Julie's nephew Henry Payne and his family lived on their place for awhile and farmed with them.

As reflected by Julie's nephew Bill Brown, they never seemed

satisfied anywhere for more than a few years after they quit farming around 1940. They kept their farm for a few more years, raising four or five acres of cotton to pay their bills with and renting the remainder. Except for a few years in the mid 1940's when they lived with their son-



*Cliff and Julia (Brown) Campbell ca 1950.*

in law Ernest Rush, they lived at several places near Browntown for the remainder of Julie's life. At 77 years of age, living on "Uncle Joe" Brown's place, she died of pneumonia in April, 1954. Cliff broke up housekeeping and rotated living a few months at a time with various nieces and nephews and his son-in-law until his death in May, 1960. After living with his beloved Julie who had "spoiled him rotten" for over 55 years, he never seemed happy anywhere after her death. Nobody's cooking was good enough and nobody's beds were soft enough. Almost blind with cataracts, and nearly 90, he laid down for an afternoon nap, after riding around with Ernest doing his Police work, and quietly died in his sleep a few minutes later.

Over 50 years later, Julie and Cliff are still remembered fondly by long term residents of the Browntown community. Staying the night at "Aunt Julie and Uncle Cliff's" and enjoying their hospitality and her outstanding cooking were special treats shared by many over the years. Their home was always open to the weary traveler and frequent relative dropping by. After spending most of his early childhood with her, "helping her" sew on the old push pedal Singer, cooking on the wood cook stove while singing gospel hymns, and listening to her read the Bible by kerosene lamp, she will certainly always hold an enduring special place of great love and admiration in her great grandson's heart. "Ma Campbell was the greatest great grandmother a child could have!" Submitted by: William E. Williamson Sr. (Great-Grandson), 435 Co. Rd. 425, Henagar, AL 35978

Sources: (1) Dekalb Co. Marriages 1836-1916 Vol. II, page 119. (2) Dekalb Co. Marriages 1836-1916, Vol. I page 74. (3) Jesse Jermany Brown Family Bible in possession of Audie Lee Samples, Henagar (Browntown), AL. (4) Julia Brown Campbell Family Bible in possession of Bill Williamson Sr., Henagar, AL. (5) Interviews with William Jennings Brown and Elbert Damascas Brown (nephews) 11/86.

## Capertons

The people in the picture are my great grandparents. I am Katherine Jane Tipton (Stevenson), and I have one sister, Ellen Anne Tipton (Birmingham). Our parents are Jane Caperton (Stevenson) and the late Raymond Gilbert Tipton (Scottsboro). Jane's parents were Madge Rudder and James Glover Caperton who died young in 1940 of nephritis. James Glover Caperton's parents were George Henry Caperton and Annie Kate Glover. They have one child presently living, Mary Margaret who married Jack Loyd and they had three children, two of whom still farm some of the Caperton property. George Henry Caperton who was renowned for being a master farmer, banker, politician and business man, belonged to James George Caperton and Mary Isabella Ragsdale.

James George Caperton's parents were George Winfield Caperton and America Balingier Mundy. George Winfield Caperton belonged to Colonel George Caperton (1777-4 April 1836) and Eleanor Conn who settled in Stevenson early in the 19th century, and in 1830 he is recorded as working



*George Henry Caperton and his wife, Annie Kate Glover*

what became known as Caperton's Ferry that stayed in operation more than 100 years until a bridge was built to cross the Tennessee River there. Colonel George and Eleanor came to Stevenson from Cowan, Tennessee, but originated from Madison County, Kentucky and from Virginia. Submitted by: Katye Tipton, 111 Cynthia Place, Stevenson

## The Carlton Family

The Carlton family that came to Jackson County, Alabama during the 1830's originally settled in Virginia ca 1700 and moved up through Orange and Albemarle Counties, Virginia. Thomas Carlton of the second generation with his mother, his three brothers and related families had moved to Wilkes County, North Carolina by 1778. The four brothers, Thomas, Lewis, John and Ambrose had served in the American Revolution either in Virginia, North Carolina or Georgia. Moving with the Carltons were neighbors from Virginia, the Land, Barlow, Livingston, and Isbell families. Several of Thomas Carlton's daughters who married Day, Allison and Burch husbands, his son Henry and his grandson Thomas were in Jackson County by the 1830's.

Thomas, the grandson, was born 3 October 1803 in Wilkes County, NC and died 3 August 1873 in Jackson County, AL. His first wife, Elizabeth Land died after the birth of their fourth child before he left NC. After arriving in Jackson County, he settled on Little Coon Creek near the Burchs, Allisons and other related families. He married Sarah A. "Sallie" Holder ca. 1836 and had six more children by this marriage.

Thomas served a year (1836-1837) in Price's Company, Cawfield's Battalion, Alabama Mounted Volunteers in the Florida Indian War (Seminole). Thomas and his family carried on the Baptist tradition in Alabama and was active in the Primitive Baptist Church and later with the Missionary branch of the Baptist Church and served on a number of committees. He also served several times as Justice of the Peace.

The Children of Thomas Carlton and Elizabeth Land were: Amelia "Milly" Carlton md. Lewis A. Armstrong; John Winston Carlton md Margaret Holder (compiler's great grandfather); Eunice E. "Nicey" Carlton md Willian Rufus Knight; Lewis M. Carlton md Lousiana Caroline Dozier, 2) Emaline R. Cowling, 3) Martha Cowling.

The Children of Thomas Carlton and Sarah A. Holder were: James Carlton died young; Nancy Caroline Carlton md Rufus Fletcher McCoy; Henry B. Carlton md Martha A. Matthews; George Lowery Carlton md Margaret Gamble;; Albert Winston Carlton md Eleander Caroline Sparks; Charles B. Carlton md Martha Morris, 2) Nancy Jane Terry.

John Winston Carlton, son of Thomas was born ca 1825 in Wilkes County, NC and died on Crow Creek, Jackson County, AL 18 November 1878. He is believed to have died during the Yellow Fever epidemic that hit the area that fall.

He married Margaret Holder ca 1845 in Jackson County. She was probably the younger sister of Sarah, wife of Thomas Carlton above. Margaret died ca 1885 in Jackson County.

John Winston was about ten years old when his family moved from Wilkes County and settled in the Little Coon Valley, not far from Stevenson, AL. He spent the rest of his life in this area. The 1850 and 1860 censuses show that he was living in the next household to his father, Thomas, and neighbors to the Knight, Gamble, McCrary and Matthews families.

John Winston owned several hundred acres of land on Crow Creek where he also had a grist mill. The mill site is now probably under the waters of Crow Creek which was backed up when the Tennessee River Dam was built. He served as Justice of the Peace and was named as Administrator of his father's estate.

John Winston's daughter, Margaret, married W.A.J. Wann, son of William Wann and Catherine Ledbetter. At the estate sale of John Winston, W.A.J. Wann bought some of the land where the town of Wannsville was built.

John Winston Carlton and Margaret Holder Carlton had issue: Thomas Bledsoe Carlton md Martha Virginia Howell; Margaret Carlton md W.A.J. Wann; John Winston Carlton Jr. md Nancy B. Rutherford; William Houston Carlton md Martha Alabama Wann (sister of W.A.J.) compiler's grandfather; Rufus Marion Carlton md "Zudie" Frye; James L. Carlton died young.

William Houston Carlton, son of John Winston Carlton and Margaret Holder Carlton was born 29 October 1858 near Stevenson, Jackson Co., AL. He died on 19 March 1924 at Red Oak, Ellis



Co., TX He married Martha Alabama Wann on 9 April 1878 in Jackson Co. She was the daughter of William and Catherine Ledbetter Wann. Her father served in both the Mexican War and in the Confederate Army.

After his marriage to Martha, W.H. engaged in farming near Fackler, Jackson Co. where the first six children were born. W.H. and Martha moved their family to Ellis Co., TX in 1892. His Uncle Charles B. Carlton had already moved to Ellis Co. His older brother, John W. Jr. had been living in Robertson Co. TX and had written a couple of letters back to the local paper. Five more children were born to them in Ellis Co.

William Houston Carlton and Martha Wann Carlton had issue in Jackson Co: John William Carlton md Margaret Cline, disappeared in Colorado 1924; Mary Elizabeth Carlton died young, buried near Fackler, AL.; Rufus Marion Carlton died young, buried near Fackler, AL; Alice Lillian Carlton never married - died in Ellis Co., TX; Walter Edward Carlton md Florence Lemke, died in San Diego, CA; Grover Herbert Carlton md Ruby Butcher Carlton, died Ellis Co., TX (Father of compiler).

William Houston Carlton and Martha Wann Carlton had issue in Ellis Co., TX; Robert Ernest Carlton md Allie C. Stiffler, died Dallas Co., TX; Herman Dewey Carlton md Willie Edna Clark, died Dallas Co., TX; Esther Alabama Carlton never married, died young; James Sterling Carlton md Betsy Hart Bates died Corpus Christi, TX; Matthew Philip Carlton never married, died age 23 in accident.

Grover Herbert Carlton, son of W.H. and Martha Wann Carlton was born near Fackler, AL on 23 August 1900 and died in Ellis County Texas on 23 June 1971. He married Ruby Floyd Butcher on 21 December 1913. Arriving in Texas at 2 years of age, he spent the rest of his life in Ellis County as a successful farmer. He and his wife grew up on adjoining farms and were childhood sweethearts. As of July 1997, Ruby is still living near her children at age 101.

Grover Herbert Carlton and Ruby Butcher Carlton had issue: Grover Ruby Carlton md Thomas Robnett, living Ellis Co., TX; Esther Fay Carlton md Homer Poovey, living in Ellis Co., TX; George Houston Carlton md1) Irene Redwine; md2) Mary Hurckman; m3) Susan Stewart, living in Ellis Co., TX Retired USAF.; Dorothy May Carlton md Richard D. Bowren; md2) Rev. Alvin Hedin, living in Sapulpa, OK; Marion Herbert Carlton md Jeanine Parsons; md2) Patti Whitmire Driscoll, lives in Houston, TX. Sources: The above Carlton history is abstracted from *John Carlton of Orange County and Albemarle County, Virginia, and some of his descendants, 1720-1989*. Written by Lt. Col. George H. Carlton, 901 Becky Lane, Waxahachie, TX 75165. A copy has been placed in the Scottsboro Library Genealogical Section which may be used for additional information on this family. Copies may also be obtained from the author at the above address.

### Danny and Barbara Ann (Williamson) Carroll Family

Barbara Ann Williamson (b: 3/10/51) is the first child of Mary Grace (Smith) and Edward H. Williamson (b: 10/2/20 - d: 5/17/97). (See Edward H. Williamson family article). She is the granddaughter of R.H. Oscar Williamson, formerly of Clay Co., AL. (See family article).

Barbara attended elementary school at Dutton Jr. High, Fyffe, and graduated from Geraldine in 1969. She attended college at North East Junior College, Gadsden State and U.A.B., graduating with a major in English, and minors in history and science. She completed requirements for a

Secondary Education Certificate. She returned to school and completed requirements for her AA in education at Montevallo State College in 1978. In 1988 she received her ED.S. from Montevallo, graduating as Outstanding Graduate Student in Education. She has taught English, history, and science at Oak Grove (1975), Lipscomb (1976 and 1977) and at Minor High School from 1978 to the present. Barbara's professional and fraternal organizations include the AEA, NEA, JCEA, PTSA, Kappa Delpha PI, and the Alpha Delpha Kappa.

Barbara married Thomas Jackson Portwood (b: 6/30/49) on 8/23/69 at Hopewell Baptist Church at Geraldine. They were divorced in 1971. She married Billy Wayne Hudgins (b. 2/25/46) on 1/8/72 at Sylvania, AL. They were divorced in 1976. She married Danny Carroll (b: 9/9/52) on 6/2/78 at Bessemer, AL. Barbara had no children from these unions, but on 11/6/84 adopted and reared Danny's two daughters by a previous marriage: Dena Gay Carroll (b: 3/12/72) and Karen Ruth Carroll (b: 8/5/74). Dena Gay married Harold Loyd Bittle (b: 8/23) on 2/27/93 at Hueytown. Dena Gay and Loyd have one child: Victoria Elizabeth Bittle (b: 9/25/93). Karen Ruth gave birth to Brittany Alexis Carroll on 6/28/94. Barbara and Danny adopted their granddaughter Brittany Alexis on 4/29/96.

Danny worked at U.S. Steel from 4/71 to 3/95, retiring on disability in 8/95. Barbara and Danny live at Bessemer, AL. They are members of Brook Hill Church (Baptist). They are spending vacations and weekends preparing to build their retirement home on the Williamson family farm just west of Bowman's Crossroads. Submitted by: Barbara Carroll, Bessemer, AL

### Carter Family Pioneer

The members of the James M. Carter family, who have resided on Sand Mountain in the vicinity of Section, Alabama, since the 1920s, are the descendants of a Jackson County pioneer family. While



Reuben Carter and wife Permilia with his sons, William Jessie and James Monroe, and her daughter by a previous marriage.

there are several Carter families in the county, the offspring of this pioneer family are relatively few in number and are not known to be related to the others.

The Sand Mountain Carter lineage is through Meredith Carter, the son of Barney Carter (1775-1834) of Surry County, North Carolina. Barney was married to Mary Jacks and the father of fifteen children.

Barney Carter was a veteran of the War of 1812 and died in 1834 in Wilkes County, North Carolina. Barney Carter's parents were Samuel Carter and Susanna Pipes Carter.

Meredith Carter, who was born in 1809, moved to the picturesque Paint Rock Valley of Jackson County, Alabama, sometime in the 1830s. His wife was Martha Elizabeth; her maiden name is unknown. Early land records show that Meredith Carter was granted a title to forty acres of land near Estill Fork on Hurricane Creek on August 1, 1839. He apparently had arrived in the county a few years earlier with other family members, including a brother, Nathan, who later returned to Elkin, North Carolina. His sisters Rebecca, Prudence, and Nancy also settled in Jackson County. They were married to Thomas Jacks, Jesse Money, and Jacob Money, respectively.

The 1850 Census of Jackson County, which was the first to include the names and ages of family members, lists the family as follows: Meredith Carter, 41; Elizabeth, 41; Middleton, 16; William, 14; Logan, 13; James, 12; Manchester, 8; Jane, 8; John, 6; Reuben, 5 and Benjamin, 3. Another son, Meredith Carter, Jr., had apparently already left the family unit. Reuben Carter is presumably the only male member of this family to remain in Jackson County. Four of his brothers, William, James, John, and Benjamin, moved to Fannin County, Texas, near the town of Honey Grove. Middleton (or perhaps Littleton), Logan, Manchester and James served in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States.



Front: Karen Ruth Carroll; Center L to R: Dena Gay Carroll and Danny Eugene Carroll; Back: Barbara Ann (Williamson) Carroll.

The exact date of Meredith Carter's death is unknown. However, the death of Elizabeth Carter was reported in the *Fellow Citizen*, a Scottsboro newspaper, on Friday, June 7, 1878, "Also, on the 27th at the old homestead on Hurricane Fork, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, relict of Meredith (sic) Carter, deceased. She, too, was among the first settlers in the valley."

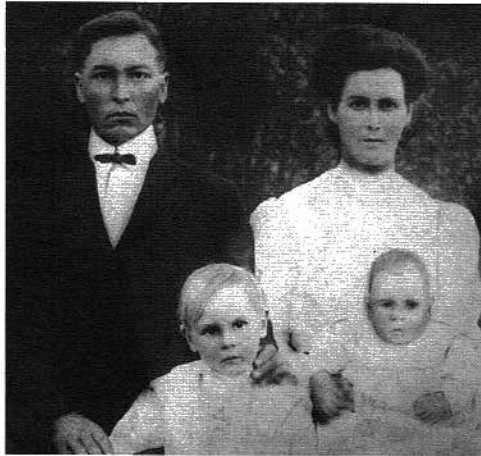
The Sand Mountain Carter family's bloodline is through Meredith and Elizabeth's son, Reuben Carter (1847-1913). Reuben was married on February 21, 1869, to Martha Golden, the daughter of Reuben and Anna Golden. Reuben and Martha were the parents of ten children: Annie, Francis Marion, Ella, Rufus, Sarah, James Monroe, Amanda, Myrtle, Maggie and William Jessie.

The Reuben Carter family moved from Paint Rock Valley to the Martintown Community near Hollywood, Alabama, sometime after Martha Carter died of injuries sustained from falling from a horse. Reuben Carter married Mrs. Permelia (Millie) Baker on March 19, 1903, at Hollywood. Reuben was described by his grandson, Burns Pace of Martintown, as being tall, square-shouldered, and rawboned. He also wore a long beard. Later in life Reuben became blind and walked with a cane. He was of the Primitive Baptist faith and had the habit of singing the hymn, "Amazing Grace," every morning from his bedside before rising. He died about 1913 and was buried directly behind the Mud Creek Primitive Baptist Church in what is now called Old Baptist Cemetery.

Five of the ten children born to Reuben and Martha Carter died before they married. The oldest daughter, Annie Carter married Jack Pace and had two children, Jackson (Jack) Pace and Beatrice Pace. Jackson (Jack) Pace later became the mayor of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Beatrice Pace married William Jacob Money and had five children who grew to adulthood, Herbert, Elbert, Walter, Marion, and Edna. Another daughter, Amanda Carter married Richard Pace and was the mother of nine children: David Tate, Reuben Earl, Loyd, Berith (Graves), Martha (Evertson), James Burns, Violet (Cockrill), Juanita (Johnson) and David Richard Pace. The youngest daughter of Reuben and Martha, Maggie Carter married Monroe Messer. She raised her daughter Annabelle in Oklahoma.

The youngest son of Reuben Carter, William Jessie, married Minnie Mae McGraw who bore him three daughters: Ruby Jewel, Jessie Mae and Emma Shirley, and an unnamed son who died at birth. The oldest daughter, Ruby, married Herbert Loyd and lived in Bristow, Oklahoma. Jessie Mae, who married Weldon Bray remained in Martintown. Shirley married Odel Bray. They were the parents of Ronald Bray of Scottsboro.

The Sand Mountain Carters are descendants of Reuben Carter's son, James Monroe Carter (1879-1956), who was commonly known as "Jim" Carter. On April 9, 1905, he married Nancy Ann (Nannie) Wynn (1884-1959), the daughter of John T. Wynn (1849-1927) and Sarah Elizabeth (Betty) Shipp Wynn (1856-1943). Nannie's paternal grandparents were Thomas Wynn (1826-1894) and Rebecca Cowan Wynn (1826-1894). Her maternal grandparents were Samuel Shipp and Sarah Grider Shipp. Jim and Nannie Carter lived in various communities of Jackson County, including Martintown, Shipp's Chapel, and Bellefonte before moving to the Macedonia-Davistown vicinity of Sand Mountain in the early 1920s. They later settled with three of their sons on a 219 acre farm about three miles northeast of Section, Alabama. They were of the Primitive Baptist faith and are buried at Macedonia Cemetery. Their children were as follows: Gordon Howard, Allie Clyde, William Orvil, James Hugh, Thomas Herman, Aubrey Lee and Annie Lee. All of these children are buried at Macedonia Cemetery beside their parents with the exception of Gordon Howard who died as an infant in 1906. *Submitted by: Edward H. Carter, 668 County Road 290, Bryant, Alabama 35958*



*James M. and Nannie Carter with sons Clyde and Orvil.*

## Carter Family (Continued)

### Pioneer

Jim and Nannie Carter's son, A. Clyde Carter (1907-1969), married Irene Stiefel (1911-1991) on September 10, 1932. Their eight children were Robert Fred, Jessie Clyde, Amy Louise, Linda Joyce, Alice Lorene, Edna Sue, Edward H., and James Kenneth. Additional information on this family was submitted as a separate article in this book.

William Orvil Carter (1909-1985), married Myrtle Stover and had one son, William Gary, who still lives near New Canaan Church, northeast of Section. He is the only male member of the Carter family still living in the vicinity of Section. Gary, formerly married to Sandra White, is currently married to Virginia Blanchett and has no offspring.

James Hugh Carter (1912-1967) married Burma Williams (1920-1995) and had two children, Julia Elaine and James Jeffery. Elaine is married to Harold Brookshire and has one daughter, Julia Michelle. Elaine, a graduate of the University of North Alabama and the University of Alabama, is an English instructor at Northeast Alabama State Community College. Julia Brookshire, a graduate of Montevallo University and UAH, is a teacher at New Hope Middle School. Jeffery Carter lives in Decatur, Alabama, and has one daughter, Heather, by his first wife Jane Traylor. Jeffery is currently married to Jennifer Fletcher. He graduated from Northeast State and attended the University of Alabama in Birmingham.



*James M. and Nannie Carter about 1955*

Thomas Herman Carter (1915-1957)

had one son, Thomas Gordon, by his wife Audrey Norwood. Gordon, an Auburn University graduate, married Jo Hudspeth and lives in Belle Glade, Florida. They have three children, Thomas Gordon, Jr., Lesley Brooke, and Christopher John.

Aubrey Lee Carter (1919-1972) married Nellie Tipton and had three daughters, Margaret Ann, Barbara Lynn and Myra Leigh. Margaret was first married to Alan Sharp of Section. In 1974, Margaret and Alan suffered the loss of their one-month old daughter, Meridith Ann. Now married to John Barker, Margaret lives in Tuscaloosa and is the first member of the family to earn a doctorate. Lynn Carter is married to Jimmy Willingham and lives in Rainsville, where they operate a cable business. She graduated from Northeast State. Myra Carter was married to Jeffery Bailey, the father of her children, Clayton Jeffery and Carrie Elizabeth Bailey. She is now married to Ronald Bailey and lives in Scottsboro. Myra graduated from Jacksonville State University and is a teacher at Caldwell Elementary School.

Annie Lee Carter (1924-1987), the only daughter of Jim and Nannie Carter, married Joe Jerome (Bill) Weeks (1909-1977) of Scottsboro and had a son, Billy Hugh Weeks. Billy married Linda Gaynell Brown and had two children, Sylvia Denise and Michael Hugh. *Submitted by: Mrs. Edna Baldwin, 108 Sheffield Place, Franklin, Tennessee 37064*

## The A. Clyde Carter Family

The A. Clyde Carter family resided on an eighty-acre farm on Alabama Highway 35 three miles east of Section, Alabama, from 1941 until 1991. The family began on September 10, 1932, with the marriage of A. Clyde Carter (1907-1969) and Lillian Irene Stiefel (1911-1991) at the home of Elder Joe Phillips, directly across from Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church. Clyde, a farmer most of his life, was the son of James Monroe and Nannie Wynn Carter. Irene was the daughter of Gartrell and Alice Hamilton Stiefel. The family lived in the Macedonia community before moving to the farm on Highway 35 on December 7, 1941. Their eight children were Robert Fred, Jessie Clyde, Amy Louise, Linda Joyce, Alice Lorene (born & died, 1940), Edna Sue, Edward H., and James Kenneth.

Clyde and Irene Carter's oldest son, Robert Fred Carter, an



Auburn University and University of Tennessee Space Institute graduate, married Laura Mae Smith of Stevenson and has lived in Tullahoma, Tennessee, since 1961. Now retired, he was an engineer at Arnold Engineering Development Center (AEDC). Their four children are Robert Fred, Jr., Melissa Karen, Mary Alice, and



Clyde and Irene Carter, with J.C., Louise, and Fred about 1940.

Beth Ann. Melissa, a graduate of the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences, is married to Jeffery Elwynne Atnip of Memphis. They are the parents of two sons, Winston Robert and Lincoln Edward, and live in Germantown, Tennessee. Robert Fred Carter, Jr., a resident of Noblesville, Indiana, and an engineering graduate of Tennessee Tech, is married to Elaine Hunter of Celina, Tennessee. Their children are Andrea Marie and James Lewis. Mary Alice Carter, a graduate of David Lipscomb University, married Russell Mitchell, Jr., of Newport News, Virginia. They reside in Bloomington, Indiana, with their daughter, Katherine Elizabeth. Beth Carter lives in Estill Springs, Tennessee, with her husband, Steve Baker. Beth, a graduate of Tennessee Tech, is following in the footsteps of her father as an engineer at AEDC near Tullahoma.

Jessie Clyde Carter (1935-1987) lived in King's Cove near Bridgeport and was married to Bobbie Jean Hammons. He is buried at Pine Haven Cemetery near Hollywood. Their only son, Darron Ray Carter, is married to Zella Stephens Carter and has two sons, Daniel Stephen and Phillip Clyde. Darron, a graduate of Chattanooga State, is employed at Beaulieu in Bridgeport.

Amy Louise Carter (1937-1967) was married to Bobby Edward Pendergrass of Powell and lived in Chickamauga, Georgia, at the time of her death. She had no children and is buried at Old Sardis Cemetery near Section.

Linda Carter, who has lived in Glencoe, Alabama, since 1968, is



Front Row: Edna, Kenneth, and Edward Carter Back Row: Linda, Irene, and Clyde Carter about 1955

married to Wade Liles of Fyffe. She is the mother of two children, Angela Denise and Brian Keith. Angela has a daughter, Hannah Celeste, by her former husband, Darren Phillips. Angela holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and lives in Alpharetta, Georgia. Brian Liles, an electrician, is married to Paula McDaniel of Gadsden and resides in Hiram, Georgia.

Edna Sue Carter, a graduate of Northeast Alabama State Junior College, married Gordon Becil Baldwin of Macedonia. Formerly residents of Scottsboro, they now live in Franklin, Tennessee, where he is employed by Norandal USA. Their two sons, Christopher Scott and Patrick Lee, are both graduates of Auburn University. Chris is employed by Intel in Phoenix, Arizona, while Pat works for American General Life Insurance Company in Nashville.

Edward H. Carter has lived in Bryant, Alabama, since 1980 when he married Barbara Goforth of Jasper, Tennessee. He is a graduate of Northeast State and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Jacksonville State University. He is a history teacher at North Sand Mountain High School.

James Kenneth Carter (1950-1989), a graduate of the Alabama School of Trades in Gadsden, was married to Debby Willard and is

the father of two daughters, Kendra Kayleen and Allison Paige, who live in Hollywood. He is buried at Macedonia Cemetery. Submitted by: Robert F. Carter, 204 Hillcrest Drive, Tullahoma, TN 37388

## Q.K. Carter

Coach Q.K. "Dusty" Carter is a basketball coaching legend in Jackson County. Carter came to Scottsboro in 1951, two years after leading Point Rock Valley to its only state tournament appearance. Following in the footsteps of Coach Mickey "Guy" O'Brien, who introduced the post-pattern offense, Carter debuted the fast break.

Most teams were scoring in the 40-to-50 point range in the 1950s. Not Scottsboro. Carter's club was hitting 80 consistently, eventually becoming the first school to crack 85 points in a state tournament (1956). Carter spent twenty-four years coaching in Scottsboro and always had winning teams. In fact, he had a string of record breaking state tournament appearances.

Twenty-six years after his state title, he has retired twice only to come back to the game. Carter came out of retirement to assist Coach Harold West at Skyline High School. These days he spends his time coaching at Skyline for half a coaching supplement and



Legendary Coach Q.K. "Dusty" Carter

all the enjoyment he gets from working.

In addition to his legendary coaching skills, Coach Carter is also well known for his sharp wit and dry humor. As an example, one day someone asked him what to do about "charley horses". His reply: "He's never done anything for me and I've never done anything for him."

After all the years, Carter remains constant. "Boys aren't much different now than they were 35 years ago. They still

want to win - at least here in Jackson County and up on Sand Mountain. They just need someone to show them how." It is obvious that Coach certainly knows how! Coach Carter, who turned 84 in March, has coached for forty-eight years and won over 900 games. His goal is to coach a total of 50 years and have 1000 wins! I'll bet he'll do it! Submitted by: Vivian Carter, POB 92, Scottsboro, AL 35768

Source: Ron Ingram, News Staff Writer, Birmingham News and Recollections

## Ann B. Chambless

Ann Chambless, founding president of the Jackson County Historical Association and editor of The Chronicles since January, 1979, was nominated for The Sentinel's 1997 Outstanding Citizen award by Stanley Jones of Atlanta, GA formerly of Scottsboro.

Chambless researches, compiles, writes and edits The Chronicles, a widely read publication of previously uncirculated or unpublished historical essays and facts. Through the efforts of Wendell Page, Elizabeth Parks, Elberta Clark, Carlus Page and Rubilee Moore Smith, the issues of the Chronicles have been collected by each year and are available for purchase, through the Jackson County Historical Association, preserved for posterity ... thanks to Ann Chambless!

Chambless carries readers on a journey through Jackson County's past with an in-depth look at events, landmarks and the people who left their tracks in the county.

She worked toward establishing the Scottsboro-Jackson Heritage Center and served as the first vice president of their board of directors. She was spokesperson for the group's first appeal to the Scottsboro City Council to establish the museum.

Working for more than a quarter of a century researching families throughout the county, Chambless has been collecting material to someday write a history of Scottsboro.

Chambless is rooted in the history of Jackson County, having served as Regent of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as state historian of the Alabama Society of the DAR, as an officer in the local chapter of the Daughters of the War of 1812 and as a member of the Huegnot Society.

She has also made a concerted effort to encourage the recording, restoration and preservations of the county's cemeteries. Chambless is involved in the historical association's efforts to preserve and restore the Scottsboro Freight Depot and to preserve other historic landmarks in the county.

She is a longtime member of the Scottsboro Public Library Board, having served as chairman and secretary. She helped secure a camera with the



*Ann Chambless*

capability of photographing other photographs to develop an old photograph collection for the library and spearheaded the effort to have old newspapers preserved on microfilm.

Recently she has been involved in the Bridgeport Literary Club's effort to establish a library at Bridgeport. Ann, by request of Mary Virginia Loyd, gave a motivational program for the Bridgeport Literary Club, which apparently was the catalyst for developing their library.

Scottsboro Public Library has sponsored and served as a liaison between the Alabama Public Library Service and Bridgeport Literary Club until they met the state's standard requirements to become a public library.

She is also currently serving as president of the Scottsboro Women's Investment Club. "This lady has influenced the recording and preserving of the fine history of Scottsboro and Jackson County, second to none," said Jones, "after John R. Kennamer's classic history (1935)."

"I am grateful to be included with this group of people," Chambless said. "I guess if I was to consider the way my time is best spent it would have to be in researching, compiling, composing and editing the Jackson County Chronicles," said Chambless, "I have people tell me every day they are amazed at the history we have on record at the library." *Submitted by: the committee and Written by: Carmen Wann*

## **Jabez Ezra Chandler**

### **Jackson County Pioneer**

Jabez was born in Franklin Co., GA son of James Chandler and Sarah Freeman. Jabez married Rhoda Porter, daughter of Jidethan Porter and Mary Jane Jolly, 12 Jan. 1846 in Franklin Co., GA. Jabez enlisted in the Confederate Army 11 July 1861 and was wounded in VA and discharged at Richmond 15 Oct. 1861. Jabez moved to Jackson Co. prior to 1871 from Whitfield Co., GA. Rhoda died in Jackson Co. and is buried somewhere near Rash or Bass. Her grave has not been found. Jabez married Angilina (Peacock) Holcomb 11 Oct. 1884.

Children that married or lived in Jackson Co. are Mahalia E. married John Brotherton, their daughter Theodosia married Sam Gamble, Sarah Jane married James William Guinn, Jidithan married Malissa J. Smith, Rose Ann married James H. Smith, Willie never married he and Sister Mahalia are buried in the Rash area. Martha Ann married John M. Gamble, and Mary F. married John W. Smith. Children by Angilina are Maggie, Lucy J. and William E.

Jidithan, Mary F., Rose, Jabez and Angilina all moved to Fannin Co., TX after 1890. Rose Jid, Angilina, and Jabez are buried in the Gober, Fannin Co., TX *Submitted by: Roy James Crowell, 1605 Gunnison Dr., Wichita Falls, TX 76305*

## **Anthony Green and Minerva Chaney**

Anthony Green Chaney, son of John Chaney and Manerva Griffin, was born February 7, 1850, in Dekalb County, AL and died April 2, 1912, in Jackson County, AL. Minerva, the daughter of

Stephen Jackson Tiner and Minerva Driskill, was born December 29, 1851 and died January 8, 1928. Green and Minerva are buried in Chaney's Chapel Cemetery near Dutton, Alabama.

Green and Minerva were married on December 29, 1868 in Dekalb Co., AL. They moved to Jackson Co., AL about the turn of the century and bought property near Section from D.I. Durham who had homesteaded it. Green and Minerva cleared the land and built their home which remained in the family until about 1990. Their marriage was blessed with eleven children: (1) Manerva Jane "Jennie" Chaney, born October 8, 1869 and died June 25, 1943. Jennie married Isaac Ryan 10 Apr. 1887 and had children: Edgar Wallace Ryan married Marie Allen, Warner Green Ryan, Nellie Ryan married Earl Barkley, Myrtle Ryan married Mack Smith, and Blanch Ryan married Cecil Dunn; (2) Emily Chaney, born March 10, 1872 and died June 5, 1914. Emily married John Ryan on January 1, 1889, and they had children: Ellen Ryan, Green Ryan, Latham Ryan, Rhoda Ryan married Robert Proctor, John B. Ryan married Lonette Stevens, Albert B. Ryan married Jennie Lou, Era Ryan married Norman Downing, Vera Ryan married Bruce Staton, and Clyde Ryan; (3) Margaret Myrtle "Maggie" Chaney, born August 3, 1876, and died April, 1950. Maggie married John Kirtland on October 8, 1895 and they had children: Gladys Kirtland married Lester Bethune, and Bertrum Kirtland; (4) John Lakin Chaney, born December 31, 1878 and died July 22, 1952. John married Annie Vernon Bridges on March 4, 1903 and they had children: John Claburn Chaney married Mattie Bridges, Ruby Chaney married James Grierson, Mary Chaney married Jack Hague, Theodore Price Chaney, Velmer Chaney and Joel Chaney; (5) Dolphus Chaney, born July 8, 1881 and died May 11, 1935; (6) William Chaney; (7) Ruth Bernice Chaney, born November 22, 1884 and died September 5, 1935. Ruth married Smith Waters Corum on November 27, 1909 and had children: Ethyl Minerva Corum married Paul Willis, Claude Green Corum, and Smith Wallace Corum married Virginia Vallarie Bryson; (8) Jeppie Chaney; (9) Coley Chaney; (10) Mary Etter Chaney, born December 3, 1890 and died August 7, 1912. Etter married Haskin Black on March 6, 1910; (11) Edith Winfred Chaney, born March 10, 1894 and died April 21, 1980. Edith married Mark L. Russell on April 5, 1914 and they had children: Mildred Lenore Russell married Thurman Sampson, Rubye Edith Russell married Agee Strickland, Berta Clyde Russell married William Alphaeus Taylor, Mark Lionel Russell married Margaret Parks. He married 2nd Melba Baggett, Bonnie Marie Russell married Raymond Pelfrey, Beatrice Claudine Russell married William Leon James, Juanita Jane Russell married Earl Walton Thomas, and James Wayne Russell married Doris Sue McAlpin. *Submitted by: Linda Russell McAllister (granddaughter), 13026 Percevale Dr., Huntsville, AL 35803*  
Sources: Mark L. Russell Family Bible, family contacts, marriage records

## **Chavers / Evans**

### **Connection of Round Cove, Alabama**

My trip to Bryant, Alabama was a birthday gift from my family and friends. The trip was a total success. Due especially to Maggie Gilbert. She lives in Bryant, AL located on Sand Mt. Her G/Grandfather Andrew Jackson Chavers (b: 1830) and my G/Grandfather John Chavers (b: 1850) were brothers. Andrew being first born, John was the 10th child. We got acquainted through mail and by telephone. She made it possible for me to see the places and meet our people I had longed to see. I was there two weeks and we went every day. I was impressed at getting off in Chattanooga, TN eating breakfast in Trenton, GA and going to her home in Bryant, AL all within an hour or so! Maggie loves all of her people, as I do. She and her husband Albert opened their home and hearts to me. Their generosity will never be forgotten. They have a wonderful family.

My G/Grandfather John Chavers was born in Bledsoe Co., TN Feb. 16, 1850. His parents were Willis (b: 1810) & Hetty E. (Evans) (b: 1813) Chavers from Campbell Co., TN. They settled in Franklin Co., TN about 1860 on the TN/AL state line. They lived between Anderson, TN and Stevenson, AL. This was a large family of thirteen children who were: Andrew Jackson, Henderson, Mary A., Elizabeth (Betty), Nathan (Nath), Samuel, Dicy, Obediah (Obe), Lucy J., John, Peter (Pete), Margaret, Martha A. They lived up in Round Cove off of Carter Mt. pretty close to Stevenson. Its a beautiful place to see. There is not enough words to express the beauty of this country. It was like stepping back in time with my





*Della Evans, Sallie Bell (Evans) Morris, Newton Evans*



*Albert & Maggie (Shavers) Gilbert & Children at 50th Wedding Anniversary*



*Glenn Chavers & Cyrus Nelson*



*Bob & Bonnie Nichols 25th Wedding Anniversary*

grandpap John. There were about sixteen families that lived up this cove. There were Chavers, Evans, Halls, Wests and Stubblefields among others. G/Grandfather John was a blacksmith and a gun smith. He made cap and ball black powder rifles. Newt Evans stated that his dad had said "they sure shot true." John served in the Civil War Confederate side, 17th TN Inf. Reg. He drew a war pension. It was said he carried a Bible and preached at different places for years. Some even called him Preacher John.

There's a Chavers Cemetery about two miles up the Mt. after you get to the Evans homeplace. Newt, Sallie Belle and Della Evans are brother & sisters. Sallie Belle is married to Willy Morris. Their G/Grandmother was Betty Chavers who married John Evans. They all live at the homeplace. It takes a four wheel drive vehicle to get to the Cemetery. We, couldn't find one, so Jimmie Sloan (G/Grandson of Dicy Chavers), a cousin & I walked. Newt Evans (Cousin) and Willy rode a four wheeler. A large portion of our old folks are buried there. There are about 76 rock markers. Willy and the others have kept it cleaned off for years. The dogwoods and wildflowers were blooming in abundance everywhere. Newt Evans who is 86 years young has a vivid recollection of the people, dates, and the history of

this place. These people were a joy to meet. There is another Cemetery of Evans families on Little Coon MT.

In 1908 dozens of applications were submitted from the Chavers and Evans families to The Special Commissioner of Claims in Washington D.C. concerning funds that had been appropriated for the Eastern Cherokee Indians. The applicants were all denied for the same reason. They had to have been enrolled during 1834-1835, also 1851. Evidently none of these people had been. These applications were full of personal data, information and

explanations as to why they were not enrolled. This was the determining factor of proof to the Government for their claims. There were so many that never enrolled out of the fear of being sent away to the Nation, as so many were during The Trail of Tears Era.

In the old land records of Jackson Co., AL there are many of these people who owned or homesteaded property in this county. John Shoemake had a 640 acre reservation, which he got through his wife. They were an uncle and aunt on the Evans side of the family. Old Newton Evans, a relative to Newt Evans, states in his sworn application that in 1851 they lived in Jackson Co., AL and even then, they were recognized as being of Indian blood. They could not vote before the war and were not allowed to go to school. In 1882 they had not enrolled because they thought something was wrong about the enrollment. The lawyer also charged too much money for the fee. He also stated that they were afraid of being sent away to The Nation if enrolled. The application and letters to Guion Miller were written in Scottsboro, AL July 8, 1908. So out of poverty and fear, they lost the money they could possibly have received. My G/Grandfather John Chavers never applied.

The spelling of the name Chavers was first spelled Chavis in Campbell and Bledsoe counties in Tennessee between 1830 and 1850. In the 1860 Franklin Co., TN Census the same family started spelling it Chavious. From 1870 to 1880 Franklin Co., TN Census it was spelled Shavers.

Descendants in Alabama and Tennessee use Shavers more frequently than other spellings. Chavers is used more often by our Arkansas descendants.

Probably the census takers had much to do with the variations of the different spellings.

Footnote: Copies of the original Indian applications can be obtained through Indian Territory, Genealogical & Historical Society, John Vaughan Library, Northeastern State Univ., Tahlequah, OK 74464. For a \$5.00 fee. Submitted by: Bonnie Caroline (Wilson) Nichols, Rt. 1 Box 196, Knoxville, AR 72845

Sources: 1860-1920 Franklin Co., TN Census; 1860-1920 Jackson Co., AL Census — 1840 & 1850 Bledsoe Co., TN; Indian Applications; Personal Interviews; Courthouses ... TN, AL & AR - Libraries

## My Grandpap / John Chavers and Me Pioneers

In the spring of 1997, I journeyed alone, from Johnson Co., AR to Chattanooga, TN by bus. I had a suitcase full of family records



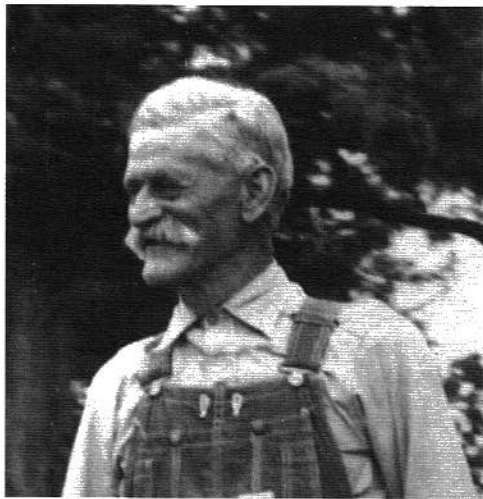
*My Grand Pap John & Tamsey Chavers & grandchildren*

& enough stuff to interview & record half of Jackson Co., AL. In fear of losing it I kept it under my feet, there and back. I went with great anticipation of finding my family and to put faces on the people I had studied for so long. I wanted to see the places my grandpap had always spoken about. I can remember for years asking pap for another story about his home place. It wouldn't take much persuasion to get him to talk. He loved to talk. In the winter by the fireplace at night or in the summer by coal oil lamp he would sit, smoke his pipe and reminisce about TN or old Alabam'. He was a great storyteller. Grandpap was born Feb. 15, 1880 in Franklin Co., TN to John and Elizabeth Annabelle (Foshee) Chavers. John & Elizabeth were married Nov. 4, 1874 Franklin Co., TN. Elizabeth Foshee (b: May 2, 1854) to Anderson & Martha (Grubbs) Foshee. Her family was living in Stevenson, AL in 1860. There were nine children born to this family. Margaret (1847 AL), Mary A. (1850 AL), Elijah F. (1852 AL), Elizabeth Annabelle (1854 AL), Perry (1858 AL), Matilda A. (1860 AL), Jesse (1863 AL), William Francis (1864 AL), Andrew J. (1867 AL). Anderson Foshee born May 1821 & Martha born 1832. (GA/TN)

Anderson Foshees parents were Elijah (1794) & Martha (1794) Foshee from SC their children were: James (1823), Alexander (1824), Wesley Eldred (1827), Elijah O. (1831), John Anderson

(1830). Elizabeth had blue eyes, weighed less than a 100 lbs. 5' tall, small in stature, played the fiddle very well, wore long dresses, high top shoes, & bonnet. She also had the habit of chewing tobacco. Her grandchildren speak very loving of her. When John & Elizabeth arrived in Knoxville, AR on the train with the family, it was told to me by Blanche Higgs, life time resident that "Elizabeth played the fiddle while some of her family danced on the platform." People liked it so well they threw money to them. Her nickname was Lizzie & all her grandchildren called her "Little Granny."

John & Elizabeth Chavers had 12 children of which 8 lived. They were: Marion J. (May 1879 TN), John A. (15 Feb. 1880 TN), William (Apr. 1886 TN), Annabelle (Dicy) (25 Dec. 1888 TN), Galasha (01 Feb. 1891 TN), Dove Arminda (Aug. 1892 TN), Easter R. (18 Feb. 1895 TN), Elzivan (Aug. 1896 TN). They lived on the TN/AL state line near Anderson, TN & Stevenson, AL They call it Round Cove. He and all of his immediate family moved to Johnson Co., AR around 1907. Their son John (my grandpap) married Tamsey Jane Atwell of Johnson Co., AR Jan. 19, 1913 in Pope Co., AR. She was the daughter of William H. Atwell from Lauderdale Co., AL. Her mother was Rodea Jane Freeman of Newton Co., AR G/grandfather John Chavers was born Feb. 16, 1850 & died June 15, 1935. Elizabeth died June 22, 1945 both are buried in the Knoxville Cemetery, Johnson Co., AR.



*John Chavers about 1950*

John & Tamsey Chavers raised 12

children: Hubert Elmer (28 Oct. 1913 AR), Elizabeth Annabelle (15 June 1915 AR), Ben Henry (25 Aug. 1916 AR), Velma (02 Dec. 1918 AR), William (25 May 1920 AR), Mamie Hazel (26 Dec. 1923 AR), Rozella (12 June 1924 AR), Viola (10 Sep. 1925 AR), John (1926-1927 AR), Robert Lee (21 Apr. 1928 AR), Walter Newton (Dub) (14 Jul. 1931 AR), Cyrus Nelson (C.N.) (24 Aug. 1934 AR).

Tamsey Jane Chavers was born 23 May 1894 & died Dec. 1983. Both Tamsey & John are buried next to his parents in the Knoxville Cem. It sits heavy on my mind to think that Grandpap never had a chance to return to his homeplace in Round Cove.

My mother is Viola (Chavers) Davis (Sept. 10, 1925 Johnson Co., AR). She married Tommy L. Wilson Apr. 24, 1943 Lamar, AR. I, Bonnie Caroline, was the only child they had. I was born Apr. 6, 1944 Lamar, AR. Second marriage of Viola was to Virgil Jennings. One child, John W. Jennings born Sep. 3, 1947. Years later Viola married Elden Davis of Johnson Co., AR they had no children.

My mother is made up like her little granny Chavers. She has blue eyes and is small in stature. Her grandchildren call her little Nanny. They are: William E., Sheila R., & Matthew S. Nichols, Susan R., Angela C., & Jonie Nicole Jennings.

Yes, I am also called Nanny. I refuse to be called Big Nanny! I'm a larger person, like my dad. My mother worked hard in cotton, peaches & cafe work to support me when I was born. I lived with my grandparents a lot when I was little. I had red curly hair when young & was definitely a tomboy. I loved following pap around the farm. I was raised up in the Army after Mom married Virgil Jennings. We traveled a lot. France was my favorite place to see. I married William Robert (Bob) Nichols June 29, 1961 in Knoxville, AR Bob (Sep. 23, 1941 AR). We have three children: William Elden (b: Jan. 26, 1963 AR), Sheila Robin (b: Feb. 16, 1965 AR), & Matthew Shawn (Aug. 18, 1972 AR). We are blessed with eight grandchildren, 5 of our own & three by marriage. They are: Samuel Adam Demmitt, Jessica Renae & Nathaniel Neal Pitts, Shawn Thomas Ford Nichols, Tianna Nicole Nichols (deceased), step-grandchildren: Nicklas Robert Coffron (who is the only one with red hair like me!) Dustin Lewis White, Sharmanda Norien Yarber. William married Katherine Lenore White (Jan. 20, 1996). Sheila married Neal David Pitts (Apr. 27, 1985). Matthew married Tracie Lyn Ford (Jan. 7, 1995). All were married in Johnson Co., AR.

Bob's family migrated from Marion Co., TN to Newton Co., AR about 1848 His great grandparents were John & Margaret Nichols. He still has many descendants in Newton Co. today. His parents were William Thomas Sherman & Helen Ruth (Burton) Nichols of Johnson Co., AR (both deceased)

I am a retired grade school cook. Bob is a carpenter & used to build fiberglass boats for Kenner Mfg. in Knoxville, AR for 28 years.

We are a close knit family, we fish together a lot. He works at fishing, he loves to bass fish. I fish for catfish & crappie, I fish like a lazy person, one pole. When he fishes with me he uses 3 or 4. We garden, work in the flowers together. He's always trying to grow a 200 lb. pumpkin for the fair. He is a Mason, Knoxville Lodge #370. He still plays baseball with the kids. He loves turkey hunting, especially, with his youngest brother, James T. (Pete) Nichols.

There has been 14 coon dogs at our house until he decided to quit that sport. That was a happy day for my flowers, chickens, & me! We both love country music, he plays a guitar. We both have a sense of humor & laugh a lot, at least we use too! Ha! The grand kids call him paw-paw. The coffee pot is always on at our house. There's always a fishing or hunting buddy stopping by. Our home has always been open to all our friends since the beginning of our marriage. He supports my time consuming desire, in the search for our family history, just as I support his desire for his hobbies. We were young when we married. I just turned 17 & he was 19. You could say we kinda grew up together. Young marriages work if you are truly committed. We both love the Lord. We go to Knoxville First Baptist Church. We are blessed, our lives are full.



*John & Tamsey Chavers in 1950's*

My grandpap, liked Bob. Bob said, when he was little, pap would come to Knoxville, on his big white horses, Dan. Pap had grey hair,

moustache & wore a hat. Bob thought he looked like a cowpoke! Pap had blue eyes, the color of the sky on a clear day. He laughed a lot, smoked a pipe, grew his own tobacco. He drank his coffee from a mustache cup. He was always willing to slip me coffee in his saucer. Granny thought coffee was for adults. I could write a book about Granny! They were both loved so much by their family. Pap always combed his hair when he washed up before meals. Grace was always said. He raised his family by farming & selling cotton. He grew large truck patches of vegetables to feed his family. He was of the old stock. He worked hard, his word was his bond. He tried to instill this in all his children. Pap was a real pioneer & I'm sure he would have wanted to be remembered this way.

Maybe someday when our great grandchildren come looking back in time at us they will find a little bit of themselves. Just as we are looking back now. *Submitted by: Bonnie Caroline (Wilson) Nichols, Rt. 1 Box 196, Knoxville, AR 72845*

Sources: 1860-1920 Franklin Co., TN Census 1840-1850 Bledsoe Co., TN. 1860-1920 Jackson Co., AL Census 1900-1920 Arkansas Census, Indian Applications, Personal Interviews, Courthouses & Libraries TN, AL, AR. Footnote: I would like to express thanks for the help my sister-in-law & best friend, Gail (McCarley) Nichols has given me. We search for our family histories a lot together. She stayed up in the late hours to type my story for me. Without her, my hobby would not be as much fun. Pete is her husband. They have three children: Malina (Nichols) Wood, Christopher & Amanda Nichols. Also, two grandsons: Ryan Keith & Zachary James Wood. Thank you Gail!

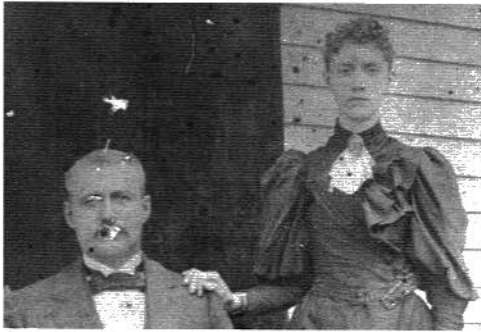
## The Clays

### Of North Carolina and Jackson County (Beginning with the first family to America)

Sir John Clay, 1558-1632, Coal Baron of Wales was Knighted by Elizabeth. The great grandson of John Claye, Knighted by Edward 4th, Battle of Jewkesburg in May 1471. (Margaret Clay's notes of Washington, from the British Museum of History.)

Captain John Thomas Clay, 1587-1656. English Grenadier, Charles and Henry Sons of Sir John; landed at Jamestown in 1613





*Martin Alexander and Martha Jane Clay*

Bacon in the Great Rebellion of 1676. ("Genealogy of the Clays," by Mary Rogers Clay of Louisville, Kentucky; also Judge Ferriss.)

Charles Clay's children were: Mary, Elizabeth, John 1668-1722 of Amelia County, Virginia. Thomas of Prince George, 1670-1730; Henry of Henrico, 1672-1760; Charles of Chesterfield, 1675-1764; and Judith. Wife of Charles, 1638-1686 was Hannah Wilson.

John Clay had children: John of Amelia County, Virginia; Anne; Isham of North Carolina, 1784; Caleb of Halifax County, Virginia; and Mary. (Data from the files of Judge John Clay Ferriss of Nashville, Tennessee; born 1837.)

John Clay's children were: James, Isham, and Dennis — possibly others. Dennis was on the 1800 Cabarrus County, North Carolina Census. He was born about 1777. We have not found where he was in 1810; he was on the 1817 tax list of Rutherford County, Tennessee. He married Ruth (?) about 1796; died July 1818 in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Tradition tells us that Dennis and Ruth and the children were on their way to Alabama when Indians killed Dennis and took their oxen and cart. Some time afterwards,



*Jane Isabella Clay and William T. Robertson*

she and the children arrived in Alabama and lived first at Demopolis (then in Marshall County). Will Book 1, Rutherford County, Tennessee, indicates "year's allowance to Ruthy Clay, widow of Dennis Clay, deceased. Agreeable to an order from the worshipful court of Rutherford County to us directed to lay off one year's provision for Ruth Clay, widow of Dennis Clay, deceased. Out of the estate of said Dennis, we have allowed her one hundred and fifteen dollars and find the whole of the property belonging to the Estate, not to be worth as much, and we have given all that he died possessed of, for her support. Given under our hands and seals, the 8th July 1818. Signed Hardy Pope (Seal) and Fred E. Becton (Seal)" Their known children were: John, born 15 January 1797 in North Carolina; died 27 July 1869 at Ouachita County, Arkansas. He married Charlotte (?). They had the following children — all born in Alabama: Susanna A., born 28 October 1820; married Andrew Carroll Riggs about 1842. James M., born 29 October 1822; married Nancy M. Lamb on 9 June 1843 — License in Winchester, Tennessee. They moved to Wayne County, Missouri, along with a band of neighbors and friends. He is buried in Bowles Cemetery, Leeper, Missouri. Dennis C., born 25 December 1824; married Elizabeth C. William Green, born 25 November 1827; married Melissa Emeline Blackwell. John R., born 18 November 1829; married Elizabeth A. Haws on 17 July 1848 — License in Winchester, Tennessee. In 1880 they were in Oregon County, Missouri. Isham M., born 28 March 1832; married Frances I. Emily Carolina, born 3 December 1834. Ruth Elizabeth, born 22 December 1839. Matilda J., born 1841 — on 1850 Jackson County Census with parents. Harriet M., born 1843; married (?) Bryan; died 30 August 1925. John and Charlotte and some of the children were together on the 1850 Jackson County Census, as well as on the 1830 and 1840 Jackson County censuses; they moved some time after the 1850 census was taken. In 1852 Charlotte Clay bought land in Wayne County, Missouri; it was sold in 1855, and John was not mentioned in the transaction. The 1860

and settled in Charles City County, Virginia. ("Genealogy of the Clays," by Mary Rogers Clay, Louisville, Kentucky).

Captain Clay's young wife, Anne, arrived in 1623. Their children were: Francis, William, Thomas, and Charles, 1638-1686

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Ouachita County, Arkansas Census shows "Matt" Clay with wife Charlotte and daughter Harriet. On the 1840 Jackson County, Alabama Census, John is shown as living two houses away from his brother, Russell William Clay. It appears that he sold land to Russell William when he left.

Isham Clay was born 1799 in North Carolina; wife unknown. They were on the 1830 Jackson County Census near Paint Rock; and in 1840 he and John were near Mt. Nebo Church and both had land grants. Isham left Jackson County before 1850; we have not found where he was. However, he was on the 1860 Sebastian County, Arkansas Census. Woolsley's were in the household. (Ellen Share of Texas descends from Isham and has been doing research on him.)

Charlotte Clay, born 1810 in North Carolina; married William Watts; died after 1880 in Marshall County, Alabama. They lived on Gunter Mountain near the Click Cemetery. Their children



*James Washington Clay (son of Russell William)*

were: Nancy, born 1828 in Alabama; James Washington, born 1830 in Tennessee; and Mary, born 1832 in Tennessee. In 1850 they had James Ashburn, 10, and John W. Redman, 5, both born in Alabama, in the household with them. In 1860 they had John Redman, 15; Alabama Buckhart, 9; and Lucy Buckhart, 7, all born

in Alabama, with them. In 1870 they had Emily Crabtree, 36; John Crabtree, 8; Rebecca Crabtree, 6; Jeremiah Crabtree, 4; and Mary Crabtree, 1, living with them — all born in Alabama. In 1880, Charlotte was 70 and a widow living alone near the Click and Fletcher families in Marshall County, Alabama.

Rebecca Jane, born 1812 in North Carolina; died after 1880 in Marshall County, Alabama. She married first, William Perkins; second, Amos Stapler on 25 September 1837. She had one son, James Washington. He was born 16 September 1826 at Buckford, Alabama; married Salina Whitaker; died 31 January 1871; buried in the Whitaker Cemetery. The 1840 Madison County, Alabama Census shows Amos Stapler as head of her household, with 1M/20-30, 1M/10-15, and 1F 30/40. In 1850, they were in DeKalb County, Alabama Census as Amos Stapler, (38,) born Georgia; Rebecca, (38,) born North Carolina — a Midwife, with Susan Crabtree, 20, and Matilda Crabtree, 18 — both domestics. The 1870 Marshall County, Alabama Census lists Rebecca Stapler as a widow, born in North Carolina, with Milley Davis, 62, born in Georgia (probably a sister-in-law), and William Ledbetter, 38, born in Alabama — both in their household. The 1880 Marshall County, Alabama Census lists Joseph Morrow, 67, born in North Carolina; Rebecca Morrow, 67, born in North Carolina, with Julia Duncan, 27, white, servant, born in Alabama. She divorced Joseph shortly afterwards. Again, she was living near her sister, Charlotte. Dr. Dilworth and his wife of Huntsville, Alabama, bought her property after she passed away. It was called "The Becky Place," and a caretaker took us through the house that was replaced and gave us a history of what he knew about it and showed us a picture of the house that Rebecca lived in. It is a beautiful place surrounded by a lake in front, pine trees in the background, and the Flint River on another side. It is believed that Rebecca is buried in the Whitaker Cemetery near her son.

Russell William Clay, born 6 March 1804 in North Carolina; died 7 December 1885 at his home in Princeton. He married Mahala Jones about 1836 or 1837. She died 19 June 1892. Mahala lived with her father (believed to be Thomas); he made shuttles and looms and sold them in Madison County, Alabama; Mahala helped him before she married. Some of the descendants indicated that they lived on the hill above the Eustace place. Russell William was quite a bit older than Mahala; it has been indicated that he lived among the Indians before his marriage and that his mother was Indian or part Indian. On the 1840 Jackson County Census, they lived near Thomas Jones and a 15 year old female was in their household, believed to be Mahala's sister. Apparently her mother had died by that time. Russell William was buried in the Clarence Robertson

Cemetery sand after Mahala died, his remains were moved to what is now known as the "Russell William Clay Cemetery."

An excerpt from *The Progressive Age*, Scottsboro, Alabama, on 17 March 1893, mentioned "Princeton News Item — Captain Lawson of the Chicamauga Iron Works has just completed a beautiful and substantial iron fence around the 'Clay Family' burying ground and a beautiful monument purchased by M.A. Clay and his four sisters, in memory of their father and mother. The monument is fine work, carved in snow white marble. The monument stands at the head of the two graves in the center of half an acre lot. On the north side of the shaft is inscribed 'Let me go, take me now,' — the last words of Mahaley Clay who was born 2 February 1817 and died 10 June 1892, and 'Rest, mother, rest in quiet sleep.' On the side of the monument is a hand holding an open Bible, below which is the following inscription: 'Erected by M.A. Clay and his four sisters in loving remembrance of father and mother,' 1892." The families of each daughter are buried from each corner; Martin Alexander and his family are buried across the middle portion. Closed white marble bibles were given to the surviving children.

*The Huntsville Weekly Mercury*, 9 December 1885, p. 6, col. 3, "Obituary: Russell William Clay died Monday night, 7 December 1885 about 9:00 o'clock at his home near Princeton (Jackson), Alabama. Mr. Clay, born 6 March 1804, was 81 years old at the time of his death. He has lived beyond the allotted time of man. He was a man noted for many of the noblest traits of heart and mind; hospitality was unbounded; and his kindnesses were dispensed with a liberal hand. It is said of Mr. Clay that he had entertained more people than any man in Jackson County. No one is ever known to have been turned away from his door empty handed. Of few men can so much be said. Mr. Clay had accumulated a large estate, and at his death was one of the wealthiest citizens of Jackson County. He leaves a widow, Mahala, and four married daughters (Julia Ann Beason, Jane Isabella Robertson, Ruth C. Stovall, Elizabeth Bostic), and a son, Martin Alexander Clay, and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss." "Mrs. Clay, who is far advanced in years, we regret to learn is in very feeble health. To the deeply bereaved family, we tender our profound sympathies."

Russell William and Mahala Jones Clay had the following children (all born at Princeton, Alabama): John, born about 1837. In his father's will dated 1868, he mentioned "my absent son, John," who apparently disappeared before that time. He was not on the 1860 Jackson County Census with the family. This indicates that James Washington and Clement C. had already passed on.

Elizabeth, born 28 September 1838; died 30 September 1912; married John R. Bostick about 1856. Their children were: Emeline J., born 1858/James Aulsford; Callie Louisa, born 7 December 1859/Sam M. Trice; William R., born 1862/M.E. (Betty) Carden; Mary Jane, born 31 March 1864/John M. "Jack" Graham; Floyd Alexander, born 31 December 1866, lived in Texas; was Alabama State Senator 1900-1903. Eliza Catherine, born 1868/James W. Toney; Mahala Idella, born March 1870/G. Sisk. Cora C., born 14 December 1875/Benjamin E. Walker. Cola A., born 14 December 1875/Maggie H. Eustace. Luther, born 1878.

James Washington, born about 1841. He was on the 1860 Jackson County Census with the family. In 1857-1858 the following was "ordered by the Court that John H. Norwood, for the use of J.W. Clay, be allowed the sum of twenty dollars for a Marriage Register bought of said Clay — for the use of the County, and the County Treasurer will pay the same out of any moneys now in the treasury or the first that comes into the same. Issued to J.H. Norwood; handed to treasurer for the sum heretofore paid." This indicates that he could have been a Justice of the Peace — performing marriages. His picture appears to be a uniform of some kind. On 9 June 1861 he enlisted as a volunteer during the Civil War at Corinth, Mississippi. He was a private in Company B, Martin's Regiment of volunteers, which was later redesignated as 25th Mississippi Infantry — later redesignated as Second Confederate Infantry. They were in Bowling Green, Kentucky, by 30 December 1861 and camped on Baker Hill. He died 14 January 1862 of pneumonia. Many of the soldiers were buried in the Fairview Cemetery in the Confederate Section around the monument, referred to as "the mound." It is believed that his remains were not taken home,

due to bad weather and burial conditions at that time. He was not mentioned in his father's will in 1868.

Ruth Catherine was born 24 October 1844; died 29 December 1932. She eloped and married William H. Stovall on 30 October 1860.

Martin Alexander (referred to as Alec or Ellick) was born 10 March 1847; died 6 December 1909, with gall bladder complications. He was with the family in 1860; then in 1870 he was a merchant in the family of Catherine (Mrs. A.L.) Hyder, who ran a store. They spelled his name Ellick Clay. Family records indicate that he was preparing to go to Nashville to study the mercantile business, when his father asked him to remain with him and enter the real estate business — buying, selling, and mortgaging land. After 1870 transactions that had been made by R.W. and Mahala Clay were then being made by R.W. and M.A. Clay. It has been calculated that Russell William Clay owned over 2,000 acres of land. Martin Alexander was also involved in the Paint Rock Bank and its closing. It took many years to settle the estates of Russell William and Martin Alexander Clay's estates. Martin Alexander married Martha Jane Moore on 26 April 1893. On the 1880 Jackson County Census, he was with his parents, along with two orphaned Tarrant children. Martin Alexander and Martha Jane Clay's children were: Russell William, born 2 February 1895; married Bethel Gladys Hinshaw on 14 January 1913 at Susie Walker's by Rev. Robert N. Moore. He died 30 August 1962. Martin Alexander and Russell William Clay were both members of Holly Grove Masonic Lodge #323. Russell William served in World War I. He and Bethel had one child, Jeannette, who married Billy Russell, and had two daughters — Betty and Gracie.

Martin Alexander and Martha Jane Clay's daughter was Eula Pearl, born 25 September 1896; died 14 January 1974; she married Emmett Elice Eustace on 15 January 1914; they had children.

Clement C. Clay, born about 1848, was 12 years old in 1860; he died when he was about 18 or 19 years old (before his father's will was written). He was buried in the Clarence Robertson Cemetery. (By this time Russell William and Mahala had lost three of their sons.) He was not well, and the picture shows him to be a teen-ager.

Jane Isabella Clay was born 4 October 1852; married William T. Robertson on 27 January 1870 by Rev. William Gayle; she died 1 December 1937. Their children were: Mary Mahalia, born 11 November 1870; died 5 January 1910/William T. Houston. Margaret E., born 25 October 1873; died 30 July 1896/Richard Putman. Maud P., born 22 March 1876/J. Neve Bridges. Sue Willie, born 10 July 1878; died 21 January 1938/John W. Reed. John W., born 13 April 1880/Bertha Swarengin. Fannie C., born 29 July 1882; died 8 April 1970/#1 H. Ollie Robertson/#2 John Smith. Richard Walter, born 15 February 1885/Ethel Hinshaw. Annie Laura, born 19 February 1887; died 1 February 1977/Samuel Albert Trice. Dixie Pearl, born 12 July 1889; died 19 April 1971/George Thomas Hall. Ola B., born 28 March 1893; died 1978/Henry Grady Graham.

Tradition tells us that during the Civil War, she had a project of raising turkeys. She put them down in the cellar so they would not be noisy. The "Yankee" soldiers were camped out around their house and found their potatoes they had stored in the hay stacks and ate them. Then when spring came, the turkeys began gobbling; the soldiers questioned her father about them, and he convinced the



*Clement C. Clay (son of Russell Williams)*



*Julia Ann (Clay) Beason*



soldiers that they were her project and he would kill one and have a dinner cooked for them — which he did. He put a ceiling under the front porch and stored other food — entering from a door in each of the two upstairs bedrooms. Then they pushed their beds against the doors so they would not be detected.

Julia Ann Clay was born 31 March 1855; she married James Andrew Jackson Beason (son of Jonathan J. and Mary Beshears Beason) on 12 February 1874 by Scott Peters, Esq. at Princeton. She died 11 August 1905 at Princeton, after being an invalid for a number of years; her "Obituary — God, in his infinite goodness saw fit to overshadow the home of Mr. J.A. Beason, with the dark shroud of Death, on the morning of August 11, 1905, and claim as his jewel the wife and mother of that home. Mrs. Julia Ann Beason, nee Clay, was born March 31, 1855. She was one of God's jewels that He permitted to suffer here, that she might glorify the cause she professed to sustain and add bright and shining stars to



Russell William Clay, Jr. World War II

the crown she now wears. Though, she being an invalid for a number of years, her influence for the good was felt throughout the entire community in which she lived. Mr. and Mrs. Beason were married February 12, 1874. Five girls and two boys blessed this union, an infant daughter and Mrs. Lou Alspaugh, having gone before to await

the coming of their mother. We cannot realize the loss they have sustained in giving up this devoted wife and mother, but they realize that God's ways do not always coincide with our ways, nor His thoughts as our thoughts, and they have manifested a beautiful spirit of submission and resignation to His will. His grace is an inexhaustible fullness, and by this grace they are sustained and upheld. The many friends of the family have lavished upon them the sincere sympathy they only are able to give." /s/ Mattie Thompson and Rowena Starkey

Julia Ann and James Andrew Beason's children were: Laura Okley, born 26 February 1875; married Joseph Thomas Robinson on 24 April 1904 in Hollytree, Alabama. They moved to Oklahoma in 1911; she died there in Durant on 22 November 1963. They had three sons, Julian, W.B., and Olan; one daughter, Ruth.

Loula Olena, born 8 October 1877; married John Henry Alspaugh on 23 December 1901, by Rev. W.W. Thompson at his home in Princeton. She died 6 July 1904. After Loula Olena's death, John Henry married Pixie Rudder and had two sons.

Beulah Caldon, born 4 October 1879; married Joseph Eustace Alspaugh on 29 September 1901 by Crawford Howell. By 1902, they were living in Texas. She died 21 November 1967 in Arlington, Texas. They had three children: Howard, Claude, and Mildred Nichols — all born in Texas.

Ada Elizabeth, born 4 December 1882; married Euclit Emmett Isaacs on 31 December 1905 by Rev. W.W. Thompson at his home. They went to Oklahoma in 1911; then moved to Arlington, Texas, where she died 23 May 1915. They had one son, Sam Casper, who had two sons, Sammy and Jimmy. Ada was ill, and they went to Florida and spent some time for her health problems. They returned to Estill Fork when his grandfather Isaacs died and remained there until they moved to Oklahoma. Sam visited his old home area a few years before he died.

Jonathan Clay Beason, born 29 February 1884; married Chastity Ellen Trice on 5 April 1905 at Rice's by Rev. W.W. Thompson. They remained in Princeton until his death 22 August 1950. They had one son, Fred, who married Lilah Wann, who had one son, Jimmy of Scottsboro; Jimmy and Margie had a daughter, Kimberly Bergman and James Gregory.

William Joseph Beason, born 4 April 1887; married Essie Kennedy on 31 December 1911 at Garth, by Fate Jones. They moved to Texas in 1916 and returned to Jackson County, Alabama in 1920. They had a farm and home which was taken for the Marshall Space Flight Center at Huntsville, Alabama in 1941. After that, they moved to California where they lived out their lives. In

1947, James Thompson (a childhood friend of William Joseph Beason) re-kindled their friendship by correspondence. Afterwards, Angelea and Ann Beason interviewed James Thompson and gathered much history about their time at Princeton. The children of William Joseph and Essie Beason are found in the "Beason" genealogy.

Reference: Chart of the Colonial Clay's of Virginia and some of their Descendants, 1443-1943, compiled by Clifford Charles Clay of Atlanta, Georgia, 1943. The first 1,000 words submitted by Angelea Beason Albright; the second 1,000 words were submitted by: Jeffrey Brian Albright; and the third 900 words were submitted by Ann Beason.

## Clemons Family of Jackson County

The earliest record of this family begins Sept. 26, 1787 when Henry Clemons married Catherine Yanson in Montgomery County, VA. They had ten children, one of which was Henry Clemons, Jr. born ca 1804 in Wythe County, VA. He married Margaret Leedy June 7, 1821 at Wytheville, VA. They had eight children, one of which was my great grandfather Samuel George Clemons born 25 Dec. 1832 in Wythe County, VA. They moved to Blount County, TN about 1840 to join two brothers, John and Peter who had preceded them.

Samuel George Clemons married Mary Etta Headrick 12 August 1852 in Blount County, TN. Mary Etta was a sister to William Headrick who married Samuel's sister Martha. The Clemons and Headricks removed to Jackson County AL about 1869. Samuel and Mary Etta settled near Larkinsville, the Headricks on Sand Mountain near Dutton.

Samuel and Mary Etta had eleven children, Annie married Missouri Teffeteller, Elizabeth never married, James married first Sarah Ligon, second Betty Rounsaville, third to Nellie Hodges. William married Jane Wilson, Millie to John Miller, Rebecca to

John Bruce, Daniel to Eva Parks and second to Sarah Green. Joseph married Eva Tipton, Samuel to Filey Coulson, Martha to Nathan Shoumake and George to Sallie McKay. Samuel, Martha and George were born after the family moved to Alabama.



Daniel Clemons holding Julian Clemons and Eva Parks Clemons holding Mary Clemons Sisk Picture made ca 1893 in Florence, AL.

Daniel Clemons, my grandfather was born 11 Sept. 1865 in Blount County, TN He married Eva Parks, daughter of

Thomas B. Parks August 7, 1887. They had two children, Julian born 12 July 1888 and Mary born 23 August 1891. Eva died 8 March 1894. Daniel married a second time to Sarah Green, daughter of Richard Green. Dan and Sarah had five children, Tempie born 21 Nov. 1896, Albert 1 Nov. 1898. Dan and Sarah moved to Van Alstyne, TX in 1902 and the others were born there. Jewel 12 Oct. 1903, Ruby 15 June 1905 and McCoy 3 Jan. 1910.

My father, Julian Clemons married Nannie Smith, daughter of Jesse and Ada Sumner Smith. They had five children; J.C. married Catherine Rayl of Meigs County, TN. Evelyn married Gordon Bryant, Mary married Raymond Brandon, Leona married Natus Roden and Howard Fannie Wilkerson. J.C. and Catherine have two sons, Kenneth and Harry. Harry married Betty Myers of Section. They have two sons, Robert and Brian. Brian married Brandy Swancey. Kenneth married Lelan Brown of Gatesville, Texas. Evelyn and Gordon have a daughter Patricia married to Loyd Statum and they have two children. Mary and Raymond had Elaine who died young with polio, then Raymond Jr. and Frieda who each have two children. Leona and Natus had one son Donald. Leona was killed in an accident in 1964.

Mary Clemons, sister to Julian married Looney Sisk. They had seven children. Claude married Vera Womack, Eva Ruth never married, Nellie married Clifford Hammons, Cecil married Sabina Gamble Rudder, Albert married Wilma Spence, Walter never married and Winnie to Hilliard Collins. Submitted by: J.C. Clemons

## Early Ancestors to Jackson County

James Smith, born 1785 near Covington, Allegheny County, VA was my first ancestor to come to Jackson County around 1810 or possibly before. In the book *THE STORY OF SCOTTSBORO, ALABAMA* by Jerry Gist he stated that Col. James Smith led a party of settlers into this area. James Smith was the son of William Smith, a Revolutionary war veteran. He owned land and lived in what we know as Sauta Bottom and near the first courthouse of Sauta. He married Louvy Province, daughter of John Province and Love Barnard. He served two terms in the Alabama Legislature during the years 1828-30. His son Eli Smith was my great grandfather. James died in 1846 and is buried in the Cemetery at the Aspel United Methodist Church on US 72 West.

John Parks, born 1782 in Virginia came to Jackson County about 1819 traveling down the river on flatboats. He settled in the Camp Ground community and on the present Clemons Road. He had first married Mary Mills Delaney and they had one son, William Delaney Parks who was my great-great grandfather on my mother's side. Mary died shortly after giving birth to this son and John married Ruth Brown. He had ten children by Ruth, one of which was my great grandfather Thomas Benton Parks on my father's side. John Parks died in 1846 and was buried in the Frazier Cemetery on Goose Pond Island but his remains were moved to Cedar Hill when the Revere plant was built.

James Pierce, born 1765 in Virginia came to Jackson County about the same time as his neighbor, John Parks. He had married Celia Bartlett. He owned about 1,000 acres of land in the area of the present Lakeshore Subdivision. His son Solomon Pierce had ten children, one of which was Mary Jane Pierce who was the second wife of Thomas Benton Parks. Mary Jane was my great grandmother. James died sometime before 1840 and is buried in the Pierce Cemetery.

Joseph Kirby, born 1767 in Virginia came to Jackson County about 1819. He had married Elizabeth Freeman. They had eleven children one of which was Lucinda Ann Kirby who married my great-great grandfather William Delaney Parks. This couple was the parents of my great grandmother Sarah Catherine Parks who married James Exum Sumner. One of their daughters was Ada Sumner who married Jesse Smith. Ada was my grandmother. Joseph died before 1830 and is probably buried in the Kirby Cemetery on Backbone Ridge in an unmarked grave.

John Kirby, born 1769 and a brother to the above Joseph came to this area about 1819 and settled near Kirbytown in Marshall County. He had married Jane Adair in TN. One of their daughters was Virginia Dare Kirby who married Solomon Pierce, son of James Pierce. Virginia and Solomon were the parents of Mary Jane Pierce my great grandmother. John Kirby was buried near South Sauta Creek. His other descendants were buried in the Pierce Cemetery. John Kirby was also the father of Richard Lawrence Kirby who married Elizabeth Gross. They lived on North Sauta Creek in the New Hope Community. Richard and Elizabeth were the parents of Eva Jane Kirby who married my great grandfather Eli Smith. Richard and Elizabeth are buried in the Kelly Cemetery on AL highway 79. *Submitted by: J.C. Clemons*  
Sources: Personal Knowledge

## Williamson Robert Winfield Cobb

Born in Rhea County, Tennessee in 1807, W.R.W. Cobb became one of Jackson County's most colorful antebellum political figures. His early education came from the common schools in Madison County, Alabama, where his family had settled in the days before statehood. In 1825 W.R.W. married Kitty Allison who lived near the Cobbs in what is now Berkley, southeast of Huntsville. By 1840, Cobb had moved to Jackson County and set up a general mercantile business in the county seat of Bellefonte. Here he peddled clocks and traded with the local citizenry. This furnished him with many contacts that would prove beneficial when he embarked on his political career.

Cobb was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1844 and again in 1845 by appealing to the interests of his hill country constituents. In 1847 he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. There he remained until 1861 when Alabama seceded from the Union. Throughout his tenure in office he defeated such venerable opponents as Clement C. Clay and Jeremiah Clemens. He was able to do this by reminding his constituents of his humble beginnings; chewing on cornbread or onions while making stump speeches about his dedication to the common man.

While in Congress he often received applause for his outspoken position on the preservation of the Union. Cobb also entertained his colleagues with his down-home humor and sly off-the-cuff comments. He was instrumental in major legislation of the period including the Graduation Act of 1854 and the Compromise of 1850. He repeatedly demonstrated that he was dedicated to "the people."

Cobb owned several farms in Jackson County. Among them were a plantation on Mud Creek and a 200 acre farm known as the King Place near Pikeville. This was located on Tupelo Pike at Cobbtown, north of the road that leads into McBroom Hollow. Though a staunch Unionist, Mr. Cobb owned several slaves and defended the "peculiar institution" in Congress.

During the stormy days before the war, Cobb often pleaded for the preservation of the Union. He remained in Congress several days after Alabama had seceded, hoping for a miracle that was not to come. His impassioned pleas for unity were repeated several times in his farewell address as he wished that such luminaries as "a Clay, a Webster, a Calhoun ... could raise their voices from the grave" to once again set aside sectional differences for the good of the Union.

When he returned to Alabama, he was defeated in his bid for the Confederate Congress. He ran again in 1863 and was elected, though denied his seat by a unanimous vote by that body. Many feared his Unionist sentiment; rumors circulated that he was to be appointed military governor of Alabama by President Lincoln. With his political career uncertain, Cobb settled into the daily routine of a Southern planter. Tragedy struck, however, on November 1, 1864 when he was killed by the accidental discharge of his own pistol while putting up a fence on his property.

W.R.W. Cobb was buried in the Cobb family cemetery at Berkley in Madison County. Had he lived, he could have played a positive role in the dark postwar period known as Reconstruction. He left no children and no collection of papers — only his legacy as a people's politician and an ardent supporter of the Union. *Submitted by: Walter P. Proctor, 1603 Hillandale Dr., Mobile, Alabama 36693.*  
Sources: *Congressional Globe, Biographical Directory of the American Congress, "Williamson Robert Winfield Cobb: Alabama Statesman."*

## Jacob Edward (Jake) Cody

Jacob Edward (Jake) Cody (1902-1965), born in Jefferson County, TN, came to Marshall County, Alabama around 1909 with his parents James Madison Cody (1863-1926) and Amanda Owenby Cody (1869-1944). His grandparents were Jacob Iscar Cody (1825-1909) and Susanna Gann Cody (1842-circa 1909). Jacob Iscar Cody was born in North Carolina but resided in Tennessee (Cocke & Jefferson counties) for most of his adult life. The Cody line goes back to Ireland and Normandy. No relation has been established with Buffalo Bill Cody.

Jacob Edward Cody married Alice Lorena Fricks (1904-1967) on April 25, 1920 in DeKalb County. Alice Fricks was the daughter of Albert Henry Fricks (1879-1956) and Annie Eugenia Traylor Fricks (1888-1965). Jacob and Alice's children were Estelle Vernice Cody Noblitt (1921-living); Marjorie Birthell Cody Oliver (1923-living); Malcolm Cody (1925-1939); and Audrey Brownell Cody (1938-1985).

In the early 1940s the Codys moved into Scottsboro and then purchased land in Long Hollow, which was at that time outside the city limits of Scottsboro. Both Jacob and Alice Cody were employed at one time at the old Scottsboro Bedspread Co. Later Jacob worked full-time at his favored occupation: home building and carpentry. When the Codys moved into Long Hollow there were some four or five residences in the area. Within a few years, a



*Jake, Alice, Malcomb, Estelle, and Margie Cody c1930*



large number of the houses in the area had been constructed by Jacob Cody. Several of those buildings still stand today.

Around 1950, Alice Cody established a grocery business in Long Hollow, first operating from her residence, later the grocery was moved in a building constructed by Jacob Cody. Eventually the grocery moved into a former church building also built by Jacob Cody. In 1960, the Cody's eldest daughter, Estelle Noblitt and her husband Luther, began operation of the grocery. In 1970, the third generation operated Long Hollow Grocery when Estelle Noblitt's daughter Dixie Bynum Wyers and husband Jim assumed control. In 1973, the Wyers moved to Woodville and purchased a restaurant, Woodville Dairy Bar, where they remain today. The adult descendants of Jacob and Alice Cody that still reside in Jackson County include daughter Estelle Noblitt; granddaughters Dixie Bynum Wyers, Freda Noblitt Eldridge, Faye Meadows Duke; and grandson Wayne Bynum. The grandchildren are sons and daughters of Estelle Cody Noblitt. Wayne Bynum, who resides in Scottsboro, is Assistant Police Chief there. Several years ago when the Long Hollow community was annexed into Scottsboro, a street that joins Long Hollow Road was named Cody Street - a lasting tribute to Jacob Cody, long-time resident and home builder. Submitted by: Dixie Bynum Wyers, Box 67, Woodville, AL 35776

Sources: Personal knowledge, Family Bible, Census records and information from family members.

## Recollections of Scottsboro

My earliest recollection of Scottsboro, Alabama is a happy one. We came to Scottsboro to visit my mother's sister, Mary (Howard) Ambrester, and with Aunt Mary we visited many other family members. During one of these visits my mother, Irene (Howard)



Back Row: Left to Right Vivian Coffey, Mary Coffey, Octie E. Howard Front Row: Rice Howard, Eula Lee (Coffey) Howard Herbert Maurice Howard, Rev. W.W. Howard

Calhart, told me to go with Uncle Rice, and he would let me help him milk the cow. For a very young child, who was born and raised in the big city of San Antonio, Texas, this was really exciting. Just recently, while going over some genealogy records, sent to me by my second cousin, Brad Howland, I discovered that I was only three years old at that first visit. The picture of a kind, elderly man, leading me with one hand

and carrying a lantern with the other on the way to milk a cow, is still vivid in my mind's eye. That kind man was Rice Abner Coffey, who had taken an orphaned nephew and niece into his home to raise as his own. The nephew was Harold O. Coffey, who came to live with Rice Coffey at the age of eight and the niece was my mother, Irene Howard, who came to live with him at age ten and stayed until she was eighteen years old. Such devotion to family is almost unheard of, in this fast world we live in today. Many years later, after Rice's death in November 1931, Harold O. Coffee wrote a beautiful tribute to Rice.

Rice Coffee's father, Weightstill Avery Coffey, came to Jackson County sometime prior to May 2, 1866, when he married Mary Elizabeth Harris, my great grandmother. W. A. Coffey was a successful business man and at one time served as president of one of the banks in Scottsboro. He and Mary Elizabeth had three sons and three daughters. One of the daughters was my grandmother Eula Lee Coffey.

Although I was born and raised in Texas, I grew up remembering my strong roots in Jackson County, Alabama. My mother tried to take us to Scottsboro one time each year, even during the depression years. She was proud of Jackson County and instilled the same pride in me. One of the most breathtaking views, I have ever seen, is from Sand Mountain overlooking the Tennessee River and Scottsboro. I may be a native Texan, but a large part of my heart remains in Scottsboro, Jackson County, Alabama. Submitted by: Albert W. Calhart, 252 Hoof Beat Trail, Kerrville, TX 78028

## Barbara Jane Hammonds, Walker, Coffey

Jane was born 1939 in Jackson Co. Ala., the daughter of Duke Paul Hammonds and Willie Mae Paradise. Siblings were, Wayne, Bobbie, Stanly, Brenda, Gary and Tony. Jane married John Walker



Barbara Jane Hammonds Coffey, children, Chad Coffey, Lynn Walker, and Terry Walker

and their two children are, Sherry Lynn, who now lives outside Nashville at Portland, Tenn., with her three children, Tiffany Brooks, Brown, Lynsey Brooks, and Chase Brooks. Lynn is a new grandmother to Calab Brown. Lynn is now married to Mark Hodges. Second child of Jane is Terry Wayne Walker, not married and no children. Jane married a second

time to Hermon Coffey, they had one son, Chadwick Hermon Loyd Coffey, known by family as Jr. friends call him Chad. Chad has two sons, Tim and Juston, and a daughter, Barbara Jane. After another divorce Jane worked at various restaurants in Scottsboro. She lived with her parents. Jane was very outgoing always a smile on her face, and liked by everyone.

On December 1, 1968, Jane died in a car train collision, on the outskirts of Scottsboro, leaving her three small children to be raised by their grandparents the Hammonds. Jane is buried at Zions Rest Cem. at Aspel in Jackson Co. Ala. Also buried there are Jane's brother Wayne, and brother Stanly, Her parents Paul and Willie Mae and many other older generations of Paradise. Submitted by: Chad Coffey, Scottsboro, AL.

Source: personal knowledge.

## Coffey - Kennedy - Hill - Jones

Several of the early settlers of Paint Rock Valley were my ancestors. Stephen Kennedy, who settled before 1830 was my great, great grandfather. His daughter, Mary, married William Coffey, son of Benjmain Coffey, who came from Kentucky before 1830. Benjamin was a boot and shoe maker. He died about 1859. William and Mary had three children, Susan, William and Mary Elizabeth. William, the father, died before Mary Elizabeth was born. When Mary Elizabeth, who was my grandmother, was a small girl, during the Civil War, the soldiers would ask her name. She would say, "Mary Lizzie Lousy D." She had an uncle named Elias Daniel and she used part of his name, also.

Mary Elizabeth married David Lawson Hill in the late 1870s. Dave had come from Warren County, Tennessee. They settled in the little town of Francisco. They were the parents of ten children. Their first daughter, Ida Lilly was my mother. It was said that when Ida was about six years old, that she stood on a chair and made biscuits for the family. My sisters and I always thought her name was Ida Susan, but all records show that her name was Ida Lilly. She liked to stay with her Aunt Susan Fowler, so we think she sort of took that name for her own. She, also, told that I was two years younger than I actually was in order to make herself appear younger. I found this out when applying for Social Security.

Family tradition says that Great, grandma Mary Coffey Hill was part Indian, but we don't know how.

When Dave Hill's sons were young men, the family decided to build a new log house. The sons went to the mountain to get poplar logs. At the time, a meeting was going on at the church they attended. While they were on the mountain, a big storm came up and they feared they would be struck by lightning. Then a big snake was hanging in a tree and almost bit John on the head. Ike said, "We gotta go back and go to church".

In later years, this log house burned and a modern log house has been built on the spot utilizing the two chimneys that were at each end of the original house.

It was said that Dave Hill was a very honest man - that once given too much change at the bank, walked all the way to Winchester to return it, and then walked back home. The Hills are buried at Beech Grove Cemetery.



Mary Coffey Hill and children. *Ida and Dave (husband) missing.*

Ida and Felix Jones were married October 15, 1907. They settled around Princeton. Their first child died of SIDS, then when I was born, both would not sleep at the same time until I was about a month old. We lived back behind Princeton School, a one-room school, at the time. I remember walking to school with my Golden cousins. When I was about 16 or 17 we moved to Monrovia in Madison County, where I finished school. The chimney of the house where we lived at Princeton is still standing.

I was born June 28, 1909. My brothers and sisters are Virginia Alice, born March 14, 1914; Robert Clifford, born February 28, 1919, and Ruby Fay, born April 8, 1920. Clifford died September 19, 1970, buried Maple Hill.

Felix Jones was a son of John M. Jones who married Martha Emily Pennington. John was one of the nineteen children of Seaborn Jones of New Market. Martha Emily was a daughter of Abel Pennington and Emily C. Baker Pennington. Abel Pennington was, also, an early settler of Paint Rock Valley. Emily Baker was a daughter of William and Hannah Edwards Baker. Hannah was one-fourth Indian.

A funny story is told about Grandpa John Jones. He had lost one of his legs in an accident with an ax, therefore he had a peg leg. It was hog killing time on one of the Jones' farms. Grandpa had come to help, but with that peg leg, it was said, that he got in the way more than he helped. Anyway, a hog was running and ran right between Grandpa's legs, giving him a short ride before setting him down on the ground.

Another funny story about him is that someone had given turpentine to a dog to make it appear that it had hydrophobia. Grandpa and some others were walking through a cedar thicket, with very large cedar trees. That dog came along and all climbed the trees, even Grandpa with his peg leg. He got up the tree all right, but getting down was another matter. That peg leg would slip over the limbs as he tried to climb down. Finally, he made it.

Several of those nineteen Jones kids settled in Paint Rock Valley. Their father, Seaborn, was a stone mason. Some of the sons were, also, and made many tombstones. Many of these Jones are buried at Clay Cemetery, as are my parents and grandparents.

Leonard Brooks and I were married October 19, 1929. He was the son of George Thomas Brooks and Nannie Farrow Brooks. We were divorced in 1949. Our children are Mildred Telette, born June 9, 1931; Leonard Junior, born and died April 8, 1932; Lillian Juanita, born January 28, 1934, and Kenneth Hugh, born July 22, 1935.

Let's look at Dave Hill's ancestors. His parents were Ervin Lafayette Hill, born November, 1824, died October, 1869, and Susan Brock Hill, born May, 1825, died June 1903 in Warren County, Tennessee. Ervin's parents were Ervin Hill, born July 1796, died April, 1836, and Eleanor Morgan, born 1799, died 1860. They were first cousins. Ervin was the son of Henry John Alexander Hill, born February, 1774, died August, 1825, and Susannah Swales Savage, born December, 1767, died September, 1846.

During Henry John Alexander Hill's prime, he owned some 50,000 acres of land. He was a natural leader and served three consecutive terms in the Tennessee House of Representatives.

This Hill family can be traced from Warren County, Tennessee back to Georgia, then North Carolina, then Maryland, then Massachusetts, then back to England.

See Baker - Brooks - Lasater. Submitted by: Beatrice Jones Brooks, 1007 Pleasant Grove Road, Woodville, AL 35776. Sources: Family information, Warren Co., TN census information, Hill family history.

## Rice And Sarah Coffey Family

Four sons of Rice and Sarah (Bradford) Coffey came to Jackson, County Alabama. They were Henry Bradford, Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin B. and John Reid Coffey.

Alexander Hamilton Coffey was born 1/29/1803 in Wilkes County, North Carolina, and died 4/5/1864 in Jackson County. He is buried in the Roach Cemetery near Fackler. He was married to Nancy Weatherly. Alexander's home was near Wartrace, Bedford County, Tennessee, but he died here in Jackson County while visiting relatives.

Four children were born to this couple and three of them came to Jackson County. Rice Abner settled in Stevenson, then at Scottsboro; Mary E. married Pleasant Lovelady; and Weightstill Avery lived first at Stevenson and then at Scottsboro.

Weightstill Avery Coffey was born 8/28/1837 in Bedford County, Tennessee and died 7/20/1898 and is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Scottsboro, Alabama. He married Mary Elizabeth Harriss 5/2/1866, daughter of Carter Overton and Mary Ann (Hudson) Harriss.

Weightstill Avery came to Stevenson in the mid-1850's and was a clerk in a mercantile firm belonging to his uncle, John Reid Coffey. In 1858, he and his brother, Rice Abner purchased the firm. The Coffey brothers ran the firm until 1861. At the time of purchase, Weightstill was appointed Postmaster and ran the post office out of the firms' building.

In 1861, Weightstill A. Coffey entered the Confederate Army. He attained the rank of Captain. After the war he returned to Stevenson and clerked until February 1866, when he moved to Maynard's Cove. There he farmed until 1888 when he moved to Scottsboro. In February 1889, he was made president of the Jackson County Bank. In March 1892, W.A., his brother Rice Abner, and J.W. Moody opened a general store.

Children of Weightstill Avery and Mary Elizabeth (Harriss) Coffey were: 1. Alexander Harris, b. 3/27/1867, d. 5/15/1899; 2. Rice Abner b. 10/4/1868, d. 11/4/1931; 3. Eula Lee, b. 11/26/1873, d. 9/17/1912; 4. Weightstill Avery, Jr., b. 2/4/1877, d. 6/3/1901; 5. Mary Hudson, b. 11/20/1880, d. 1/6/1916; and 6. Vivian, b. 9/29/1882, d. ?

Mary "Maymie" Hudson Coffey moved to Scottsboro with her parents in 1888. As a school girl, she spent several years in Bristol, Virginia and Charleston, West Virginia, studying. Here she became an accomplished musician. After her return to Scottsboro, she instructed a large number of classes of music pupils. She was ambitious and through this entire time was studying and equipping herself to do more efficient work.

Maymie Coffey married Charles Shaw Howland on March 7, 1907 at the First Baptist Church of Scottsboro. Charley Howland was a local merchant, who was born at Beech Grove, Rutherford County, Tennessee, 5/12/1873. C.S. Howland followed his brother, Ben T. Howland, to Stevenson, Alabama about 1900. Ben T. and Charley Howland were partners in a mercantile business there for a few years, when Charles Howland moved to Scottsboro.

Charles Shaw Howland built the three story building where Merle Norman Cosmetics is in business today. Scottsboro Hardware was also housed there for many years. At the time this building was erected it was the largest of its kind in the area.

Charles and Maymie Howland were the parents of two children: Mary Elizabeth, 5/9/1909 and Robert Louis, B. 5/19/1911. In mid-December 1915, Maymie Howland developed pneumonia and she died 1/6/1916.

Charles S. Howland remarried Mrs. Carrie (Day) Barnard, a widow with one child, 12/25/1916. To this couple were born four children: Charles S., Jr., b. 3/10/1918, d. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_; Ben Miller, b. 11/3/1919; d. 4/19/1992; Jessie Wilson, b. 5/9/1922; John Palmer, b. 11/15/1923.

Charles Howland died in Birmingham, Alabama 8/31/1958, age 85. He was still active as a salesman at the time of his death.

Robert Louis Howland married Jean Stewart Bradford, 12/23/1934. Jean Howland was the daughter of Hubert Alexander and Edna Breckenridge (Stewart) Bradford. She was born 3/6/1911. Bob and Jean Howland were the parents of four children: Dr. Robert Louis, Jr., Hubert Bradford, Charles Stewart, and Jean Elizabeth.



Bob Howland was a natural born salesman, with the gift of gab. He worked for Ragland Brothers, a wholesale grocery company, for many years. He also owned a cotton gin for five or six years. He was elected for two, six year terms as Jackson County Tax Assessor. He made a couple of bids for the seat of Probate Judge of same county, and one attempt for state legislature.

Bob Howland lived in Scottsboro for 82 years and for those 82 years he lived on the same street (College Avenue). *Submitted by: Hubert Bradford Howland.*  
Source: Family knowledge.

### Dr. William Hardin Coleman

William Hardin (Bill) Coleman was born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1940. His family moved to Jemison, Alabama in 1955. After graduating from Jemison High School in 1958, Bill attended the University of Montevallo. He met Johnnie Frances Gross from



*Dr. William Hardin Coleman*

Scottsboro, Alabama his freshman year in college and they married in 1961. After graduating with a degree in biology in 1962, Bill worked at Southern Research in Birmingham. After a year at Southern Research, he accepted a teaching position at the University of Alabama, Birmingham Nursing School. He realized he needed an advanced degree to teach in this area.

He entered graduate school and received his M.S. in Anatomy in 1965 and his PhD. in Anatomy (Physical Anthropology) in 1969 from the University of Alabama Medical College. Bill taught anatomy in the Birmingham Medical School for two years, then decided he wanted to get his M.D. degree. He received this degree in 1974.

After medical school, Bill, Johnnie and their two children, Sharon Sue and William Hardin, Jr. moved to Huntsville, Alabama for Bill to enter the Family Practice residency program at the University of Alabama School of Primary Care. Bill served as Chief resident of this program from June 1976 to May 1977. His 1977 class was the second to graduate from this program.

While in the residency program, Dr. Coleman met fellow resident, Dr. Charles (Brad) Bradford from Scottsboro, Alabama. They dreamed of opening a family practice together in Scottsboro after graduation. Dr. Coleman was Assistant Professor at the Department of Family Practice, School of Primary Medical Care for one year until Dr. Bradford finished his residency in 1978.

Dr. Bradford and Dr. Coleman moved their families to Scottsboro, but instead of opening a new Family Practice office, decided to join Dr. Louis Letson's established practice. After two years of this arrangement, they fulfilled their former dream. The Bradford-Coleman clinic was opened at 508 Harley Street in 1981. Since then, the office building has been enlarged and now houses several physician's offices. In 1997, Dr. Coleman added a family physician to his busy practice, his son, Dr. William Hardin Coleman, Jr. Dr. Coleman has been active in medical politics at the local, state and national levels. He was Chief of Staff at the Jackson County Hospital in 1983-84 and 1994-96 and has served on many hospital committees. In 1989, Dr. Coleman served as President of the Jackson County Medical Society. He was on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians from 1981-86 and served as President of this organization in 1984. Dr. Coleman became active on the national level when he was a resident. He was Chair of the National Conference of Family Physician Residents in 1978 and served on several committees of the American Academy of Family Physicians from 1983-89. In 1989, Dr. Coleman was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Family Physicians and was elected President of this organization in 1994.

Still a teacher at heart, Dr. Coleman gives lectures at the state and national levels on procedures in Family Practice and enjoys

giving medical students and residents in Family Practice hands on experience in his office. *Submitted by: Johnnie G. Coleman, 1872 Al. Hwy. 79, Scottsboro, AL 35769.*

### Arthur Douglas Collins Family

Arthur Collins, son of Joseph and Martha Collins, was born in Jackson County in 1897. As a young man he lived in Fackler, Bridgeport, and Wannville, Alabama. Later, he moved to Chat-



*Arthur Douglas Collins*

tanooga and Hixon, Tennessee. He graduated from Jackson County High School, and was a teacher, fireman, and a policeman at Redstone Arsenal. His last employment was with the State Highway Department.

Arthur Collins first married Vera Hodges, daughter of Willie Jr. and Elizabeth Hodges of Woodville. Vera was

born in 1897 and died in 1942 after a short illness. She was a teacher and homemaker.

Their first child, Leonard Lavoy Collins was born in 1919 and died in 1920.

Arthur Carl Collins, Sr. was born in 1920, a retired Scottsboro physician, Carl is

married to Elizabeth Covey Collins. They are the parents of Beth Melinda Collins Presley, Amy Diane Collins Cameron, and Arthur Carl Collins Jr. Carl and Elizabeth have two grandchildren Elise Presley Johnson and Charles David Presley III.

Gladys Elizabeth Collins was born in 1921. She married H.E. Barclay, Sam T. Byrd, and H.E. Barclay a second time.



*Louisa (Thomas) Collins*

She is a retired employee of a garment factory in North Carolina. Her children are Larry Darwin Byrd, Sherry Diane Byrd Allen, Vera Kaye Byrd Coble, and Robert Keith Byrd. Gladys's grandchildren are Michal Shawn Byrd, Eric Eugene Byrd, Kenneth Wayne Allen, Scott David Allen, Gina Renee Coble, Laura Beth Coble, Sammy Lee Byrd, Michael Kevin Byrd, and Marvin Kelly Byrd. Gladys now lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Martha Olita Collins was born in 1922 and died in 1923.

Ernest Leon Collins was born in 1927 and died in 1927.

Wyatt Eugene Collins was born in 1932 and married Marie Phillips Collins. Their children are Wyatt Eugene Collins, Jr. (1959-1968), Jeffrey Todd Collins, and Belinda Marie Collins Cameron Ketchersid. Wyatt Eugene Collins, Sr., a physician and radiologist in South Lake, Texas is presently married to Pat Bradley Collins.

Mary Annette Collins Dowdy is married to Robert Hedley Dowdy. She is a Home Economics Specialist in St. Paul, Minnesota. Annette and Robert are the parents of Sharon Lynne Dowdy, Rees David Lee Dowdy (1965-1965), and Linda Marie Dowdy. Their grandchildren are Collin Andrew Rees and Zachary Alan Rees.

In 1943 Arthur Douglas Collins married Louisa Thomas Collins who was born in 1906 and died in 1990. Louisa was the daughter of Robert and Nancy Thomas and taught for forty-three years in Alabama Schools. Arthur and Louisa had one daughter, Nancy Louise Collins Helms. Nancy was born in 1947 and married Steve William Helms in 1969. Steve and Nancy reside in Woodville

where Nancy is a Vocational Home Economics teachers. Nancy and Steve have two sons, Christopher Steve Helms and Scott Douglas Helms.

Arthur Douglas Collins died in 1974 and is buried in Union Cemetery beside his second wife, Louisa Collins. Vera Collins is buried in Mount Olive Cemetery. *Submitted by: Nancy Helms, P.O. Box 61, Woodville, CO 35776.*

### Charlie Colvin

This picture is Charlie Colvin in his World War I uniform. When he returned from the service he married Kate White. Together they had five children: Evelyn Haggard, Lottie Anderson, Roy Colvin, Gertrude Brown and Leonard Colvin. We all grew up in Jackson County. Three of us still live in Jackson County. Our Daddy and Mother are deceased. *Submitted by: Evelyn Haggard, 487 County Rd. 331, Bryant, AL 35958.*



*Charlie Colvin, World War I*

### Ancestors Of Arthur Carl Collins

Thomas Collins, Arthur Carl's great, great, great, great, grandfather married Mary Wallace in Albermarle County, Virginia. No known dates. They apparently migrated to Madison County, Kentucky where their son, Barbee G. Collins, was born January 4, 1771. Barbee married 1st Mary Woods born July 31, 1780. They raised eight children: Ann Collins Knuckles, Sally Collins Robbins, Mourning Collins Guin, James G., Archibald Woods, William, Thomas and Richard. Mary died July 23, 1822. He married 2nd Hannah Woods, cousin to Mary May 27, 1823. Captain Barbee Collins distinguished himself during the Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812. He died June 15, 1843 in Franklin County, Tennessee and was buried in Keith Cemetery between Keith Springs and Winchester, Tennessee.



*Douglas Stanwick Collins "Wickie" 1849-1936*

Archibald Woods Collins, Arthur Carl's great, great, grandfather, was the most prolific of the Collins family on record. Born September 23, 1803 in Kentucky, he had three wives and a total of 19 children. In 1828 he married Eliza M. Reid born June 6, 1803 and produced five children: James A., William J., Barbee G., Rice W., and Marshal. Eliza died in 1836 and December 19, 1837 he married Melinda Reid, sister to Eliza. Together they had four children: Thomas H., John S., Eliza M., and Mary Ann born October 22, 1843. At the death of Melinda in August 1846 he married October 6, 1846 Francis Martin of Tennessee. Their ten offspring were: Justin H., Douglas Stanwick (Wickie), who was Arthur Carl Collins great grandfather; Nancy Elizabeth, Sarah D., Hannah, Archibald F., Felix R., Anthony Beaugard (General), Wilson L., and George M., Archibald died on November 20, 1882 and was buried in Collins Cemetery at Freedom Church on Milan Hill near Estill Fork in Paint Rock Valley. In the last few years it has been very well kept and people are still being buried there.

The Collins who first settled in Jackson County were found at the head of Hurricane Creek and on Estill's Fork. They lived in the vicinity of what used to be Pete Prince's Store. There are numerous Collins listed in the 1870 census of Jackson County. There is still a Collins voting precinct there.

Douglas Stanwick (Wickie) Collins born April 26, 1849 and Sarah Ann (Sally) Ivey born May 23 1855 married in Paint Rock Valley on October 20, 1869. She was part Indian and together they had ten children: Thomas Benjamin (Ben), John, William Baught, James Beaugard (Jim), Robert Elihugh, Allen Woods (Woodie), Joseph Tearil who was Arthur Carl's grandfather, Ada Faris, Mary Marjorie, and Ella Mae. Wickie was a staunch Baptist and minister of Carnes Church. He also was an evangelist and held revivals over North Alabama and Tennessee. He was known as "The Traveling Preacher". At age 85 he broke a hip when he fell from the roof where he was supervising a repair job. This being before the day of internal fixation, he was treated with bed rest and support to his hip by means of sand bags. He survived. Subsequently, he walked with a cane and it was his constant companion. As he sat in his chair in the parlor and grandchildren, great grandchildren, and maybe great, great grandchildren passed by, he would always slow their progress by hooking them around an arm, leg or neck with his cane. Children loved that and always came back for more. Sarah Ann died August 16, 1922 and Wickie died June 5, 1936. Both were buried in Old English Cemetery at Carnes.



*Dr. Arthur Carl Collins 1920 -*

Joseph Tearil Collins born March 8, 1874 was the son of "Wickie" and married Martha Cordelia Talley of Bridgeport. They were parents of five children: Arthur Douglas, Elbert, John Virgil, Inez, and Louise. Joseph died May 26, 1926 and Cordelia March 25, 1950. Both were buried in Old English Cemetery at Carnes.

Arthur Douglas Collins born July 14, 1897 in Bridgeport married Mary Vera Hodges August 10, 1918 in Union Grove, Alabama. They were the parents of Arthur Carl, Gladys, Wyatt and Annette. Three others were still born or died at an early age. Mary Vera died in 1942 and was buried in Mount Olive Cemetery. A second marriage to Louisa Thomas produced one daughter, Nancy, Arthur Douglas died August 17, 1974 and was buried in Union Cemetery.

Arthur Carl Collins born November 22, 1920 in Fackler was married July 20, 1947 to Elisabeth Catherine Covey born February 11, 1925 in Dublin, Virginia. Carl graduated Woodville High School in 1938 and Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, in 1942. He received his M.D. degree in 1945 from Long Island College of Medicine, Brooklyn, New York and interned at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. After a tour of duty in the Navy, he did a Surgical Residency at South Highlands Infirmary, Birmingham. In 1949, he along with his uncle, Dr. Julian Hodges, established the Scottsboro Clinic. In 1967 he moved into solo private practice in Scottsboro until 1988 when he retired due to health reasons.

Three children were born of Carl and Elisabeth's marriage: Beth Melinda born January 26, 1851 in Birmingham married July 10, 1971 to Charles David Presley, Jr. of Scottsboro in Clarksdale, Mississippi; Amy Diane born March 1, 1954 married May 1, 1993 in Scottsboro to Christopher Wilson Cameron of Hopkinsville, Kentucky; Arthur Carl, Jr. (Art) born November 2, 1957 married Amy Elizabeth Bohon of Roanoke, Virginia December 26, 1982 in Roanoke. They now live in Peachtree City, Georgia. Both Beth and Amy live in Huntsville.

Beth and David Presley have a daughter, Elise, born January 16, 1972 married August 8, 1997 in Soldotna, Alaska to Daniel Johnson of Alta Loma, California. They have a son, Charles David Jr. (Chad) born August 29, 1977 in Huntsville, presently attending college in Prescott, Arizona. *Submitted by: Elizabeth Collins, 208 Kirby Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768*

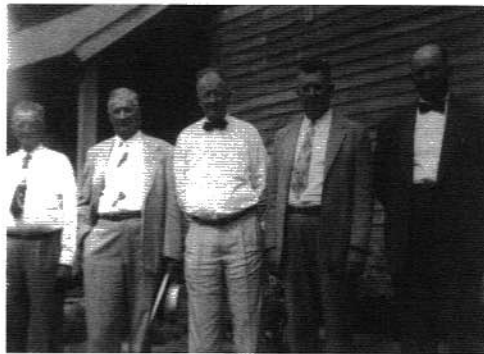
### Happy Combs-Rice Reunions

My father-in-law, Walter Edward (Ed) Combs and my husband, William Grady Combs, his son, were both born in Scottsboro, AL. Ed Combs was born 12/23/1886, the eldest son of George Washington and Mary Rice Combs. There were 10 children and the other 9



were: Ethel Combs Durham, James (Jim), Jess, Lilly, Sarah Combs Little, Henry, Draper, Ernest and Roy Combs, all born in Scottsboro. Most are buried at Goose Pond. George Washington was born in 1860 and died in 1923. He ran ferry boats, fished and taught music schools, among other things. Mary was born 11/4/1868 and died of childbirth 3/31/08 (Roy).

My husband, Grady, born 3/6/12, was the son of Ed and Edna Belle Johnson Combs, the eldest of 4 children. Hester Maye Combs



5 Combs Brothers Ed, Jim, Jess, Draper & Ernest

McCullough, Raymond and Arnold were the other children. Arnold died very young and Raymond died in 1977. Edna's parents were James W. and Harriett Olinger Johnson. James was Deputy Sheriff in Jackson County at one time. Some of the Olingers are buried at Goose Pond Cemetery. Grady and I (Ina B. Shultz Combs) had

one son, Bennett Albert Combs, born 4/1/41 in OK City. Grady had 3 other children older than Ben. They are Walter Ed, Delores Ann and Loy Combs Young. Ann is deceased.

When Grady was a young boy all the Johnsons moved to Oklahoma. Ed lost touch with his Combs relatives and didn't see them for 30 years. In 1952 my husband, Grady and I decided to take his dad, Ed, back to Alabama and Tennessee to see his relatives. Besides the 3 of us we took our 11 year old son, Ben, with us. We arrived in Scottsboro 6/8/52. The first family we visited was Uncle Henry Rice, his wife, Belle, and children, Ola, Ollie (Ike), Kathryn and Doris Rice on their farm. We met other members of Rice families. Ed and Henry's children were first cousins. Ike took Grady by boat to the State Park Area Lake and showed him exactly where he was born.

We then visited Ed's sister, Ethel Durham who was married to Dixie. After visiting in Scottsboro we drove to Chattanooga and saw 3 of Ed's brothers, Jess, Ernest and Draper. Then we headed for Montgomery, AL and visited the remaining brother, Jim. After 30 years Ed saw his sister and 4 brothers. Sara was alive then, but no one knew her whereabouts and never located her.

In August 1953 we returned to Scottsboro to attend funeral of Ike Rice. We lived in Hot Springs, AR and Grady's brother and sister, Raymond and Hester Maye, had just arrived from CA for a visit so they went with us to AL. It was their first trip to AL to see relatives. The 6 Combs children had their second reunion.

We returned to Scottsboro in 1959 to attend funeral of Ethel Durham and the 5 Combs brothers had their 3rd reunion.

Ed Combs died in 1971 and Grady died in 1993. Submitted by: Ina B. Combs, 109 Indian Hills Road, B2, Hot Springs, AR 71912-6271.

Sources: Past History from Father-in-law and Mother-in-law.

## Paul Wesley Conley

John Castle Conley was born in 1880 and came to Morgan County in Alabama with his family in a covered wagon when he was just a young boy. In his mid twenties he met Bertie Drucilla Gordon, also from Morgan County. Her father was William Henry Gordon from Nova Scotia. He immigrated to Alabama and married Amanda Melvinie Broadfoot of Florence, Alabama.

John Conley and Bertie Gordon were married and settled in Decatur, Alabama, where they had four sons; John Raymond born in 1907; Benjamin Clifton born in 1910; Paul Wesley born in 1911; Carl Fredrick born in 1921 and was killed in the Second World War in Germany at age 23. Their father, John was employed by the United States Postal Service for forty years in Decatur.

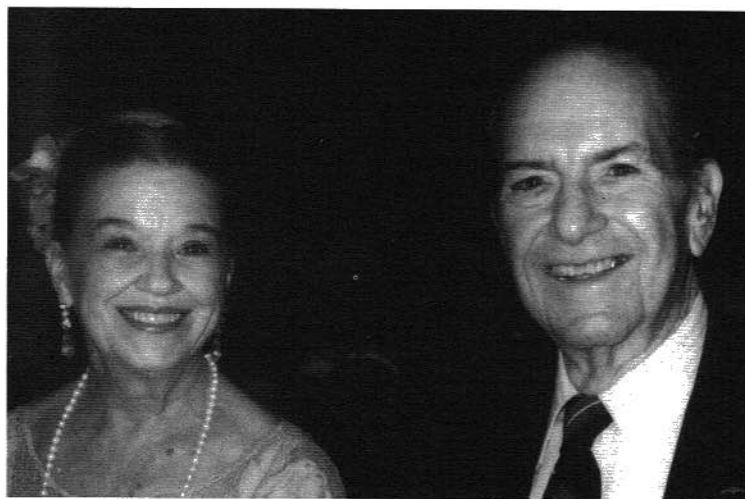
In the late 1920s Virginia Webb, a descendant of the Webb, Morgan, and Snodgrass pioneer families of Langston, went to Decatur to visit friends and was introduced to Paul Conley. They married a short time later and lived in Decatur where Paul worked for Humming Bird Hosiery. That was during the 'Depression Days' and part of the mill closed so Paul and Virginia moved to Scottsboro and lived with Mrs. Florence Webb, Virginia's mother on Laurel Street. Paul

went to work for Mr. Spivey at the Scottsboro Hosiery Mills and when that mill closed Paul went to work for John Will Gay at Alabama Bedspread Company, which later became known as Gay-Tred Mills. Paul continued his career in the textile business. In 1946 he established the Bamatuft Company in Scottsboro. The Bamatuft physical plant was destroyed by a tornado in 1956, so Paul merged his business with Alabama Bedspread Company and became General Sales Manager for the newly merged companies. During his fifty year career at Gay-Tred Paul did every job from delivering goods and yarn to be hand tufted by ladies who did this work in their homes, to helping design bedspread patterns, purchasing raw materials and supervising manufacturing. Through the years Paul saw many changes in the textile production business. He served as a vice president and treasurer of Gay-Tred and retired in 1983. His association with all the Gay family, John Will, Maurene and John W. Gay III, has been very special.

Paul and Virginia had one daughter, Janet Webb Conley, who was born in 1934. She grew up in Scottsboro right next door to her grandmother, Mrs. Webb. In 1955 Virginia died and was buried in Scottsboro at Cedar Hill Cemetery. The following year 1956 Janet married Philip Austin Christian whom she had met when his father, Dr. John Sigmond Christian came to Scottsboro to be the minister of First United Methodist Church. Phillip and Janet live in Huntsville where he had a dental practice for thirty-two years. They have three daughters and two grandsons.

In 1957 Paul married Jane Isbell Frazier, the daughter of the late Colonel D. Isbell of Guntersville, Alabama. He was a prominent attorney for many years and raised two daughters, Jane and her older sister Sue after the death of their mother, Leila Mae Esslinger Isbell. Jane had a young son William Henry Frazier III whose father, Major William Henry Frazier, Jr. was killed in 1950 in the Korean War.

For the past forty years Jane has been an active member of the city of Scottsboro. She has served on numerous committees in the First United Methodist Church, an active member of the University of Alabama Alumni Club and in 1976 received The Distinguished Alumna Award. In July 1930 Jane received The Carnegie Hero Medal for saving her friend from drowning. This resulted in a monetary award, which was used toward her college education. Jane has been active in the Ambassadors of the Chamber of Commerce and the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Paul and Jane Conley

A charter member of the Scottsboro Lions Club, Paul has held a number of offices since its organization in 1938. He is a member of the Methodist church and was Chairman of the Board of Stewards for fourteen consecutive years. He has served as Finance Chairman and many other committees within the First United Methodist Church. Paul has been an outstanding leader, working with the Boy Scouts of America for twenty years on the local level. He served as a trustee of Snead College until it was sold to the State of Alabama. His record also includes serving two terms on the Scottsboro City Council. He was elected to office in 1958 and served until 1966.

Paul is particularly proud of his three granddaughters and two great-grandsons; Laura Conley Christian married Paul Lloyd Cotter of Phoenix, Arizona. They have one son, Paul Christian Cotter and the family lives in Pensacola, Florida; Lisa Webb Christian

married John Calvin Howell of Decatur, Alabama. Lisa had a son, Austin Max Croft, from a former marriage and they live in Huntsville, Alabama; Lisbeth Jane Christian married Mark Crumpton Miree of Birmingham, Alabama and their home is in Birmingham.

It is with great hope for their future and a respect for their past that this article is being submitted to the Heritage of Jackson County Book. Submitted by: Janet Webb Conley Christian, 2709 Westminster Way, Huntsville, AL 35801.

### Charley Newton Cook

Charley Newton Cook is the only living WWI veteran in Jackson County. Charley is the son of Issac Thomas Cook and Ellen Bynum, who homesteaded at Chickenfoot and had three children before moving to Hollywood where Wrights trailer park is now. Charley Cook was born there. His parents farmed 120 acres with single mules. Charley was born May 28, 1896.

Charley tells about his mother boiling water outside in a big wash pot to wash clothes. He says he was a good fire builder. The clothes were boiled, then took out and placed on a plank or split log and beat with a board, called a batening board, which was hand made. The clothes were then rinsed.

Charley says his mother had a spinning wheel. She would pick cotton, pick out the seeds, spin the cotton to make sheets.

Charley served two years in the Navy during World War I, first on a battleship, guarding troop transport ships going to France. He later served on an oil tanker going to Mexico. He said he had to go to Nashville to get into the Navy. Alabama wouldn't accept any more volunteers for the Navy. He came out of the Navy in 1919.



Charley Cook

He made a crop with his mom and dad and was given 10

acres of cotton to cultivate. "I thought I was going to be a rich man", said Charley. He was to get half of what it made. He only made a bale and a half on the ten acres. The bole weevils got the crop, but they didn't know at the time what was wrong.

Charley married Ina Mae Bryant in 1921. She was born Dec. 14, 1901 and died August 15, 1985. They had two sons, Charles David born September 5, 1932, and Jimmy born January 4, 1936, at Hollywood.

Charley farmed with his brother, they had 90 acres in one field, and the rows were a mile long, the longest rows of corn on the Tennessee River. Charley recalls they made 3,000 bushel of corn, had to go to Chattanooga to sell it, and only got 25 cents a bushel—everything had gone bad. He bought his first tractor in the 20's. He farmed 14 years with mules. Then in 1936, farming at Hollywood, went back into the tractor business. He says he was the first to have a rubber tired tractor in that community.

Charley's wife, Ina raised chickens. In the 30's the Panic was on. In the 40's his wife sold a case of eggs a week. There was 30 dozen to a case.

"My daddy witnessed the last hanging at Bellefonte in 1885" said Charley. "The hanging tree was located on County Road 33."

Charley is still very active today at the age of 101. He still walks 2 miles a day. He still has a good memory for his age. Charley now lives in Scottsboro, Alabama. Submitted by: sons, David Cook, and Jimmy Cook.

Sources: family records and memory.

### Cook, Pearlle Beatrice Shrader

Pearlie Beatrice Shrader, 10/9/1924-10/12/1996, married, 4/6/1941, to L.Z. Cook, 10/13/1923. They have three handsome sons and live at Rosalie where L.Z. farmed and worked in a public job part of his life. Before her death Pearl was happy being a homemaker and taking care of her family. She also enjoyed going to

church. In later years after her sons were older she worked in a public job until retiring. She was the best around at baking cakes and an excellent cook. All her nieces always enjoyed coming to her house and spending time. If her health permitted she enjoyed visiting with the family. L.Z. was active in the Rescue Squad before deciding to retire from that. He is always available to help out where needed to run errands or drive his elder sisters to doctor appointments. Constantly keeping busy he keeps a close check on all his family as well as Pearl's family and is a big help to his children in anyway they may need him. Occasionally he drives for car dealers. Their three sons are:

Jimmie Hugh, 5/3/1946, named after his grandfather Hugh married, 11/25/1978, to Naydene McCrary, 4/7/1949, and they live at Rosalie. When they are not working they have enjoyed seeing the country riding a motorcycle. Jimmie is retired from the National Guard and has worked many years at DuPont in Chattanooga. Naydene is a very friendly, outgoing person and a wonderful wife and daughter-in-law. Naydene has enjoyed being a line steward while employed at Earthgrain for 18 years. She has been a strong activist in Local 611 where she has held several executive board positions. Jimmie, a has been a strong support to his family.

Jackie Glen, 2/26/1959, married, 5/31/1994, to Sherry Grace, 10/7/1949. Jackie brought much happiness to the Cook household when he was born. Jimmie had been an only child for 13 years and he finally had a brother. Several of his cousins were thrilled to get to help out his Mother caring for him. He was a sweet little boy who loved to talk and turned into a fine young man. Jackie is a hard worker, does an excellent job, and enjoys what he does at UTC in Chattanooga, TN. Sherry is a homemaker and enjoys reading. She has a beautiful singing voice, but is extremely shy.

Billy Clifton, 2/13/1962, the youngest of the three sons lives at home with his father and works full time at Earthgrain. Billie is a very handsome young man. His good looks are a unique mixture of his Mother's Shrader family and his Dad's Cook family.

Melvin Elijah Shrader, 11/11/1926-11/11/1926. Submitted by: Karen Edmonds, Pisgah, AL, Jackson County

### Letter From Little Coon

Written by: W.F. Matthews to his brother John G. Matthews (Spelling as written)

Little coon ala Jackson County this Feb the 11th 1881

Dear Brother I seat my self to ancer your kind letter which com to hand in due time. Which give us much satisfaction to her of your good helth and to her you was doing well. John, I hant got no nuse that will interrest you but I will give you such as I have got. Ever body all most has gone west to that Helthy plase cold arksaw. Ther is 26 empty houses on Little Coon Creek and a grate meny on Big Coon and still ther is 4 famleys on Big Coon \_\_\_ to start it will cost labor to go \_\_\_ her.

John, we have had the worst winter far work I ever saw in life. I triede to work far I kneed lotts of it. John, I have made 3000 bords out of one tree and knot dun yet it will make 500 hundred yet mou. I will have to make 6000 to cover my bildins but men cant work far the bad wether. I want to put 50 saw loges to the market yet this spring if luck well. John, I have rented 10 acrs of cotton land from Isaac Matthews this yearin what is cold the Doty field and tend a bout 5 at home if we all live and luck well I want to moove to your cuntry but I want to fix my place so I can sell it.

Jonney hired out to cut saw loges on Nov the 29th and has just finshed to day and has not lost a day that a man could work and he has worked one third of the time in bad wether to get one months work. If the wet wether dont stop soon I dont know wwat the people will do far they have sot abot so mutch they air getting sore in tender placeses. John, times is tolerble on coon. Corn is worth 40 cts per bushel pork is 5cts per lb oats 50cts per bushel. So ever thing \_\_\_ without ti is Irish potatoes. The wintr has bin so cold ever wher I dont think they will be any far seed. They air worth \$2.00 per bushel at Nashville. John, the wheat in this cuntry ant one inch high and you wold half to look close to see it. Know I dont think it can make any thing. I have allways herd a cold winter far wheat but I think it has bin a little two cold this winter. John I shold have wrote sooner but I have had the sour eys so bad I cold not see how to write untell know. I got Samuel Rash to write one letter far me to W. F. Rash and I



hate to trubble any boddy to write far me and I just waited tell I cold see.

John, Betty is in bad helth and has bin far a long time and is going down hil it is femail complaint. I shal get som medison far her tomorrow. John, J. B. Tally is at the point of death. Ther is no hope far him to get well. He is just in the same fix of Charity Stuart was. John the helth of this cuntry is good and has bin all winter. John, Bill Rash and family has mooved to Ms close to ples Wynns he likes well. He writs he agoing to move to Texas next fall. John bob McCrary has mooved to the \_\_\_ on the montain wher \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ his family is all well. Com over and bring me som of that whiskey you talk so mutch a bout in your letter. Far I hant bin tipsy in 2 years. But if I cold be with you wher we cold get it I sertainly wold. Far if I was close a nuf to take a dram with you I cold spend one month with you. John, tell James Rash that I will write him soon. John give my love and respect to S. A. Rash and family. Tell S. A. Rash to write me soon. John, tell me wher Jim Ratler is and why he dont write. Com over and we will kill a hep of squirls. John the clock has struck at 11 o'clock and I will half to go to bed far my eys is a hertain.

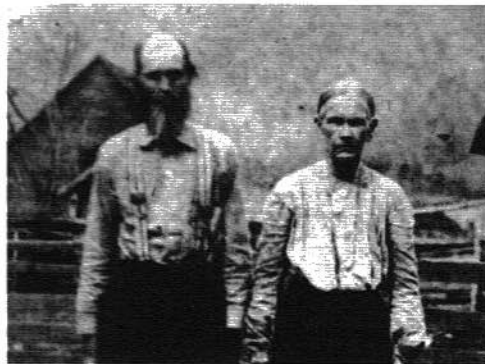
But I think I will finish my letter. John, this will be a good cuntry her. They has so many people left her wages will be good. They have increast one third in one month. John, tell Sarah that Betty sends her love and respect to her and family and Allison and family. Betty ses tell Sarah she must com over and help her quilt som. She sas her and the girls has severl to quilt. John, I would like to see you and family. Spend a few days with you and all but it may never be so I can but live in hopes untell death. I have bin once to see Reed since she mooved. Tell W. F. Rash that I will write to him soon. John I dont think Leroy will com this spring. He may but I dont think so. Mothers family is all well. Wesleys family is all and all of the connection is well as fair as I know. It is snowing this morning. The children all sends ther love to you all the children is all in good helth. John, I woll give a heap to see you but it may be some time befour we can enjoy that pleasure. John, ancer soon and give me all of the nuse you have and tell me how mutch wheat you maid and corn cotton. This is from your only brother direct all of your letters to Cappeys Store. So good by John and family.

W. F. Matthews to John G.

This is a transcript of a letter from W. F. Matthews to his brother John G. Matthews in Texas. These two brothers are the Grandchildren of John Matthews who was recorded to have been in this area by 1819 at Little Coon. This letter was found in the safety deposit box of Joseph Wilburn Matthews in Texas upon his death by his son Joe. *Submitted by: Richard Matthews, Scottsboro, AL and was obtained from David Matthews, Stonewall County, TX.*

### Mr. And Mrs. Peter Cooper

Peter Cooper (Pete) served in the Civil War as a private in Co. B. of the 6th Regiment of the Georgia Infantry. While in discharge of his duty on the 5th of April, 1862, at Yorktown, in the State of Virginia, he was wounded in his left leg, which had to be amputated below his knee.



Peter and Malinda Cooper

His wife was Malinda Sizemore Cooper, known as Granny Cooper. They lived in Jackson County, Alabama and raised a large family there. *Submitted by: Evelyn Haggard, 487 Co. Rd. 331, Bryant, AL 35958.*

### The Corns Of Jackson County

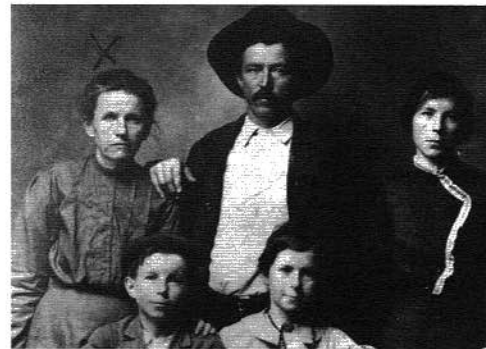
The first known Corn to settle in Jackson County was William Samuel, the son of William, grandson of Jesse, and great grandson of Matthew. Matthew and his wife Molly are the first known immi-

grants to the colonies. It is thought they came from Germany aboard the ship Nassau, however this is not yet proven. Their first son, George, was born in Germany about 1743, and their third son, John Peter, was born in Albemarle County, Virginia March 15, 1750. Jesse Corn was also born in Albemarle County on October 31, 1753. Jesse and John Peter both fought in the American Revolutionary War and wintered at Valley Forge with General George Washington. Jesse's son, William, was born January 11, 1785 in Patrick County, Virginia but was in Franklin County, Tennessee when he died January 16, 1843. He married Nancy (Betty) Sharp November 27, 1806 in Patrick County, Virginia.

William Samuel was born February 28, 1809 in either Georgia or Virginia. He married Olevia Hancock. Olevia was the daughter of John A. and Sarah (Sally) Ryan Hancock and the grandniece of Nancy Hancock who was married to Jesse Corn, and the granddaughter of Lewis Hancock. Nancy and Lewis were the children of John D. and Elizabeth Maddox Hancock of Virginia who married on October 16, 1755 in Gochland County, Va. They had ten children: Benjamin, Lewis, William, Major, Nancy, Rhoda (Radie), Elizabeth Maddox, Judith, Susannah, and Mary. Lewis's son, John A. Hancock, came to Jackson County about 1824. (This history of his family is submitted separately.)

William and Olevia's son, Samuel Richard, was born June 12, 1842 in Bellefonte, Jackson County, Alabama and died February 19, 1920 in Jackson County Alabama. The other children of William and Olevia were: James Lewis, Elizabeth Jane, John William, James, Sarah Luize, Nancy Ann, and Mary Phebe. All the children, except James Lewis, show to be born in Alabama. William Samuel died February 18, 1855, and Olevia married Henry (Silas) Roach sometime after that. Mr. Roach's brother, C. L. Roach, built one of the "three bricks" in what is now known as Roach's Corner in the Carns community. (Carns was originally named for the Corn family. Somewhere along the way the spelling was changed to Carns.) Olevia, of course, brought her children to this home. Our mothers visited in this home on numerous occasions before leaving Alabama to come eventually to Texas.

Samuel Richard was a carpenter by trade. He married Sarah Alvenia Bryant on January 10, 1861 in Jackson County. Sarah's



Frances Elvira Morris Corn, George Richard Corn, Edna Ola Samuel Richard and Alvenia Lou Arena

parents were John J. Bryant and Mary Arena Webb, and they were also a Jackson County family. S.R. and Sarah had twelve children born in Jackson County: John William, Arrena O., Mary Frances, Sarah Alice, Susan Thular, Jose Emmer, George Richard (our grandfather), Lucy Berta, Rosa Lee, Dora, Lennie, and Alvenia. Sarah died December

4, 1887 and on January 13, 1893 S.R. married Margaret Mahala Smith. They had one daughter, Martha Ethel. S. R., Margaret, and Martha are buried in the old Baptist Community Cemetery in Hollywood.

Charles Cook, called Uncle Charlie by his friends and family, told a very interesting story about Samuel Richard, known as S.R. Uncle Charlie said that S.R. was a fine carpenter, and he decided to build his own casket. After the casket was complete, S.R. would come home each day and lie down in the casket to make sure it fit. Unfortunately, when S.R. died he apparently had a kidney problem that caused him to swell. The casket had to be rebuilt because it no longer fit. S. R. was a Baptist minister as were many of his ancestors.

Our grandfather, George Richard Corn was born on October 16, 1874. He married Frances Elvira Morris on March 12, 1896, daughter of another Jackson County family. Her parents were Archibald M. Morris and Lou Rena Hammond.

The fathers of both George and Frances served in the Civil War. S. R. served the Confederate Army and Archibald served the Union Army.

George and Frances had three children, all born in Jackson County in the community of Hollywood: Edna Ola, b. February 27,

1898, Samuel Richard, b. January 9, 1900, and Alvena Lou Arena b. April 3, 1902. The children went to school in the Hollywood area. For reasons unknown to us, George and Frances left Jackson County in 1908 and traveled to Dustin, Oklahoma. The children are listed on the school census roll and the family is on the federal census in 1910. They left Dustin sometime after that and moved to Fort Worth, Texas. Frances Elvira died of kidney disease on October 19, 1924 on a train bringing her to a hospital in Fort Worth. George Richard died in Fort Worth April 9, 1931 of pneumonia. Both are buried in the Mount Olivett Cemetery in Fort Worth, as are many of the other Corn descendants, including our parents and our siblings.

Edna married Jessie Hendricks White February 3, 1917. They had three children: Jessie Hendricks, Jr., Adena Christine (named for Adena Mungo of Jackson County, and Delia Virginia. Samuel Richard, "Rich" married Arene Roberson. They had two sons, Joe Earl and Billy Foster. Alvena, "Short", married William Doyle West on August 20, 1921. They had five children: Morris Corn, William Doyle, Jr., Pollye Ruth, Ella Frances, and Nell.

Virginia has been to Jackson County three time, and Pollye has been twice searching for our roots. We have found relatives that were unknown to us, but were truly worth finding. We are indebted to Rubilee Moore Smith, granddaughter of Archibald and Lou Rena Hammonds Morris, for the ground tour of Jackson County and much information.

We are both at a loss to determine why the George Richard Corn family left the beautiful area that encompasses Jackson County and moved to the barren and dusty area of Dustin, Oklahoma. Submitted by: Mrs. Pollye West Pearson, 720 North 26th Street, Corsicana, TX 75110 and Mrs. Virginia White Guyton, 902 Burlison, Smithville, TX 78957-1024.

Sources: Census records; Birth and Death Records; Family accounts; Published historical accounts.

### Virgil Van Buren Cornelison

Virgil Van Buren Cornelison, the seventh son and ninth child of Tom Good and Eliza Anderson Cornelison, was born on September 8, 1892 and died November 4, 1959. He was born, lived most of his life, and died in Jackson County. He was known by his family and friends as "Law" or "Lawyer". He graduated from the Teachers Preparatory School on Sand Mountain at the age of sixteen.

"Lawyer" was a farmer, sawmiller, and postmaster during his life. In the thirties, he worked in a supervisory position for the Farm Security Administration on Skyline Farms on Cumberland Mountain.

During World War II, he served on the Jackson County Draft Board. Once during this period a father asked him how he could draft his son. Lawyer replied that having four sons of his own serving overseas at the time gave him the ability to do so.

In 1914, he married Lorene Cunningham, daughter of Hal Macon and Margaret Card Cunningham. Lorene was born September 6, 1892 and died February 8, 1987. She served as American Red Cross Director for Jackson County during the war years. Both Lawyer and Lorene were buried at Goosepond Cemetery in Jackson County.

The union of Lawyer and Lorene produced six sons with one, the fourth son, Anderson Card, dying in infancy.

The oldest son, Tom Hal, of Statesville, N.C. born September 14, 1915 and the only son not to graduate from Jackson County High School, graduated from Akron High School in Hale County. He married Edna Geiger of Norristown, Pa., where they lived until his retirement from General Electric. During the war years he served his country by constructing airplanes at Martin Aircraft. Tom and Edna have three children: Tom Hal, Jr.; Bonnie Buckwalter, both of Norristown, Pa. and Virginia Lorene Spangler of Statesville, N.C. They have eight grandchildren.

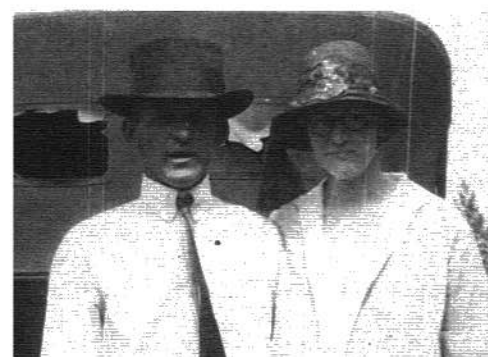
The second son, Virgil Van Buren, Jr. of Delta, Al. was born March 5, 1917 and married Winifred Bell of Scottsboro. Their union produced two children. Virgil Van Buren III and Lorene Neat, both of Cincinnati, Ohio. Van served as an Airforce Bomber pilot in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy during the war and later worked with Proctor and Gamble in Ohio until his retirement. After becoming a widower late in life, he married Marie Jones of Cincinnati.

The third son, Robert Blaine of Paducah, Ky., born March 24, 1919, served in the navy with the "Lighter Than Airforce" in the North Atlantic during the war and later worked with TVA in Ken-

tucky until his retirement. He married Edith Erney of Allentown, Pa. and they have three children: Blaine Law of Cairo, Egypt; Donna Ellen Calhoun of Paducah and Robert Erney of Murray, Ky. They have six grandchildren.

The fifth son, Billie Barton, of Norristown, Pa., was born November 6, 1922. He served in the Navy in the South Pacific during the war and later with the Postal Department until his retirement. He married Marion Casey of Norristown, Pa.

The sixth son, Philip Kyle of Ashland, Alabama, was born February 4, 1925. He served in the Navy in the European Theatre during the war and later with the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a Soil Conservationist until his retirement. He married Mary Ellen Starnes of Scottsboro and they have three children: Mary Bruce Ogles of Wedowee, Alabama; Cassandra Antonio of Birmingham, Alabama and Philip Kyle, Jr. of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. They have six grandchildren. Submitted by: Philip Cornelison, P.O. Box 313, Ashland, AL 36251



Law and Lorene Cornelison, 1925

### Grandparents' Unusual Wedding

Wallace Goodman Cornelison and Lula Mae Bellomy planned a secret wedding with only two witnesses, Corbitt M. Cornelison and John Bellomy. They were to meet them at the home of Reverend Fred McClendon at Center Point, Scottsboro Route One on Sunday afternoon, March 14, 1915.

Without their knowledge, the secret became a secret no more as a public announcement told all at the church service that Sunday morning about the afternoon wedding. The couple arrived at the home in a fancy new buggy drawn by a beautiful bay mare to find the yard and even trees full of family and friends.

They were in a state of shock not knowing what to do. They were shaking so they knew they could never stand, so they drove on by the house to the church and tried to calm down ... no go ... instead they turned around and pulled that fancy buggy up to the three steps leading to the home and the Reverend stood at the top of the steps and married my grandparents as they stayed seated in their new buggy. My grandfather was dressed in a dark suit and my grandmother in a light blue dress. They must have made a lovely picture.

Their marriage was blessed with six children: Vera B. Cornelison Harmening — 1916; Wallace Doyle Cornelison — 1917; Jeanette Cornelison Limbaugh — 1919; Fred Jackson Cornelison — 1921; Thomas Boyd Cornelison — 1924; Annie Louise Cornelison Williams — 1926 (Died January 1995).

Descendants as of 1997 = 78!

My grandparents lived in Jackson County until the Fall of 1927, when they moved to Madison County. They were always active in church, school and community activities and were lovingly called Papa and Mama by all, both young and old. Their Christian life together lasted 62 years. I am their first grandson and I feel privileged to have had them for my grandparents!! Submitted by: Larry Duane Limbaugh, 800 Tampa Lane, N.E., Birmingham, AL 35215.

### Children Of William And Rebecca Sanders Cornelison

The children of William and Rebecca Sanders Cornelison were: Mary Ann born January 8, 1828 in North Carolina, married Thomas G. Dean in 1852 and died June 17, 1919; Sarah Ann born March 26, 1832 in North Carolina, married Elisha B.C. Brandon on July 6, 1854 and died March 11, 1918; John Calvin born December 29, 1834 in Jackson County, Alabama. He was a Confederate Soldier serving with the Alabama Volunteers, Company B. Battalion 16. He married Rhonda Weaver 1st, and Martha Carrick 2nd on October 13, 1873; Nancy Caroline was born July 1, 1838; William Benjamin was born August 29, 1841; Rebecca Orlena born December 16, 1843; William Roland Webster Cobb, born May 6, 1847, married Martha Ann Brewer on March 21, 1875 and died



February 17, 1929; Thomas Goodman, born May 26, 1850, married Elizabeth Fredonia Anderson on January 4, 1872 and died September 25, 1927.

John Calvin and Rhoda Weaver Cornelison had the following children: Rebecca Francis, born August 28, 1859, married Elijah Brashear on December 2, 1874 and died December 15, 1944; Sarah Anne, born May 25, 1861, married William Henry Brewer on February 15, 1880; William Louis, born February 14, 1864, married Rebecca Sanders and died February 6, 1933; Mary Caroline, born December 25, 1866, married Jesse Dolberry on January 1, 1885 and died June 2, 1916; John Webster Cobb, born March 8, 1869, married Lucille Mitchell and died November 1, 1926; and Martha Jane, born March 12, 1871, married Isaac Sherman Sanders on April 24, 1887 and died February 22, 1955. All of these had children.

The children of John Calvin Cornelison and his second wife, Martha Elizabeth Carrick were: Thomas Newton, born July 18, 1874, married Elizabeth Dolberry on March 27, 1895 and died February 11, 1947; Andrew Jackson, born August 17, 1875 and died December 2, 1875; James Calvin, born August 16, 1876, married Mary Jane Sanders on October 2, 1895. They divorced September 25, 1907 and he married Elizabeth Baugh Worthen, a divorcee, November 17, 1907. He died December 16, 1942; Louvicia Jane, born December 1, 1877, married Isaac S. Crow on April 16, 1896 and died March 4, 1948; Jasper (Joseph?) Goodman, born February 4, 1879 and died February 6, 1902, never married; Charles Johnson, born May 24, 1880, married Laura Idella Worthen on November 23, 1902, died March 6, 1960; and Willis Martin, born March 25, 1883, married Minnie Cox on March 8, 1903, died April 3, 1946. All were born in Jackson County.

The children of James Calvin and Mary Jane Sanders Cornelison (married October 2, 1895, divorced September 25, 1907) were: John Thomas Berry, born January 8, 1897, never married and used Sanders for a surname; Charles William, born January 10, 1899, used Sanders as a surname, also. He and his wife and two adopted sons were killed in an automobile accident in 1943.

James Calvin Cornelison married Elizabeth Baugh on November 17, 1907 and had these children: Asa Calvin, born Monday, August 10, 1908 at 7:00 A.M. at Hytop, on Cumberland Mountain, ten kilometers south of Tennessee. He married Roxana (Roxie) Sharp, April 16, 1938 in Huntsville. They had no children. He served with the Air Force (#34818708) in England, Belgium, France, Holland and Germany in WWII. His interment place is Cedar Hill Cemetery, Lot 42. James Louis, born November 18, 1909 in Hytop, died June 28, 1975 and buried in Pine Haven Memorial Gardens in Scottsboro. He married Lucille Swearengin at Jasper, Tennessee on June 12, 1940. At the time he was named, he was given the third name Taft. While still a small lad, he announced that he did not want three names, and especially not "Taft", and henceforth it was not his name; Moses Goodman, born January 8, 1912 in Montague County, near Bowie, Texas. He married Annie Pearl Berry on September 13, 1939 in Scottsboro. They divorced and he married Mrs. Launa Fossett Hancock on April 29, 1978. He died January 30, 1988; Martha Elizabeth, born March 22, 1914 in Bowie, Texas, married Hiram Mathis in Huntsville, Alabama on June 2, 1934; Louvicia Jane, born February 1, 1916, in Alto (Skyline), married Edward Swearengin on May 20, 1933 in Scottsboro. She died May 25, 1968 and is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery; Sherman Martin, born March 31, 1918 in Alto (Skyline), married Lois Barclay at Iuka, Mississippi on June 16, 1946. He served in South Pacific in WWII and died April 3, 1978. He is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery. All but Asa and Sherman had children. *Submitted by: A.C. Cornelison, 601 West Appletree St., Scottsboro, AL 35768.*

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## William (Billy) Cornelison and Rebecca (Becky) Sanders Cornelison

My great-grandfather, William (Billy) Cornelison was born in North Carolina in 1800 died in 1890. He came to Tupelo in Maynard's Cove in 1821. He married Rebecca (Becky) Sanders, who was born in 1804 and died in 1884. I was told my great-grandfather had very black hair and his wife Becky had very red hair and blue eyes. They have five children: (1) Mary Anne Cornelison, born January 8, 1828, who married Thomas Dean; (2) Sarah Jane Cornelison, born March 26, 1832, who married Elisha Brandon; (3) John Calvin, born December 29, 1834, who married Rhonda Weaver, and later to Martha Carrick; (4) Thomas Goodman, born May 26, 1850, who married Elizabeth Fredonia Anderson; (5) William Roland Webster Cobb, who was born May 6, 1847, who married Martha Brewer.

My grandfather was Thomas Goodman Cornelison, who was born May 26, 1850 and died September 25, 1927. He was married to Elizabeth Anderson from Paint Rock Valley. When I was a child, he always had a very long snow-white beard that matched his snow-white hair. He owned a beautiful horse named "Old Fly" and he always rode him to go fishing. Besides fishing, he loved to play cards. My beloved cousin, Ora B., and I learned early on that he was in a much better humor if he won!

My grandparents had 13 children with my Dad being the fourth born. I was told that my grandmother had a mid-wife attending all of her births. With the coming of WWI, their youngest son, Corbit, was enlisting. She asked Uncle Fred (who was about 7 or 8 years older) to enlist and take care of Uncle Corbit, and Uncle Corbit came home unscathed! However, Fredrick B. Cornelison (Uncle Fred) was killed in Germany on July 21, 1918. His body was never found and my grandmother always believed that he was "The Unknown Soldier" buried in France.

In her later years, my grandmother would leave the farm and visit us in Huntsville, Alabama. She would catch the train from Scottsboro. Her visits always lasted long enough to buy gifts for all of her many grandchildren. She died on February 15, 1926. *Submitted by: Mary Cornelison Ward, 2000 Magnolia, Apt. 262 Little Rock, AR 72202.*

Sources: Scottsboro Library and my father.

## William Cobb And Jennie Canzadia Proctor Cornelison

William Cobb Cornelison's lineage and his first ancestors to settle in Jackson County are described in the adjacent biography on his grandparents, William L. and Rebecca (Sanders) Cornelison.

William "Billy" Cobb Cornelison was born Oct. 12, 1875 in Paint Rock Valley, the second of thirteen children of Thomas Goodman (b. May 26, 1850) and Elizabeth Fredonia (Anderson) Cornelison (b. Aug. 16, 1856). Elizabeth's parents were John and Gilley Ann (Yarbrough) Anderson.

When Billy was five years old, Tom Good and Eliza moved their family from Paint Rock Valley across the Cumberland Plateau to Maynard's Cove. Billy grew up and spent most of his life there as a farmer.

Jennie Canzadia Proctor was born Aug. 25, 1878 in Maynard's Cove, the third child of Zebulon Montgomery and Martha Jane (Bynum) Proctor. Billy and his childhood sweetheart Jennie were married on Apr. 24, 1903. They made their home in a two story log house in Becky Hollow, part of which was used for the community Post Office. The building was still standing in 1997.

Billy kept a hired hand to help with the work, and was considered a good farmer. Cotton was his cash crop and it was taken to R.F. Proctor's horse-powered gin in the Cove for processing. He also grew some corn and a little hay. After the crops were harvested, during the hard, cold winter they would cut timber and haul it on the wagon with their mules to the mill. This gave the family a little extra money.



Wm. Cobb & Jennie Cornelison

Billy liked land; there are 80 acres called "Becky's place" which were homesteaded by his Cornelison grandparents in 1859 that are still in the Cornlison family. That tract, off the northwest end of Maynard's Cove, is now a part of "Becky Hollow", named for Billy's grandmother, Rebecca (Sanders) Cornelison. One can stand on Cumberland Mountain at Cornelison Point and get a beautiful view of that land some 880 feet below in the Cove, and the additional acreage of Billy's parents' farm.

Billy and Jennie had three children: 1. Cecil Clyde Cornelison, b. Jan. 28, 1907 in Messer Hollow, d. Aug. 8, 1966 in Black Ankle, m. (1) Dec. 4, 1932 to Josephine Kennedy, b. Nov. 20, 1913 in Hurricane, Madison Co., died June 9, 1952 in Scottsboro, m. (2) Sept. 20, 1957 to Annie Mae Harding Gulatt, b. Jan. 29, 1922; Cecil and Josephine both buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Scottsboro; Cecil and Josephine had one child: William Clyde Cornelison, b. Oct. 12, 1940 in Scottsboro, d. Feb. 27, 1965 in Claysville, Marshall Co., buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery; m. Oct. 18, 1958 to Sylvia Elois Lusk, b. June 19, 1942 in McBroom Hollow. After William Clyde died, Sylvia Elois m. Jan. 23, 1970 to Billy G. Martin, b. Mar. 27, 1941. William Clyde and Sylvia Elois had one child: Kermit Dale Cornelison, b. July 30, 1959 in Scottsboro, married Nov. 5, 1977 to Sheila Ann Adkins, b. Apr. 12, 1960 in Chicago. Kermit is a fireman, electrician and a farmer; Sheila is a math teacher; they have three children: (1) Kermit Dale Cornelison II, b. Aug. 22, 1980 in Huntsville, (2) William Brent Cornelison, b. Mar. 31, 1987 in Huntsville, (3) Gregory Brian Cornelison, b. Mar. 31, 1987 in Huntsville. 2. William Kermit Cornelison, b. Jan. 9, 1910 in Becky Hollow, died Apr. 9, 1949 in Chattanooga, buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery. 3. Ora B. Cornelison, b. May 11, 1914 in Becky Hollow.

Billy and Jennie also lived in two other houses in Maynard's Cove.

Tom Good bought 72 acres east of Scottsboro, near the present day airport site about 1920 and he and Eliza moved there. Billy also moved his family there so his children would be able to attend school. Billy wasn't at all satisfied with the productivity of the land, however and spoke of it as follows, "bread seldom, don't get any meat at all". After four years, Billy and his family moved back to fertile Maynard's Cove. Eliza and Tom Good remained in their home, and died there on Feb. 15, 1926 and Sept. 25, 1927, respectively. They are buried at Old Baptist Cemetery in Hollywood.

On one occasion, while fishing for bream in Bucker's Pond on the east side of Dean Ridge at Scraper Hill, Billy caught a 19 lb. carp. He was very proud of his large catch, as he was using a light, doubled no. 60 sewing thread for his fishing line.

When her father became ill, since there weren't phones available in Maynard's Cove, Ora B. moved her parents into a house with her in Scottsboro in October 1960. Billy died there later that month on Oct. 25 and Jennie died on Mar. 18, 1966. They are buried at Cedar Hill. *Submitted by: Ora B. Cornelison.*

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## Henry Norman Cotton

### (Love And Marriage)

She met him standing by the railroad, she had another wash load to hang out, but this time it was different, men were working on the railroad tracks. He asked her to go out, but she was too scared. He was really brave and the next day he decided to visit her.

In March of 1948, Henry Norman Cotton and Minnie Lee Wordlaw were married in Jackson County. To this union four children were born; Norman Jr. in Sept. of 1955, Granville in Sept. of 1958, Alexia born in May of 1960, and Aaron born in July of 1964.

All are still living in Jackson County, believing that staying local and close to your family is the place to be.

Norman Jr. married Debra Coffey and they have one son Jamie.



Granville is now married to Tiajuana Battles Cotton and they have one child Granvielle to add to their others, Karis, Kareem, Fascenda, Kameron, and Lamanda, and oh yea, one on the way!!

Alexia is married to Rev. John Ellison and they now have 6 children at the moment, (they have foster home), Adam, Alex, Marques and Joh plus 2 sweet little girls, whose names I can't mention.

Aaron is with Elsa and they each have a daughter, Vinessa and Carol.

Mom then adopted Rubylee Sanders Doss and she is married to Robert and they have 3 boys Marcus, Keion, and Blake.

Minnie and Norman will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on March 20, 1998.

They will be renewing their vows. A large crowd to celebrate is expected. *Submitted by: Minnie Cotton, 322 East Maple St., Scottsboro, AL 35768.*

## Ellis "Butch" Einsel Couch III

### Visiting In The Country

When I was a child there was something very special about being a member of the Hembree family. And, I believe that a great part of that special feeling developed because Aunt Kathleen and Uncle Gordon were willing, summer weekend after summer weekend, to place before the entire Hembree family huge meals. How vivid those meals are even now in my imagination: The large round table spread with plates of corn, fried okra, and bowls of mashed potatoes, turnips and turnip greens. And, just a vividly, the wilted salads filled with lettuce, green onions, tomatoes; flaked with bits of bacon and boiled eggs; scalded with hot bacon grease. Big bowls of baked squash, and little dishes with radishes, or long thin dishes with celery, sliced tomatoes, green onions, and cucumbers. The dining table over crowded with all this and grown-ups while in the kitchen were children with a table all their own.

There was a moving of this food to and fro from kitchen to dining room, which only ebbed for a moment, until boiled custard that had, just that morning, been magically transformed by ice, salt and muscle into ice cream was served. And even that was followed, complimented, and completed with mahogany cake in small pans whipped up by the ubiquitous, effervescent Aunt Kathleen.

Of course, all morning everyone worked in the kitchen or on the porch or about the garden or on a trip for water. We were, in a sense, all working together toward that huge lunch, and that spirit which went into working was what made the days possible and special and so unlike family dinners which fall on the hostess like an ax on a chicken's neck. We had a sense of sharing.

If the lunches were special, the afternoons were more special. The grown-up men and women settled under separate shade trees that spread their huge gray shade across the front yard. The men to smoke and drink tea. The ladies to talk and break beans or shell peas. Young cousins did all the fun things.

Horses were ridden, horseshoes were thrown, trips were made to the spring, other trips were made through the mountain side in search of whatever in the afternoon.

Admiration of older cousins was spawned and developed in those afternoons. I still believe in my Hembree cousins as indestructible - beyond anything. There were always pictures of them in uniforms, talk of universities and of air planes. But the things I admired most were my cousins abilities to ride horses, drive tractors, and hunt.

Less frequently at our Sunday dinners were Aunt Ida and Uncle David who joined the crowd and introduced politics and the stock market into the conversation. As they talked one caught just the faintest fragrance of some very special perfume which Aunt Ida was wearing, all rich and warm and heavy. Our other cousins, much older than I, had their own personal accomplishments which I admired. (He refers to Ida Hembree McCary and David McCary of Scottsboro and Ike Hembree of Chattanooga).

But I drift back again to those summer Sundays when the sun began to go down, and the ferry was closing, and Uncle Ike needed to get back across the mountain to Chattanooga before dark. Our Sundays ended.

Time, like those late afternoons of summer Sundays, has since spread us far and wide. But, I like to think that deep inside us all, there is that sense of being somebody from someplace. Our someplace is our grandfather's house in Hog Jaw.

## Elijah Newton Cronan

Elijah Newton Cronan was born August 25, 1833 in Alabama, possibly Jackson County where he resided. On March 7, 1853, he married Matilda Lou Frady, daughter of Andrew and Matilda Jane Frady, and they were the parents of eleven children: (1) Soloman Isaiah, born December 19, 1853 married Mary Elizabeth Bishop; (2) Sarah Jane, April 2, 1856 married John Presswood (she died December 5, 1890); (3) Martha Matilda, August 17, 1859, died January 7, 1891; (4) James Benjamin, September 24, 1862, died February 14, 1895; (5) Margaret Serena, December 29, 1865, married Joseph Cain (she died July 27, 1914); (6) Elijah Lafayette, April 25, 1869 married Martha Smith; (7) Jacob Newton, November 23, 1870, married Nancy Elizabeth Woody; (8) Rebecca Ann,

August 25, 1873, married Charles Varnell Cain, a brother to Joseph who married her sister, Margaret Serena; (9) Lidy, February 24, 1876 married a Williams; (10) Nancy, March 31, 1879 married a Brown; and (11) Nora.

Elijah Newton Cronan served in the Civil War in the Union Army, receiving a pension of \$10. Soon after the War,



*Elijah Newton Cronan and first wife, Matilda Lou Frady.*

he and his family moved to Polk County, Tennessee where he practiced medicine, relying mainly on herbs, as many of the practitioners did in those days before a license was required of physicians. Claiming he was half Cherokee Indian, Elijah filed for admittance to the Cherokee Rolls, a claim which was denied for lack of proof.

Elijah moved his family atop Chilhowee Mountain to what was known as the Clemmer Camps and farmed and raised sheep. An article in the J.D. Clemmer Scrapbooks tells of "The last Legal Saloon in Polk County", which states that Elijah opened a saloon on his property in the mountains which did a thriving business until the anti-whiskey league persuaded school officials to erect a school within four miles of the establishment in order to close him down. His stock of liquor, however, did not go to waste, as the good doctor continued to prescribe the spirits for a wide variety of ailments from rheumatism and neuralgia to 'whatever ails you'.

Elijah's wife, Matilda Lou died January 7, 1891, about the same time as his neighbor, Joseph Cain's, wife Martha (Presswood) passed away. The same article which tells of the last saloon, also relates that Joseph was smitten with one of the Doctor's daughters, Margaret Serena, and they were married in spite of Elijah's objections. It goes on to say that Elijah, perhaps in retaliation, caught Joseph gone, and married one of his daughters, Arabella. Elijah was sixty-five years old at the time, and Abella was only eighteen. Elijah's 1917 obituary noted that upon marrying Arabella, since his daughter was married to Joseph Cain, that each of the



*Elijah Newton Cronan and second wife, Arbella Cain with their seven daughters.*

men became son-in-law to the other, and each of the daughters became the other's mother-in-law, so each of the men became his own grandfather-in-law!

Together Elijah Newton and Arbella had seven daughters: (1) Ida, born July 7, 1895 married Andy Blackwell (she died April 3, 1983); (2) Florence, June 16, 1897, married John C. Huckaby; (3) Julia, November 10, 1899, married Housap Gedelian; (4) Bertha, August 11, 1902, married Frank Seto and was the last of the seven daughters when she died March 1, 1997; (5) Della, July 17, 1904 married Sam Serolian; (6) Lucinda, March 9, 1906 married Meshack Keloustian; (7) Viola, November 14, 1909, married Kaiser Andonian. (Arbella also had a son, William "Bill" on November 1, 1917, two years after Elijah's death, fathered by Brown Poston. Bill married Donnie Evans Culpepper).

Elijah Newton and Arbella Cain Cronan are pictured with their seven daughters: beginning with Elijah and moving clockwise are Cindy, Dellie, Betha, Julie, Ida, Arbella holding Viola and Florence.

Elijah died January 16, 1915 at the age of 82, and is buried in a marked grave beside his first wife Matilda Lou Frady and daughter Margaret Serena Cain in the Matlock Cemetery located on Hwy 314 (Parksville Road) about two miles southeast of Benton, Tennessee in Polk County. Submitted by: *Marian Bailey Presswood, Polk County Historian, R 1, Box 548 Benton, TN 37307.*

Sources: Research by Evelyn Moore Cronan using Polk County Census Records, Family Bible and oral family history.

## The Culver Family

The George Culver family came from Tennessee into North Alabama in the early years. He was the father of eight sons, who settled in Madison, Marshall, and Jackson Counties. George was in the 1830 census records of Madison County and the two oldest sons married in Madison County in 1828.

George was born in 1788 in North Carolina, the oldest child of John Culver, who was born in 1762 in Morris County, New Jersey. As a very young man John enlisted in 1776 in the Pennsylvania Line for a period of two years. He re-enlisted in 1778 in the Continental Line, was discharged 14 November 1781 after having served five years under General George Washington and Marquis De Lafayette.

John moved to Somerset County, Maryland, where he spent one year, and moved with the Bailey family to North Carolina where he and Sarah Bailey were married in 1787. Sarah was born in 1766, the daughter of George Bailey and Frances Hayman. John and Sarah moved to Bedford County, Tennessee, where John died 23 November 1836; Sarah 23 October 1843. Children: George, Nathan, Charity, John, Sarah, Benjamin, Susan, Hayman, Samuel, Edith, Simeon, Fanny.

George Culver married Sarah Reese, the daughter of Martin Reese and Betsy Buttry, and moved to North Alabama. Children: Andrew B., married Patsy McNeely; Ichabod T., married Malinda McNeely; Nathaniel, married Susan Willis; Thomas Bailey, married Nancy Willis; Jesse W., married Rhoda Hughes; George W., married Susannah Bernard; John W., married Matilda Bernard; Samuel G., married Sarah Elizabeth Gibbs.

Of the eight sons, Andrew B. Culver, Nathaniel Culver, and Thomas Bailey Culver, settled in Jackson County. They were the parents of the Culver families in the early records there.

Nathaniel Culver, born 1812 in Tennessee, married Susan Willis. He volunteered for the Florida War 8 September 1836 at Claysville, Alabama, for a period of twelve months, Captain Spurlock's Company, Cawfield's Battalion Alabama Mounted Volunteers; discharged at Bellafonte 11 September 1837. For his service he was awarded 160 acres of land under the Military Bounty Land Act of 1850. Nathaniel died 30 September 1858; Susan 5 September 1881. Children: John, married Louise Caroline McKelvey; Martin Van Buren, married Elizabeth Reese; James J., married Sarah Reese; Thomas Milton, married Nancy Elizabeth Bailey; Clementine never married.

Nathaniel's son, Thomas Milton Culver, enlisted in the Confederate Army at Larkinsville, Alabama, 24 April 1861, when he was but fifteen years old, would be sixteen in August of that year. He was in the Battle of First Manassas, was wounded and sent to the hospital at Charlottesville, Virginia. He was discharged 10 January 1862 for reason of disability; paid 16¢ per mile for every 20 miles traveled from Camp Law, Virginia, to Larkinsville, Alabama, some 750 miles. He married Nancy Elizabeth Bailey, the

daughter of Mary Catherine Nash and Joseph Bailey, on 2 April 1882. Thomas died 22 November 1905; Nancy 7 May 1935. Both are buried at Flanagan Cemetery. Children: William M., Charlie, Claudia, Lillie, Posey, Joseph.

Claudia Culver, daughter of Thomas Milton Culver, was born 10 April 1888, married Joseph Henry Smith 14 August 1904 at the home of her parents. Joseph was born 31 March 1885, son of Leroy Ellison Smith and Martha Ann Kirkpatrick. Claudia and Joseph were the parents of six children: Houston McDonald, Lowell Lawson, Lester Earl, Velma Mae, Golden Milton, Eva A. Submitted by: *Eva Smith Burger, 2708 Day Road, Huntsville, AL 35801.*

## Floyd, W.I. (Ike) and Inez Cunningham

W.I. (Ike) Floyd and Miss Inez Cunningham were married by the Reverend Billy Bridges at the Cunningham home at Tupelo, in Jackson County, Alabama, December 29, 1907. Inez was the daughter of Hal M. and Sarah Margaret Card, Cunningham.

For the wedding the bride wore a light tan coat suit buttoned from neck to hem, high topped shoes, beige kid gloves and a plumed hat. Luella Butler, Campbell of Scottsboro was pianist, Pearl Butler McCaghey of Scottsboro, and Joe Watson of Shebbyville, Tn. stood up with the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd left for Scottsboro by horse and buggy and stopped at the old Harris Hotel (where W.J. Word Lumber company is today). At Scottsboro, they boarded a train for Stevenson and then to Shebbyville, Tennessee, where they were feted by relatives of the groom.

The young couple were residents of Tuscaloosa, Al. from 1908 to 1915, and of Marion, Alabama, from 1916 until 1923, 1924-1928, found them in Selma, Alabama, and 1929-1930 in Allendale South Carolina. 1931 and 1932 they lived at Beaufort, South Carolina. They came to Scottsboro in 1933.

Skyline was their home from 1935 until 1943, and then in 1944 they were residents of Guadalajara, Jal Mexico. In 1948, they moved to El Paso, Texas, and in 1950 returned home to Skyline. December 29, 1957, the Floyd's celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary at the Cunningham home, where they were married fifty years before. The home is now Mrs. Floyd's sisters home, Mrs. Clyde Matthews.

Among those guests attending the celebration were John Bynum and Walter Bynum. These two gentlemen were also present at the Floyd's wedding of fifty years ago.

The picture shown here is of Mr. Ike and Inez Floyd's 64th wedding anniversary. They lived long lives and although they are no longer with us, they are sorely missed by everyone who now lives or has ever lived in Skyline community. The two of them gave so much of themselves for our benefit. Everyone loved the Floyd's.

Submitted by: *A Friend who loved them.*

Source: Personal knowledge.



*W.I. (Ike) and Mrs. Inez (Cunningham) Floyd  
64th anniversary celebration.*

## James K. Cuzzort

The Cuzzort family first came to Jackson County, Alabama in the 1860's, when James K. Cuzzort and his wife Lau Rah Emmazetta moved their family from Deerhead Cove on the Alabama-Georgia line. James was born about 1835 in Tennessee. He was the son of David Cuzzort who was born in 1805 in Kentucky.

James K. married Lau Rah Emmazetta Huckaby in 1861, in Dekalb county, Alabama. She was the daughter of John and Mary Easter Blevins, Huckaby. Emmazetta was born May 19, 1845, near Sulphur Spring in Dekalb County, Alabama.

James enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private in the 6th Georgia regiment, shortly after he and Emmazetta were married. After he was discharged from service, they farmed and raised their family in Jackson county. They had eleven children, Ben F., John, William H. (Bill), David Asbury, Mary Ann, Melvina "Vinnie", Willis, Irene, George Houston, Oscar, and an unnamed infant.



James died May 1900 and is buried in Rehobath Cemetery in Guntersville, Al. After James's death Emmazetta applied for and received a pension for his Civil War service. On her application, she listed her personal property as one cow and calf, six hogs, a clock and assorted household furnishings with a total value of



David A. Cuzzort, Irene Cuzzort, Johnson, Houston Cuzzort in 1955.

Later records show many variations of the name with Cozart being the most common, in early years.

The above David, father of James K., appears to be one of the first to adopt Cuzzort spelling and his records indicate he varied from Cuzzort to Cozart to Kizort. Most of his descendants now use the Cuzzort spelling but one of his sons and his descendants have kept the Kizzort spelling.

This David seems to have taken the Bible admonition to go forth and multiply seriously, as he fathered over twenty(20) children from two marriages. Most of the Cuzzorts in the area comprising Northeast Alabama, Northwest Georgia, and the South Central section of Tennessee seem to be descendants of this David. Submitted by: Ruby Cuzzort Payne, P.O. Box 646, Columbiana, AL 35051 Sources: Census, Marriage records, Family Bibles and Family remembrances.

## Jerry Davis's Family

### Some Of Jackson County's First Settlers

In 1987 Jerry D. Davis purchased a farm near North Sauty Refuge in Jackson County, but he spent much time hunting, fishing learning about nature at this Grandparent's farm in north Paint Rock Valley of Jackson County. The pristine wetlands, and beautiful mountain landscape inspired Jerry to create a conservation organization that worked to conserve state and local habitat and waterfowl population enhancement in Alabama. Jerry has seen the rapid development of Alabama's wildlife habitat and the decline in the population of species of plant, fish and wildlife in Alabama. Jerry knew if we didn't start to conserve our fast disappearing habitat that we would continue the loss of species population. Jackson County is one of the leading counties in Alabama for hunting and fishing opportunity.



William (born in Jackson County in 1883) and Pearl (Putman) Davis, Jerry's dad Roy E. Davis (left) and Aunt Pauline Davis.

Davis and Pearl (Putman) Davis of Princeton, Alabama. William Davis was the son of Samuel P. Davis a farmer born in Jackson County in 1854 and his mother was Nancy Davis (according to family history Nancy was full blooded Cherokee). Samuel's dad was Daniel G. Davis, a farmer, one of the early settlers of Jackson County. My Grandmother Pearl Putman was the granddaughter of Jesse Putman who settled on Putman Mountain near Princeton and was born in Jackson County in 1824, according to the 1860 Census (enclosed). Jerry's ancestors, most were farmers, depended on hunting and fishing to supplement their food source. This close



Nancy Davis a full blooded Cherokee, was born in Jackson County in the 1850's, the Great Grandmother of Jerry D. Davis, his Indian ancestry helped inspire Jerry's work to designate the Trail of Tears in Alabama.

Refuge, where they reside. Patsy and Jerry have three children, Jodi, Jan-Claire and Paul Lawson.

Jerry's primary occupation in SCADA (Supervisory Controls and Data Acquisition) has led him to work at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in Huntsville, from 1967-79 where he worked on the Apollo, Skylab, and Space Shuttle Programs. Jerry went to work at Brownsferry in 1979-1981 for TVA. In the Department of Nuclear Power. Jerry, also worked one year for Walt Disney Enterprise at EPCOT 1981 to 1982. In 1983 to present, Jerry, returned to work at NASA's MSFC, and is working in SCADA for the Utility Control Department for BAMSI, Inc. in Operation and Maintenance Section, controlling the environment for assembly of the International Space Station and other NASA projects. Submitted by: Jerry D. and Patsy B. Brookshire Davis, 1346 County Road #11, Scottsboro, AL 35768.

## Davis

I am Christine Loudolph Jones Davis. My husband is Edgar Davis Jr. We have three children- Curtis Edgar Davis, (Scottsboro's City Planner), Rozanna Elizabeth Davis Walker, (Mrs. Larry Wayne Walker, owner Walker's Poultry), Roger Dale Davis, (Home Construction Contractor).

My parents were Curtis and Minnie Louise Stapler Jones. My mother's parents were Amos and Elizagbeth Bettie Anderton Stapler. My maternal great grandparents were Nancy Ann Whitaker and John Stapler Jr. My great-great grandfather was John Stapler. John Stapler's parents were Ruthey Storey and Thomas Stapler. Thomas Stapler was a Revolutionary War soldier.

My other great-great grandparents were Luhaney Paseur and Wherry Whitaker. Wherry was the son of Pricilla Whitaker who married Jesse Keel. My other great-great-grandfather was John Whitaker.

My father, Curtis Jones, was the son of Jefferson Davis Jones and Martha A. Sims Jones. My great grandparents were Henry and Mary Jane Middleton Jones and Thomas Sims. My great-great grandparents were Sarah and Richard Middleton. All of my forefathers were fruitful and really multiplied.

My father, Curtis Jones, was a World War I veteran. He and my mother had eight children, four boys and four girls. We were reared in Guntersville, Alabama. My brother Oland Jones was killed on "D" Day in France during World War II. We all were really fond of our Daddy and had gathered in Guntersville in the fifties to celebrate his birthday. He was sitting at the kitchen table and had just opened his last present, when I ran out to get the mail. There was a personal letter for daddy. I handed it to him and we all waited with abated breath to see who it was from. It was from Dallas, Texas. He got red in the face after reading it. He wadded it up and threw in across the room. We were all concerned and said, Oh daddy what is it? He didn't want to tell us but finally said, oh that Molly, (Mary his sister), is such a liar. Of course I went for the letter and found it to be from Wallace Cluff who we had never heard of, but he said he was daddy's nephew and he was seeking information on his ancestors. He said, I know that your mother was a full-blooded Cherokee and her name was White Dove, (Martha A. Sims) and that she was adopted by your grandparents, the Thomas Sims, who were Choctha, but I want to know where your mother was born and how your parents came to adopt her?

Daddy said it was all lies, but mother told us later that daddy was probably never told, because if it was known, they would have been shipped off to a reservation, that it had to be kept a secret back then. After my sisters and I said "Oh" but we want to be native Americans, daddy calmed down and it was never mentioned to my daddy again. I never knew if daddy ever wrote to Wallace Cluff or not. I imagined he did, because he was a very caring, thoughtful, considerate, kind and courteous man.



*Easter Sunday - Chris 25 yrs. April 1950 - Curtis (Pete) 2½ yrs. Christine Jones Davis & Curtis Edgar Davis in Hosp. after giving birth to Rozanna Elizabeth Davis*

I have lived in Scottsboro for the past 51 years. At one time, with the help of my husband and children, I owned and managed two successful businesses, "The Last Chance Grocery Store" and "The Five Points Motel". My husband Edgar worked for the Alabama State Highway Department. He started off in Guntersville as the night watchman after being Honorably discharged from the Army at the end of World War II. Soon after we married in 1946 he was transferred to Scottsboro to be the bookkeeper for the Alabama State Highway Department office. He advanced through the ranks to become Assistant District Engineer. He would never accept the County Engineer's position, although it was offered to him by the State and then by the County. He was finally convinced to accept the acting County Engineer's position, where he stayed until his retirement. I can tell you one thing, Jackson County had a terrible time finding someone to fill the County Engineer's position, because the County Commissioners always told the applicant that Edgar would oversee them; although Edgar always said, "no, no, that he was retiring", and he did, finally. I sold the motel and retired about six months before Edgar retired. The End. Submitted by: Christine Davis, 508 S. Kyle St., Scottsboro, AL 36768-2038.

**William Davis**

William Davis' parents came from New South Wales, Australia to Hanover County, Virginia, where William was born in 1753. William was a resident of Albermarle County, Virginia when he enlisted for service in the Revolutionary War in 1776. He served for a total of 18 months. He was married about 1781 in Albermarle County to a young widow, Mary Ann (Black) Pogue, known to all as "Polly". William and Polly had eight children, at least seven of whom were born in Virginia: 1 Mary, b. 1782; 2 Lucinda "Lucy", b. 1785; 3 Jane, b. 1786; 4 Nancy, b. 1788; 5 William Alexander, b. 1790; 6 Myra, b. 1792; 7 Rhoda, b. 1798-99; 8 last child unknown. The eldest daughter, Mary, married a Scott (Absolom?) from Virginia. They may have stayed in Virginia, as there is no further information on them. William and family decided to migrate to Kentucky. They settled in Garrard County, where daughter Jane married Jeremiah Alexander Proctor. The decision was made for the families to move on to Lincoln County, Tennessee. Nancy married a William Proctor from Canada (unrelated to Jeremiah Proctor). Dr. William Alexander Davis married Susan Morgan of Memphis and they remained in Tennessee (ref. William Alexander Davis biography). Lucy married William Polson, a Revolutionary War soldier from Virginia. The Davis family decided to leave Tennessee in 1815 and moved to Maynard's Cove in Jackson County, Alabama. The Proctor and Holland families also came along at approximately the same time, all settling close together in this cove. Daughters Myra and Rhoda married Holland brothers, James and John. William Davis built his home nine miles north of Scottsboro in the northeastern part of the cove, at the foot of Dean's Ridge. The original part of the home was a one and a half story, double pen log house. William burned native limestone to make lime for the

mortise used to chink and daub between the logs. The rafters were fastened together with wooden pegs. He bored small port holes (for guns) in the upper half story. The house was roofed with hand split shakes. The floors, doors and window casings were all white ash and were scrubbed with white sand and shuck mops to emphasize the beauty of that particular wood grain. Hardware for the original windows was forged in William's own shop. A kitchen was added later and real glass windows were brought across the Cumberland Mountain from Winchester, Tennessee.

William eventually owned 680 acres of the best farm land in Maynard's Cove.

Polly died between 1840 and 1848, and William died August 19, 1848 at age 95. The burial place listed for William, Polly and a young child seems to always be the Proctor Family Cemetery in Maynard's Cove, yet many "old timers" say they were buried out in the field, just southeast of the cemetery. In 1936, a gravestone was erected by the Tidence Lane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for William Davis in the Proctor Cemetery. Submitted by: Great (x5) granddaughter Nancy E. Mackey Rose, 912 Clinton Road, Scottsboro, AL 35768.

Sources: Great (x2) granddaughter Rhoda Ann Davis Anderson; interview with Mrs. Bertha Kirby, also a descendant; Annie Coleman Proctor Collection.

## James Lemuel And Minerva Tom Morgan Davis

James Lemuel was born March 26, 1866 in Franklin County, Tennessee. His parents were James S. and Jennie Davis. Jennie's maiden name was also Davis (no kin). The couple had three children, Mary (died young with tuberculosis), William and James Lemuel.

Jennie Davis died in 1869. Their son, James Lemuel was only three at the time. Nothing more is known about his life until as a young boy, he headed for Alabama to seek work on a farm. Work came before education. He labored on the Bob Proctor farm for awhile and then moved to the farm of widow Martha Holland Morgan. While there he met her daughter, Minerva Tom and fell in love. Minerva was called "Tom" by her father. She was named for an old maid aunt and a bachelor uncle.

On September 23, 1884, Minerva Tom, age 19, married James Lemuel Davis, age 18. James insisted she be called Minerva, not Tom. He also made the decision to return to Tennessee with his wife and possibly one child. Martha offered the farm to James and Minerva if they would stay on with her. James refused saying he was tired of "living under petticoat government". He was known to be a very stubborn man. I believe they went to the Estill Springs area where James Lemuel may have lived before.

After James and Minerva moved, Martha Morgan married William C. Precise on December 26, 1886.

While living in Tennessee, James and Minerva had 13 children, including three sets of twins. Only seven lived to adulthood; the other six were buried in Franklin County, Tennessee, cemetery unknown.

Rhoda Ann Davis Anderson told that she could remember the day in 1896 when her mother, Minerva received the letter notifying her that her mother, Martha Morgan Precise had died. They went back to Alabama in the wagon thinking that Minerva would inherit the farm but Mr. Precise kept it.

Martha Morgan Precise was buried in the Bynum or Potter Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

Around 1904, James and Minerva moved back to Jackson County, Alabama to the Card-Elkin-Varnell farm and later to a farm in Hollywood as sharecroppers.

Their oldest daughter, Jennie Elizabeth died of tuberculosis August 8, 1910 at the age of 25. Jennie was single. She is buried in the Harmony Cemetery at the head of Mud Creek.

James had been in bed with the flu and a high fever. Being a stubborn man, he got out of bed to go outside on a cold, windy March day, despite the protests of others, to watch sons Bob and John plow a field. He developed pneumonia that night and died the next day, March 13, 1919, which happened to be daughter Rhoda Ann Davis Anderson's 30th birthday.

In the last years of Minerva's life, she took turns living with each of her children. While she was at the home of her daughter Nora Katherine Travis on Cumberland Mountain, Minerva developed pneumonia and died on November 25, 1925.

Aletha Austin Westmoreland told of the night a truck was to



bring the casket to their home before the funeral. The roads to Mud Creek were so muddy that only a wagon with a team of horses could get through. Aletha's father, Arthur Austin met that truck at the end of Moody Pike and carried the casket the rest of the way in his wagon, arriving back at home about midnight (Arthur was married to James' and Minerva's daughter, Fannie Ella).

Aletha related that her grandmother had on white gloves and her hands were crossed. Fannie Ella removed the gloves and placed her mother's arms at her sides. Minerva was buried alongside her husband and daughter Jennie in the Harmony Cemetery. Submitted by: Estelle Anderson Porter, granddaughter of James and Minerva Davis and Prepared by: Jan Porter Mackey, 912 Clinton Road, Scottsboro, AL 35768.

Sources: Family knowledge; Althea Austin Westmoreland.

## William Alexander Davis

William Alexander was the only son of Revolutionary War soldier William Davis and Mary Ann Black Pogue. He was born in 1790 in Albermarle County, Virginia. His parents moved the family to Kentucky for a period of time, then on to Tennessee.

While the family was in Tennessee, William Alexander was a practicing physician. About 1820 he married Miss Susan Morgan, who was born in 1789 in Memphis. Her parents were Captain John and Mary (Hall) Morgan.

On March 19, 1821, a daughter, Malinda was born to the couple in Memphis.

Susan Morgan Davis died on July 10, 1831 at age 42, and was buried in Winchester Cemetery (now Park Cemetery) in Memphis.

Malinda was 10 when her mother died and her father consented for her to go live with her mother's people in Fayetteville, Tennessee, - the Brights, Porterfields, and Fultons.

She was said to have been an accomplished young woman of noble qualities. She changed her name to Malinda Davis Porterfield. Malinda was educated at Dr. Elliott's School in Nashville.

In 1842, Malinda married Rev. William Davidson Chadick, a Presbyterian minister. They had four children, Susan Elizabeth, Jennie, William and Edward.

Malinda died in Fayetteville on November 14, 1848 and is buried at the Presbyterian Church Cemetery there near the grave of her grandmother, Mary (Hall) Morgan.

Rev. William D. Chadick remarried to Mary Jane Cook and had four more children. He died September 4, 1878 and is buried at Riverside Cemetery in McMinnville, Tennessee. A small Presbyterian Church that was built there through his efforts has a stained glass window which bears his name.

Dr. Davis being alone after his wife died and his daughter living with relatives, made a trip to Maynard's Cove in Jackson County, Alabama to visit his parents, William and Polly Davis. While visiting there he met a half Cherokee Indian girl, Mary Burns, daughter of Chief Arthur and Okey (Lowrey) Burns. Arthur Burns was a Scotsman and Okey Lowery was a granddaughter of General George Lowery of Etowah Mounds, east of Cartersville, Georgia.

Dr. William Alexander Davis married Mary Burns and went to live on the 640 acre Cherokee Indian Reservation on North Sauty, near Blowing Cave. When Chief Burns died, Dr. William Alexander Davis became Chief of the Cherokee Tribe of Davis.

In 1838, he and his family tribe and slaves, who had the Davis name, went over "the Trail of Tears" to Oklahoma.

William and Mary had several children: Cynthia Pack, Laura Cornelia, Sarah Opelia, John Lowery, William Henry and Mary Elizabeth.

It is believed that William Alexander and Mary (Burns) Davis are buried in Stillwell, Oklahoma.

They had a granddaughter, Mary, who worked in Washington, D.C. with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and was an accomplished musician in the Presbyterian Church. Submitted by: Nancy Elizabeth (Mackey) Rose, 912 Clinton Road, Scottsboro, AL 35768.

Sources: Records compiled by my mother, Merle Janette Porter Mackey; her discussions with her grandmother Rhoda Ann (Davis) Anderson and Mrs. Bertha Kirby; and "The Memories of Ione Cook".

## Wilson L. Davis

### Resident of Coffeytown, Alabama

Wilson L. Davis, Sr. was born in 1791 near Knoxville, Tennessee. He died January 29, 1855 at Coffeytown, Alabama. He was the first person buried at the Davis Cemetery on his own land. The cemetery is now called Langston Cemetery.

His wife, Leacy Babb, was born November 13, 1800 near Raliegh, North Carolina. She died April, 1889 and is buried beside Wilson.

Wilson L. Davis and Leacy Babb were married May 28, 1816 in Sparta, Tennessee. They were married by John Rose, Justice of Peace.

Wilson Davis and his family first moved from Sparta, Tennessee to Marion County, Tennessee on to Limestone County, Alabama (census 1820). They moved back to Huntsville, Alabama near the Huntsville Spring. While there a brother died and is buried near Huntsville, Alabama. Wilson came on to Jackson County and settled in Coffeytown, Alabama. (It is now Langston, Alabama). They moved by pack horses and oxen.

Wilson Davis was a Private in the War of 1812 in the company commanded by Captain Middleton Rotten in Regiment of Col. Copeland. Wilson was drafted at Sparta, Tennessee January, 1814. He was honorably discharged April, 1814.

Wilson was in several Indian Wars. He was a Private in Capt. William Coffey's Company in Reg. of North Alabama Mounted Volunteers, commanded by Col. Benjamin Snodgrass. He was mustered into service of the United States at Bellefonte the 25th day of October 1837 for six months and discharged by Maj. Gen. Thomas Jesup. He was honorably discharged at Fort Mitchell the 9th day of April 1838.

Wilson Davis and wife Leacy Babb Davis had twelve children. Seven boys were in the Confederate Army.

One son, James Madison Davis, was killed at Vicksburg, Mississippi on November 10, 1863.

Another son, Montgomery Davis, died at the General Hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He died of chronic diarrhea and measles. He died on April 7, 1863. He is buried in the National Cemetery there.

Wilson and Leacy Babb Davis' children are: 1 - Thomas Jefferson Davis born in Tennessee September 8, 1817. 2 - Lourane Davis born November 6, 1819. 3 - James Madison Davis born January 12, 1821 in Alabama. 4 - Amelia Davis born March 13, 1823 in Alabama. 5 - Wilson Davis, Jr. born February 1, 1825 in Alabama. 6 - Mary Davis born in 1827 in Alabama. 7 - Clemon C. Davis born December 25, 1829 in Alabama. 8 - William M. Davis born in 1833 in Alabama. 9 - Montgomery Davis born in 1836 in Alabama. 10 - Tillman Peavy Davis born March 14, 1838 in Alabama. 11 - Lucy Davis born 1842. 12 - James M. Davis born October 17, 1845.

Deed records on page 99 at the Courthouse in Scottsboro, Alabama show that Wilson Davis sold land to Abraham Atchley. This indenture was made December, 1834 between Wilson Davis, Sr. and wife Leacy for \$500.00 in hand for 79 acres. This sold in the presence of Lewis Page and John Hawkins. It was signed "Wilson Davis and Leacy Davis by their marking an "x".

Wilson Davis sold land to Samuel Davis July 27, 1835 in Book F Page 89 in deed book at the Courthouse in Scottsboro, Alabama.

Submitted by: Mrs. Lillie Mae Davis Culbert, 10537 County Road 67, Langston, AL 35755

Sources: Bible, War Records, Cemetery, Census

## Joseph Mathes Dawson

Joseph Mathes Dawson was born in Mentone, DaKalb County, Alabama, on May 30, 1908, to Henry Washington Dawson and Ruby Scott Dawson. The Dawson family moved to Fort Payne when Joe was a young boy. He grew up there and graduated from Fort Payne High School. He received his LLB Degree from the Chattanooga College of Law in 1930, and received an LLM Degree from Cumberland University, then located in Lebanon, Tennessee, in 1931.

Joe married Mary Frances Alley on October 13, 1934 and they had one child, Jean Dawson Stockburger, who is a practicing attorney in Little Rock, Arkansas. She has three children, John Scott Stockburger, Mary Staci Stockburger and Christopher Sean Stockburger.

Joe M. Dawson began his law practice in 1931 with an uncle, Charles J. Scott, in Fort Payne. In 1935, Dawson moved to Scottsboro to open up a branch office and took on another partner, Lawrence E. Brown. After Mr. Brown's death, James S. McGinty joined the firm in December, 1954 and remained Dawson's partner until Mr. Dawson's death on May 19, 1992.

Mr. Dawson was a member of the American Bar Association, the

Alabama Bar Association, and the Jackson County Bar Association of which he was a past president. He was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States and other Federal courts.

Mr. Dawson served on the board of directors of the First National Bank in Scottsboro until his death. He was past president of the local Civitan Club. He served for many years as a member of the Board of Trustees (formerly the Board of Stewards) of the First United Methodist Church in Scottsboro.

He taught a Sunday School class and served in many capacities as a church official. He also served as a member of the board of the United Methodist Children's Home in Selma, Alabama. He was a member of the board of the Jackson County Hospital at the time the hospital was built.

He was a charter member of the Scottsboro-Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of the Scottsboro Country Club and was an employee of the Chattanooga Times in the early 1920's.

The Congressional Record, Vol. 138, No. 84, June 12, 1992 contains the following tribute to Joe Dawson:

"Mr. Heflin. Mr. President, I address the U.S. Senate today to pay tribute to the life of Joe Mathes Scott Dawson, a great citizen of my State who passed away on May 19, 1992, [at Jackson County Hospital, Scottsboro, AL., at age 84,] following over 60 years of law practice in Scottsboro, AL. Joe was a leader among lawyers in Alabama for those six decades, and he was a leader in church and community affairs as well. Joe had a joyfulness about life that was striking, and he approached all that he did with a positive optimism that was contagious.

Joe M. Dawson was an outstanding and highly productive citizen who will be greatly missed in Scottsboro, in Jackson County, and throughout north Alabama and our entire State."

"I conclude this tribute to Joe Mathes Scott Dawson, who was a friend of mine and whom I personally will miss each time I go to Scottsboro, with a moving eulogy rendered at the funeral by Judge Robert L. Hodges of Scottsboro."

"I was asked by his family a year ago to say a few words at a ceremony which was planned to be in one of our courtrooms last summer to commemorate the milestone of his 60th year in the practice of law. For several reasons, including the illness of Mary, his wife, we never had that ceremony. And so I stand this afternoon to say a few words in another kind of ceremony, one that neither he nor I contemplated we would be doing together."

"He lived over 30 years beyond the tenure of my life on this Earth. He has been a member of the legal profession over 32 years longer than I, and when I graduated from law school, he had been practicing law longer than I had been alive."

"When one we know so well passes away, there are vignettes of his life which pass through the chambers of our memories. These are the ones which have come to me."

"When I was a teenager, he met me each Sunday morning at the door of the old church on Scott Street with a smile and an inquiry into my Sunday School attendance or my last football game. He was one of the concrete images in this community and in this church in the memories I have of my youth. I began our acquaintance by calling him "Mister Joe" and in all of these years, even until my last conversation with him some weeks ago, that never changed."

"Stored in his mind, and sprinkled often in his conversations with me in later years were hundreds of people who passed his way in this county and who have long since left us - colorful pioneers in the history of this community. He had a



Mary and Joe M. Dawson

phenomenal memory, until his very last illness, of all of them, and their families and businesses and their tragedies and their successes, and he found in those memories of his the humor and the folly and the sadness and the frailty that is the stuff of human existence. If you listened carefully to the tales he told with delight, of some of the colorful characters who built this community and this county, you could almost hear Shakespeare's Puck making his famous critique of humanity, except that Mister Joe seemed to include himself in it and seemed to be saying, "Lord, what fools we mortals be!" That ability to laugh at himself, something many of us in humanity have lost, was an enduring quality I admired."

"As a husband, he was without equal in his devotion to his wife. I have images of him, this past winter, in the room down the hall from where my wife was hospitalized, day after day feeding Mary her meals, and catching her up to date on the news in the paper, and making her comfortable and escorting me and other visitors into Mary's room to greet her and boost her spirits, and then driving home each night to be at work the next morning."

"As a father, he was without parallel in pride. I had many visits and phone calls from him each time Jean or one of his grandchildren had visited or called or there was news of any of them accomplishing something. The bumper sticker which says, "Let me tell you about my grandkids" surely was made originally for him."

"He made sure people in the nursing home got to church on Sunday in his old blue Plymouth, and that old car sticks in my mind, always spotless and shining, as so typical of him. I know not if he had a love affair with that old car, but the care he took of it and the use he made of it was a sort of defiant gesture of his, I think, that his values, of a past generation, could still travel with the yuppies of us."

"His working hours are legend in the legal community. There was no doubt in my mind that he would leave this life arguing a case in my courtroom, and I always suspected, in these later years, that such was his plan. For what devotion he had to a client's cause. Someone once said, "Right or wrong, my country." Mister Joe had a corollary: "Right or wrong, my client." The art of advocacy to him was an adventure of the sort some lawyers never find, and the very last time he appeared in my courtroom in an adversarial proceeding, he still had that spark of humor and that glint in his eye that indicated to me, from where I sat, that he was off on some uproarious frolic the young whippersnapper on the other side would never be able to comprehend."

"What do you say, those of us who labor in the halls where justice is sought; what do we say when one who has labored among us leaves after more than 60 years of such labor?"

"I hark back to a special moment for me, almost 10 years ago, now, when I first walked into a courtroom wearing a black robe where he was sitting as a lawyer in the case. He stood, a man many years my senior, generations of experience removed from me, a contemporary of my parents. He stood, and he said, with a smile on his face. "Good morning, your honor." And something passed, unspoken, between us that I have never forgotten. It had nothing to do with our respective ages or station in life. It had everything to do with something both of us respected, and both of us had dedicated our lives to. It had to do with our mutual respect of the law and of those of us within its profession who are charged with the high and awesome task of seeking justice for the very least of those in our society. What passed between us at that moment I feel again this afternoon, and so I stand for him at this time, and the "your honor" this time goes to him. And to his family and friends and his fellow lawyers, I quote words from Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird":

A young girl watched from her seat in the courtroom as her father, Atticus Finch, a small town southern lawyer who had lost a noble and unpopular cause, was leaving the courtroom: "I looked around," she said. "They were standing. All around us and in the balcony on the opposite wall, (they) were getting to their feet. Reverend Sykes' voice was as distant as Judge Taylor's. 'Miss Jean Louise, Miss Jean Louise, stand up. Your Father's passin'.'"

Submitted by: James S. McGinty, P.O. Box 100, Scottsboro, AL 35768



## Leonard Dawson

Leonard Dawson, the son of Mose Dawson, was born 1913, in Fairfield. He now lives in the Kyles community on Jackson Co. Road 42. He says he has lived in and about this same general area all his life. Leonard and wife, Geneva have a daughter Mary, still at home, and a son, Larry who lives next door.

Leonard says his first rock animal was a big rock shoved up on his land in the pasture, by the County, when they were building



Leonard Dawson

County road 42. Everyone kept saying it looked like a cow. This started his mind to working. He got some paint and painted it. It took a while to find natural rock that looked like horns, but he found them, and cemented them on. This was only the beginning. The giant rooster came next.

Leonard's pasture, where the rock animals are displayed is fenced in. Passer's by often stop to look over Leonard's creation and to take pictures. Other creations are: Of course the cow, rooster, lizard, moose, calf, black bear, turtle, frog, cat, goose, shark, whale, penguin, watermelon slice, American flag, a man and a woman labeled Mama and Pappy. There is also a rabbit, hen and chick. People sometimes give him rocks which he adds and paints to go along with the rest. Painted on a rock is a sign "don't feed the animals". Leonard has been finding and painting for over 20 years now. So any time you are in the Kyles area of Jackson County, stop by and visit the Rock Zoo. You might even get a chance to talk to the creator. When asked if he ever thought he would be famous, he replied, "oh, I'm not famous." The Rock Zoo is known far and wide. *Submitted by: the Book Committee*

Source: Interview with Mr. Leonard Dawson

## Geneva Judge Hester Dean

Probably no generation in history has seen as much change, as those who were born in the early 1900's. One can realize this when they speak with people like Geneva Judge Hester Dean, who spent most of her life in Wood's Cove. There were few automobiles, and the roads were terrible. She remembers her father carrying the kids through a rutted mud hole, about where Jackson County Hospital now stands. Once he fell with her on his shoulders and both of them came up covered with mud.

Horses, wagons, and feet were the principal transportation, while trains were the mode for greater distances. She has seen these replaced by cars and planes. She has seen exploration of the moon and routine flights into space with the Shuttle.

Ice skating on frozen ponds, swinging on vines, and drawing on rocks with different colors of soapstone that were found in creek beds, has been replaced with Barbie dolls, roller blades, video games, and computers. The community sorghum mill and blacksmith shops vanished long ago.

Split red oak shingles and rail fences have given way to asphalt shingles, and chain-link fences.

The Lindberg Trial brought as much attention then, as the O. J. Simpson trial did in this day.

Making lye from wood ashes for use in producing lye soap and hominy has yielded to purchasing nearly everything we need from supermarkets, Wal-mart and K-mart. So many of the "Mom and Pop" businesses have been squeezed out by the huge chain stores. The lye was also used to bleach fertilizer sacks for sheets and pillow cases. Shoes were bought once a year, after they picked and sold their cotton crop.

Geneva tells of many trips to the cave behind their childhood home when the weather became threatening. She recalls seeing the storm clouds, from several miles away, that spawned the famous tornado of 1932. It killed 32 in Jackson County, striking Paint Rock, Maynards Cove, Kyles, and on toward Stevenson.

Her very limited cave exploration was climaxed by a frightening encounter with a goat. She says she's not sure who got out first and who was the most scared - herself or the goat.

We buy cultured buttermilk and margarine today. In those times, milk was put into a churn in a warm place, usually near the fireplace or wood cook stove, while the cream rose to the top. The milk was left there until it clabbered. A wooden lid with a hole in the center was then placed on top; the wooden "dasher" was put through the hole and worked up and down by hand until butter formed on top of the buttermilk. The butter was skimmed off, washed, and pressed into a mold. Then it was dumped onto a plate and placed in a cool place for storage. The coolest spot during the warm months was in a spring which flowed from between the rocks at the foot of July mountain.

Geneva was born December 12, 1917, in Wood's Cove. Her parents were Robert Bascom and Maggie Lee McLain Judge. She married Lee Roy Hester in 1935. They had two sons, Brooks and Robert and three daughters, Linda Venable, Monie Sue Brooks, and Ruth Brownfield. Lee Roy died in 1968. She married William G. Dean, Sr. in 1986. At this writing, she has thirteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She is a woman of integrity, hard work, and faith in Christ. *Submitted by: W. G. Dean, 1599 Bob Jones Rd., Scottsboro, AL 35769*

Sources: Personal Knowledge

## John William Thomas Dean

John William Thomas Dean was born September 25, 1884 in Maynards Cove to Thomas V. W. and Emma Ivy Dean. He grew up there and married Genora (Nora) St. Clair (born March 12, 1891) on December 9, 1906.

They had eight children. He lived a very full life as being a "Jack of all trades". He ran a grist mill, had a black smith shop, farmed, did logging, and ran a sawmill - which he owned.

He ground meal for the whole community. They usually brought the corn in a sack (which fertilizer came in) and waited for him to grind it. Sometimes people would be lined up and would have to wait for awhile. He only ground meal on Saturdays. He would pour the corn in a large hopper. Then take his toll for grinding the meal out into a small box he had made of wood. He always "set" the mill rocks until the meal was the right consistency. His meal made the best cornbread. He pulled the grist mill with an old Fordson tractor. I guess we were more fortunate than some families during the depression because of this. My Daddy would take this "toll" meal to town (Scottsboro) and trade it for the things we would have to have. Being flour, sugar, and things we could not grow. He always made a very good garden. He grew sorghum cane and made our own sorghum. He had his own cows, hogs, and chickens. Therefore, we had our own milk, butter, and meat, which included very good country cured ham.

In logging, he cut the logs with a cross cut saw. He would "drag" the logs with mules and haul them on a wagon. Sometimes the iron rim on the wagon wheel would come off and the wagon would have to be propped up (doing this with a prize pole and rocks), then take the wheel off. The iron rim would have to be heated and slipped onto the wheel. Then the whole wheel would have to be put into water to make the wheel swell so it would fit the rim. This would have to cool before putting it back on the wagon. This was very time consuming. He would use the logs in his sawmill to make crossties and lumber. He saved the white oak logs to make them into splits which he used to bottom chairs. In later years he had a big truck which was easier than hauling logs on a wagon.

He repaired broken furniture and clocks. He could repair almost anything.

One of the things I remember most is when he would take us to the mountain hiking in the fall of the year. We would look for wild summer grapes and black haws.

John William Thomas Dean died May 14, 1959, and Nora died December 20, 1977. *Submitted by: Daughter Katherine Eloise Walker, 772 Hancock Dr. E., Scottsboro, AL 35769*

Sources: Family knowledge

## Lorenzo Dow Dean

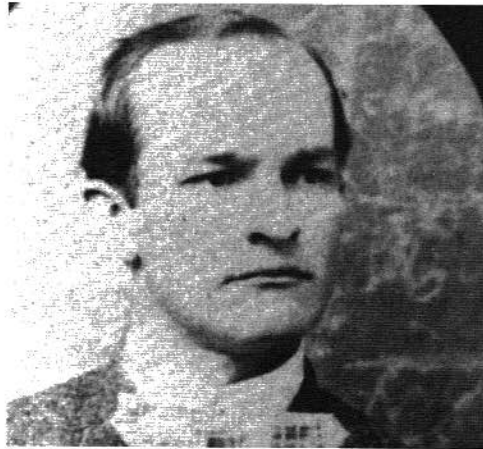
(July 2, 1881 - January 12, 1960)

My grandfather was one of the greatest influences on my life in terms of the values I live by today. From a small child up until he died when I was sixteen years old, I learned the importance of honesty and fair play as well as the principle that all persons are equal and loved by our Lord.

My grandfather, affectionately called "Papa Dean" was Lorenzo Dow (L. D.) Dean, born in Maynard's Cove (Tupelo) in 1881. As the

oldest child of Thomas VeRoy Webster Dean and Emma Ivey Dean, he spent most of his younger days staying with and caring for his elderly grandparents, Thomas Goodman Dean and Mary Ann Cornelison Dean.

At the age of 25, he married Addie Pearl Garland, whose family had settled around Garland's Ferry and near Riley's Cove near Scottsboro. They had four children: (1) Emma Victoria (1907-1984), (2) Virginia Mae (1908-1995), William Garland (1911), and Opal Geanetta (1921). Two other children died at birth. They had five



*L. D. Dean in his handmade wedding suit*

grandchildren as follows: Elizabeth Jane Higginbotham, William Garland Dean Jr., Robert Jerry Dean, Geanetta Pearl Dawson, and James Ronald Dawson. He had eight great grandchildren, one of whom currently lives in Scottsboro and was honored with his middle name (James Dow Dawson).

Pap Dean spent his life as a farmer, carpenter, and school bus driver. It was not uncommon for him to hitch up his team of mules at 3:00 a.m. and travel about ten miles to Tupelo to do what was needed on the farm, such as gathering corn. He was very active in and had a great love for the First Baptist Church, Scottsboro. He attended church regularly until a few years before he died when bad health kept him from attending; however, Mrs. Frank (Irene) Griggs and Mrs. J. C. (Edna Earle) Harris were very faithful to visit him and bring him news from the church. I remember how much he looked forward to their visits. Papa Dean was also a member of Woodmen of the World.

Because Papa Dean appreciated music and loved to sing, he encouraged both of his granddaughters to learn to play the piano so that we would be able to play hymns in church. He was really good working with his hands and had great patience in showing his grandchildren how to do different things such as milking cows, mending fences, and driving the tractor. I loved riding the tractor with him.

Although a young child at the time, his daughter, Opal, vividly remembers when Papa Dean served as a bailiff for the jury on the first Scottsboro Boys trial. She remembers going to the court square and seeing machine guns set up during the trial.

Papa Dean was a wonderful Christian man who loved his family and knew how to show it. *Submitted by: Geanetta P. Dawson, 1620 Delwood Drive, Scottsboro, AL 35769*

Sources: Family Bible, Memories of Family Members

### Robert Jerry Dean

Robert Jerry Dean was born March 30, 1941. His parents were William Garland Dean, born 11-10-1911, and Minnie Lee Austin Dean, born 5-3-1902. Robert has one brother, William Garland Dean, Jr., born July 15, 1936. Robert was born into a family of teachers. His grandfather Walter Austin had taught for a while at Deerhead Cove school. His mother had taught at several schools on Sand Mountain, prior to the birth of his older brother. His father had taught at various schools and was principal at four different schools, spending the majority of 47 years at Scottsboro Elementary and Caldwell Elementary.

Robert discovered the joy of making things with his hands when he was very young. The loss of the tips of two fingers in a farming accident, ended his musical aspirations, when it forced him to give up his ukulele. He read about Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild of Detroit, having a model car design competition and he decided to give it a try. The car was carved out of a specified size of balsa wood and had to have an original design. He won first place in the state of Alabama on his first try in 1958. This was followed by another second place, a third place, a second place, and first place, in succeeding years.

When he graduated from Scottsboro High School in 1959, he had

a reluctance to enter college, because they didn't offer what he wanted at that time. He wanted an opportunity to use his hands, so he decided to enter Tennessee Valley Technical School in Decatur and learn the skill of machinist. At that time there was a school bus that made the trip every day, and that is how he went, 150 miles a day on a bumpy, smoke-filled school bus.

When he finished the course offered there, he went into the machinist trade. After working for two other companies, he went to work for RCA in a NASA model shop. They made scale models of rockets, shuttles, space stations and other space exploration projects. The one he is proudest of is still on display in an office at the headquarters building at Marshall Space Flight Center. These were display models, used for public relations and display purposes. He found this a very interesting and satisfying job. It gave him the opportunity to use both his machinist and model making skills.

Eventually his teaching background surfaced and he felt a need to help others gain a foothold in life. In order to do this he needed additional education, so with a full time job and a family, he went back to college. He drove a round trip of 75 miles after he got off work, four nights a week to get his teaching certificate.

When the Jackson County Technical School opened in 1972, he was hired as Machinist Instructor. He started his 26th year in 1997, doing what he loves, working with his hands, while helping others have a chance to make a better life for themselves. This is a field of work where there are plenty of job opportunities and advancement for anyone with skill and training. He has many former students who have done extremely well. Many of them are employed in the aerospace industry; some have their own machine shops, and some are teachers of the trade. He has always said that his best pay check comes when any of his former students come by to see him, telling of their success, or just to say "Thank You."

Robert married Louise Phillips in 1961. They have two daughters, Tina Jeanette (Joseph) Sutphin and Melinda Lyn (Bobby) Gilbert. They have three grandchildren, Erin Elizabeth Gilbert, Jonathan Andrew Gilbert, and John Robert Keller. *Submitted by: Melinda Gilbert, 2819 Newby Road, Lot #65, Huntsville, AL 35805*

Sources: Personal knowledge



*Robert Dean Family*

### William Garland Dean, Sr.

W. G. Dean retired as principal of Caldwell Elementary School in 1980 after a life time of service to the youth of our area. That career spanned 47 years, beginning in 1933. During this time he served as teacher at Flat Rock (one year) and Bridgeport (two years), and principal at Macedonia (six years), Hollywood (one year), and old Scottsboro Elementary School (eleven years). He served one year as Superintendent of Scottsboro City Schools while serving as principal at the same time, and most recently as principal for 26 years of Caldwell Elementary School. He had also been the coach for the boys and girls basketball teams at Flat Rock where he coached a highly successful girls team. He played football and basketball at Scottsboro and football at Jacksonville State College.

When he was at Macedonia, the school was trying to raise money for some much needed building. It was decided that a good way to do this would be to get the people to make donations toward the effort. Mr. Dean and one of the school trustees were elected to do the door to door begging. Several residents said they didn't have any money, but they would donate chickens that could be sold. The chickens were running loose in yards, and it was up to Mr. Dean to capture them. His oldest son still laughs at the sight of them chasing chickens all over the yard. When they were caught, they were put into a chicken coop, which they hauled in the back of their car. They went to one of the local preachers for his contribution and no one was at home. While they were there, they noticed a pen containing chickens, and the trustee assured Mr. Dean that he knew the preacher, and felt it would be fine to



help themselves to a hen. They took the chicken and left. The next time Mr. Dean saw the preacher, he explained the circumstances and thanked him for the contribution. The preacher replied, "well, that was all right, but the chickens didn't belong to me." That is



William G. Dean

how Mr. Dean became known as "Chicken Thief of Macedonia." The school was supported to a large extent by box suppers, donated wood for heat, or donated days of labor for upkeep of the school.

It was often rumored and widely believed that Mr. Dean had an "electric paddle." The fable, no doubt, was a strong deterrent to bad behavior. When he retired, he was presented with an "electric paddle" by his

faculty. Mr. Dean says that he never realized he paddled so many until after he retired. It is common for someone to approach him and remark about the time they received a well-deserved paddling.

W. G. supplemented his teaching salary in various ways: farming, surveying, as a lifeguard and for a number of years with a dairy. At Dean's Dairy they milked 30-40 cows. They bottled and delivered milk in the area. His sons helped in the business along with other hired help. One of his sons remarked that he doubted if his dad ever made a dollar in the dairy business, and W. G. replied that, if he did, he never saw it.

W. G. met Minnie Lee Austin while they were teaching at Flat Rock, AL. They married 4-17-1934. She had taught at one time at a one room school house in Deerhead Cove. She would walk down the side of the mountain into Deerhead Cove on Sunday afternoon



Minnie Lee Austin Dean

and stay in a home there during the week. On Friday after school was dismissed, she would walk back up to her home where she lived with her parents. Her Austin ancestors settled in Deerhead Cove many years before and a large number of them are buried there.

Minnie Lee Austin Dean (5-5-1902 to 7-28-1984) was the daughter of Walter Lee and Helen Haralson Austin. Her lines go back through Dekalb

County settlers to Hezekiah Daniel and Nancy Jane Blevins Austin and through the Standifer line to William Heard and Mary Guy Hoge Standifer, with the Hoge line reaching back to William and Barbara Hume Hoge, who came to the United States from Scotland aboard the ship, Caldonia around 1685. Her line also goes back to Joseph and Eleanor Dunbar Howe, who arrived in the United States from England and Scotland.

W. G. and Minnie Lee had two sons, William Garland Dean, Jr., born 7-15-1936 and Robert Jerry Dean, born 3-30-1941. William, Jr. married Gayla Merle Fossett, born 9-8-1936. They married 6-29-1955. They are the parents of two daughters Pamela Carol (Dr. David) Pitcher, born 4-7-1956 and Dr. Kimberly Ann Dean, born 12-3-1959, one son Steven Lee Dean 5-23-1963. They also had a daughter Bridget Alane Dean born 2-1-1958 and died 6-5-1959 in an accident. They have two grandchildren, Crystal Pitcher and

John Pitcher. Robert Jerry Dean married Wanda Louise Phillips, born 4-4-43. They were married 9-1-1961. They have two daughters, Tina Jeanette Dean (Joseph) Sutphin, born 1-1-1961 and Melinda Lyn Dean (Bobby) Gilbert, born 10-31-1967. They have three grandchildren, Erin Elizabeth Gilbert, Jonathan Andrew Gilbert, and John Robert Keller.

W. G. Dean married Nora Geneva Judge Hester on 10-12-1986.

W. G. Dean was born 11-10-1911. He is the son of Lorenzo Dow (7-2-1881 to 1-12-1960) and Addie Pearl Garland Dean (9-1-1885 to 10-25-1946). He had three sisters, Emma Victoria (9-5-1906 to 11-15-1984), Virginia Mae Higginbotham Brown (11-19-1907 to 4-18-1995), and Opal Geanetta Dean Dawson Sanders (11-8-1921). He traces his ancestors back to great-grandfather Thomas Goodman Dean, who arrived in Maynard's Cove in the 1840's with his mother, Sara from NC, and to great-grandfather, Lorenzo Dow Ivy, who arrived in early 1830s, also from NC. He also descends from great-great-great grandfathers', William Davis and William Holland, who were soldiers in the American Revolution and settled in this area in the late 1700's or early 1800's. He follows the Sanders and Cornelison lines back to great-great-grandparents' William and Rebecca Sanders Cornelison, who arrived here in 1830's from NC. William Cornelison's line can be followed back to Holland. He follows the Garland line back to great-great-grandparents' Joseph and Margaret Garland, who settled in Garland's Cove near Scottsboro in 1812, and to great-grandparents, Robert and Amelia Vance Skelton, who we know were here in 1830. Submitted by: Robert Dean, 402 County Road 328, Scottsboro, AL 35768 Sources: Family Records, Census Records, Library Records, Personal Knowledge

### Linda Gail (Wilson) and Donald Dale Deerman Family

Linda Gail (Wilson) Deerman (b: 2/3/41) was the second child of Pauline (Rush) and James G. Wilson. Linda married Donald Dale Deerman on 8/1/59. Linda and Don attended school at Dutton and graduated from Section High School. Linda is retired from Redstone Arsenal where she worked as a Management Analyst. Don owns an automotive repair shop in Huntsville.

Linda and Don have three children: Roger Don Deerman (b: 11/8/61); Susan Lynn (Deerman) Beaman (b: 5/24/63); and Jeffery Dale Deerman (b: 9/21/70).

Roger Deerman graduated from Beradiah Academy and attended U. A. H. in Huntsville. He works with his father in his automotive repair shop. He is not married.

Susan (Deerman) Beaman also graduated from Beradiah Academy and received her B. S. in Elementary Education from Athens. A former teacher at Morris Elementary School, she is currently a home maker in Toney, AL. Susan married Robert Beaman and they have three children; Daryl Wilson Beaman (b: 8/24/90); Tyler James Beaman (b: 7/3/93); and Jeremy Walton Beaman (b: 4/29/96).

Jeffery Deerman graduated from Trianna Village Baptist School and attended Calhoun Jr. College. Jeffery married Susan Chumbley. They do not have any children. Jeffery works with Marcone Appliance Co. in Huntsville. Submitted by: Linda Gail Deerman, Scottsboro, AL

### Leonard Derrick

Leonard Derrick was born in Marshall County, July 6, 1923. He married Margaret Campbell, (born in Madison County January 17, 1923) August 29, 1942. They moved to Scottsboro in 1948. Leonard was a Real Estate Broker and civic leader for more than 45 years. In addition to his real estate business, he was active in a long list of civic organizations. At the First Baptist Church in Scottsboro he served as a deacon, trustee, was a choir member and a Sunday School Teacher. He was also a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and was a past president of the Scottsboro-Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. Leonard served as director of the Scottsboro Lions Club and had been a member of the club with a 30 year record of perfect attendance. The club honored him by naming him Lion of the Year and he was given a lifetime membership to the club in 1990.

He also served on the Scottsboro Industrial Board, the Scottsboro Zoning Board of Adjustments and the Scottsboro Zoning Board. Leonard died March 10, 1991 at the age of 67 years.

Margaret was an accounts payable bookkeeper for 20 years. She

is a member of First Baptist Church and has been actively involved in the work, a former Sunday School teacher, WMU Circle, trustee, voluntary office help, and has served on several committees. She has been a member since 1948. She is a charter member of The Three Arts Club and has held a number of offices in the club. She is a member of the Peace by Piece Quilters Guild, Scottsboro Chamber of Commerce. Her hobbies are travel and bridge games. She lives in Scottsboro, AL.



Leonard and Margaret Derrick

Their first child, a daughter, Jerry Gwendolyn Derrick was born in Hodges Hospital, Scottsboro, AL. November 21, 1944. Jerry married Lonnie Eugene Varnedoe, March 23, 1973. They have two children, Derrick Brian Varnedoe born February 25, 1975. James Jackson Varnedoe born April 28, 1980. They reside in Athens, Ga. Jerry is a public school teacher. Second child, a son Larry Edwin Derrick, was born December 26, 1946 in Hodges Hospital, Scottsboro, AL. Larry married Juanita Carol Price, September 23, 1972. Two sons were born to them, Price Coleman Derrick born October 14, 1974. Andrew Blair Derrick, born March 7, 1984. Larry worked in Mapping and Appraisal in Jackson County. Larry died April 4, 1991, from complications of brain tumor.

Juanita Price Derrick married Robbie Joe Farquhar, August 20, 1994. Robbie Joe Farquhar has one son Charlie Farquhar born August 29, 1989. They reside in Huntsville, AL. Submitted by: Margaret C. Derrick, 1913 Garner St., Scottsboro, AL 35769

### Visit to Dillard Family

Birmingham, Alabama  
August 17, 1942

At noon, August 11, Mrs. Manassa Little, her daughter, Mrs. E. T. Harris, and the writer left by automobile to visit Scottsboro, Larkinsville, and Woodville, Alabama. We went to the Jessica Hotel on the Lee Highway where we registered. This hotel is on the site of the J. E. Brown place and includes the old home. There was sitting in the lobby at the time Zaida Brown Kirby who was taking refuge from the rain. After a talk with her for a while, she took us to the residence of Mrs. Henry



W. H., Henry, Sarah & Edd Robinson @1920  
Descendant of Dillard Family.

Robinson, who lived on the Lee Highway. She was Eddie Flippen, whose mother was Nellie Young Flippen, and her father Joel Edward Flippen, whose mother was Sarah Dillard Flippen. The group returned from Mrs. Robinson's house to the hotel where Eddie met Cousin Manassa whom she had not seen for many years. Eddie's father and mother were married at Paint Rock Valley and moved to Van Buren, Arkansas, in 1882. Sarah Dillard Flippen died in 1896 at Webber's Falls, Oklahoma. In 1882 Edward Flippen moved to Van Buren, Arkansas, where Eddie Robinson was born four days before Edward Flippen's death on January 4, 1888. Thereupon, her mother — Nellie Flippen returned to Scottsboro and lived with her father, J. H. Young. Eddie taught in Larkinsville for some years.

From the George Larkin house we went toward Woodville, and arriving there we soon got in touch with Mr. J. R. Kenamer who wrote the history of Jackson County. A Mr. Jones who was passing by lives in a house which is located on the lot where Dr. Francis L. Dillard lived. Here it was that Dr. Dillard settled about the time Alabama became a state and cultivated some twelve hundred acres of land. He and Elizabeth Harris were married December 5, 1820. The house in which they lived has long since been burned and nothing remains of the place except the land. We drove on to the cemetery. Here we found a number of unmarked graves which were built of loose stones piled about two feet high in rectangular shape. A few were covered with slabs while others consisted entirely of loose stones of uniform size which were built up so as to decrease the width of the structure at the top. The journey was most interesting for all of us. We would strongly recommend that all the members of the family who can do so undertake to make this trip. One cannot help but be impressed with the outstanding position of our forbears in Jackson County and with the pride we should feel in our inheritance.

From: Wm. Logan Martin; written to: Edd Robinson, Nee Flippen. Submitted by: Blanche Robinson, Scottsboro, AL

### Dillard / Walker Family

#### A Jackson County Black Family History

My great grandmother was Lottie Walker. She was a slave to the Cotton family of Larkinsville, Alabama. Great grandmother had two children: The late Ella W. Dillard and the late Reverend Tilmon Walker. My grandmother was born in 1879, and Tillmon was born later.

Ella Walker was married to Jess Dillard in 1897, who was of Indian heritage. They share cropped for Claude and Katherine Spivey on Old Larkinsville Road, Scottsboro. Both my grandparents are buried in the Larkinsville Road Cemetery.

To this union was born thirteen children. They are: Tom Dillard m. Ann Bibbs - one daughter: John, L. D., John Handy - 12 children, John H. Jr., Homa L., Elmarine D., Johnny, Nancy D., Helen and V. D.

Annie Bibbs had seven children: Mary B. Johnson, Jessie B. William, Willie B. Tucker, Eugene Bibbs, Jimmy Bibbs, Helen B. Morris, Aunita B. Wilson.

Lottie had three children: Jack, Trudy, and John Jr. McDonald and Fannie had two children: Pearl D., and Frank Starky.

Nita M. had two children: Nancy and James L. Edwards. Lillie M. had six children: Mozella H., Rose Pearl, Patricia, Button, Ray, and Erskin Jr.

Sadie had three children: Elizabeth W., Carolyn J., and Carl Walker. Dennis D. had two children: Ula D. and Carrie S. Jess D. had five children, they all was born and raised here in Jackson County, as far as I know, we have a large family.

We have a family reunion every year in July, at Goosepond Pavillion. This year, 1997, we had about 136, and that wasn't all of them. Some of the outer towners' couldn't come. We have all races black, white, Indian, French, German, and more. Submitted by: Willie Tucker

Source: Personal

### Jeremiah F. Dobbs

Jeremiah F. Dobbs, born 2 June 1821 in Georgia, died 31 May 1888 in Washington County, Arkansas. My research indicates he is the son of David Dobbs, resident of Jackson County, Alabama in 1840 Census. David Dobbs purchased 80 acres of land in Jackson County in 1838, recorded at Huntsville Land Office Register of Receipts. Other children of David were: Lucy married Richard Keele; John Dobbs; David Dobbs Jr. married Mary Todd; Jabez married Elizabeth Todd; Elijah married Jennie Chitwood and Luke Dobbs. Many descendants of David Dobbs now live in DeKalb County, Alabama.

Jeremiah F. Dobbs married Susan E. Wright, daughter of William and Clarissa (Self) Wright. David Dobbs and William Wright owned adjoining farms in Jackson County during this time period in which Jeremiah and Susan would have married.

Jeremiah and Susan had two sons known born in Jackson County, Alabama, William David born 26 June 1842 died 1 September 1931 at Temple, Cotton County, Oklahoma and Jabez Newton



born 27 January 1846 died 28 January 1913 in Fannin County, Texas. Civil War Pension records #6255 and #15134 verify their birthplace.

Other children of Jeremiah and Susan were: Isham L. born May 1848 in Alabama died 13 January 1907 in Texas; John Calvin born 2 June 1851 in Tennessee died 2 March 1942 at Vinita, Craig County, Oklahoma; Jonas Fowler born 6 December 1853 in Texas died 18 March 1927 at Springdale, Washington County, Arkansas; Mary Catherine born 19 June 1857 in Fannin County, Texas died 6 April 1928 at Lincoln, Washington County, Arkansas; Elizabeth J. born 29 May 1860 in Fannin County, Texas died 11 June 1923 at Lincoln, Washington County, Arkansas and Virginia Vieday born 1868 (probably Arkansas) unknown death date.

Jeremiah, Susan, her parents (William and Clarissa (Self) Wright) and her grandparents (Melchezedec and Catherine (Moore) Self) moved to Fannin County, Texas CA 1851 to 1853.

Jeremiah became an ordained Baptist Minister on 12 February 1865 in Fannin County, Texas. In late 1860's he moved to Washington County, Arkansas where he continued his ministry as a Circuit Rider Preacher. Many of his descendants now live in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. Submitted by: Virginia Hayes, P.O. Box 624, Minco, OK 73059-0624

## Granny Dollar

Granny Dollar was bigger than life.

A feisty old lady: Colorful, cantankerous, lusty and liberated ... The pipe smoking, mule-skinning mother to 26 kids, who never bore a child.

She was Indian, Irish and an individualist; a philosopher and realist who once declared the trouble with white men is that "they all wear shoes in summer, which keeps them from God's good earth".

Nancy Callahan Dollar was the last of the last (surviving)



Granny Dollar

Indian family to people that gouged-out fastness what is now "Buck's Pocket". She was born in 1827 beneath the spreading Button-Wood tree, just beyond the park office now.

Granny Dollar died 113 years later in a mountain cabin near

Fort Payne, Alabama. She lived there with Buster, a mongrel who is said to have loved her with a passion, and hated others equally. They buried her beneath a huge boulder. Old faithful, toothless snarling Buster, they chloroformed to death and buried alongside.

Her father was a Cherokee Indian, who hid his family in a Buck's Pocket cave, and thus missed the tortures of "The Trail of Tears," when land-hungry whites drove the Cherokee Westward. He took on his wife's maiden name and tried to live as whites in a white world, hunting and fishing the canyon white his family raised corn.

Then, Nancy later related in the January 28, 1928 issue of the *Progressive Farmer*, he came in one day with a very large deer he sat sad eyed and unable to eat, while the others gorged themselves. His wife, concerned, finally pried the reason from him.

"I cannot eat my meat," he said, "for I fear my wife and three little children are hungry. They are in South Carolina. I was forced to leave them there." (This was his first wife and children, unknown to Granny Dollar's mother.)

"Go and fetch them," his wife (second wife), said. There is room here, and plenty to eat. He did. Her mother, Nancy, (Granny) recalled never seemed to mind. Indeed, she greeted the new arrivals with warmth and joy, filled her big dirt oven with baked potatoes and Venison for the homecoming.

Afterwards, together, the women labored the crops and kids. The latter numbering 26, including three sets of triplets born to Nancy's mother.

The tribe - and the tribe it was, in truth — fed on venison, fish and the like; on cabbage, corn, pumpkin and squash; on hominy, Johnny cakes, molasses ... all cooked in a red clay oven, outside the house.

But their time at Eden didn't last, for "Callahan" got in a fight with a white man and bit off his nose and an ear. Callahan fled with the family for fear of vengeance. This man's name was "Jukes".

They moved to a village near Atlanta, Georgia, called Marthaville and at the age of 21, one mother dead, her father's hunting and fishing skills of no use now ... Nancy cast about for a way to feed her vast family.

She settled on mule skinning, driving a tar-pole wagon some 30 miles each day, hauling goods from Marthaville to the country stores near her home. Greasing axles, hitching mules, fighting the rutted roads, soaked by the rain, baked by the sun, her only help was from the slaves who helped her load at Kyle brothers wholesale.

For 20 years, Nancy hauled the molasses, meat, salt, powder, lead gun caps, shoes, dishes, wagon wheels, and whathaveyou that stocked a wide and wild region. Never once was she robbed or molested, 'though always alone.'

Love?

Well, there was Tom Porter, he was a storekeeper's son. And in the North they called him Rebel. They killed him because of it in a battle. They had planned to marry. Nancy (Granny Dollar), grieved for forty years.

They also shot her father, for the same reason, and in the same way, in a battle for Atlanta. Indian, perhaps, and he was also a Southerner, and had enlisted several years before.

When Union forces reached Atlanta, Callahan sent word: Nancy was not to make any more trips, but to stay home with the children. Yet, even 30 miles away, the booming cannon thunder carried an ominous threat: "Even if I live another 100 years." Nancy declared at the age of 101, "I cannot forget that sound".

Nancy married, at the age of 79, a man named Nelson Dollar. He died 20 years later.

Granny, who had raised and outlived all 25, brothers and sisters was all alone, again. Yet, in that interview, nearly 70 years ago Granny Dollar made a comment at once nostalgic and prophetic.

"My father's hut was enjoyed by all," she said, adding: "Another race has taken our fields, our forests and our game. Their children now play, where we once were so happy." Their place was "Buck's Pocket State Park," today.

This story was written by Ron Wilson, staff writer for the *Daily Sentinel* newspaper, dated May 3, 1974. It was such an interesting article, I felt it belonged in our *Heritage of Jackson Co.* Submitted by: *Jackson County Heritage Book Committee.* Prepared by: *Mary Allen Wallingsford*

Source: *The Daily Sentinel*, May 3, 1974 edition, Scottsboro, AL 35768

## Lura Duke, My Favorite Teacher

Mrs. Lura Duke is the nicest lady one could ever hope to know. Mrs. Duke was my fourth grade teacher and a "Gem" of a teacher she was. She had to have the patience of Job, because we were a rough and rowdy group of Skyline kids. I know she would correct the word "Kids", because she was an excellent English teacher. Although several years have passed since I was a student and she was a teacher, I can still see that quizzed look when I speak incorrectly.

She had three daughters of her own, yet she still had time for her students. She was known to buy clothes or shoes for a child who was less fortunate. The lady has a heart as big as the sky. I am sure Jackie, Joleah, and Helen, her daughters, must have resented all the attention she gave us, but you would never know it, because she raised them to be ladies, too.

Mrs. Duke is not a person to complain, it's just not in her character. I am speaking of a time when Teachers only wore dresses, high heels, and neat hair-do's. There was no time to get into trouble, because we were taught respect for the teachers and the "Pad-dle". With discipline comes respect, and you sure had to respect our Mrs. Duke.

She taught at Skyline for twenty-four years, upon her retirement a large crowd of her former students gave her a retirement

"Bash" in Skyline School's auditorium. The theme was, "This is your night Lura Duke". She laughed, she cried, and just stood there and marveled that so many of us were still living, I guess. We had to have caused her grief, bless her heart.

Mrs. Duke was ushered to the stage by Mrs. Jack

Wallingsford (former student, Mary Allen). Mrs. Alfred (Joyce) Kennamer, a fellow teacher, was narrator for the "This is your life," type program. Many of Mrs. Duke's friends and former students crossed the stage, presenting gifts to her, including a bouquet of long-stem red roses, an inscribed silver tray, a silver charm bracelet with special charms, reminiscent of her school years, including the proverbial red apple; a small silver tray - frame containing a tribute to Mrs. Duke written by Mrs. Sue (Allen) Ward, a former student. Mrs. Minnie (Allen) Clark, a former student, read the tribute to Mrs. Duke.

If you have noticed three people with the same maiden name, above, it's because they are all sisters. Mrs. Duke taught all three of them, their brother, Roger Allen, and the three girl's children also.

Besides the many former students and friends, all three of her daughters, Joleah, Jackie, and Helen were in attendance. I think her greatest thrill that night was that her grandchildren were all there, watching Grandmother get her love she had shown all of us over the years, returned. Thank you Mrs. Duke, and "This is your life." We Love You! Submitted by: Mrs. Sue (Allen) Ward. Assisted by: Mary (Allen) Wallingsford

Sources: Article in Daily Sentinel: Christine Sumner (This is Your Life). Personal knowledge



L-R: Helen, Joleah, Jackie. Seated: Lura Duke - 1990

## Rosa Ellen Paradise Dulaney

Rosa was born 2-15-1891, in Jackson County, Alabama. She was the daughter of David Paradise and Mary Jane Stanley. Her husband was Walter Dulaney, born 2-15-1876, and died 11-30-1947.

Walter and Rosa had 10 children: John E. Dulaney born 12-24-1911 and died 6-20-1965, Amanda Jane was born 8-30-1913 and died 10-26-1978, Rosa Lee, born 12-5-1915 and died 1-23-1995, Rubye was born 8-19-1919 and died 10-31-1996, Walter W. Dulaney Jr. Isabelle, born 1-18-1922, Nora and Ora, twins born 3-12-1925, Bob B. Dulaney was born 6-7-1930 and died 8-07-



Rosa Ellen (Paradise) Dulaney

1993, while returning home from mowing Zions Rest Cemetery. He was hit by a semi-truck at Aspel. Elois was born 8-2-1933.

In an interview with Rosa dated 5-19-1979, done by Robert Dulaney, Rosa talked about growing up and life as a young girl. Her parents were farmers, they grew their own vegetables for food. They planted their crops by mules and plow. Her daddy, Dave, killed hogs in the fall and salted the hams in a salt box for curing. Rosa's Mother died when she was a young girl about 5 years old. She talked about her and her husband, Walter, had to go places in an old wagon pulled by mules. They had a farm of 164 acres mostly in mountain land, part in crop land. When money was tight, Walter would cut timber off the land and sell it for firewood to make ends meet.

The family was always happy and worked together. After supper they would sit around singing and playing music.

Rosa said that before Walter died she heard him praying to the

Lord "If I ain't right" He said, "Help me to get right". Rosa said he knew his time was near, and he wanted to be ready to meet his maker. Walter departed this life, leaving Rosa to raise her children alone. She was a good provider for her children.

Rosa died 5-4-1984, having lived a good and fruitful life. She was 83 years old. Submitted by: Isabelle Frazier  
Sources: Personal knowledge, taped interview with Rosa done by Kenneth Hastings.

## A History of Dutton

by John B. Ryan

When Alabama was admitted to the union as a state, the sixteenth section of each township was reserved for school purposes. Today, Dutton school stands in the Northwest corner of section 16. The first school was located a half of a mile east of the current school, near a spring. A log cabin with shutters was built near a spring and called Briar Patch School. Competition began later to have a school built on the East side with White's mill and store or the West side with Thomas' store. Ten acres on the West side was assigned for the school and the rest of the section was sold.

There was a dormitory built along with the school for the teachers to stay in. People could come and study while staying in the dormitory. After six weeks of study, they earned a teaching certificate.

The school was called Sand Mountain Institute. A seal indicates that it was an early teacher's union. Mr. Ryan still has the SMI seal.

Mr. Ryan's mother began school in the Briar Patch school. The newer two story building (SMI was now a public school) was where Mr. Ryan started school. In 1925, as a new school building was being constructed, the two story school burned. The burning occurred in the Spring so there was time to finish the building for the next fall.

The school burned one afternoon after school had been turned out. Dutton's first volunteer fire department was assembled by families that lived near the school. Buckets were used to fight the blaze, but the effort was in vain. To his knowledge, Mr. Ryan is the oldest living man born and raised in Dutton to have attended the old Sand Mountain Institute.

The building that replaced the Sand Mountain Institute building stood until 1957. Another fire in 1957 destroyed the other school. Only meager insurance money was available to rebuild the school. No funds could be gathered from the County, so the residents of Dutton took the burden of building and financing the new school on their shoulders. The school was constructed debt free for the following year while students finished out the year in churches and an old building called the "potato house".

At one time, the area around the school was known as Sand Mountain Institute and a separate area about half a mile away had a post office. It was customary for the area around the post office to be identified by the postmaster's name. The first postmaster was Press Chaney. Mr. Ryan's grandfather M. M. Dutton became postmaster and the area was called Dutton. In 1913, when Ms. Rosa Cothran became postmaster, she incorporated the Sand Mountain Institute community as a part of Dutton.

Mr. Ryan's mother, Jeppie Dutton, was the only child of M. M. Dutton. She married Isaac Ryan. Isaac Ryan's family had moved over from the Grove Oak community in Dekalb County. Isaac Ryan's father was the uncle of Claude Ryan, builder of the Spirit of St. Louis (the plane piloted by Lindbergh). The house built by Isaac Ryan's father in 1890 still stands strong in the Hodge community just outside Dutton.

Isaac Ryan's father moved to Section later and by crude methods constructed a phone line between Scottsboro and Section. He used poles large enough for the boats traveling down the



Jeppie Dutton Ryan, daughter of M. M. Dutton



Tennessee River to get under to string the line up the mountain. No improvements were made on the line for years. Sometime later the line was extended to Dutton and other areas. For a while there was no phone service and no real reliable service was available until the Farmer's Telephone Co-op was formed.

Today, the Dutton community has a proud new edition. The City Hall/Fire Department has added a storm shelter capable of protecting 300+ persons during inclement weather. The entire elementary school can be evacuated across the street and into the shelter. The shelter was constructed with the help of volunteer workers and funds donated by the community. *Submitted by: John B. Ryan, 143 Main, Dutton, AL 35744*

### Earp Family

Marshall Brown Earp was born in Cocke County, Tennessee, in 1836. He was the second son of Philip Earp (b. 1808, Pittsylvania County, VA) and Frances Ward (married 15 January 1827, Lincoln County, NC). M. B.'s father Philip was either the youngest son or grandson of Wyatt Earp's great-grandfather Philip Earp (b. 1755, Montgomery County, Maryland). M. B. married Hannah Fawls (b. 1842, TN) about 1857. Their first child (Oscar Dick Earp) was born 12 January 1858, Dade County, Georgia. M. B. Earp enlisted on 4 March 1862, as a private in Company D, 39th GA Volunteer Infantry (Dade County Invicibles), CSA. He was captured at Vicksburg on 3 July 1863, and was paroled there on 8 July 1863. He deserted prior to the next muster on December 1863. In 1870 he was living in Rutherford County, Tennessee, with Hannah and their children Oscar, Laura Alice (b. 1862 GA), Philip (b. 1864, GA) and Alvin (b. 1866 TN) By 1880 they had moved to Woodville, Jackson County, Alabama. Hannah died in 1894 and M. B. in 1897 in either Jackson County or in Birmingham, Alabama. M. B.'s youngest son Alvin settled in Birmingham after marrying Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. Alvin lived most of his life in Birmingham where he worked for various railroad companies. Alvin died on 27 May 1929 and is buried in Birmingham. In 1893, both M. B. Earp and his son Oscar Dick were living in Birmingham and working for the AGS Railway Company.

Laura Alice Earp married William H. Stewart, Stevenson, Alabama, and they had four children: Lily, Beulah (m. George Bookout), Horace (m. Martha Vinson), and Alvin (m. Fannie Wilson). She died on 20 March 1927 and is buried at Longacre Cemetery, Stevenson, Alabama.

Oscar Dick Earp married Georgia Ann Lane about 1888. Their children were Marshall Brown Earp (b. 9 March 1889), Cora M. Earp (b. 1891), and Alvin Henry Earp (b. 15 May 1893, Birmingham). Between 1894 and 1895, Oscar and his wife Ann separated. Marshall Brown Earp (b. 1889) was left with a local farmer in Jackson County, Alabama, and Alvin Henry (b. 1893) was adopted and raised by Newton and Jenny Peacock, Stevenson, Alabama. Cora M. Earp later married Wash Kilgore in Whitwell, TN, and moved to Big Stone Gap, Virginia. Marshall Brown ran away and traveled by boxcar to New Orleans, LA, where he lived in a Catholic orphanage. He died in New Orleans in February 1955 and is buried in Trion, Georgia.

Alvin Henry Earp married Bessie Holt on 29 June 1910 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. They lived near Newton and Jenny Peacock in the Bass Community near Stevenson, Alabama. In 1932 they moved to Trion, Georgia. Alvin worked for the Riegel Textile Company until he retired in 1959. Jenny Peacock lived with them until her death in 1954. Their children were Lyda Emma Earp (b. 23 December 1911), Fannie Edward (b. 29 Aug. 1914), and Georgia Helen (b. 8 August 1919). Alvin died on 14 June 1959, and Bessie on 18 August 1978. They are buried in West Hills Cemetery, Trion, Georgia. *Submitted by: Ann Trentham, 902 Mira Vista Drive, Huntsville, AL 35802*

### Clyda Belle (Roden) and J. E. Edmonds Family

Clyda Bell (Roden) Edmonds (b: 7/7/25) was the daughter of Clara (Woodfin) Roden (b: 12/5/03 - d: 11/16/78) and Jeremiah "Jerry" Roden (b: 3/13/1898 - d: 11/11/88). The Roden family came to Jackson Co. from Marshall Co., AL in the late 1800's. The Woodfin family came from Clay County in the early 1900's.

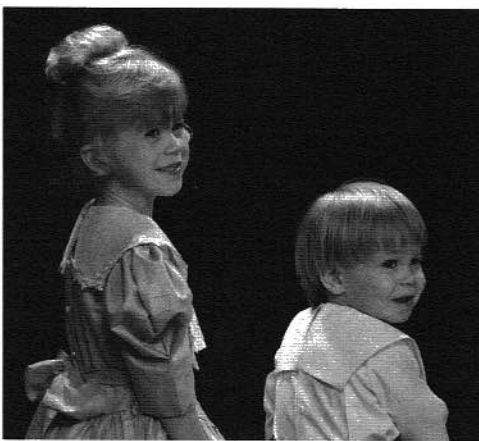
J. E. Edmonds (b: 1/30/24) is the son of Charley Harvey Edmonds (b: 8/17/1898 - d: 5/69) and Fannie Starkey (b: 1902 - d: 3/85). J. E. was in the 17th Airborne Division, 197th Glider



*Front L to R: Bradley Ray Jones, Teresa Ruth (Edmonds) Jones, Clyda (Roden) Edmonds, Kathy Hughes (wife of Ralph Edmonds) Rear L to R: Royce Ray Jones, J. E. Edmonds, Ralph Edward Edmonds*

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J. E. and Clyda had five children: triplet sons (b: 12/12/47 - d: 12/12/47); Ralph Edward Edmonds (b: 5/4/50); and Teresa Ruth Edmonds (b: 11/26/51).



*L to R: Laurel Sloane Edmonds and Hughes Edward Edmonds (children of Ralph E. Edmonds and Kathy Hughes)*

Infantry in World War II, serving throughout England and Europe. J. E. and Clyda met while attending college at Snead. They were married on 8/23/46. J. E. graduated from Auburn with a B. S. in Agriculture and Education, later earned his M.S. in School Administration and his A.A. Certificate. Clyda graduated from Jacksonville State University with a B.S. in Elementary

Education and from Auburn with a M.S. in Education. After his graduation, J. E. taught Vocational Agriculture at Hazelwood High School in Lawrence Co., AL, for three years. In 3/51 he, Clyda and their young son Ralph moved to Jackson Co. where they have resided for the last 46 years. J. E. has served as Principal at Mt. Olive Jr. High (1951-54); Flat Rock Jr. High (1959-64); Bridgeport (1964-66); Section (1966-68); and at North Jackson High School (1970-1984 when he retired). He worked at the County Superintendent's Office from 1968-70. Clyda taught school for 28½ years including service at: Henagar, Summerville, GA, Flat Rock, Bridgeport, Section, and at Pisgah for 14½ years.

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Ralph married Kathy Hughes on 8/4/84. Ralph, Mayor of Pisgah, has a B.S. in accounting and has a C.P.A. firm at Gorham's Bluff. Kathy has a B.S. in Education, M.S. in Education, and an Educational Specialty Certificate and works as the Asst. Principal at North Jackson High School. Ralph and Kathy

have two children: Laurel Sloane Edmonds (b: 4/26/87) and Hughes Edward Edmonds (b: 5/28/91).

Teresa married Royce Ray Jones (b: 4/16/52) on 3/27/80. They had two children: Bradley Ray Jones (b: 3/27/80) who is a senior at Pisgah, and Brandon Lee Jones (b: 1/1/84 - d: 12/28/84). Teresa received her B.S. in Education at the University of North Alabama in Florence and her M.S. from Jacksonville State University. She is an elementary school teacher at Pisgah. She is also a member of the teacher's honor society, Alpha Delta Kappa. Royce attended N.E. Jr. College and worked as Parts Manager at Sports Cycle in Scottsboro until poor health forced him to retire.

Very civic minded, J. E. has served as a Deacon at Pisgah Baptist Church most of the time since 1951, Sunday School Teacher for 40 years, has been a Boy Scout Leader, Civitan member for 30 years, Red Cross Volunteer for nine years, helped organize the Pisgah Perpetual Care Cemetery organization and served as President of the Board since it was established in 1987. He also participated in a missionary trip to Russia. J. E. is also a sportsman, with a great love for Beagle hunting dogs. Clyda, listed in *Who is Who Among America's Teachers* for 1994, is a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, Civitan, Rhododendrum Club, and taught Sunday School for a number of years. She also works as a volunteer in the Accelerated Reading Program of Pisgah. They received the "Outstanding Citizens of the Year Award" from the Woodmen of the World in 1995. *Submitted by: Ralph E. Edmonds, Pisgah, AL*

## Mrs. Myrtle Edmondson

Sister Edmondson was born in Jackson County, Alabama in 1898. She attended school in Scottsboro and Chattanooga, Tennessee. Known to the community as "Aunt Mutt" she had done domestic work all of her life. In 1924, she was married to George Edmondson by Squire Gross, a Justice of the peace. They were married for 57 years. Sister Edmondson and her husband received a congratulatory message from former President Ronald Reagan in recognition of their anniversary. She shared the message with her husband and treasured it with aesthetic value. Her husband retired after working forty years for the Southern Railroad. She and her husband lived in the same house in Scottsboro for 53 years.

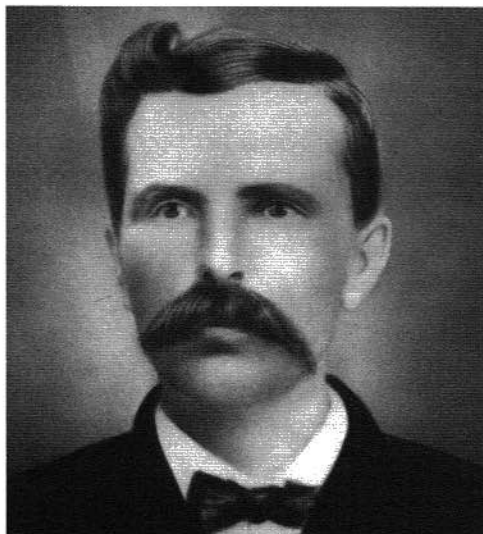
"Aunt Mutt" joined St. Elizabeth Church in 1922. She sang in the Senior choir and was president of the choir for many years. She was a member of the missionary society and many other auxiliaries in the church. "Aunt Mutt" along with her husband ("Uncle George") had this advice for young couples entering into a marriage relationship, "To make a marriage work and be happy, one must take love first, mix it with tenderness and understanding, nurture it with laughter and friendship and a happy home will be the results." *Submitted by: Committee; Archie Stewart, 217 Walnut Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768*

## John Whitfield and Nancy R. (Floyd) Elder Family

### Pioneer

John Whitfield Elder (b: 12/11/1860 in Chambers Co., AL - d: 8/24 Pisgah, AL) was one of nine children of James Doctor Elder (b: 6/15/1835 in Harris Co., GA - d: 4/11/1901 near Central) and Artlisa Rotton (b: 11/1837 - d: 1/5/1878). John W. Elder was the grandson of Wyche Malone Jenkins Elder (b: 10/5/1804 Clark Co., GA - d: 3/9/1870) and Mary J. Burt (b: 1/11/1809 - d: 2/2/1884). The Elder lineage traces to John E. Elder who arrived in Virginia as a stowaway on a ship from Scotland in 1659.

The Elder family has had profound influence on spreading the gospel of the Congregational Christian Church in Alabama and Georgia. Wyche M. J. Elder who entered the ministry in 1824 and pastored for 46 years, was the founder of the first Christian Church in Alabama (founded at New Home in Abanda, AL on Jan. 19, 1850). His son James D. Elder was ordained in the Christian Church in 10/1860 and ministered in East Central AL, and West Central GA. James D.'s son John Whit was licensed to preach in



John Whitfield Elder

1889 and spent 35 years in the ministry. John Whit was a circuit riding minister who served churches at Macedonia, Noon Day, New Harmony and Shady Grove in Clay and Randolph Counties. He moved his family to Pisgah, AL in 1915 and ministered at "bush arbors" until 1920 when he founded the Congregational Christian Church at Pisgah. He served as their pastor until his death in 1924. He also founded the Liberty Grove Christian Church in Jackson Co.

John Whitfield Elder and Nancy R. (Floyd) Elder had ten children: George Hurley Elder who married Sarah; Hattie (Elder) Robertson; James Bunyon Elder who married Arye Guffey; Wyche Malone Elder who married Ina Marie Fuller; Rosa (Elder) Creel who married Curtis Creel; Mae (Elder) Messer who married Joe Messer; Forest F. Elder who married Shelly Mae Powell; Herman Ingram Elder who married Faye Campbell, Brooks Blooma Elder who married Mary Louise Thompson and Oma Young Elder who married Katy Ford. All but George H. and Hattie accompanied

their parents when they moved to Pisgah. John W. and Nancy Elder are buried at Pisgah Cemetery.

Brooks B. Elder (b: 8/6/05 in Barfield, AL - d: 4/4/79 in Plant City, FL) on 11/10/33 married Mary Louise Thompson (b: 1/3/10 near Scottsboro, AL - d: 2/6/86 at Scottsboro, AL). Mary Louise was the daughter of Soloman Lowe Thompson (b: 4/16/1887 in Jackson Co. - d: 10/24/62 in Marietta, GA) and Maggie Ann Walker (b: 5/6/1893 in Jackson Co. - d: 6/9/46 near Central). Soloman and Maggie are buried at Pisgah Cemetery. Brooks worked with the W. P. A.; farmed; worked as an electrician; during the war worked in Birmingham, AL at the aircraft plant; and worked for almost 20 years in accounting at Lockheed Aircraft Corp. in Marietta, GA. Brooks and Mary are buried at Green Haven Cemetery near Central. Brooks and Mary had one daughter, Brenda Faye Elder (b: 4/12/42). Brenda graduated from Pisgah High School in 1959 and from LaGrange College in LaGrange, GA, with a B.S. in Education. She worked as a substitute teacher and in educational positions for about 15 years, then for the last 15 years in the office at Pisgah Town Hall. *Submitted by: Brenda F. Elder, P.O. Box 26, Pisgah, AL 35765*

## Elledge Family

### of Jackson County, Alabama

Whitefield Elledge, Sr. moved his family to Jackson County, Alabama from Short Mountain in what is now Cannon County, Tennessee, 1822-1824. He was born 1770-1774 in Wilkes County, North Carolina where he married Rachel on October 29, 1792. In 1794, they moved with his parents, Isaac and Jenny (Linn) Elledge from Wilkes County, North Carolina to what became Clark County, Kentucky where most of Whitefield and Rachel's children were born.

By 1806, Whitefield Elledge was in Tennessee; he appeared on the 1812 Tax List and 1820 census of Warren County, Tennessee along with his brother, Joseph Elledge, who married Sarah French.

Whitefield and Rachel Elledge, Sr.'s children were Whitefield Elledge Jr.; Joseph Elledge (born 1794) who married Malinda; Jane (Jenny) Elledge (born 1796) who married James M. Campbell; Martha Elledge (born 1797) who married William Wilmoth; Reuben Elledge (born 1800) who married Mary Thomas; and White Bethel Elledge (born circa 1804) who married Ann Newberry. Whitefield Elledge purchased the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 3, Range 5 on October 24, 1833.

Joseph Elledge was appointed Justice of the Peace in Jackson County in September 1822. His known children are Joseph, Jr.; Leander who married Nancy Brown (sister of Preston Brown) and moved to Mine La Motte, Missouri; Lycurgus who married Elizabeth Tanner and lived in Madison County, Alabama; Alvey F. who married Mildred Moring; and one son and two daughters, names unknown. Joseph Elledge purchased the east half and northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 3, Range 5 on September 28, 1830 and June 14, 1832 (land adjoined Whitefield Elledge). Joseph died in 1848 in Jackson County, Alabama.

Reuben and Mary (Thomas) Elledge moved to Wood County, Texas, where Reuben died in December 1860. Their children were: Dillard; Muhulda; Zachary Taylor; Sarah; William White; Elijah; and John Elledge.

Jane (Jenny) Elledge Campbell's children were Tabitha Campbell who married John William Johnson and lived in DeKalb County, Tennessee; Rachel Campbell who married John Bynum; Susan Campbell who married Meredith King; Mary Campbell who married a Scott; William Whitefield Campbell who married Paralee Elledge; Sarah Jane Campbell who married James J. Holland; James Newton Campbell who married Mary Skelton; Eliza Campbell who married Pleasant Whitaker Barbee (see Barbee family history); Isaac Clay Campbell who married Sarah Margaret Card; Rufus Campbell who never married; and George Washington Campbell who married Mary Jane Proctor. Jane (Jenny) Elledge Campbell died in Jackson County circa 1845.

On July 2, 1830, White Bethel Elledge purchased the east half of southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3, Range 5. (Paralee Moody still owns this land at Chickenfoot.) White Bethel Elledge married Ann Newberry circa 1830, and he died 1839-1840. Their children were Ursula Elledge (born 1834); Urelus Elledge called Poss (born 1836); and Paralee Elledge (born 1838). Paralee Elledge married William Whitefield Campbell on July 23, 1868. (He was her first cousin as well as her stepbrother as Paralee's mother



married William Campbell's father after the death of their first spouses.) William and Paralee Elledge Campbell's only child was Ursula Jane (Jenny) Campbell who married Albert Henry Moody in 1889. The Moody's children were William Lit Moody; John White Moody; Jephtha Edwards Moody, Sr.; Bessie Laura Moody Lipscomb; James Albert (Big Jim) Moody; Paralee Moody; Alexander Moody; Hattie Irene (Brooks) Moody Stone; and Virginia White (Redwing) Moody. (See Campbell family history.)

The exact death dates of Whitefield and Rachel Elledge, Sr. are not known. Rachel Elledge was living with her son-in-law, James Campbell, at the time of the 1850 Jackson County census, but Rachel does not appear on the 1860 census.

Whitefield Elledge, Sr. was the son of Isaac Elledge who was born in St. John's Parish, Maryland in 1740 and died in Kentucky shortly before 1813. Isaac Elledge was the son of Joseph Elledge who married first Mary Rhodes (daughter of Richard and Magdalen Rhodes) on September 4, 1733, in Maryland and died in 1797 in Wilkes County, North Carolina.

Isaac Elledge (a Baptist preacher) married Jane (Jenny) Linn whose family helped settle Linn's Station, Kentucky in the early 1780s. Isaac and Jenny (Linn) Elledge's sons were Whitefield, Joseph, and James Elledge. Whitefield is thought to have died in Jackson County, Alabama. Their brother James Elledge married Elizabeth Wamsley, and they moved from Kentucky to Illinois.

*Submitted by: Martha B. Hess*

### Rev. John Ellison

Rev. John and Alexia Ellison live a very busy life. You see John and Alexia both work full time jobs - John at Akzo for over 20 years and Alexia pre-school at 1st Steps Learning Center for



approx. 8 years. John also pastors Matthew Chapel A.M.E. Church in Fackler, AL. and is an associate pastor and custodian at St. Paul A.M.E. Church here in Scottsboro. Then he attends theology classes with Tenn. Baptist Association through Samford University of Birmingham, Alabama. In his spare time (ha, ha), he loves to work on his Ford Mustang.

Alexia teaches preschool full time and takes care of the

children. She works very closely with both churches in the youth and missionary departments. At the moment they have 6 children: Adam age 17, Alex age 12½, Marques age 11, and Joh age 4. They also have two foster children at this time, ages 1 and 3. John and Alexia have served Jackson Co. D.H.R. of Alabama as foster parents for about 11 years. *Submitted by: Alexia Ellison, 324 East Maple St., Scottsboro, AL 35768*

### The England Family

On the pages of a school textbook Ora England Gaines wrote the names and birth dates of all family members up until the date of the last entry beginning with the oldest on down to the youngest. Eliza Isbell, December 18 (The year not clearly written); Will England March 9, 1866; Mollie Isbell, June 14, 1890; Ora England, August 10, 1886; Charles England, April 1, 1888; Bessie England, April 1, 1890; Jennie England, February 29, 1892; Alice England, January 17, 1894; Bulah England, March 25, 1896; Willie England, July 4, 1898; Billy England, March 20, 1909; Mary Lee England, February 13, 1910; Mary Lou England, October 1, 1913; John D. England, August 9, 1916; Lois Kate England, December 17, 1916; Mary Ben England, December 28, 1917; Myrtle Virginia England, February 21, 1920. Then Ora wrote "That's All." So this is the beginning of this narrative along with family conversation, family reunions, church gatherings and community events as sources of information.

The earliest related location of the family was the Larkinsville-Limrock area of Jackson County. Eventually the family moved to Scottsboro which all to this day regard as home. They lived in rented houses until a home house which will be described later was built.

Now to apply perspective to accounts thus far. Eliza Isbell's parents are not known. The name Isbell probably came from her landlord or overseer and his full name is not known nor his home location or holdings unless it was the Larkinsville-Limrock area that was previously mentioned. Eliza had only one child a girl named Mollie Isbell. Her father is not known. Mollie met Will England who came to the area seeking work. He was from Cowan, Tennessee. He and Mollie married. The couple was blessed with seven children, six girls and one boy. As named above they are: Ora, Charles, Bessie, Jennie, Alice, Bulah, and Willie.

The parents and children had some elementary schooling but school terms if available were short, poorly housed and interrupted sessions to allow for crop gatherings as farming provided most of the employment along with domestic services for men mostly common labor. The untimely death of the husband Will left the wife Mollie the awesome responsibility of caring for a family in which many could not earn a living. Although some began work early locally and as others matured they left for cities seeking employment. Ora to Birmingham, AL where she met and married Lucius Gaines. Alice England Cook went to Chattanooga, TN with her daughter Mary Lee who had two children, Charles B. and Arthur Spriggs. Bessie and husband Will Smith of Kentucky, her two children Mary Lou and Lois Kate left with Grandmother Mollie. Bulah off to Elizabeth, NJ and Willie Mae to Detroit, MI. Charles the only boy nicknamed "Crackshot" began working in construction and learned from working with carpenters and did some small building and repair jobs. As a carpenters helper he worked for the government in the construction of the Oak Ridge, TN facility for which he received a certificate of commendation from the Secretary of the Army. He also worked on another government project the construction of the Tuskegee Airport. He married Della Wellington and they were blessed with three children; Mary Beth, John D., and Myrtle Virginia.

This leaves only the daughter Jennie that we will discuss after we go back to the mother. Mollie who had the most dependable and longest lasting job. She was employed as a cook at the Bailey House Hotel whose customers were traveling salesmen from many companies. They came to make personal contact with the businesses they served. During her stay at the Bailey House she bought a lot and built the first home for the Englands. This house located at the corner of Elm and Mountain (now M. L. King) streets still stands. Once damaged by fire and restored. It is still referred to as the England House. Jennie B. England remained in Scottsboro and



*William L. England*

had one son William (Billy) Luke England who will be the center piece in this story of the England family.

Billy as he was and still called by many home folks and his family as well as friends was born in Scottsboro and spent his early years attending the public school until he completed the 6th grade after which his mother sent him to South Pittsburg, TN to attend the newly built McReynold High School (Grades 1-12). He graduated from this high school in May 1928 in a class of five, three girls and two boys. In September, 1928, England entered A & I State College in Nashville, TN where he spent almost two quarters of the school term before having to withdraw due to illness in the family and the lack of funds. Months of work in odd jobs and a shoe shining job in a local barber shop made possible his entering Lane College in Jackson, TN. In September, 1929 immediately upon entering Lane, England asked to see the President, Dr. J. F. Lane and was granted the interview that proved to be his ticket to a college education as President Lane told him of a white lady who operated a boarding hotel who catered to railroad crews that changed trains at this junction. She needed help and preferred a student. The job provided a small room in the boarding house, meals, and a small amount of money and in return helping in all areas of the operation before and after classes for the day was over and on weekends. Though denied some of the extra-curricular activities that took place on the campus, the assurance of completing college consumed England. He applied and was given the job. In August of 1932 he was awarded the Bachelor of Science Degree in Education to become the first native born Jackson County's African-American to achieve this honor. It was widely acclaimed and publicized.

In the fall of 1932 England began his teaching career at a one-teacher school in Guntersville, AL. The classes (grades 1-7) were held in the A.M.E. Church, and this school was county operated under the supervision of the local high school principal. From this beginning position in a one-teacher school England served as teacher and principal in elementary, junior and senior high school as well as a supervisor in these other locations: Fackler, Alabama - Jackson County; Scottsboro, Alabama - Jackson County; Pine Apple, Alabama - Wilcox County; Decatur, Alabama - Morgan County (City). This teaching career was interrupted by service in the armed forces of World War II followed by a period with USO as program director in New Orleans, LA following which he served as training officer for the Veterans Administration with office located in the Alabama A & M College (University) but also serving Oakwood College. This was the GI Bill training program following World War II.

During these teaching years England spent enough summer school sessions to be awarded a Master of Science Degree in Education Administration at Tuskegee Institute (University) in 1957. During this same year he received the Silver Beaver award from Boy Scout organization for participation as an adult in the scouting program. The award by the Huntsville, AL area scout office. England was married to the former Miss Alyce Ruth Wells for 55 years. She passed July 19, 1997. To this union four sons were born: William Luke, Jr.; Douglas Dwight; twins Gerald Kenneth (deceased) and Gregory Laval. This couple devoted themselves to the education of their sons. William Jr. graduated from Tuskegee (ROTC) and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army from which he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. During this tour of duty he studied in the evening classes and received his law degree from Georgetown University. He is presently serving as an administrative judge in the state of Maryland. Douglas and Gerald received B.S. degrees from Tuskegee. Gregory attended Morris-town College and graduated from Fisk University with a B.S. Degree. There are seven grandchildren, four girls and three boys, and one great grandson. England retired in 1974 from the Decatur City School System as a member of the superintendent's staff serving as supervisor of the Headstart Program for the school system. He now resides in Chattanooga, TN. *Submitted by: William L. England, Sr., 5504 Upshaw Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416*

### **Mary Ruth Dinah (Hicks) and Harvel George Farmer Family**

Mary Ruth Dinah (Hicks) Farmer (b: 3/29/23) was the fifth child of Miriam E. Rush and Thomas O. Hicks. (See Miriam (Rush) and Tom O. Hicks article). Dinah married Harvel George Farmer (b: 7/19/19 - d: 7/23/93) on 11/23/40. Dinah and Harvel had six children.

Dinah's first child was Virginia Elizabeth (Farmer) Ford (b: 5/16/43). Virginia married Gary Ford (divorced) and had two children: Alisha Carol (Ford) Townsend (b: 12/21/66) and Peggy Elizabeth (Ford) (Phillips) Capps (b: 2/12/68); and they adopted Damon Ford. Gary had a son by a previous marriage, Kenny Byron Ford (b: 5/4/63). Alisha Carol married "Buzz" Townsend. Alisha and Buzz have one son, William Kaleb Townsend. Peggy Elizabeth married Brent Phillips (divorced) and they had two children: Samantha Phillips and Carol Phillips. Virginia works at Walmart in Fort Payne. She lives in the Deans Chapel Community.

Dinah's second child was Patrica Ann (Farmer) Shumate (b: 4/21/44). Patrica married William Shumate on 4/12/63 and had one child: Mark Christopher Shumate (b: 1/8/64). Mark married Shannon Davidson (Sides) Shumate on 8/5/90 and has one daughter Hayden Shumate (b: 12/3/93). Patrica owns a home business and lives in Anniston, AL.

Dinah's third child was Sandra Gail (Farmer) Garren (b: 7/5/47). Sandra married Wayne Garren on 8/1/70 and had one child: John Keith Garren (b: 2/28/71). Sandra and Wayne own a fish camp in Eufala, AL.

Dinah's fourth child was Judy Irene (Farmer) Lingerfeld (b: 2/2/50). Judy married Garry Lingerfeld (divorced) on 11/22/67 and had four children: Brandon Heath Lingerfeld (b: 4/3/71); Rodney Wayne Lingerfeld (b: 12/29/74); Geoffery Aaron Lingerfeld (b: 2/8/78) and April Canielle Lingerfeld (b: 4/7/83). Judy operates a "Maid to Order" cleaning service and lives in Rainsville, AL.

Dinah's fifth child was Michael Don Farmer (b: 10/20/52). Michael graduated from Pisgah High School and received a degree in Engineering from the University of Alabama. He married Gail and had two children: Michael Farmer (b: 3/27/82) and Laura Farmer (b: 8/15/85). Michael lives in Atlanta, GA.

Brandon Lingerfeld attended school at Pisgah High School, Fort Payne High, and graduated at McLaurin High School in Jackson, MI. He married Amanda Lee (divorced) and has one daughter: Madeline Chelsea Lingerfeld (b: 10/10/93). He has married Erica (Tipton) Lingerfeld on 8/2/97 and is in the U.S. Air Force at Colorado Springs, CO. Rodney Lingerfeld is a draftsman with Fresco in Atlanta, GA. Rodney has one son, Thomas Christian Smith (b: 10/10/94). Geoffery Lingerfeld graduated from Fort Payne High School and works at Ledbetter's Cabinet Shop. He is not married. April Lingerfeld is a student at Fort Payne High School.

Dinah's sixth child was Jimmy Dale Farmer (b: 9/20/57). Jimmy Dale married Shelia (Townsend) Farmer on 5/8/76. They don't have any children. Jimmy lives in the Deans Chapel Community. He works in a sock mill in Fort Payne. Shelia owns the Taco Quick in Ft. Payne. *Submitted by: Judy Lingerfeld, Rainsville, AL*

### **Finley Leaving Finley's Cove**

Mama told my six year old cousin that the doctor found me in a hollow stump when asked where she got the baby. Born in Finley's Cove in a three-room house February 15, 1909, I was the fifth child of Isaac Newton (Buddy) and Susie Jane Lusk Finley. My brothers were Ora (born 1899), Floyd (1900), Felix (1903); My sister Oma was born in 1904 and Ventrice in 1917. Finley's Cove was a small community of 16 homes with a grist mill, a church, a school, a post office, and a cemetery located across Paint Rock River from Trenton and named after my grandfather Soloman Finley. Grandma Tabitha ran the post office. She was 1/2 Indian.

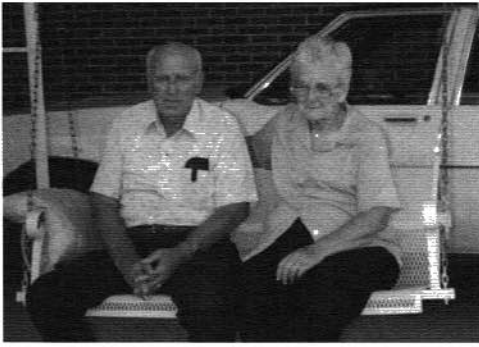
Before I was born, Papa moved to Trenton in 1900 to work on building the pike, a new road through Paint Rock Valley (now Highway 65). The old wagon trails hugged the base of the mountains. After one year he moved back to Finley's Cove to please his mother.

When I was five, we moved to Trenton for the final time. I remember our milk cow following the wagon with our belongings through the Big Bottom. We lived above Trenton Spring where Papa worked in the stave mill when he wasn't working in the fields. He used his wagon and mules to haul oak logs out of the mountain to make staves for barrels; some were used in whiskey distilleries.

When the economy improved about 1918, Papa bought a Model T Ford. The boys had their own cotton fields, mules, wagons, and bank accounts.

About 1920 we moved into Mr. Williams' house, a very nice home with three fireplaces near Trenton School. The school had three rooms with three teachers and covered grades one through





Harvey and Nora Humphrey

ten. Papa farmed Mr. Williams' land.

My family was pretty much self-sufficient. We had two milk cows, six mules, chickens, and hogs. We raised a big garden and also had peanut, potato, watermelon and cantaloupe patches. In the big orchard were peach, pear, plum, and apple trees and

grape vines. We had a cellar under the house, a milk house dug out of a hill, a smoke house with a huge hollow half-log for working and salting meat, and a coal house that contained stove wood, coal, and gardening tools. Mama made most of the clothes for the family.

In 1932 I married Harvey Humphrey, one of 13 children born to Isaac Clemons and Lula Jane Cox Humphrey. Although we were very poor in the beginning, Harvey became one of the most successful farmers in the county and was elected Chairman of the Jackson County A.S.C.S. Committee.

We had three children: Howard, Jean, and Curtis. After attending Florence State Teacher's College, Howard married Jean Hadlock of Central. Their children are Mark and Susan. With a master's degree and AA Teaching Certificate, Jean teaches Senior English at Grissom High School. She married the late Klaus E. Arndt and their children are Steven and Ramona. Born in Germany, Klaus came with his parents' family to the USA in 1958. His father Erwin August Arndt joined other German rocket scientists to work under Dr. Werner Von Braun in the Space Program. Curtis followed in his father's footsteps in farming. He married Emma Tidwell and their children are Patti and Rodney. His present wife is Cathie Smith.

My grandchildren are involved in the following: Patti is a certified dental technician; Rodney is a field engineer; Mark is in food sales; Susan is a registered nurse; Steve is a Presbyterian minister; and Ramona is a chemical engineer following in her grandfather's footsteps in the Space Program.

Although Harvey and I traveled all over the United States, Canada, and Mexico, I am proud to have been born in Finley's Cove and to live in Trenton of beautiful Paint Rock Valley. Harvey died in 1986. *Submitted by: Nora F. Humphrey (age 88), Box 21, Trenton, AL 35774*

Source: Family Knowledge

## Isaac Newton (Buddy) Finley

1877-1960

I remember Papa building a fire on a cold winter morning, shaking ashes, rattling the grate, and getting ready for a big breakfast. Papa bought a big Home Comfort Stove and we had the best biscuits. Sometimes the coal oil lamp would catch on fire and he would throw it out in the yard.

One winter it snowed and Papa lost a heel off his shoe. Every time he went out in the snow, he would slip and fall. He'd laugh with the rest of us. We'd hear a racket and Mama would say, "Buddy's down again!"

I remember when bad storms would come: we'd sit on the edge of the two beds in the front room. I think Papa was as scared as I was.

Papa was friendly, full of good humor, and did most of the talking when company came. Mama was quiet, crazy about her family, and a hard worker. She made feather beds, canned food, etc., and was always proud of her garden.

At Christmas time I over did the Santa Claus thing. I would hang up my stockings every night for a week. Always there would be something in them. When nothing but fruit came, I would stop. I remember the Christmas I thought I was too old to hang up my stockings. Papa slipped a small doll in my shoe. But I was embarrassed and didn't thank him.

Some Christmas later after I had a gift from a Christmas tree at the Baptist Church, Papa said, "I've never got anything off a Christmas tree in my life." That really hurt me: I remember crying. Sometime after that we all started giving him and Mama gifts at Christmas.

Then he felt he ought to pay them back, so he would go to Wilbourn's store and buy us four yards of cloth for dresses. There were Oma, Nora, Buna, Lucy, Mama, and me. One year he bought us all yellow cloth all alike.

Shows would come to Trenton School and Papa would say he couldn't afford to go. I don't remember us ever missing a show.

I remember Papa laughing at the "Uncle Josh" records we had with the old Gramophone.

I remember the day the bees ran Papa out of the field. He was getting the honey. He got several stings. Lucy laughed at his running and I climbed the gate to help him.

When I was 19, Mama, Papa, and I went to Texas to see Uncle Felix. Papa and Aunt Jenny had a good time with Uncle Felix. Mama was homesick. I remember Papa crying when Uncle Felix and his family left to go home after a visit here from Texas. It was the last time he saw them.

Hog killing was a big event. Usually about Thanksgiving Papa would hire men to help and wound up giving them a third of the meat. Mama would cook a big dinner with new liver and other parts of the hogs. There was always hot coffee.

Mama and I worked bedspreads and paid for my piano lessons to Mrs. Vandiver. Some were as little as 7 cents apiece for the working and clipping.

I begged so for a piano that Papa went to Scottsboro and bought me one for \$50. He paid \$25 down and the rest the next fall after the cotton was picked. Papa caught a way home with that big old second hand piano! I remember it was midnight and these men were carrying that heavy thing up the front steps. Most of the men were drunk. Papa said if they hadn't been, they couldn't have carried it.

I remember coming home from church one night and Mama and Papa were having an argument. He was picking out notes by ear to "What a Friend" and she was telling him that wasn't the way I played it. He was on the black notes! When I was practicing Papa would holler at me and say I had missed a note. He and Mama seemed proud I played for church. The only song I ever heard Mama sing was "Amazing Grace."

Papa sometimes worked at the sawmill at Trenton Spring after



Ventrice Finley Lindsey

his crop was put in. I remember how his hands were cracked, and in the fall they would bleed after gathering corn in freezing weather.

I remember Mama ringing the dinner bell. Papa loved to farm but he also worried if the rains didn't come. The biggest thing of all was when the "kids" all came home.

Every Sunday afternoon everybody came: Floyd and Lucy, Felix and Buna with James and Ted, Oma and Virgil with Virginia and Glen, Nora and Harvey and Howard, Jean, and Curtis, and Sammie and me. Papa was always in the swing and Mama was in her rocker. The porch was full!

Early Sunday mornings Floyd and Felix would come and talk over farm business with Papa. Floyd usually sat on the steps.

Sometimes we had ice cream suppers. We bought ice from the ice truck and I would help Papa put it in the cellar.

My first day at school I told the teacher my daddy's name was "Buddy". I thought it was. If he could have lived to see the men land on the moon! He kept up with all the news.

It seems that most of this is about Papa. Mama was shy about her feelings, but they had deep feelings for each other. Mama was the quiet one, but she held the family together. She was concerned with her home and family. Nights when I was little and had colds, she used to rub Vicks on my chest in front of the fire. I was a "Mama's girl." She would never let me play in the snow. (I would get sick.) I think that's the reason I think snow is so pretty today.

Papa was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. I remember his saying at Sunday School one time, "We are all going to die, but we'll all live again."

Amen, Papa!

Note: Ventrice F. Lindsey taught piano lessons in the schools at

Princeton, Paint Rock, and Woodville and in her home for many years. She died 11/29/1996. *Submitted by: Sammie Lindsey, Box 10, Trenton, AL 35774 and Written by: Ventrice Finley Lindsey 7/29/85*

## Isaac Newton (Buddy) Finley

1877-1960  
"Bigpapa"

Now that I have him only in memory, I see Bigpapa as he sat in his reserved swing on the front porch. One arm he always extended upward to hold on to the chain of the swing. I can see him as he pushes the swing back, clears his throat, and spits out a mouthful of juicy brown saliva over the banister of the porch. A faint wisp of the juice falls on the banister and he takes his hand to wipe it off. He wipes his mouth and folds his hands over the bib of his faded overalls in that awkward way of his as if he doesn't know what to do with them. Then instinctively his right hand goes up to the chain of the swing which he loosely grasps.

I can hear his voice as he expresses concern over what the weather is doing to the crops. Once he had worked among the boys before they retired him. "I swear I don't know what them boys are going to do!" he'd say.

I remember the smell of the polecat on his body that he couldn't wash away after he had caught it in his chickenhouse about to raid the roost. He had already lost several chickens to that varmint. Each chicken he knew individually and had known since it hatched. He had watched them grow as he fed them twice a day and saw that they had drinking water.

I can smell the odor of chicken manure and see it on the roost in that old rusted chicken house. His daughter Ventrice had burned his clothes and set his high-topped work shoes out to air after his infamous confrontation with the killer of his chickens.

I can hear his voice as he says to me, "I don't know what you want to go to college fer. You'll just get married and all that money will be wasted. You need to get Harvey (Daddy) to give you a cotton patch. That way you can have a little money."

In my senior year of college, I can hear Bigpapa encourage me a few days before his death. Taking 21 semester hours, I had expressed my concern to him about final exams in the next two weeks. He said, "Read a little bit and then think about it and read a little more and think about it."

I can see Bigpapa, too, in his pajamas after his heart attacks and strokes. Weak and fearful, he had learned to talk, to eat, and to walk again. And I can see him in his casket as I drank in his appearance because I didn't want to forget what he looked like. And I can see him in the numerous nightmares afterwards when I wished I hadn't tried so hard to remember the appearance of that corpse. Then I see him again, happy and laughing, as he calls me "Daughter". His presence encouraged me as I made A's and B's on all my exams. *Submitted by: Jean Humphrey Arndt, 1906 Melbourne Ave., Huntsville, AL 35801. Summer, 1985*  
Source: Memories



Jean Humphrey Arndt

## Mr. Mack Finley

Mack Finley was born in Scottsboro, AL. He and his wife, the former Lucretia Allen, celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary in July, 1981. Joining in this grand celebration were their two sons, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Mack worked at Claude Payne's Grocery for 32 years before going into business for himself. He operated a pool room, beauty/barber shop, grocery store, and restaurant. Since cooking was one of his great loves, he spent most of his time preparing delicious lunches.

He was known by people of all walks of life and had a remarkable memory and loved to talk about things that happened years

ago. He was a lover of people - never meeting a stranger. Mr. Mack was a member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church, having joined in 1928 under the pastorate of Rev. Lamar. He credited his long life and success to "getting along and loving everybody." *Submitted by: Committee, Archie Stewart, 217 Walnut Street, Scottsboro, AL 37586*

## Flanagan Pioneers

### Pioneer

James Flanagan was granted 400 acres of land by King George II in 1747 in Louisa County Virginia. He married Serena Whittle, daughter of Francis and Sara Whittle. When he died in 1752, he left his estate for his wife for life. After Serena's death the property was left to their three sons: Ambrose, James and Whittle.

Whittle Flanagan (b. Nov. 18, 1749) married Judith Ferguson on April 12, 1773. Whittle and Judith made their home and raised eleven children in Louisa Co., VA. On Apr. 10, 1806, their son, Ambrose Flanagan (b. Nov. 27, 1780 - d. 1866) married Dianah Lodissa Chewning (b. 1786 - d. March 21, 1869).

Ambrose Flanagan served as a Lt. in the Militia System of Va, Louisa Co., during the war of 1812. After the war in 1815, Ambrose and his wife Dianah moved to Paint Rock Valley near Trenton, AL. They are buried in the Webb (Bottom) Cemetery near Trenton, AL. They had ten children; eight were born in Paint Rock Valley. A son, William A. (b. 1822 - D. Dec. 24, 1864) married Rachel Wilbourn in 1854. She (b. 1825 - d. Jan. 30, 1869) was a daughter of Aquilla and Elizabeth (Wilson) Wilbourn. During the War Between the States, William A. Flanagan served with fellow Jackson county men in the Union Army in Co. A of the 1st. Ala. Vidette Cavalry Regiment assembled in Stevenson, AL. He died in 1864 and was buried in Stevenson. His brother Capt. Andrew Jackson Flanagan served with the Confederate States Army. He was in Co. F, 35th Ala. Inf. He raised a family in Vicksburg, MS.

William A. Flanagan and Rachel had three children: William E. (b. Oct. 15, 1855 - D. May 16, 1941); Jack (b. Jun. 21, 1858 - D. Jun. 9, 1890) married Flora Ann Lusk and moved to Texhome, OK; Ambrose H. married Eleanor Latham and moved to Tennessee.

William E. Flanagan (b. Oct. 15, 1855 - d. May 16, 1941) married Amanda F. Rousseau (b. Nov. 21, 1856 - d. Nov. 3, 1916) on Jan. 4, 1883. They had two sons, William Thomas (b. Nov. 13, 1884 - d. Aug. 20, 1968) and Georga A. (b. Jan. 13, 1886 - d. Oct. 2, 1950). George moved to Atalla, AL and married Annie J. Owen. They had two children, Evelyn and George Owen Flanagan. William E. and Amanda are buried in the Rousseau family cemetery at Garth, AL.

Amanda (Rousseau) Flanagan's family were also "Early Settlers" of Paint Rock Valley. Her grandfather, Hillair Rousseau (b. Jun. 2, 1802 - Feb. 9, 1890) was born in Wilkes Co., N.C. He moved to Lincoln Co., TN in 1825. He married Lucretia Jennings (b. May 12, 1809 - d. Apr. 28, 1877) on Sept. 29, 1827. They moved to Garth, AL in 1831. Both are buried in the Rousseau Cemetery at Garth, AL. Hillair's second son, David Thomas Rousseau (b. Dec. 25, 1830 - d. Dec. 22, 1891) married Martha A. St. Clair (b. 1834 - d. Nov. 2, 1902) on Dec. 23, 1855. They are buried in the Rousseau family cemetery in Garth, AL. David T. and Martha had nine children. Three of their sons died in their teens a few weeks apart from typhoid fever. One son, Calvin M. Rousseau (b. Oct. 27, 1897 - d. Oct. 19, 1935), was Founder of Rousseau's Store in Paint Rock, AL. Upon his death in 1935, his two sons, Tom and Calvin B. Rousseau operated the store. The wife of Calvin B., Catherine (Durham) Rousseau continued to operate the store until it was torn down in the 1970's for the widening of US Hwy. 72.

David T. and Martha Rousseau's daughter, Amanda F. married William E. Flanagan as previously mentioned. Their son, William Thomas Flanagan, (b. Nov. 13, 1884 - d. Aug. 20, 1968) married Hattie Clemons (b. Oct. 9, 1918 - d. Feb. 6, 1974) on Nov. 27, 1908. She was the daughter of Monroe Jackson Clemons (b. Nov. 1862 - d. Feb. 1946) and Harriett M. (Jones) (b. Nov. 1853 - d. 1933). They had seven children: William Thomas Jr. (Bill), Margie, Harriett, James (Ed), John Cecil (J. C.), Newell and Monroe. William Thomas (Tom) Flanagan was an Elder in the Primitive Baptist Church and preached until his death Aug. 20, 1968. His 5 sons above served in WWII. William T. Flanagan Jr. (Bill) having been 35 years old and father of four children was exempt from the draft, but he volunteered because his four younger brothers were serving. Fortunately, all five returned from the war.

William T. (Bill) Flanagan married Esley M. Mullenax. Her parents were Joseph and Mary Savannah (Chamblee) Mullenex of



Pisgah, AL. Bill and Esley had four children: Billy Joe, Faye C., James (Bud) and Jane Flanagan. Bud and Jane were twins born at home in Paint Rock in Jan. 1938. Their survival was remarkable because they were born prematurely with combined weights of 5 lbs. Their small heads would fit in a tea cup, and they had to be fed with a medicine dropper. Bricks were heated in the fireplace and put in the basket to keep them warm. Bill and Esley are buried in Paint Rock cemetery.

Esley taught three generations of children in Paint Rock School. Billy Joe, Faye C., and Jane followed their mother's profession in education. James (Bud) Flanagan, a physicist, married Linda R. Zeigler in April 1963. She is a daughter of Cleatus B. and Olivia (Lumsden) Zeigler of Section, AL. They have two daughters, Melanie L. and Lisa R. Christensen, who live in Huntsville, AL. *Submitted by: James M. (Bud) Flanagan, 12111 Chicamauga Trail, Huntsville, AL 35803*

Sources: Census, family Bibles, deeds, wills and other recorded documents.

## Flowers McCoy

Jack Thomas Flowers, born February 28, 1941, is the son of William Robert Flowers and Kathryn Bowden Flowers of Mansfield, Tennessee. Jack was born third; siblings are Edith (Williamson); Betty (D'Auria); Merry (Barfield); Kay; Nancy; Dixie; Robert; Ernest; Randell; Ronald. Jack grew up on a 120 acre farm. His family grew row crops and dairy cattle. He graduated from Henry County High School.

June McCoy Flowers, born May 26, 1941, is the daughter of Elise Rochelle McCoy and the late Clyde Brown McCoy of the rural community of Nunnely, Tennessee. June was born fourth; siblings are Billy; Bobby; Roy; Betty (Lamothe); and Martha (deceased). June graduated from Hickman County High School and attended Austin Peay State University.

Jack and June were married March 11, 1961, by Paul Rogers at the Centerville Church of Christ. In the fall of 1970, Jack, June and their children: Marla, born July 19, 1964; Melba, born October 23, 1966; and Merle, born October 20, 1968, moved to Jackson County in Alabama from Camden, Tennessee. Jack was an employee of Consolidated Aluminum, New Johnsville, Tennessee, but accepted a job as supervisor in the Reduction Plant of Revere

Copper and Brass, Scottsboro, Alabama.

Revere began full operation December, 1970. New businesses began to open, as Woolworth Shopping Center and Warehouse Grocery. Later, these along with many other businesses, faded into history.

No suitable houses were available to rent nor purchase without a long waiting period in Scottsboro in 1970. The Flowers family rented a house in the



Flowers Family

small town of Section from Mr. Harry Campbell. In 1977, the Flowers' purchased property on the corner of Church and Stringer Streets and built a modern log house. Their children grew up in this house.

Jack was employed by Revere from October, 1970 until August, 1982. Jack was one of 650 employees to lose their income when the Reduction Plant ceased operation.

Jack was then self-employed until March, 1984 when he was hired by Earthgrains, Fort Payne, where he presently works as a maintenance engineer.

Jack, June and their son Merle each served a term on the Section Town Council. June served as city clerk and was employed by the Jackson County Board of Education. The Flowers family are involved in numerous community, church, and school activities.

Marla, Melba, and Merle graduated from Section High School. Marla received an Education degree from Jacksonville State

University and a Masters of Education from the University of Tennessee. Melba earned a Bachelor of Social Work and Bachelor of Science degrees from Jacksonville State University. Merle holds an Agricultural Economics degree from Auburn University and a Masters of Business Administrative from the University of Mississippi, Oxford Mississippi.

Presently, Marla teaches at North Sand Mountain School. She is married to Morgan Carson Thomas and they reside on the Thomas Charolais Farm in Section. Morgan is an Environmental Engineer at Widows Creek, Stevenson, Alabama. They have one son, Mason Morgan Thomas, born August 8, 1995. Morgan is the son of Ella Rae Carson Thomas and the late J. M. Thomas.

Melba is employed by the State of Alabama with the Department of Human Resources in Scottsboro as a Family Service Social Worker II. She is licensed by Alabama State Board of Examiners. She is a Jackson County property owner and resides in Scottsboro.

Merle and his wife, the former Stacy Reeves, reside in Olive Branch, Mississippi. Stacey is the daughter of Jon and Beverly Purty Reeves of Southaven, Mississippi. Stacey is a Broker-Associate for Reeves Williams Realty in Southaven. Merle is Field Office Manager for Mississippi Representative Roger Wicker.

The Flowers' enjoy their grandson, their many flower beds, a beautiful vegetable garden, the log house and collecting antiques.

The Flowers' family are members of the Broad Street Church of Christ. *Submitted by: June M. Flowers, 97 Church Street, Section, AL 35771*

## Thomas Boyd Foster 1810-1895

This was written in the 83rd year of his life.

My parents emigrated from Emerald Isle. Crossed the great waters in a sail vessel long before the War of the Revolution. My mothers parents emigrated from that old historic country of Scotland. They too crossed the Atlantic Ocean in a small sail vessel prior to the War of the Revolution. Both families settled in Virginia.

I Thomas Boyd Foster was born July 20, 1810 in Wythe County in Virginia. We moved to Franklin County in the state of Tennessee in 1815. My father was a successful farmer.



The first school I attended was at old Goshem Camp Ground in 1816. The house was built of large hewed logs. The floors not nailed to the sleepers, a lit-

tle off of the ground not enclosed. This was a nice place for hogs to rest and produced a numerous family of fleas. The seats were made of sapplings split so as to make two seats from one stick. Legs were put on there from the round side so as to turn flat side up, this was hewed off smooth and upon this the children sat from early morning until late evening. The building served as school and church. Our books consisted of Websters Spelling Book, Pike's Arithmetic, the English Reader, Murrays English Grammer, and Morse's School Geography. From a boy, I was a lover of books. We had a large family and all had to work on the farm.

In 1830, my father died. He made a will before his death. Left William Street and I executors. I was under age, the law excluded me. I did assist him.

March 24, 1834 I opened a school at Bolivar in Jackson County Alabama. I had a nice school. In 1835, I went into Mercntile House as Clerk and Salesman at Bolivar, Alabama for Major James Mundy. In 1836 I went into the House of Caperton and Ershine. In April of that year, I volunteered to go to Florida against the Seminole Indians. We were disbanded and returned to our home.

In April of 1837, I married Eleanor Susane Cowan. I began teaching again. I taught at Crow Creek, then in Franklin County Tennessee. In 1843 to 1850, I taught at Mundy's Chapel. I also taught at Sand Mountain and made a crop every year. In 1848, I was District Tax Assessor. 1850 I was elected Justice of Peace. I held that office several years. 1851 appointed County Surveyor

until 1889. In 1850, I became a member of Masonic Fraternity. I was chosen Worshipful Master. I served 35 years. I became a member of Russell Chapter No. 65 in August 1856 and member of Stevenson Council No. 41 in 1859. I resided over these bodies for years. I was annointed and set apart to the order of higher priest in the Order of Council of Higher Priest of Alabama December 2, 1869. I with others obtained a charter for working the American Adoption Rite at Stevenson. The was given the name of Foster Chapter. I was made Knight Templar in Commandery No. 4 Montgomery, Alabama December 4, 1862.

My first wife died and I was married to my second Sallie M. Mason. One of my sons by this wife was Dr. George Winfield Foster a surgeon for the Memphis-Charleston Railroad and also practiced medicine in Stevenson.

I was chosen Stated Clerk of Jackson Presbytery after I passed the meridian of life. Age forced me to vacate. I was member of the Stevenson Grange and County Grange, the only presiding officer. I am now corresponding secretary of Sabbath School in Robert Donnell. I have been for many years Superintendent of Sabbath School and one the first elders at Edgefield Church.

Thomas Boyd Foster has many descendants in and around Stevenson who are active in the Cumberland Presbyterian churches and active in community affairs. *Submitted by: Mrs. W. F. Johnson, P O Box 819, Bridgeport, AL 35740-0819*

### Frazier The Mysterious Window

The coyotes were howling during the middle of the night. I would wake up in a sweat because I dreamed of a window, which seemed as if it was glowing in the moonlight, moving to the right wall. I thought I dreamed this but I didn't. It was real!

Forty seven years ago my family and I lived in an old three room house up against the mountain in Roaches Cove. The house was wood which was slate colored. When you entered the house you stepped into my parents bedroom. They had a four post iron bed with straw mattresses, which we called bedticks. In the next room was the kitchen which had an old cookstove and a table. The children slept in one room which had two beds and one mysterious window. We were very poor so we didn't have any electricity, running water, or a bathroom.

Every morning we would wake up and eat a homemade breakfast. It was usually biscuits, cured ham, and eggs that came from our own hens. After we ate breakfast, my brothers, sisters, and I would go and get water for the day, from a spring. We had long pipes stretched down the mountain to pipe water into our mule trough. Then we fed the pigs and milked the cows. After that we would go to the field to hoe and pick cotton. Later, my family would bring in more water for baths and household use, such as cleaning the dishes after supper. We also had to bring in firewood for breakfast the next morning.

Since we didn't have electricity, we had coal oil lamps and to save the oil, we would go to bed before dark. My dad was a sharecropper, carpenter, and a logger. The only source of entertainment we had was dad playing the banjo and singing.

When we went to bed the window, which mysteriously moved during the night was at the foot of our beds. There were six of us: Hershel, Ray, Sally, Daisy, Charles, and myself, Mary. We all slept in the same bedroom. My baby brother, Charles, slept with mom and dad. Every once in a while, I would wake up in the middle of the night, and the window that used to be at the foot of our beds was on the right wall. It was usually a very hot night therefore I would be sitting there in bed sweating, not just from the summer heat, but from the creepy and frightening window. I would watch it until it moved back to its original place. My brothers and sisters knew about the window but weren't afraid as I was. They thought it was shadows, but I knew it wasn't.

Three years later we moved around the mountain. We never went back to that house again. The window still remains unsolved today. *Submitted by: Kacey Frazier, 506 Quincy St., Scottsboro, AL 35768*

Source: As told to me by my grandmother, Mary Grace (Talley) Frazier

### Mary Texas Hurt Garner

Mary Texas Hurt Garner was born October 3, 1928 in Scottsboro and attended Jackson Public Schools. She graduated from Jackson County High School in 1945. During her four years in high school she managed the family motion picture theater, The

Bocanita Theatre at the age of 12. She was the world's youngest theatre manager. Several national motion magazines commended her for the job she did during World War II years when employees were hard to find. Garner attended Vassar College while in New York. She graduated



Mary Texas Hurt Garner

from George Washington University where she received a Bachelor Degree in Art, also a degree as a political science major. She obtained her law degree in 1952. She passed the Alabama Bar Exam and was admitted to the Alabama Bar Association after she had practiced law in Scottsboro for one year with a private law firm. She was the second woman in Alabama history to become the Assistant Attorney General.

She made her first venture into the political arena when she was 25 years old in 1954. She was elected as the Alabama State Auditor for a second term in 1959. She was also elected State Treasurer of Alabama in 1962. When she retired from politics she moved from Montgomery to Bellefonte in 1966. *Submitted by: Book Committee*

Sources: Newspaper Articles

### John Will and Maurine Gay

John Will Gay Jr. was born 7 Sep 1908 in Scottsboro, AL, and lived there until his death on 23 Jul 1984. He was the fourth generation of the Gay Family to live in Jackson Co. and the third to be born there. On 4 June 1930, he married Maurine Ethel Gipson of Albertville, AL. Maurine continues to reside in Scottsboro.

The Gay family joined the earliest settlers of Jackson Co. when Samuel Gay, b. 13 May 1797, moved there from Blount Co., TN about 1830. Samuel's father William Gay was born in Augusta Co., VA, and served in the American Revolution. Samuel's grandfather William Gay appears to have come to Virginia from Ireland in the early 1700's. Samuel Gay settled first at Bellefonte, then moved to Jones' Cove when the Indians were removed from south of the Tennessee River.

Samuel's son Allison Alexander Gay, b. 24 Mar 1838, was the youngest of 11 children and the only one to remain and bear children in Jackson County. The others had remained in Tennessee or migrated west to Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. A. A. Gay was a leader in the Pisgah Baptist Church and served in the Confederate Army. His wife Delila Ambrester's family arrived in Jackson County in 1822 when her grandfather Philip Henry Armbrister moved there from Wythe Co., VA, by way of Sevier Co. TN and Madison Co., AL. Philip's grandfather Philip Armbrister arrived in Virginia from England around 1740.

A. A. Gay's son John Will Gay, the third of seven children, was born 8 Jan. 1869 and was raised in Jones' Cove. He moved to Scottsboro in the early 1890's and started a grocery business. In 1900 he helped organize the Bank of Scottsboro which became The First National Bank in 1908. Will Gay served as Cashier and Chief Executive Officer of The First National Bank until his death on 22 Mar 1937. In 1930, he, together with his brother James A. Gay and his son John Will Gay, Jr., founded Alabama Bedspread Co., which later became Gay-Tred Mills. He was an active member and deacon of the First Baptist Church of Scottsboro and a leader in civic affairs. He was known for his judgment and his compassion.

He and his first wife Susan Horton had four children — Alexander, Avery, Ninon, and Paul. Alex moved to Chattanooga, and his descendants live in Georgia. Paul died at an early age. Avery and Ninon lived and died in Scottsboro but never married. After Susan's death in 1906, Will married Callie Frances Milligan of White Plains, AL, in 1907, and they had three children — John Will Jr., Emerson M., b. 1910, and Amy Louise, b. 12 Nov 1912. Emerson did not marry and died in 1937. Amy Louise married Allen D. Main of Karnak, IL, where she lived until her death on 7 Jan. 1978. They had one son, James Gay Main, b. 19 Nov. 1940, who now lives in Danville, IN. He has a son, Richard Aaron, of Indianapolis, IN. Callie Gay died on 28 Jul 1958.



After John Will Gay, Jr.'s graduation from Howard College (now Samford University) in 1929, he joined his father in The First National Bank. Upon his father's death in 1937, John Will took over the management of the bank at age 28 and served as its Chief Executive Officer for 47 years until his death in 1984. Under his guidance The First National Bank became the largest bank in Jackson County. He and Maurine built Alabama Bedspread Co. into a viable manufacturing business. He served as President of the Alabama Bankers Association and was on the Board of the Birmingham Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. He served for 12 years on the Scottsboro City Council and 30 years on the Scottsboro Electric Power Board. He was a member of the Board of Trustees at Howard/Samford for 40 years and was honored in 1979 as Alumnus of the Year. He helped organize the Scottsboro Civitan Club and the Scottsboro Golf and Country Club. He was a deacon and Sunday School teacher at the First Baptist Church. Throughout his life he worked to build Scottsboro and Jackson County.

Maurine Gipson Gay, also a graduate of Howard College, was born 28 Jul 1908 in Fyffe, AL, the daughter of U. V. and Leona Gipson. Maurine played an active role in the development of Alabama Bedspread Co. In the early days she did all the designing of patterns and accompanied John Will on many business trips. In the 1960's she retired, turning her artistic talents to the designing of beautiful eggs in the Faberge style. She was an early member of the Fortnightly Book Club, which originated the Scottsboro Public Library, and she continues as an active member of Daughters of the American Revolution. She is an active member of the First Baptist Church and enjoys reading and playing bridge.

John Will and Maurine had two children — Carolyn Maurine, b. 25 Feb. 1931, and John Will III, b. 22 Sep. 1932. Carolyn graduated from Southern Methodist University and married Dr. John Anderson Ponsford of El Paso, TX, where they still reside. They have three children — John Anderson Ponsford Jr. of Scottsboro, AL; Dr. Richard Gay Ponsford of El Paso, TX; and Leigh Ellen Ponsford Gittinger of San Antonio, TX. They have eight grandchildren — Emily and Julia Ponsford of Scottsboro; Richard, Patricia, Mitchell, and Jenna Ponsford of El Paso; and Will and Virginia Sessions of San Antonio.

John Will Gay III graduated from Georgia Tech and married Martha DeLay Kennedy of Atlanta, GA. They live in Scottsboro and have two children — Sharon Anne Gay and Alan Kennedy Gay, both of Atlanta. Alan has two children — Chandler and Hannah. *Submitted by: John W. Gay III, 2003 Roseberry Drive, Scottsboro, AL 35769*

### John and Martha Gay

John W. Gay III was born in Scottsboro, AL, on 22 September 1932, the son of John Will and Maurine Gay. He married Martha DeLay Kennedy of Atlanta, GA, on 7 April 1956. They reside in Scottsboro. He is the fifth generation of the Gay Family to live in Jackson County and the fourth to be born here. (See John Will and Maurine Gay.)

John graduated from Georgia Tech in 1954. After serving two years in the U. S. Air Force, he joined Alabama Bedspread Co., later Gay-Tred Mills, Inc., of which he became President. During his tenure the company changed its product line from bedspreads to bath rugs and grew from 75 employees in 1956 to 240 employees in 1982. In 1983 the company was sold to J. P. Stevens, and in 1984 John succeeded his father as Chairman of The First National Bank, joining the bank on a full-time basis in 1985. He was a director and officer of the Carpet and Rug Institute. He is a past president of the Scottsboro Civitan Club and a current member of the Scottsboro Rotary Club. He has served as director of the United Way and the Chamber of Commerce. He is currently treasurer and director of the Twenty-First Century Council. He was an active member, choir member, and deacon of the First Baptist Church for many years and is now a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His hobbies have been singing, golf, tennis, and hunting.

Martha Kennedy Gay was born in Atlanta, GA, on 28 Oct. 1934, the daughter of Clyde and Martha Kennedy. After graduating from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in 1956, she spent the next twenty years as full-time mother and community volunteer. She is a charter member and past president of the Scottsboro Woman's League. She served as an officer in the Caldwell PTA and the Jackson County Mental Health Association.

She was one of the first female directors of the Chamber of Commerce and was a charter member of the Highland Ambassadors. She is an Allied Member of the American Society of Interior Designers and was a partner in an interior decorating business for several years. She was a Sunday School and VBC teacher for many years and was active in many other organizations of the First Baptist Church. She is now a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She enjoys gardening, bridge, traveling, and care-giving.

John and Martha have two children — Sharon Anne Gay, b. 25 Jan. 1957, and Alan Kennedy Gay, b. 24 Jan. 1959, both of Atlanta. They represent the sixth generation of the Gay Family to have lived in Jackson County, and the fifth to be born there. Sharon graduated from Vanderbilt University, received a law degree from Emory University, and is executive counsel to the Mayor of Atlanta. She is married to Neil C. Schemm of Baltimore, MD, also an attorney. Alan graduated from Harvard University and is married to Kelly Hill of Albuquerque, NM. Alan is a marketing executive with Georgia Pacific, and Kelly is a marketing executive with IBM. They have two children — Chandler Kennedy, b. 15 May 1994, and Hannah Lindsey, b. 11 Feb. 1997. *Submitted by: John W. Gay III, 2003 Roseberry Drive, Scottsboro, AL 35769.*

### John Wood Gay, Sr. Family

My great-grandfather, John Wood Gay, Sr., was born 1818 in Tennessee. Family tradition is that he was son of William Gay and Mary Craig.

John Wood Gay married Elizabeth Branham 27 December 1838 in Blount County Tennessee. All of their seven children were born in Alabama, though we're not sure if all in Jackson County. Ellen was born 1840 - William born 1842 - Jasper born 1843 - Sarah J. born 1846. My grandfather, Aaron Willoughby, was born 27 April 1851 in the Stevenson/Scottsboro area, as were John Wood, Jr. born April 1853 and James A. born January 1860.

The Civil War brought hard times and required that William and Jasper go to war. They both served under General Hood at the

Battle of Peach Tree Creek in Georgia. One brother was carrying the CSA Company banner and was struck down. The other brother took the banner and continued across the bridge. He, too, was struck. Both died 20 July 1864. Their mother grieved so much for them that she became ill and died before 1870 census was taken.



*Sarah Jane (Day) Gay, Aaron Willoughby Gay, lady on right Ellen (Gay) Day*

In the early 1870s John Wood and his remaining five children joined a wagon train to relocate in Arkansas. Also on that trip was the John B. Day family of Walker County Georgia.

Romance bloomed between John Day's daughter, Sarah Jane, and Aaron Willoughby Gay. They were married in 1873 and established their home on Lee's Mountain, Marion County, Arkansas. Their daughters, Malinda Viola and Lucinda, died young but they raised eight sons: John William Jasper - Aaron Willoughby, Jr. - Hiram Nicholas - Julious Wesley - Joel Lee - Louis Robert (my father) - Enoch Gideon - James Henry Lafayette.

Most were farmers and as years passed, all - including parents - migrated to Oklahoma, where a few of the brothers worked in the oil fields. Aaron Willoughby, Sr. died in 1942 and Sarah Jane Gay died in 1937. They are buried at Wetumka, Oklahoma.

We have a copy of a letter written in March 1867 from Daniel McNair Martin of Bellefonte to his daughter Ella, who was living in Texas with relatives.

He wrote about a recent dreadful flood on the Tennessee River where it was 9 feet 1½ inches higher than ever known at Bellefonte. The river at Chattanooga was reported to be fifty feet higher than ever known before. It washed away a steam saw mill and the Tennessee River bridge at Bridgeport. St. Clair's Mill on Mud Creek was washed off and many dwelling houses and corn cribs, as well as most fences.

The Martin family made a shelter on the hill and camped under

it until the water got out of their house. *Submitted by: Paul W. Gay, 1808 Purdue Place, Oklahoma City, OK 73127.*

## Gentle

I am the daughter of Jeremiah Milton Gentle and Georgia Ann Johnson. Dad was born January 23, 1876 and died February 25, 1958. My mother was born July 20, 1875 and died January 7, 1957. They were united in marriage January 29, 1893.

My mother had a full time job raising twelve children. We had four boys in our family and eight girls. The boys were Oscar, Virgil, Willie and Harvey Gentle. The girls were Della Gentle Sherrill, Bethel Gentle Pochrus, Beulah Gentle Rousseau, Bessie Gentle McCormack, Jewel Gentle Elledge, Ola Gentle Higgins both a Mason, Freddie Gentle and Dora Gentle Rousseau.

We lived in the same house all of our lives in a community called Gentle's Cove, located in Limrock, Alabama. All of the children in the family were born in the home. Our transportation was a wagon pulled by mules. My parents never owned a car, never had a bathroom or running water. They had none of the modern conveniences known to us today. They never even saw a paved road.

My Dad made his living farming. He also raised honey bees. My job was to ring the cow bell to settle the bees on a cedar limb so that my dad could put them in the bee gum he had prepared.

One of fondest memories as a child is helping my dad make caskets for folks in the community who could not afford to buy one. I would hold the material while my dad tacked on the wood. I thought the caskets were beautiful because my dad and I had made them.

This was a very long time ago. I am 85 years old but I remember these things like it was yesterday. *Submitted by: Bessie Gentle McCormack, 314 Sharon Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768.*



*Georgia Ann Gentle, Jeremiah Gentle*

## Jerry J. Gentle

### The Giant Gentleman Of Gospel Music

Jerry J. Gentle was born November 12, 1936, son of Willie and Leona Holder Gentle at Gentle Cove in Limrock, Ala. Jerry has four sisters, Eileen Griggs, Eula Gibson, Judy Sisk, Joyce Arnold, all reside in Scottsboro. He married the former Lola Griggs Gentle, has two daughters, Shirley Bell and Pamela Lambert of Scottsboro, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jerry began singing at age eleven, and began his first quartet, The Limrock Four. Jerry, brother-in-law Red Adams, cousins Ed Gray, Glen Hastings and Walter Stewart sang together four years until Ed and Glen were drafted. Jerry's next group had two names, Jerry and the Dixie Ramblers and The Gospel Ramblers and consisted of Red Adams, Cecil Gentle and Henry Olinger. In 1962 Jerry was called to preach and was ordained as a Baptist minister. He joined the Calvary Boys until 1977 when he was invited to join The Covenants from Dalton, Ga., and recorded two professional albums.

Serving God and the public his entire life as minister, singer, funeral director, retail manager, newspaper columnist, and broadcaster. In 1970 Jerry began a radio program, Gospel Jubilee on WCNA, and a call in program You Tell It, which were the most listened to programs in North Ala. The name Jerry Gentle soon became synonymous with gospel music and from his first benefit singing in 1967 at Hollywood School for Martha Harding, any family in need or worthy cause, from medical bills to fire loss Jerry gave his all.

In 1970 Chris Campbell of Paint Rock was making three weekly trips to Birmingham for kidney dialysis and was becoming physically impossible to continue. Jerry again came to the aid raising monies for the first dialysis machine in this area. The machine was donated to Jackson County Hospital, and sat idle for three

months because of no trained personnel to operate it, so arrangements were made with Huntsville Hospital to transfer the machine to their center for use, and Chris would receive dialysis free.

Through the years Jerry has received numerous awards and recognition for his years of services. February 7, 1980, The Senate of Ala. Legislature passed a resolution honoring his contributions as most successful fundraiser for charitable causes. May 2, 1985, he was inducted into the Alabama County Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

In 1982 Jerry began the first all gospel radio station, WWIC in Jackson Co. He received tremendous support from faithful listeners. Unfortunately in 1985 Jerry had to retire suffering heart ailments and blood clots. Lola Gentle passed away January 22, 1992 from Leukemia.

Jerry is physically unable to pursue his love of preaching, singing, and benefits; but if anyone deserves the names given him by his many friends through the years, "Mr. Heart" and most of all "The Giant Gentleman of Gospel Music", it's Jerry J. Gentle. *Submitted by: Shirley Gentle Bell, PO Box 664, Scottsboro, AL 35768.* Sources: Newspapers, personal recall, pictures and personal knowledge.



*Jerry J. Gentle*

## Hugh and Mary Lane Gentry Family

Hugh Gentry (15 May 1769 VA-7 Aug. 1840 Jackson Co., AL) was the son of John Gentry (1730-37 of Augusta Co., VA-1779 Botetourt Co., Va.) and Mary Green (about 1740 of Augusta Co., VA-May 1779), the daughter of Hugh Green (died about 1786) and Agness \_\_\_ of Augusta Co., VA. Hugh married Mary Lane (17 Dec. 1775-23 Aug. 1849 Panola Co., TX-buried Waldrop Cemetery), the daughter of Lambert Lane (1731-38 Shropshire, England — 1804 Shelby Co., KY) and Nancy Anderson (married 1762 Anne Arundel Co., MD-died before 1780).

Hugh was listed on the Aug. 29, 1800 tax list for Shelby Co., KY. In 1812 Hugh was found on the Franklin Co., TN tax list. In 1816 he witnessed the will of William Lindley of Franklin Co., TN. He sold his portion of land, formerly belonging to his father-in-law, Lambert Lane, January 1817 in Shelby Co., KY. By 1820 Hugh and his family were living in Lincoln Co., TN.

Hugh and Mary Lane had married about 1791, probably in VA. All of their children were born before they moved to Lincoln Co., TN. Their children were identified in the Gentry Family Bible. They were: Sally Gentry born May 31, 1792, Mary Gentry born March 11, 1794, John Gentry born March 27, 1796, William Gentry born July 15, 1798, Nancy Gentry born October 22, 1800, Elizabeth Gentry born January 17, 1803, Margaret Gentry born March 22, 1805, Rutha Gentry born April 18, 1807, Barbara Gentry born April 18, 1807, Hugh Green Gentry born November 29, 1809, Lydia Gentry born February 17, 1812, Joseph Gentry born April 22, 1814, Samuel Gentry born August 16, 1816, and Camdon Gentry born July 23, 1819.

In 1821 Hugh, a deacon and Elder, was a delegate from Providence Church in Maynard's Cove in Jackson Co., AL. At this time the Mud Creek Association was formed. John Owens (Revolutionary soldier whose daughter Martha "Patsy" Owens married Zachariah Isbell born 1799, perhaps the son of Levi Isbell born 1770), and Levi Isbell were also delegates at this time.

Mud Creek Association Minutes show Hugh also was a delegate from Providence Church in 1822. By 1828 Hugh had moved his membership to Friendship Church. He and Mary "Polly" were received there on June 3, 1828 by incantation. They were dismissed by letter in 1819 from the Mud Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Other relatives were members and dismissed between 1814 and 1828 including Elizabeth Gentry (a daughter), Mary Isbell called "Polly," (presumed wife of Jason Isbell - born about 1750 Va., who lived to be 100 years old), Nancy Isbell (she was the most likely candidate for Hugh's daughter who would have been the wife of Ezekiel Isbell), another Elizabeth Gentry (the wife of one of Hugh's sons and who was deceased), Hannah Biggs



(daughter of Jason Isbell), Margaret Wilson (daughter of Levi Isbell and wife of William R. Wilson and later John C. Pate), and Jesse Biggs (son of Hannah Isbell Biggs).

As mentioned previously, the most likely candidate for Ezekiel Isbell's wife was Nancy Gentry. In the Gentry family Bible record, Hugh Gentry's grandchildren that are listed are the oldest three children of Ezekiel Isbell and his wife. Which daughter was married to Ezekiel has not been proven, but Nancy Isbell, being a member at Mud Creek Church with Hugh Gentry points to her likely being his daughter that married Ezekiel. She probably died in childbirth in 1824. (For further information see The Ezekiel Isbell Family). An attempt to identify the spouses of each child of Hugh Gentry would help solve the mystery. Thus far the spouses have been identified for: Hugh Green Gentry as Mary \_\_\_\_\_, Joseph Gentry as Mrs. Roache m. Sept. 9, 1826, Samuel Gentry as (1) Jemima Gist on 30 May 1838 Jackson Co., AL and (2) Mary Waldrup in 1873, and Camdon Gentry as Judy Coleman. Death dates for the last two children are Samuel on 1 May 1885 in Panola Co., TX and Camdon on 16 Mar. 1872 Jackson Co., AL. He is buried at Shipp Cemetery, Jackson Co., AL. *Submitted by: Ruth Lockhart Newell, 453 Anderson Grove Rd., Caledonia, MS 39740.* Sources: Valley Leaves Mar. 75, Gentry Family Bible record, Sherman Isbell, Pat Brown, *History of Jackson Co., AL* by John Kennamer, and probate records.

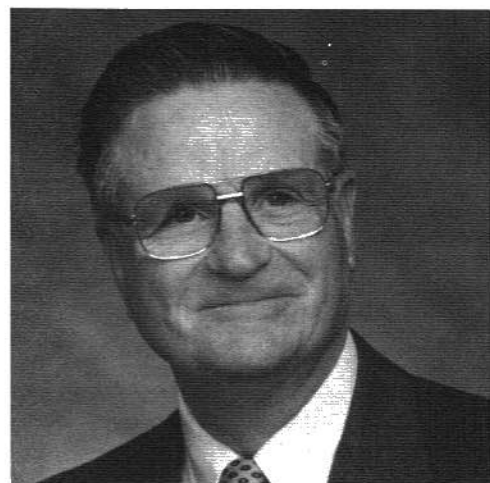
### Alabama's Longest Serving Probate Judge

R.I. Gentry won the office of Probate Judge in 1958 and served six consecutive six-year terms of office, giving him the distinction of serving longer as Probate Judge than anyone else in Alabama history. He is also the only Probate Judge in Jackson County to date, to ever succeed himself. Those achievements gained him the recognition of his peers, who honored him as Alabama's Senior Probate Judge at the Probate Judges Convention in July of 1994.

Gentry was born on May 22, 1923 and reared in Long Island, Alabama. There he attended school in Bridgeport and rode the Long Island Ferry to and from school. He graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1942 and then attended Auburn University, where he graduated in 1947 with a degree in veterinary medicine. While at Auburn he held down three jobs while attending classes

full time. He waited tables in the girl's dining room three times a day, cut hair and sold veterinary supplies on weekends and between classes.

During WWII, he enlisted in the military, but was asked to remain in college, so he joined the ROTC. Upon graduation, he returned to Jackson County and opened a veterinary practice, which remained Jackson County's only veterinary practice for



R.I. Gentry

many years. He actively worked at this profession for twelve years.

Gentry was interested in politics. His Grandfather, Jefferson Lee, had served as sheriff of Jackson County from 1888-1892, so in 1958, R.I. ran for the office of Probate Judge and won. Early in his career he also had the responsibility of being the Juvenile Court Judge.

During his thirty-six years as Probate Judge, he accommodated the people of Jackson County in many ways. He married people in "hot air" balloons, long distance over the phone, in his driveway, living room, and late at night. He also helped people with mental illness by aiding their families and helping them get their lives in order.

One of his favorite hobbies was antique furniture, and in 1971 he opened "Scottsboro Antiques" on the square, where he sold restored furniture. In 1995, he moved his furniture business to West Willow Street next to his woodworking shop, where he remains active. He has also been a partner in a burglar alarm business since 1984.

Gentry is married to Annie Louise Russell Gentry and they have two children, Russell Gentry and Abby Gentry Benson, and two granddaughters, Nancy Ann and Mary Kate Gentry and one grandson, Gentry Benson.

Bob Gentry was a man of the people. He served Jackson County well, and set the standard of trust and dignity for this important position, and the people responded to this "down-to-earth" public servant by re-electing him again and again. *Submitted by: Abby Gentry Benson, 704 Garland Ferry Rd., Scottsboro, AL 35768.*

### R. W. Gibson

R. W. Gibson was born and raised in Jackson County, Alabama.

He was born on March 16, 1905 and died on December 10, 1995.

R.W. Gibson and his wife, Myrtle (Brooks) Gibson lived in the Mud Creek Community for more than fifty (50) years. They raised five children, here in Jackson County, Alabama.

R. W. Gibson started operating a rolling store in 1940, and worked for another well known merchant in Jackson County, Alabama, until 1955. At which time, he and his wife Myrtle opened their own Grocery & General Merchandise location where he began to operate his own rolling store.

Mr. Gibson has told many stories, of the early days of the store on wheels, such



R.W. Gibson and Rolling Store

as having to stop at times and put log chains on the wheels, just to make it down bad roads of that day and age, or maybe someone would pull him through the mud with mules and wagons. He has said that it was not uncommon to have to stop on bitter cold days to draw water from some customers well to refill his truck radiator, after it had frozen up and boiled dry, due to lack of antifreeze, because it was not available in those days as it is now.

He ran the rolling store all through World War II and had sad memories of having to ration many items because of the War effort, he told of having to cut a 4 lb. carton of lard into many times in order to have enough to go around to his customers. On one occasion, a lady complained because he would not sell her the whole carton, but after he explained to her that the person before her would have bought all of the lard that he had, if only he would have sold it, the lady then thought for a moment then said you are as fair as a person can be, I won't complain anymore.

For the first twenty (20) years or so it was common practice for customers to use the bartering method of trade, a phrase practically unheard of in the modern days, especially by the younger generation. They would exchange items such as eggs, butter, chickens, corn, dry peach seeds, etc. These items were produced by the rural customers, then traded for groceries and household items. He has been known to even trade for a billy goat or two in his time.

We think of thirty (30) days charge accounts nowadays, but it was not unusual to charge customers their accounts from one fall of the year to the next, because most could pay only after they gathered their crops. For the greater portion of his career of the rolling store he had six (6) routes, Monday - Saturday, in which he ran from early till late, sometimes getting home well after dark, especially during the War. He has often said just about everyone had money during this time, but did not have much to sell. In browsing through his Rolling Store, you could find just about you would find in the local store, just smaller amounts in some instances.

The Rolling Store was a cherished convenience to most country folks of that day, because many of them would work in the fields until they heard R. W. blowing the horn, then they would stop working long enough to make their purchases, then continue their chores. R.W. could remember as many as seven (7) rolling stores on one route, which meant there was one for each day of the week, Monday - Saturday, and two on the day he was there. He jokingly said the rest had enough sense to quit, but I did not. For the last seven (7) or eight (8) years that he ran the Rolling Store, he combined two (2) routes together and worked only four (4) days a week. Fortunately, he had very few delays because of sickness, bad

weather, truck repairs, or accidents. If R.W. could not run because of truck repairs, etc. R.W., being the devoted person he was, would get in his car or pick-up truck then go take the customers orders and deliver it the same day. Many newspaper articles and T.V. programs of public interest have been done on him and the Rolling Store, including WTBS of Atlanta (nice people program), Grit Magazine, as well as Birmingham News and even the Chicago Tribune. Time and space won't permit all that could be said about R.W. Gibson and the Rolling Store, but one thing that can be said is that many fond memories, still linger of the yesterday when R.W. and the old Rolling Store were common sight.

R.W. or Mr. Robert, as he was most time called, retired from the Rolling Store in 1983 after some 43 years on the road, but continued to help out occasionally in the local store in his "words" to keep from doing nothing at all. He continued life with very good health for a man of his age, until about three (3) years before his death, which occurred on December 10, 1995, at the age of ninety.

### William B. Gibson

My family moved to Jackson County in the summer of 1968. We came from Nashville, Tennessee, where my father had recently completed his training in radiology at Vanderbilt University, so that he could begin practice as Scottsboro and Jackson County's first full-time radiologist. My parents, Tom and Jeri Gibson, and my brother and sister, also Tom and Jeri, and I, settled in Pat and Tom Cobb's rent house on Market Street, between the Cobb's and the old Piggly Wiggly, now Goody's. In 1971 we moved to Winn Road on Roseberry Creek, where my parents currently reside.

After college, my brother and sister elected not to return to Scottsboro, and now live in Florida and North Carolina with their families. I always wanted to come back to Scottsboro, and in the spring of 1985 returned to begin an accounting career with Gant, Croft and Associates. In 1986 I became a certified public accountant and in 1989 I opened my own practice on Broad Street in the old 1-Hour Martinizing building, currently owned by Louis Letson, MD, and a stone's throw away from our original residence.

In the summer of 1988, Anne Bell and I were married at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Anne's parents are G.W. Bell (deceased) and Ettie Chrisman Bell, who resides in Scottsboro. We lived in the old Baker house on Winn Road, across the street from my parents, until the spring of 1991, when we moved across the street into the J.E. Carter house, where we remain.

Our decision to move to a larger house was made in no small part due to the birth of our daughter, Katherine Betts Gibson, in 1990. Katy is the second of my family to be born in Jackson County, at the Jackson County Hospital on Woods Cove Road. The first was my sister's eldest, Cassidy Cobbs, who, incidentally, was Dr. Letson's last delivery in 1984.

It is safe to say that we now have roots here. My parents have both been active in the community since they arrived, as have Anne and I. Currently, my father serves on the Board of Directors of the Jackson County Health Care Authority, and my mother is a longtime Highland Ambassador. Anne is past president of the Jr. Progress Club. I am past president of the Scottsboro Rotary Club, as is my father. We are also all active members of the Scottsboro Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Anne teaches children's Sunday School and plays in the handbell choir; I am the current church treasurer.

Our daughter, Katy, has just completed her first year at Nelson Elementary, and is a Brownie Girl Scout and a member of the Scottsboro Swim Association.

My family is proud to have become a part of the great heritage of Scottsboro and Jackson County, and look forward to a bright and productive future in Ol' Hi-Jackson. *Submitted by: William B. Gibson, 597 Winn Road, Scottsboro, AL 35768.*



*Bill, Anne, & Katy Gibson 1993*

### Jackson Native Had Extra Roles With Big-Name Stars Walter Gilbreath

Walter Gilbreath was born 78 years ago in Jackson County near the Jackson-Marshall County line. He lived for a while in Jackson and Marshall counties, then moved with his family to Madison County and on to Scottsboro. Gilbreath began riding ponies and horses when he was "knee high to a grasshopper."

That ability to ride horses became a plus for him when he moved to Hollywood in 1950 and answered an ad from the Screen Actors Guild for extra parts in movies. Gilbreath applied and was accepted for membership in the guild. As a result, Gilbreath had parts in some 25 movies mainly starring Roy Rogers, John Wayne, and Clayton Tucker (The Lone Ranger). The Jackson County native did not have any speaking parts but had an enjoyable and memorable time riding horses in such roles as posses and getting to know a few of the celebrities.

For five years, Gilbreath worked in major studios including MGM and Desilu. He worked in 12 to 15 television series including "Gunsmoke," "Wagon Train," and "Fury." Gilbreath met Anita Ekberg, Jean Peters (ex-wife of Howard Hughes), Sonny and Cher, and Lucy and Desi Arnez. He said Rogers and Arnez were swell guys. He said John Wayne was a good actor and "a pretty rough soul boy — or man." Gilbreath liked the others, but did not get to know them as well as he did Rogers, Wayne, and Arnez. Gilbreath moved out West before his family had electricity, but he remembers it was great then and that it still is — "I wouldn't want to do without it."

Today, Gilbreath, 78, lives at Sylvania where he gardens and does some caretaking of homes in the Rainsville area. He was in the Midwest for some 30 years. Gilbreath added that he never had any regret about going to Hollywood or any regret about leaving Hollywood to return home to Alabama. *Submitted by: Walter Proctor.* Sources: Taken from North Alabama Co-Op Edition April 1997.



### Gill Family

James Gill was born in 1794 in Virginia. During the 1840's and 1850's, he was a tavern keeper in Bellefonte, the old county seat of Jackson County. His son, Robert C. T. Gill, published a newspaper, *The Bellefonte Democrat*. R. C. T. Gill operated this newspaper from about 1846 to a few years before the Civil War, during which it went out of business. The Gills lived in Bellefonte before the Civil War. R. C. T. Gill was the first Town Marshal of Bellefonte and was later elected to the town council. Gill was a next door neighbor to Congressman W. R. W. Cobb and the town minutes of Bellefonte reveal that there were many disputes between the two. About the time of the Civil War, R. C. T. Gill moved to the Fackler community.

Robert C. T. Gill married Elizabeth Womack (1827-1860), daughter of Abner Clement Womack and Isabella Blackburn Patton. To this union were born seven children: James A. Gill (born 1846); Robert Lemuel "Lem" Gill (born 1848), moved to Texas where his son, James R. Gill, served as mayor of Paris, Texas; George H. Gill (1851-1860); Mary Isabella Gill (1852-1921), married David Walker Joyner; John Thacher Gill



*John T. Gill (1855-1942) and Samantha Floyd Gill (1852-1928).*



(1855-1942); Margaret E. Gill (born 1858), married John Oakley; and Lewis Alexander Gill (1860-1939), moved to Lamar County, Texas. After Elizabeth Gill's death in 1860, R. C. T. Gill married Agnes E. Renshaw. To this union was born one daughter, Lydia Gill (born 1864). R. C. T. Gill married Virginia O'Rear following his second wife's death. Finally, he married Sarah Evaline Floyd, daughter of James Floyd and Elizabeth Holcomb, in 1877. Three children were born to this union, Sarah Ellen Gill (born 1878), who married a Langston; Annie Dialtha Gill (1879-1916), married George Washington Coots; and Nelson Kyle Gill (1885-1953). Robert C. T. Gill died sometime in the late 1890's near Bridgeport, Alabama.

John T. Gill, son of R. C. T. and Elizabeth Womack Gill, married Samantha Floyd (1852-1928), daughter of James and Elizabeth Holcomb Floyd. James Floyd was the son of Samuel and Mary Floyd of South Carolina. Elizabeth Holcomb was the daughter of Moses and Mary Holcomb, who were both born in South Carolina. Moses Holcomb was the son of Burrell Holcomb and Ann Lively, a full-blooded Cherokee. The Holcombs and Floyds lived in Cherokee County, Alabama, after moving from South Carolina in the 1830's. John and Samantha Gill had the following children: Cary Thacher Gill (1878-1959), married Maggie Z. Elledge; Ada May Gill (1880-1930), married Philip A. Rogers; James Lewis Gill (1882-1963), married Katie Viola Knott, daughter of John William Knott and Addie Bryson Knott; Usie Joyner Gill (1884-1969), married John Frank Farless; Margaret Bell Gill (1890-1963), married (1st) Gentry Harmon, (2nd) Alfred Gill, moved to Los Angeles, California, and is buried there. John T. Gill and wife, Samantha Floyd Gill, are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Bridgeport, Alabama.

James Lewis "Jim" Gill (1882-1963) and Katie Viola "Ola" Knott Gill (1886-1941) lived in Bridgeport, Alabama. They had the following children: Roy Edward Gill (1903-1991), married Minerva Lawson; Lena Beatrice Gill (1905-1994), married George W. Reeves; Mona Marie Gill (1908-1956), married Buford Garner; Madge Louis Gill (born 1910); James Robert "Skinny" Gill (1913-1976);

Addie Samantha Gill (born 1915), married William Crockett Lawhorn. Jim and Ola Gill are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Bridgeport, Alabama. Submitted by: Addie Samantha Gill Lawhorn, 3122 Hale Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805.



John William Knott (1858-1923), son of Minas and Sarah Knott.

## The Family Of Leroy (Roy) Daily Gist

The Gist family migrated into Jackson County, Alabama, from East Tennessee in the early 1800's. Coming from this East Tennessee area, legend has it that Sequoyah, the author of the Cherokee Indian alphabet, descended from this family. His father was an Indian trader.

Jesse Gist, born 1802, married Lydia Beasley. He received a grant of forty acres of land in Jackson County. They had eight children. Rufus Gist, Jesse's son, married Judith Catherine Gipson in East Tennessee near Sevierville. They were living in Jackson County, Alabama, when the war between the States started. He took his family back to East Tennessee and entered the confederate army as a Tennessee volunteer. During the war he was captured and served two years as a prisoner of war. He was traded back to the confederate army only to enter the war a second time. He was wounded at the Battle of Chicamauga. After he was discharged, he and his family returned to Roaches Cove and the Carns community in Jackson County. Rufus Gist was a farmer, miller, and a missionary Baptist preacher. Rufus and Catherine had ten children. Andrew Daily Gist, born 1867, married Rebecca E. Freeman. They had eight children. A. D. Gist was a watchmaker, farmer, and a Justice of the Peace in the Carns community of Jackson County until 1925 when he moved his family to Scottsboro where he opened a watch repair and a small jewelry store. Andrew Daily was killed in 1931 when a car ran off the road hitting him as



Front: Leroy, Andrew, Almon, Rebecca, Bertha Back: Elmer, Louis, Josia Mae, Maurice

he was walking to work. Leroy (Roy) Daily Gist, born 1905, married Ola Elizabeth Jacobs. They had five children. He was a watchmaker, jeweler, merchant, farmer, and photographer. He served as member of the Price Stabilization Board for Jackson County during World War II. He was elected as Jackson County Circuit Court Clerk in 1940-1946. He was appointed by Governor Sparks as Chairman of the Jackson County Board of Revenue (Jackson County Commission) in 1948. He was elected Chairman in 1953-1961. During his tenure in office the Jackson County Courthouse received its first major expansion, a new building was built to house the County Pensions and Security Office, a building was built to house the Alabama State Health Department, the Jackson County Park was built and opened with the help of the Scottsboro Civitan Club, and the Jackson County Hospital was built. All of this was accomplished without an increase in taxes except a small millage tax to match the Hill-Burton funds to construct the hospital. The Gist family operated many different businesses in Scottsboro from 1925 until today. The children grew up in the business tradition working long hours to aid the family. The Gist family were avid promoters of gospel singing. Roy Gist served as President of the Jackson County Singing Convention many times. Opal Gist married Thomas Chandler. They had three children. Most of her life has been spent working in the health field. Eloise Gist married Jack Broome. They had one daughter. She taught school in Jackson County and the Scottsboro City School System until her retirement. Leroy Daily Gist married Irene Machen. They have two daughters. He served with Co. 'B' 151st Engineer Combat Battalion in the Korean War 1950-1952. He was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1954. Lois Jean Gist married Edward Foster. They had five children. She died at the young age of 33. William Jerry Gist married Elizabeth Barnes. They have two daughters. He served in the army as a military policeman. While attending college, he authored a book on the "History of Scottsboro, Alabama". He received a masters degree in recreational management. After a few years in Gainsville, Georgia, he took a position in Jackson, Tennessee, as Director of Recreation and was later promoted to City Manager. Submitted by: Leroy Gist, 602 S. Broad, Scottsboro, AL 35768.

## Pearl K. Gist

(1907-1991)

A life lived bearing and sharing fruit of the Spirit: Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control (Galations 5:22-23, NAS).

Her quiet wisdom and sound advice were lights along the pathways, as guides to those who heeded. Seldom was she wrong. She could be counted on to stand by her family and friends with great inner as well as outer strength. Discipline was given (appreciated later) with love and frequently with the help of the noted peach tree.

The daughter of Rev. George Akin, Maude Elizabeth Gullatt Akin and Elizabeth Dudley Akin, who became the loving and caring mother of the four children of the widowed Rev. Akin. Three children were later born into this family, whom God bound together with ties of love for one another and remains so today.

Pearl attended school at Bridgeport (Tennessee River Baptist Institute) and in 1929 married Almon Gist. In 1947, she was widowed and spent the next 44 years raising and educating two daughters, Ramona and Carolyn. Her sacrifices are only now fully realized.

She contributed to her community and church - an active member of First Baptist Church, Scottsboro as long as health permitted.

Her culinary abilities were used to help prepare nutritious meals at Caldwell Elementary School and in 1958, she became responsible for baking and various other duties at Jackson County Hospital Cafeteria until her retirement in 1981.

In 1991, she died as she had lived, and by her living had

preached her own funeral - a loyal, faithful Christian Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, and friend. This is how we would like her remembered -

"I remember thee in this solemn hour, my dear mother. I remember the days when thou didst dwell on earth, and thy tender love watched over me like a guardian angel. Thou hast gone from me, but the bond which united our souls can never be severed; thine image lives within my heart. May the merciful Father reward thee for the faithfulness and kindness thou hast ever shown me; may he lift up the Light of his countenance upon thee and grant thee eternal peace! Amen."

Submitted by: Ramona Neal, 1409 Tyler Lane, Birmingham, AL 35235.

Source: Fond Memories.

### Pearl K. Gist

(1907-1991)

Many people in life have never had the opportunity to have known someone who, in their lives, have never "let them down." Not even once can I remember my Grandmother ever disappointing me. She was surely as good a person as I will ever have the privilege to know or to have known. The influence, the care, the guidance, and the love given to me over the years by my Grandmother over my life will never be forgotten. The most important of the many things she taught me during her years was the value of caring for others, and that you should help others in need. Always leading her family by example, she taught us the importance of attending church, and that care and love were the most important things of all.

I remember my Grandmother washing my mouth out with soap, after I had called my cousin a dirty name. I remember how bad the soap tasted! She also spanked me one time for "sassing" her.

I sat and watched her for hours in her kitchen baking cakes, pies, and cookies. She let me "sop the bowl" after she was through mixing the cakes or other goodies that she was baking that day. I still remember how good her homemade fried apple pies and biscuits tasted. I remember her canning green beans, jelly, jam, pickles, and drying apples in the sun, and all of the different aromas that her kitchen would have from time to time.

I remember Thanksgiving and Christmas at my Grandmother's house, and the weeks of preparation she made baking, cooking, and planning for the grand events. I recollect the wonderful food - turkey and dressing, pumpkin pie, pickled peaches, and her homemade cranberry relish just to mention a few.

I remember sleeping in her back bedroom on an old iron bed and her window fan! how well I slept, how really peaceful it was. I remember her homemade feather pillows.

Grandmother told me stories of the Great Depression and what a difficult time it was. She also told me stories about her Father (Rev. George Akin) whom she called "Papa" and one of his favorite sayings - "A dollar-a-day man can't live like a Five-dollar-a-day man." I tried to imagine what kind of man he must have been.

My grandmother taught me many, many things among them to never be a quitter. I have lots of fond memories of my Grandmother, but most of all, I remember her love. Submitted by: Tim Haston, 310 Bingham Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768. Source: Fond Memories.



Pearl Gist 1907-1991

### Mrs. Annex Grayson

Mrs. Annex Grayson was born July 11, 1911 in Hollywood, Alabama to the late Mose and Johnnie Johnson. She is the third child of twelve children. Annex was like a second mother to her younger sisters and brothers. She was married to John Grayson for thirty five years - until his death. Annex attended Hollywood School and Huntsville High School. She finished high school in her

later adult years. She joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church in 1925, and has been a faithful member ever since. When most of the members moved away, Annex was the pillar that held the church together. She serves as Mother of the church, Sunday School Teacher, and Worthy Matron of Ophelia Chapter of Eastern Star. Submitted by: Committee, Archie Stewart, 217 Walnut Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768.



Annex Grayson

### The Griders

The Griders in this area descend from John Grider, born 1755 in Maryland, according to his pension application for Revolutionary War services. In John's application he stated that he lived in Caroline County, Virginia, & Burke County, N.C., where his father died before the war. In 1781, he married Isabel Blair, in 1811 they moved to Adair County, Ky. Children were Barbara, James, William, Enas, John, Moses, Amos who married Ann, (daughter of Ananias Allen), Aaron, Silas, Sally, Joseph Morgan & Archibald.

Ananias Allen Grider, 1826-1918, (son of Amos, 1793-5 & Ann Allen Grider) married 1st Nancy Caroline Cox, daughter of Hopkins M. & Eliza Orr Cox - nine children. 1. Eliza married Jasper Potts, 2. Leannah married Shelby Lovelace, 3. Amos died young, 4. Nancy J. married Wilson J. Hackworth, 5. William Reid married Addie Caperton, 6. Hopkins W. married Ida Lovelace, 7. Charles B. married Mary Ella Wallace, 8. Amanda married Jack F. Rudder, 9. Alley married Dimple McMahan.

William Reid Grider DOB (3-7-1871 - 4-2-11) married Addie Caperton (6-27-1876 - 1-6-27) four children.

Ruth married Gordon Rudder, Stevenson, Al. five children. 1. Virginia married Erskin McMahan. 2. Louise married William Blevins - four children - (1) Loyd Rudder Jr. (2) Thomas (3) Victor (4) Donna 3. Eugene married Boye Timberlake, one son, Tim. 4. Wayne married Betty Faye Smoot, four children. (1) Elizabeth Joyce married Ernest Steele, a son Heath & a daughter Gin. (2) Gary Wayne married Jane Crouch, a son, Gary & a daughter Stephanie. (3) Reid married Linda Davis, a daughter Joy, a son Reid Jr. (4) Deborah married Ronnie Hicks, two sons, Thomas & John. 5. Addie Love married Earl V. Rollins, a daughter Pricilla.

Allie H. married wife unknown, four children. (1) Flossie Jane (2) Marie (3) Allie H. Jr. (4) Patricia.

Mary married a Mr. Land - one son, name unknown.

William Reid Grider Jr. (2-1895 - 7-7-33) married Mary Elandor Hill (3-23-1895 - 7-28-90) daughter of Henry & Molly Short Hill in March of 1915. Two children. 1. Lizzy Pearl (4-7-17 - 9-96) married William C.



James and Louise Grider

(Neil) Warren, ten children: (1) Mary Catherine died young. (2) Minnie Louise married Claude Griggs, five children. (3) William (Jr.) married Doris Thompson, a son Tim a daughter Belinda. (4) Willis Reid married . (5) James Edward married . (6) Elzada married John L. Holkem, a son John Jr., a daughter Gina. (7) John Eulas married . (8) David married . (9) Patricia married . (10) Edna married Leroy McCrary, three boys. 2nd married to Nickie Nerche, son Terry & daughter Mary. 2. James William (1-8-19) married Villie Louise Abney (2-6-23) daughter of William Allen & Martha Janie Roberts Abney, Stevenson, AL married on 9-16-



40. Three children. (1) Mary Elizabeth (7-22-41) married Frank Watson Jr. (7-11-39) on 5-20-60, son of Rev. Frank & Eula Bond Watson of McMinnville, TN, three children. (1) Celena Louise 6-14-61 married 1st Eric Blevins, one daughter, Erica Dawn 3-14-82. 2nd Randall Gilliam, son of Dewey & Jan Gilliam of Sweetens Cove, South Pittsburg, TN, two children, Stanton 11-8-88 and Preston 9-7-95. (2) Jeffrey Len 11-6-63 married Tina Stembridge from McMinnville, TN 4-21-84, one daughter, Jessica 3-9-85. (3) Kimberly Dawn 7-16-66 not married. (2) William Reid 8-5-43 married 1st wife, Kay Coppinger, daughter of Marvin & Charlene Coppinger from McMinnville, TN, three children. (1) William Brent 11-20-62 married 1st wife Sheila Howard from Stevenson, AL. Two, a daughter Brittney, a son, William Eathon. William Brent married 2nd wife Tracey — from Smithville, TN, a daughter, Rachel. (2) Lisa Marie 10-12-65 married Danny Higgins from Woodbury, TN, a daughter Hannah, son Tucker. (3) Todd 4-3-68 married Krystal — from McMinnville, TN, daughters Lindsey and Hillary. William Reid married 2nd to Edna Peters, daughter of James & Faye Purdy Peters from Stevenson, AL on 12-27-74. Two children. (1) Kielah 1-16-77 married Shawn Metz from Athens, AL 1-16-93, a daughter Alyssa 12-1-94. (2) Jamie 11-25-79 not married. (3) Jimmy Dale 5-22-50 married Anna Margaret (Susie) Thomas 3-20-54 daughter of James Maurice & Mary Ethel Grider Thomas from Bridgeport, AL on 7-13-74, two children. (1) Heather 10-25-77 not married. (2) Chad 2-3-82 still in H.S.

James William Grider was born in Stevenson, Jackson County Alabama, January 8, 1919, son of William Reid Grider, grandson of William Reid Sr., great grandson of Ananias Allen Grider and great, great grandson of Amos Grider who was born in North Carolina in 1795 and died near Stevenson in 1840.

Dad was employed with Chickamauga Cedar Mills until 1956 when he took another job with Spivey Lumber Company in McMinnville, TN. He relocated his family to McMinnville in 1957 where they lived and worked until 1966.

November 6, 1966 gave birth to the Stevenson Roller Rink. Dad and Mother opened a business that clearly was the buzz of the town. We continue to meet people that tell us they had met their spouses at the roller rink, children that say their parents came there, about their falls, their learning to skate, etc. It was nothing to go by and see Dad on a pair of skates showing the younger ones how to skate. We always knew where to find mother, she was the one behind the counter giving out skates, selling drinks and snacks. They continued to operate the roller rink until June 4, 1994, they felt it was time to retire - so the doors closed on the Stevenson Roller Rink after 28 years of memories that we continue to hear about. As of this writing my parents continue to enjoy their retirement and the Stevenson Roller Rink building still stands just to remind us all just what a wonderful time was had in this old building. *Submitted by: Mary Elizabeth Grider Watson, P.O. Box 952, Stevenson, AL 35772-0952*

Sources: Reviewed the Stevenson story, written by Eliza B. Woodall. Information from Wayne and Eugene Rudder along with Jimmy Caperton was very helpful.

### William Sherman Griffin

William Sherman Griffin was born on June 5, 1865 in the Lebanon district of DeKalb County, Alabama, the son of Perry Griffin and Delia Burns Griffin. Perry's loyalties were with the Union during the Civil War and he named his first child after the famous General William Sherman. When William, known as "Billie", was an adolescent his family moved to the Dutton community of Jackson County, where they farmed for a living.

William married Mary Ann "Mollie" Barnes on June 6, 1888. She was born on August 31, 1868 near Ashville in St. Clair County, the daughter of John Means Barnes and Sarah Jo McBrayer. William farmed for a living and was also a blacksmith. As his father before him, he was also a staunch Republican who named several of his sons after his favorite presidents.

He and his wife had the following twelve children: 1. Henry Harrison Griffin was born on January 24, 1889 and died on February 22, 1976. He married Carrie Victoria Anderson. 2. Sally Dee Griffin was born on October 10, 1889 and died on February 8, 1923. She married Andrew Green. 3. Annie Austin Griffin was born on September 21, 1892 and died on August 16, 1962. She married D. A. "Doc" Green. 4. Willie Mae Griffin was born on February 24, 1894 and died on January 10, 1987. She married Robert Allen. 5. Maude Luvenia Griffin was born on October 5, 1895 and died on September 13, 1973. She never married. 6.



*William Sherman Griffin and wife Mary.*

born on April 13, 1904 and died on June 20, 1923. She never married. 10. Albert Fairbanks Griffin was born on May 5, 1906 and died on November 12, 1906. 11. Theodore Roosevelt Griffin was born on December 22, 1907 and died on January 9, 1981. He married Cornelia Campbell. 12. Bascomb Miller Griffin was born on September 14, 1910 and died on April 27, 1927.

William was a hard worker and a quiet man, while his wife was more outspoken. Mary enjoyed most of all tending the animals on the farm. She frequently talked to them and was especially fond of her Rhode Island Reds. She also had some unusual remedies for common diseases. She treated her grandchildren's chicken pox by having a chicken fly over their head, and thought the best way to cure the mumps was to jump off a tree stump backwards.

William and his wife were faithful members of the Chaney's Chapel Methodist Church. Both are buried in the church cemetery, along with all but two of their children. William Jr. is buried at Hartselle, Alabama, and Theodore is buried in Paducah, Kentucky. William Sr. died on November 4, 1935 of stomach cancer, while Mary died on July 4, 1944 as the result of a stroke. *Submitted by: Wayne Griffin, 3977 Devonshire Dr., Marietta, GA 30066.*

### Max Howard Griffith Family

My Paternal Ancestor of Jackson County AL is John Milton Griffith born 1866 in Fannin County GA where his family lived on 800 acre farm. On 11-25-1861 his dad William L. (Bill) enlisted in Co E 8th Georgia Infantry Battalion, Confederate Army, serving two years. His Grandfather John M. Griffith died in 1863 from gunshot wounds after being ambushed by Union sympathizers while he served in Captain Crowders Home Guard Unit.

In 1878 my grandfather John Milton came to DeKalb County AL with his parents "Bill and Polly" (Mathis) Griffith, his 4 siblings and Aunt Mary (Griffith) Jones. He became Head Master at old

Tates Gap School near Fort Payne in Mt. Herman Community, where he fell in love with one of his students Dora Ann Clark, daughter of James Rudolphus and Margaret M. (Posey) Clark. They were married 11-4-1902.

My father Milford Howard was born 10-15-1903 at Powell's Cross Roads. In 1913 they moved to Fort Payne buying a house and lot near



*1st row L to R: Wendy, Hazel, Gretchyn 2nd row: Max, Meagan, Andrew, Ryan 3rd row: Kathy, Dwight, Nadel, Howard, & Ward Griffith*

old Davis Sock Mill, where my dad began working at age 11. In 1916 they purchased a 75 acre farm on Chavies Route beside the Wesley's Chapel Church and cemetery. They sold this farm and purchased a 200 acre farm in Jackson County on Webster Bend Road on 12-3-1920 from C.L. Dunn and a Mr. Brooks, moving in early 1921.

Here Milford met a neighbor girl Corry Alice Adams, daughter

of Fleming and Alice (Perry) Adams. They were married in Nov. 1924. From this union 7 children were born in Jackson County: Roma Faye 1-18-1926, Margaret Alice 11-17-1927, Max Howard 9-23-1929, Billy Boyd 11-11-1933, Jewell Dean 1-31-1935, Betty Kay 9-11-1939, John Harold 7-27-1943.

I was born on Webster Bend Road in old Fleming Adams house where my dad courted my mom. We later moved into old Brooks house near Webster School where I attended grade school until it merged with Clebets Springs forming Pleasant View School. I then went to Pisgah School where I played basketball 1942-1948, graduating from high school and continuing my education at Birmingham Business School: There I met my wife Hazel, daughter of Rue and Clarence (Ramsey) Mason, of Atmore, AL. We were married 12-31-1950. From this union three children were born. Max Howard, Jr. 7-10-1953, Dwight David 12-24-1956, Wendy Renae 9-16-1968. All graduated from Pisgah High. Howard graduated from Georgetown University and works in Radiation Oncology in Washington D.C. Dwight and his wife, Kathryn (Gant) graduates of Jacksonville State University, are teachers and their 3 children are students at Pisgah. Wendy is a children's wear designer in Raleigh, NC, a graduate of Auburn University.

On 2-14-1952 I was inducted into the armed forces, serving until 1-6-1954. After my discharge we continued to live and work in Birmingham, living in Jefferson and Shelby County until November 1969 when we returned to live in Jackson County.

I retired from Monsanto Company at age 55, Hazel also took early retirement from Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative. We are enjoying traveling, fishing, gardening and most of all our 5 grandchildren.

Our paternal ancestors can be traced back to the War of Roses in England through our great-great-grandmother Jane Ann Rogers, wife of John M. Griffith. Our Irish-Scottish lineage goes back 12 or more generations from our grandchildren; Gretchyn, Ward, Ryan, Andrew, and Meagan Griffith. *Submitted by: Max H. Griffith, 9738 AL Hwy 40, Henagar, AL 35978.*

### Perry Griffin

Perry Griffin was born in the Spartanburg District of South Carolina on January 6, 1845, the oldest son of Henry Griffin and Sarah Lipscomb Griffin. A few years after his birth his parents moved to the Duck Springs community of Dekalb County, Alabama, where Perry grew up.

About 1864 he married Delia Burns, the daughter of Hayes and Nancy Burns. Delia was born in Alabama on January 13, 1849. Perry and wife settled in the Lebanon district of Dekalb County and farmed for a living.

They had the following seven children: 1. William Sherman Griffin was born on June 5, 1865 and died on November 4, 1935. He married Mary Ann (Mollie) Barnes, the daughter of John Barnes and Sarah Jo McBrayer. 2. Hays M. Griffin was born on May 22, 1867 and died on April 6, 1897. He married Julia Sarton. 3. Martha O. Griffin was born on February 14, 1869 and died on April 14, 1912. She married Rufus Nichols. 4. John D. Griffin was born about 1874 and died in 1920. He married Rebecca Eaton. 5. Mary F. Griffin was born about 1875 and married John Chisenhall. Her date of death is unknown. 6. Eddie McPherson Griffin was born on February 8, 1878 and died on January 31, 1966. He married Alice Teer. 7. Hosie Chaney Griffin was born on May 6, 1884 and married Hester Hendren. His date of death is unknown.

Perry's sympathies were with the North during the Civil War and he named his first child, William Sherman, after the famous general. He was also a devoted Republican and very active in his community. He and Delia were charter members of the Chaney's Chapel Methodist Church. One of his favorite pastimes was reading the Bible, which he did daily.



*Perry Griffin*

By 1880 Perry and his family had moved to the Dutton community of Jackson County, Alabama, where Perry taught school as well as homesteaded his farm of 440 acres. Delia died on February 20, 1890 and is buried at the Chaney's Chapel Cemetery. In the early 1900's three of Perry's sons, John, Eddie, and Hosie, moved to Fouke in Miller County, Arkansas. Eddie and Hosie lived there for the remainder of their lives, while John moved on to California. William, Hays, and Martha all remained in the Dutton area and are buried at Chaney's Chapel.

Perry later married Texas Tiner, who was born on January 17, 1846. They had no children together and Texas died on January 9, 1916. Perry visited his children in Arkansas on several occasions after that. He also married Orilla Nichols, the widow of James Nichols. However, she died on May 26, 1918 and is buried at the Chisenhall Cemetery. He later moved in with his oldest son, William Sherman (Billie), where he was living when he died on June 3, 1922. He is buried at Chaney's Chapel beside his first wife, Delia. Many of his descendants are still living in Alabama and Arkansas today. *Submitted by: Sheron Griffin Mumaugh, 103 Stockwood Court, Woodstock, GA 30188.*

### Isaac and Frances Stephens Adams Grizzle

Isaac Grizzle, born 1814 in VA and his brother, John came to Jackson Co. AL with their sister, Ipha Grizzle Ford and husband Charles in 1827-28 from Knox Co. TN. Ipha, born 19 Aug. 1800, Buckingham Co. VA., married Charles Ford, Knox Co. TN 13 June 1825. Their parents have not been identified but it is believed that Henry Grizzle married 25 Nov. 1821, Susan Jones; Juda Grizzle married 4 Nov. 1820, James Jones; Knox Co. were also siblings. They settled in Cotton Cove near Woodville, neighbors of Toliver and Frances Stephens Adams, early settlers. Frances was born 1800 in NC, daughter of Josiah Stephens Sr. and



*James Andrew Grizzle 90 years old - 1952*

Nancy Vann. Frances had five brothers and two sisters; a half-sister and half-brother, Sutton B. Stephens by the first wife of her father. Toliver Adams died about 1833 leaving Frances with six young children.

About 1836, Isaac Grizzle 22, and Frances Adams, 36, married, and continued living on the Adams homestead. Isaac and Frances were Primitive Baptist, members of Union Church, Woodville. Frances died 7 Feb. 1872 and less than six months Isaac married Melvina Wilson Rush, 15 July 1872. Melvina, a Civil War widow of William G. Rush and neighbor of Isaac, was the daughter of Jacob and Tabitha Wilson, born 13 Aug. 1835, KY, 20 years younger than Isaac. She had a young daughter, Mary Jane, when they married. Isaac and Melvina had two sons, William Franklin, born 14 Apr. 1873 and John Henry, born 20 Oct. 1876. Isaac Grizzle passed away, 13 Aug. 1893. Melvina and her sons moved to Delta Co. Texas after Isaac's death, they are all buried in Cooper, TX. The children of Isaac and Frances were Isaac McDonald, Celia Frances and Andrew J.

1. Isaac McDonald Grizzle born 1837; died 17 Mar. 1863 in service of Confederate Army. He is buried in Union Cemetery, Jackson Co. AL. His service record reflects the name M.D., as a school teacher and among friends he was known as Mack. 5 Dec. 1859, using the name McDonald Grizzard he married Minerva Jane Northcutt, born 1830, Madison Co. AL. The youngest child of Gideon Northcutt and Martha Pearson both born in Pittsylvania Co. VA. Minerva's father, Gideon, had been elected as an AL state representative from Madison Co. in 1830, but he was murdered before assuming office. The three children of Isaac McDonald and Minerva were, William Mitchell, James Andrew and Agnes Frances.

a. William Mitchell Grizzle, born 12 Sept. 1860, near Woodville;



died 11 Mar. 1927, Waco, TX. Married, 15 June 1879, Jackson Co. AL, Minerva Jane Coffey. They had four children, born in MS, Starkey Collins, Ruell, Carrie and one unknown. Minerva Jane died and William married second Della and had two sons, William and Joseph born in LA. William was working with railroad construction, as a foreman, and eventually moved into Texas where he was killed in a railroad accident.

b. James Andrew Grizzle, born 16 Feb. 1862, Peters Cove, near Woodville, AL; died 15 Feb. 1957, Beeville, Bee Co. TX. He married 14 June 1888, Madison Co. AL, Mary Alabama Isbell, born 14 May 1867, Jackson Co.; died 1 Aug. 1946, Beeville, TX, daughter of Levi Isbell and Rachel A. Rousseau. James Andrew was only one year old when his father, M. D. died. He spent much of his childhood with his grandparents, Isaac and Frances Grizzle. After the death of his grandmother he lived with his mother in Huntsville. In 1893, he inherited a portion of his grandfather Isaac's estate but sold the land between 1893 and 1896 and moved to Delta Co. TX along with his step grandmother and two half uncles. He moved to south TX where he farmed and in 1919 sold his land, retired and moved to Bee Co. TX. After losing his eyesight he lived in Houston with his daughter. He always had a clear mind and liked to compose poetry. His favorite subjects were his days in Alabama with his grandfather, such as coon hunting. James Andrew died at age 95. He and Mary Alabama are buried in Glenwood Cemetery in Beeville, TX. Their children were, Minnie Mae and Harvey Hobson.

(1) Minnie Mae, born 26 Apr. 1889, Jackson Co. AL; died 27 Dec. 1965, Houston, TX.



Grave of Isaac McDonald Union Cemetery

Married 21 Aug. 1910, Delta Co. TX, L. E. Irvin, who died young. They had one child, Cleo F., born 20 Apr. 1912; died 8 Feb. 1923. Minnie married second D.F. Smith, a widow with one daughter, Helen. She was a chiropractor and artist in Houston when she died.

(2) Harvey Hobson, born 2 Jan. 1900, Delta Co. TX; died 19 May 1947;

married 31 Mar. 1919, Sinton, San Patricio Co. TX; Annie Harriet Hobbs; born 26 Jan. 1901, Mathis, San Patricio Co. TX; died 13 Apr. 1989, Beeville, TX, daughter of James J. Hobbs and Nancy Alice McNabb. Harvey enlisted in US Army and served a year in France during WWI. He was gassed in service which damaged his health and helped bring on an early death at 47. Harvey and Annie moved to San Antonio where their first two children were born. Evelyn Marie, born 17 Feb. 1920; married 2 Oct. 1940, Percy Davis Gray. They had three children: Gary Davis Gray, born 2 Apr. 1951; Cheryl Evelyn, born 19 May 1953 and Connie Marie, born 9 Jan. 1962. Evelyn resides in Beeville; is a widow; and has three grandchildren. James Dennis Grizzle, born 14 July 1925; married 29 May 1948, Earline G. Updegrove. They had four children: Dinah Lynn, born 3 July 1951; Dennis Reagan, born 3 Oct. 1953; Craig Randall, born 26 Mar. 1961 and Martha Ann, born 1 Oct. 1966. Dennis and Earline have four grandchildren and live in Victoria, TX. Frances Ann Grizzle, born 4 Nov. 1928 in Beeville, TX; married 12 April 1947, Robert James Carlisle Jr. They had three children: Robert James III, born 19 January 1948; Deborah Ann, born 5 Oct. 1951 and Leslie Todd, born 25 Jan. 1960. Frances, a widow, lives on the ranch in Bee Co. TX and has four grandchildren.

c. Agnes Frances Grizzle, born 1863, Jackson Co. AL, the year her father, Isaac McDonald Grizzle died. The last known record of her is 1880 when she is living with her mother in Huntsville, AL.

2. Frances Celia Grizzle, born 28 Nov. 1838 near Woodville; died 31 Jan. 1925, Waco, TX; married 1 Jan. 1856, at her parents home near Woodville; Edward James Maples, son of Moses Maples and Catherine Manning. They joined a wagon train to Texas in 1873 and he is buried at Wolf City, TX. They had nine children.

3. Andrew J. Grizzle, born 1844 near Woodville, AL; died 14 Sept. 1862, Boonsboro, MD. He was enlisted by Lt. D. Butler at

Woodville on 8 March 1862 into the Confederate Army at age 18. Six months later he died in a Federal prison camp. Within a month his older brother, Isaac McDonald Grizzle, married with a family, enlisted and within the next six months he also was dead as a result of the Civil War. Submitted by: Evelyn Grizzle Gray, Rt. 3, Box 135, Beeville, TX 78102.

## Elias Henderson Guinn

Elias Henderson Guinn was born in Tennessee, April, 1827, married Celia Melissa "Milly" who is said to have been full-blood Cherokee Indian, sometime in 1845-46. They came to Alabama before their six children: John, Amanda, Celia, James William "Bill", Elisha, and George were born. According to the Jackson County Census they lived in the Big Coon-Rash area.

He enlisted in the CSA, November 11, 1861, at Camp Cheatham, Springfield, Tn., leaving his wife and six children. He enlisted for one year with Co. F, 42nd Reg't, Tn. Infantry. His Reg't was captured at Fort Donelson, was held at Camp Douglas, Chicago, Il., and was sent to Vicksburg, Ms. to be exchanged on September 4, 1862. When the Company was reorganized, it became the 55th Alabama Volunteers, which fought at the bloody Battle of Peachtree Creek in Georgia. He was in Co. H, Snodgrass' Reg't.

March 1-June 30, 1863, he was in the hospital at Lauderdale, Mississippi. Aug. 1, 1863 he had spent so much time in the hospital that he was employed as a nurse at French's Division Hospital in Enterprise, Mississippi. August 31, 1863, he was again a patient in Enterprise, Ms.

December 22, 1864, he deserted because he had a family. This is probably about the time his wife died or when he found out she had died since no record has been found of her since 1860.

On January 6, 1865, his name appears as signature to an Oath of Allegiance to the United States at Nashville, Tn., listed place of residence is Jackson County, Alabama. His vital statistics were: fair complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, 5'10" tall and he signed with his mark (X).

July 19, 1866, he married Sophia Wilbanks Burch in Jackson County, and they had six more children: Josie, Sophia, Elias, Robert Lee, Albert, and Minerva. Sophia had four children from her first marriage: Thomas, Benjamin, Marcus and William Yancy Burch.

July 29, 1889, he applied for relief for blind soldiers. His application stated he was a resident of Alabama on February 28, 1889 had no taxable property of unencumbered value of \$1000 and no gross income or salary over \$1000 yearly. He had contracted a disease in service causing one eye to burst out with neuralgia and the other one gradually went out until he couldn't tell black from white.

He died sometime after 1900. His tombstone which was put up some years after his death is dated 1904. Mrs. Annie Coleman Proctor's Cemetery Records show in the 1950's he had a limestone marker with "EHG, aged 86, E.H. Guinn" cut into it. He is buried in the Roach Cemetery below Roaches Cove Church.

He has many descendants all over Jackson County and the surrounding areas among whom a great number have been or are Ministers of the Gospel including Reverends Pat Guinn, Bob Guinn, Jesse Guinn, Chris Guinn and Roy Venable. Submitted by: Beverly Allen, 370 Co. Rd. 353, Stevenson, AL 35772.

Sources: Confederate Records; Jackson County Census; Cemetery Records by Mrs. Annie Coleman Proctor and Family Knowledge.

## Gertie Burton Guinn

### Childhood Memories

Oh, how I like to reminisce  
About childhood things that I still miss.  
Aunt Gertie's farm right down the way,  
With a big old barn with lots of hay.  
The flying genie my uncle built,  
Apt as not we'd all be "split".  
Riding horses till we were sore,  
We'd rest awhile, then ride some more.  
A great big pond with ducks and geese,  
We'd gather eggs and have a feast!  
My cousins and I, imagine if you can,  
Cooking those eggs in an old tin can.  
We'd pick fresh fruit right off the trees,  
Sometimes we'd have to fight the bees.



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Then off to the store to buy bon-bons,  
 I remember it well, it was called Mr. John's.  
 When the days were almost over, the sun started to dim,  
 We'd rush down to a little creek and have a daily swim.  
 By then we'd all be listening for that dinner bell to peal,  
 Now we'd all go rushing for Aunt Gertie's home cooked meal.  
 The small white church that stood nearby,  
 When I think of it, I want to cry.  
 Just a small church with a great big steeple,  
 Not many there, just a few good people.  
 The spreading beech trees there on the grounds,  
 I carved my initials, they still can be found.  
 The Sunday School teacher, I still can see,  
 A part of our lives, this Miss Mary Vee.  
 She taught the things that we should know,  
 And that we are known by the seeds we sow.  
 The teaching I got in that little church,  
 Has meaning today, so very much.  
 It's helped me realize since way back when,  
 Just where I'm going and where I have been.  
 Looking back now through life's sorrow and strife,  
 I couldn't ever trade, this part of my life.  
 If it were possible to turn time for a day,  
 I'm sure I would spend it this very same way.  
 Aunt Gertie's gone, her life is spent,  
 If I could just tell her how much she meant.  
 For those carefree days down on her farm,  
 For her caring ways, she was so warm.  
 I think she smiles from up above,  
 And remembers those days with lots of love.

Memories of Aunt Gertie Burton Guinn. She lived in the Rash Community — BORN 2-23-1900, DIED 1-12-1958. *Submitted by: Ruth E. Hamer*

### The Early Gunter Family of Bridgeport, Alabama

The earliest known records on this family exist in Chesterfield Co., VA, where John Gunter, patriarch of the line born c1730, appears as an adult, married to Amy, daughter of John Tillotson of Henrico and Chesterfield Cos., VA. In 1784, John Gunter and his daughter, Betsy, sell her Chesterfield Co. land gifted by her grandfather Tillotson. At that time, John and Betsy were described as "of the county of Guilford and State of North Carolina," where John had been of record from 1780. One adult son of John Gunter appears of record with him in Guilford Co., NC: Joel Gunter, RS, named in John Tillotson's will, who entered Guilford land in 1784. No other adult Gunters were of Guilford Co., NC record at that time. Many years later, Joel gave depositions of his revolutionary service in Warren Co., TN: 1818 and 1825, by that time reunited with his brothers in Tennessee after spending a number of years in SC. One of the remarks in these depositions said that Joel had borrowed money from Claiborne Gunter.

Other sons of John b. c1730, appear of record in Burke Co., NC 1790 and 1800 Censuses. In 1790, Augusta (Augustus), Clayborn (Clayborn) and Jno (John). The latter John (Jr.) left Burke Co., NC

after the 1790 Census and appeared entering TN on a trader's passport, 1797. John Gunter (Jr.), Cherokee trader, was at the bend of the Tennessee River by 1814, married to a full-blooded Cherokee, Ghi-go-ne-li, whom he renamed "Kate." The city of Gunterville was named for John (Jr.).

The 1800 Census of Burke Co., NC shows: Clayborn, James and Gust. Gunter. John (Jr.) had preceded them into TN, but by the 1812 Tax List of Warren Co., TN a regathering of the family was taking place, all in Joseph Elledge's district: #25 James Gunter, #29 Claibourn Gunter, #30 Augusta Gunter, #31 John Gunter, #32 John Gunter. Joel Gunter was of record with his brothers in Warren Co. by the 1820 Census, but had been in Smith Co., TN c1808-1811, improperly taxed for poll. Joel was b. 1754 in VA.

Clayborn Gunter remained in Warren Co., TN, but his brother Augustus removed to Marion Co., TN. Later still, two of the sons of Augustus (1) Gunter, b. 1760-70, removed from Marion Co., TN into Jackson Co., AL, where in the latter county they appeared on the 1830 Census: James G. Gunter (b. 1794 NC) and John G. Gunter (b. 1793 NC). Their father, Augustus, remained in Marion Co., TN where he died before 4 December 1843 when two of his children were under court order to approve his nuncupative will: John Gunter and Polly (Mary) Hargiss, wife of Thomas Hargiss.

In 1835, James G. Gunter, wife (Mary, sister of Julian King) and family removed to Missouri where they remained the rest of their lives (Pulaski, Camden & Moniteau Cos.). His brother, John G. Gunter, & wife Lavinia Arline (b. 1795 NC, daughter of William & Sarah [Mullins] Thomasson/Thomason of the 1812 Tax Warren Co., TN) and their nine surviving children remained in Jackson Co., AL at that time. Among the children of John G. & Lavinia Gunter, Caldeen D. & William T. Gunter visited in MO 1839, Caldeen moving on to Arkansas by 1844 & William T. returning to Jackson Co., AL by or before 1845. In 1852, another son, Thomas Montague Gunter, went to Arkansas and settled at Fayetteville. Still another son, Pearl H., died in TX.

At their deaths, John & Lavinia were buried in Marion Co., TN near S. Pittsburg, but some of their descendants lie in Mt. Carmel Cemetery near Bridgeport. John & Lavinia's children were: Telitha T., Augustus, William T. [compiler's ancestor, b. 1817 TN], Caldeen D., Louisa, Edith, Thomas M., Milton D. and Purl H. Their youngest child died in infancy, name unknown.

Although the War Between the States disbursed many of the descendants of John and Lavinia Gunter, their son Augustus & several daughters remained in Jackson Co. as did three of Augustus's four sons. Their son William T. Gunter, Lt. Col. CSA ("Gunter's Partisans") and wife, Cynthia Malinda removed to Dale Co., AL where William was killed in 1869. William's widow and several of his children removed to Texas in the early 1870's. Cynthia Malinda died in Leon Co., TX, Dec. 12, 1880 while living in the household of her son-in-law, Charles Matlock Haley, helping him care for the children of her deceased daughter, Lavinia Ann. Mary Susan Gunter, widow of Samuel Jackson Grubbs, also removed to Texas as the wife of Lovard Lycurgus Lee, Capt. CSA (compiler's grt-grandparents).

The children of William T. and Cynthia Malinda Gunter were: Lavinia Ann (b. 1843 MO), Charles F. (b. 1845 AL - died as a soldier in VA), Mary Susan (compiler's ancestor, b. 1847 AL), Horace B. (b. 1850 AL), Taylor B. (b. 1859 AL), William T. (b. 1860 AL) and Malinda (b. 1863 AL). Of these, the three youngest children have not been documented since the 1870 Census in Dale Co., AL. *Submitted by: Kay Gunn*

### Benjamin Franklin Gwathney and Arminda Tipton Gwathney

Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Gwathney was born in 1802 in Surry County, Virginia. He entered Jackson County, Alabama about 1830 with his sister and her husband, Diane Gwathney Moring (1805-1844) and George Webb Moring (1793-1874). The family moved into eastern Madison County by the mid 1830's, where Ben, a farmer, met and married 8 September 1835 Arminda "Minnie" Tipton, born 23 September 1818 in Madison County, the daughter of Jonathan Tipton (1787-1861) and Mary Ann Chatham Tipton (1790-1826). Ben and Minnie were the parents of eight children, Nancy, John, Mary, Joseph, Eliza, Robert, Jonathan, and Lee. Ben died 17 August 1865 and Minnie died 18 August 1859, both near Paint Rock and were buried there in unmarked graves.

Nancy Ann Gwathney was born 1836 Maysville, Madison County, died 1864 Paint Rock, buried Old Paint Rock Cemetery, no