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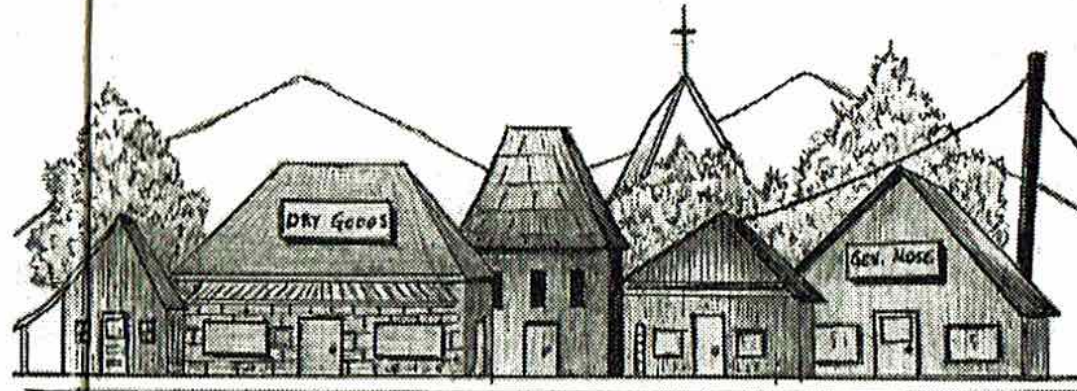
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In loving memory of my parents,
George and Margaret Ann Gilbert Tigue,
who lived at Dutton all their adult lives and raised
twelve of their thirteen children in the community.

Dedication

"The Town of Dutton" is humbly dedicated to all the pioneer families of the Dutton community; to their high moral integrity; their trust and belief in God; their sense of love and honor among those with whom they associated on a daily basis, and; their dedication to providing educational opportunities and outstanding examples for the generations that followed them.

Scope

Dutton pioneers came to the area from a variety of places, including the Carolina's, Georgia, Jones Cove, Cherokee, and DeKalb Counties. Often in their move, all of the family's earthly possessions could be hauled in a two-horse wagon while children and livestock made the journey on foot. Surely there was promise of a more prosperous future and the country's richest farmlands for the pioneers to leave the places of their birth and settle in the little town of Dutton.

Purpose

This book is intended to help the older citizens of the community recall the bygone days of a time when love, neighborliness, and "do unto others" was a way of life. To serve as a guideline for the young families of Dutton, encouraging them to learn from the successes and failures of the people who made Dutton a model community for bringing up their families. It is also written so that the generations who follow can better understand their heritage and the sacrifices made by their forefathers to bring them where they are today.

Credits

Information on which the articles in this book are based were derived from many sources. Older photographs were submitted from family albums; current photographs were made by the author. Family histories were provided by family members.

Foreword

Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way toward compiling information for "The Town of Dutton". Without the interest, encouragement and help of the Dutton community, it would have been impossible to publish this book. Space does not permit the mentioning of the names of each of you but again, please accept my sincere thanks for your help.

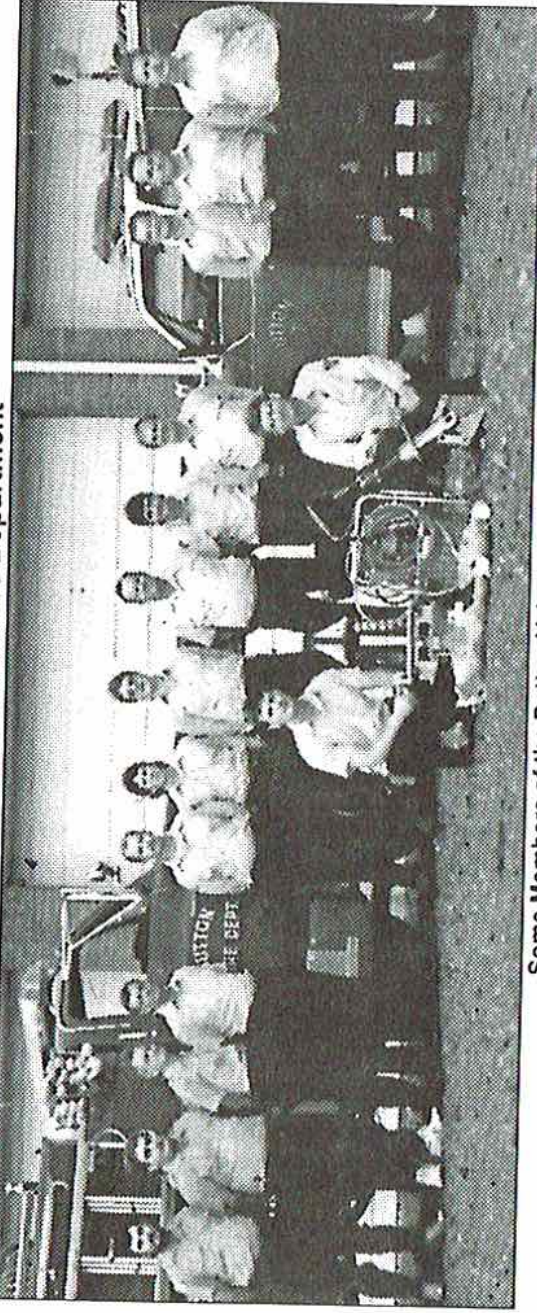
Although several months of work, research and effort was made to get histories on every family who lived in the Dutton community from the early 1800's up to the present time, we regret that some did not respond to our request for input on their families. We would very much have liked to have every family's history preserved with the rest of the community.

The book has drawn much interest from Dutton people – not only those who presently live in the community, but also from former residents who live in other parts of the country and still call the area "home". It was impossible to use all the material submitted and many hours were spent in deciding which parts of the material would go into the book. Therefore, the decision was made to use the parts believed by the author to be of the most interest to the majority of the people in the area.

Special Thanks

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In Appreciation Dutton Volunteer Fire Department



Some Members of the Dutton Volunteer Fire Department
Pioneers in Community Safety

Organizers of Dutton Volunteer Fire Department 1967

Darrel Stockman, Charles Tigue, J.C. Mount, George Dupree, Dean Germany, James Bell, Franklin Myers, Pat Millican, Danny Higgins, John B. Ryan, Glenn Gregg, Mickey Ryan, and Sylvie Stockman.

This Book Is Dedicated To The Dutton Volunteer Fire Department

The Dutton Volunteer Fire Department was established in October of 1967 from the dreams of a group of men to whom the community will always owe a huge debt. These men saw the need for fire protection and set out, with no experience in fire fighting, to organize a new fire department.

The time-consuming effort and all their hard work paid off when the first fire truck was purchased in October of the same year. Far from new, this truck a 1959 Ford with a 500 gallon per minute pump – was the pride of this new department. With no fire station to park the fire truck in, Darrel Stockman, Charles Tigue, J. C. Mount, George Dupree, Dean Germany, James Bell, Franklin Myers, Pat Millican, Denny Higgins, John B. Ryan, Glen Gregg, Mickey Ryan and Sylvie Stockman, who served as the first fire chief, worked to build the first fire station.

Immediately they built a building next to the Town Hall located on Hodge Street. This building was an old church that the town had purchased and used as a City Hall. Like most everything else that is accomplished in this small rural community today, this fire hall was built by the members with help from local people who provided skilled labor. Soon a place to store the fire truck, as well as a place to train local men in fire fighting skills, was ready.

Considering the many problems. facing this group of men, and the new fire department they had established, and the manner in which they solved them, there is no doubt that they are true leaders. Unlike today, there were no work systems, no radios, and no pagers to alert the firefighters of a fire. Using their own ingenuity, they used a siren mounted on a pole near the fire station to alert members of an alarm. They also used a telephone system that when a call came in, the firemen who received the call would rush to the station, blow the, siren and write down the directions to the fire on a chalkboard, while one of the firemen's wives would phone the other members to alert them of the call. Measured by some standards, this would seem like a system that could not work. However, these men made the system work for more than five years in this manner.

In 1974, seven years after the department was organized and put into service, the membership realized that a new fire engine was needed

to keep up with the changes in fire fighting skills. So once again, everyone came together to buy a new 1974 Ford fire engine. Along with this new engine came the need to build an addition to the fire station with the help of the community.

At the same time, the department realized that, in order to properly utilize the new fire engine and fire station, there was a need to increase the training and fire fighting skills of the members. Unlike some fire departments, these men put aside their pride and asked for help in refining the skills they already had and learning the new skills they needed to become better firemen. That call for help was answered by the Section Fire Department, Scottsboro Fire Department and the Alabama Fire College. The assistance and training received from these fellow firemen provided the training that would set the stage for future members. One of the important lessons learned by the Dutton department was 'that you never know everything' in fire fighting.

In 1984, came the need once again to update equipment, and a 1984 GMC Pumper with a 750 gallon per minute pump was purchased to replace the 1959 Ford – the department's "First Truck". Each member worked hard to raise the money needed and to learn how to use the new truck. With this addition, came a new problem, the need for a better place to store the equipment. And once again, the fire department worked with the town and its mayor to build a new Town Hall and fire department. In the spring of 1992, that dream became a reality and the department moved into their new quarters.

Within a year after moving into the new station, the department started running emergency medical calls to assist with patient care until an ambulance could get on the scene. This new service required a look at the way response time could be improved. The answer was to purchase a used 1984 Mini Pumper equipped with rescue tools. This new addition gave firemen the ability to free trapped victims in automobile accidents, fight small fires, and answer house calls without using one of the engines.

During the storms of 1995, the need for a community storm shelter was on each fireman's mind. Mindful of the fact that several hundred school children just a few yards from the fire department building, as well as the other residents of the community, had no protection from severe storms or tornadoes, the department began to make plans to build a storm shelter that could also be used for other purposes by the firefighters.

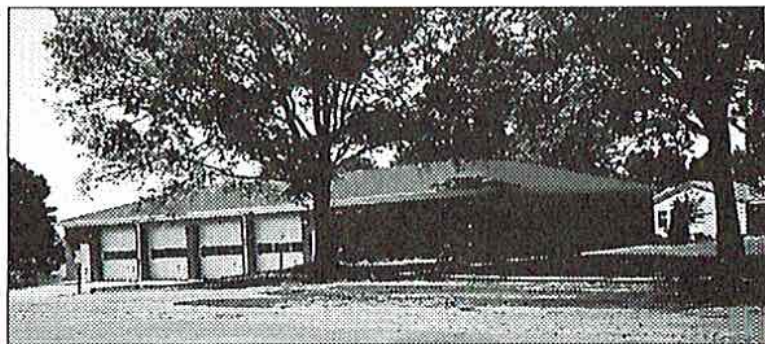
The underground shelter is 30 feet by 50 feet and, when completed, will house several hundred people in emergency situations. One of the

safety features of the shelter is a four inch concrete slab roof. There will be an above-ground stairway entrance and wheelchair/handicapped accessibility from the ground level. In addition to serving as an emergency shelter for the community, the new addition can be used as a training facility and workout room for firemen. Looking to the future and the probability of someday becoming a full-time fire station, the new addition could also serve as living quarters for firemen on 24-hour call.

For the past three decades the Dutton Volunteer Fire Department has been the focal point and the life-saving pulse of the community. Not only do they provide the same excellent services as do larger metropolitan fire departments, they do so with more diligence and concern because the people they serve are their friends, families, neighbors and the same children whom some of them coach on the ballfields or teach in a Sunday School class.

The Dutton Volunteer Fire Department are true pioneers and are committed to providing the latest in firefighting technology to the people of their community. Said "Short" Ryan, the department's chief:

"As I look back over the last 25 years and see all that has been done through hard work, I realize that it took good people like Darrel, Charles, Sylvie, and Mickey, who are still active today, to build a fire department that has proven to be one of the "best" around. I know I will never be able to express how much they have meant to all of us. I really feel helpless that all I can say is "thanks for teaching us that by setting high goals and working hard, those goals can be reached."



Dutton City Hall and Volunteer Fire Department Building.

FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER

When I am called to duty God
Wherever flames may rage.
Give me strength to save a life,
Whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late;
Or save an older person from
The horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert
And hear the weakest sound,
And quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and
To give the best in me;
To guard my every neighbor and
Protect his property.

And if according to your will
While on duty answer death's call;
Bless me with your protecting hand
My family one and all.

SALUTE TO DUTTON FIREFIGHTERS

by Louise Deerman

THANKS GUYS, to both you and your families,
I want to publicly thank you, which is far overdue.
For you to always be ready
It takes the whole family pulling steady.

When those calls come day or night,
And your menfolk take their flight;
You know the danger that might be there
So you just bow your head and say a prayer.

When I called the ambulance for Wood
I looked out the window and there Short and Darrel stood.
There they were carrying my mister
And I had no brother or sister.

It took my children a while to get home
But I never felt alone.
Do you know why?
Dutton firemen were standing by.

How good it made me feel
These men are our friends and they're for real.
They are always alert,
Ready to help those who are sick or hurt.

Fire may escape when we rake the leaves,
Or a friend down the road is having trouble trying to breathe;
Their spare time is ours and yours if the need ever arises,
And sometimes we get some bad surprises.

Before most of you could think twice
They'll be there with their jaws of life.
I am so proud of what they do
And I know you are too.

We ought to help with all our means
So when they are called they can be on the scene.
I would like to say as this comes to an end,
Trouble can come – we never know when.

They make Dutton a much better place,
So when you greet them,
put a smile on your face.
They don't ask for a pat on the back,
But folks, don't you think we owe them that?

Acknowledgements

EARL GRADY THOMAS, SR. (11/28/1894 - 1/6/1988)

As a teacher in Dutton area schools and 20 years as principal of Dutton Junior High School, Grady Thomas was truly a pioneer in education. His dedication to molding young minds toward learning and his belief in discipline and high morals, left a lasting impact on the lives of all who were privileged to sit under his teachings.

It was under Mr. Thomas' guidance and influence that young men and women passing through the hallowed halls of Dutton School were able to glimpse the future and the importance of being prepared for a world yet unexplored.

MRS. VIRGIE CHAMBERS

Serving as a teacher in Dutton Schools for decades, Mrs. Virgie Chambers has the unique distinction of being the first person to introduce education to the many children of the community.

It was Mrs. Chambers who took the "little folks" from their mothers arms for the first time and taught them how to learn, share and develop social skills. She served not only as the children's first teacher, but as nurse, fill-in mother, and provider of emotional needs.

It was she who laid the foundation of learning on which students took giant steps to higher education and futures full of promise.

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Dutton City Hall Building on Main Street.

Chapter 1

The Town of Dutton

Prior to 1896, the present town of Dutton, Alabama had several names Press, Barnes, Callahan, Fern Cliff, to name just a few. It seems that when a new postmaster was named he would change the name and location of the post office. The post office could be moved for a distance of one mile. In addressing a letter, the writer would put the notation "via Scottsboro, Alabama" on the letter. Scottsboro was the county seat and the postmaster at Scottsboro would know how to send the letter to the proper destinations in the county.

Sometime around 1896, the post office department ruled that the post office in the Dutton vicinity had to have a permanent name. Marion M. Dutton had just been appointed postmaster at the time, therefore, the permanent name was destined to be "Dutton" and has held that name up to the present time.

The town of Dutton was incorporated in 1963. The prime reason for incorporating the area was to have an entity in place in order to be able to borrow government funds to install a water system.

The first Town Hall and Fire Department building was purchased from the Church of the Nazarene in 1965.

The present Town Hall and Fire Department building was constructed in 1989. The land for these buildings was donated to the Town of Dutton by W. L. and Pauline Dilbeck.

TOWN OF DUTTON CONDUCTS BUSINESS

The first town council meeting of the Town of Dutton was held on February 7, 1963 at W. L. Dilbeck's store. E. B. Thomas served as Dutton's first Mayor from February 1963 until November 1963 when he resigned. He was later reinstated. First council members were: R. W. Deerman, W. L. Dilbeck, Dean Germany, John B. Ryan, and Whitman Johnson. First town clerk was I. J. Williams.

W. L. Dilbeck served as mayor from 1967 until his resignation in April of 1969. Denny Higgins served as mayor for the remainder of the term. Council members during the period 1967 - 1971 where: J. B. Ryan, Sylvie Stockman, George Gant, Malloy Barnes, and Dean Germany. Town Clerk was I. J. Williams.

John B. Ryan served as mayor from February 1971 - September 1973. Council members were: J. S. McGriff, C. R. Wynn, Denny Higgins, Sylvie Stockman, and Dean Germany. Mr. McGriff resigned his post in February of 1973. Glen Gregg finished Mr. McGriff's term of office. I. J. Williams served as town clerk until the end of 1972 with Polly Arsement finishing Mr. Williams' term during 1973.

Franklin Myers was seated as mayor for the term of October 1973 - 1976 but resigned the office. The term was finished by Oscar Beard. Council members were: Glen Gregg, Percy White, Denny Higgins, Roy Nichols and Oscar Beard. Patsy Higgins served as town clerk.

Oscar Beard served as Mayor of Dutton from October 1976 until April of 1980 when he resigned. Denny Higgins finished Mr. Beard's term of office. Council members were: Denny Higgins, David Rooks, Charlie Tatum, Sylvie Stockman, and Glen Gregg. On May 22, 1980, J. C. Mount was sworn in as councilman to replace Charlie Tatum. Patsy Higgins was town clerk from October 1976 - July 1978. Ramona York served as town clerk from August 1978 - December 1980, and Lucille Taylor assumed the post from January 1981 until February 1981.

Sue Strickland became the Town of Dutton's first female mayor and served from October 1980 until September 1984. Council members during that period were: Joe Brewster, John M. Ryan, J. C. Mount, Denny Higgins, and Steven Lybrand. Lucille Taylor and Dianne Adkins served as town clerk during 1981.

Sue Strickland was again seated as Mayor of Dutton from October 1984 September 1988. Council members were: Mike Graden, Robert Frazier, J. C. Mount, John M. Ryan, and Bill Morton. Dianne Adkins served as town clerk for the term.

Larry Stockman was Mayor of Dutton from October 1988 - September 1992. Council members were: Mike Graden, Robert Frazier, Steven Lybrand, Denny Higgins, and J. C. Mount. Dianne Adkins served as town clerk for that term.

In October of 1992, the governor appointed Sue Strickland as Mayor of Dutton, with Judy O'Brien, Philip Anderson and John M. Ryan appointed to serve as council members. The Town Council then appointed Patsy Higgins and Bryan Stewart to serve on the council.

Judy O'Brien resigned in August of 1993 and Gene Williams was appointed by the council to finish her term (October 1993).

Mickey Ryan resigned from his post in February of 1994 and was replaced by Shawn Cornelison by appointment of the council to finish the term (October 1994).

Patsy Higgins resigned in August of 1994. Tami Myers was appointed to finish her term (June 1995).

Dianne Adkins Romans has served as town clerk from February 1981 until the present time.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF DUTTON, ALABAMA

The Town Council met at W. L. Dilbeck's Store for the first Town Council meeting on February 7, 1963, at 7 p.m. Mayor Thomas, Councilman W. L. Dilbeck, R. W. Deerman, J. B. Ryan, and Dean Germany present. Whitman Johnson absent.

The Council voted to make Thursday nights the regular meeting time. The Mayor or Councilmen had not taken the oath of office, they did not take up any business, adjourned and went to Section, Alabama to see Homer Stringer and take the Oath of Office.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to meet next on February 15, 1963, at 7:30 p.m.

E. B. Thomas
Mayor

DUTTON COMMUNITY PARK

Realizing the need for a community park, an application for funds for park development was filed with the U. S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in October of 1977. The application was approved the following month and funds became available for a park in Dutton in February, 1978.

The B.O.R. grant was in the amount of \$64,000 on a 50-50 matching funds basis which meant that the Dutton community had to come up with the other \$64,000. Putting their heads together, the Dutton Ruritan Club and the Town of Dutton jointly bought 14 acres of land for the project.

It was then that the residents of Dutton of all ages and status's in life began cleaning up the thick vegetation on the park site with rakes, hoes, axes, buckets, hatchets, and tractors. Several truckloads of tin cans, broken glass and other debris were hauled away. People brought food and at the end of the day, enjoyed the fellowship of working together in the common interest of the community. After the initial cleanup, people took flowers and shrubs out of their own yards and gardens and started a beautification program in the park.

The Town of Dutton paid half of the first payment and the Ruritans paid the other half. Land for the park was purchased from the estate of William A. Ballard and his wife, Mamie Ballard. Later, for the purpose of dealing with the various agencies, the Town of Dutton was designated as the owner of the property. Ruritans continued annually to pay half of the interest due, and later payments on the land were made by the town with funds from the Jackson County Commission.

On Labor Day of 1979 more than 200 people attended the park opening and dedication along with many dignitaries. Guest of honor was U. S. Representative Ronnie Flippo of Florence, Alabama. The Deerman family gospel singers of Dutton and Milton Parham's Bluegrass Band provided entertainment for the opening day festivities.

Initially, the park had 10 picnic tables with grills and large swings. Later, the park included a tot-lot adjacent to the picnic area, a softball field for both men and women, a concession stand with snacks and soft drinks, restroom facilities, bleachers, parking spaces, and tennis courts.

Unfortunately, vandalism at the building over a number of years brought about the tearing down of the original building because of repair costs. However, there is still a covered pavilion for the public's use for picnics and other family-type gatherings at Dutton community park.

A LITTLE ABOUT THE OLD DUTTON PARK ON MAIN STREET

Memories of the old park at Dutton are very vague and seem also to be vague to others. Nobody still living around the Dutton community seems to know when it became a park, how long it was open to the public, nor when it ceased to function.

Those of us who attended Dutton School in the 1930's and 1940's, however, can remember that it was located across the road from the school. It had lots of huge trees, some swings, and probably other crude playground equipment. It must have been used mostly by the school when it was in session because I can't recall much else ever going on there. Of course, in those days people didn't usually go on a picnic away from home. At that time, most people entertained their kinfolk and other guests at their homes.

Anyway, what would people have taken on a picnic then? There wasn't money to buy potato chips, cokes and sandwich meats and I never knew anyone who owned a grill or an ice chest.

A park, in those days, served merely as a place to play.

DUTTON

(Taken From "History of Jackson County")

Dutton is on Sand Mountain midway between Section and Pisgah. The town is well located in a beautiful place, surrounded by a good farming section. It was named for M. M. Dutton, a pioneer settler who built the first store one mile northwest of the present town. He got the U.S. Post Office Department to establish a Post Office and name it Dutton. He was made Postmaster.

Dutton is a good business point and has some live merchants. The citizens of the town and surrounding country are a splendid class of people, who believe in schools and churches. The purest strains of the Anglo-Saxon race are on Sand Mountain.

The first school house was built in 1886, about one mile southeast of the present site. This log school house, 30x50 feet had an open fireplace, one window and two doors. As it was almost surrounded by briar patches and woods, it was called the "Briar Patch." The first seats were made of split logs. Many of the leading pioneer citizens received their training in this building.

When Virgil Bouldin was in the Legislature, he secured the passage of an Act which gave ten acres of land in the northwest corner of Section 16, Township 10, Range 7, for a site to erect a new two-story school building known as the Sand Mountain Institute. This school employed two teachers and had a dormitory for boarding students. Some of the teachers having charge of the school were Guy Kirby, Felix Robertson, J. C. Austin, and J. H. Jernigan.

In 1924, a new seven-room school house with a splendid auditorium was built. The school has eight teachers and an enrollment of 325 students. Eleven grades are taught and it is hoped that another grade

may be added in the near future with the school made an accredited High School. Jesse H. Wheeler has been principal for some years. The Delco Light plant and other modern improvements make this an up-to-date school. The Parent-Teacher Association here has aided the school in its work. Wherever the Parent-Teacher Associations have been organized in the county, they have been a factor of good.

The first church was a Missionary Baptist, called the Briar Patch Church. Mrs. S. J. Bramblett was a charter member of this church. She was the mother of Y. B., J. B., and E. W. Bramblett. This church was organized in 1885. The Northern Methodists organized the next church, called Chaney's Chapel. Pleasant Hill, a Missionary Baptist, was the next. The next church was called the Dutton Missionary Baptist. It was finished in 1924. About 1930, a beautiful church house was erected by the Church of Christ.

Some of the first settlers were Dr. Mason, who lived at the place where Joe Traylor now lives. He was an expert in raising potatoes. Uncle Mike McGinn, who lived at the Jim Golden place, was perhaps the oldest settler. He was an old man when he was killed by lightning in the year 1886. Marion and Jim Dutton owned a store at an early date. They also owned the first cotton gin. In the 1890's, Mr. James did the ginning and also ran a grist mill. The two gins at Dutton now do a good business.

Early Dutton settlers were J. S. Smalley, Tom Gullatt and J. W. Bailey. G. W. White and sons, E. G. and Clairence, have been closely associated with Dutton's growth. Rufus A. and Will Nichols were also early settlers. They reared large families and their descendants are fine people as are many others here. W. E. McGriff came here about 1895. Leonard Thomas was a merchant and postmaster in old Dutton. There are many other settlers worthy of favorable notice.

"DUTTON" OUR HOME, SWEET HOME

by Jewell Smalley

There's a place in the hearts of some of us,
That many might think without worth;
But the old memories that come to our minds,
Are its people – the salt of the earth.

Dutton is the name of that dear place,
It has little to boast of as 'fame';
But to us it's as precious as the purest gold,
And we're glad we still call it 'home'.

'Cause it's there that our roots were planted,
By families so humble, yet proud;
Where we got all our strength and beginnings,
Some good – some bad, we'll allow.

It's the cotton fields and the dusty roads,
That we all can so fondly recall;
The fellowship and love of friends,
Were so important to us all.

Most have parted and gone their own way,
To carve out a place of their own,
But we've never quite lost the feeling,
Of neighbors, of friends, of home.

As time rolls on and the ages pass,
So has gone the families of yore;
Who tilled the land and set the pace,
And taught us who we were.

Our younger ones will never know,
The kind of life we led;
They've had much more and struggled less,
But they've missed what all of us had.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot?
Should we put aside what is gone?
No! No!, we never can forget
Dutton, our home sweet home.

HOW DUTTON GOT ITS FIRST WATER SYSTEM

(As Told by John B. Ryan)

Sometime back in the early 1960's, folks on the mountain realized they needed a water system in the area. Homer Stringer, Harry Campbell and some people from Section were the first ones to start on it and I was the member from Dutton who worked to get water. We all worked on it and worked on it and Section and Rainsville and some of the incorporated places got water by borrowing the money from bonding companies. But we were left out since we couldn't borrow those funds due to the fact that we weren't incorporated.

It was then that we worked to get the Town of Dutton incorporated and we did, in 1963. Then we had a heading or a title by which we could borrow funds for a water system. We worked with Section – the same people ran both systems – and we got water that we badly needed. It was finally extended all the way up the mountain although there's still a lot of space left vacant on up the mountain and there's no water service there in places. They have a hard time getting water, and their water gets very scarce in dry spells.

THE TELEPHONE COMES TO DUTTON

(As Told by John B. Ryan)

In 1890 my grandfather Ryan moved from Grove Oak, Alabama, to what we now call Hodge, which is in the Dutton area. He built a house – the house is still standing and is in real good shape. Then he moved from there to Section and while he was there he put in a telephone system. They ran a wire from Scottsboro in the crude way they had of doing things in those days. They got the poles high enough so the boats could go under the lines down the Tennessee River.

They had a phone system at Section and later on the system grew further out a little bit. Two or three people had one and then a fellow by the name of Willie Tatum took it over and he pretty well scattered it around where several people had phones. They had party lines – several people on one line – and there was a lot of trouble with the lines. Every time it came up a cloud or thunderstorm, people would have to go outside and disconnect the line and throw it down on the ground so the lightning wouldn't run in to their houses. That system went on for a good while and it went dead, so then after so long a time, Henegar ran a line down to Dutton so we could have phones here.

Dr. Trammell's office had a phone and there was a switchboard at Section. Then about 1951, or somewhere along there, a banker at Bridgeport called a meeting in Scottsboro trying to get a countywide telephone system. Someone at that meeting named me as one of the committee members to work on getting the countywide system so we got organized and tried to get the system. But the county was split up with franchises and it was so scattered that it looked like for a while that we wouldn't be successful.

I went to Henegar and talked to a man there and got an option to buy his and put a dollar down for the option in case we got it, then we'd buy from him. The people came down from New York and Washington to Scottsboro and we had a meeting. They told us it was all dead and we

couldn't get anything because the county was split up too bad, but I told him about having the option on a big franchise, so from there we got started. It kept going and spreading until we finally got it going and when we did, the Scottsboro system came out and took Dutton over to reach one mile east of here. Then the new co-op took it from there and so we were left out after working so hard to get it in our area.

The Farmers Telephone Company was organized in April of 1952 and they got a good system going and patterned it after the T.V.A. electrical and we were one of the first in the nation to get one. Now there's only three telephone co-ops in the state of Alabama. This one is the older of the three. Then the telephone system out of Scottsboro came up and put a telephone exchange out of Section and ran lines up to Dutton. We have a very good telephone system here now and we're very proud of it.

AROUND DUTTON AS I REMEMBER IT

(As Told by John B. Ryan)

When Alabama became a state in 1819, they surveyed out the 16th Section in each township which was designated to be used for school purposes. At the present time, Dutton is Township 16 and that's where the school and everything is now.

In the beginning, the property on the east of Township 16 belonged to the Whites. They were a prominent family with a successful business. On the west side of Township 16 were the Thomas', who were also in business and were considered to be a prominent family. Each family wanted the school located on their side, but the first school was down on a creek about a half-mile east of here. It was named "Briar Patch" and that's where my mama first went to school. It was a split log building with wooden shutters on the windows.

Then they built an institute – what we would probably call a junior college today – but anyway, its purpose was just to prepare people to teach school. So they built a two-story building and a dormitory across the road for the people who went to school to have a place to stay while they went to school. As I recall it, they spent about three months going to the Institute and then they'd get a certificate to teach.

That went on for quite a while – I don't remember just how long – and then it kind of went dead. Then they moved the Briar Patch School over to the Institute building. It was a two-story building so the Woodmen of the World had a lodge in it and they had other activities going on in the building. They also used it for a church and whatever else was needed at the time in the community. I guess the school was built for that purpose.

The first post office we have any record of was named Press. I don't know what year it was called Press, but it was when Press Chaney was the postmaster. When they'd get a post office in those days, it was named after whoever happened to be the postmaster at the time, so the name changed every time they changed postmasters. My grandfather, M. M. Dutton, was named postmaster and the name of the town was changed to Dutton. It's gone by that name ever since.

When Mrs. Rosa Cothran was named postmaster, E. G. White put up a little building and she moved the post office from what we called "Old Dutton" to the lower end of Dutton. Mrs. Cothran got a man named Sam Yancy to move the post office. He moved everything to its new location in a one-horse wagon. Mrs. Cothran was postmaster for many, many years.

JOSEPH SMALLEY FIRST POSTMASTER AT INDEX COMMUNITY

Joseph Steven Smalley, born in 1854, was married to Didema Chisenhall, born 1860, on May 30, 1877. Joseph lived on Sand Mountain and Didema lived in Jones Cove, Tennessee Valley.

They set up housekeeping in Jones Cove where a son, Madison B., was born in 1878, and a daughter, Josie, was born in 1880. They both liked Sand Mountain for farming and Didema was a member of Pisgah Baptist Church, located on the mountain. Joseph also became a member after their marriage.

Since it was hard for them to make the trip up the mountain to church with their children once a month, they decided to move to the area of Index, in the Dutton community, and did make that move in about 1881. Joseph had homesteaded some land there and had built a log house. This house was soon replaced by a two-story white house large enough for their ten children. Besides Madison and Josie, the family included Laura (1883), Mary (1885), Jimmie and John (1888), Neffie (1891), Annie (1893), Justice (1895), and Winston (1898). Madison and wife, Jenny, made their home in Dutton and are buried in Pleasant View Cemetery.

Life was hard in these years for everyone. Joseph told how he cut logs and hauled them by oxen-drawn wagon down the mountain to Scottsboro. There he would make a raft and ride that raft down the river (Tennessee) to Decatur or Muscle Shoals where he would sell the logs.

Despite the hard times, there were happy times too. This family loved to sing! Family and friends would gather in the home and sing.

A beautiful organ was purchased for the family to enjoy and it is still in good condition (with some minor replacements), and is in the home of a descendant of the Smalley family.

The earthly lives of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Smalley have ended, (1916 and 1926) but their teachings live on in the hundreds of descendants who attest to the gifts they handed down of self-reliance, love of God and one's fellow man, and strict honesty in one's business dealings. They are both interred in Pleasant View Cemetery.

Joseph S. Smalley was the first postmaster of what was then known as Index, Alabama. This post office was established and operated from his home which was located near the Pleasant View intersection of Highways 40 and 71. Near the front door was a 'slot' in the plank of siding, so that one could drop their mail any time of day. This slotted plank is also in the possession of a Smalley descendant. He was postmaster from May 24, 1890, to April 17, 1898, when Mr. Andrew J. Allen was appointed postmaster. Mr. Allen served until December 22, 1898. On that date, Mr. Asberry O. Wright was appointed postmaster. He served until this service was discontinued from Index (Dutton) on December 30, 1905, and its mail was then sent to Henegar, Alabama.

(Ed. Note: This information was submitted by a great-granddaughter of Joseph S. Smalley who asked that her name be withheld.)

FROM THE VILLAGE PUMP (Author Unknown)

Like other Sand Mountain towns, Dutton's prime settlers strove to develop the area's potential. There were productive farms that were chopped out of a wilderness, neat homes on tree-lined streets and not just one, but two towns, were named "Dutton".

The first town named Dutton was founded in 1888 and was named in honor of Marion M. Dutton, the first postmaster and the post office was located in Dutton Store. Dutton was a former postmaster in Jones' Cove.

In the late 1880's, W. G. Wiginton established a tanning yard near Dutton Store and made leather shoes, boots, harnesses, leather whips and shoe strings from goat and sheep skins and cow hides.

Around the turn of the century, the Sand Mountain Institute was organized by an Act of the State Legislature and State Normal School was built in the present town of Dutton. Approximately 30 teachers attended this school four to six weeks a year. Among the principals of this school were J. J. Buckner, Jasper Austin, Luther Dean and Professor Cyrus Ulrich. Mr. Ulrich was educated in Germany.

The building was also used by various religious groups to conduct meetings, traveling shows, Royal Neighbors, Woodmen of the World and the Odd Fellows.

The State Normal School was such a hit with the people that merchants clustered around the school, houses were built and a hotel was constructed near the school to accommodate visiting parents of students.

THE FOUNDING OF DUTTON

Some Early Land Purchases in the Dutton Area and How They Relate to Early Censuses of the County

*(Submitted by Carlus Page,
Jackson County Honorary Historian Geologist)*

... Some of the readers might like to take a peek at some of the early land purchasers in the Dutton area ... I refer to my map collection and to the 5 - 1/2 minute topographic sheets to see exactly where today's Dutton lies with respect to our coordinate system of civil engineering and land surveying.

I find that it presently comprises approximately four square miles. It is a perfect rectangle, notwithstanding a jutting out of a small rectangle, maybe a 40-acre parcel on its western side that somewhat resembles the handle of a coffee mug.

Dutton embraces a great part of Sections 8, 9, 16, and 17 and is to be found in Township 5, South and Range 7, East in the Huntsville meridian.

... Keep in mind the area we're talking about was The Cherokee Nation until 1817 when an influx of immigrants from the Carolinas and Virginia came in - to what is now Alabama. They brought black slaves with them and this led to the formation of the Alabama Territory in said year.

Subsequently, a convention held in Huntsville in 1819 met to prepare a state constitution. On December 4, 1819, Alabama became the twenty-second state.

Jackson County had become a county the day before, on December 13, 1819, so it has the strange phenomenon of being "one day older than the State of Alabama."

Jackson County's bounds were not on the left side of the Tennessee River until the Cherokee cession of 1835, by which treaty DeKalb and Marshall counties were created and Jackson County's boundary crossed the Tennessee River and picked up that corridor of

land that embraces Dutton, as I have described it above. This was in 1835 or 1836.

Naturally, if you're doing history research, you're going to look for evidence of the oldest documented instance of an early inhabitant in our present-day Jackson County. So I went to Cowart's Old Land Records of Jackson County, Alabama, as well as my W. E. Brown Plat Book.

The earliest such land transaction I can find in the four sections mentioned previously (Sections 8, 9, 16, and 17), is by one E. Sartin (I think the "E" is for Elbert). I'm sure the readers know of others but it is difficult to try to draw them out of such tedious and almost illegible old documents. This parcel was entered by "Military Bounty Land Warrant" by E. Sartin on Warrant Number 9622 under Military Act of 1850.

The sources show the date of acquiring as 2nd of September, 1851. So we know he, or some member of his family qualifying him under said military act, i.e., was a veteran of some war. It may have been the war of 1812.

In this case, this being 1851, that would have been 39 years earlier and doesn't seem very reasonable to me.

This sends me to the 1840 Census of Jackson County where I find this person on it as a "Free White Male". His age is categorized at "20 - 30" years. There is one other "Free White Male" under five years of age. We can assume this is his son.

Census shows there are two other persons in the household. One, a "Free White Female whose age is also categorized as being "20 - 30". The other inhabitant, also listed as a "Free White Female" under five years of age. We can assume this is E. Sartin's wife and daughter respectively.

... The 1840 census tells us that E. Sartin is situated, or resides, East of the Fourth Range Line. That's all, except that we can see by the census sheet whom he lives near, whom his neighbors are.

We do know that only four years prior to the date of this 1840 census this portion of Jackson County had not been established. This took place in 1836.

... The 1850 Census of Jackson County gives us family name, ages, occupation and where born as follows: #693 (the family number for Sartins): Sartin, Elbert, age 36, from Tennessee, laborer; Sartin, Silphy, 38, Kentucky; Sartin, Louisa, 12, Alabama; Sartin, William, 9, Alabama; Sartin, Nancy, 6, Alabama; Sartin, John, 4, Alabama; Sartin, Canzola, 3, Alabama; Sartin, Victoria, 1, Alabama; Sartin, Lucinda, 1-1/2, Alabama.

It's interesting to note that there are several familiar families who are neighbors to Sartin on both the 1840 and 1850 censuses, like the

Chizenhall's, Kirbys, and Parks on the 1840 census. On the 1850 census at family #695, the only two houses/families from Elbert Sartin's, is Elizabeth Sartin, age 56, born in South Carolina. This could be Elbert's mother since he was born in 1814.

Several observations can be drawn from these two censuses: Number one: it establishes for a certainty that this 80-acre tract referred to that E. Sartin received in 1851 by Military Bounty Land Warrant coincides with his status at the time he received the land. The date of Sartin's birth results in his being 37 years of age at the time of the said grant.

Since Sartin would have been only two years old at the war of 1812, he could not have participated in that war, but may have been in some of the Indian Wars of that period.

In case any of you are interested in the exact location of where this land lies, it is located in Township 5, South and Range 7, East of Huntsville Meridian. One "forty" is in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, whereas the other one is in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 8, and of course, the two parcels were, and still is for that matter, contiguous.

Dutton's Town Hall is in this same Section 8, but in the SE 1/4 of the SE 14 of Section 8.

EARLY SETTLEMENT

Sometime between 1500 and 1542, the Spaniard, Hernando DeSota, crossed the state of Alabama from east to west in his quest for gold. According to history, at that time there were a few scattered Indian villages in the area.

Some two hundred years later, the area was occupied by the Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw and Chickasaw. It is very possible, even probable, that what is now known as the general Dutton community could have been claimed and occupied by the Indians prior to the 1800's. When the "Trail of Tears" – the removal of all Indians to the western reservations – began in 1837, many of them fled to areas where they would not be found by officers carrying out the government orders. (1) According to reports, one such Indian, "Black Horse", found refuge in the Pisgah Gorge and lived there for the remainder of his life. The walled cliff shelter alleged to be "Black Horse's" hideout is still visible in the Pisgah Gorge today.

That Indians once dwelt and hunted the bountiful game in the Dutton/North Sand Mountain area is attested to by the thousands of arrow heads and Indian relics found in recent years by local residents.

This author has no information regarding the identification of Indian mounds or burial sites in the Dutton area. However, not all tribes buried their dead in mounds. Some tribes, especially those who were converted to Christianity, buried their dead below ground in the traditional manner of the white man.

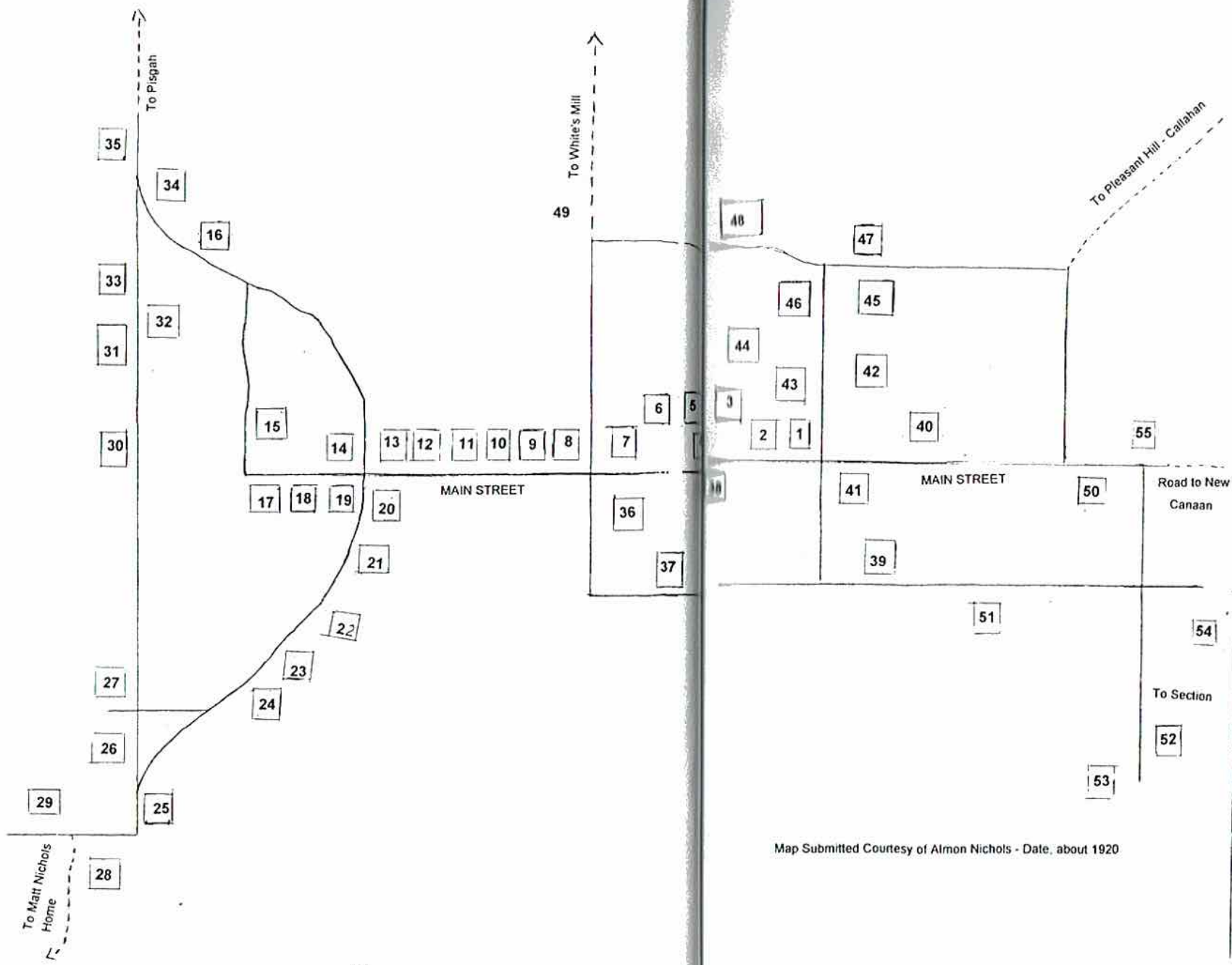
Recent research into the Civil War and whether there was any military action or troop movement across Sand Mountain near Dutton during the period of the war (1861-1865) revealed none. There must have been men from the area who either joined, or were conscripted, into the Confederate Army during the Civil War, but there was nothing in any of the family histories submitted referring to any eyewitness to Civil War battles or troop movement in the area.

Since most troop movement during the War followed the rivers and railroads as much as possible (and Sand Mountain had neither), it is highly unlikely that the Dutton area would have been a troop route. That fact, coupled with the rough terrain and sparsely populated countryside would not have been conducive to troop movement. The routes were usually taken through areas where there was food and water to feed the soldiers.

History shows troop movement and skirmishes in Jackson County at Larkinsville, Bridgeport, Stevenson, and Woodville, to name a few, Crow Creek, Cross Island and Trenton, there was reconnaissance (spying and gathering of information).

It is known that some 40,000 Union troops on their march from Nashville, came through the Bridgeport/Stevenson area, crossed the mountain to the approximate area of what is now Bryant, Alabama. Reaching the east brow of Sand Mountain above Trenton, Georgia, they fired cannons over Trenton before descending the mountain. After their descent to Trenton valley, they moved in a southerly direction to Rising Fawn where they set up camp for several days before scaling the west side of Lookout Mountain (known as Newsome Gap). At the top of Lookout Mountain they proceeded to a point above McLemore's Cove (located a few yards north of Highway 136 from Trenton to LaFayette) on their way to the Battle of Chickamauga on September 19 and 20, 1863. This route was likely the closest that any actual troop movement came to the Dutton area.

According to family histories submitted by Dutton families, most migrated from Georgia, North and South Carolina, Texas, and areas south of DeKalb, Marshall and Cherokee counties in Alabama. One writer has said that Sand Mountain's population is of the "purest strain", which would imply one hundred percent Caucasian heritage. However, it would



1. Nichols Grocery Store
2. Nichols Garage
3. R. A. Nichols Home
4. Franklin's Cafe
5. E. E. LaBarre Home
6. Ryan Residence
7. Sand Mtn. Inst.
8. Warehouse
9. E. E. McGriff Store
10. Thomas Drugstore (Later, Jones Cafe)
11. LaBarre's Garage
12. Empty Store House
13. Virgie Chambers Home
14. Hugh Nichols Home
15. Dutton Meth. Church
16. E. G. White Home
17. Holland Residence
18. Holland's Grist Mill
19. Loyd Perry House
20. Prof. Ulrich Home (Later E. Rush Home)
21. Marshall Home
22. Tolleson Home
23. Tom Dean Home
24. Green Home
25. Henry Griffin Home
26. Old Dutton Store and Post Office
27. Vernon Thomas Home
28. Chaney's Chapel
29. Will Nichos Home
30. Texas Parks Home
31. Floyd Nichols Home
32. Jack Cowan Home
33. Earl Barnes Home
34. Grady Thomas Home
35. Will Buford Home
36. Sand Mtn. Inst. Dorm
37. Dutton School
38. Dutton Post Office
39. Dutton Bapt Church
40. Jim Nichols Home
41. Coffey Blacksmith
42. Jim Nichols Home
43. Dr. Trammel Office
44. J. A. Gilbreath's
45. Madison Nichols
46. Horace Golden Home
47. Colhran's Home
48. Cotton Gin
49. Ballard Home
50. Dr. Slubbs Home
51. Gann Home
52. W. . . Home
53. George Tigue Home
54. R. A. Nichols Farm
55. Jack McCord Home

Map Submitted Courtesy of Almon Nichols - Date, about 1920

seem difficult to prove that theory since many of our backgrounds show Indian ancestry. Some marriages recorded prior to the infamous "Trail of Tears" show that one partner of the marriage was Indian.

(1) Taken from "A Walk Through High Jackson" by Walt Hammer 1967.)

EARLY DUTTON SETTLERS

Their Survival Depended on Hard Work and Sacrifices

From all indications, the Dutton area was still in its infancy around the turn of the century. Some pioneers had already settled, in the vicinity but, according to centurion E. E. LaBarre, when he first crossed Sand Mountain in 1907 to his parent's home around what is now Pisgah, there were less than half a dozen houses from the top of the mountain at Fern Cliff to Pisgah.

It is, therefore, reasonable to believe that there were no wealthy, or even "well-off" families in the Dutton area for many years after the area began being populated. Most of the area was woodland so before a family could even plant crops for survival, many years elapsed before they could hope to become prosperous or make any headway toward accumulating any material possessions.

At the beginning, and for many years afterwards, most of the families were farmers. It was from the fertile soil of Sand Mountain that families fed, clothed, and educated their children. And it was, with the help of their children, that crops were planted, tended and gathered. No family member was exempt from doing what they could in the fields to realize as much profit as possible from the farms. All farm work was done with oxen, mules, crude plows hoes, and manual labor. The following describes the routine and way of life practiced by farmers and their families in the early days of rural Dutton.

HOW A LIVING WAS MADE IN EARLY DAYS

Farmers always had to have some kind of 'cash crop' that was made to buy necessities that couldn't be raised on the farm. Around Dutton that cash crop was cotton. Families with a large number of children (who were called "hands"), could plant, cultivate and reap the crop without any outside help which resulted in being able to keep all the profits for the family.

Growing cotton was a risky business as weather was always a factor and there was the possibility of blight or boll weevils invading the

crops and rendering them unprofitable. After the cotton was three or four inches high, it was 'chopped' (thinned out) with a hoe. Every two weeks or so, the cotton was hoed to get the grass out; after it was about waist high, "hands" would go down every row and break out the top four or five inches by hand to encourage the spreading out of the plant.

The school term at Dutton was planned around the cotton crops. In July, after the cotton crop was 'laid by', school would begin and continue until about September when the cotton was ready to pick. Then the children would pick cotton for the next six weeks or two months until most of the crop was gathered. The rest of the cotton was picked after school and on Saturday's until all the cotton was picked.

But we weren't through yet. When colder weather came on, the cotton wouldn't fully open, so the rest of the crop was "botted". This cotton didn't bring the same prices as did the fully opened cotton, but on the farm nothing was allowed to go to waste.

Corn was also a big crop to most farmers as it was a necessary staple for the family as well as food for the cows, hogs, chickens and mules. And, like the cotton crop, there was a lot of hard work involved in raising and harvesting corn. If the corn plants came up out of the ground too close together, hands would take a hoe and thin the plants out to the number thought to be right for plant growth and development. On the other hand, if all the plants didn't come up and there wasn't a good stand of corn, hands would strap on a cloth sack full of corn, take a hoe, dig holes where the plants should have been and put a couple of corn seeds in the hole. This was done to take advantage of the fertilizer already put down when the corn was planted. Again, not wasting anything on the farm.

In late summer or early fall when the corn leaves began to dry, hands went into the fields and stripped the leaves off the corn, tied them in bundles and piled them up in the fields. Then at night, after the dew had fallen on the fodder, a wagon was taken into the fields, the fodder was thrown on the wagon and hauled to a dry place at the barn to be used for feeding the farm animals.

But there's still work to be done. When the corn dried in the field, it was picked by hand as there were no corn pickers in those days. Three people were needed to pull corn. The wagon straddled two rows - called the down row. One person would pull two rows of corn on one side of the wagon, another person would take the two rows on the opposite side of the wagon, and some unlucky person would pull the corn under the wagon where the mules had tramped. That was not a nice job! The corn was hauled to the crib where it was stored for use later as needed.

And there's more to the cornfield. The following spring a crude farm implement called a "stalk cutter" was run over the dead stalks before spring plowing could begin. If a farmer intended to plant cotton where corn had been planted the year before, that brought on another chore. The hands would cut the stalks down with a hoe, while others picked up the stalks and made several big piles in the field. After all this was done, the stalks were burned to leave a smooth even ground for tender young cotton plants.

Then there was the hay crop. Back in those days, hay was seldom if ever baled up neatly like you see it today. The hay was cut and raked in piles and then "shocked" in the field until it was completely dry. Then it was hauled to the barn and pitchforked into the hayloft. The only thing good about haying season was the wonderful aroma that came from the barn from the new hay.

Peanuts were sometimes a cash crop too. Peanuts had to be planted, plowed, hoed and tended just like any other crop. In the middle of summer, peanuts were plowed up. Hands would pick the peanut vines up, shake all the dirt off them, and lay them in the field to dry. After they dried for several days, the peanuts were picked up (by hand) and hauled to the barn loft. On rainy days and after school, hands picked the peanuts off the vines and sacked them up for the market and for their own use.

Other children's chores included going to the woods and picking up kindling to start fires in the fireplaces and cook stove. Kindling was the rich heart of pine trees that had fallen to the ground and rotted. The kindling was carried to the woodpile and split up, then carried to the house and put on the front porch or on the hearth for starting fires.

Cutting wood was a hard job as it also was done by hand using a crosscut saw. After the wood was sawed in lengths, it was split up for fireplace wood or in shorter lengths for stovewood. Then it was loaded on the wagon and carried to the wood lot and stacked in neat stacks. Every night in winter, it was the children's chore to make sure there was plenty of wood on the porch and in the wood box behind the kitchen stove.

Mention sorghum and every family who ever lived on Sand Mountain knows what it is. However, what a lot of folks don't know is that it was very hard to come by. When the cane stalks began to ripen in early fall, it was time to "strip" cane by hand and get it ready for the sorghum mill. The leaves were stripped off and the canes cut down, followed by chopping off the seed heads. The canes were loaded on the wagon and hauled to the mill where the juice was twisted out by a mule-drawn contraption. The juice coming out of the cane stalks was then cooked out right on the spot, poured into quart tin buckets and carried home for family use.

Hog-killing was another chore that came around in early winter, usually around November or just before a cold spell was expected. The slaughtering, scraping, and cutting of meat into hams, shoulders, sausage and other parts of the animal was also done by hand. The lean parts of the scraps were laid aside for making sausage; the fatty parts of the hog were later cooked out and rendered into lard. What was left after the cooking was known as cracklings. The hams and shoulders were salted down into large meat boxes in the smokehouse and after a period of time were hung in the smokehouse where they were "smoked" for several days.

Since there was very little money for food, everything possible was grown and preserved so that it would last into the winter or early spring when things began to grow again.

Everyone had an orchard because it not only produced fresh fruit in season, it could be saved for winter use as well. Jellies, jams and fruit juices could be enjoyed long after the trees were barren. Apple, peach, cherry, pears and figs as well as grapes, scuppernongs and strawberries were available on most farms. Huckleberries, blackberries and dew berries grew on ditch banks and around the edges of the fields.

Every type of vegetable the climate would accommodate was grown on the farm – green beans, tomatoes, squash, okra, peas, peppers, onions, cabbage, corn, irish and sweet potatoes, turnip greens, cucumbers, watermelons, cantaloupes, rutabagas, collards, carrots, sage, butter beans, peanuts, popcorn, gourds for making bird houses and probably other things that don't come to mind.

Butter beans and peas were shelled and put in white sacks for cooking in the winter. Cucumbers were used for making pickles and relishes; cabbage was chopped and made into kraut, onions were dried out and thrown up under the house to be used all winter and potatoes and turnips were hilled in straw in the open fields. Chicken and hens provided eggs and a meat source and of course, all these things were done mostly by the children as just one of their chores. Some children also milked the cows twice a day but for the most part, the parents did the milking.

Other chores had to be undertaken sometimes once a year and sometimes more often. For instance, there was the churning, the quilting, mending and sewing of clothes that had to be learned by the female members of the family. Weekly washing of clothes on the rubboard and the big black wash pot in the back yard, and then ironing all the clothes with a flat-iron that was heated on the hot coals was a tiresome and time-consuming task. Sand Mountain people didn't care much for a grassy yard so anytime anyone saw a blade of grass growing in the yard, it was his or her job to yank it up immediately. This brought on

another job, sweeping the yards weekly with a brush broom made of long dogwood limbs, or a bunch of sedge grass when it could be found.

Once a year or so, the females would take down all the beds in the house, hang all the bedclothes out on the clothesline or garden fence and clean the bare wooden floors. No detergent was used. Instead, huge sand rock was beat up into a fine dust and scattered on the floors, followed by a scrubbing by a big homemade brush made from corn shucks. It was then rinsed down and the floor was squeaky clean once again. While the bedsteads and springs were out in the yard, they would be treated for bedbugs by brushing on kerosene in all the cracks before moving them back in the house. The featherbeds were fluffed and all the quilts and pillows put outside for a sunning.

SOME DUTTON PREACHERS ALSO FARMERS

It might be interesting for some of our younger readers to know that many Dutton preachers and pastors were also farmers. Many didn't receive a salary for their pastoral work. It wasn't that they didn't earn or deserve to be paid, it was, instead, because very few people in the congregation had any money to give.

Farmer pastors had a home to maintain, and children to feed, raise, and educate the same as everyone else. But the thing that impressed me as a child was that pastor/farmers never neglected their congregations. They somehow found the time to visit the aged, bury the dead, and comfort the sick. If they were called to a bedside during crop time, they'd unhitch their mules and be on their way. When two-week revivals (both day and night services) were underway, they put everything on hold and acted as if the crop in the field were the last thing on their minds.

Even those in the community who were considered 'professionals' grew and tended large farms. I remember specifically the Grady Thomas family cultivated a considerable-sized farm. Mr. Thomas was the principal of the school for many years, but when out of school, he became a farmer.

Widows usually remained on the farm after the death of their spouses. It was not at all odd to see a widow in the fields leading her children, and in some cases where there were no grownup male children in the family, to see her plowing.

Making a living as a farmer wasn't the easiest way to do it. It took a special breed, a love of the soil, and a determination to do the best one could do with what one had to be a successful farmer. And being successful, for the most part, meant surviving from one crop season to another.



Entrance to Dutton Community Park



**W.L. Dilbeck (Center) receiving check from government officials-
for construction of Water System at Dutton.**

Chapter 2

Businesses: Past and Present

FRANKLIN'S STORE

Although the years of operation cannot be established by anyone still living in Dutton, Mrs. Kate Franklin ran a little store across the road from Dutton School for several years. I remember the store as I attended elementary and junior high school there from 1938 until 1947.

The little store and cafe was located next to the old park on Main Street and was a favorite place for kids to go for penny candy and chewing gum. All children who came to the store were always under the watchful eye of Mrs. Kate. She also had a two-story apartment building/boarding house on the same side of the road near the store.

COFFEY'S BLACKSMITH SHOP

During my growing up days, Mr. Joel Coffey had a blacksmith shop at the lower end of Dutton right near the 'Genis White Store. One of the things I remember most about the blacksmith shop was the sound of Mr. Coffey pounding on the anvil and the livestock that usually stood tied up around the shop. That sound and those noises could be heard a long time before passersby ever got near the shop.

I remember that Mr. Coffey wore a blue-striped cap that looked something like a railroader's cap and a big granny-style apron that was made out of something tough and probably fire-proof. Maybe it was because I was a child, but he always seemed small of stature to me, but when we'd pass by the shop on our way to school, he'd always wave at us and give us a big smile.

The house where the shop was, and where he and Mrs. Winnie lived is still standing and occupied today.

LABARRE GARAGE

The E. E. LaBarre Garage was located in the upper end of Dutton and across the road from his home. It is documented that Mr. LaBarre was a self-taught and self-made mechanic; that he bought a book and learned the trade on his own.

What I remember most about Mr. LaBarre was his wide smile and friendly disposition. At one time, two of his granddaughters – Tolleson's – lived with Mr. and Mrs. LaBarre and attended Dutton School. It was at this time that I was in the LaBarre home several times and was always treated warmly.

Even at an early age and having never met any folks who didn't live in the Dutton community, I realized that Mr. LaBarre wasn't born and raised around Dutton because of his accent and appearance. Although it really didn't matter to me one way or the other, I learned much later in life that he was originally from "up north".

Mr. LaBarre lived to be almost 101 years of age.

COTTON GINS

The cotton gin at Dutton was a busy and very important place as I was growing up because, at the time, cotton was 'king' – the major cash crop for most families, and everyone had a very healthy respect for the white stuff. In fact, without a good cotton crop, most families in the area could count on a long, hard winter.

According to some reliable sources, Marion and Jim Dutton were probably the first to own and operate a cotton gin in the community. At one time, according to Almon Nichols, Rufus Nichols owned and operated a cotton gin in Dutton. There may have been others, but those are the ones most talked about by area folk. In later years, the cotton gin was owned and operated by Marvin Campbell and Jack McCord. Jack and Bonnie Lou and their children, Billy Charles and Jimmy, lived in the curve at the lower end of Dutton for several years.

Cotton farmers were always at the mercy of mother nature for the most part. If the weather stayed wet and cold in the spring, the cottonseed was late going into the ground and this created the dilemma that the season might not be long enough for the cotton to grow and mature. Equally devastating was lack of rain; too much rain; a cold snap about the time the cotton came out of the ground; and the possibility of the boll weevil invading the crop. When these things happened, farmers had a hard time breaking even over seed and fertilizer costs, not to mention the fact that no compensation came for all the work that had been done.

I visited the cotton gin once or twice when I was small and the experience has always stayed with me. It was a real treat to ride in the wagon with the high sideboards and all the loose cotton that we had just finished picking. Most of the time there was already a long line of wagons waiting to get their cotton ginned when we got there. Everyone got off the wagon

and the farmers would stand around and talk while they waited. And although they had lots of cotton in the field yet to be picked, they never seemed impatient or in a big hurry to leave. They just patiently waited their turn while they visited with their neighbors. Can anyone imagine the chaos these days if people had to wait for hours in line to get something done?

The wagon was finally pulled into the gin area under a big pipe which sucked the cotton out of the wagon and up into the upper part of the gin. I understood that the cotton was thrashed about and went through a process of separating the cotton from the seeds. The seeds went one way down into a hopper and the loose seedless cotton went another way through a press where it was packed into huge bales. If I'm not mistaken, 2000 pounds of loose cotton on a wagon produced an eight or nine hundred bale after the seeds were removed.

I guess the price of cotton each year depended largely on supply and demand. If there was a bumper crop, the price was low; if the crop was slim, the price per pound was more. I remember a few words from a song someone wrote a long time ago when the price of cotton was low. It went something like ... "Twenty-cent cotton; forty-cent meat, how in the world can a poor man eat".

Cotton farming was a very hard way to make a living because everything connected with it was done by hand – planted and plowed by mules and picked by hand.

Having spent a lot of years hoeing and picking cotton, I've been very careful not to complain about the price of cotton clothes no matter how expensive they are.

You see, I know how it gets there!

JONES CAFE

I guess the first hamburger most of us who grew up in Dutton ever tasted was made by Jim and Lillian Jones at the Dutton Cafe.

The cafe was located at the upper end of Dutton on Main St. between LaBarre's Garage and McGriff's Store. It was a real treat to go into the cafe and see those pretty red bar stools and checked tablecloths and to smell all the good things being cooked up there.

I spent many fun Sunday afternoons with Ramona Dale, the Jones' daughter ('tho we called her 'Dinky' in those days) at the Jones Cafe in Dutton when I was growing up.

MCGRIFF'S STORE

Mr. Joe McGriff also had a store in the upper end of Dutton. I remember the store as being a gray metal-type building that had some

kind of covering or canopy over the sidewalk in front of the store. Like most country stores, you could buy almost anything you needed at McGriff's Store – everything from talcum powder, to horse collars and plow points, or enough fabric to make a dozen dresses.

According to old-timers, Mr. McGriff's whole family worked in the store at one time or another as they were growing up and getting their educations.

Later, Mr. McGriff's son, J. Selley, and his wife, Mary Stanley, ran the store for several years. After that, John B. and Audrey Ryan owned and operated the store for several years.

There is no building on that corner where McGriff's Store stood as an integral and important part of Dutton when I was a child. Yet, those of us who remember that store and the families who owned and operated it, can almost see it as we pass by if we look hard enough and put our minds to it.

'GENIS WHITE STORE

When, as a child, I stepped inside Mr. White's store, I was almost overwhelmed by how large it seemed and by all the things stacked upon the shelves, just waiting to be bought. Bolts of dress fabrics, straw hats, shoes, and little devil food cakes, just to name a few. Barrels of pinto beans and loose brown sugar were sitting near the long counter. Mr. White would scoop them out of the barrels into smaller bags and weigh them on the big scales that hung just above the counter.

If you bought anything like bacon, cheese, bologna, or such, your purchase would be wrapped in brown paper which hung on a big roll at the end of the counter. Hardly anything was ever put into a bag.

I remember the big pot-belly heater near the back of the store where the menfolk sat and passed the time of day in bad weather. There was a rail around the bottom of the heater where the men would prop up their brogan shoes to dry them out on a rainy winter day.

On a large table, also at the rear of the store, there was a wooden container of hard cheese, a big round log of bologna, pickled eggs or pig's feet, and a barrel of pickles. And maybe some other things that I don't remember. I often saw Mr. White slice off a slab of cheese or bologna for one of the men sitting around the heater. I guess some of them must have spent a whole day there at times.

I remember Mr. White as being a small, quiet man who wore wire-rimmed glasses and seemed to be a very gentle person.

NICHOLS BARBER SHOP

Mr. Hugh Nichols owned and operated a barber shop in Dutton for many years. Nobody was able to tell me when the shop opened, or how long he was in business. I remember that some of the grown-ups called him 'Old Timer', but we kids were not allowed to call him by any name except 'Mr. Nichols'.

I don't know how he got the name of 'Old Timer'. As I remember him, he was a very neat gentleman with white hair, and the barbershop always smelled good.

I believe Mr. Nichols cut both men and women's hair at his shop. And that was long before there was such a thing as a 'unisex' hair salon. Mr. Nichols must have been a man with a vision of the future.

WINGTON'S TANNERY

According to an article in "The Village Pump" (author unknown), in the late 1890's, W. G. Wington established a tanning yard near Dutton Store where he made and sold leather shoes, boots, harnesses, leather whips and shoestrings from goat and sheep skins and cow hides.

Wington's Tanning Yard is believed by some to be one of the first businesses in Dutton.

DUTTON'S STORE

The Marion M. Dutton family operated a store about one mile east of the present town of Dutton for many years.

Mr. Dutton was the postmaster for whom the present town of Dutton was named.

DEERMAN'S STORE

Both Scott and Wiley Deerman had grocery or dry goods stores in Dutton at some time over a period of years. Nobody in the community was able to verify dates that the stores were in operation. Scott Deerman also operated a grist mill at Dutton.

HODGE POST OFFICE

Hitch Post Office was located at Hodge for several years, and although the dates cannot be verified, it is thought to have been in service there in the late 1890's or early 1900's. Louisa Hughes, the mother of Robert (Bob) Hughes served as postmistress of Hitch Post Office.

DILBECKS – MORE THAN JUST A STORE

Every town has at least one business that serves as the hub of the community. And for thirty-six years that business was the Dilbeck Grocery Store. From 1950 until 1986, W. L. (Dub) and Pauline Dilbeck operated the store which carried groceries, hardware, housewares, garden seeds, shoes, clothing, fabrics, kerosene, paint and, at one time, even artificial flowers.

More importantly, however, was the social aspects that Dilbeck's filled in the community. In the winter time especially, people living in and around Dutton whiled away many hours around the big heater, swapping stories and passing on important information on the sick, dying or other woes of the community as well as the good things that were happening.

Many times over the years, it was a place where money was collected for someone who was down on their luck and needed a helping hand. And just as often, the Dilbeck's were the first ones to make a donation. Many of the world's problems were discussed and many opinions on politics were expressed at the store. Some would get so frustrated they'd get up and go home, but the next day they were back in the discussions. There were never any serious differences of opinions and everything seemed to be in good fun.

Dub once said of the group who were regular 'sitters' at the store: "They elect them all the time, and then un-elect them," he said.

At one time there were businesses all up and down the main street of Dutton and on the lower end of the street Joel Coffey's blacksmith shop, Deerman's Store, the post office, McGriff's Store (which later was J. B. Ryan's Store), Kate Franklin's Cafe and boarding house, Thomases Drug Store, the Dutton Cafe run by the Jones family and Mr. LaBarre's Garage. Then the Dilbeck's built their store at the intersection of Main Street and Highway 71. As the other stores and businesses sold out, or simply closed because of ill health, retirement, or just because there was no longer a need for such businesses, Dilbecks Store became the focal point of Dutton business.

Dutton was later incorporated and Dub served on many boards including serving as mayor of Dutton and city councilman. He was also on the Jackson County Hospital Board and was a charter member of the Ruritan Club. Pauline worked alongside Dub in the store and faithfully served for many years as song leader and Sunday School teacher at Dutton Baptist Church where they were both members.

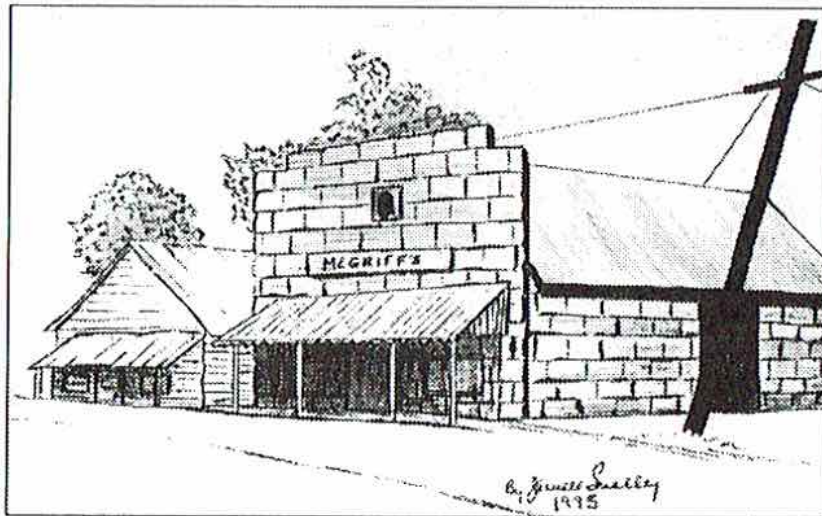
Dub suffered a stroke in 1984, two years before they sold the store.

Pauline still lives at Dutton. They had one child, Janette. They have two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

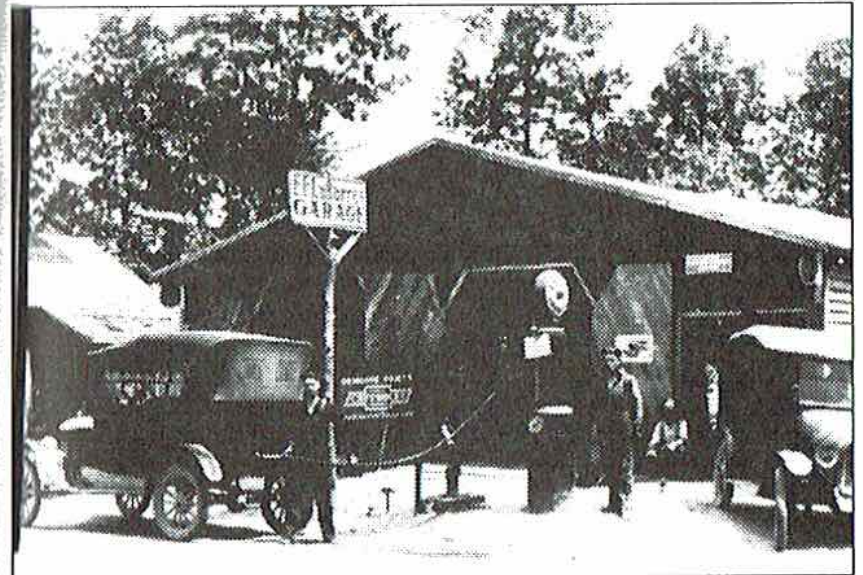
The Dub Dilbeck Store was perhaps the beginning of a new era of brick and glass, replacing the old familiar wooden storefronts that Dutton residents had always known. When the store opened, it was comparable to country folks to present-day Walmart superstores.

The new store continued to stock most of the same consumer goods as did the ones who preceded it. But Dilbeck's added new items that, up until that time, couldn't be purchased closer than Scottsboro or Fort Payne. At one time, Dilbeck's added a complete line of floral goods, which was a real convenience to the Dutton community.

The move to the upper end of Dutton was probably the impetus which encouraged retail development out of the heart of the town out onto Highway 71. Today, most of the Dutton businesses are located in the vicinity of the former Dub Dilbeck Store.



An artist's rendering of the Dutton (Jones) Cafe at left, and McGriff's Store about 1940.

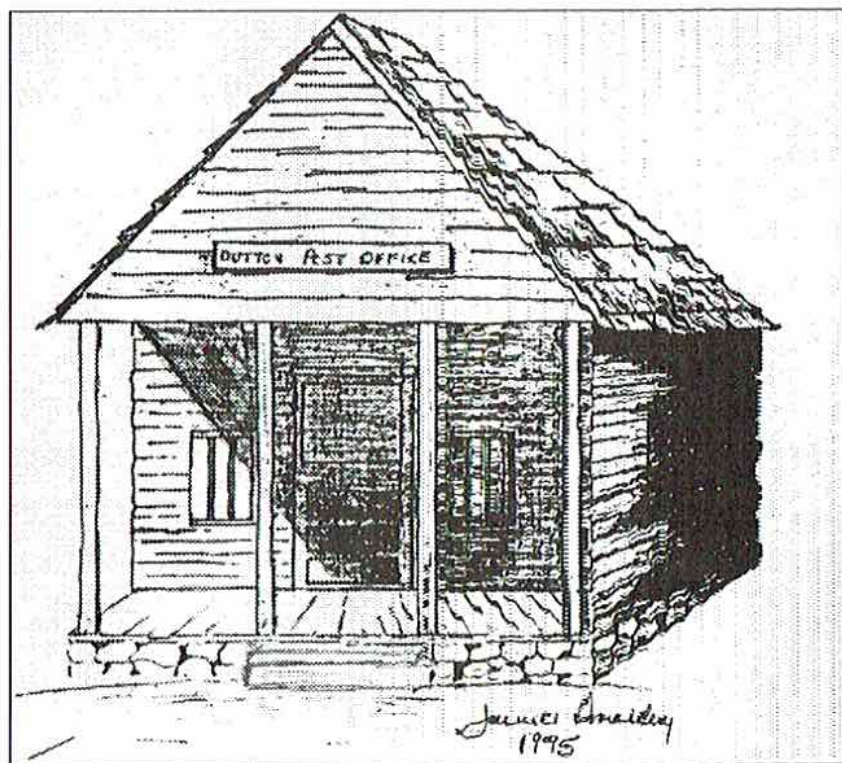


LaBarre's Garage about 1923. Shown in front of the garage, left to right, Gene Holland holding gas hose; Carl Walker, pumping gas; and Tom Headrick in background sitting near the building.



Present Dutton Post Office

The Old Dutton Post Office



No photos of the post office which stood at the lower end of Dutton for many years were made available for this publication. Mrs. Rosa Cothran served as postmistress of this post office for many years. The above is merely an artist's rendering of the building and was comprised from memory.

Hodge Post Office

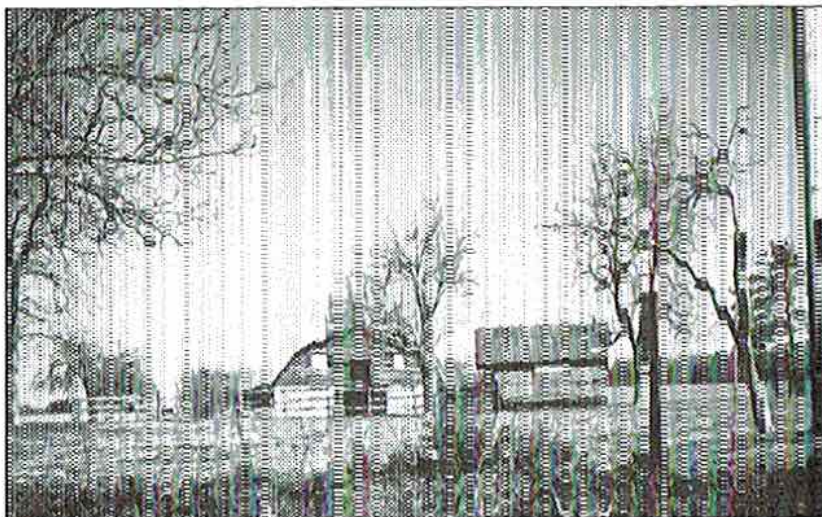
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Dutton Post Office Which Served the Community until 1997.



Old store building at Hodge still standing — This building still stands as a reminder of what it was to the Hodge community for many years. Once owned and operated by Bob Hughes, the store was an important neighborhood business. In later years the store was operated by Theron Nichols.



Landmarks of the Dutton Community — Once, buildings like these could be seen on almost every farm in the area. In recent years these landmarks have given way to more modern farm buildings.



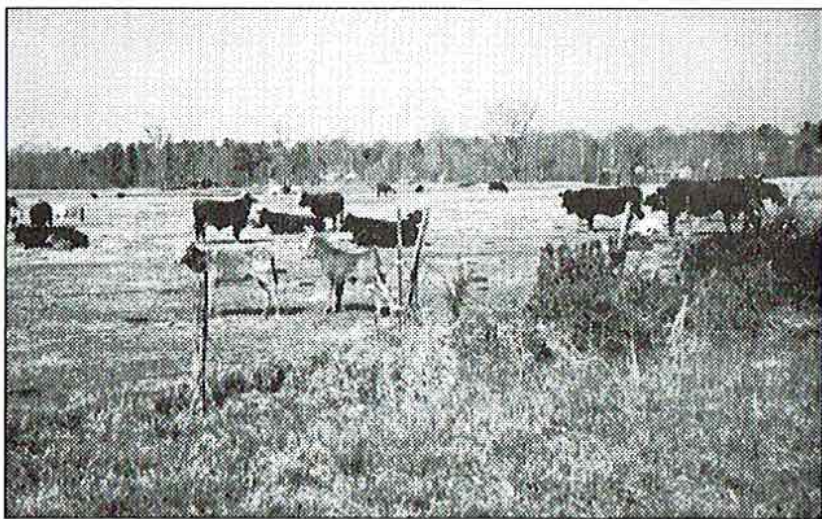
One thing that never changes about the Dutton community is the rich, luscious farmland that stretches throughout the area.



Picturesque scenes like this can be found on or near most farms in the Dutton community.



The poultry business has found its way to Sand Mountain and the Dutton area.



Large herds of cattle dot the countryside around Dutton, replacing the cotton fields that used to be seen where cattle now graze.



The water tower is a landmark with which everyone is familiar.



Dutton City Limit signs tell us just how much the town has changed over the past half-century.



Ray Reed Grocery and Deli in Dutton is the 'hub' of the community. The store, located on Highway 71 in Dutton, is also a Phillips 66 station.



Judy's Custom Cuts, also located on Highway 71, is owned and operated by Judy Moore. The salon opened two years ago and is a full-service hair salon.



This Chevron station in Dutton is owned and operated by Pete Russell.



Dutton Poultry Supplies, owned and operated by Winfred Smith was established to service the many poultry growers in the community. Winfred carries chicken houses and poultry accessories.



W.R. Discount and Salvage, located in the former Dub Dilbeck store building, is owned and operated by Winfred Robertson. The store features new and used household and other items.

Chapter 3

Schools

DUTTON TEACHERS OF LONG AGO

by Jewell Smalley

They came from far, they came from near,
To Dutton Junior High;
They taught the local children,
To read, to spell, and write.

With chalk and pencils and tattered old books;
They opened up our minds;
To other worlds and cultures,
That through learning we could find.

These teachers were a special breed,
Although we failed to see it;
To us they were the dreaded ones,
And what they said they meant.

Mrs. Chambers and her "little folks"
We all remember well;
Mrs. Nellie had a voice so sweet,
She taught us how to spell.

Mrs. Lela had a strong demeanor,
She stood her ground with all;
Mrs. Lucille Nichols was a joy,
Within the hallowed halls.

Grady Thomas ruled the roost,
With him we all had "meetings";
While Lewis Williams followed close,
His paddle held a greeting.

Now Mrs. Williams quite demure,
To us wasn't much of a threat;
The Southerland's would get your goat,
On that, we all could bet!

Bernice Powell taught us how
A lady should always act;
They all were very special,
And that's a well-known fact.

There were no social problems
Among the students there;
All were cut from the very same cloth,
Differences were very rare.

No crimes were done at Dutton
We all were too afraid;
'Cause if you cared to cross the line,
A very dear price you paid.

Dutton teachers of long ago,
They planted tiny seeds;
With loving hands and tender hearts,
With wisdom and good deeds.

They took the lives of country kids,
And gently trained young minds;
Toward things unknown and paths untrod,
Yes, they were a special kind.

DUTTON GETS NEW SCHOOL

In 1923, the Sand Mountain Institute burned. A year later, a new building complete with seven classrooms and an auditorium were built. Later, more classrooms and a lunchroom were added. School in this building grew in such proportions that an accredited high school was anticipated for the town of Dutton.

A junior high school was officially established in May, 1940. However, in 1942, the tenth and eleventh grades were moved to Pisgah and the school resumed a ninth grade status. Principals during this

period included Claude Matthews, H. M. Finney, Henry Bowman, Mr. Rice, J. H. Wheeler, Jim Cagle and Grady Thomas.

Shortly after 2 a.m. on January 20, 1957, Mr. Thomas was awakened by a neighbor with the news that the school building at Dutton was aflame. Hurriedly dressed, Mr. Thomas, who had been principal at Dutton since 1945, managed to arrive just in time to see the entire school building burn to the ground. During the remainder of that school term, elementary students had school in the Baptist Church auditorium. While the junior high grades met in the auditorium of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Lela Nichols taught the second grade in a converted potato house. While Mrs. Nellie Nichols rode the bus to Pleasant View with her third graders for school.

County Board of Education officials budgeted money to rebuild the school with a modern \$100,000 brick structure. Local residents donated money and labor, and by October 1957, just after the "cotton picking vacation", Dutton students moved into their new building. Mr. Roy Nichols was the first principal of the new school, followed by W. A. Taylor.

In 1968, a new gymnasium was erected at the school, giving the ball team its first indoor playing court in 11 years.

Over the years, several schools have consolidated with Dutton Junior High School. In 1938, Union Grove was discounted and two schools sprang up to take its place – those schools were Poplar Springs and Callahan. Poplar Springs consolidated in 1939, and Callahan in 1941. Coffey School consolidated in 1948 after having absorbed the old Dawson School located at New Canaan Church. Hodge consolidated in 1955 and Deans Chapel in 1969 with both sending some students to Dutton after the consolidation.

(Source: From an article by Mrs. Bernice Powell – date unknown.)

TWO-GRADE CLASSROOMS

Educators and lawmakers of today would have us believe that in order for children to learn anything at all, certain conditions must exist. One of those conditions, they say, is a lot of classroom space.

Well, maybe things have changed a bit since I was in school because I think I learned quite a lot in a two-grade classroom at Dutton School. In my case, when I was in 7th grade, the 8th grade shared the classroom with one teacher teaching both grades!

The way this worked was that three or four rows of desks for 7th graders were lined up on one wall, and the same number of desks for

8th graders lined up on the opposite wall. This left a six-foot or so aisle between the two grades. While one grade was having class, the other grade was doing desk work (like study hall). The next period, the circumstances were reversed. As far as teacher/ pupil ration was concerned, I think without a doubt that there were at least 20 to 25 students in each grade.

Were we distracted? I don't personally remember that I was appreciably distracted. Mainly because the teacher made sure you had plenty of work to do while she was teaching the other grade.

Did I learn anything? Yes! And at times, two students were sharing the same desk and the same ragged, tattered textbook.

The big difference in those days was that if you failed a grade in school, you didn't get passed to the next grade until you could pass all the tests and evaluations. Educators didn't much care if your feelings were hurt, or if you were embarrassed because you didn't get to move on to the next grade with your classmates. They just kept you there until you were old enough to join the army or get married – even if you were still in the first grade!

PRESENT DAY DUTTON SCHOOL

The present Dutton School is just another indication as to how much things have changed over the past few decades.

The multi-classrooms at Dutton today are no different than "Any School U.S.A." with a modern setting, electronic equipment, and highly trained educators. Many children in the community will pass through this school on their way to higher education and professional careers.

It is from institutions like Dutton School that some of our greatest leaders have evolved. Many of these students go on to accomplish goals that have a lasting impact on the community, society, and the world.

SCHOOLS OF YESTERYEAR

BLUFF SCHOOL

The earliest school known about in the Hodge area was the Bluff School which was located about 1 1/2 or 2 miles below Fern Cliff.

Then around 1915 or 1920, a school building was built in Hodge. This school served not only as an educational institution, but was also the center and the hub of the community for many years.

In the early 1930's, a new three-room school was built in the community and continued to serve the children of the area through the 9th grade.

Later, as the population increased and there were more children to go to school, classes at Hodge School were reduced to grades 1 - 6 and students from 7th to 9th grade were bussed to Dutton School.

DAWSON SCHOOL

This was a school that few people around Dutton remember - only some of the older citizens who attended school there when they were small children. There is no information as to when that school was in session, when it began nor how long it served. However, the school was located in the New Canaan community on or near the site where the present New Canaan Church and cemetery still stand. It was located between Dutton and the DeKalb County line near what is now Northeast Alabama Junior College.

NEW SHADY GROVE

This school (also remembered only by some of Dutton community's older citizens) was in operation probably around 1915 or 1916. The school served a number of children in the Ray's Mill and south Dutton communities. Information could not be found as to how long the school at New Shady Grove was open.

COFFEY SCHOOL

Many of Dutton's citizens began their education at Coffey School. Lots of them were kinfolk and cousins and those who weren't kin have always felt like they were. Reports say that most of the Gilbert, Pope, Wigington, Haynes, Golden, Merrills, Dempseys, Suttles, and Rays attended Coffey School. Land for the school was donated by William Riley Gilbert and Will Wigington. A three-room building, the school taught first through ninth grades and after graduation from the ninth grade, students were then bussed to Dutton where the school went through the 11th grade.

People who attended Coffey School have had a 'reunion' for many years. In recent years the reunion has been held at the J. V. Gilbert Gazebo in Henegar and is well-attended. Some 25 or 30 Coffey School classmates and their spouses attend this reunion.

I am quite sure there were several other older institutions of learning in and around the Dutton community that I was unable to get information on. Several of the older folk mentioned other schools but could not remember the names of those schools.

Somewhere else in this book, mention is made of one of the first schools known anything about by folks still living today. That school

was called 'Briar Patch' primarily because the log building was surrounded by thickets of briars. Folklore has it that the tiny building had no windows, only a door. Its only desks (or seating) were split logs.

Several local people remembered Callahan School in the Pleasant View Community but were unable to give any dates the school was opened and how long it served the community.

One school that nobody seemed to remember anything about except its name was the Poplar Springs School. There was no information about where it was located and any approximate dates the school was in existence.

REMEMBERING HOW IT WAS

The smell of new textbooks, the sound of chalk being guided across the blackboard, the feel of oily floors underneath my feet, and the sight of a big pot-bellied coal heater in the back of the classroom - all memories of early school days at Dutton.

Weekly "assemblies" in the school auditorium always opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Skits, group singing, announcements, rule changes, and sometimes recognition for a job well done.

Lining up and marching to the outdoor water spigot and getting a drink of water out of the paper cup you made from a sheet of notebook paper in the classroom.

Trips to the outside toilets winter and summer.

Horses that some of the boys rode to school tied up under a tree the entire day.

Skating (and sometimes breaking through the ice) in the swamp behind the school which was against the rules - but everybody did it anyway.

Decorating the stage with honeysuckle for school plays in the early spring.

Crepe paper flowers, dresses and costumes.

Writing and passing notes to your sweetheart or your best friend during class.

"Taking names" for the teacher while she was out of the room for awhile. This was supposed to be a status symbol and only earned by tattling on classmates.

Bringing a written excuse from home after being absent from school.

Movies in the school auditorium once in a while in the afternoon and having the film break two or three times during the movie.

Teachers monitoring the students during movies to make sure there was no hand-holding going on.

The smell of homemade vegetable soup drifting up the stairs from the school's first lunchroom.

Stars on a poster board beside the names of students who obeyed all the rules and made good grades.

The wooden paddle with holes in it that each teacher kept in the desk drawer - and used quite frequently.

Writing "I won't misbehave in Mrs. Powell's room again" one hundred times.

Playing softball, basketball, dodge ball, tag, king of the mountain, jumping rope and hop-scotch at recess.

Feeling a little bit envious of the class clown because I didn't have the nerve to be one myself.

Cigar boxes made into makeshift pencil and crayon boxes.

Holding on to the same pencil until it was an inch long because it was the only one you had.

Boys in the 7th grade old enough to shave and girls in the 7th grade who got married whether they were old enough or not ...

EARL GRADY THOMAS, SR.

by Margie Thomas Airheart

Grady Thomas, as he was known to all of Dutton, first began working with the U. S. Postal Service in Langston, Alabama, as a rural mail carrier. He soon realized that the job he was doing was not satisfying his urge to contribute something more. It was the same routine every day and he felt like he couldn't get to the place in life he wanted to be delivering the mail.

That was when he took the State Board of Education examination which would provide him with a temporary teaching certificate. He received approval and taught a number of years on this certificate and one of the schools he taught in was Coffey School near Dutton.

Always eager to expose his children to current events, in 1924 Grady took his oldest son, Coburn, to the Scopes trial in Dayton, Tennessee to observe the nationally famous lawyers, Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan. It was this experience, in part, that led Coburn to be curious about the great issues of life since that time.

In 1931, he graduated from Pisgah High School with Coburn and some of the students he had previously taught on the teacher's certifi-

cate. After graduation, he moved his family to Florence, Alabama, where he and Coburn enrolled in college and he later earned his degree.

Mr. Thomas taught at Dutton three years and served 20 years as principal there. He was elected County Superintendent of Education in 1956. He retired in 1961 stating that he did not want to "punch the clock" any longer. He was busy enjoying his bowling and walking until a year or so before his death in January, 1988.

He was a devout Christian and one who lived it every day of his life. His methods of discipline and his fairness in dealing with young people would put an end to a lot our problems in school today.

(Editor's Note): Mr. Thomas was not only the principal of Dutton School for twenty years, he also taught classes during some of that time, and was one of the finest math teachers who ever stood before a class.

There was almost a reverent fear of Mr. Thomas by his students. Not that he was unkind. His eyes twinkled and he often smile while conducting a class, but there was a manner about him that nobody wanted to challenge.

In retrospect, he was a fair-minded person who expected every student he had to learn what he was there to teach. His love of teaching was obvious in the way he was willing to work with all his students that they might achieve their best.

RECOLLECTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

GRAMMAR SCHOOL PLAYS

by Jewell Smalley

Most of us older folks can still remember grammar school plays and pageants, especially those of us from rural schools.

If I live to be a hundred I don't think I'll ever forget the feeling in the pit of my stomach when forced out on a stage to say my part in one of those grammar school plays. There you stood, before a hundred or so people you couldn't see because the naked light bulbs at the edge of the stage were turned directly on you, rendering you blind.

One thing kids don't have to do nowadays in school plays is to wear crepe paper costumes. We had to do that. It takes an awful lot of courage to go on stage clad only in your underwear and gobs of bounciness, easy to rip crepe paper.

Because I was tall and gangly for my age, I always had to be a tree or a fence post in the plays. Being a tree or fence post was never much of a part because they put you on back of the stage with no words to say. Anybody could do that, for goodness sakes! You were only scenery, serving as landscaping and hardly noticeable at all.

I always resented the small, dainty girls who got to be rosebuds or tulips or something cute like that. They made grand entrances with not as much as a glance at us trees and fence posts. They got all the good lines to say and they were the ones who got the handsome young heroes. That seemed much better to me than being a scaly tree with a smelly bird nest resting on top of your head, or a fence post with knotholes in it.

So one year – about third grade, I think – I was finally picked to be a dandelion in the class play. That meant I had made it! I was a 'dandy-lion' and that surely had to mean something. Even though I knew a dandelion was just one step up from being a weed, I determined I'd be the best dandelion that ever graced a stage.

I don't, of course, remember my lines for the part. After all, what is it that dandelions have to say? Whatever the lines were, I learned them even before the first rehearsal and for the first time in my life, I was really proud to be in the school play.

Finally the stage was set. The appointed time for the play came and I proudly and confidently waited backstage. There I stood, clothed in yards of hideous yellow crepe paper, fully gathered on at the waist with a fluff of the stuff twisted in the shape of a dandelion atop of my curls. Ready and waiting!

The cue came. I threw my haughty head high and headed for middle stage looking for the big X on the wooden floor where I knew I was supposed to stand and do my thing.

What I had not intended to do, however, was to catch my yellow crepe paper skirt on a door knob as I ran out on the stage. Suddenly I found myself standing before my audience with my crepe paper skirt still hanging on the doorknob.

Not knowing exactly what to do in this kind of situation, I opted to stand right there on that big X and go ahead and say whatever it was that dandelions say before making my hasty exit. I was embarrassed to tears, but I had still been a flower ... well, not exactly a flower.

Needless to say, that was the last chance I had in a school play to be a flower. But after that embarrassing experience, I was truly happy to just be a tree or a fence post in the background. It was sure a lot safer that way!

ASSEMBLIES IN THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

One of the problems in the schools of today could be a lack of communication, and not fully understanding who it is that is in charge. And the way things go now, there seems to be too many chiefs and not enough Indians to make the system function smoothly.

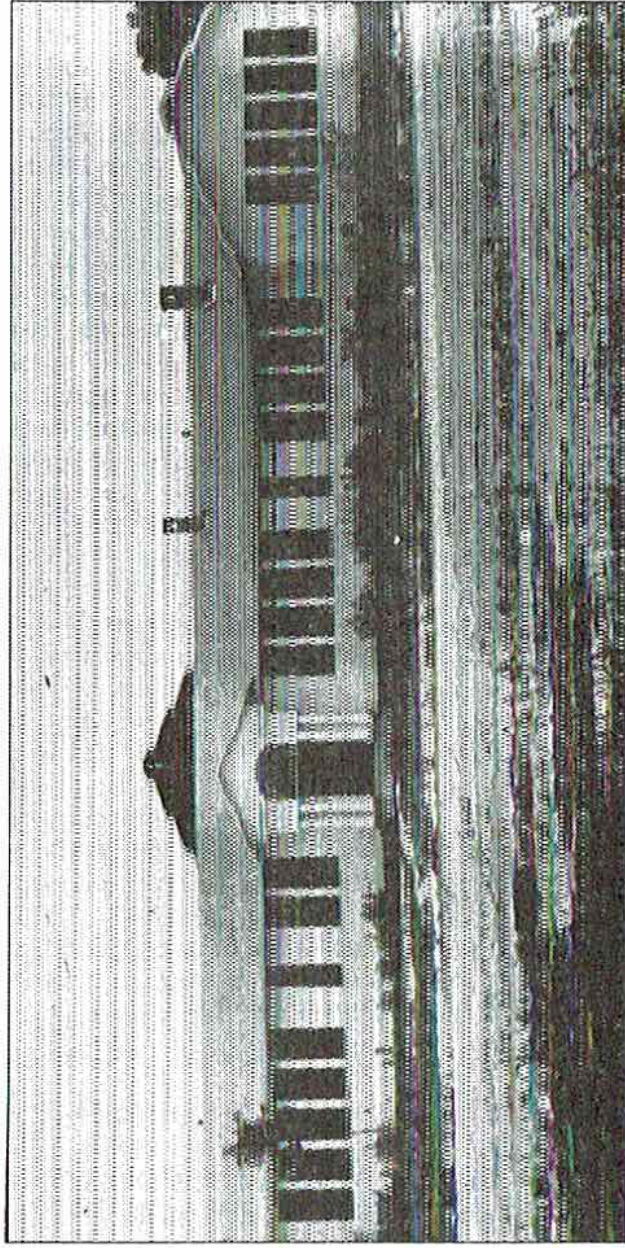
This wasn't true of Dutton School. Everyone knew exactly who was in charge at all times, and he announced it in school assemblies once a week – and more if he found it to be necessary.

A time was set aside when every student and every teacher was summoned to the auditorium. There was usually some kind of special program led by one of the teachers and his/her class. The program always opened with Scripture reading, a prayer repeated by the entire assembly, the Pledge to the Flag, and some skits, a one-act play, or singing.

Immediately following the opening routine, the principal took the stage. This was his time to make announcements, and let the entire assembly know what new rules were being enacted, what old rules had been broken (to his distaste), and what would happen if he had to bring it up again.

These school assemblies set the pace for teachers as well as for students. And it was hard not to understand what was expected of each of his students when it had been so fully explained by the person in charge.

Dutton Gets New School



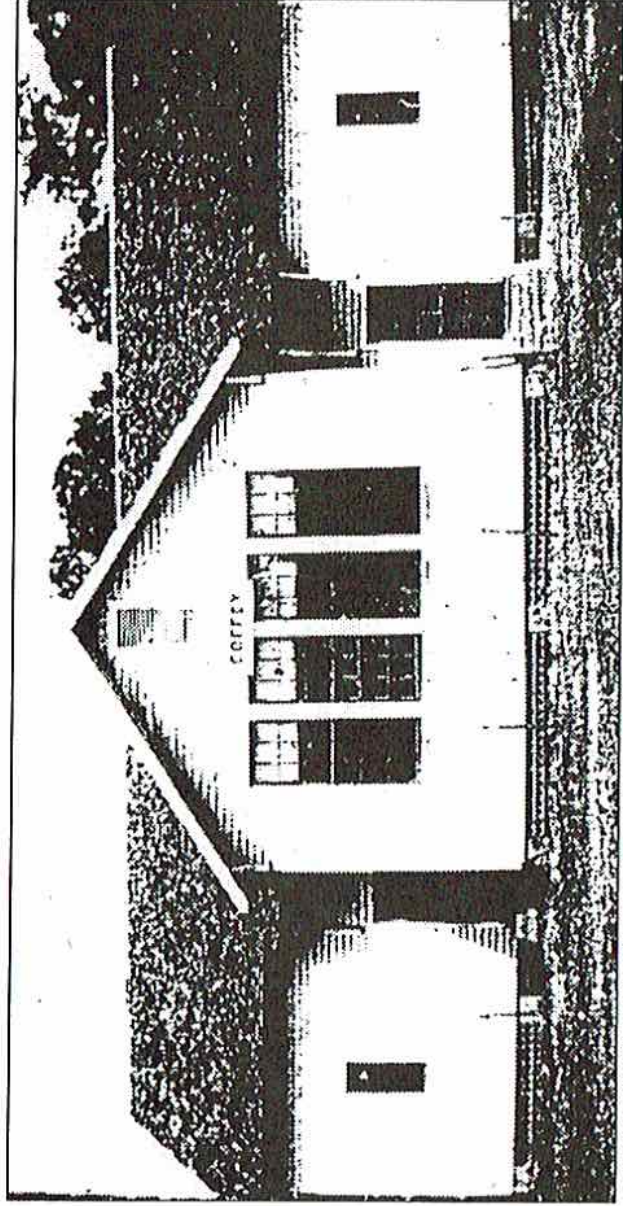
Dutton Junior High School which burned in 1957.

Present Day Dutton School



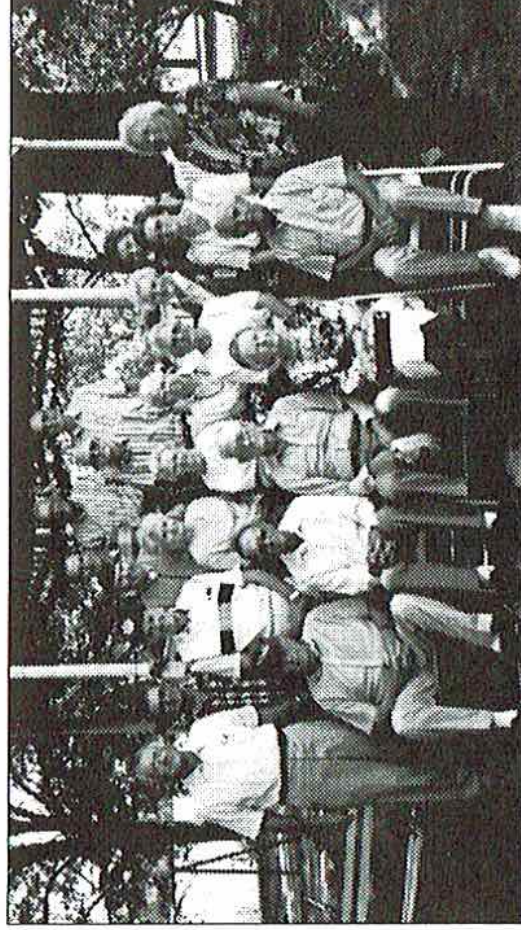
The present Dutton School still stands on the same grounds as the old school which burned in 1957.

Coffey School



Coffey School, in the New Canaan community, served children in that area for several years. The land on which the school was built was donated by William Riley "Uncle Billy" Gilbert and Mr Wington. After the school closed, children attended Dutton school. (Photo courtesy of W.L. Pope).

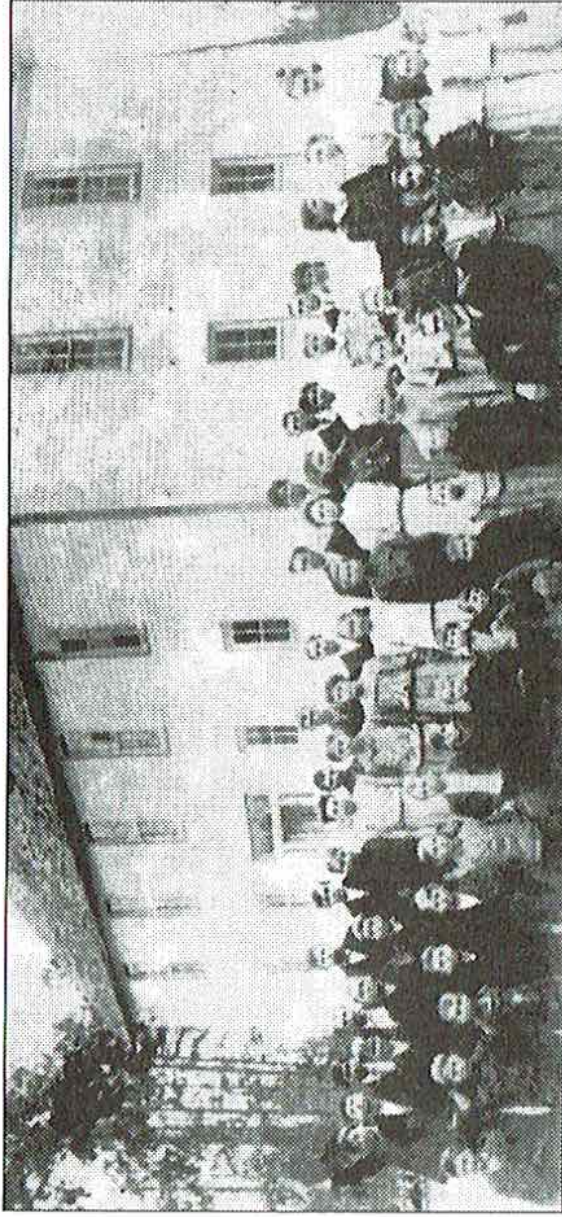
Coffey School Still Holds Reunions



Some Former Coffey School Students — These and other folks who attended Coffey School still hold an annual class reunion, usually held at the Gilbert Gazebo in Henegar. The photo was taken at the 1995 reunion. Shown seated, left to right: Charles Lackey, Thomas Gilbert, William Golden, Gertha Wooten and Homer Suttles. Row 2, l-r: Junie Gilbert, Kenneth Green, Fred Merrill, Mary Lou Norwood, Delta Dobbs, Lorene Suttles, Melba Ruth Ray, Cathlene Suttles, Eva Neil Suttles, Betty Jean Suttles, and Geneva Gilbert. Row 3, l-r: Lionell Pope, W.L. Pope, J.V. Gilbert, Virgil Ray, and Clarence Pope.

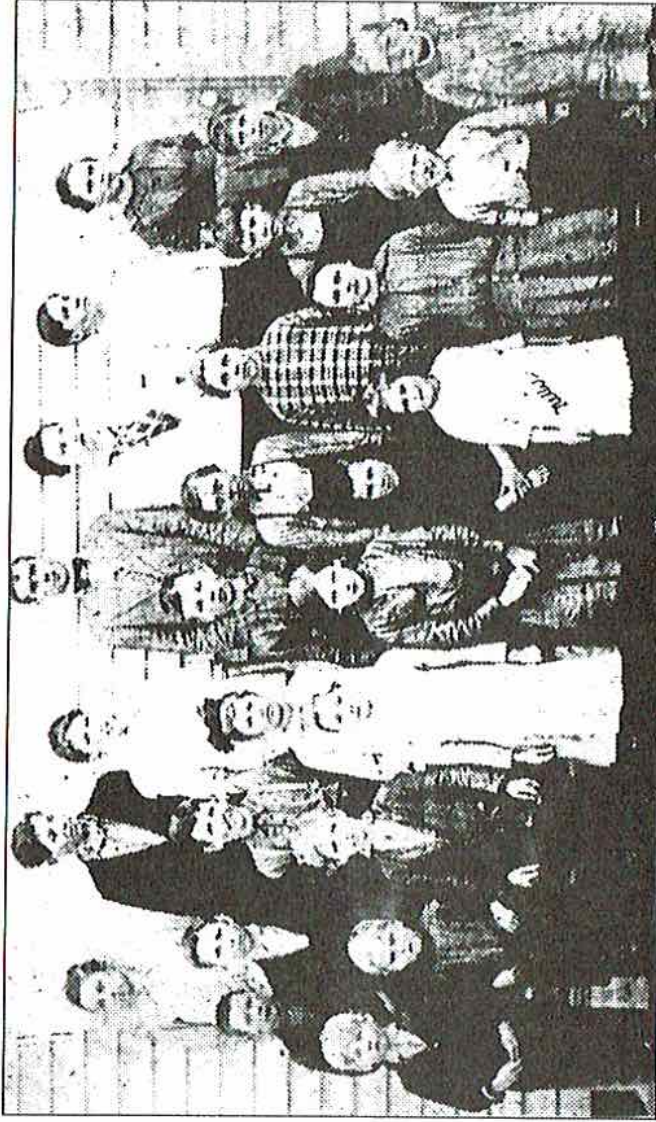
In this group of Coffey School classmates are four Gilbert brothers and sisters; three Pope brothers; and five Suttles brothers and sisters who all attended Coffey School at one time or another. The Reunion is held annually and is always well-attended.

Sand Mountain Institute



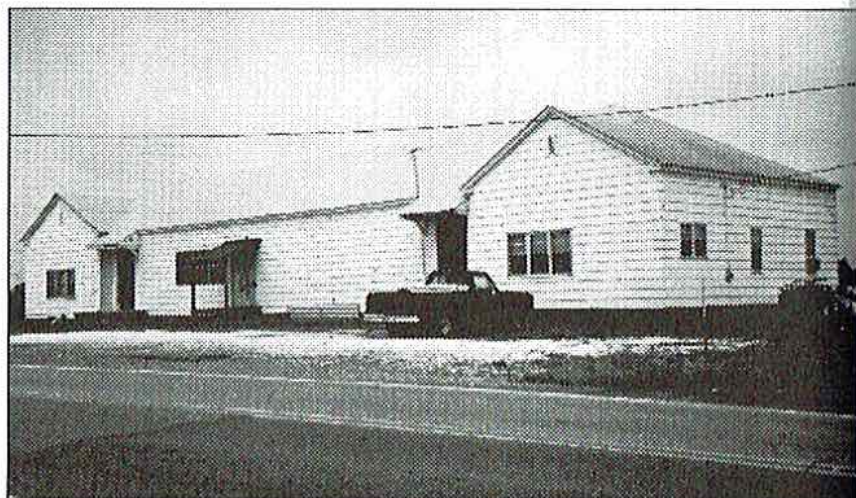
Sand Mountain Institute Students — Row 1, l-r: Lonnie Hudson, Sherman Griffen, Jack Garner, Paul Williams, Bert Thomas, Justice Smalley, Henry Gann, Winston Smalley, Willie Bramlett, Ernest Hudson, Jim Garner, Tilden Holden, Ruth Newton, Ina Campbell, Mary Griffin, Bessie Gann, Nellie Hudson, Z.E. Pinnegar, Clara Pinnegar, Mae Chaney, Nellie Anderson, Cleo Wilson, Row 2, l-r: Robert Garner, Eldie Pinnegar, George Anderson, Pierce Williams, Audie Griffin, Ester Wilson, Willie Griffin, Effie Woolum, Maude Griffin, Jeppie Dutton, Noffie Smalley, Victoria Anderson, Mandy Woolum, Sallie Griffin, Mollie Woolum, Tommie Chaney, Annie Smalley, Minnie White, Row 3, l-r: Freeman Tatum, Willie Pinnegar, Gerthy White, Will Garner, I.J. Williams, Roy Anderson, Will Hudson, Wonnie Thomas, (unidentified), Edgar Stone, Henry Griffin, Gordon White.

Shady Grove School Group

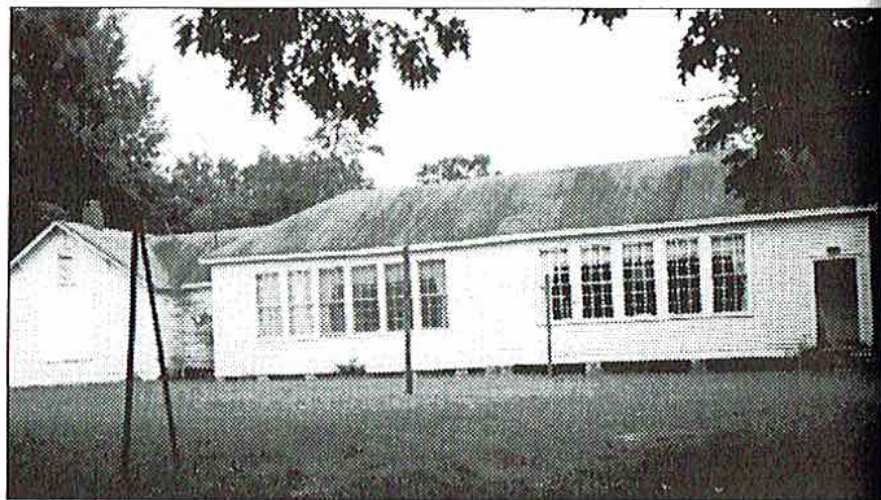


New Shady Grove School educated many of Dutton's families — The following pupils from 1915 were: Row 1, l-r: Robert Pope, Chester Coffey, Bessie Ellis, ??? Fletman, Fannie Allen, Nellie Lacy, Beulah Bailey, Chester Wooten, and Gerthie Wooten. Row 2, l-r: Clifford Dilbeck, Herbert Sewell, Grady Dilbeck, Stella Mae Lacy, Claude Dilbeck, Leonard Feltman, Sula Bailey, Gib Feltman, Row 3, l-r: Artie Allen, Arthur Allen, Naomi Wigginton, Charles Rooks (teacher), Boyd Dobbs, and Eula Bailey.

Old Pleasant View School



Dean's Chapel School



Hodge School



Hodge School still standing — The school served the Hodge community for several years as an elementary school. Later, students were bussed to Dutton School. The building is now a residential dwelling.

High School Basketball At Dutton



Dutton School Basketball Teams of 1931 - This is the way Dutton boys and girls basketball teams looked 67 years ago. Members of the team are, Row 1: Erby Powell, coach, Marion Rose Ryan, Dink Chambers, P.G. Rice, principal. Row 2, l-r: Nina Coffey, Opal Outlaw, Pluma Thomas, Vera Gray. Row 3, l-r: Iris Claude McGriff, Agnes "Brownie" Gilbert, Eva Bohannon. Row 4, l-r: Homer Deerman, Dub Dilbeck, Garnett Chisenall, Hoyt Davis. Row 5, l-r: John McGriff, Claude McGriff, A.G. Strickland. Row 6, l-r: Howard Wilson, Bill Evans, Horace Bohannon.



Present Dutton Baptist Church still located on original site.

Chapter 4

Churches

A HISTORY OF DUTTON BAPTIST CHURCH

On October 1, 1921, a presbytery met to organize a Baptist Church at Dutton, Alabama. With a crisp, fall wind rippling the reds and yellows of the oaks and maples lining Main Street, the members settled into session on the second floor of The Institute Building, then being used as the Dutton School.

Rev. S. Sparks was unanimously elected as moderator and Perry Horton was elected clerk. M. A. Johnson had already been notified to preach the ordination sermon. Others participating in the organizational meeting included Rev. J. T. Nichols, who read the articles of faith; Rev. O. T. Perry, who read the church Covenant; M. J. Frost, who was to deliver the charge to the presbytery; and a final prayer by Rev. J. T. Dean. Rev. N. H. Garner gave the ordination prayer.

Following the opening of the meeting for business, the following charter members were received by letter: Rev. J. T. Dean, John Claton and Mrs. Claton, J. A. Jenkins, E. L. Franklin, Andrew Green, Doc Green, Guss Duncan, George Pickett, Percy White, Colonel Green, Ona Dean, Kate Franklin, Louise Franklin, Gertrell

Gilbreath, Mary Nichols, Daisy White, Mattie Lee Duncan, Jane Smith, Sallie Green, Audie Green, Ola McKenzie, Lucy Duncan, and Lizzie Cowen. The Rev. O. T. Perry was elected moderator pro tempore, and J. A. Jenkins clerk. Opportunity for membership was given and the following were received by "Forth-coming of Letter": Mr. and Mrs. Pitman Claton, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Stubbs, Mrs. R. A. Nichols and Mrs. Allie White. Misses Pansy McCamon and Verna McKenzie came by experience and were the first two church members to be baptized.

The first conference was held the following Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Rev. J. T. Dean was elected moderator and J. A. Jenkins clerk. The second Saturday and Sunday of each month were set for conference and meeting day.

The church building was constructed the following year under the direction of a building committee composed of J. T. Dilbeck, chairman, D. A. Green and Rev. J. T. Nichols. The finance committee was headed by C. C. Bohannon. Land for the church was donated by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. White, and other members donated trees and labor for its construction.

During the churches' 50-year existence, more than 20 men have served as its pastor. These included Rev. J. T. Dean, 1921-24; 33-34; Rev. W. B. Shirey, 1924-33; Rev. M. L. Dean, 1934-40; Rev. C. D. Rhodes, 1940-43; Rev. Leon Nichols, 1943-45; and Rev. Elbert Hicks, 1945-51.

In 1951, Rev. Arnold Johnson became the church's first full-time pastor. Under his leadership, the church established its first budget and built four new Sunday School rooms. In 1952, Rev. Roland Strawn became pastor, serving for two years. In 1954, the church chose Rev. Joe Campbell as pastor and he served until 1956. During his pastorate, a baptistry was constructed. Mr. and Mrs. John B. Ryan were the first two members baptized in it. Rev. Clifford Burgess served as pastor from 1956-57. In 1957, grades 1, 4, 5 and 6 of the Dutton School met in the church auditorium for 7 months following a fire which destroyed the school.

Other pastors have included Rev. Luther Anderson, 1957-60; Rev. Curtiss Sampley, 1960-62; and Rev. J. A. Linville, 1962-64. During Rev. Sampley's pastorate, three more class rooms were added to the church. In 1964, Rev. Duane Johnson became pastor and the church auditorium was refurbished under his leadership. In 1966, Rev. Alton Janeway accepted the pastorate, and during his term of service, a pastorium was purchased. Other pastors to date include: Rev. Percy Fuller, 1967-68; Rev. Richard Blevins, 1968-69; Rev. Rodney Yarbrough, 1969-71.

A HISTORY OF PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

(Information submitted by Hazel Lester)

On August 21, 1886, several Brethren and Sisters met for the purpose of constituting a church at the Briar Patch School house located near what is now known as Dutton. The Presbytery was formed. Those meeting were: S. O. Howard, Moderator; A. F. Knight, Church Clerk. Letters read were C. N. Long and wife, S. H. Machen, Mollie Cogdill, A. F. Knight, S. O. Howard, M. A. Howard, and W. A. Cogdill.

The Articles of Faith as held by the Tennessee River Association was adopted and declared a legally constituted church. Three candidates were received for baptism and membership in the church. Those three people were O. J. Stover and wife and S. J. Curtis. By motion, S. O. Howard was unanimously elected Pastor and by acclamation, A. F. Knight was elected Clerk of the Church.

By mutual consent, the Church was called Bethesda. Thirty-five (35) members were baptized before the first conference on September 25, 1886. The first deacons were W. B. Curtis and Frank Jarnigan; ordained October 23, 1886.

On August 23, 1890, a committee composed of L. M. Hudson, J. J. Cagle, and W. B. Curtis was appointed to raise funds to build a church house. L. M. Hudson gave one acre of land for the church and sold one and one-half acres to the church for \$3 for a cemetery. Deeds were made on December 11, 1900. The building committee raised \$8.25 to buy windows and a stove for the church. The church was built with free labor and material donated by members on the present site one mile southeast of Briar Patch School where it was originally organized.

On August 10, 1895, the name of the church was changed from Bethesda to Pilgrims Rest. On June 13, 1896, the name was changed to Pleasant Hill and remains today.

The church was remodeled in 1939, consisting of an elevated floor and an inside painting. Five years later, in 1944, the building was wired for electricity and gradually other improvements were added to Pleasant Hill Church. Today, a separate Sunday School building as well as a fellowship hall adjoins the beautiful house of worship.

In 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCord gave one-half of an acre of land to the church as an addition to the cemetery. Johnnie Arnold, Clifford Lester and Margaret Stinson are trustees to care for and maintain the cemetery in perpetual care. Ms. Stinson is also the treasurer.

Since the establishment of the church approximately 34 pastors have served the membership, eight of whom are still living. Also, eleven ministers have been ordained from Pleasant Hill Church. They are: G. W. Ingram, Jay Crawford, Y. B. Bramblett, Sr., T. P. Germany, Jimmie Carson, Jr., Billy Dean Deerman, Mancel Crawford, Darrell Hart, Allen Crawford, Eddie Arnold, and Aaron Arnold.

**PLEASANT HILL CHURCH MEMBERS
(SUBMITTED BY LOUISE DEERMAN)**

(Editors note: I found it very interesting that official church records listed female church members separate from the male members).

Names of Female Members of the Pleasant Hill Church
in July 1914.

Lizzie Barnes	Della Hudson	Nellie M. Nichols
Mollie Lackey	Viola Bramblett	Allie White
Vallie Conner	Mollie O'Shields	Callie Fisk ?
E. E. Hudson	Myrtle Carson	Allie Outlaw
N. (?) Deerman	Ruth Wigington	Annie Wigington
Mollie Carson	Nansie Ingram	Myrtle A. Wigley
Victoria Griffin	Leola Barnes	Lonnie Deerman
Dorrie Bramblett	Ella Lowman	Evie Tate
B. E. Powell	Lizzie Morris	Opha Wigington
Ollie Anderson	Angeline Taylor	Julia Reed
Annie Shankles	Ethel Carson	N. A. Bohannon
Martha Woolum	Minnie Taylor	
Fannie Gann	M. C. Deerman	

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

(A Tribute to Pleasant Hill Church, By Louise Deerman)

I remember when our church had just one room,
And we swept the yard with a dogwood brush broom.
We spread our dinner on church benches,
And fanned flies and bees with tree branches.

I can hear my grandpa, whose name was Will,
Saying "Thank you Lord for Pleasant Hill
I can see him with a Bible on his knees
Reading and studying and turning its leaves.

In 1969 Mrs. Anderson had a table made of concrete,
Which measured three and one-half by 46 feet.
It was big enough to spread all of our dinner,
We thought then that we were a winner.

I'll tell you the gospel
Aunt Ollie made a lot of things possible.
She saw that things always prevailed,
And that the church doors were open without fail.

She never had very much to say,
But if the church bell rang, she was on her way.
If thru the week we heard the bell,
We knew that things weren't going too well.

There were many more
Who also helped keep an open door.
But they blazed the trail,
Hoping other generations would not fail.
To keep the gospel on the move
And live a life that God approved.

As time went by, we built Sunday School rooms
And then were building more soon.
Then came a small fellowship hall,
But now there is not room for us all.

We had a vision and a talk with the Lord,
Then came together with one accord.
Tommy Ryan was here most of the time,
And the other men not far behind.

The women were giving some advice,
Not just once, but more than twice.
So here we are today
With a building not made of clay.

Here we can all be together
No matter what the weather.
Eating, preaching, praying or singing,
Can't you hear the joy bells ringing?

A HISTORY OF CHANEY CHAPEL CHURCH

In the year 1880, Henry Griffin Sr. and wife, Minerva, settled in the vicinity that is now known as the Dan Headrick place, which is in the Hodge community about one mile west of the old church. They brought with them a granddaughter, Matilda Chaney, who later married a Sloan and was known as Aunt "T".

Sometime during the year 1881, Henry Griffin's daughter Nurnie and husband John Chaney moved to this area. In 1882, Leonard Thomas and wife Louvenie Chaney Thomas, daughter and son-in-law of the John Chaney's, also moved to this area.

During the year of 1882, a Methodist Church was organized in the home of Mrs. Lee Wesson and daughter. A minister, J. B. Lovelace, was in charge of the first service. The presiding Elder was a Reverend Brown. Reverend Lovelace became the first pastor. Some of the first charter members were: Mrs. Wesson and daughter Cynthia, Henry and Minerva Griffin, John and Nurnie Chaney, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan "Aunt T", Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thomas (Aunt Venie), Mr. and Mrs. Perry Griffin, son of Billy Griffin, and their son, William S., Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart, and Reverend and Mrs. J. B. Lovelace.

In the latter part of the year 1883, John Chaney and wife deeded seven and one-half acres of land on which a church building was to be constructed. The land was south of a road beginning at or near a fence of C. V. Chaney's on east and west section line and running in a north-west direction to section north and south.

The church building, which was started in 1884, was completed in 1885. The church was then transferred from Mrs. Wesson's home to a log building 36 x 22 feet. The church was located where the cemetery is now. It had two doors at the entrance, two window shutters on each side and two small windows on each side of the pulpit. It was heated with a small heater on the right side near the front. The church was named Chaney's Chapel after John Chaney who gave the land. Reverend James Webb was the first pastor in the log church.

About two acres of land south of the church was cleared for use as a cemetery. A Sartin baby was the first buried there in 1884. Just a little while later in the same year, Samuel Fowler was buried there.

By this time several more families had moved in and joined the church. They were: the Barclays, Tatums, Nichols, Lays, Wilson, Williams and others. This log church also served the community as a school house.

In 1908 Wannie Thomas, son of Leonard, and his wife deeded an acre of land in the northeast corner off a four-acre plot, which now belongs to the D. S. Sims family, located on the old Scottsboro, Fort Payne road for a new church building.

In the year 1908 a new church was begun. Foundation was laid by William S. Griffin, Wilfrey Green, and J. G. Williams. Henry H. Griffin and Jim Nichols hauled most of the logs and lumber to the sawmill to plainer and back to the building site. Leonard Thomas furnished money for plaining, nails, windows and doors. W. M. Everett furnished most of the logs for lumber. W. J. Barclay, W. M. Nichols, and William S. Griffin did the sawing without charge. William S. Griffin was foreman over the building project.

The first service in the new church was held in 1909. J. W. Reece was the first pastor of the new church.

In 1915 a balcony was added with a bell. This was paid for by Leonard Thomas. In 1938 Aunt Tap Smith had a pulpit stand, communion table and chairs placed in the sanctuary.

In 1960, four Sunday School rooms were added to this church building. J. O. Neeley laid the foundation. James Wilson, Olen Weaver and Tom Cowan, with some help from others in the community, built the rooms. Money for materials came from a fund from donations given in memory of Aunt Vennie Flippo. Miss Maude Griffin was in charge of donations. The church was re-covered and renovated on the inside in 1965. In 1963 pews were placed in memory of Aunt Audie Green.

In 1972, an indoor toilet facility was installed. Jimmy Wilson paid for the fixtures and James Wilson did the labor. In 1977 a fellowship hall was built. Olen Weaver and James Wilson did most of the work with help from members of the church. In 1978 the church was carpeted. In 1980 a new central heating and air-conditioning system was installed. During the same year a piano was purchased in memory of Aunt Maude Griffin.

On August 18, 1984, lightning struck the steeple and did quite a bit of damage.

In September and October of 1984 the outside of the church took on a new look. New shingles and vinyl siding was put on. Johnson's Construction Company of Scottsboro did the work.

RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES NOT A PROBLEM AT DUTTON

Around the Dutton community a few years ago, everyone regardless of 'denomination' had a high respect for the religious beliefs and

practices of their fellowman. Those differences never made any great impact on others. Each person was measured by his or her conduct, how they lived their daily lives, how they treated their neighbor, and how they took care of their families. Their religious beliefs were considered to be their own choices, and they weren't thought less of because of it.

When I was growing up there were Baptists, Methodists, Churches of Christ and Churches of God in the community. Our neighborhoods were made up of people from all those so-called 'denominations' and there was little or no conflict.

Can people today believe that most of us attended all these different churches at one time or another, mostly during revival meetings regardless of our particular religious leanings?

Can they perceive of us singing their songs, listening to their preaching, and hearing their personal testimonies without feeling uncomfortable or disloyal to our own particular religious beliefs?

What would really make a big noise these days is the fact that if school was in session at Dutton during summer revival time, the entire student body took time out from school to go to the morning services at different churches.

A whole bunch of kids of different religious beliefs going to church together – in harmony – would surely violate some man-made laws these days.

And furthermore, if that happened, we could probably find that it came out of the home, the churches, or from some group who felt that permanent damage would be done to a child if he dared be exposed to someone else's religious philosophy.

A HISTORY OF HOLLAND'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH

Holland's Chapel Methodist Church on Sand Mountain, built in 1906, is typical of Methodist churches built all over the south at the turn of the century. They were not costly structures of brick or stone and stained glass windows. They had no towering steeples, harmonious chimes, gorgeous furnishings, magnificent Pipe organs and air conditioned sanctuaries. But they were looked upon with great pride by the architects, contractors and carpenters – all members of their church, who had contributed the necessary time, the labor and the money, often at great sacrifice.

Devout and dedicated members gathered material during the year and after the cotton and the corn had been "laid by", they met on some

quiet acre and erected God's house. The simple one-roomed building then served as a center of social and religious activity for the community.

This particular church, Holland's Chapel, was organized in 1894 with 21 members, consisting largely of the Holland family. The Reverend Lindsey Nathaniel Holland had just moved to Sand Mountain from Georgia, when he attended quarterly conference for the Henegar circuit, being held by the Rev. F. T. J. Brandon, presiding elder of the Gadsden district. When the question was asked if there were any miscellaneous business, Holland arose and requested permission to build a church. The request was granted and a log chapel was soon ready for use. Twelve years later, the church had a membership of 68 and additions were built on the church. The same church is still standing today, but the roof has been changed and a 20-foot addition has been built.

Although the congregation has become smaller over the years as the younger people have moved to the cities, the church remains active and well with worship services on the first and third Sundays of each month and church school each week.

The only Holland now belonging to the church is James B. Holland, grandson of the founder.

HODGE COMMUNITY SEES NEED FOR CHURCH

In the late 1800's Hodge community needed a place for its citizens of different denominations and different faiths to worship. Realizing the need, Oceana Cothran Hughes and her husband Bob, set about finding a way to build a church. Mrs. Hughes donated the land and Mr. Hughes provided the lumber to build such a church.

The church, which originally was a non-denominational church to be used for various religious groups, later became Hodge Baptist Church and remains under that name today.

Just for one day I will promise
To see God's love in all things;
In the calm, the joy, and the peaceful,
In the burden, the pain and the sting.
I will look to His love in the moonlight,
In the wave of a swaying branch;
In each breath, each step, and each moment,
I will pause and to my Lord give thanks.

As I grow older, day by day,
And heartaches add to wisdom's bay;
I journey now to meet an end,
Where deeds of past the future blend.
And what I pass, in love's embrace,
I leave for better in its place ...
But God must often hear me say,
I wish I'd lived my life that way.

DUTTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Source: Faye Holland)

Dutton Church of Christ was built in 1928. Prior to the building of the church, several families were meeting at Marcellous Laney's house near Henegar until the weather warmed in the spring. Then they congregated in a tent. The congregation met in a tent near the Chaleybeate Springs in J. D. Strickland's yard. The location of the tent was half way between Henegar and Dutton.

The families of Marcellous Laney, J. D. Strickland, Eddie E. Marshall, Leonard Laney, Leondus Laney, D. O. McDonald, Larcus Strickland, and Floyd Henderson met in Marcellous Laney's home and the church tent before the church was built.

After the building was built, several families from Rainsville and Mrs. Clara Taylor and her family attended.

The families from Rainsville came until World War II when gas and tires were rationed. Then they started the Rainsville Church of Christ there. This took about half of the congregation from Dutton.

Today the congregation is small since several members are deceased, some moved away, and some quit. When the young people of the church married, they moved somewhere else to get jobs and no longer attend the Dutton Church of Christ.

DUTTON METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY

*(Source: Taken partially from the
Huntsville Times May 13, 1979 Edition)*

The picturesque, stately Dutton United Methodist Church, one of the oldest churches in the area marked its 84th year on October 11, 1995.

There were Methodist churches in the Jackson county circuit as early as 1822, with the report to the Annual Methodist Conference list-

ing 231 members in the circuit. The denomination continued to grow in Jackson County until it divided as a result of the slavery dispute.

The Southern churches were called The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the other part of the church called itself the Northern Methodist Church.

During the 1830's, the Methodist Church held a number of "camp meetings", which were a type of revival meeting.

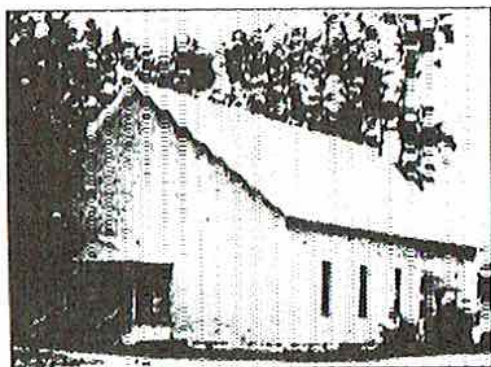
The camp meetings were also known as "protracted meetings", which, as the name implies, extended for an indefinite time.

These meetings would usually involve preparation as much as a year in advance and were widely advertised. The worship service began at sunrise and it was not uncommon to hear as many as four sermons a day.

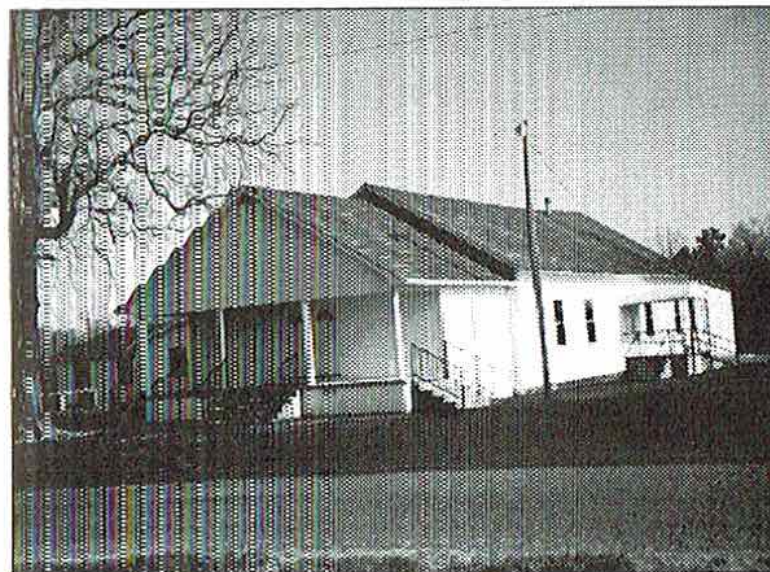
The Bethsaida Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized at Dutton on October 18, 1911, with nine members in attendance. Some fifty years later, in July of 1961, records showed that a total of 342 members had been on the church roll.

The original name of the church was changed sometime between 1921 and 1931 to Dutton Methodist Church. In 1968, it became the Dutton United Methodist Church.

The first marriage recorded on the church records was that of Miss Rosa L. Tatum and Arthur Cothran on December 5, 1915. The Rev. George W. Miller performed the ceremony.



Original Dutton Baptist Church before remodeling.



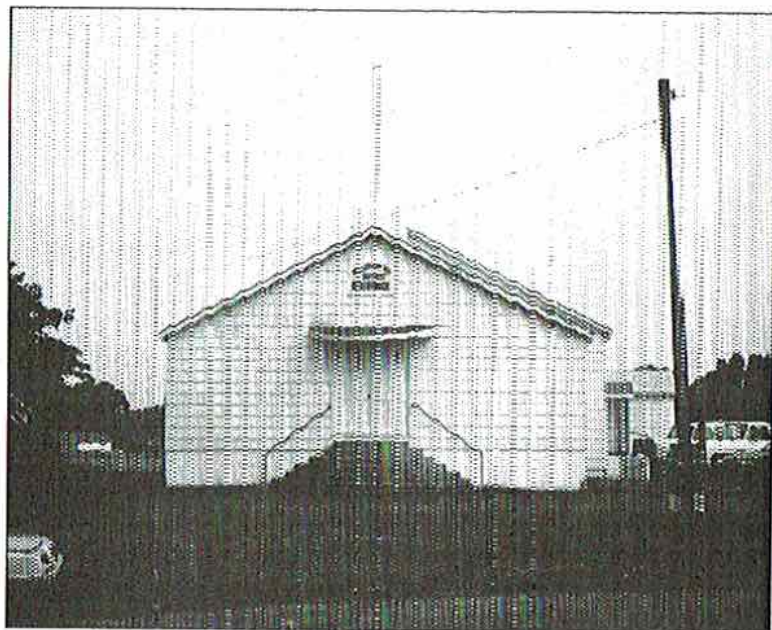
Present Pleasant Hill Church



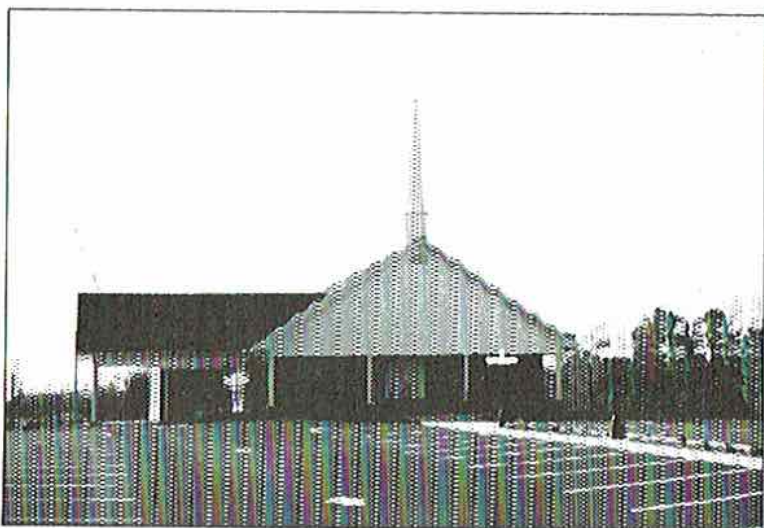
Groundbreaking Ceremonies for Dutton Baptist Church expansion — from left: Pastor, Lela Nichols, Pauline Dilbeck, Rayford Green, Loyd Perry, John B Ryan, and Madison Nicholls.



Present Chaney Chapel Methodist Church



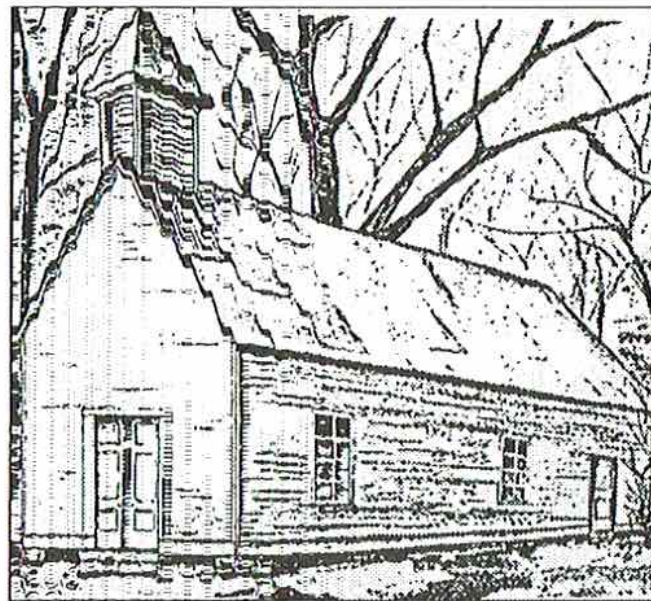
The old Pleasant View Baptist Church



The Present-day Pleasant View Baptist Church



Holland's Chapel Methodist Church as it looks today.



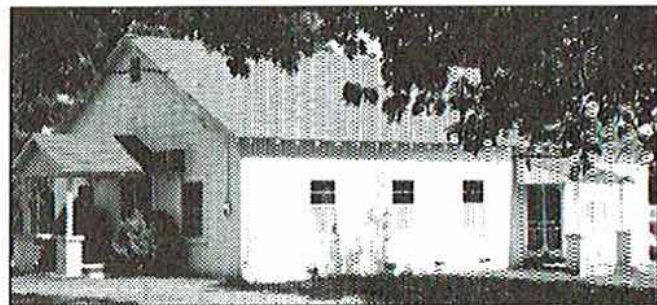
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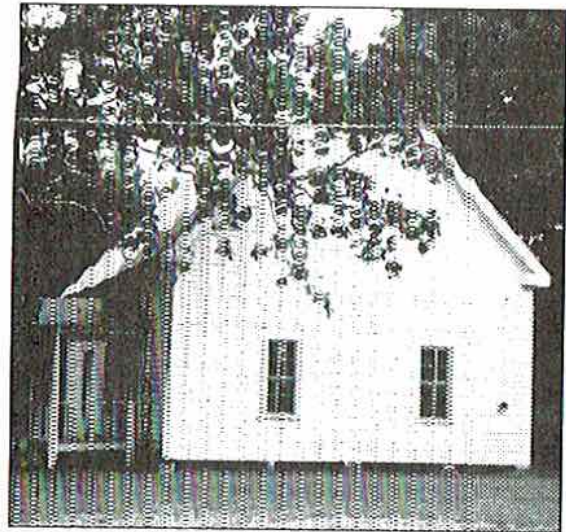
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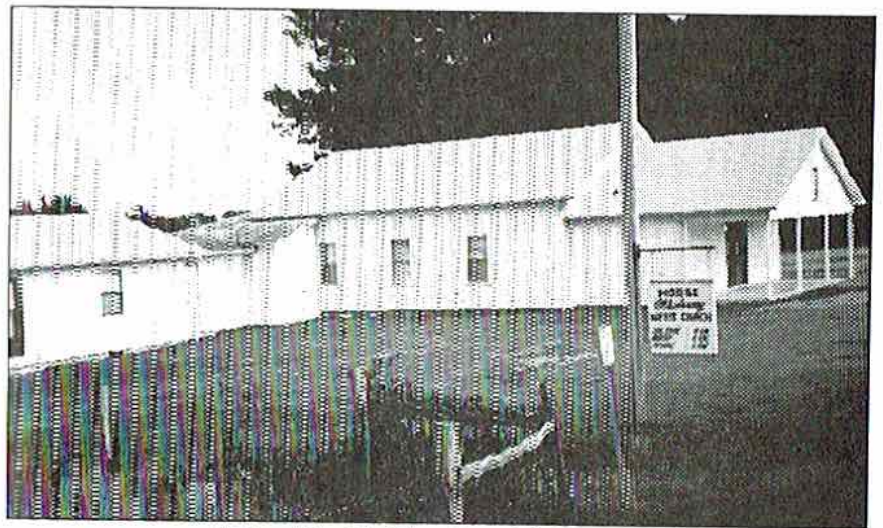
Old Shady Grove Church



New Canaan Church



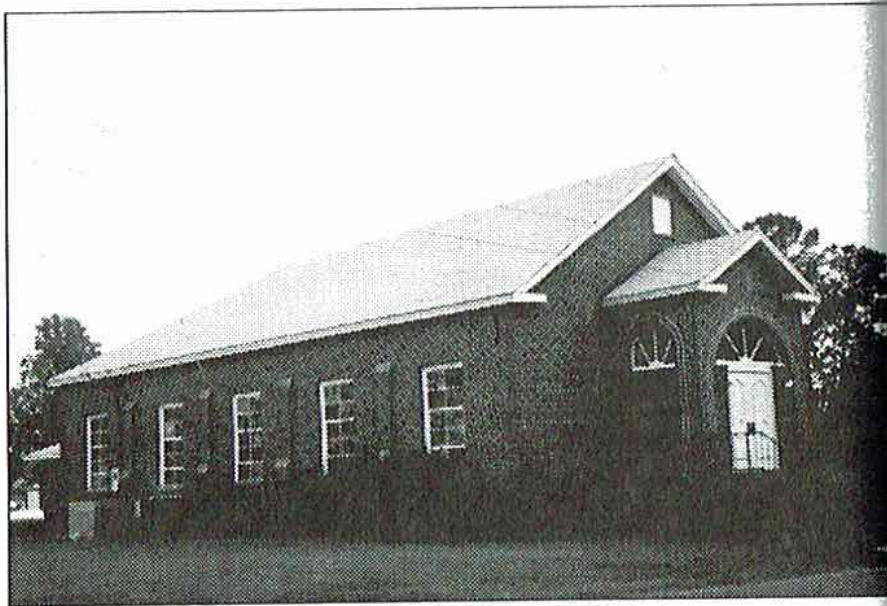
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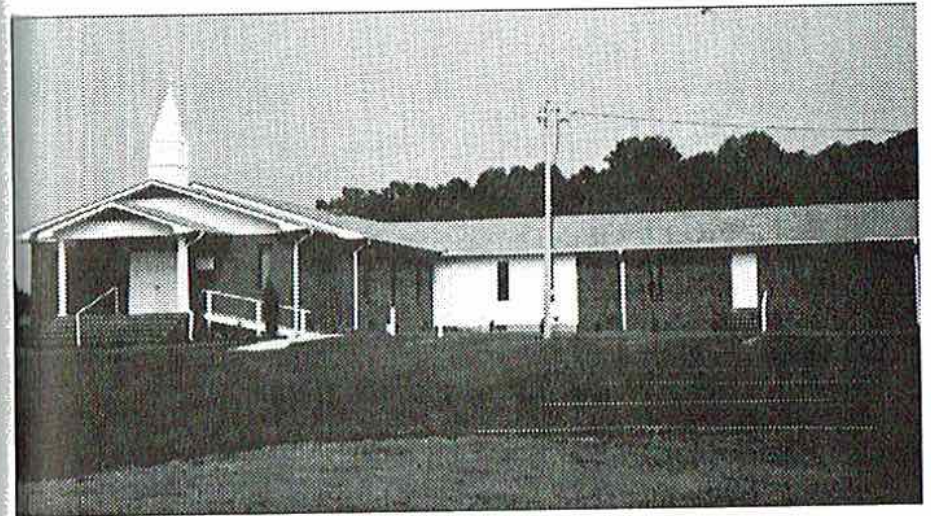
Hodge Baptist Church as it is in 1998.



The 70-year old Dutton Church of Christ as it looks today.



Dutton Methodist Church in 1998



Pleasant View Church of God and additions.



A few Quilting Club members working on a project.

Chapter 5

Places and Things

QUILTING CLUB

Two Decades Later, Still Going Strong

For the past twenty or so years, Dutton area women have set aside a day each week for fellowship and community involvement. Today, that group is the "Dutton Quilting Club" but when it originated back in 1977, it was the "Thursday Friendship Club".

Mrs. Louise Tatum was the person responsible for organizing the ladies meeting at the old Dutton Town Hall. She used a van belonging to the Sand Mountain Parish to pick up all the ladies for the weekly meeting until bad health no longer permitted her to do so.

Glenn Grigg then transported quilters needing a ride to the club and did so until his 80th birthday. Today, Faye Holland has taken on that responsibility as well as serving as club secretary since the club's inception.

The Quilting Club is a multipurpose organization. Food, fun, fellowship and a lot of hard work goes on in the new Town Hall each Wednesday. As of October 1, 1995, the eleven-member group had quilted 27 quilts this year alone.

When someone in the community needs financial help due to illness, the club makes a quilt and sells chances on it to raise money. Recently, the club raised over \$700 for the benefit of a local cancer patient and are presently working on another for the same reason. If someone loses their home and possessions by fire or some other catastrophe, the ladies donate a quilt to the family. Some of the money they receive for quilting is donated to the Dutton Volunteer Fire Department for their use.

The club doesn't have to advertise for quilts to quilt. Their reputation for beautiful work has spread throughout the area and the public contacts the club. Sometimes there are more than two dozen names on the waiting list for a quilt to be quilted. For persons who do their own quilting but need a quilt hemmed or bound, the Club provides that service also, usually at the hand of Ruby Smith.

To date, quilts have been made by the Dutton Quilting Club and mailed as far away as California, Colorado, and Georgia.

A few years ago, a "Honor Your Partner" or "Square Dance" quilt met with a lot of popularity. The pattern was designed for the club and was entered into the World Quilt Book which was distributed in other countries. Later the pattern was ordered from Saudi Arabia.

Food is an important part of the club. Each member brings a covered dish to the meeting each week and at noon, lunch is spread for everyone including, guests. Plates of the delicious food are sent out to sick and elderly community friends. The club also sends birthday, get-well and sympathy cards to folks in the Dutton community.

Members birthdays are a big event at the quilting club. Each has a party given in their honor on their birthday with gifts and a birthday cake. Their picture is also made and entered into the club's scrapbook. A picture of each quilt the club makes also goes into the scrapbook.

LIFE IS LIKE A QUILT

(Author Unknown)

Life is like a patchwork quilt
 And each little patch is a day;
 Some patches are rosy, happy and bright
 And some are dark and gray.

But each little patch, as it's fitted in
 And sewn to keep it together;
 Makes a finished block in this life of ours,
 Filled with sun and rainy weather.

So work on life's patchwork quilt
Through the rainy days and the sun;
Trusting that I have finished my block
The Master will say "Well done."

DUTTON RURITAN CLUB
Two Decades Later, Still Going Strong

Organization and commitment are the major ingredients in getting things done in a community and the Dutton Ruritan Club had plenty of both. If Webster should define Ruritans, he would probably describe it as "an organization where everyone works together in the best interest of the community."

In this community of some 400 residents, the Dutton Ruritans accomplished some major services that reached over 1,000 people and made their quality of life better and safer.

One of the most important functions of the group was a \$1,000 donation to help purchase the town's very first police car, as well as working hand-in-hand with the volunteer fire department. About 90% of Ruritans were also members of the volunteer fire department.

In 1976, the Ruritans paid one-half of the first payment on 14 acres of land purchased for a community park. They continued to pay half the interest due until other arrangements could be made. The organization kept the park's maintenance a high priority for many years, giving the proceeds from their annual Thanksgiving turkey shoot to help pay the winter light bills at the park.

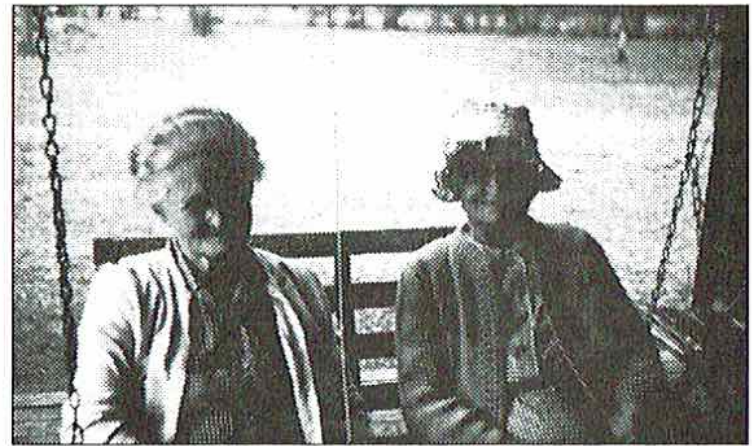
The club supported the Scouts each year with monetary gifts; made contributions to the Alabama Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranches; installed bleachers in the Dutton Jr. High School gymnasium; placed a fence around the school's softball field; lighted the ball field; and paid the monthly electric bills and the annual lease fee for several years.

One might ask where the club got their funds to do all these things. It was only through hard work and sacrifice that they were able to play such an important part in the community. Horse shows, Christmas parades, political rallies, fiddler conventions, light bulb sales, Christmas fruit cake sales, and other fund raisers brought in funds for all the Ruritan projects.

In 1975, the Dutton Ruritan Club was honored with the National Ruritan Club Award for overall progress in all areas of Ruritan leadership.

Members of the community and the club say the Dutton Ruritan Club is "just a way of life."

ALL HARD WORK BRINGS A PROFIT BUT MERE TALK LEADS
ONLY TO POVERTY. PROVERBS 14:23



Two of Dutton's oldest citizens — Lizzie Cowan, who lived to be 92, and Floy Anderson, who lived past her 97th birthday.



Quilting Club members enjoy food and fellowship — Shown at one of their weekly quilting luncheons - from left: Lena Pauley, Beatrice Deerman, Marie Waters, Edna headrick, Ruby Smith, Faye Holland, Lena Martin, Velma Romans, guest, James Calhoun, pastor of Randall's Chapel Church, Pauline Brown and Louise Deerman.

Chapter 6

Memories of the Past

A WALK BACK IN TIME

by Jewell Smalley

I walked today through paths of yore,
I glimpsed the days gone by;
And as I looked back on that time,
The tears, they filled my eyes.

The cotton fields, the country roads,
They're gone, they're not the same;
They've been replaced with modern things,
For progress, all things change.

Most friends and neighbors I once knew,
Are gone, they've passed beyond;
Their tasks all finished in this life,
On earth their race is run.

As I stood gazing across the way,
It seemed but just a while;
Since, as a child, I walked and played
Around this countryside.

The birds still sing, the crickets chirp
At setting of the sun;
The same as in my younger days,
When all I knew was fun.

Yes, I walked today where years ago
I dreamed and planned and grew;
To be the most that I could be,
The best way that I knew.

It's not the same, 'tho sweet to me
The memories that came to mind;
As I walked back through the paths of yore
And glimpsed the days gone by.

THE FERN CLIFF HOTEL

(Source: "A Pictorial Walk Thru Ol' High Jackson" Limited Centennial Edition Scottsboro. 1868-1968 by Walt Hammer)

Fern Cliff was once a well-known resort hotel and eating establishment on Sand Mountain overlooking the Tennessee River. This site was later owned by Marvin Campbell and is located next to the present Agee Strickland home on the bluff. This place was originally settled about 1852 by former residents of Woodville, Alabama, people from whom the town took its name, Richard Wood and his beloved wife, Annie.

Mr. Wood sold his mountain home and Chalybeate Spring in September 1872, to Captain Henry J. Cheney of Nashville, Tennessee. Captain Cheney improved the Cliff residence which became a very popular resort.

Captain Cheney sold the valley farm to Jerre Williams and Anderson Hess. He sold the Fern Cliff property to Hush Farris. Mr. Farris came from south Georgia, and later made the Cliff famous far and wide by the splendid hospitality of the family.

IN MEMORY OF UNCLE RUFUS NICHOLS

Written by his niece, Maude Griffin

Out of a heart of love, these words are penned,
Memory serves us more, but parents also lend;
They all worked and lived in the same rural district,
With a bond of kinship and a God to depend.

In his early youth he chose his mate,
They worked hard together to make them a home;
As the years went by, the children came to bless,
Soon death came to the home, no mother to caress.

With his children to be mothered, he chose another,
In only a few years, death claimed her and others;
But on and on he went, loaded with cares,
Until they surely needed another mother.

To this union a daughter was born,
To grow with the son of his second choice.
Also the younger children, two grandsons of the first,
Faithful living mother still has a cause to rejoice.

As the children left the home to make their own,
Some loves music, others preach and teach the Word;
Still another, nursing, with many deeds of kindness sown,
All have made good citizens for their church or their state.

Many, many years he lived and served,
While many were the sufferings he bore;
But through them all he went bravely on,
Until the Lord said, "Come to your Heavenly Shore".

YESTERYEAR

A Poem Written by Claude McGriff

Thinking back through the years
to when I was just a boy;
Climbing trees, jumping logs
or playing with a homemade toy.

Something made from a "whittle stick",
or a whistle from a piece of cane,
Or just a "thing" that papa made
that didn't even have a name.

A piece of rubber stretched real tight,
and bound by a coil of thread;
An old shoe tongue, made our "flip"
when tied to a clothes-pin head.

A rubber tire from a neighbor's car,
I'd roll from 'morn 'till night,
Collecting grime on my hands, Mama
said was a terrible sight.

A length of stick, a piece of wire,
a lid from a bucket of lard;
Was another toy to fill my day,
or maybe just to fill the yard.

Scooters I had were made from skates
and pieces of two by fours;
When decorated with bottle caps,
you couldn't ask for more.

"Lightning bugs" put in a jar,
and closed with a lid real tight;
Brought me other moments of joy,
under the covers at night.

A button and a piece of string,
was another of my joys;
It has its place among my thoughts,
of all my homemade toys.

The girls would run and hide
or call Mama in despair;
Knowing well, if I got real close
it was going to tangle their hair.

From old tin cans and hunks of wire,
I'd make a type of 'talker';
Or maybe fasten them to my feet
and call them a "Tom Walker".

Spools from the mill where my sister worked
brought me lots and lots of joy;
Those were the kinds of toys I had,
when I was just a boy.

From newspaper and dead bullweed
I would fashion a nice kite;
With yards and yards of cotton twine
I would put it out of sight.

A rubber casing on a rope
hanging from a tree;
Provided a summer full of fun
for all my brothers and me.

Gone are the days of yo-yos and tops
of marbles and kites and twine;
Gone are the days of my childhood,
gone is the youth of mine.

IT'S WHAT YOU ARE THAT MATTERS

by Jewell Smalley

It's not what you have that matters,
It's what you are that counts;
For if you're rich but lack a soul,
You're surely not worth an ounce.

What you have will pass away one day,
On that you can depend;
You'll never take anything with you,
When your life comes to an end.

Your children will squander, or the government will,
What you had and you left behind;
There's no room for it in a six-foot grave
And nowhere to spend it you'll find.

But what you are is the very thing
That will live for ages to come;
Whether it be bad or very good,
Is passed on to daughters and sons.

A handshake, your word, to do what's right,
And be trusted by your fellowman;
To know what you truly believe in,
And for it to take a stand.

A full days work for a full days pay,
What a way to be known by man!
To believe in God and say so out loud,
No matter the opinion of the land.

What you are will determine what you do,
As you travel along life's road;
A great big smile, a compassionate heart,
Or a hand to lift another's load.

So don't go gathering a lot of things
You hope to be remembered by;
'Cause what you are will matter most,
To those you leave behind.

TRUTH AND LOVE

The things we do, will soon be past,
Unless we do the things which lasts.
The life we build may never stand,
For we may build on sinking sand.

The worldly things for which we slave,
Can never raise us from the grave.
The things above, like truth and love,
Will always be eternally.

E. E. LABARRE TURNS 100

Although E. E. LaBarre was not a native Dutton citizen, he is one of the most remembered persons who lived here. He was born on January 7, 1878, in Mukwaunago, Wisconsin and spent the first several adult years of his life traveling and earning his living, in the States and abroad.

In late 1905, Mr. LaBarre returned to the United States and to his parents who lived near Pisgah at Clark's Mill. When he traveled from Scottsboro to Pisgah on his return, he traveled the road that took him through Fern Cliff Gap, approximately where the power company right-of-way is today. On this, his first trip to Sand Mountain at age 27, there were only three houses between Fern Cliff and Pisgah and the Pleasant View Cemetery had only about a dozen graves in it.

In October of 1910, Mr. LaBarre married Ida Lee Pittman and in 1912 a daughter, Merle, was born to them. At that time all of the country was open range and the farmers fenced their land. Mr. LaBarre and his wife cleared several acres and began to farm.

In 1915, Mr. LaBarre traded a cow and a few dollars for a blacksmith's shop when the owner died. He worked as a blacksmith until cars came to Sand Mountain; that was when he got a repair book and began to work on cars. For several years he operated the E. E. LaBarre Garage in Dutton across the street from his home.

In 1945, arthritis forced him to sell the shop and he turned to selling cars for his livelihood. He continued in this line of work until rheumatic fever forced him to quit the car business. But Mr. LaBarre refused to quit. At age 67, he then went to work for Jay S. McGriff in his drygoods store and worked there until 1958.

Dutton turned out in a big way for Mr. LaBarre's 100th birthday on January 7, 1978. A fire truck was parked in front of his home bearing a sign "Happy 100th Birthday" on the day of the event. The town mayor presented the honoree with a plaque from the town, a birthday cake and membership in a local radio station's honorary birthday club was presented to him, and among the well over fifty birthday cards he received was one from then President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter.

At that celebration Mr. LaBarre said he was looking forward to his 101th birthday but he fell short of that goal by only a couple of days. The beloved Mr LaBarre was buried on his 101th birthday, January 7, 1979.

THINGS I REMEMBER ABOUT DUTTON

Submitted by Bessie B. Wright

When I was quite young, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carter who lived near Old Shady Grove Baptist Church had a son who joined the service (probably the Air Force). When he came home for visits he flew over Dutton and over the Carters house to let them know he was on his way home. Everybody ran outside and watched this awesome sight for most of us had never seen an airplane.

Mrs. Rosa Cothran was the post mistress for as long as I lived in Dutton. My first recollection of going to the post office by myself was when the Nichols twins, Nora and Flora, were born. I was about six years old and I overheard Mrs. Rosa telling someone that Mrs. Hattie Nichols had given birth to twin girls. I asked them where she got them and they told me "under the rose bushes". I ran all the way home and told my parents that Mrs. Hattie was digging around her rose bushes and found twin girls!

My life at Dutton was filled with both work and fun. Being active in the Dutton Methodist Church and the school, I was given the opportunity to play the piano at both places. I played the church pump organ when I was too small to reach the pedals. Someone had to stand on each side of me and pump the pedals.

Dutton School always had the best basketball team in the area and I was privileged to play on the girl's team in the early 1930's and we seldom lost a game. Since Dutton Schools at that time only went through the 11th grade, I finished high school at Scottsboro.

At that time, the road by our house was the shortest route to Section. We never locked our doors at night although there were

strangers (known as drummers) who passed by our home but we were not afraid.

I also remember the old pump well in the middle of the road in Dutton. It was a part of the town of Dutton for many years. I have no idea when it was filled.

TIME

A time is given us for everything
And all the needed help to bloom and grow;
There is a special place for everyone;
A path where no feet but yours are meant to go.

A time to set aside in which we learn,
First to crawl and walk, to run and play;
And then the richer and the wiser joys,
Are saved for us for yet another day.

RECOLLECTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

by Jewell Smalley

MISS INA AND HER FAMOUS GHOST STORIES

One of the most enjoyable ways I can remember spending winter afternoons when I was a kid was at the home of a neighbor we called Miss Ina.

Miss Ina Williams was a spinster who never married nor had any children of her own but she sure knew how to love and entertain them. She lived alone in an ominous looking two-story house that had never been painted. The house stood tall among the trees and had creaky front steps and porch boards. In the minds of the children in the community who had never seen a science fiction movie, or a "Murder on Elm Street" or "Psycho", the setting was perfect to make goose bumps run up and down your spine.

On dark, rainy Sunday afternoons in winter, Miss Ina would have half a dozen or so kids in for story-telling. When entering the house it took several seconds for our eyes to get adjusted to the darkness. Sometimes there was the dim flicker of the kerosene lamp in a distant corner. Other times, the only light in the dark room came from the red coals in the big rock fireplace.

Looking back and now realizing the scenario was just part of Miss Ina's planned setting for the ghost stories, she was truly a

genius. The big old floor clock ticked and you could hear a pin drop as we watched with big eyes and with our hands over our mouths while Miss Ina was telling a ghost story. Sometimes the clock would strike the hour right in the middle of a story, adding to the eeriness of the moment as she told us in hushed tones about ax murders, corpses sitting up in their coffins and dead people returning for visits. We could literally hear chains rattling in the back stairway leading from the kitchen to the rooms upstairs. Once she told us there was a real human skeleton hanging in the attic, but we all chose not to accept her invitation to go upstairs and see it.

Before the story telling began, Miss Ina would go to the cupboard and bring out a quart jar of canned pork sausage and a jar of pork ribs which she sat on the hearth of the fireplace. Occasionally during the telling of tall tales, she'd reach out and turn those jars a few degrees melting the cold grease on each side. When the afternoon and the story telling were over, these goodies which had been warmed by the fire were served to us with a big pan of homemade biscuits covered with fresh jams and jellies.

Miss Ina is now gone to her reward and the spooky old farm house replaced by a more modern house, but each time I drive down that road where the old house used to stand, I can see that house in my adult mind and feel the spirit of a wonderful person who touched my life in a meaningful way.

NOSTALGIA

by Wanda Traylor Pottor

When I was born at Dutton on February 24, 1935, the country was just coming out from under the depression. My mother told me that on the day I was born, there was a very bad ice storm which ruined a lot of the timber.

Some of my fondest childhood memories are of living near my grandma and grandpa Traylor on Pleasant Hill Church Road. Dad operated a grist mill and sawmill on the site next to Traylor's creek. The grist mill was powered by steam. The creek was dammed up and a waterwheel was used to help generate the power for the grist mill. I was lucky enough to see first-hand how corn was ground into meal! Also to see how logs were turned into lumber. Our closest neighbors were the Bramblets, the Lesters and the Battles. There was no electricity or indoor plumbing during those days. That came much later.

Grandpa always kept apples, oranges and peppermint stick candy in the closet which he gave to all the grandchildren when they visited. He was a farmer who raised corn and cotton mostly and worked with a plow pulled by an old mule. His transportation was a wagon pulled by the same mule. We loved to hitch a ride on the wagon's coupling pole as we grew older.

I remember grandpa had a pit dug into the ground with straw and sawdust in it where he kept sweet potatoes and apples from the orchard through the winter. This was all covered with the straw and sawdust and the pit was covered with lumber.

An event that was close to our hearts was the annual 3rd Saturday of May "Decoration". Since there were no florists, people gathered wild flowers and vines and used some from their own flower gardens to decorate graves in the cemetery. I especially liked to help grandma get her flowers together for this occasion because we rambled all over the woods and pastures picking flowers. Grandma was very knowledgeable about flowers, trees and herbs.

I can remember my aunt and her friends dressing up at Halloween in costumes they put together to go "Serenading". They would go around the neighborhood to see if their neighbors could guess who they were. They seemed to really enjoy this holiday.

Eventually our town progressed as all things do and it seemed to us to be modern and busy. These are some of the things I remember best from my childhood as things were then.

HOME REMEDIES

by Jewell Smalley

Some say that modern medical technology is a miraculous thing. And it is. But thinking back over my childhood, I can remember quite a few country remedies that could also be labeled miracles ... miracles that they didn't kill us!

We did have a country family doctor though whose practice was made up almost entirely of house calls. Sometimes he couldn't get to a patient for several days because he was off in another part of the county taking care of someone who needed him more than we did. And although he had a telephone at his office, we couldn't call him because we didn't have one. So if we needed him we could go to his office and stick a written message under the door. The doctor then made his house calls according to the urgency of the situation a day later, a week later, or never.

Meanwhile, while waiting for the doctor to arrive, people treated their sick ones with a lot of prayer and home remedies handed down by prior generations.

For sore throats, colds and consumption, folks got a swig of turpentine on the tongue. For pneumonia, croup tents were made from flannel blankets were crudely erected for making breathing easier.

A mixture of moonshine, honey and rock candy was used for making a patient rest and sweat it out. A chest rub made of a concoction of some kind of grease and kerosene, followed by the slapping on of a hot flannel rag was used for breaking up a chest cold. The flannel rag was repeatedly removed and reheated to keep the patient 'cookin'. I believe this particular remedy increased the body's will power to get well just so he could escape the cure!

The itch and head lice were just about the only social diseases we had to worry about when I was growing up, and there was an outbreak of both every winter in country schools. I've yet to understand why the homemade lye soap we bathed in didn't kill every germ a person could have in the first place.

The itch was a trip. You broke out in bumps all over, so you scratched and scratched – and scratched. When we had itch, we were greased up at night from head to toe with some goopy stuff that had creosote and carbolic acid in it as well as a lot of other unpleasant things, I'm sure. Think of how embarrassing it was for a young girl to have to go to school smelling like a utility pole! Everyone knew you were being treated for the itch because, they too, had had the same treatment for itch at one time or another and they recognized the smell. My parents reassured us however that it was no shame to have the itch, it was a shame to keep it.

I've heard tell that some people with itch bathed in a water containing polkberry root. They way I heard it, you ain't never seen streaking until you've seen someone come out of a hot polkberry root bath.

Newborn babies used to have the thrush sometimes. That's a coating in the mouth that made it painful for the baby to nurse. Well, when that happened, grannies would remove the outer bark of a hedge bush limb, scrape the white pulp off the wood, make a tea and feed it to the infant. Cleaned that baby's mouth as slick as his backside in a matter of hours.

When babies and young children got congestion, a big onion was roasted in the oven, the juice mixed with sugar and the mixture was fed to the child. They loved the taste and got relief from the phlegm and congestion at the same time.

For scrapes, cuts, lacerations, rusty nail punctures and the like, the wound was thoroughly washed, followed by a drenching of kerosene - the same kind you burned in your lamps. Apparently it worked because none of us ever got tetanus, infections or blood poisoning.

We were forced to take doses of dry sulfur for some reason every spring. I can't remember why that was so it apparently wasn't a remedy that improved the memory!

Folks nowadays say those old-timey remedies never did anybody any good. Well, maybe not, but one thing I know for sure is that none of us died from them and we didn't have any drug hangovers or bad reactions after being treated with home remedies.

And another thing I know for sure is that doctors, hospitals, druggists and insurance companies weren't the richest people in town in those days either.

1919 FLU EPIDEMIC HITS NICHOLS FAMILY

During the month of January 1919, the Rufus A. Nichols family lost five family members to the flu epidemic.

On January 5, 1919, a son, 18 year-old Charley succumbed to the flu; on January 6, the following day, 9 year-old Mack died also. A double funeral was conducted for the two sons.

One day later, on January 7, 1919, Mr. Nichols' wife, Olena (Lena) passed away at age 32. On the same day, 19 year-old daughter, Lura, died. A double funeral was also conducted for these two family members.

Then on January 31, 1919, a daughter, 16 year-old Pearl, also died from the flu.

Mr. Rufe was almost 50 years of age when he suffered these great losses. Mack, Olena, and Lura were all dead in the house at the same time. Almon was two and one-half years old when his mother, Olena, died in the epidemic.

All the family members are buried in the Chaney's Chapel Cemetery.

DR. WILLIAM LEE STUBBS

Dr. William Lee Stubbs (1874-1934) and his wife, Savannah, came to Dutton from Cedar Bluff, Alabama, around 1919 or 1920. He served the Dutton community some thirteen years before his death in 1934. Both he and his wife are buried in the Pleasant View Cemetery. To the union was born two sons and a daughter.

LEROY SPENCER married Atha Tolleson and had three sons and two daughters. The family lived in Arizona.

HARRY married Thelma Wilson and had one daughter. He worked for Liberty National Insurance Company in Mt. Brook, Alabama.

HAZEL married William (Bill) Deason. They had a daughter, Juanita, who died of leukemia at age 7.

RECIPE FOR MAKING HOMEBREW

Chase four wild bullfrogs for three miles or more to gather up plenty of hops. To them, add ten gallons of tanning bark, 1/2 pint of shellac, and one large cake of lye soap.

Boil this concoction for at least 36 hours, then strain mixture through a brown sock to keep it from working too fast.

Add one grasshopper, ten hen's teeth (preferably setting hens), a bat's wing and one or two rusty mule's shoes to each pint to give it some kick.

Pour a little of the home brew in the kitchen sink; if it takes the enamel off, it's ready to pour up and bottle.

THE BIG BANG!

One For the Books

(Source: Clairence Ballard, son of Louie K. Ballard)

Much has been said over the past few years about the antics of young people and the things they will do when there is nothing else to do. Not necessarily criminal, not meant to hurt anyone, yet at the same time, potentially dangerous to those who might be near when these things occur. Such is one case when some young folks went 'alooking for excitement in the little town of Dutton one Fourth of July many years ago.

Perhaps the older citizens of Dutton can remember the blast that rocked the area and broke some 100 plus windows out of the school house and any other dwellings that might have been near Dutton.

According to the son of one of those young men involved in the big bang, the blast was two sticks of dynamite tied in the top of a pine tree behind the Willis Wright house. And guess who the culprits were. None other than Willis Wright, Louie K. Ballard and Jim Nichols, all of whom are now deceased.

The way it was told is that nobody in Dutton or the surrounding area could figure out what it was that had caused the big bang and done so much damage to windows. And after the three young men saw all the damage they had done, they sure weren't about to tell!

They just wanted to make a 'big bang' on the Fourth of July. They did!

MRS. VIRGIE CHAMBERS AND HER "LITTLE FOLKS"

There surely must be a special place in heaven for first grade teachers as they move patiently among a class of crying, agitated children who have never been separated from their mothers before. But after a few days and much tender, loving care by the first grade teacher, the adjustment is made and children eager to learn settle down to their first year at 'big school'.

There's hardly a person who went to Dutton School who didn't experience first grade under Mrs. Virgie Chambers. She fondly referred to her students as "little folks". During an interview with Mrs. Chambers in August of 1995, she related many stories of her teaching years at Dutton School and how she dealt with her "little folks".

"One thing that I learned early in my teaching career was that I couldn't teach anything to a child who was sleepy, hungry, or cold until those needs were addressed.

"Back when people first got television in their homes, children would stay up late watching TV and my "little folks" came to school so sleepy they hardly knew where they were. Now I couldn't teach that child in that condition, so I would tell him or her to lay their heads on their desks and take a little nap. Sometimes I would have more children sleeping than awake. But after they had their nap, they were refreshed and then I could teach them something", she said.

In those lean days some families couldn't – or wouldn't – provide a lunch or money to eat in the school lunchroom. That, to Mrs. Chambers, was a heartbreaking picture and, as was her fashion, she came up with a solution to that problem.

"There was one little boy (and she remembered his name) who would have to remain in the classroom with his head on his desk while all the other children went to the lunchroom to eat. So I'd go down, fix him a lunch and a carton of milk, and bring it up to the room every day. The look on his face when he saw me coming into the room with his lunch is something I'll never forget. "

This practice went on for some time until the principal told Mrs. Chambers it had to stop because it was unsanitary for the child to eat off his desk.

"Well, I told him that if he could look at that little child up in the room all alone without anything to eat and then go down to the lunchroom and eat his own lunch, that I would stop doing that. What I said got to him so I continued to do that for a long time."

Mrs. Chambers said she always knew which children didn't have on enough clothes to keep them warm in the winter time.

"You could pull that child up against your own body and feel how cold it was. Some just had on a little thin dress and panties with nothing else on under them."

Mrs. Chambers found a solution to that problem too. She went out into the community and asked for clothes and shoes that other children had outgrown. Her cloak room always held an ample supply of clothing, coats and shoes for the needier children. If a child needed shoes and there were none in the cloak room that fit, she'd take the child to Dub Dilbeck's store and buy shoes and socks for that child.

All this kindness might give the impression that she was a soft touch in the classroom - to those who didn't know her. Nothing could be further from the truth. She demanded, and got, respect from her students. And when her 'little folks' finished first grade, they were totally prepared for the next step in the educational process.

Mrs. Chambers said it wasn't at all unusual for some children to cry for several days after starting first grade.

"Your brother, Junior, cried all day the first day so the next morning when he started to cry, I just went over and got a big wastebasket and sat it by his desk. I told him to just cry until that wastebasket was full. That took care of the problem, and I don't think he cried another day after that."

Mrs. Chambers, now in her nineties, is still sharp, alert, and delightful to visit. Although she says she doesn't get around quite as well as she used to, her memory is amazing. She enjoys visitors and many of her former students can still be seen coming and going at her home in Dutton.

I'm sure I speak for all of Mrs. Chambers's former students when I say, "Thank you for touching my life in such a meaningful way and starting me off in the right direction."

(Editor's note: This information is from a personal interview with Mrs. Chambers at her home in 1996. I found her to be still very inter-

esting and am amazed how much she remembers about her students and teaching days at Dutton School).

RECOLLECTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

by Jewell Smalley

THE COUNTRY DOCTOR

In this day of modern medical technology, there's an element that's missing in the treatment of disease and illness. That element is the personal touch from the physician to the patient sometimes more important to the recovery of a patient than pills or surgery.

When I was a kid growing up, we had a family doctor by the name of Dr. Trammel, who was the father of the late famous Alabama quarterback Pat Trammel. That wasn't Doc's greatest attribute, however. The most memorable thing about Doc Trammel was that he was the family friend as well as the family doctor.

Doc had a small office in the middle of town but he didn't have office hours and you could seldom find him sitting around at the office. Most of the time he was out on the country roads making house calls and taking care of the entire population of our community. Since the office was seldom locked we could leave a message, knowing full well that as soon as he could, Doc would take care of us too.

If Doc happened to get by our house at daybreak, he'd sit down at our table and eat breakfast with us. He seldom had the chance to do the same with his own family. While he was treating a patient he'd ask about members of the family who lived elsewhere or about some neighbor who lived further down the road.

The thing I remember most about Dr. Trammel was the stump of a cigar he always chewed on and the twinkle in his eyes when he would ask each of us kids what our name was and how old we were every time we saw him.

I have no information on the date Doc came to Dutton, nor how long he served the community. I do know he did everything from treating the croup, to delivering babies, and performing surgery.

Half the time or more, money wasn't mentioned because Doc knew there was none to be had. But he didn't seem to be worried about that, he was much too preoccupied with getting his sick friends well and back up on their feet again. If the sick ones couldn't be helped, he was also there to show his respect and concern right on through the burial service. When Doc was on a non-emergency type call, he'd take

time to stop a minute to see how everybody in our house was doing. Just because he cared about us, sick or well.

I'd like to be able to say that Doc lived a long, full life and enjoyed a reasonable number of retirement years. That would seem to be the right thing for a man who put his patient's life and health above his own. That wasn't the way it happened though. Our friend Doc died of a heart attack before age 50.

PIONEER DUTTON RESIDENT SAW MANY CHANGES

Benjamin Franklin Golden came to Sand Mountain in 1885 with his grandparents, with whom he lived, to begin a new way of life. His mother and twin brother had perished during the burning of Atlanta.

Benjamin's grandfather drove an ox team from Atlanta to Dutton which, at that time, was not known as Dutton, but Fern Cliff. While his grandfather was making the trip overland, he and his grandmother came to Scottsboro by train, then by wagon to the river ferry, then across and up the mountain trail to what is now Dutton.

He and his grandfather began clearing woodlands to make farm lands, and during this slow process, the few residents of the area went down into the river valley to grow corn for their needs. Most of the residents of this area were Georgia people. Benjamin later married Georgia Bailey and they shared the pioneer life through the years. She died in 1926.

During his long life (93) years, Mr. Golden operated a general mercantile business, carried the mail, farmed and engaged in other vocations and businesses that are usually part of being a pioneer. One of Mr. Golden's favorite reminiscences of 'running a store' was a couple of his poor business transactions. On one occasion, Mr. Golden bought and traded for 700 dozen eggs which cost him three cents a dozen. The eggs all spoiled and he had to haul them off and dump them in the creek. Another poor deal was buying eight bushels of chestnuts at 25 cents a gallon and he never sold even one gallon of them. In those early days very little money changed hands. In fact, there was little money circulating. Most of the business was done by trading produce and barter to the merchant for store-bought goods.

Life, good fortune and bad fortune of the community were discussed and remedies offered around the country store. One day at Mr. Golden's store, a preacher from Georgia who had settled at Dutton

heard a man remark that sedge grass and Georgia people had about taken the country over. The preacher retorted, "I can tell you how to get rid of the sedge grass but I can't tell you how to get rid of Georgia folks ... just soak the sedge grass with your corn liquor and you folks will eat it all up."

When Mr. Golden first settled at Dutton, only three families were living between Dutton and Scottsboro and there were only two homesteads between Dutton and Ft. Payne. Land could be bought for \$1.50 per acre and the biggest and most arduous job was clearing the lands. Most of the outside supplies had to be brought in by steamboat to the river landings and was hauled up the mountain with ox teams.

With all the wooded country, woods fires were the greatest menace for pioneers and a constant watch was held to keep from being burned out. On a certain occasion, Mr. Golden said one of the settlers had cleared a little piece of land and was trying to grow a crop. The man was sorely vexed when he saw a steer trampling and eating his crop. To stop the beast, he grabbed a big bunch of dry fodder, tied it to the steer's tail and set the fodder on fire. The steer immediately left the crop in a big hurry but he set the woods on fire for two miles over the community with his fiery tail. Needless to say, the 'hot tail' method was never used again around Dutton to keep stray stock off the crop.

Like all early settlers around the Dutton community, Mr. Golden depended on wild game to help feed his family. Deer, wild hogs, turkeys, bears and all types of small game could be found in abundance on the mountain. As a matter of fact, a big part of Mr. Golden's business at one time was buying wild animal hides. Also, like many Dutton residents who lived to be in their 90's and 100's, Mr. Golden experienced life all the way from dirt floors, ox teams, and tallow candles to automobiles, paved roads, electricity, telephones and television.

Always a good citizen, Mr. Golden believed in voting at election time. As a matter of fact, at one time he held the all-time voting record in the Dutton community for having voted in every election for 7 consecutive years. His voting record, he once said, was about half and half - having won about as many as he lost in voting.

Mr. Golden was known to always be very neat in appearance, being shaved and immaculate in attire. He ate only certain foods, and sparingly, and ate only what he knew was good for his health. He also attributed a goodly part of his long life to living on Sand Mountain and living a clean life.

Mr. Golden said he lived each day to the fullest and was thankful for the privilege. He also said, at age 93, that he had no fear of the sunset when it came to him.

(Source: From the Jackson County Sentinel — Writer, P. W. Campbell, date unknown)

LOOK TO THIS DAY

Look to this day,
For it is life,
The very life of life.
In it's brief course lies all the
 realities and verities of our existence.
The bliss of youth,
The splendor of action,
and the glory of power.

For yesterday is but a dream
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today, well lived,
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness;
And every tomorrow a vision of hope,
Look well, therefore, to this day.

RECOLLECTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

by Jewell Smalley

MEETIN' THE PEDDLER

There are some of us who can go way, way back in our memories and remember the age of the old "Rolling Store", or "Peddler" as they were sometimes called.

And for those of you who think this tale I'm about to unfold is only a figment of an aging woman's imagination, let me assure you that it is absolutely not that at all. Rolling Stores were as real back in the '30's and '40's as were the Great Depression and World War II.

As Andy Griffith would say, "What it was, was a general store on wheels." The covered truck ran a regular route through rural areas at least once a week, sometimes more regular than the mail, bringing to your front door everything from yard goods to hoes and ladders and kerosene.

The enclosed truck had shelves built inside it on three sides and had a counter that separated the goods from the driver's seat. It also served to keep unruly kids from getting inside where the peddler kept his wares.

The shelves were basically stocked with things that rural families couldn't raise on the farm. That included fabrics, threads for sewing ('threads' weren't called clothes back in those days), snuff, tobacco, coffee, sugar, chewing gum, hair ribbons, elastic by the yard and kerosene for the lamps. The peddler had it all.

The thing I remember most vividly about the Rolling Store was the smell of peppermint candy as I stepped up in the door of the truck. Often as not, the driver would give each child who had come to 'meet the peddler' a peppermint while the trading took place.

Another outstanding memory of the Rolling Store, although not nearly as pleasant as the smell of peppermint candy, was how chickens and eggs were used instead of money to purchase household necessities and niceties. The Rolling Store had huge chicken coops attached to the back or on top of the vehicle. Farmers could 'trade out' the price of the goods they wanted on a kind of barter system. Chickens were weighed and bought by the driver for so much a pound which you could turn around and use to pay for the things you bought from him.

On the morning of the day the Rolling Store was scheduled to come by our house, chickens were chased around the backyard, finally caught, and their legs were tied together with a strip of cloth. If the chickens happened to get away, and believe me they never quit trying, they were very much easier to catch again if they were hobbled. If the peddler got off schedule we often had to sit for an hour or so and hold those stinky, clucking varmints under our arms or between our knees until the Rolling Store finally arrived. The tighter you held them, the louder they squawked. And there's even more unpleasant things that can happen if you're holding a nervous chicken too tight on a steamy August day.

Eggs were also traded to the peddler for other things. I vaguely remember that two eggs could get you a package of Juicy Fruit chewing gum. This created an incentive for country kids to join the 4-H Club and raise hens as a project. A nickel for two hen eggs was big money in those days.

Not only was having a Rolling Store come by your house a great convenience, it also took the place of the daily newspaper and telephone combined. The peddler, who knew everything about everybody

on his route, would also take the time to give you all the latest news from down the road - free of charge. Like who got married, how Granny Smith's arthritis was doing, which neighbors were feuding, and his opinion on world affairs.

Looking back on it, I sincerely believe the demise of the rural Rolling Store left the whole world poorer. Nowhere else in this whole world, except in the rural south, can people like me relate to the combined smell of peppermint candy and hot, clucking chickens and still treasure that memory.

DUTTON - A PATRIOTIC COMMUNITY

In the early 1940's, World War II brought a lot of sorrow and concern to the Dutton community. Like so many parts of the country, a number of local young men enlisted in the armed forces, wanting to do their part in protecting the country. Some were wounded, and some never returned to their families and loved ones.

Sugar, gasoline, shoes, oils and other staples were rationed because every available resource had to be used in the war effort. People were issued stamps according to the size of their families, and without those government stamps, the items could not be purchased. Families often swapped out sugar stamps for shoe stamps, etc. At that time everyone in the community was as concerned about their neighbor's needs as their were their own needs.

Although sometimes it was a hardship to do without the things that were rationed, people took it in stride and didn't complain. They simply substituted other things because they felt it was the least they could do considering brave young men and women were risking their lives on foreign soil.

About midway of the war (around 1942) the Red Cross set up work sites in the Dutton and surrounding towns where items were made for the wounded servicemen. Bandages were rolled and packed for shipment to the war front. It didn't matter who you were or what your age was, if you showed up to work a job was found that you could do. Warm lap robes were quilted and sent to veteran's hospitals. Women and young girls put aside everything else and made dozens and dozens of lap robes.

Also during that time, homemakers were taught how to make their own peanut butter and mayonnaise. There were none on the market because of the shortage of oil. It didn't taste anything like Jif or Hellman's but if you couldn't get anything else, it was a fair substitute.

During the war, if a serviceman was killed, his family was sent a banner to hang in the window signifying a member of the family had lost his life in the service of his country. I was only about 10 years old at the time but those banners hanging in the windows of homes of people I knew brought the war closer to me and left an impression that I've never forgotten.

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THAT STRANGE BLACK BOX - THE RADIO

The day will surely come when my grandson who is now eleven, is going to tell his grandchildren about how it was when he was growing up and how difficult life really was when he was a child. It happens every generation.

He'll probably say something like "You little scrappers think you're having it tough because you don't have your own moon vehicle, huh? Well, let me tell you about hard times. Did you know that I had to ride a bus three city blocks to and from school every day when I was your age? And I must have been seven - maybe eight - years old before I had my own telephone, VCR, TV and Nintendo."

To which they will probably say to him, "Just W-H-A-T in the world is a TV, telephone, VCR and Nintendo?"

Well grandson, I can remember the first radio - yes radio - that came into our rural community. It was a strange looking black box with two knobs on it. One knob was for turning the contraption on and off, the other knob was to turn the volume up and down. No grandson, there wasn't a knob to select a station because there was only one station on this battery-operated thing.

As was the custom in those days, neighbors shared everything they owned. It was just the right thing to do seeing as how your neighbors were just about the most important thing there was.

Picture this. On Saturday afternoon, everyone in the four or five families in that community rushed around frantically to finish chores early. Shortly before sundown, entire families could be seen walking up the dusty road to the neighbor's house for an evening of radio entertainment.

Folks walked into the parlor, exchanged hellos and sat down with great anticipation. Grown ups took the chairs; children sat cross-legged on the floor and you could hear a pin drop as everyone anxiously waited for the click of that radio knob.

Seated at the 'controls' was the neighbor who owned the radio. He was the only person allowed to touch this mysterious black box. At first most folks were afraid to really fool around much with this high-tech piece of technology. It is said that one person even told a friend not to get too close lest the thing blow up and scald him.

At exactly six o'clock the radio was turned on. Often as not, there was a lot of static and screeching coming from the wooden box at first, but eventually it warmed up and the sounds became audible.

Six o'clock was H. V. Kaltenborn and the 'world news.' It wasn't very interesting to me as a six-year-old but nevertheless, I was in awe of the voice of a man I didn't even know coming across the air waves. The only thing I thought about while Mr. Kaltenborn was broadcasting the news was, "How's he doing that?"

The news was followed by Lum and Abner, Amos and Andy, or Fibber McGee and Molly. There wasn't a choice, of course, you just enjoyed whatever happened to come out of that black box.

We could hardly contain ourselves when the Grand Ole Opry came on ... Roy Acuff, Minnie Pearl, Flatt and Scruggs. Sometimes we would sing "The Great Speckled Bird" along with Mr. Acuff.

No grandson, the Great Speckled Bird isn't an alien from another planet!

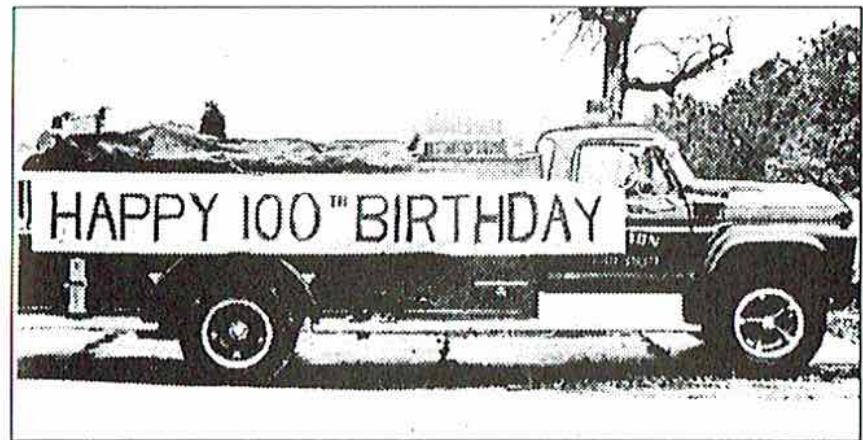
When the last hour of pickin' and grinnin' was over, it was all over. Back then, there wasn't even a fat lady singing the National Anthem at sign-off, but we had enjoyed two or three hours of radio entertainment and we knew we'd talk about it all next week. At that point, the radio was turned off to save the batteries for another day.

Being the curious kid that I was at age six, I'd lie awake in bed for hours later that night and wonder if there really was something else that followed the Grand Ole Opry on that strange wooden box.

I kinda think I'm still psychologically affected by not knowing for sure if there was something else I could have heard on that radio if I had been given a chance to do so.



E.E. LaBarre, a long-time Dutton resident and businessman.



A Dutton Fire Truck, bearing wishes for a happy 100th birthday, was parked in front of Mr. LaBarre's home for the entire day.

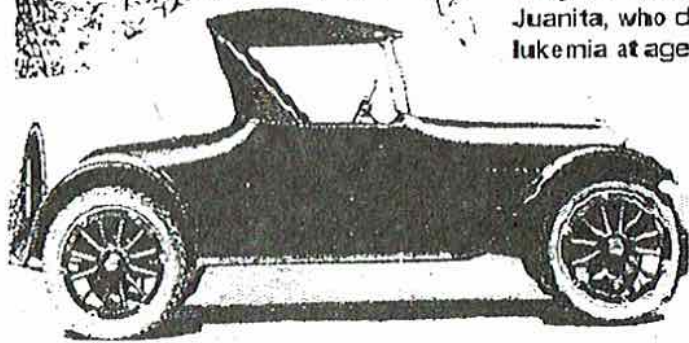


Dr. William Lee Stubbs (1874-1934) and his wife, Savannah, came to Dutton from Cedar Bluff, Alabama, around 1919 or 1920. He served the Dutton community some thirteen years before his death in 1934. Both he and his wife are buried in the Pleasant View Cemetery. To the union was born two sons and a daughter.

LEROY SPENCER, married Atha Tolleson and had three sons and two daughters. The family lived in Arizona.

HARRY married Thelma Wilson and had one daughter. He worked for Liberty National Insurance Company in Mt. Brook, Alabama.

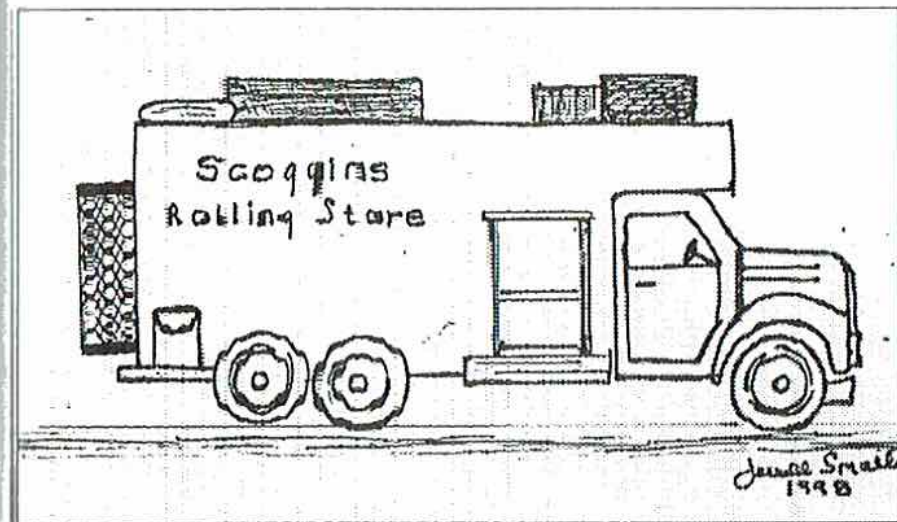
HAZEL married William (Bill) Deason. They had a daughter, Juanita, who died of leukemia at age 7.



An automobile like the one shown was once owned by Dr. Stubbs.



Mrs. Virgie Chambers at her home in 1995.



A likeness of the Peddlers as I remember them.

J. R. Baxter, Jr.

Floyd Nichols, Dutton, Ala., owner, 1923

Floyd Nichols

1. I am think-ing to-day of that home far a-way, Where the streets are all
 2. All the ransomed are there in that homeland so fair, Safe-ly shel-tered in
 3. Some glad day we shall meet on that bright golden street, Forms and fac-es of

paved with pure gold; Where God's face is the light, where there never is night, O the
 God's lov-ing fold; Not a care or a sigh, not a tear dims the eye, O the
 loved ones be-hold; Clothed in robes spotless white, what a beau-ti-ful sight, O the

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half cannot ev-er be told. O the half..... can ne'er be told,.....
 O the half can ne'er be told, ne'er be told,

Gates of pearl..... and streets of gold;..... There we nev-er
 Gates of pearl streets of gold; There we nev-er

shall grow old,..... O the half..... can ne'er be told,.....
 shall grow old, ne'er grow old, O the half can ne'er be told, ne'er be told.

One of the many gospel songs written by Floyd Nichols of Dutton.
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William Spears, son of
 Mr/Mrs. S. N. Spears



Pvt. Willis Gann, son of
 Mr/Mrs. Henry Gann



Pvt. Wm. Golden, son
 of Mr/Mrs. Jim Golden



R. A. Nichols II, Son of
 Mr/Mrs. Floyd Nichols



Pvt. Hugh P. Nichols, son
 of Mr/Mrs. Hugh Nichols



Sgt. Hershel Nichols, son
 of W. M. Nichols



Lt. W. E. McGriff



Pfc. Cecil Shirey son of
Mr/Mrs. Vann Shirey



Sgt. George Outlaw, son
of Mr/Mrs. J. T. Outlaw



Arnold McGuire, Son of
Mr/Mrs. Z. A. McGuire



Pvt. Hershel Ballard, Son
of Mr/Mrs. Andy Ballard



Pfc. Willard Reeves, son
of Kate Reeves



Sgt. Gordon Outlaw, son
of Mr/Mrs. J. T. Outlaw



Pvt. Sam Chambers, son
of Mrs. Una Chambers



S.M. McGuire, son of
Mr/Mrs. Z. A. McGuire



Cpl. Ernest Anderson, Son
of Mrs. Floy Anderson



Waymon Pickett, Son of
Mr/Mrs. John T. Pickett



Luther White, Son of
Mr/Mrs. E. G. White



Pvt. Blaine Thomas, Son of Mr/Mrs. Grady Thomas



Pvt. Jessie Carter, Son of Ms. L. Thomas



Pvt. Earl Coffey, Son of Mr/Mrs. J.T. Coffey



Mr. Randolph Booth, Son of Mrs. Gertrude Booth



Pvt. Lee Deerman, Son of Mr/Mrs. J. W. Deerman



Leslie Barnes, Son of Mr/Mrs. Earl Barnes



Lawrence P. Tate, Son of Mrs. J. C. Traylor



Pvt. Frank Fair



Eunice Gann, Son of Mr/Mrs. Henry Gann



Cpt. Troy (Dutch) Barnes, Son of Mr/Mrs. Earl Barnes

Others from Dutton who served in WWII (no photo available):

Pvt. Albert Sharp, Son of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Sharp

S/Sgt. Morton D. Sharp, Son of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Sharp

John V. Franklin, Son of Mrs. Kate Franklin

Emmett Franklin, Son of Mrs. Kate Franklin

Chapter 7

Social Life and Passing Time

CHURCH AND SOCIAL LIFE

The fact was that church was your social life if you grew up in Dutton a while back. Outside of school ball games and parties at home, church was what was left. Courting and dating usually began directly or indirectly at church and your parents would usually let you court someone if he or she attended church regularly.

Now there was a big difference in those days in "courting" and "dating". Courting meant that you could sit with, or near, a member of the opposite sex in church. It meant a person who could walk over to your house (after church) on Sunday and you could talk to him or her as long as you stayed in the front yard where you could be seen from any vantage point. Sometimes, it meant that that person could even walk you to and from church on Sunday night, providing there were several people in the group and you did no more than hold hands.

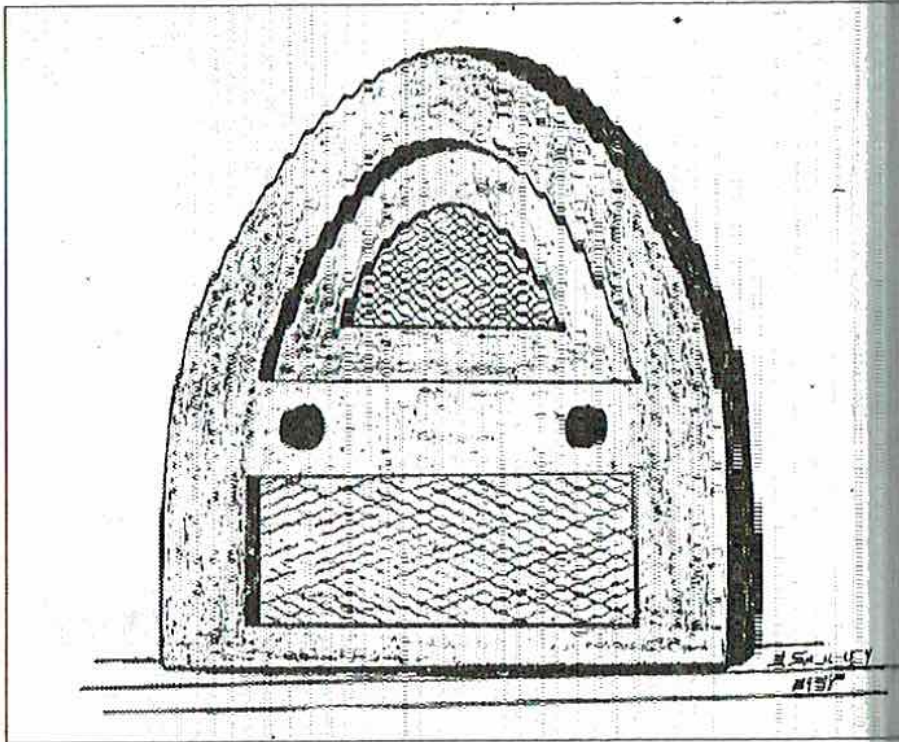
Now dating was an altogether different thing. Dating meant that you could go off alone with a person of the opposite sex at night - even in a car if he had one. Providing, of course, that your family knew his daddy and mamma; the teachers didn't give him a bad report; and his daddy didn't drink, smoke, cuss or dance and the family were all regular church-goers of your particular denomination.

It couldn't have been an altogether bad thing though since many marriages lasting for forty or fifty years evolved from meeting, courting and dating at the local church.

SINGING SCHOOLS

Most people in the Dutton community were pretty good singers; and the reason was probably because of the excellent "singing schools" that were conducted every summer there.

At these schools - usually held about two weeks - people were taught to read music, keep time, lead class or congregational singing, sing solos, duets, trios, quartets, etc. Some people just had no musical abilities (couldn't carry a tune in a bucket), but they came to singing



My recollection of one of the first radios I witnessed. The radio was owned by Alec Smith.

school anyway because they loved the music and wanted to be a part of the group. It was also an excellent way to develop an appreciation of good gospel music.

After the singing school concluded, a singing (somewhat like any other music recital) was held and each student was called on to lead a song. Although most of our knees were knocking so hard we could hardly stand before the crowd, this gave us some exposure to singing in public. Kinfolk and friends came from far and near for this event.

I particularly remember the Deermans, Popes, Haynes and Wootens as folks who helped make the singing school around Dutton so successful.

ALL DAY SINGING AND DINNER ON THE GROUND

by Jewell Smalley

All day singings and dinner on the ground,
We all remember when
It was such a big day and so much fun,
At least it was way back then.

The men would congregate under the trees,
And talk about politics, their crops and such;
They'd chew their tobacco and shake the hands,
Of some they didn't care for much.

The women had their chance on that day too,
To spread all that food so fine;
That they'd been cooking for a day or two,
There was two of most every kind.

Graves in the cemetery where loved ones slept,
Were covered with flowers so sweet;
Some crepe paper and the homegrown kind,
Kinfolks and friends would there meet.

For the lads and the lassies it was a time,
To greet old friends or make new ones,
The singing in the house was far from their minds,
It could stop, or just keep going.

It was suddenly spring and the younger set,
Was ready for adventures to find;
They laughed and talked and whispered,
And had a really good time.

They could sit in the cars with the one of their choice;
And flirt, or just talk about nothing;
They could walk to the spring and get them a drink,
Holding hands down the road so dusty.

All day singings and dinner on the ground.
Had little to do with singing;
It was the fun of the day and the people you saw,
That in your mind kept lingering.

HOME PARTIES

When you mention home parties these days, most people think you're talking about Mary Kay and Tupperware. But it wasn't so long ago (well, maybe about 50 years) that home parties meant just exactly that – parties at home.

These parties were always held on Saturday night, rotating from house to house week after week. Sometimes they were "tacky" parties where everyone dressed up in some ridiculous manner – the tackier the better.

No invitations were sent and people weren't hand-picked or singled out. Instead, the place of the party was passed on from one person to another and anyone who wanted to come was welcome. That is, they were welcome unless they were drinking alcohol or using foul language. If they were, they were promptly sent on their way with the message not to come back.

In the summertime, the party was held in the front yard where lanterns were strung up in the trees. The remarkable thing about these parties was that the young ones, teenagers and the older folk all came to the party. Usually the men sat on the porch, the little ones played "hoopey-hide" in the backyard and the women made candy and popcorn balls in the kitchen while they held each other's babies. The teenagers would play spin-the-bottle and take walks down the road in the dark where they might hold hands and smooch a little. (For those of you who are not familiar with the word 'smooching', it meant a hug or a quick kiss). If there was anyone in the crowd who played a fiddle,

the kids would dance too. And you know what, I always wondered why dancing wasn't a sin as long as you did it in the front yard, but it was considered sinful to "go dancing."

Anyway, as people became a little more prosperous and cars were more available, the "home parties" gradually came to an end.

THE OLD MILL PONDS

Ray's, Traylor's and White's Mill Ponds were important places in the Dutton community. Ray's was located approximately one and one-half mile southwest of Dutton and White's about the same distance east of the town.

There were grist mills at these Mill Ponds (a very good reason for calling them 'mill ponds') where people took their corn to be ground into cornmeal. The mill was powered by a big waterwheel and produced the whitest, purest cornmeal you ever saw. Most children growing up around Dutton accompanied their daddy to the grist mill at one time or another and saw firsthand how corn was made into meal. After a trip to the grist mill, everyone better understand why they had to spend a lot of time and sweat in growing corn. Cornmeal was a staple in every household.

But an equally important function of White's and Ray's Mill Ponds was the baptizings that were held at these places. All the churches held revivals and "protracted" meetings during the summer. Since the churches of that day had no baptisteries in the churches, converts were baptized in the mill ponds.

Baptizings were a big event in the Dutton community and were well attended, no matter who was being baptized and regardless of denomination. They were especially well-attended if the person being baptized had been known as 'sot', thief, or harlot. Onlookers would encircle the millponds as the local preacher would lead new converts, holding hands, out into chest-deep water. As each convert was buried in believer's baptism, the people on the banks would sing songs like "Shall We Gather at the River", "There Is a Fountain", and other appropriate hymns.

At other times, the millponds were excellent places for kids to swim, play in the water, or do a little courting.

SUNSET PARK

Many states have parks and most of these parks have their own claim to fame. Dutton had a 'park' too, although you won't find it listed

on any vacation brochure. Its name was Sunset Park, a very appropriate name for a spot where one could view a beautiful sunset.

Sunset Park had no monuments, no pavilions, rides, or concession stands. You see, it was only a rural bluff area in the community of Hodge where you could – if you had the courage – sit on a rock, hang your feet off, and watch the cars go across Corner Bridge.

I was told it was also a favorite parking place, a lover's lane, if you will. Of course all I have is second-hand information because Sunset Park was off limits to me and my friends in those days.

By the way, I don't remember the name of the person who told me this about Sunset Park. Nobody I knew would admit to having been there in the first place!



Norman "Quell" Williams



Richard "Dick" Tipton



Lucille and Almon Nichols, former residents of Dutton and teachers at Dutton School.



Norma Shinkles



Carolyn Gann



Aubrey McKenzie



Ruby LaMerle Tighe



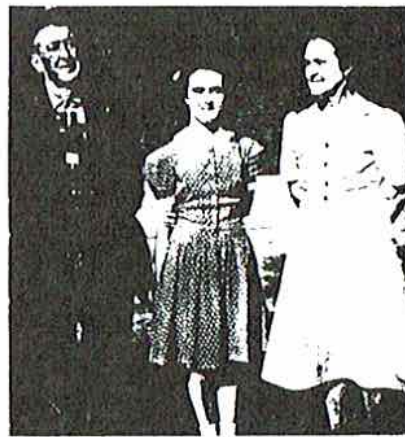
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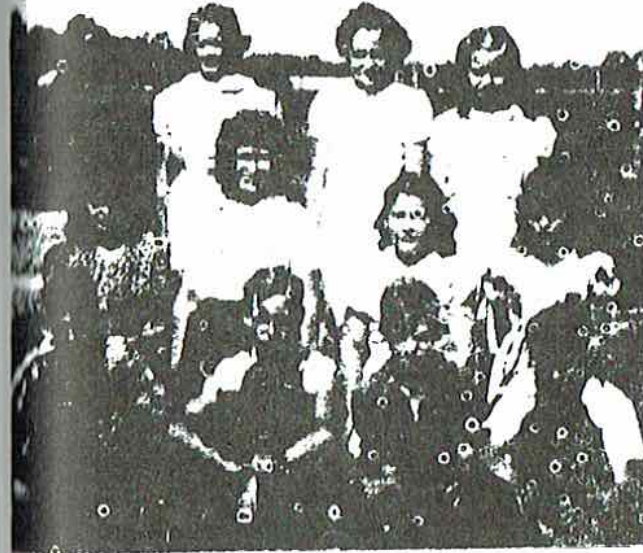
The children of Henry and Victoria Griffin — left to right: Virginia, Bill, Charles, Jean, Calvin, Wayne, Harlan, Max, and Wanda.



J.T. Smith



Willie, Reba, and Paralee Tatum



Bernice Powell's 5th grade class in 1948. Front row, from left, Rudell Medlock, C.B. Keel, Sonny Beard, and C.H. Anderson. Second row, from left, Phyllis Gann, Phyllis Thomas, Patsy McGriff, Doris Bernard. Third row, from left, Eunice Beard, Helen Green, and Shirley Wilbanks.



Willis Deerman



Clara Sue Tigie



J.W. Higgins



Jewell D. Tigie



Maxine Millican



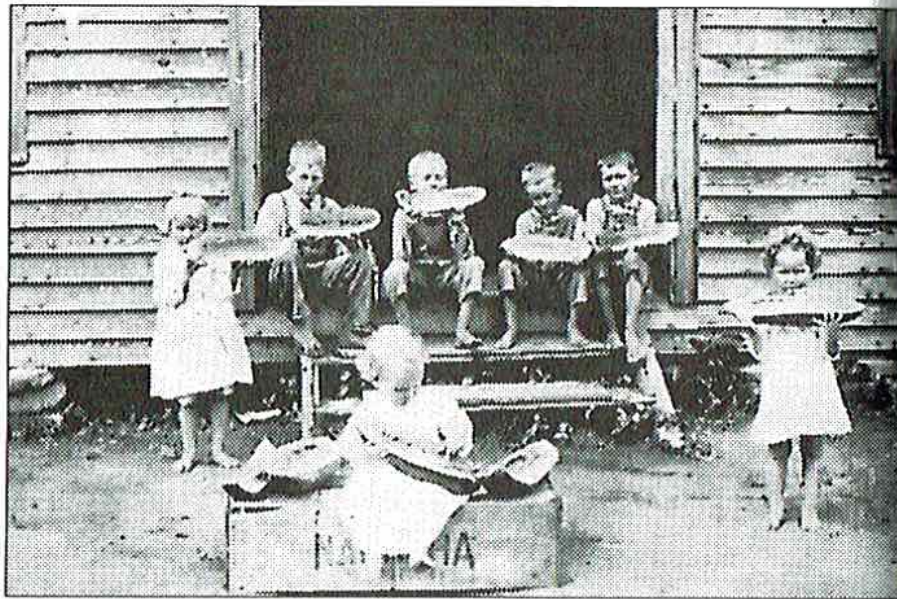
Maude Griffin, Aunt Vennie Flipppo, and Vernie Barkley. Photo taken at Chaney's Chapel Church.



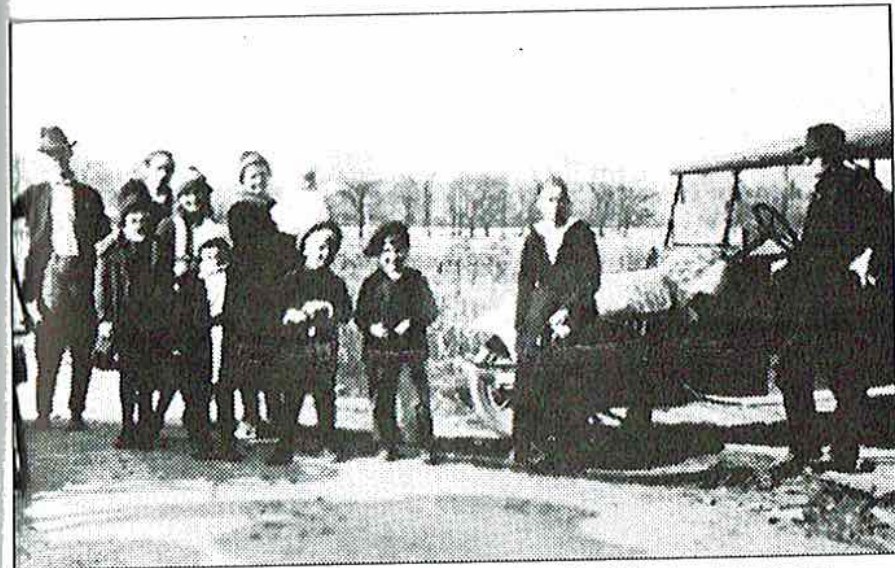
Kenny Nichols



Charlie and Minnie Tatum



These Dutton residents of long ago knew how to chow down!



Rufe Nichols and family at left, Earl and Mary McGriff standing at car.



Left to Right — Martha Nichols Cordell (deceased), Barbara Ballard, Flora Nichols Dye, Nina T. Carr (deceased), Linda Cordell Chrisman (Martha's daughter), Nora Nichols Fair, Pauline White Ballard.

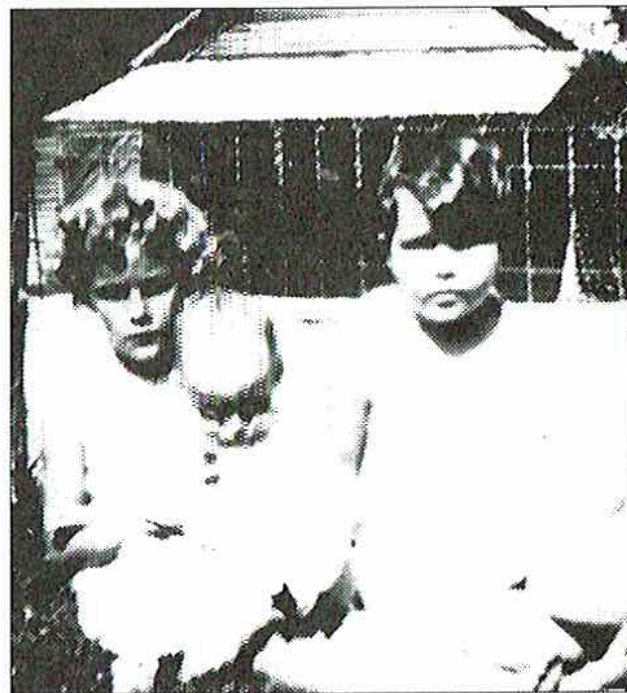


SCHOOL DAYS 1954-55
Dutton Jr High

Mrs. Virgie Chambers



Bible School at Dutton Methodist Church about 1944 — Row 1, l-r: (?) Carter, Norma Jean Tigie, Nina Kate Ballard, Marilyn Ryan, Mrs. Trammell. Row 2, l-r: Jane Hodge, Faye Carter, Wanda Griffin. Row 3, l-r: Mildred Dean, Barbara Lee Ballard. Row 4, l-r: Juanita Carter, Dessie Gorham, Janette Dilbeck.



Nora Nichols (left) and Mildred Nichols (Baby not identified) sitting on the lawn of Dutton Post Office. Building in back is Franklin's Cafe.



Leon White



141 Kate White Hodges

Chapter 8 Families

GHOSTS OF THE PAST

by Jewell Smalley

Who were the people who made our town great
The pioneer settlers and the ones who came late?
All were important, and none were ignored,
They opened their businesses, shops and their stores.

There were the Duttons, the Dilbecks, the Gants and the Popes,
Deermans, McGriffs, the Nichols and the Bolts,
Wigingtons, Hollands, Barnes and the Taylors,
The Tigues, the Gilberts, Ingrams and the Traylors.

Griffins, Hughes, the Thrashers and Allens,
Chambers, Goldens, the Sims, Wrights and Maynors;
Matthews, Millicans, Bufords and McKenzies,
The Murphrees, the Joneses, Yorks and the Nixes.

Andersons, Fariior, Morris and Higgins,
Headricks, Medlocks, Perrys and the Picketts.
The Lesters, the Powells, the Adams and Cothrans,
Thomas, Ballards, the Greens and the Ryans.

The Whites, McCords, Coffeys and Neeleys,
Williams, Duncans, Dunns and the Carters;
The Ganns, the Parks, Shankles and Norwoods,
Hopes, Shireys, Wilsons and Holloways.

Tollesons, Rushes, Deans and the Marshals,
Smiths, the Franklins, Greggs and the Laneys;
The Coxes, the Tiptons, Harts and the Tatum,
The Edmonds, the Dunns, Jenkins and the Woolums.

There were others I'm sure that memory won't serve.
Who walked this fair town at some time.
I apologize here for a slip of the mind;
And beg that your remarks be very kind.

ADAMS, JAMES M.

James M. Adams and his wife, Mary H. Shelnut Adams, came to Dutton from Buchanan (Haralson County), Georgia about 1888. They are buried at Pleasant View Cemetery. Their children were born in Georgia and some of them were married with their own families when they all came to Jackson County. Mary's sister's family, Rebecca Shelnut Holland, wife of Lindsey Nathaniel Holland, came to Jackson County from Buchanan, Georgia, about five years later.

Their children are;

JAMES R. who married Annie L. (?). Both are buried in Pleasant View Cemetery.

JOHN Q., JOSEPH, JASPER, NANCY. There is no information available about any of these children. The names were taken from the 1870 Haralson County, Georgia, census records.

JOSIE, LEONA, SALLIE, ANNE, AND VIRGINIA'S names were taken from the 1900 Jackson County, Alabama, census records. It is thought that there may have been other children between Nancy and Josie but census records are not available at the present time.

ADAMS, JAMES R.

James R. and Annie L. (?) Adams came to Dutton from Buchanan, Haralson County, Georgia about 1888.

Their children are:

MARTIN P. (No other information).

WILLIAM HARDY, married Eunice C. (?). They are buried at Pleasant View Cemetery.

SAVANNAH, Never married.

SUSAN (No information available).

BIRTHERA E. (No information available).

MARTHA L. (No information).

TOMMIE MAE married William (Willie) Headrick. She lives in Tampa, Florida.

CHARLES W. married Ethel (?). They are both buried in Dutton Methodist Cemetery.

ALLEN, LONNIE

Lonnie and Octiva Williams Allen came to the Dutton area around 1900 from Ider, Alabama. To this union was born a son, Robert (Robbie) Winston Allen, born May 1896. Robbie married Willie Mae Griffin, born February 1892.

Robbie and Willie Mae had nine children - William Ervil, Gladston Gerald, Robert Winston, Lila Faye, Mary Elise, Harold Lamar, Wendell Farrell, Randall Darrell and Albert Rudolph.

WILLIAM ERVIL married Velma Green and had a son, Eddie Hugh.

GLADSTON GERALD married Opal Ryan. Their children are Robert Gerold and Martha Allen.

ROBERT WINSTON married Thelma Allen and had a son, David.

LILA FAYE married Hubert Nieke. Faye's children are John and Libbie Stien and Linda Duncan.

MARY ELISE married Robert Troy Gibbs. Their children are Janice Stephens and Douglas, Richard, and Stanley Gibbs.

HAROLD LAMAR married (1) Nora Pearl Dilbeck and had three children John, George and Brad Allen. Second marriage - Dorothy M. Sakieh. Harold currently lives in Daytona Beach, Florida.

WENDELL FARRELL married Ann Harvel. and has a son, Gregory.

RANDALL DARRELL married Ying Tyn Chang and has a daughter, Nancy.

RUDOLPH married Ginenne Sisk and had two sons: Delane and Mark (both deceased).

Robbie died August, 1976; Willie Mae died January, 1987. Both are buried in Chaney's Chapel Cemetery.

ANDERSON, WILLIAM JASON

(See Photo Page 216)

William Jason (Will) Anderson and his wife Rosalie Virginia Heath moved to the Dutton area from Eljay, Georgia, in 1891. To this union were born four children: Carrie Victoria, Roy Roscoe, George W. and Nellie N.

CARRIE VICTORIA married Henry Harrison Griffin on November 12, 1912. They had twelve children. (See Henry Griffin Family elsewhere in this book).

ROY ROSCOE ANDERSON married Floy M. Gant. Roy is buried at Dutton Methodist Cemetery; Floy is buried at Scottsboro, Alabama. They had six children: Pauline Elizabeth, Berta Rosalie, Wilma Irene, William Ernest, Roy Roscoe, Jr. and Dorothy Imogene.

PAULINE married Walter Lewis (W.L.) Dilbeck and a daughter, Janette, was born to this union. Janette married Charles McCord and they had three children-- Paula, who married Dan Lee (divorced) lives in Atlanta. Donna married Floyd Barnes. Their children are Jason and Matthew. Allison married Rhett Walker and lives in Atlanta. They have no children.

BERTA married Glen D. Ryan. Glen is deceased and buried in Dutton Methodist Cemetery; Berta lives in Birmingham. Their children are Marilyn, who married David Matthews. They live in Decatur and have two children, Eric and James. Glenda married Butch Powell and lives in Birmingham. Her children are Belinda and Sonny Culp. Rebecca married Ed Trulington and lives in South Carolina. They have a son, Rodney.

WILMA, a teacher, married Harold Dennis Hicks, a postmaster. They live in Oregon and have two children, Sandra and Charles Hicks.

WILLIAM ERNEST married Charlotte Merrit and lives in Beaufort, S. C. Ernest retired from the Marine Corps after 30 years of service. They have seven children: Ruth, married Gary Thomas; Wanda married Michael Rausee; Hilda married to Daniel Phillips; Bonnie, married to Carl Flary; Robin, married to Elizabeth Reynolds, Ernest, Jr., married to Maria Stafford; and Vincent, not married. All live in South Carolina except Ernest Jr., who lives in Israel.

ROY JR., married Ann Carlisle Fadley. Their children are Rachel is divorced from Jack Hardin. She has one son, Sam Hardin. Roxanne married Bob Venable. Their children are: Laura Ruth, Joseph and Mary Ann. April married Johnny B. Craig and has a son, John Jr.

IMOGENE married William Travis (now deceased). They had 6 children: Alan, who is divorced and has a son; Sherry, who married Ron Favour (now divorced) and has one son, Jason; Mark, married Janet Maszalk; two children, Adam and Samuel; Randall married Jo Ann Simae, has one daughter, Brenna; Alan, who married Karen King (divorced) and has a son David; Sherry, married Ron Favour (divorced) one son, Jason Mark.

NELLIE married Floyd Nichols and had four children, Zelma, Annis, Juanita and Floyd, Jr.

Zelma married R. L. Hodges. Their children: Bobby Hodges, a Circuit Court Judge, and Douglas, who is a pharmacist. Both Zelma and R. L. are deceased. Annis married Edith (?), and had two children, Paul and Sarah Nell. Annis is deceased. Juanita married Oliver Laney (deceased) and had one son, Steve; Floyd, Jr. married Betty (?) and has twin girls, Pat and Pam.

GEORGE W., married (?) and divorced soon after. He is deceased and buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Rosalie died in 1911 and is buried in Pleasant View Cemetery. William then married Ollie V. Plaster and they had two children, Hazel and Emma.

HAZEL married Clifford Lester and to that union was born six children, J. W., Margaret Ellen, Wonnie Ray, Lorne, Charles Lee, and

Karen J. W. married Nell Culppepper and has three children. They live in Dutton. Margaret married Samuel T. Stinson and had one daughter (deceased). Wornie Ray married Doris Bumgarner and has one child. Wornie is retired from the U. S. Navy and lives in Dallas, N. C. Leorne married James Reveal and has no children; Charles Lee married Linda Rice and has no children; and Karen married Toney Lowell. They have two children and live in Florida.

IRMA married William Ayco (deceased). She lives in Dutton.

Ollie V. is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

BALLARD, WILLIAM "ANDY" ANDREW

(Information provided by Clarence Ballard)

William "Andy" Andrew Ballard was born in 1879 and migrated to the area of Gallant, Alabama, from the Rockmart, Georgia vicinity around the turn of the century. He was from a very large family and his brothers and sisters settled from Chattanooga, Tennessee to Birmingham, Alabama. As a result of being scattered, they were not a very close family and did not keep in contact with each other. The children never knew their nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles.

Mammie Pearl Ferguson who married William Ballard was born in Jones' Cove, Jackson County, Alabama to parents, Kate Skelton and Leonidas Ferguson. She was the only child to survive out of four children born to this union. Mammie's father died of gangrene following a gunshot wound to the leg and a fall from a horse at her age 3. She and her mother, Kate, moved around quite a bit. They lived in Ft. Payne, Gallant, Walnut Grove, etc. Mammie thought she would be an old maid, but at the age of 25, she met Andy at a barn dance. He took "a liking" to her because she could "kick the back step" (whatever that was)! There were periods when they stayed with Aunt Mollie Skelton, who later married Marion M. Dutton for whom Dutton is named.

Andy and Mammie married and lived near Gallant, then on to Ball Play, Alabama, where they lived for a short time. They later moved to Zepher Hills, Florida, where Andy drove a freight wagon. Then they moved back to Ft. Payne and later to Dutton where mother Kate had bought the Earl McGriff house and farm. Daughter, Kelsie, still lives on that place which is located near the site of the Dutton Community Park.

It was February 1924 when Mammie and her daughter, Kelsie, left Ft. Payne in a T-model on a two-legged journey to Dutton. The T-model could only make it to Sylvania because the roads were

impassable from that point on to Dutton. They were met in Sylvania by young Isaac Ryan driving Uncle Marion Dutton's buggy and finally arrived, wrapped in blankets and half frozen in the late afternoon.

That same morning, the men of the family - Andy 45, Louie 14, Roy 12, and Herbert 9, left with the household furnishings in a wagon, the milk cow tied to the back. The cow soon got tired and was slowing them down, so Louie followed and lead the cow. The wagon arrived about dark - the cow and Louie arrived about 11:30 p.m. He had made the trip only once before.

Andy farmed for a living, killed hogs for spending money and fresh meat. He went to bed and got up with the chickens, He believed in a hard days work and raised his children that way.

Andy Ballard was a strong man. In these parts he was only equaled by Mr. Emmett Franklin, who was smaller but younger. The two worked at the cotton gin from time to time and would, from time to time (and "when the wagon was big enough"), each would pick up a 500 pound bale of cotton and see which one could carry the bale across the platform at the gin. (This story is absolutely true)!

Herbert Nathaniel Ballard, third son of William Andrew and Mammie) was a great basketball player at Dutton. He joined a traveling show for two or three years until the war began. He was killed during the invasion of Sipan in June of 1944 - officially June 9, 1944. However, history shows that all fighting stopped on June 9th. He was killed by the concussion of an exploding shell and, according to Mr. E. O. Payne of Macedonia, didn't have a mark on his body. Thus, the conclusion is that he must have been killed on the 8th or 9th of June as Mr. Payne told me he went down to the beach and saw his body after the fighting had stopped. He is buried in the National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Kelsie was married for a short time. She lived and worked in Oak Ridge, Tennessee several years and retired back to the family home where she still resides

William Andrew and Mammie Pearl Ballard's children are:

LOUIE KEITH, born 1910 - died 1985, married Pauline T. White, born 1912 and still living.

ROY HERSHEL, born 1912 died 1978, married Edna Hicks.

HERBERT N., born 1915 - died 1944, was never married.

KELSIE ORA, born 1918, married Anderson Cranfield and is still living. She had no children.

William Andrew Ballard died in 1954; Mammie Pearl Ferguson Ballard died in 1975.

BALLARD, ROY H.

Roy H. Ballard, son of W. A. and Mammie Pearl Ferguson Ballard, moved to Dutton from Ft. Payne, Alabama, with his parents in 1924. Roy married Edna Hicks from the Pleasant View community and they had a son, Rodney Delwyn.

RODNEY married Martie (?) and they have a son Rodney Austin Ballard. They reside in Riverside, California.

Roy was a teen-age misfit by some people's standards. He quit school, went up north and became the "Brace-n-Bit" burglar. Rumor has it that Roy had already spent time in a reform school before he went north. He was finally caught and spent a term in prison where he learned the tailoring trade. He later came home and went back to school at Pisgah where he graduated.

Roy became a machinist, worked in Pearl Harbor, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and the Huntsville Space Flight Center where he did weld-ing tests on the Saturn 5 Booster which made the moon shot.

BALLARD, LOUIE K.

Louie K. Ballard, son of W. A. and Mammie Pearl Ferguson Ballard, came to the Dutton area from Ft. Payne, Alabama in 1924 with his parents. In 1932 Louie married Pauline T. White, daughter of George and Catherine A. Lunsdom White.

Louie purchased a 40-acre tract of timber located one and one-half miles southeast of Dutton. He cut the timber and sold it, keeping enough to build a house. Then he sold the land. Pauline inherited 20 acres from her father's estate and Louie bought an adjoining 20 acres where they built the family home while living in a corn crib. The crib stood until the mid-70's. Additions have been added to the house twice, but it's still Pauline's home. All of Louie and Pauline's children live within a few miles of the home where they were born and raised except daughter, Nina Kate, who died in 1967.

Louie and Pauline celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1982 with a renewal of their vows at the Dutton Methodist Church where they were the longest standing members of that church. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dilbeck (Dub and Pauline) stood with them at the altar dur-ing the vow renewal just as they did in 1932.

Six children were born to Louie and Pauline Ballard:

BARBARA LEE who married M. O. Oder.

NINA KATE deceased.

SARAH GWIN, married to Oscar Mullins.

CLAIRENCE LEONIDAS, married to Lorraine Hardeman Wilson.

PAULA LOUISE, married to James E. Hancock

HATTIE PEARL, married to Diaz Frost.

Louie died December 17, 1985, after a 9-year battle with cancer.

Pauline still lives at the family home near Dutton.

BOHANON, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

Christopher Columbus, born 1871, and Nancy Alice McLeod Bohannon, born 1873, came to Dutton from Albertville, Alabama in 1911 after their house was destroyed by fire. They originally settled in the Pleasant Hill community and had five children: Austin, Hattie, Elwin, Urnie and Leonard.

AUSTIN, (No information on who he married). His children are Gordon, J. C. and Eva.

HATTIE, (Never lived at Dutton), married Coleman Bryant and had five children: Nell, Lucille, Chris (deceased), Max and Mary Alice.

ELWIN married Vernon Thomas and had a daughter, Alice.

URNIE, born 1904, died 1994, married Leon Nichols. This union bore two children, Phillip and Rebecca. (See Phillip and Rebecca fami-ly histories under Rufus A. Nichols Family in this book).

LEONARD, married Mertie Warren and had three children: Johnnie Lee, Royce and Sandra.

Christopher Columbus Bohannon died in 1947 and is buried at Dutton Methodist Cemetery. His wife, Nancy Alice, died in 1950.

BOLT, SHELL

Shell and Celia Bolt moved to Dutton from Randolph County in 1925. Of that family, a son, Alvin, lives and raised a family of eight children. Alvin, born in 1909, married Roberta Thompson, born in 1911. Alvin and Roberta celebrated their 65th anniversary in 1995. Their children are:

ELLA MAE, who married Ray Gann. Their five children are Donna, Gary, Ella, Pam, and Donald.

CHARLES RAY, who married Peggy Hutchison. Their children are Michael and Tina.

WILMA married (1) Loyd Pope. Their children are: Danny, Rodney, Patsy, Ricky, and Brian (Chubby). Wilma later married Milford Parham.

JIMMY, married Carolyn Rogers. They have no children.

BOBBY married Sue Anderson. Their children are Sharon and Mark.
DAVID married Melinda (?). Their children are Tami and Sabrina.
CATHY married D. L. Davis. They have a son, Bo.

LEROY married (1) Linda Daniel. Their two children are Sheree and Rhonda. Leroy's wife is Linda Browder.

DOVIE KATE, a daughter, died in her teens. Another child was born dead.

Alvin has been a farmer and poultry grower, but is now retired. Roberta died in 1997.

BUFORD, ALONZO M.

Alonzo M. Buford, born December 1853, and his wife Angeline (?) Buford, born November 1855, moved to Dutton from Calhoun, Georgia in 1913. To this union was born a son W. A. Buford, born July 21, 1877, who was born in Calhoun. W. A. married Rosa Smith, born March 16, 1883. W. A. and Rosa had four children - George, Lawrence, Nellie and Rubye.

GEORGE married Bonnie Moore and had two children, William A. and Mary Jo.

LAWRENCE did not marry and had no children

NELLIE married Max Thomas No information on children.

RUBY married Howard Bivens - No information on children.

Rosa Buford died on January 16, 1919 and W. A. married Vinnie Long (born 1874, died 1949).

W. A. Buford died October 20, 1939.

CARTER, CHARLIE

(This is an incomplete history of the Charley Carter family, all information could not be obtained)

Charley Carter and his wife, Annie, moved to Dutton (in the Old Shady Grove area) from Clay County, Alabama around 1917. Some of their children are:

JOHN SYVIE, now age 91, lives in Sugar Land, Texas. He and his first wife, Lillian, had a son who was born in 1920 and only lived for a few days. John Sivey did not have any other children.

ILA (deceased) married Claude Black. Their children are Gwendola (deceased) who married Chalmers Bailey, Janella, Johnny, Pat, Diane, and Mitchell. Pat and Mitchell still own some of the Charley Carter property near Dutton.

FANNIE (deceased) married Sherman Nix. (See Fannie's children under Nix in another part of this book).

CARTER, JOHN MORGAN, JR.

John Morgan Carter, Jr., (born 2/10/1898) moved to Dutton from Langston, Alabama (Kirbytown), in DeKalb County in 1938. His wife, Mattie Pauline Davis Carter, born (5/21/1910) was also from Kirbytown.

The family moved from Kirbytown because of TVA letting the back water from the Tennessee River on to the farm land there. John Morgan worked for TVA clearing underbrush. Pauline Carter is well remembered for her many years working at the Dutton School lunchroom. The Carters bought the Zack Taylor 53-acre farm which the heirs still own. As did most other families in the Dutton area, the Carters raised cotton as their major cash crop. Daughter Juanita Carter Baird relates that one of the things she liked to do as a child was to go along with her father to the McCord and Campbell cotton gin and watch while the cotton was baled. She also said trips to the grist mill to grind corn into meal for the family's use was interesting to her as a child. The family did not get electricity to their home until about 1948.

John Morgan and Pauline had three children - Glenn M. (Shorty) Carter, Juanita, and Faye.

GLENN M. (SHORTY) married Elsie Vinson and they had two children: Vera Kaye Carter Gravely and Glenn Morgan Carter, Jr. He taught school at Hollywood Junior High School for 13 years. In July, 1961, he was transferred to Supervisor of Transportation, Jackson County Schools and retired in 1986. Glenn resides in Scottsboro, Alabama.

JUANITA married Richard G. Baird, Sr. Their children are Richard G. Baird, Jr., and John David Baird. She worked in the office of the Jackson County Superintendent of Schools office from 1961 until she retired in 1993. She and her family resides in Scottsboro.

WANDA FAYE married Bobby Troy Wallingsford and had two children Tony and Robbie Wallingsford. She taught school in several area schools including Pleasant View, Bryant, Pisgah and Brownwood Elementary in Scottsboro. She retired in 1990 and lives in Scottsboro.

Great-grandchildren of John Morgan and Pauline Carter are Ashton Carter, age 7; Kathryn Elizabeth Baird, age 12; and Joshua Clay Baird, age 10.

The Carter children attended Sunday School at Pleasant View, vacation Bible School at Holland's Chapel and later were members of Dutton Methodist Church. Both Faye and Juanita were married at Dutton Methodist Church.

John Morgan died August 17, 1957; Pauline died June 12, 1993.

CHAMBERS, CLARENCE

Clarence, Virgie and Lillian (Dink) Chambers moved to the Dutton community in 1925, which also marked the beginning of Virgie's teaching career. Clarence died on December 5, 1959 and is buried in Dutton Methodist Cemetery. Virgie continues to live at the Chambers home in Dutton where she has resided for the past 70 years.

One daughter, Lillian, was born to this union. She married James Austin and moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where she lived until the latter years of her life. She passed away on July 24, 1993, and is buried at Dutton Methodist Cemetery as is her husband, James.

COCHRAN, W. D.

W. D. Cochran and his wife, Pearlina J. Godfrey Cochran, moved to Dutton around the year 1905 from Cherokee County, Alabama.

To the union was born six children - Oceana, Pearl, Ella, Florence, Austin and Arthur F. Cochran.

OCEANA married Robert (Bob) Hughes. (See her children under Hughes in this book.)

PEARL married J. W. Nation.

ELLA married J. M. Rosser

FLORENCE married Dr. (?) Clayton

AUSTIN, who was a doctor, died in 1921 and is buried in Pleasant View Cemetery.

ARTHUR married Rosa Tatum.

Arthur and Rosa were married December 5, 1915, at the Dutton United Methodist Church. They were the first couple to ever be united in matrimony at that church.

They lived in Dutton their entire lives. Arthur was a farmer and Rosa was postmaster at Dutton from 1914 to 1954. They had one daughter, Rosa Maxine, who married Ham Raines in 1947. Their children are:

EDWARD D., who married Claudette McGriff in 1967 and had one daughter, Tayna Maxine.

JERRY C. married Linda Gable in 1968. Their children are Christopher J. (deceased 1976), Scott, and Julie.

Rosa died in 1970; Arthur died in 1976; daughter Maxine died in 1966, and Ham died in 1990. All deceased members of the Arthur and Rosa Cochran family are buried at the Dutton Methodist Cemetery.

DEAN, JOHN THOMAS

(See Photos Page 217)

Tom Dean was born in 1875 near Cedar Town, Georgia. His family moved to Sand Mountain in 1917. Tom married Oni Allen in 1897. He taught school for a number of years in Jackson County rural schools. He served as rural mail carrier for the Dutton post office from 1914 until his retirement in 1941. At one time he carried the mail by horse and buggy but was one of the first persons in the Dutton community to own a car.

In 1907 Tom was ordained as a minister at Pleasant View Church; his first pastorate being Union Grove. He and Oni were charter members of Dutton Church. He also pastored a number of churches, including Jones Cove, Caperton's Chapel, New Bethel, New Home, Sylvania, Herengar, Chavies, Unity, Mt. Zion, Bethany and Hollywood, his last pastorate. He was the first pastor at Section Church and the first moderator of the Sand Mountain Association, serving in that capacity from 1918 through 1928.

Tom was a member of many organizations including the Ku-Klux-Klan, Masonic Lodge and Woodmen of the World. He was an excellent extemporaneous speaker on many topics and was a skilled letter writer.

His opinion and views were widely sought and respected by many people on politics and he carried considerable political weight on Sand Mountain. He was very independent in his politics, supporting neither party blindly. It is said that he voted for Herbert Hoover in 1928 and Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1952.

Rev. Dean died in 1958 and is buried beside his wife in the Pleasant View Cemetery alongside his grandson Thomas Calvin Griffin.

Tom and Oni's children are:

WILBUR BOYD DEAN, born October 5, 1899, died April 24, 1977; never married and had no children.

CLAIR THOMAS DEAN, born June 30, 1905, married to Bessie Lee Jones who died and then to Dorothy Ellison. His children were Joycellyn and Thomas Claire Dean, Jr.

Joycellyn, born in 1931, married William Hollis Johnson, Jr. in 1949. Their children are: Deborah, William III, Linda Carol, David and Michael.

Thomas Claire Dean, Jr., born in 1937, married Margaret A. Skinner in 1965. Their children are: Georgina and Claire Annette.

HOMER AUSTIN DEAN, born 1908, married Llah Nation in 1932. They had a daughter, Shelby Jean, born 1938, married D. W. Ward, Jr. in 1956; their children are Stephen D. Ward, born 1959;

Novella Christine, born 1940; married Forest D. Gray in 1961. Their children are Leslie and Julie Ann. Ruby Lanell born 1946, married David Black in 1968. Their child, Elizabeth Lee Black, born in 1972.

OTIS (ODE) DEAN, born June 23, 1911 - died January 13, 1961. Married Annie Earl Manor in 1936. Had one daughter, Nelda Jo, born 1937.

MELTON MORRIS DEAN, born August 8, 1913, died May 1968, married Mary Virginia Griffin in 1935. Their children are:

Mildred Virginia Dean, born 1936, married Carl Cabiness in 1955. Their children are: Beverly Carlene, Mary A., Shana and Maria.

Carrie Frances, born in 1938, married Charlie Potter in 1958. Their children are: Melton Eugene, Teresa and Bradley Dean.

Melton Morris Dean, Jr., born 1941, married Anita Brewer in 1962. Their children are: Robin, Joan, Farrah Summer.

Jean Laurette Dean born 1946, married Charles Yarbrough in 1964. Their children are Charles Jr., and Thomas Bryan Yarbrough.

SIBYL DEAN, born 1917, married William Ashley Griffin in 1937. Their children are: Billie Dean, Thomas Calvin, Herman Eugene.

(Source: Information taken from "Dean and Allied Families" by Claire Thomas Dean, Jr., March 1980.)

DEERMAN, ARTHUR DEAN

Arthur Dean Deerman, son of William Arthur and Lonnie Watson Deerman, was born 4/9/1922 at Dutton, Alabama. On December 24, 1939, he married Betty Elizabeth Pickett, born 3/2/1924, and they had four sons - Billy Dean, John Arthur, Rickey Guin, and Terry A. Deerman.

BILLY DEAN, born 6/30/42, married Diane Nichols and they had two daughters - Robin Denise and Jackoline.

Robin married Billy Darrell Luker and they have two children, Zachary and Miranda Luker.

Jackoline married Benjamin Padgett and they have a son, Charles Wesley.

JOHN ARTHUR, born 4/26/46, married Deanna Wynn. They have a son, John Allen. John married Karan Gray. They have two children - John Austin and Morgan Faye Deerman.

RICKEY GUIN, born 4/19/59, married Jenny Marie Watts. They have two sons, Jarrod Watts and Clifford Dean Deerman. Rickey is a doctor and practices in Rainsville, Alabama.

TERRY ANTHONY, born 11/17/61, married Janet Precise. Their children are Maga Caroline and Terra Jewell Deerman.

Dean Deerman was killed in an automobile accident on November 11, 1969. His widow, Elizabeth Deerman, married Horace Golden on May 2, 1975.

DEERMAN, JOE WHEELER (BUDDY)

Joe Wheeler (Buddy) Deerman was born in Dutton on May 5, 1918. He married Opal Virginia Rogers. To the union was born a daughter, Jerri Elizabeth. Jerri married Terry Wayne Coleman and has two children - Leslie Celeste and Kevin Nathaniel Coleman.

DEERMAN, ROBERT

(See Photo Pages 228-29)

Robert Deerman married Ella McGriff and to that union was born six children - Ora lee, Van Buren, Willis Wayne, Weldon Mac, Donald Dale, and Carolyn Gail.

ORA LEE married Haskell Burden who died in the 1960's and is buried in Chattanooga, Tennessee. They had one son, Jerry Burden.

VAN BUREN married Bonnie Lou Williams. Their children are Michael, Al, Steven and Sid. Van was inducted into the Alabama High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in January, 1995. He had 547 wins in basketball. The gymnasium at Jacksonville High School is named in Van's honor.

WILLIS WAYNE married Peggy Keith (deceased 6-24-95) and lives in Huntsville, Alabama. Their children are Keith, Myra, Bob and Marc. Willis was a coach after he graduated college, served two years in the military and taught school at Sylvania following his discharge from the army. In 1957 he went to work at the Redstone Arsenal and remained in that capacity until his retirement in 1990.

WELDON MAC married Shirley Hicks, lives at Dutton and has two children, Russ and Kim.

DONALD DALE married Linda Wilson. They have three children - Don Lynn and Jeff

CAROLYN GAIL married Jack Pauley and lives at Dutton.

DEERMAN, WILLIAM J.

William J. Deerman, born 9-13-1847 married Laura A. Whorton, born 2-29-1860, in 1876. They moved to the Dutton area in 1890. To this union was born ten children - J. Wylie, Lillie Kate, William Arthur, Martha Belle, Van Scott, Ellis P., Bertha E., Garland H., Laura, and Luther.

J. WYLIE (born 5-17-1877) married Neely Bramblett in 1903. Their children: Myrtle, who married Ezra Gilley; Luther who died at age six months; Neter, who died at age five; Joe married Virginia Morris and had two sons; Dan married Beatrice Grubbs; Grover (married ?), Woodrow, who married Louise Craig Vallie M. who died at four months of age; Patrick Henry, who died at four months; and Lee.

LILLIE KATE (born 5-20-1880) married John T. Barnes in 1900. Their children: Dewey; and Floyd A., who married Vernie Bramblett. Their children: Josie Faye (deceased 2-30-42), Juanita, Walter, Willie, Wylie, Edna Barnes Edmondson, and Bertie Barnes White.

WILLIAM ARTHUR (BORN 822-1882) married Lonnie P. Watson in 1904. Their children are Robert, who married Ella McGriff; Lottie, married Hoyt Crawford; Allie married T. P. Germany, Ruby married Lionell Smith; Joe Wheeler (Buddy) married Opal Rogers; Homer married Pluma Thomas; Violet married Jim C. Hairston; Dean married Eliza Beth Pickett; Maggie Lou married Leon Hicks.

MARTHA BELLE (born 7-8-1885) married Ben J. Bramblett in 1904. Their children: Willie P., who married Marie Davis; Laura L. (deceased 8-12-1914); Hoyt married Edith Kennamer; and J. Howard, who married Irene Young. Their children are Martha Jane and Jimmie.

VAN SCOTT (born 5-8-1888) married Martha Deerman in 1905. Their children: Hettie, who married an Erwin; Pearl married Milton Owens; Anna Kate died in 1920 at age four; Quiller (deceased 1962) married Bernice Shurey; Fletcher married Bernice McDonald; Curtis married Emma May Cunningham, had a child, Carylton Birthell, who died in 1940 at age four months.

ELLIS P. (born 4-4-1891 - died 2-22-1909).

BERTHA E. (born 2-13-1894) married Elmer A. Powell in 1912 and had one daughter, Gaynell. (See Gaynell's family under Powell).

GARLAND H. (born 12-17-1897) married Margaret Evans in 1919. Their children: Roger, Peggie, Roxie Deerman Burrell, Kate Deerman Howell, Margie Deerman Nix, and Juanita Deerman.

LAURA (born 9-1-1900 - died 6-10-1901).

LUTHER (born 2-4-1903 - died 9-26-1903).

DEERMAN, DANIEL W.

Daniel W. Deerman, son of J. Wiley and Neeley Bramblett Deerman, was born November 4, 1905, in Dutton. Dan married Beatrice Grubbs, born February 12, 1908. Dan died April 21, 1974; Beatrice still lives at Dutton. Five children were born to this union. They are:

IVA LEE, who married Vom Carpenter. Their children are Terry Carpenter and Connie Carpenter Kirk.

DANEL W., JR., (deceased 5/24/91), married Eula (?) and had a daughter, Lisa.

WOODSON married Carolyn (?) and has a daughter, Woodonna.

KENNETH married Diane (?) and has four children - Gregory Joe Cheri, Jeff and Holly.

REVA SUE married Jerry Reed and has a son, Jay.

DEERMAN, WOODROW

Woodrow R. Deerman, born September 6, 1915, in Jackson County Alabama, married Mamie Louis Craig, born February 21, 1919, in DeKalb County, Alabama. Woodrow, son of J. Wiley and Neeley Bramblett Deerman, died in 1990. Louise still lives at Dutton. To the union was born three children Larry, Wade and Kathy.

LARRY, born 1/16/40, married Marsha Edmonds and has two children, Michael and Lindsey. They live in Lancaster, South Carolina.

WADE, born 9/7/43, married Janice (?) and has two daughters - Jennifer and Lori. They live in Birmingham, Alabama.

KATHY, born 11/23/52, married Rickey Wynn and had two children - Jacob and Haley. She later married Phillip Thompson and they have no children. They live in Scottsboro, Alabama.

DUNN, ROE

Roe Dunn, son of Charlie and Annie Minton Dunn, was born in 1903 and moved to the Dutton area from North Carolina with his parents in the year 1915. He married Irene Hicks (born 12/23/1902) who was born in the Dutton area. Roe and Irene's children are:

KATHYRN married Richard Faulkner and they had two children, Charles and Sandra.

EULON married Janie Eversole. Their children are Randall and Stan.

AUTON married Rhoda Bowean and they had two children, Cindie and Jamie.

ROYCE married Ronywn Bain. Their children are Edwin and Renessa.

DILBECK, WILLIAM HENRY

(See Photo Pages 230-31)

William Henry Dilbeck was born in 1859 in Barton County, Georgia. He married Melissa Carlise Brook of Cherokee County, Alabama and

they moved to the Dutton area around 1915. William Henry's father was born on a ship coming to this country from England. He and his family settled in Georgia. When he died, he was laid to rest in Georgia and his tombstone had an engraving of the ship which had brought him to America. He came into the world and went to his final resting place with the ship which symbolized the promise of a new world for his family.

William Henry was the father of Charles Franklin Dilbeck. Charles was born in Canton, Georgia in 1879. He married Mariah Pearl Ray in 1901 and they lived in Canton from 1901-1915. In 1915 they moved to Dutton. They had eight children - William Grady, James Claude, Ernest Carl, Clifford Lee, Walter Lewis (Dub), Ora Mae, Ruby Pearl and Dorothy Faye.

GRADY married Lena Greer and they had three children: Nora Pearl, who married Harold Allen. Their children are Johnny, George and Brad. Clifford Lee, children (?); and Charles, who had three children.

JAMES CLAUDE married Bonnie Duncan. Their children are Charlotte Dilbeck Payne and Jimmy. Charlotte has a daughter, Martha; Jimmy has two adopted children, Joel and Jennifer.

ERNEST CARL died at age 7 years.

CLIFFORD LEE married Odell Pennington. They had one daughter, Betty.

WALTER L. (Dub) married Pauline Anderson and they had one daughter, Janette. (See Janette's children under Anderson Family elsewhere in this book).

ORA MAE married Hoyt Nation. They had a son Alan who now lives in Hattisburg, Miss.

RUBY PEARL married Loyd B. Cagle.

DOROTHY FAY married Charles E. Bramblett. She was a math teacher; he worked for T.V.A. They had no children. They are deceased and both are buried in Dutton Methodist Cemetery.

Grady and Clifford are buried in Ohio; Ora Mae in Mississippi, Carl in Georgia, Claude at Straight Creek Cemetery and W. L. at Dutton Methodist Cemetery.

DUNCAN, GUS

Gus Duncan's date of birth is unknown but presumed to be in the late 1800's or early 1900. However, what is known is that he was born in Gordon County, Georgia and married Lucy Parker. He and one of his brothers, Johnny, moved to Alabama in 1919. They first moved to DeKalb County near Rainsville and Gus moved to Dutton in the early 1920's. They had three sons and four daughters. Their children :

OMER married Faitha Williams and had one son, Virlyn. Omer farmed and worked at the Dutton Garage as a mechanic. They lived a few years in DeKalb County but moved back to Dutton in 1933. Faitha died in 1985 at age 84. Omer died in 1992 at age 89. Both are buried at Green Haven Memorial Gardens.

Virlyn married Louise Kibble. They have three children, Larry, Vicki and Angie. Virlyn retired from the Water Department in 1993. Louise still runs a day care center. Larry Duncan married Linda Cesil from Virginia Beach, Va. whom he met while stationed at Norfolk. When he was discharged from the Navy, he came back to Dutton and worked for a radio station in Scottsboro. He later worked at the Daily Sentinel and is now director of Jackson County E911. Their daughter Vicki married Jerry Dyer and they have two sons, Jerry Jay and B-Jay and a daughter, Louise. Vicki lives at Dutton and works for Champion Products. Angie married Rickey Nichols and has one daughter, Lacie. She lives at Dutton and works at Andover Togs.

MATTIE LEE married Bill Ray and lived at Dutton for several years before moving to Flat Rock where they resided until their deaths. Both are buried at Flat Rock. Their children are Allison and Betty Jo. Both are married and live at Flat Rock.

LULA MAE married Charlie Norwood and they lived around Dutton for several years before moving to Flat Rock, Alabama. They left Flat Rock and moved to Texas where they are both buried. Their children are Wilma, Welton, Billy Charles, Rayford and James.

THURMAN married Mary Brown and now lives in Section, Alabama. They have one son, Eldridge.

HOYAL married Flossie Nichols. They lived in Hodge and later moved to Flat Rock. Hoyal is buried at Flat Rock where Flossie still lives. They had five children.

VERNA only lived to be about one year of age. She is buried at Dutton Cemetery.

ALMA married Roy Shrader. Roy is buried at Flat Rock and Alma still lives there. They had four children (names unknown).

EVERETT, WILLIAM

(See Photo Page 212)

William Everett came to the Dutton area from Akron, Ohio. (date unknown). He served in the Civil War and after the war was over, was stationed at New Orleans, guarding Confederate prisoners. Later he was transferred from New Orleans to Nashville, Tennessee.

Becoming friends with a young man from Grove Oak, Alabama, William visited the area with his friend where he met and later married Nancy Gilliland. He then homesteaded one hundred-sixty acres of land, located between Dutton and Hodge and was one of the first postmasters at Old Dutton. He operated the post office out of his home, then built a log cabin and ran the post office out of the one-room building. He also served the area as Justice of the Peace.

William and Nancy had three daughters - Rebecca, Harriett, and Effie.

REBECCA married J. W. Bailey. They had four children: Gracie Bailey, Rhoda Farris Bailey, Ida W. Bailey and Homer Bailey. All are deceased. Rebecca and J. W. are both buried in Chaney's Chapel Cemetery.

HARRIETT married Sam Headrick (both deceased) and both buried in Chaney's Chapel Cemetery. Their six children are: Pearl Headrick Strickland, Nettie Headrick Smith, Dan, Roy, Velois, and Willie (Bill) Headrick. (All deceased).

EFFIE married Joseph Hughes (both deceased). They had two sons: John and Jim Hughes (both deceased).

Joseph Hughes died and Effie married a Mr. Skelton and they had one son, Royce Skelton. Both Mr. and Mrs. Skelton are deceased.

William and Nancy Everett are both deceased and buried in Chaney's Chapel Cemetery.

FARRIOR, HUGH ED

(See Photo Pages 232-33)

Hugh Ed Farris came to the Dutton area from Georgia (date unknown). He married Lizzie Chattin whose family lived at Fern Cliff. The Chattin family ran the Fern Cliff post office. Hugh and Lizzie bought a one-hundred acre farm in the Hodge community, built a six room house and raised their eight children there. This farm has been in the Farris family about one hundred and ten years. It is now owned by David Farris (Virgil Farris's youngest son). One member of the Farris family still lives in the Hodge community. Virgil's youngest daughter, Merle Griffin, lived near the old homeplace until her death in 1996.

Ed and Lizzie's children are:

ELLA FARRIOR (unmarried), born January 15, 1886 and died October 1, 1971. She was unmarried and is buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery near Section, Alabama.

GLADYS FARRIOR (unmarried), born October 17, 1902, died March 27, 1986. She is buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery also.

ED FARRIOR, (unmarried), born July 23, 1893, died Mary 7; 1911. Buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

OLIVIA FARRIOR, born August 25, 1892, died October 2, 1916; married Hamp Smith, one son, Eugene (Gene) Smith. Olivia passed away at a young age, leaving a six-month-old child. Hugh Ed and Lizzie adopted the child, Gene, and raised him as their own. He was known in the area as Gene Farris and is now deceased and buried in Oxford, North Carolina.

FOSTER FARRIOR, (date of birth and death unknown), married Gussie Green, deceased. They had three daughters, Willie Barron of Nashville, Tennessee; Lela Clark of Winchester, Tennessee; and Eugenia Nanney of Black Mountain, North Carolina.

RUBY FARRIOR, (date of birth and death unknown), married Colonel Green and had one son, Rayford Green who still lives at Dutton. Ruby and Colonel are both deceased and are buried at Chaney's Chapel Cemetery.

VIRGIL (BURR) FARRIOR, born May 20, 1899, died October 15, 1986. Married Rhoda Bailey. Both Virgil and Rhoda are buried in Chaney's Chapel Cemetery. Their six children are:

JOHN W. (JIMMY), who married Jean Gaintla (?) of Spokane, Washington. They had one daughter, Barbara Jo Steadberg, who lives in Spokane. Jimmy is a World War II veteran and is retired from Keyser Aluminum in Spokane. He presently lives at the Scottsboro Nursing Home.

RUBY JO FARRIOR, married Willis Long. She retired from the textile industry in Chattanooga, Tennessee. They had three children: Mary Nell Long Hayes of Illinois; Sherrie Long Carter and Mike Long both of Chattanooga. Ruby Jo was born March 20, 1925 and passed away on February 25, 1995. She is buried in Lakewood Memorial Gardens West in Lookout Valley, Tennessee.

WINFORD EDWARD (WIMP) FARRIOR, married Vonda Croft. Their children are Julene Crane and Darel Jones of Wildwood, Ga; Gail Stapler of Chattanooga, Tennessee; and John Jones of Destin, Florida. Wimp is a World War II and Korean War veteran. He retired from TVA in 1985 and presently resides in Wildwood, Georgia.

NORMAN FARRIOR married Velma Clark. They have one son, Mike, who lives in Gurley, Alabama. Norman retired from Cotton States Insurance Company in 1986 and has been employed by Jackson County Circuit Court as a bailiff since 1988. Norman attended Southern Union College and Athens College. He is a Korean War veteran and presently resides in Gurley, Alabama.

MERLE FARRIOR GRIFFIN married Calvin Griffin (deceased). The son, Russell lives in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

DAVID FARRIOR (unmarried) lives in Rossville, Georgia. He retired from Walker County Technical Institute as vice-president of student services in 1991. He has been employed at Dalton College as Industrial Coordinator since 1992.

David received his A.A. from Southern Union College; B. S. from Livingston University and his Masters from Auburn University, and his Educational Specialist degree from West Georgia College. He did graduate work at Georgia State University and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Dr. Hugh Farrow, father of Hugh Ed Farrow, was a medical doctor in Georgia. He was born January 14, 1818 and died in July of 1890. He is buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery near Section, Alabama.

FRANKLIN, ELISHA

Elisha Franklin came to the Dutton area, as did many other families, from Jones' Cove when the area there was flooded. The date of the move is unknown. Mr. Franklin died in his early 40's. His wife, Sarah Katherine Wheeler Franklin, had a store/restaurant across the road from the Dutton post office and school for several years. She also rented a large two-story apartment building across the road from the post office for several years. Mrs. Kate lived to be 104 years of age.

The couple had three children: Louise, who married Vestal Headrick; Emmett, who married Norvel Owens, and John (no other information available).

GANN, WILLIAM THOMAS

(See Photo Pages 233-34)

William Thomas and Martha Gann moved to the Dutton area in 1898 from Villa Rica, Georgia. One of their children was Will T. Gann.

Will T. Gann married Fannie Pickett. Will was a farmer and also served as sheriff of Jackson County in 1912. Fannie was a nurse. She was one of the persons who succumbed to flu during the epidemic in Dutton which took so many lives in the late 1919's and early 1920's. Fannie contracted the flu while taking care of other people sick with the illness. Will T. and Fannie had twelve children: Henry, Bessie, Mattie, Mae, Grace, Rose, John Carl "Kye", Hobson "Hob", Madge, Lesley, Eunice, BreeLand "Bill", and a baby who was born dead.

HENRY married Lou Ann Long, born 9/14/1896, who moved to Dutton from DeKalb County, Alabama in 1915. Henry and Lou had eleven children. They are:

T. B. (deceased 8-13-1987), married Jewel Long and had three children Bonnie Gann Cabiness, June Gann Irving, Hubert Gann, Joan G. Love, Judy G. Whitten, Foye Gann, and David Gann.

MARIE (deceased 5-27-1985) married Odie Adams and had eight children - Odie, Jr. (deceased 1995), Rebecca Adams Hill, Marvin Adams Johnny Adams, Harold Adams, Brenda A. Jackson, Kay A. Tidwell, and Billy Adams.

WILLIS married Lorene White and had two children, Renatta Dekker and Vicki Crowe.

WAYNE married Syble Stone and has a son, Larry.

FANNIE married Thomas Lee and has three children; Tommy Lee, Diane Bradford and David Lee.

PETE married Opal Medlock and has four children - Terry, Jimmy, and Danny (deceased) Gann and Ramona G. Ellis.

BOBBIE married (?). Her children are Pat, Debra and James Malone, and Cindy Turner.

BETTY JO married Lee R. (Tom) McAbee. Their children are: Darrell McAbee, Barbara M. Romans, Loretta M. Ward, and Jennifer McAbee.

BILLY married Vera Cole and has a son, David.

VONDELL married Rachel Newman. Their children are Tony, Roger and Michael Gann.

ROY married Wanda Tucker and has four children - Pam Gann Meade, Pat Gann Thrasher, Michelle Gann Miller and Alan Gann.

EUNICE married Ruth Kilgore and had two children, Kenneth and Neva.

BREELAND (BILL) married Audrey Conway and had no children. They raised two children, Dessie and Anne Gorham. Dessie lives at Rainville and Anne lives at Dutton.

BESSIE married (?) and had one child who died at an early age.

MATTIE married Charlie Freeman and had no children.

MAE married Chester (Check) Bailey and had a son, Russell Bailey.

GRACE married Horace Golden and had no children.

ROSE married Hugh Swain and had no children.

JOHN CARE "Kye" married Virgie Kilgore and had five daughters - Betty, Phyllis, Elizabeth, Eloise, and Carolyn. Betty married Benny Cisco and lives in Scottsboro, Alabama; Phyllis married Will Ron

Prater and lives in Trenton, Georgia; Elizabeth married Bob McKenzie and lives in Scottsboro; Eloise married (1) Lavoy Sargent (deceased) and (2) Bill Steele and lives in Henegar, Alabama; Carolyn married (1) A. B. Pass and (2) Verner Hermus and lives in Norcross, Georgia.

THOMAS HOBSON "HOB" married Vada Carr and had seven children.

MADGE married Edmond Bain and had two children, Eddie and Frances Baine.

LESLEY - never married and had no children.

All of Will T. and Fannie Pickett Gann's daughters were nurses. Madge, who lives at Pisgah, Alabama, is the only member of that family who is still living.

Will T. later married Goldie McClung and they had seven children:

DORIS married Larkin Creed and had four children: Larkins, Jr., Robert (the other two children's names are not known). Doris lives in LaGrange, Georgia.

RICHARD (deceased) Richard married and raised his three children up north. No information was made available on his wife or children.

SUE never married and has no children. She lives in LaGrange, Georgia.

IMOGENE married Cecil Cupp and lives in Rossville, Georgia. No information on her three children).

Henry died March 1, 1947; Lou Ann died April 29, 1970.

BERTIE married Linden Ollis and lives in Rainsville, Alabama. They have two children. No other information.

BYRD (deceased) was a twin to Bertie. He died at an early age.

Will T. Gann died March 1, 1935 and is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

CHRISTINE (deceased) married Barney Cook and had two children. No other information.

GERMANY, MORRIS

(See Photo Page 234)

Morris and Eugeneina Germany never lived in the Dutton community. The family was originally from Holland, and their son, Oscar, and his wife, Reathie Meadows Germany, came to the Dutton area in 1911 from Newsite, Alabama. They had five children - Vida, Eugenia, Thomas Preston, Malchus, and Dean.

VIDA married Griff Kenemore and had three children: Dorothy, Bonnie Faye and Wannie Kenemore. Dorothy married Jason Morgan

and lives at Flat Rock, Alabama. Bonnie Faye married Michael Smith and lives in Houston, Texas, and Wannie, a bachelor, lives in the Union Grove area.

EUGENIA married Charley Atkins and had a daughter, Reathie, who is unmarried.

THOMAS PRESTON married Alie Deeman. Their children are John Thomas, Novel, Alfred and Lenora. John Thomas married Sue Faulkner and lives in Chavies, Alabama. Novel married Martha Lawson and lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Alfred married Lynn Moustain (?) and lives in Rosalie, Alabama. Lenora married Jimmy Shankles and lives in Guntersville, Alabama. MALCHUS never married and has no children.

DEAN married Vonie O'Shields and has two children - Lee and Doris. Lee married Daisy Kirkland and lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Doris married Ervin Ross and lives in Culpepper, Va.

GILBERT, WILLIAM RILEY "UNCLE BILLY"

William Riley (Uncle Billy) Gilbert was born May 4, 1861 and had three wives. He was widowed twice and was married to his third wife at the time of his death on January 26, 1930.

He and his first wife had five children Calvin, Caleb, Minnie, Harrison and Mollie.

His second wife was Roxanne Lacy. Their children were:

ELLEN, who married Lawton Acker. Their children were Idell, Leroy, Ray, Cathell and (?). All of Ellen's family are deceased.

MARGARET ANN, who married George Tigue. Their children are: Gemima (deceased) (married W. L. Pope), Ethelene (Married twice: (1) Ernest Sanders and (2) Grover Verhine); Mary Ruth (married Clyde Evans, deceased); James Ray (deceased) (married Jean Cooley); Charles Edward (married Phyllis Malcolm); Jewell Dean (married Milford E. "Buck" Smalley, deceased); Clara Sue (married Lyle C. Jones) (deceased); Norma Jean (married Roy Bradford); Ruby LaMerle (married Bill Austin (deceased) and Donald Loveless; George Jr. (deceased) married twice; Helen Jane (married Glen Holt) and JoAnne (married (1) Earl Phillips and (2) Tommy Hurst).

JOHN, who married Lula Walker. Their children are Alice Mae, Wanda (deceased), Tommy, Ronnie and Billy Max.

MARK, who married Edna Drain. Their children: Jane, Sue and Buck.

All four of William Riley and Roxanne Gilbert's children are deceased. Both Margaret and Ellen lived until their mid-nineties.

William Riley then married Mary Jane Laminack Bailey they had four children - Roxie, Agnes, Gordon and Leona. Roxie (married Hollis McCurdy and Roger Craig) Their children are Jane, Mittzi and Stanley. Agnes (married Faye Pass): Their children are Bill Pass and Sheila Mitchell. Gordon (married Sadie Ball): Their children are Kenneth, _____ and _____ Leona (married Horace Wilson), had one child and both died in childbirth.

Roxie and Agnes are the only survivors of the William Riley and Mary Jane Laminack Gilbert union.

William Riley's third wife Mary Jane who had four children by a previous marriage and was a widow. The children were small when they married so William Riley raised the four children as his own. Her children were Vernon Bailey (wife Pluma); Sula (married John Norwood and Lewis Hill); Eula (married Linus Shanks) and Beulah (married Jess McCurdy).

Beulah is the only survivor of this family.

GOLDEN, BENJAMIN FRANK

Benjamin Frank Golden was born February 4, 1864, in Atlanta, Georgia. His family originally came from North Carolina. He married Georgia Bailey (no information as to where she was born or date of birth).

Frank Golden was born during the war when Atlanta was burning. His father was fighting in the battle and was not at home at the time of his birth so Georgia's mother attended her own birth. The story goes that there was gun fire all around the house where the Golden family were. The mother went outside and waved a Mason's apron and blew on a shell to try to get some help (that shell is still in the possession of a Golden family member). Responding to the call for help, a general from the other side (presumably a Union general), came to the woman's assistance. They built a fence around the house so that the family could keep a cow for milk to raise the infant on. The family stood guard over the cow so that it would not be stolen or slaughtered to feed the troops.

Frank had a brother who was also born in North Carolina. He left the family as they traveled through Tennessee and was never heard from again. After moving to Dutton, Frank ran the post office for a while in his store.

Frank and Georgia Bailey Golden had six children: John, Jim, Frank, Horace, Allie, Adie, Lizzie and Lona.

Frank and Georgia are buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, as are their children Horace, Frank, and Lona Golden Powell.

Horace Golden married Grace Gann of Dutton in 1926, they had no children. After the death of Grace Golden, Horace married Elizabeth Pickett Deerman, widow of Dean Deerman. Horace died on March 2, 1989; Elizabeth still lives at Dutton.

GORHAM, GEORGE EMMITT

George Emmitt Gorham (born 1881 died 1934) was the son of George Washington and Ava Ann Griffin Gorham. He married Bertha Emoline Comaway (born 1902 - died 1942) of Dutton. There is no information available as to where George Gorham came from originally nor his date of birth.

George and Bertha had three children - Dessie, William, and Anne.

George and Bertha had three children, Dessie and William Emmitt and Anne.

DESSIE married Julian L. Quigley and had two sons - Michael L. and Patrick C. Quigley.

WILLIAM EMMITT married Imogene Bachelor and has a son, William Stanley Gorham.

GREEN, WILFREY

Wilfrey Green came to Dutton from South Carolina and married Sarah Coots, from Fyffe, Alabama in 1881. No information was made available about the year he came to the area, nor his date of birth. However, after coming to Dutton, he homesteaded 120 acres of land and built a log house for himself and his wife. They had fourteen children, all boys. All the children lived to be adults except one. Their children are:

JAMES ARTHUR who married Paralee (?).

ALBERT was a twin to Elbert and died in infancy.

ELBERT married Lou Blackwell.

LUTHER married Deely Nichols.

ANDREW married Sally Griffin.

COY married Ola Carter.

DOCK married Audie Griffin.

JERRY married Esther Wilson.

FRANK married Gertrude Herd.

WILLIAM married Nevada Staton.

DILMUS married Lessie Nichols.

ERNEST never married.

COLONEL married Ruby Farrior.

CLAREY married Mabel Holloway.

Wilfrey farmed for a living as did most of his sons. He cleared most of the land he had homesteaded and operated a syrup mill and made syrup for the community. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

GREGG, CARL

Carl Gregg and his wife, Nora Camp Gregg, came to the Dutton area in 1918 from Clay County, Alabama. Carl died in 1952 and Nora died in 1968. Their children are: Alma, Lovane, I. V., Cloice, and Glen.

GLEN married Dorothy (?) (deceased 1981) and lives at Dutton. Their children are Mary Kate, who married J. C. Mount; Glena married Franklin Myers, and Martha married Roger Wynn.

ALMA, not married, no children, lives in Ft. Payne, Alabama.

LOVANE married Joe Heste and lives in Ft. Payne.

I. V. married Warren Bailey and lives in Ft. Payne.

CLOICE married Alec West. Cloice died in 1991.

GRIFFIN, HENRY HARRISON

(See Photo Page 235)

Henry Griffin, born January 24, 1889, married Carrie Victoria Anderson, born October 11, 1890. They were married on November 20, 1912. Henry died 2-22-1976; Victoria died 9-1-1980. To this union was born twelve children. They are:

MARY VIRGINIA, born 2-6-14, married Melton Morris Dean. They had four children and presently have 9 grandchildren.

WILLIAM ASHLEY (BILL), born 3-10-15, married (1) Sibyl Dean, (2) Della Patterson. Bill had two children and 3 grandchildren.

CHARLES EVAN, born 8-30-16, married Irene Warren, had five children and 17 grandchildren.

HENRY HAMISON, JR., born 2-18-18, died 1-13-19.

JEAN ELIZABETH, born 1-13-20, married Waymon Pickett; had three children and 8 grandchildren.

DENBY PERRY, born 5-10-21, died 9-17-24.

CALVIN DAWES, born 4-18-25; died 7-21-85. Married (1) Sylvia Bell Scott, two children and 7 grandchildren. Second wife _____, had one child, two grandchildren.

BASCOM WAYNE, born 5-10-28, married Norma Shankles; one child.

RUBY JO, born 12-21-22, died 7-4-23.

HARLAN HUGH, born 2-15-30, married Judy Brown, two children, 5 grandchildren.

RAYBURN MAXWELL, born 3-9-33 (deceased 11-30-87), married Ann Roberts, three children, eight grandchildren.

SYBIL WANDA, born 8-8-36, married Frank Stanley Stewart; three children and 7 grandchildren, including a set of twins.

All born in Dutton area and deceased buried in Chaney's Chapel Cemetery.

HEADRICK, WILLIAM SPENCER

(See Photo Page 235)

William Spencer Headrick (earlier spelled Hedrick) and his wife, Martha M. Clemens Headrick, came to Dutton from Blount County, Tennessee about 1870.

The couple came to Alabama along with the families of her brother and his sister, (Samuel G. Clemens and Mary Etta Headrick, buried in the Finney Cemetery south of Scottsboro, Alabama) and his other sister (Levender or Levi Byrd and Millie Headrick). The William Headrick family settled near Chaney's Chapel toward the top of the mountain. The Samuel Clemens family and the Levender Byrd family settled in the valley around the Larkinsville area originally.

William and Martha Headrick's children are:

AHART (HART) HEADRICK married Evergreen Howard. Their children: Miriam A., Mattie A., William J., and Ben.

WILLIAM HEADRICK married Mary Jane Long (no other information).

ANN married (?) Shelton (no information).

MARY A. married (?) Wadkins (no information).

SALLIE married John Martin (no information).

HENRY THOMAS (TOM) HEADRICK married Armie Evergreen Andrews. Their children: (1) Eugene who married twice - Minnie Pickett and Claudia Green. (2) Lillie, who married Joseph Henson (Joe) Holland. They are buried in Pleasant View Cemetery. Joe is the brother of Jefferson (Jeff) Holland who married Rosa Della Headrick, Lillie's sister. (3) Rosa Della married Jeff Holland. They are both buried in Dutton Methodist Cemetery. (4) Henry Ernest married Florence B. Nation. They are buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Scottsboro, Alabama. (5) William (Willie) married Tommie Mae Adams. (6) Charles Vestal married Louise Franklin; they are buried in Huntsville, Alabama; (7) Annie Myrtle married Emanuel Dexter (Deck) Johnson and both are buried in Dutton Methodist Cemetery; (8) Charles Donnis (Charlie) married Annie Durham. He is buried in Huntsville; she lives

in Huntsville. (9) Jolly Marvin married Crystal Whitten (no other information); (10) Zinna married Eugene Webster. They are buried in Pleasant View Cemetery; (11) Violet Birdia married Frederick Grady Kuykendall. They are buried in Pleasant View Cemetery.

RODA M. (JENNIE I.) HEADRICK married J. Will Nichols and both are buried at Chaney's Chapel Cemetery. Their children are: (1) Odell, who married Florence Hughes. They are both buried at Chaney's Chapel. (2) Hugh married Emolene R. Smith and both are buried at Dutton Methodist Cemetery; (3) John married Stella Lacy (no other information); (4) Willie married Opal (?); (no information); (5) Horace married Thelma Beavers (no information); (6) Delphia never married and is buried at Chaney's Chapel Cemetery.

SAMUEL E. HEADRICK married Harriett M. Everett and both are buried at Chaney's Chapel Cemetery. Their children are: (1) Pearl, who married John DeKalb Strickland. They are buried at Pleasant View Cemetery; (2) Dan married Lucy Thomas. He is buried at Chaney's Chapel; (3) Nettie married Cecil Smith and both are buried at Chaney's Chapel; (4) Vilas married Ruby Medlock (no other information); (5) Roy married twice - (1) Inas Gurtrella Payne, (2) Nokie Hemphill. Roy and Gurtrella are buried in the Chaney's Chapel Cemetery; (6) Willie Spencer married Jimmie Edna Medlock (no other information).

JOHN D. HEADRICK married Winnie Watson. Their children are: (1) Johnny (no information); (2) Holly, who married Stella Payne; (3) Andrew, who married Jessie Crabb; (4) Ethel, who married Sam Shankles; (5) George, who married Nora Burke.

SECOND FAMILY OF JOHN D. HEADRICK married Maymie Martin: Their children are: (1) Mary, who married Johnny Edwards; (2) John Harding married Nell Anderson; (3) Jane married Ralph Chason.

John D., and Maymie are buried at Pleasant View Cemetery.

NATHANIEL G. HEADRICK married Viola Grant. Their children are: (1) Obie, married Liza Guffey; (2) Ada, married Mitchel Newton; (3) Naomi married Joe Burroughs; (4) Mary married Carl White.

Nathaniel and Viola are buried at Grant, Alabama.

HIGGINS, J. E.

J. E. Higgins, born March 20, 1907, moved to the Dutton area from Fyffe, Alabama in 1936. He married Stella Seogins who was born at Dutton on April 12, 1910. They had two children, Kenneth and Carolyn.

KENNETH married Jo Ann Morris. Their children are David who is with T.V.A. and lives in Tanner, Alabama; John, who owns and operates Morris Shoes; and Teresa, who lives at Pisgah and owns B and H Studio.

CAROLYN married Ralph Roberson. Their son, Adam, is with the U. S. Army in Korea; Starlett and Daniel both live in Nashville, Tennessee.

J. E. Higgins died February 17, 1977.

HOLLAND, LINDSEY NATHANIEL

Lindsey Nathaniel Holland (date of birth unknown) and his wife, Rebecca Saphronia Shelnut Holland came to Dutton from Buchanan (Haralson County), Georgia about 1895. Both are buried in the Pleasant View Cemetery.

They settled on a site behind the Holland's Chapel church. Lindsey established the church, and was its first preacher. All of their family, along with the families of their married children and the family of her sister, Mary H. Shelnut Adams (wife of James M. Adams) attended the church. Their children are: John Talton, James Miles, Jefferson Andrew Washington, Joseph Henson, Mary Samantha, Nancy E., Harriett Saphronia, Joshua Nathaniel (Nat) and Jasper W. C. All the children were born in Haralson County.

JOHN TALTON married Amanda R. (Mandy) Miller also from Haralson County. Their children are: (1) Dessie E. who married R. D. (Dick) Smith. Both are buried in Pleasant View Cemetery. (2) Ola S. died as a child and never married; buried at Pleasant View Cemetery (3) Bunah L., died as a child and never married; buried at Pleasant View Cemetery (4) Susie M., died as a child, never married, buried at Pleasant View Cemetery. (5) Jetsy R., married Robert Adams, buried in Pleasant View Cemetery, (6) James Bryan (Jim), never married, buried in Pleasant View Cemetery; (7) J. W. Lee, never married, buried in Pleasant View Cemetery, (8) Alice V., never married, buried in Pleasant View Cemetery, (9) Gordon C. married Annie Lou Ray, they are both buried in Pleasant View Cemetery; (10) Homer married Clyde Teddar. He is buried in the Mt. View Memorial Gardens between Rainsville and Ft. Payne, Alabama. (11) Winnie married Irve Burgess. She is buried in the Pleasant View Cemetery.

JAMES MILES (JIM) married Salome A. Felton. Salome was the first wife of James Miles (Jim) Holland and was the sister of Mary Ann (Molly) Felton who was Jefferson Andrew Washington (Jeff) Holland's first wife. Their children are: (1) Joseph (Joe) who married Lillie Owens. (2) Sarah married Robert W. (Bob) Massingill. They are both

buried in the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church cemetery between Sylvania and Ft. Payne, Alabama. (3) Beulah married Larkin Clark; (4) Myrtle married John Walden, (5) Jewel married Bronson Bruce, (6) Louis (no information on who he married); (7) Attus Theodore married Rosena Bethune. He is buried in Pleasant View Cemetery. (8) Vera (no information); (9) Lorena married Pete Reese and lives in Gadsden, Alabama.

SECOND FAMILY OF JAMES MILES (JIM) - married Viola (Ola) Griffith. Ola married a Kenimer after Jim Holland died and lives in Gainesville, Georgia. Their children: (1) Dora Ann married (?) Dalton. She was shot to death in her home near Henegar. She is buried at New Canaan Cemetery. (2) Ardell married Donald Bryant. She lives in Gainesville, Georgia, he is buried in the Pleasant View Cemetery. (3) Junior Edward lives in Trenton (no other information); (4) Nelson L. lives in Higdon, Alabama (no other information); (5) Bobby lives in Scottsboro, Alabama (no other information); Mary Ann married (?) Jenkins and lives in Gainesville, Georgia.

JEFFERSON ANDREW WASHINGTON (JEFF) HOLLAND married Mary Ann (Molly) Felton (1st Wife). Jeff is buried at Dutton Methodist Cemetery by his second wife, Della Headrick Holland. Mary Ann was the sister of Salonia A. Felton, who married Jeff Holland's brother, James M. (Jim) Holland. She is buried in Trinity United Methodist (Burnt) Church Cemetery. Their children are: (1) John N. married Daisy Stoner. He is buried in the Trinity United Methodist (Burnt) Church Cemetery. (2) Queen Esther married Ben Hammonds and is buried in the Valley Head, Ala., Cemetery; (3) Wilburn Andrew, died at age 3, (4) James T. (Tom) married Kate Stoner. He was shot to death and is buried in Birmingham, Alabama. (5) Bessie Elizabeth (Betty) married three times Carl Thornton, Frank Slaughter and Carroll Burnett. She lives in California. (6) Boggus Eugene (Gene) married Rosa Brown; both are buried in Trinity U.M.C. (Burnt) Cemetery; (7) Della Mae married William Oris Thomas and lives in Cullman, Alabama.

SECOND FAMILY OF JEFF HOLLAND - married Rosa Della Headrick in DeKalb County in 1915 after his first wife, Molly, died. They are both buried in Dutton Methodist Cemetery. Their children are: (1) William Isaac (Bill) married Cordia Faye Marshall. He is buried in Rainsville Church of Christ Cemetery. Faye still lives in Dutton. (2) Truman died as a baby and is buried in Pleasant View Cemetery. (3) Frances Naomi married Arthur Gerald Tucker. She lives in Oneonta, Alabama; (4) Annie Leola married Sherman H. Payne and

lives in Clanton, Alabama; (5) J. W. married Sue Womack and lives in Burton, South Carolina.

JOSEPH HENSON HOLLAND married Lillie Headrick; both are buried in Pleasant View Cemetery. Their children are: (1) Lester Nathaniel who married Savannah Stevens; (2) Vallie Mae married Alex David Smith, (3) Thomas Woodrow married Jean Walker; (4) Allie Evelyn married twice; Noah E. Moreland and Franklin E. Bohannon. (5) Joseph (Jody) married Vera Bryant; (6) Ruby Lee married Saymon Henderson.

MARY SAMANTHIA HOLLAND married Doxie Wilburn Holloway. They are both buried in Pleasant View Cemetery. Their children are: (1) Ollie who married Jim Coulson; (2) John Will married Claudia Olivia Whorton and is buried in Pleasant View Cemetery; (3) Lottie Izeta married Don Allen; and (4) Tommy married Mattie Walker.

JOSHUA NATHANIEL (NAT) HOLLAND married Aletha Sewell and both are buried in Pleasant View Cemetery. Their children are: (1) Joseph Hoppy, who married Nancy Vida Pair. They are both buried in Pleasant View Cemetery; (2) Bevie Marie, married Horace R. Bradley. She is buried near Cullman, Alabama where Horace still lives.

HOLLOWAY, JESSIE

(Source: Louise Holloway Nichols)

Jessie and Martha (Turner) Holloway came to DeKalb County and settled near Rainsville in 1924. Jessie died in 1930 and is buried at Nazareth cemetery. In 1932 Martha moved to the Hodge community with three daughters and a son to live near her sister, Cammie Spears. Her children were:

DEWEY, who married Viola Lassetter while living in DeKalb County near Rainsville. They came to Hodge community in 1934 with two daughters, Louise and Reba. A third daughter, Faye, arrived soon after they moved to Hodge.

Louise married Dwan Nichols. They still live 1/2 miles west of Hodge crossroads near where she and Dwan grew up. They have one son, Barry, and two grandchildren. Louise is a retired teacher.

Reba is married to John Jenkins and resides on Chaney's Chapel Cemetery Road where Matt Nichols reared his family. Reba and John have a daughter, Regina, who is married to Terrell Ryan. Tina and Casey Ryan are their daughters. They also have a daughter, Sheila, who is married to Randy Hairston. Samuel and Jesse Hairston are their sons. Reba is a homemaker and has assisted in operating a large family farm.

MAEBELLE HOLLOWAY married Clakie Green. They reared their family near what is presently known as Ta-Co-Bet in the Chaney's Chapel community. Their son, Hilburn, resides near the home place. Their daughter, Bobbie is married to Charles Cooper and lives near Plainview School in Rainsville. Their daughter, Glenda, is deceased and is buried at Chaney's Chapel near her parents home.

EULA HOLLOWAY married Harp Stewart. Their only child died at birth. Both Eula and the baby are buried at Chaney's Chapel. Harp presently lives with his wife Lessie (Lassatter) Stewart near Winchester, Tennessee.

ELLIS MARRIED married Mae Douglas. They reared a family in the Dutton and Section area and had two daughters and three sons. Ellis is buried at Chaney's Chapel. Mae still resides in Section.

NELVIA HOLLOWAY married Theron Nichols. They reared two daughters in the Hodge community. Nelvia and Theron are buried at Chaney's Chapel.

HOPE, JOHN ROBERT (ROBBIE)

(See Photo Pages 236-237)

John Robert (Robbie) Hope was born January 3, 1887 and married Charlsie Mae Nation (born May 24, 1888). The couple were married on December 2, 1906, by a Reverend J. M. Graham. They lived near Dutton until 1939, when they moved to the Whiton community in DeKalb County near Geraldine, Alabama.

Robbie and Charlsie Nation Hope were farmers in the Dutton community. Charlsie's family was from the Dutton area and many still live in the area. Several are buried at Chaney's Chapel and other cemeteries in the Dutton community. They had nine children, eight lived to be grown. The following are their children and grandchildren:

JESSIE BERNICE, born March 20, 1908, died October 17, 1967; married Barton Williams July 21, 1928. One son, Ruford, born to them died at age 2.

OPAL MARGARET, born October 27, 1911, Died December 5, 1971; married Gene Dodson. One son, James Robert, died at 7 days old.

AULTON L., born July 19, 1913, died August 1980; married Mary Nell Dalrymple. Their children: Dawn Washington, Dianne Creel and Gaynell Barksdale.

DOYLE DAVIS, born January 26, 1915, died May 25, 1982; married Jessie Melvina Smith. Children: Ronald, Gary and Kenny Joe Hope.

BEULAH RUTH, born January 8, 1917, died March 11, 1995; married Benjamin Franklin King. Children: James Walter (Jimmy), and Margaret Hope Darwin.

EVELYN FAYE, born June 4, 1920, died June 4, 1920.

EMILY MAE, born February 27, 1922, died January 6, 1994; married Barney Eldridge Mayfield Children: Carolyn Faye Elrod, and Sandra Gaye Gottlieb.

ORVAL ARCHER, born March 6, 1924, died December 8, 1979; married Madge Lofton. Children: Archie, Arnold, Karen Hope Puckett, Rickey and Kathy Hope.

BETTY JO, born July 30, 1930, married Charles Allen. Their children: Brenda Patterson, Eddie, Gayle Temple and Connie Littrell.

Both Robbie and Charlsie Mae Nation Hope are buried at Salem Cemetery in Geraldine, Alabama.

HUGHES, LAWRENCE

Lawrence Hughes, born October 27, 1855, and his wife, Louisa Simmons Hughes, born March 22, 1856, came to the Dutton area probably before or during the Civil War. Lawrence and his father, Robert Hughes, received their homestead final in 1894. Enoch Simmons, Louise's father, was half Cherokee and had been in the Haigwood area for several years. His father originally came from Tennessee and moved to Hodge area before the Civil War. Lawrence, Robert Hughes and Enoch Simmons owned adjoining land and their descendants still live on some of their land.

Lawrence died on July 24, 1939; Louisa died June 19, 1936.

Lawrence and Louisa's children: Amanda Hughes Allen, who moved to Texas; Sarah Hughes Murphree, Florence Hughes Nichols, Slone and Bob Hughes.

AMANDA'S children (No information).

SARAH'S children (No information).

FLORENCE'S children (No information)

SLONE'S children are Orville, Olen, Vivian and Ardway. Orville married Florence Roberts and had one son DeWayne. Olin married Wilma Headrick. Their children are Sandra Hornig and Kathy Edmonds. Ardway married Gene Robertson. They have a son Rocky. Vivian married Ernest (Cowboy) Bynum and has a son, Rodney.

BOB married Oceana Cothran and they had two children: Mary Lou Clements and Toni McGriff (David). Their children are Rebecca and Brian.

Bob Hughes farmed, ran a general store, grist mill, blacksmith shop, sawmill, syrup mill, the Fern Cliff plant farm, and various other occupations to make a living.

Bob and Oceana donated the land and provided the lumber to build a church in Hodge to serve the different religious denominations in the community. The church was built by the people of the Hodge community. Later it became Hodge Baptist Church and remains so today.

INGRAM, W. L.

(See Photo Page 238)

W. L. and Annis Lovine (Pender) Ingram moved to Dutton from Macedonia, Alabama about 1940 where they reared and educated their children.

Both W. L. and Annis are deceased. Their living children are Mary Bell Ingram Dodson and James Ingram.

MARY BELL is married to J. C. Dodson and lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Their children are a son, Lindsey, and a daughter, Annie Dodson, who is a nurse at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

JAMES and his wife Jo Ann (Shelton) Ingram live at Henegar. They have one daughter, Carrel, who is the postmistress at Rainsville, Alabama. Carrel is married to Mike Reed. They have two children, Erica and Robert who attend school at Plainview High School at Rainsville.

Both Mary Bell and James attended Dutton School. James is remembered as a good basketball player at Dutton. Said James about Dutton:

"I'm proud that someone took the time to write about Dutton. I always counted it home. I spent my best years there, had my first sweetheart there and worked my first job there. I thought Dutton was a big town when I first moved there. At that time (in 1940), Dutton had five stores, two cafes, a drug store, three garages, a blacksmith shop, a school, two barber shops, a post office, cotton gin, doctor's office and three churches."

JONES, WILL

(See Photo Page 239)

Will Jones was born near Gurley, Alabama on December 8, 1872. He married Nancy Ann Eaton on June 6, 1897 and they lived in the Jones' Cove area until the waters were backed up and they moved to Dutton where they spent the remainder of their lives. Will was an avid hunter and fisherman and trained some of the best hunting dogs in the country, both for himself and for other people. For years he was a fox

hunter but age and faulty hearing prevented him from enjoying this sport later in life - like in his eighties or early nineties.

Will and Nan were both members of the Dutton Baptist Church and attended services regularly as long as they were able to do so. On June 6, 1957, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Their best man, Volney Wheeler, was in attendance at that celebration. Nan died on August 2, 1964; Will followed in death the next year on November 13, 1965. They are both buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Scottsboro. The couple had ten children. They are:

NANNIE PEARL, who married John Calvin Cox on November 1, 1919. Their children are: Sybil Lorna (married Paul Sherman Presley, deceased); Julia Molene (married Thomas Wesley Arnold); Essely Juanita (married Ernest Albert Wheeler); Billy Jack (killed in England accident during World War II); Thomas Edward (married Mary Nell Black (Ira Lee Cox (married Helen Weeks and Ova Lea Chadwick); Charles Codell Cox (married Nina Mae Black); Janice Glyne (married Velan Gross).

JESSIE B., married twice: (1) Celia Hicks and (2) Clarice Walker. His children are: Luther Coy (married Ora DuLaney); Mary Jo (married Robert D. Mosier); Wendell Miles (married Janie Trevino); Teresa Gayle (married Bill Brooks); Glenda Faye (married Edwin Dale Clanton); Sonja Darlene (married ?).

BESSIE LEE (married Claire Thomas Dean). Their children are Mary Joycelyn Dean (married William Hollis Johnson, Jr.); and Claire Thomas Dean, Jr. (married Margaret Annette Skinner).

Bessie died April 18, 1968.

MATTIE LUCILLE (married Harvey Hugh Williams). Their children are Kenneth Dean (married Helen Lucille Higgins) and Harvey LeBron (married Brenda Erwin).

MYRVLE ELIZABETH (married William James David Wales). Their children are Elizabeth Ann (married Ronald Charles Jones and Delois Jean (married Jimmy Day Miller).

VEVA MAUVLINE married Thomas Watson Wisener. Their children are: Thomas Watson, Jr. (married Lynda Lee Price) and Lou Ann (married Anthony Victor DeMali, Jr.).

VERA PAULINE married twice - Newell A. Axmacher and Melvin Charles Smith. Their children are Jimmie F. Axmacher (married Pauline Jean Smith) and Patsy Sue Smith who married Marvin Warren Jones.

Will and Nan had three children who died quite young. HERMAN, born March 8, 1898, died March 20, 1900. WILLIAM EARL, born April 15, 1901, died June 14, 1901. IRAN, born July 14, 1903, died September 10, 1904.

LANEY, WILLIAM LEONARD

William Leonard Laney (born sometime in 1880); (died December 1959), came to Dutton from Delta, Alabama (date unknown). He married Nancy Johnson (born 1878); (died June 6, 1980), also from Delta, Alabama. To this union was born ten children; Mae, Millie, Barrett, Garrett, Oliver, Bremon, Quinton, Doyle, Billy Jack and Winnie Gay.

MAE (deceased) married Roy McCullough and had two children, Barbara and Linda.

MINNIE married Arnold Jenkins and had a daughter, Louise.

BARRETT (deceased) married Abbie Hartline and they had two children - Doris and Larry.

GARRETT (deceased) married Gertrude Buttram and had no children.

OLIVER (deceased) married Nita Nichols and had a son, Steve.

BREMON (deceased) married Judy McCormick and had no children.

QUENTON (deceased) married Mattie Moore and had two children, Gerald and Quinta.

DOYLE married Charles Starkey and has two sons, Frank and Ralph Starkey.

BILLY JACK married Annette Parker and has a son, Phillip.

WINNIE GAY (deceased) married Johnnie Pickett and had a son, Walter Carl.

All the children of William Leonard and Nancy Johnson Laney are deceased except Billy Jack, Doyle and Minnie. Billy Jack's son is a doctor in Huntsville, Alabama and there are several teachers in the family. Doyle's son, Ralph, is a farmer, raising chickens and cattle.

MCGRIFF, WILLIAM EARLY

(Editor's Note: This information was compiled by Bonnie Lou McGriff McCord - 1979)

William Early McGriff, born 4-25-1872 in Cherokee, Alabama, married Mary Ellen Powell, born 2-13-1902 in Marshall County, Alabama. Died 11-15-47 and buried at Dutton Methodist Cemetery.

"My father, William Early McGriff, and mother, Mary Ellen Powell McGriff, moved from Marshall County near Albertville, Alabama in 1905 to Hodge, Alabama in Jackson County (across the Tennessee River from the county seat of Scottsboro, Alabama).

"My father farmed and had a General Store which my mother helped to run. I was born at Hodge on September 2, 1906. In 1908 my family moved to a small community (but larger than Hodge), named

Dutton, Alabama. They bought a house and a few acres of land. They built a small store near the house. Over a period of several years they prospered by farming and operating the store. They started buying up land around and near Dutton. They built a large two-story store across the road from a large two-story house which they also built.

"Dutton grew and my mother boarded two or three school teachers and each Wednesday and Friday nights, the drummers (salesmen) would spend the nights at our house. They were from Scottsboro, Chattanooga, Tennessee and Nashville, Tennessee. We had white help to come in and help with the cooking and cleaning. My father kept buying up land and was, by this time, the largest land owner at Dutton.

As we, the children, grew up Erin 1903, Bonnie Lou 1906, Bernice 1908, Waylon, 1910, Iris 1912 and J. Selley 1914 - we each had jobs helping around the house, store and garden. We all graduated from high school and went to college. We four girls taught school. My oldest brother had a general electric appliance store in Anniston, Alabama. My younger brother, J. Selley (named after a traveling salesman from Nashville, Tennessee) had a general store in Flat Rock, Alabama and later took over my father's store in Dutton. He later became the postmaster of the Post Office in Dutton. Both Waylon and J. Selley are deceased.

"My father and mother did a wonderful job of rearing the six children. They were all Methodists. My father helped build our Methodist Church at Dutton. My father was lots of fun and he loved life: He always wanted to come to Florida, though he and my mother went on long trips to other places and by boat also. I am proud of my heritage."

William Early and Mary Ellen McGriff's children:

ERIN BAYE MCGRIFF, born 10-1-1903 in Marshall County, Alabama, married Newman T. Davis on 6-10-1923. Erin taught school for 48 years; Mr. Davis was an automobile dealer. They had one daughter, Margaret Ellen, born 1-23-25; married Samuel H. Hodges 9-25-48. Their children are: Sam Henry Hodges and Margaret Allison Hodges.

BONNIE LOUISE, born 9-2-06, in Jackson County; married Wilford Wesley McCord 6-5-25. Their children are Richard Earl, born April 1926; died April 1926; William Charles, born 6-5-31; James Wesley, born 6-13-34.

BERNICE LORENE, born 11-15-08; married Robert Lee "Bob" Powell. Bernice was widowed in 1966. Children: Shirley Dell, who married Stanley Paradise.

WAYLON EARL, born 5-17-1910, married Evelyn Conkle and had one child, William Earl. Waylon died 11-6-59.

IRIS NORENE, born 12-16-13, married Wallace Guy O'Brien and Hugh Reed, Jr.

JOHN SELLEY, born 8-17-16, married Mary Stanley Bridges J. Selley died 7-23-78 and is buried in Dutton Cemetery. Children are: John Selley, Jr., who married Marolyn Mae Horton. They have three children, Stephanie, Iris Leigh, and John Wimberly.

MCGRIFF, JOSEPH LEE

(See Photo Page 240)

(Source: Patsy McGriff Higgins, granddaughter of Joe Lee and Ella Jane (Jennie) Shirey McGriff)

Joseph Lee McGriff was born in Alabama on March 3, 1884. On December 21, 1905, he married Virginia, (or Jennie), Shirey, daughter of Joe Shirey and Ella Adair, in Marshall County, Alabama. Joe was renowned as a bird-dog trainer and an expert gunman. He died November 11, 1961 at Henegar, Alabama.

Their children are:

ELLA ARMENDA MCGRIFF, born 1-8-1907, married Robert Lee Deerman in July of 1923. Their children: Ora Lee, born 9-1-24, married Haskell Burden in 1949. Van Buren, born 1-29-1926, married Bonnie Lou Williams in 1945. Willis Wayne, born 7-2-1928, married Peggy Keith in 1953. Weldon Mack, born 12-24-1931, married Shirley Hicks in 1954. Donald Dale, born 9-26-1941, married Linda Gayle Wilson in 1959. Carol Gayle, born 5-4-1944, married Jack Pauley in 1970.

MINNIE LEE, born 6-29-1908, married McKinley Woolum in 1925. No children were listed.

JOHN, born 3-28-1910, no marriage or children reported.

CLAUDE, born 1-19-1912, married Katherine Nichols in 1937. Their children are: Patsy Ruth, born 3-4-1938, who married Denny Ray Higgins in 1955. Linda Joyce, born 10-13-1942, married Freddie Hatfield in 1961. Iris Claudette, born 9-30-1948, married Eddie Rains in 1969.

MAUDE LORENE MCGRIFF, born 3-4-1913, married Edward Lee Traylor in 1930. Maude died 9-6-69 and is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Dutton. Their children: Billy Joe, born 3-28-1932, married Elizabeth Porter in 1954. Teddie Hugh, born 12-14-1936, married Billie Womack in 1960. Edward Darrell, born 7-17-1942, married Shirley Cook in 1959. Doris Mae, born 10-4-1944, married Terra Sizemore in 1967.

JAMES ALTON, married Bertie Mae Woolum in 1935. Their children are: Bill W., born 6-4-1936, married Alice Clara Roden in 1956. Wilma Jean, born 7-12-1938, married Alton Lee Smith in 1956. Bobby Dale, born 8-14-1940, married (1) Nina Jo Green and (2) Katherine Gloggnier. James Larry, born 10-18-1942, married (1) Sandra Cheryl Lewis and (2) Joan Burdette. Charles David, born 6-5-1945, married Tori Marie Hughes in 1956. Sandra Ann, born 1-19-1948, married Bobby Barnes in 1967. Patricia Kay, born 8-19-1951, married Michael Harrington in 1978. Kenneth Leonard, born 2-14-1954, married Carol Portas in 1976. Virginia Lee, born 5-21-1957, married Rooney Glen Murphree in 1976. Jonathan Mark, born 7-21-1960. No marriage and no children listed.

FRED ARTHUR MCGRIFF, born 8-5-1919, married Lorene Suttles in 1938. Their children: Johelen, born 3-8-1943, married Richard E. Short in 1962. Johelen's children: Beverly Jo, born 7-29-63 and Richie Lynn, born 11-15-65. Freddy Ronald, born 3-10-46, married Jannette Countryman in 1969. Freddy's children are Monica Anne, born 3-25-70 and Stephen Craig, born 7-31-72. Roger Dale, born 2-5-53, married Charlene Waldrop in 1971. Their children are: Christy Leann, born 12-20-72 and Roger Dale, Jr., born 2-5-76.

ROBERT DEAN, born 11-30-1921, married Opal Hill in 1940. Their children are: Terry Wayne, born 22-11-42, married Christine McCranie in 1962. Winda Dean, born 3-22-44, married Ollis B. McAfee in 1962. Shirley Dale, born 2-12-47, married Curtis Larry Napper in 1963.

BEATRICE, born 6-9-24, married J. S. Taylor in 1942.

OLA MAE, born 6-24-26, married Charles Smith in 1946.

GLENN DEL, born 2-2-30, married Helen Perry in 1947.

MCKENZIE, AUBREY

(See Photo Page 241)

Aubrey McKenzie was born in Dutton on January 24, 1917, and married Naomi Smith (born September 12, 1915) from Crossville, Alabama. Aubrey died February 28, 1995, and is buried at the Section Methodist Cemetery. Aubrey and Naomi had four children: James Walter, Aubrey Warren, Danny Eugene, and Brenda Gayle.

JAMES WALTER married Joyce Hodges and they had one son, Clifton McKenzie. James owns a tire store in Decatur, Alabama.

AUBREY (BUDDY) married Sorita Wheeler and lives in Trenton, Georgia. They have two sons, Patrick and Michael.

DANNY EUGENE (married twice - (1) Faye Benson and (2) Barbara (??)) Danny's children are Angie and Bryan.

BRENDA GAYLE married Terry Hamlin and lives at Section, Alabama, and works for Home Health. Their children are: Farrah Michelle and Terry (Adam) Hamlin. Terry died June 12, 1994 and is buried at Section Methodist Cemetery.

MARSHALL, EDDIE ERNEST, SR.

Eddie Ernest Marshall, Sr., and his wife, Eda Frances (Fanny) Pence came to the Dutton area from Henegar, Alabama in 1928. The year before, they had moved to Henegar from Ball Play (Cherokee County, Alabama). All of their children were born in Cherokee County except Aubrey C., who was born at Dutton.

Their children are William Clayton, Delores, Cordia Faye, Eda Evelyn, Eddie Ernest, Jr., and Aubrey C.

WILLIAM CLAYTON married three times: (1) Lora Green (2) Lovella Jones (3) Mary McNally. He died in August of 1995.

DELORES died as a child and is buried at Taylor's Chapel in Ball Play, Alabama.

CORDIA FAYE married William Isaac Holland. She still lives at Dutton and taught first grade at Dutton School for several years. William ran a grist mill in Dutton most of his life and is buried in Rainsville Church of Christ Cemetery.

EDA EVELYN married James Marlan Pack. She is in a nursing home in Ft. Payne, Alabama. James lives with a daughter in Melbourne, Florida.

EDDIE ERNEST, JR. married Bertie Frazier. He is buried in Newnan, Georgia. She lives in Newnan.

AUBREY C. married Clara Eleanor (Nelly) Pike. They live in Newman, Georgia.

MATTHEWS, LEWIS CLEVELAND "CLIVE"

(See Photo Pages 242-43)

Cleve Matthews was born in Rome, Georgia on March 24, 1869, and was the eldest son of John E. and Roda Matthews. In 1909, Cleve met and married Mary Clyde Joyner who was born on December 29, 1883.

That same year - 1909 - Cleve and Clyde came to Sand Mountain when all the land was woodland. They cleared the land and built a two-room cabin for their first home. They daubed the cracks in the house

with clay to keep out the cold weather and papered the inside with newspapers they garnered from others. Then they began to clear the land around them for gardens, yards, and pastures.

Cleve was a farmer and horse and cow trader. He also worked in partnership with Jeremiah Norwood making sorghum. He played many musical instruments included the violin, the guitar and even a cross-cut saw. One thing he did that is remembered even by his grandchild, Glenda Maynor Gilbert, was that in 1921 he traded a horse and cow for a pump organ for his children. That organ is in the possession of Ms. Gilbert today. Later he bought an upright piano for his daughters who became accomplished musicians. The precious violin owned by Cleve had to be later traded to someone for a cook stove.

Mrs. Matthews, ("Mama Matthews"), was a homemaker, mother, and grandmother who worked alongside her husband to turn a log home into a profitable and working 40-acre farm. She was a faithful member of Dutton Baptist Church but was a person who supported other churches - Mt. Zion Baptist, Old Sardis, and New Caanan, and others - and never missed revivals held in any of the local churches. In 1967, Mrs. Matthews was given tribute by the Scottsboro Advertiser Newspaper as one of the area's great pioneer builders. Cleve passed away on July 4, 1954; Clyde died on October 15, 1972. They are both buried at New Canaan Cemetery.

The Matthews had three children - Lota, who was born January 17, 1910; Dessie, born November 29, 1914; and Essie, her twin sister, who died from pneumonia on September 7, 1916.

MAYNOR, HUGH

(See Photo Page 243)

Hugh Maynor was born in Jackson County between Dutton and Section, Alabama, on May 15, 1908. He was the son of George Washington and Alice Chisenhall Maynor.

On August 11, 1928, Hugh married Lota Matthews, daughter of Cleve and Clyde Matthews of Dutton. The couple lived next door to Hugh's parents for the first three years of their married life. In 1931, they moved to Dutton on a 20-acre plot given to them as a belated wedding gift by Lota's parents. With a lot of hard work, they turned the 20-acre new ground into a profitable working farm and homestead. In the early 1950's they bought 20 more adjoining acres from Ruff Nichols and later bought up other properties in the area.

Although Hugh and Lota had four children, only one child, Myron Glenda, born May 28, 1940, lived to maturity. A son, Hugh Glen, born May 1, 1938, died on the day of his birth. Twin daughters, Brenda Sue and Linda Sue, born May 3, 1946, survived only a few days after birth.

Glenda married Macon Larry Gilbert of Sylvania, Alabama, on December 24, 1960. Both Glenda and Larry are retired school teachers and have lived in Section, Alabama for the past 32 years.

Their children are: Anthony Gordon Gilbert, born January 16, 1962, lives in Huntsville, Alabama. He has two children - Anthony Gordon and Matthew Gordon Gilbert who live in Scottsboro, Alabama. Their daughter Sabrah, born April 30, 1963, is married to Dwain Pittman and lives in Scottsboro. She has one son, Cody Ray Wilks, who also lives in Scottsboro.

Although Hugh and Lota only raised one child of their own, they were instrumental in helping to rear five young men, some of whom were fatherless. They were: Luther Jones (grandson of Wendy Jones), Billy Jack (Joe Bob) Johnson, Kenny Nichols (whose father lost his life in World War II), Charles Robertson (son of Dessie Robertson and Lota's nephew), and Jimmy Millican (who lost his father when he was 3 years of age).

These men give testimony that Hugh helped them to learn about hard work, honesty and decency and how to make something out of themselves. Lota did an excellent job of serving these young men as a substitute mother during that period of their lives.

Hugh Maynor was a member and deacon of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, a builder of houses, farmer, substitute mail carrier on the Dutton rural route, and a dedicated member of his community. He was known as a devoted husband and father and a person who was ready to help others in their time of need. Lota was an accomplished seamstress, pianist at Mt. Zion Church for many years and recognized by that church as a devoted member of the church and community. She also took care of her mother and her sister, Dessie, before their deaths.

Hugh passed away on August 11, 1967; Lota died December 28, 1988. They are both buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

MEDLOCK, JAMES "JIM" HAMPTON

(See Photo Page 244)

James Hampton Medlock, born 12/20/1876, in Greenville, South Carolina and Sarah Emma Clayton, born 2/21/1881, were married in Rome, Georgia on November 4, 1894. When James was a lad of 12 or 13, his parents left South Carolina and settled at Crossville, Alabama.

There he met Emma (about 13 years old at the time), who lived there with her parents, Cash and Nancy Clayton.

Legend has it that when Emma was about 14 years of age and James around 16 years of age, they left Crossville and went over in Georgia, got married, and returned home the same day. As Emma left her parent's home barefoot to go with James, her mother kept saying "Emma come on back", with Emma only waving and saying "bye mother". Emma's father was a Baptist preacher.

Around 1900 or 1901, James Hampton and Emma Medlock moved to Dutton. Emma was the midwife of the area for the poorer people from the Big Woods to as far south as Boaz, Alabama. She practiced midwifery from about 1915 to the late 1940's.

James (Jim) was a puller of teeth for poorer families in the same area during the same time. The grandchildren, which were always underfoot, were allowed to watch the 'twist of the wrist' that loosened the teeth before they were yanked out.

Jim and Emma had fourteen children - eleven of whom lived to maturity. These are the children: Walter Lee, Etta Lou, Kattie Ann, Daisy Bell, Luda Mae, Lillie Laverna, Elmer. Harrison, Mary Ida, Ruby Pearl, Arthur Glatt, Jimmie Edna, Millard Madison, Jewel Iladean, and Jessie Bernice.

WALTER LEE, born 2/12/1897, married Lillie Fleming. He died 10/1/40.

ETTA LOU, born 6/29/1898 died 6/10/ 1899.

KATTIE ANN, born 7/28/1899 died 7/28/1899.

DAISY BELL, born 4/13/02, married William Rice. Died 8/23/92.

LUDA MAE, born 11/12/03 died 7/20/92, married Wheeler Smith..

LILLIE LAVERNA, born 4/12/05 - died 2/14/08.

ELMER HARRISON, born 3/12/07 - died 3/18/67. Married Lorene Culpepper.

MARY IDA, born 7/11/09 Married Ernest Carter.

RUBY PEARL, born 7/5/11 died 7/11/83, married Vilos Headrick. Their children are Polly, Jack and Phyllis. Polly's children are Nickie (deceased), Gregory, Cynthia, Judy, and Tony. Polly lives at Dutton. Jack lives in Maryland and has a son and one grandson. Phyllis married Troy Wright and has one child, one grandchild and one great-grandchild. She is presently married to childhood friend, Aubrey Outlaw of Section.

ARTHUR, born 3/27/13, married Jean Freetag (?). He died 1/14/91.

JIMMIE EDNA, born 9/1/15 married Willie Headrick in 1933. Their children are: Shirley, Billy and Larry.

MILLARD MADISON, born 9/2/17, married Nellie Evans. He died 6/11/67.

JEWEL ILADEAN, born 7/30/19, married Thomas Wynn. She died 3/23/85.

JESSIE BERNICE, born 7/17/23, married Marshall Hawn.

James (Jim) Medlock died November 7, 1956; Emma died October 7, 1963.

MILLICAN, BILLY

(See Photo Page 244)

The Billy and Julia Upchurch Millican family migrated from South Carolina in the early 1900's to Fruhurst, Alabama, in Cleabourn County. They moved to Crossville, Alabama around 1915 and then to Dutton about 1922.

According to Billy's grandson, Pete Millican, he was a farmer, wagon and buggy repairman and trader but most interesting was that Billy had a portable syrup mill mounted on a wagon and went from farm to farm making syrup for farmers.

"I loved to hang around the mill and drink the juice and lick the skimmings until the night a snake fell out of a tree into the hot juice and splattered us all with hot juice," Pete said.

Several children were born to Billy and Julia. They are:

MONROE, who married Noby Stephens. Their children are: William Olen Millican who lives in Atlanta; Jim Seaborn, also residing in Atlanta; Minnie Millican Morgan, currently in a Ft. Payne, Alabama hospital; and Lennie Millican McGuire who is deceased and buried near Trion, Georgia. Both Monroe and Noby are deceased and buried at New Canaan Cemetery near Dutton.

THOMAS STEVEN LAWSON (TOM) MILLICAN who married Verna McKenzie. Both Tom and Verna are deceased and are buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Scottsboro, Alabama. Their children are Pete and Maxine. Pete married Mary Wood and lives in Birmingham, Alabama. He is retired from State Farm Insurance Company, does volunteer work teaching at Birmingham Botanical Gardens, is a volunteer consultant with the Executive Service Corps of Birmingham, is a master gardener, a professional grandfather and is a tree farmer at Dutton. Pete and Mary's children are Betty Jane, Virginia Nell and Catherine. Betty Jane is an attorney and works for State Farm Insurance. She is married to Dean Hancock, a development officer for the Baptist Medical Centers of Alabama and has three children, Josh, John Tyler and Mary

Catherine Virginia, who is single and self-employed as a Psychologist in Los Angeles, California. Catherine is married to Mickey Joe Berry, manager for State Farm Insurance. She is a licensed real estate agent with First Real Estate in Pelham, Alabama.

Maxine lives at Princeton, Alabama and is a retired school teacher. She does volunteer work in the community and assists elderly persons in getting to the store and their doctors. Her children are Sandra Vandiver Robinson, who is a manager of a telephone answering service in Huntsville and Knoxville Tennessee, and has one son, Brooks. Maxine's son, Jimmy Vandiver lives in Huntsville and is an assembler at a compact disc manufacturing company. Jimmy was born deaf and mute and attended the Talladega school for the deaf and mute. He lives alone and is self-sufficient as he can communicate by sign language and electronic devices.

WALTER married Nora Graham. They are both deceased and buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Their children are Beryl, who is married to William C. Cooper, and lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Billy J., who lives in Horton, Alabama, and Mary Ellen (?) who lives near Guntersville.

HORACE married Margaret Morgan. They are both deceased and buried at Dutton Methodist Cemetery. Their only child was Jimmy, who lives at Dutton and works for the Dutton Water Board.

SALLY married a Buttram but never lived at Dutton. She was born before the Millicans moved to the area.

LILLY, married a Davis and also was born before the family moved to Dutton. She is buried at Liberty Hill Baptist Cemetery near Crossville, Alabama.

WILLIE MAE married a Stevens who died. She later married Mack Bradley and lived at Sylvania. She is deceased and is buried at the Valhalla Cemetery near Birmingham.

MORRIS, CRAWFORD FRED

Crawford Fred Morris, born at Dutton but date of birth unknown, was married to Carrie Bowman from Bowman's Crossroads (date of birth unknown). Their son, Cecil, was born in the Pleasant View community and married Ila M. Holloway, also from the Pleasant View Community. Cecil and Ila had two children, Phillip Edwin and Jo Ann.

PHILLIP and his wife Lenore had three children - Debbie, Kathy and Gregg.

JO ANN married Kenneth Higgins and they had three children David, John and Teresa. (See Higgins Family in this book).

MURPHREE, JAMES W.

James W. Murphree was the son of W. G. and Georgia Murphree. Jesse married Sarah Hughes, daughter of Lawrence (born 10/27/1865 - died 6/24/1939) and Louisa Hughes (born 3/22/1865 - died 7/19/1936).

Jesse and Sarah had six children - Grace Homer, Ray, Berith, Verith and Polly. All the children were born in the Dutton/Hodge area of Jackson County.

ROY married Hazel Thomas, daughter of James and Claude Thomas of Madison County, Alabama. Roy and Hazel had three children - Malloy, Doris and Donald.

Malloy lives in Ringgold, Georgia. His children are Myra, Rodney and Ronnie.

Donald lives in Gadsden, Alabama and has three children: Cindy, Steve and Lee.

Doris married Sylvie Stockman and lives at Dutton. Their children are Bobby, Don, and Brent. Bobby's children are Natasha LeShea and Jason. Brent has a daughter, Beth; Don has no children.

HOMER married Mildred Tipton. He died October 29, 1994. Their children are Harold, Kenneth and Wayne Murphree. Harold has a son, Harold Greg, and a grandson, Michael. Kenneth has three daughters, Heather, Angelica, and Cara. Wayne has two sons, Keith and David. Keith has a son, Matthew. David has two children, Cari and Jacob.

BERITH married Loyd Nichols. Their children are Judy, Tony and Gary.

VERITH - No information.

GRACE - No information.

POLLY - No information.

NEELEY, WILLIAM

William Neeley, born May 15, 1846, married Leaner B. (maiden name not available), who was born September 10, 1838. William died June 30, 1927; Leaner B. died November 25, 1900. The Neeley family lived on a farm near Hodge but the date they moved to the Dutton area is unavailable. Both William and Leaner B. are buried at Chaney's Chapel Cemetery.

William's son, Wiley H. (born August 12, 1888) married Minnie Barksdale (born May 15, 1899). To this union was born nine children: Roy, Oscar, Chester, Allie, Leona, Henry (deceased), Hollis W. (deceased), Waymon (deceased) and Harrison (deceased).

Wiley's wife, Minnie, was killed by lightning on June 6, 1939, while trying to put a hen and baby chickens in the chicken house during a storm. Lightning struck a big oak tree near the chicken house.

ROY married Ruth Shirey and lives at Sylvania. Their children are Sheila, Ronnie and Bennie.

OSCAR married Juanita Golden and also lives at Sylvania. Their children are Linda Diane, Barbara Jean, and Terry Wayne.

CHESTER married Pluma Manning and has a son, Gary. They live at Dutton. Gary has three children: Jody, Matthew and Angelia. Angelia is married to Harold Moore.

ALLIE married Merlyn Mayhew and lives in Peoria, Illinois. Their children are Rodger Wayne, Linda Marie, and Sandra Kay.

LEONA married Ralph Maness and lives at Section, Alabama. Their children are Jerolyn Darlene, who married Tim Wilborn and has two daughters, Kusha and Sarah Wilborn. Cheryl Lynn married Scott Lewis of Flat Rock, Alabama, and currently lives in Tupelo, Mississippi. They have two sons, Brandon and Christopher. Leona's son, Michael Duane., lives at Section and works at Dover Mills in Pisgah, Alabama.

HENRY lived at Port Huron, Michigan, at his death and left behind eight children.

HOLLIS died in 1959 while in the army stationed in Colorado. He left four children.

WAYMON died in 1983 and was living in Pekin, Illinois when he died. He never married and had no children.

HARRISON, the father of three children, was killed in an accident in Pekin, Illinois in 1964.

Wiley Neeley died December 12, 1958, Minnie died June 6, 1939.

NICHOLS, JAMES (JIM)

(See Photo Page 245)

Some eight or ten years after the death of Clairence White, James (Jim) Nichols married Mr. White's widow, Hattie Thomas White. Jim had two children by a previous marriage - Loyd and Catherine Nichols. Jim and Hattie had three children together - Flora Mae and Nora Faye (twins) and Martha Mae.

NORA married Frank Fair and they moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

FLORA married William H. "Bug" Dye of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

MARTHA (deceased) married Marvin Cordell and they lived in Scottsboro, Alabama.

This family lived in the Clairence White house (house was designed and built by Mr. White) in the lower end of Dutton, located at 108 Nichols Street at the corner of Nichols and Main Streets. Originally this address was the corner of Dixie Street and Sand Mountain Highway. This house is presently being restored by Mr. White's grandson, Clairence Ballard and his wife Lorraine.

When Mr. White built the house, he had to clear the land as it was way out in the country. At that time, Dutton was located north of the present town at what is known as the Henry Griffin house.

The White House was built in 1912. Previous to the construction of the house, the family lived at what is now known as the Buford place northeast of Dutton where Mr. and Mrs. Abner York raised their family. That house was also designed and built by Clairence White and is still in good repair. It is presently owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Thurmond.

NICHOLS, HUGH CALVIN

(See Photo Page 246)

Hugh Calvin Nichols of Dutton, married Emoline Smith from Section, Alabama. No date is available for their dates of birth, nor when they were married. Their children are Burialla M., Maurice A., C. Irene, Roy E., Lenora and George Willis.

BURILLA married Richard Green and had a daughter, Nina Jo.

MAURICE married Alice Thomas. Their children are Thomas Dilbeck (stepson) and Maurice A. Nichols, Jr.

IRENE married (1) Avery Green, (2) William Barger. Irene's children are Helen, Stanley and Lenora Ann Green.

ROY E. married Ilah Perry and had a son, Rocky.

LENORA married (1) Woodrow Palmer; (2) James D. Fletcher, and had no children.

GEORGE W. married (1) Dorothy Butler; (2) Martha Otwell. He had a daughter, Ginger.

NICHOLS, RUFUS ALLISON

(See Photo Pages 247-48)

Rufus Nichols, born February 3, 1869 at Rosebud, Georgia, was an early Dutton pioneer, married three times and widowed twice. He raised a total of 18 children and had children by each of his wives. The following is a family history of Rufe and his first wife, Martha O. Griffin Nichols. To this union was born 15 children: Dee, James W., E. Floyd,

Arnie E., Annis Lillian, Willie C. (Bill), Lucy Myrtle, Laura, Charley, Addie Pearl, Leon, Mary E., Annie, Mack, and Luther B. Nichols.

DEE NICHOLS, born 1891, married Luther Green. Their children are Rufus, Jesse and Lora.

JAMES W. NICHOLS, born 1890, married Hattie Thomas White, and had four children - Twins Nora and Flora, Martha and Loyd.

E. FLOYD NICHOLS, born 1892.

AMIE E. NICHOLS, born 1894, married Labon Wilson. (See history of Amie's family under Wilson Family in this book).

ANNIS LILLIAN NICHOLS, born 1895, died September 1913.

WILLIE C. (BILL) NICHOLS, born 1897, married Susie (Haynes?) and had two children, Denton and Willodean. He is buried at Red Bank, Tennessee.

LUCY MYRTLE NICHOLS, born 1898, married (?) Rooks. Their children are LeBron, Marshal, Kathleen and David.

LAURA NICHOLS, born 1900, died January 1919.

CHARLEY NICHOLS, born 1901, died 1919.

ADDIE PEARL NICHOLS, born 1903, died 1919.

LEON NICHOLS, born 1905, died December 1977, buried at Dutton Methodist Cemetery. Leon married Urnie Bohannon, (born 1904, died 1994). Their children: are Phillip and Rebecca. Phillip married Gaynell Rush and their children are: Derenda Nichols Sakel and Patricia Nichols Bergman.

Rebecca married Jim Potter. Their children are (1): Debra Jo Potter Ferguson, born 1957, lives at Mud Creek between Scottsboro and Stevenson. Debra's children are Jason and Jeremy Potter. (2) A. Wayne Potter, born 1958, lives in Toney, Alabama. Wayne's children are: Amanda, Tammy, Tonya, and Caleb. (3) Phillip B. Potter, born 1961, lives at Knoxville, Tennessee. His children are Zachary and Alison. (4) Victor A. Potter, born 1963, lives in Huntsville, Alabama and has no children. (5) Steven K. Potter, born 1964, lives at Toney, Alabama and has one child, Kaitlyn.

MARY E. NICHOLS, born 1906, married (?) Fullbright, and had a daughter, Martha Jo. He is probably buried at Cleveland, Tennessee.

LUTHER B. NICHOLS, born 1908, died March 1944 on a ship at sea during World War II, body was never recovered. Two children, Kenneth and Gene Almon, who were raised by their grandfather, Rufe Nichols. Gene is deceased. Kenneth lives in Smyrna, Georgia.

ANNIE NICHOLS GILBREATH, born 1911, married Eslie Gilbreath and had no children.

MACK NICHOLS, born 1910 died January 1919.

Martha O. Griffin Nichols died on April 14, 1912. Laura, Charley, Mack and Addie Pearl all died in 1919 when the flu epidemic swept through the Dutton area.

RUFUS A. AND SECOND FAMILY

Rufe's second wife was Olena (?) and they had two children, Almon and another son born in 1915 who only lived three days. Olena died from the flu epidemic in 1919.

ALMON, born 1916, married Mary Lucille Weaver and they reside in Gadsden, Alabama. Their children are: Michael W. (deceased), Lena Dianne Nichols Cothran, Edward Almon and Mary Susan Nichols Sanders.

RUFUS A. AND THIRD FAMILY

After the death of Olena, Rufe married Lutisha Davis and they had one child, Mildred, born in 1921. Mildred married Cecil Perry (deceased). Their children are: Larry A., a salesman; Ted C. Perry, a salesman; and Stephen T. Perry, a C.P.A.

Larry's children are Larry A. Perry, Jr., who lives in Tampa, Florida and has a degree in medicine, and Michelle Perry Russell who is a real estate broker, housewife and mother. Michelle has two children, Matthew and Nicholas Russell. They live on Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. Larry Sr. lives in Rossville, Georgia.

Ted's children are Timothy C., a policeman; and Christy Perry Teeters, a legal secretary, housewife and mother. Christy has a son, Blake Teeters. Ted and his family and the Teeters all live in Chickamauga, Georgia.

Stephen's children are Aislinn and Lauren Perry, both are students at Girl's Preparatory School in Chattanooga. Stephen and his family live on Signal Mountain, Tennessee.

Rufus A. Nichols, a prominent Dutton pioneer, died January 25, 1956, at the age of 87 and is buried at Chaney's Chapel Cemetery.

NICHOLS, JAMES MADISON

James Madison Nichols (born 4/2/1837 - died 6/1888) was a Confederate soldier who fought in the Civil War. He was captured by Union troops in the Battle of Chickamauga on September 19th or 20th where the South suffered 17,000 casualties in that battle.

James and his wife, Orilla (?) Nichols (born 1/21/1842) (died 5/26/1895), had five children, James William (Uncle Will), born

4/1866 - died 11/1948; Rufus Allison (Rufe), born 3/1896 - died 1/1956; Mary Elisa, born 4/1874 died 6/1938; William Madison (Uncle Matt), born 11/1876 died 6/1948; and Addie (Aunt Ad), born 1878 - died (?).

JAMES (UNCLE WILL) and his wife Jennie (9/1870 - 1/1948) had five children: Odell (3/1/1890 - 10/1/78) married Florence (?); William Dewey (5/2/1898 - 11/5/41) married Deppie A. (?); Horace (no information except that he moved to Toledo, Ohio); John, (no date of birth or date of death) married Stella Lacy and lived at Section, Alabama. Hugh (See Hugh Nichols Family elsewhere in this book).

RUFUS (RUFU), married Martha Griffin (Refer to Rufus A. Nichols Family elsewhere in this book).

MARY ELIZA, was born handicapped with club feet. She married a Harburger from Hazelhurst, Georgia and had no children.

WILLIAM MADISON (UNCLE MATT), married Sallie (?) and they had eight children. Bert H. (10/1899 - 11/1929) married Berma (?); Obie L. married Lella Outlaw and they had a son, Jimmy. Obie, Lela and Jimmy are all deceased. Homer (no other information), James Madison (1/18/1901 - 5/1996), married Nellie Lacy. Their infant daughter died 4/43; Hershel (1-08-09 - 05-50-76), was career military and had no children; Raymond C. (2/10/12 - 7/30/55), married Barbara Carter (no other information); Elizabeth (Lizzie), married a Bell (no other information); Lessie (2/1905 - 9/13/63), married Dilmus Green (1/02 - 6/90), and had one daughter.

ADDIE (AUNT ADD) married a Carlisle and moved to Whitewright and Dublin, Texas. They had three children (no other information).

NICHOLS, WILL

(Source: Louise Holloway Nichols)

The Nichols family ancestors left Georgia sometime in the mid-1800's and settled in Jones' Cove at the foot of Sand Mountain. Later they migrated to the Dutton area of Sand Mountain. The three sons and two daughters of this family were Will, Matt, Rufus, Addie and Louisa. Addie later married and went to Texas where she remained. Will, Louisa, Matt and Rufus were prominent members of the Dutton community until their deaths.

Will Nichols married Jennie Headrick, whose mother was a full-blooded Cherokee Indian. They reared their family on a farm adjacent to the Chaney's Chapel Methodist Church. The home place burned about 1989.

Will and Jennie's oldest child was Odell, who married Florence Hughes, daughter of Lawrence and Louisa (Simmons) Hughes in 1911. Odell and Florence built a home in the Hodge community west of Dutton in 1913. With the exception of two years they spent in Arkansas, they spent their married life of almost fifty-eight years and reared six children in this home. It is now owned by their son, Dwan. This home place is a part of the land homesteaded by Lawrence and Louisa Hughes.

Odell and Florence's children are:

Theron, who married Nelvia Holloway. They reared two daughters, Gail (Schmidke), who presently works for IBM and resides in North Carolina, and Jeanette (Nixon) a social worker for DHR in Scottsboro and resides in Hodge. Nelvia passed away in 1971 and Theron in 1973. Both are buried at Chaney's Chapel Cemetery.

JENNIE LOU married A. B. Ryan. They had no children and resided in section. A. B. was buried in Chaney's Chapel Cemetery in 1972. Jennie still resides in Section, Alabama.

Orel married Hoyt Davis. They reared their family just south of Hodge crossroads. Orel still resides at the elder Cap and Lela Davis home place. Hoyt is buried at Chaney's Chapel. Their children are Joyce (Rhepsher), a retired teacher living at Ta-Co-Bet. Terry, a businessman in Scottsboro and Hilda, who is a NASA employee in Huntsville, Alabama.

FLOSSIE married Hoyal Duncan. They left the Dutton area and moved to Flat Rock on upper Sand Mountain in the mid-30's. Their children are Bidda Lou (deceased), Jo Ann of Chatahooga, Jimmie Sue of Flat Rock and sons Lavon and Alan of Flat Rock. Hoyal is buried at Overlook Cemetery on upper Sand Mountain.

DWAN married Louise Holloway. They have resided 1/2 mile west of Hodge crossroads for the past 42 years. The framework of their home is taken from the original Dutton store building. The original store building was located between the present home of Jimmy Barnes and the Henry Griffin home place near Chaney's Chapel crossroads. They have a son Barry who resides in Scottsboro and is an employee of Morton in Decatur.

REX married Betty Whitton and lives in Scottsboro. Rex is in the insurance business. Their children are Nita (Lackey) of Scottsboro; Jerry, who is employed by Norandle of Scottsboro; Lisa (Evans) of Woodville and Andrex of Scottsboro, who is employed by Coca-Cola Company.

Will and Jennie's other children were Hugh, Dephie, John and Horace.

HUGH married Emoline Smith. They reared their family in Dutton. Both are buried at Dutton Methodist cemetery.

DEPHIE died as a teenager during the flu epidemic which took many lives in and around Dutton and is buried at Chaney's Chapel.

JOHN married Stella Lacy. They reared their son at Section. Both are buried at Cedar Hill cemetery in Scottsboro.

HORACE married Selma Beason of Paint Rock Valley. They went to Toledo, Ohio, soon after marriage and reared three daughters. Both are buried in a Toledo cemetery.

NIX, ROBERT SHERMAN

Robert Sherman Nix, born 1/14/1890, was the son of James Wiley and Mary Ida Allen Nix. No information is available as to whether Sherman Nix was born in the Dutton area, or whether he came here with his parents. Sherman had three sisters - Ethel, Hassie and Cassie.

In 1928, Sherman married Fannie Bell Willingham (born 7/25/1899) who had moved to Dutton from Clay County, Alabama in 1919. Fannie had previously been married to Roy Smith and had two children Ezra and Irene. Ezra died in 1992; Irene married Hugh Anderson (deceased 1988) and they had two children: Bobby Hugh, Stanley and Jan Anderson Cuzzort. Irene lives in Sugar Land, Texas, where she is caring for her mother's only brother, John Sylvie Carter.

Five children were born to Sherman - and Fannie - James Charles, Billie Ruth, Robert Sherman, Jr., John Alay, and Joy Marene.

JAMES CHARLES married Pallie Haynes. Their children are Susan Hartline, Mary, Ann, and Malissa Nix.

BILLIE RUTH married Jim Fitzgerald and their children are Jimmy, Tommy and Amy Fitzgerald. Billie Ruth and Jim live in Florida.

ROBERT SHERMAN, JR. (JACK) is deceased. He married Sue Medlock and had four children - David, Anita, Anna and Robert.

JOHN ALAY married Monika Weise. Their children are Michael, Carol and Jeffrey.

JOY married Wayne Barnes and they have four daughters - Tammy Stevens, Donna Rudoff, Misty Bailer, and Kristi Hartline.

Sherman died on 9/25/48; Fannie passed away on 4/21/69.

Ethel Nix (deceased) married Johnny Carter (deceased) from Section, Alabama and had two children: Mary Kate and J. B. Johnny also had a daughter, Barbara, from a previous marriage.

BARBARA married Jack Nichols (deceased). Their children are Madelyn, Piane, Edward and Terry (deceased).

Barbara later married (?) King. She is deceased.

Hassie and Cassie never married and had no children. Cassie is the only one of the original Nix family living. She is 91 years of age and lives in Scottsboro Alabama.

PARKS, A. B. AND TEXAS

This is a short summary of the A. B. and Texas Finney Parks family. No information was made available about A. B. Parks but Texas Finney Parks was born May 26, 1863 and died July 9, 1937. She is buried at Chaney's Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery between Dutton and Hodge, Alabama.

A. B. and Texas Finney had a daughter, Vallie Parks, born August 19, 1888, married James W. Nichols, born February 28, 1890. Vallie died May 25, 1917, and is buried at Chaney's Chapel Cemetery. James W. Nichols died November 21, 1962 and is buried at Dutton Methodist Cemetery.

Vallie and James had three children - Katherine, and twins, Loyd and Boyd.

KATHRINE, born July 8, 1914, married Claude McGriff, born January 19, 1912. (See Katherine's children listed under McGriffin another section of this book). Katherine died December 28 1982; Claude died November 24, 1993 Both are buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

LOYD, born September 10, 1912, married Bereth Murphy, Their children are Judy Nichols O'Brien and Tony Nichols. Loyd died June 5, 1959 and is buried in Dutton Methodist Cemetery.

BOYD, born September 10, 1913 died January 26, 1914. He is buried at Chaney's Chapel Cemetery.

PICKETT, WAYMON WALLACE

Waymon Wallace Pickett was born in Dutton on August 14, 1916. His parents were John Thad (born September 27, 1887) and Dora Emma Haymon Pickett (born October 24, 1888). Both were born in Dutton.

Waymon married Jean Elizabeth Griffin (born January 13, 1920) who was also born in Dutton. Their children are Bruce, Barry and Kathy.

BRUCE married Carolyn Pope and is the principal at Dutton Junior High School. He lives on Highway 71 between Pisgah and Rosalie. Their children are Katrina, Samone Shenia.

KATHY married Douglas Parker and they have a daughter, Heather. Kathy works for Andover Togs in Scottsboro and lives at Dutton.

BARRY married.

Waymon died January 22, 1991; Jean still lives at Dutton.

PERRY, LOYD T.

(See Photo Page 249)

Lloyd T. Perry, son of Owen T. and Alta Wilkes Perry, came to the Dutton-Pleasant View area from Tyler, Texas in 1938. He was born March 3, 1898, and Married Sallie T. Barnes (born December 3, 1899) from Cave Springs, Georgia.

To this union was born four sons and a daughter - Herchel O., Cecil C., Hurley L., Billy Charles, Sr. and Ora Faye.

HERSHEL O. married Frankie Hamilton and had two children, Mark and Sandra Perry Byrd.

CECIL C. married Mildred Nichols and had three sons - Larry, Ted and Stephen.

HURLEY L. married Hazel Collins and had a daughter, Brenda Perry Cagle.

ORA FAYE married Paul Powell. They had no children.

BILLY CHARLES, SR., married Glenda Barrett and had a son, Billy Charles, Jr. Both Billy Charles Sr., and Billy Charles, Jr., are deceased.

Loyd T. died September 9, 1984. Sallie died March 31, 1987.

1ST LT. BILL PERRY, JR.

KILLED IN HELICOPTER ACCIDENT



**1st Lt. Billy
Charles Perry Jr.**

FORT IRWIN, CALIF. (AP) - Army First Lt. Billy C. Perry, Jr., 29, a native of Chattanooga and a graduate of McCallie School and UTC, was standing by an observation helicopter and was struck and killed by the rotor blades here last Tuesday, officials said.

The victim was a helicopter pilot stationed with the 3rd Battalion 101st Division of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

At McCallie, where he graduated in 1979, Lt. Perry was a member of the football and baseball teams, the skeet team, the Spanish Club, and the Glee Club.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from UTC, where he was a member of the ATO Fraternity and the cheerleading squad.

He was a TSSAA official.

Lt. Perry was a member of First Baptist Church in the Golden Gateway. He was preceded in death by his father, Billy C. Perry, Sr., and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd C. Perry of Dutton, Alabama; and Grover Bamett, Cragford, Alabama.

Survivors include his mother Glenda Perry, grandmother, Mrs. Mozelle Barrett, an aunt, Mrs. Faye Powell, Georgetown, Tn., several other aunts, uncles and cousins.

PERRY, JAMES FLOYD

James Floyd Perry was the son of O. T. (born 11/20/1872 - died 11/21/1962) and Alta Wilks Perry (born 1/3/1875 died 10/11/1951). O. T. was born in Titis, Texas and it is not known when he left Texas and moved to Alabama.

James Floyd (born 11/17/1895 - died 11/26/78) and came to Dutton from Howard, Alabama, (date unknown). On December 10, 1916, he married Mae Hicks (born 11/17/1895 - died 5/22/76) from Dutton. To this union was born seven children - Iree, Iva Lee, Imogene, Ila Faye, Lois, Darrell, and Dale.

IREE married Jewell McBryar and had one child, Sandy. Jewell had a radiator shop and Iree worked in a fabric shop. They live near Rainsville, Alabama. Their son Sandy and wife Carol (?) have three children - Stacey, Greg, and Brittany. Stacey is married to Tommy Dover and has two children, Kasey and Jordon. Greg is married to Valine (?).

IVA LEE married G. W. White and has a son, Jerald. G. W. is retired from the railroad and they live in East Ridge, Tennessee. Jerald married Diane (?) and has four children: Denise, Jennifer, Cheryl and Jerald Wilford. Denise is married to Keith Chrisman.

IMOGENE married Harold Adams and has two children, Phyllis and Aaron. Harold is retired from Mills and Lupton Supply and they live in Rossville, Georgia. Phyllis is married to Butch Wade and has three children - James, Chris and Melissa. Chris has two children, Dylan and Autumn. Melissa is married to Derek Ridley and has two children, Cody and Shaina. Aaron is married to Vicki (?).

ILA FAYE is married to Charles Foshee and lives at Dutton. Charles worked for the railroad and Ila Faye worked at Merico Bakery. Their children are Charles Edward, Betty Ann, Glenda Faye, and James Dale. Glenda Faye married Sam Wells and has a son, Taylor.

LOIS married Arthur Welborn and lives near Henegar, Alabama. Arthur worked for TVA and farmed. Their children are Eugene and

James. Eugene and his wife, Jo, have no children. James is married to Camille (?) and has two children, Sarah and Michael.

DARRELL (marital status unknown) lives in Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia and works for a glass company. He has two sons, Jeffrey and Phillip.

DALE (marital status unknown) lives in Chattanooga and owns a sheet metal shop. His children are Alan and Roger. Alan is married to Rhonda (?); Roger is married to Lori (?) and has two children, Justin and Melissa.

Said Imogene Perry Adams, "We were raised in a good Christian home by parents who always went to church and Sunday School with us. We appreciate all the things they did for us. We always had a good time, especially at Christmas. We didn't get a lot of gifts, but always had plenty of good food to eat.

"Our parents were hard working people and we all went to the fields and worked.

"We (all the family members) still go back to the old home place the first Sunday in May and carry a covered dish lunch together. We love getting together".

POPE, DEWITT CLINTON (DEE)

Dee Pope, son of Thomas Lofton and Priscilla Francis Linville Pope, was born January 5, 1885, in DeKalb County, Alabama. Dee and his first wife Olive Viola Dobbs Pope (born October 26, 1886) had thirteen children: Eugene Harrison, Earnest Ephraim, Robert Lee, Lillie Mae, Floyd Clinton, Leonard DeWitt, Mollie Jane, Ruby Jewell, J. D., W.L., Clarence Leon, Dilmus Lionel, and Calvin Hoover.

EUGENE HARRISON - born July 19, 1905, died March 23, 1940. He never married and had no children.

EARNEST EPHRAIM, born June 16, 1907, married Berthel Smith (1st marriage) and had four children: (1) Stella Mae, who married Carthel Kessler. They had two children, Larry and Theda; (2) Fred Lee, born February 27, 1929; died August 1929. (3) Glenn Ray, born November 17, 1931, married Annie Mae McCoy and had three children - Eddie Ray, Glenda Yvonne, and Freda. (4) Earnest Loyd, born July 7, 1935, and married (?). Their children are Rodney, Patsey, Ricky, Danny and Wade "Chubby" Pope. EARNEST EPHRAIM - Second marriage to Bonnie Maples. To this union was born nine children - Wanda Faye, Rayford Earl, J. W., Bonnie Louise, Raymond Lee, Bernice Marie, Wayland Edward, Connie Elizabeth.

ROBERT LEE, born December 28, 1908, married Rosa Mae Norwood and had three children; Dennis Wayne, Willodean, and Jerry D. Wayne married Edna Maynor and has two children: Carolyn Anita and Shirley Ann. Carolyn married Bruce Pickett and has two daughters: Katrina Leanne Pickett and Semone Annette Pickett. No information available about Shirley Ann's marriage or children. Willodean married Robert Kenneth Precise and has two children: Cynthia and Tammy Annette (deceased).

LILLIE MAY, born October 10, 1910, married Henry Knight and had three children: (1) Betty Mae, who married Bill Hixon; (2) Ollie Sue, who married Norma Williams and has a daughter, Norma Sue; (3) Clara Gail married Bob Schalf and has a son, Gregory Schalf.

FLOYD CLINTON, born August 14, 1912, married Mary Norwood and had two children: (1) Elaine, who married Richard Pruitt and has four children: Bonnie, Sharon, Vickie and Ellen. (2) and Richard Pope.

LEONARD DEWITT, born July 11, 1914, married Bonnie June Carter and had two children: (1) Betty June married Wayne Delbert Little and has four children: Phyllis Debra, Terry Wayne, Michael Anthony, and Tammy Renee. (2) Billie Readell married Robert Henry Chaney and has two children, Robert Henry, Jr., and Brooke Nycole.

MOLLIE JANE, born April 13, 1917, married John Leon Kay and had a daughter, Jane. Jane married Leroy Digsby and has twins: John Lee and Nancy Jane.

RUBY JEWELL, born November 3, 1918, married Gaither Thompson and had two children Jewell Dean and James Edward. (1) Jewell Dean married Kenneth Lawless Reynolds and has two children: James Bruce and Constance Ann. (2) James Edward married Patricia Atkins.

J. D., born August 18, 1920, married Lillian Odell Gray and had three children. (1) Harlan B., who married Phyllis Jean Jones and has three children: Donna, Richard Dale and Deedra (2) Charlotte Evon, who married Robert L. Green and has two children: Dawn and Jason Todd Green. (3) Ricky Pope.

W. L., born November 10, 1921, married Gemima Pope and has two children: (1) Carolyn Anne, who married Jackie Martin and has a son, Russell Martin. Russell married Susan (?) and has a son Cody. (2) Ida Faye married Wayne Pennington and has three sons, Scott, Brad, and Brent.

CLARENCE LEON, born March 3, 1925, married Maydell (?) and has two children, Norma Lee and Nelva Lynn.

DILMUS LIONEL, born August 17, 1926, married Doris Brown and had two sons (1) Jimmy Lionel and Johnnie Lee. Johnnie Lee had a daughter, Jennifer.

CALVIN HOOVER, born July 17, 1929, married Doris Perry and has three children. Dianne, Cheryl and Lori Anne. He had two other marriages. Clinton Dewitt (Dee) married a second wife, Glenna Culpepper. They had no children. He died November 6, 1970.

POWELL, ELMER A.

(See Photo Page 250)

Elmer A. Powell was born at Dutton on July 16, 1890. He married Bertha Deerman Powell, also born at Dutton on February 13, 1894. They lived in the Dutton community all their lives. Elmer died on February 12, 1964; Bertha passed away on November 19, 1978. Both are buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Elmer was the son of William Marion (Uncle Bill) Powell who was born on November 17, 1853 somewhere around the Chickamauga Battlefield in Georgia. According to his family, when Uncle Bill was a child, he ran away with a soldier during the Civil War and was raised at Valley Head, Alabama. He married Lucinda Stewart, born April 7, 1856, from Ft. Payne, Alabama. It is uncertain as to when Bill and Lucinda moved to Dutton. Both are buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Elmer and Bertha had a daughter, Gaynell, who married Hershel Whiton of Section. They have kept the Powell homeplace at Dutton since the death of Gaynell's mother and have spent a lot of time in the community themselves over the years.

Gaynell and Hershel's children are Jeffiey, born 10/6/57, and Barry, born 2/28/63. Jeffiey married Aricia White and they have three children - Jennifer, Lauren and Julie. Barry married Lisa Slappey and they have two children Alexis and Alaina.

Gaynell and Hershel live in East Ridge, Tennessee.

RAY, A. WEBSTER

A. Webster Ray, son of William Ray of Calhoun, Georgia, married Estelle Dilbeck and lived in the Dutton area. Both are buried in New Canaan Cemetery. Their children were Daisy, Bill, Jessie and Bessie.

DAISY married Marion Brown and had one son, Ray. Both Daisy and Marion are deceased and are buried in New Canaan Cemetery.

BILL married Mattie Lee Duncan and lived at Flat Rock, Alabama. They had two children. Allison and (?).

JESSIE married (?) and had three children.

BESSIE married Winston McKenzie and had one son.

A. W. Ray was a brother to Maria Pearl Ray who married Charles Dilbeck. They moved to Dutton around 1915. A. W.'s sister Julia Ray married William Dilbeck and settled in Rainsville, Alabama. They are all deceased.

ROBERTSON, DESSIE SAVANNA MATTHEWS

(See Photo Page 250)

Dessie Matthews, daughter of Cleve and Clyde Matthews, was born November 29, 1914, at Dutton and married J. C. Robertson in 1934. To that marriage was born a son, Charles Matthews Robertson, born May 3, 1935; Dessie and J. C. divorced in 1938 and she never remarried. She and Charles lived with her parents until they passed away and she continued to live at the homeplace until her death in 1992.

Dessie pursued her college degree at Jacksonville and taught in various schools throughout her lifetime Bryant School, Hodge Elementary; Macedonia Junior High School, and Dutton Junior High School. She retired after spending 30 years teaching. Her former students remember Dessie as a person who instilled her love for music in almost every child she taught. She was a member of the Section Eastern Star and had a great love for her community and her friends.

The following tribute was given by her niece, Glenda Maynor Gilbert:

"Dessie loved to invite her friends to her home and provide wonderful refreshments. There were many Sunday afternoon "Church book" singings at her home. She was an inspiration to all of us as young people and a 'lot of fun' to be around. I remember that Mildred White and Bessie B. Wright and Aunt Dessie were always playing the guitar and piano and singing. Aunt Dessie could "cut a rug" with the Charleston and play her guitar and sing "Frankie and Johnny". She was an inspiration during her school days, teaching children to appreciate music. She presented many musical programs and plays in the Dutton School."

Dessie's son, Charles, married Yvonne Mearse and they had two children, Ron and Reta. Charles spent most of his life after college in the banking business. Yvonne was an English teacher. Both Charles and Yvonne are deceased and are buried at the Henegar, Alabama cemetery.

RUSH, GEORGE E.

George E. Rush, born 12/18/1899, son of Joshua and Saphornia Rush, came to the Dutton area from Ft. Payne, Alabama, but the date is unknown. George married Obera Meadows, born 1/28/1899, who was also born at Ft. Payne. To this union was born four children - Pauline, Imogene, George E. Jr., and Gaynell.

PAULINE married James Wilson and they had three children - Shirley (Wilson) Womack, Jimmy, and Linda (Wilson) Deerman.

IMOGENE married Howard Wilson. Their children are Kay (Wilson) Plemons, Thomas and Kenneth Wilson.

GEORGE E., JR. married Clarece McKenzie and had three children - Randall, Rickey and Sherill (Rush) Rhodes.

GAYNELL married Phillip Nichols. Their children are Derenda (Nichols) Sakal and Patricia (Nichols) Bergman.

George Rush died 10/3/71; his wife, Obera, died 9/29/85.

RYAN, JOHN S.

(See Photo Page 251)

John S. Ryan, born 6-16-53, came to the Dutton area in 1890 from Grove Oak Alabama, in DeKalb County with his wife, Alrose Richey Ryan, born 2-7-1855. His son, Issiac N. Ryan, was born in Grove Oak on 4-13-1883 and came to the Dutton area with his parents. Issiac married Jeppie Dutton who was born at Dutton on 4-28-1886.

Issiac and Jeppie had eight children - Dovie, Harold, Glenn, John B., M. Rose, Edward, Marie, and Jack.

DOVIE married H. J. Searcey. Their children are: Jerrell, Mary Glenn and Charles.

HAROLD married Mellsia (?) and they had no children.

GLENN married Berta Anderson. Their children are Marilyn, Glenda and Rebecca.

JOHN B. married Audrey Carter. Their children are Ted, Don, Mickey and Danny.

M. ROSE married Robert Graves and had two children - Judy and Corky.

EDWARD and his wife, Etoyle Davis Ryan, had two children, Kelley and Stacy.

MARIE married Clayton Shackelford and had a son, Jody.

JACK married Norene Golden. Their children are Tommy, Ronald, Terrell, Sherie, and Phillip.

SHANKLES, ARTHUR

(See Photo Page 252)

Arthur James Shankles was born February 28, 1891 and moved to the Dutton area from DeKalb County about 1915. His wife, Josephine (Josie) O'Shields Shankles was born at Section, Alabama on August 30, 1891. Arthur and Josie moved to the Callahan community and in 1942 moved to Dutton proper when they bought the Homer Dean farm. They raised their family there and remained until their children married and moved away. Josie lived there until the last few years of her life when she was placed in a personal care facility in Huntsville, Alabama.

Six children were born to this union. They are:

NORMA MARIE, born May 8, 1930. Married Wayne Bascom Griffin on August 9, 1947. They moved to Marietta, Georgia in 1952 when Wayne began working at Lockheed. They have a daughter, Sheron Griffin Mumaugh. Both Wayne and Norma are now retired and live in Marietta.

EMILY LUCILLE, born September 7, 1912, married Penuel Newton Hall on August 11, 1929.

OSBIN, born February 14, 1914, married Vereth Murphy on December 28, 1940, died July 10, 1970 and is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Dutton.

ERIE, born January 18, 1919, married Samuel Blease Williams on September 12, 1932.

ELAINE, born February 17, 1921, married Charlie Winston Grubbs on December 23, 1938.

LLOYD BASCOM SR., born April 25, 1916, married Velma Oglera Nation on June 15, 1935, in DeKalb County. Died April 29, 1977, buried in Georgia Memorial Park, Marietta, Georgia.

Arthur and Josie were married in DeKalb County, Alabama, on December 24, 1911. Arthur died August 9, 1954; Josie died February 2, 1988. They are both buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

SHELTON, LESLIE ESMOND

Leland Esmond Shelton is the son of Minnie Coffey Shelton Hill. His father's name was not made available. The Sheltons moved to the Dutton area from Limrock, Alabama, in November of 1952 and had three children - Leland Esmond Shelton, Jo Anne Shelton Ingram, and Willie Fay Shelton Long.

LELAND ESMOND married Geneva Bell and has two sons, Joey and Barry Shelton.

JO ANN married James Ingram and has two children: (See Jo Anne's children under Ingram elsewhere in this book.

WILLIE FAY married a Long. No other information.

Leland was born November 19, 1936 and farmed in the Dutton area until 1955 when he enlisted in the military service. He returned to Dutton in March of 1972 and has continued to live there since that time.

Minnie Coffey Shelton later married Sam Hill and they had two children, Rene and Carol Hill. She died in May of 1956. Both Minnie and Sam Hill are buried at Chaney's Chapel Cemetery. Sam Hill's grandson, Ray Reed, is the owner of Reed's Grocery in Dutton.

SIMS, JOHN WOODROW

John Woodrow Sims, born 8-14-1915, came to the Dutton area around 1927 with his parents, D. S. (Dude) (born 9-20-1882) and Emma Mae Cox Sims (born 4-30-1894). The Sims family came from either the Bellfonte or Shakerag area of Jackson County.

John married Vera Evelyn Sizemore (born 10-19-1919) from DeKalb County, Alabama. Their children are Trama Kay, Benny Ray, Rita Jean, and Johnny Wade.

TRAMA KAY married Grady Dolberry and had two children - Grady (Tommy) Thomas, Jr. and Ray Anthony Dolberry.

BENNY RAY married Rosa Womack. Their children are Johnny Wade and Duane Edward Sims.

RITA JEAN married Dale Hutchenson and had three children: Rhonda Dale, Lannie Lynn, and Trama Shawn Hutchenson.

JOHNNY WADE, born February 11, 1951 - died February 11, 1951.

SHIREY, WILLIE CLYDE

Willie Clyde Shirey, born August 18, 1917, came to the Dutton area from Marshall County, Alabama, at age two with his parents, N. E. (Van) and Maroney Shirey. His father, Van, was born February 8, 1880, in Georgia and died November 26, 1970 (place of death unknown).

Willie Clyde married Mary Kate Dean, born in Ft. Payne, Alabama on February 27, 1918. He died September 20, 1994; his wife is still living. Their children are Elizabeth, Charles, Peggy and Deborah.

ELIZABETH married Junior Coots and lives in Rainsville, Alabama. Their children are Anita Coots Crowell and Ronald Coots. Anita has three children and one grandchild; Ronald has two children..

CHARLES married Brenda James and they have a son, Keith Shirey. The family lives at Dutton.

PEGGY married Paul D. Mitchell. Their children are Davina, who lives in Lancaster, Pa; Kelvin lives in Atlanta, Georgia, Diedre Mitchell lives in Asheville, Alabama and; Jonna Walton lives in Lancaster, Pa.

DEBORAH married Terry Traylor and has two sons, Jason and Jarrod Traylor. The family lives in Rainsville, Alabama.

SMITH, ALEC
(See Photo Page 252)

Alec Smith and his family lived in the Dutton Community next to the old Will Anderson place from the late 1920's until his death. He was married to Vestula Strickland. He was a farmer and was well-known in the Dutton community as an avid gospel singer. He died in _____ and is buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

After Alec's death the family continued to live in and around the Dutton community for several years and then moved to Birmingham, Alabama.

Their children are Carthell (deceased), Melba Ruth, Vonda, Dwight (deceased) and Nobie Jane (deceased). At last report, Melba Ruth and Vonda still live near Birmingham.

SMITH, JOHN

John and Alma Smith moved to Dutton from Pisgah in the early 1950's. They lived next door to the Dub Dilbeck Store. By this time all ten of us children had married and moved away but would visit our parents at least once a year, with the ones living nearby dropping in quite often. We used to laugh about how our children were a "major contributor" to Dub's coffers as they ran back and forth several times a day with their purchases of bubblegum and candy.

Both of my parents were pillars of the Dutton Baptist Church. I can see Mama to this day as she'd march down the aisle with various children and grandchildren in tow when we visited them. My dad was a deacon and Mama was involved with Sunday School and the women's society. She kept helping when she really was not up to par. One year when we were home, she was making cool aid for the vacation Bible school children. As my dad used to say, she was the first in the church building for whatever function was scheduled and the last to leave.

When Mama passed away in 1971, we were living in Dayton, Ohio, and my friends gave me monetary memorial for her which I used to purchase a dark green velveteen curtain for the new baptistery. (I wonder if it's still there).

Our two children considered it the highlight of the year to go to Dutton to see MeeMaw and PeePaw and as we approached their house, they'd squeal in delight when they saw the big Pure Oil sign above the service station which was right between their house and Dub's store. To this day, our daughter Susan talks about strolling through the cemetery there in back of our parents' house. She was particularly intrigued with a gravestone etched with THE LITTLE WHISTLER.

Our parents had a lot of good neighbors and church friends in the Dutton community. His name escapes me, but I'm sure you know the gentleman who lived there in the heart of "town".. He was always dressed in sartorial splendor and if you said good morning to him, he'd reply, "Yes, it is; isn't it?" (Ed. note: this person is surely Mr. E. E. LaBarre)

Some of the other names of their friends which come to mind are Virgie Chambers, who was the pianist at church for years; the Perrys who lived behind them; the Nichols family and the Griggs family. I wish I could remember the names of their ministers. On a regular basis, visiting ministers came to hold revival meetings and Mama was usually the first one to invite them to dinner.

As I stated earlier, there were ten of us children but two are now deceased. The oldest child, Jewel Wheeler, resides in Scottsboro; Louise, the second oldest is retired and lives in Pisgah. In fact, we are all retired now! The oldest son Virgil resides in Huntsville; Bill, the youngest son, the only PhD., lives in Tuscaloosa. The baby of the family, Nell Johnson, lives in Camden, Tennessee; another sister, Dessie Mae, resides in Pensacola, Fla.; Pete lives in Chattanooga, and I live in Palm Harbor Florida. All of us became professionals teachers, lawyers, nurses and service in the military.

SMITH - GANT - COWAN FAMILIES

Ed Coker Smith married Sarah Jane Helton and lived on the bluff at the back of the former Janette and Charles McCord home in the late 1800's early 1900's. Ed was part Cherokee. Their daughter, Nancy Elizabeth, was born in 1875 and married twice. Her first husband was James Franklin Gant, who was born in 1877. Two children were born to this marriage, Floy M., who married Roy Anderson, and Sarah who died as a child. James Franklin Gant died in 1899 and is buried in the Gant' Cemetery.

Elizabeth's second husband was Jack Cowan. Their children were Thomas, who married Betty Griffin. They had one child, William C. Cowan married Toni (?) and they had two sons, Levoiy did not marry.

Elizabeth and Jack Cowan lived in Dutton. She was a charter member of Dutton Baptist Church.

TATUM, JEFFERSON D.

(See Photo Pages 253-54)

Jefferson D. Tatum (born 2-2-1862; died 5-27-1926) married Florence C. Dutton, (born 10-9-1863 - died 6-28-1932). To this union was born four children a daughter who died as an infant and is buried in the Trenton, Georgia Cemetery; Willie Marion, Lois Freeman, and Charlie Lee Tatum.

WILLIE MARION, (born 11/19/1887 - died 3/27/79) married Paralee Nation (born 9/9/1890 - died 3/11/69). Both are buried in Chaney's Chapel Cemetery. An infant son (born 2/22/1914 - died 2/24/1914) is also buried at Chaney's Chapel Cemetery.

Daughter, Reba, (born 7/5/21) married Willie Eugene Carter. Their children are Lynn and Cheryl Jean. Lynn married Eddie Sisco and has a child, Shannon Sisco. Cheryl Jean married Ricky O'Neal and has two children. Meredith and Ben Carter O'Neal.

LOIS FREEMAN (born 11/13/1893 - died 7/26/78) married Willie Ruth Newton (born 7/7/1899 - died 12/5/90). Both are buried in Dutton Methodist Cemetery. Freeman and Willie Ruth lived and raised their family near Dutton and attend Chaney's Chapel Methodist Church. They were farmers, and very hard working people. They believed in sharing what they had with others and helping anyone who was in need. They taught their children very high Christian principles which they continued to live by themselves. To this union was born two children - Loy Kermit and Bonnie Faye.

Kermit married Marie York, daughter of Abner and Ola Koger York of Dutton. They had no children and live in Gadsden, Alabama. Kermit served in World War II, receiving the Bronze Star for battles in Europe, Africa, Middle Eastern, Normandy Beach Head and the Sicilian battle campaigns. He is retired from Civil Service. Marie is retired from the banking industry.

Bonnie married Sylvie Stockman and lives in Dutton. He is employed by the Board of Education. Their children are Larry, Barbara, Sandy and Tangela. Larry married Susan (?) and works for the Board of Education. Barbara married Willis R. Kirby. She is a

teacher and Willis is a postal worker. Sandy married Chris L. Berry. She is a teacher and Chris is in the business machine business. Tangela is married to Methodist minister, Donald Barnett. She attends college. Bonnie and Sylvie also have four grandchildren.

CHARLIE LEE (born 11/14/1902 - died 7/27/80) married Minnie M. Wright (born 12/16/1906 - died 9/26/57). Both are buried in the Dutton Methodist Cemetery. Charlie and Minnie had three children - Mary Geneva, Johnnie and Matthew.

Mary Geneva (born 3/3/27) never married and has no children. She lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Johnnie (born 6/20/30) married Les Calloway. Her children are Mary Constance Calloway and David E. Calloway. Johnnie lives in Ringgold, Georgia.

Matthew (born 6/20/33) married (1) Maxine Cagle and they have a daughter Susan Elaine who married Robert Kean. Their children are Jennifer and Jason Kean (twins). Matthew's second marriage was to June Price. Their adopted children are Darla Ann (deceased) Dale Lee and Charles M. Tatum III. He is currently married to Nora Russell Tatum and has a son Benjamin who does not carry the Tatum name.

The name Tatum is of English origin from a place in the North Lanes, England, and from personal homestead names of Tate, Tatam and Tatem. The name is widespread and common. The chief area of concentration of the Tatum's was in York County, England, and Northumb, England.

The Tatum Shield of Armour is a Dexter arm in Armour, holding three armors in hand; a symbol of protection for the Emperor.

Tatum Coat of Arms is an eagle displayed, crowned with antique comet. A symbol of the Emperor.

Jefferson Tatum also had two brothers. Pecter H. (Pete) and Joe D. Pete (born 1849 - 1908), married M. Etta J. Dutton (born 1847 - died 1921). Joe D. (date of birth and death unknown) married Nan (no other information available). They lived and died in Trenton, Georgia, and are buried in Trenton Cemetery.

TAYLOR, ZACK BENJAMIN

Zack Benjamin Taylor moved to the Dutton community sometime in the 1920's from Anniston, Alabama. He married Clara Spears. Zack was a farmer as most of the people who settled in the area were and unto the union was born five children: Lillie, Floyd, J. C. (Junior), A. V. and Harvey Dean.

Lillie married Joe Martin and had no children. Floyd married Maggie Lacy and had twins, Jerry and Terry. Junior married Verna

Hemphill and had two children, Betty and Berlin. A. W. married Elsie Colvert and had three children Sammy and twins, Ray and Kay. Harvey Dean married Margaret Creswell and had three children - Randy, Rhonda and Robert.

THOMAS, LEONARD
(As written by Clarence Ballard)

Leonard Thomas (date of birth unknown) married Louvenia "Aunt Venie: Chaney Thomas Flippo (date of birth unknown). To this union was born five children - Leon, Burt, Hattie Mae, Wannie, and Nina.

LEON married Mary (?) and settled in Texas.

BURT (no information on wife) settled in Florida.

HATTIE MAE married twice. The first time to Clarence White and later to Jim Nichols.

WANNIE married Lydia "Aunt Little" McKenzie and settled in New Hope, Alabama.

NINA married Raymond Carr Retired military in Birmingham, Alabama.

Leonard and Mrs. Venie Thomas built a house in Old Dutton which still stands as the "Henry Griffin House". They ran a store and the Dutton post office there. The only child of this union still living is Nina Carr who is in a nursing home in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The son, Burt Thomas, as a young man disappeared and no one knew where he was. He was gone some 45 years with no word to his relatives. In the late 1950's or early 60's, Mr. Valis Headrick was vacationing in Florida and saw a Burt Thomas Buick dealership there. He walked in and asked to speak to Burt Thomas on a hunch! As it turned out, he was the Burt Thomas of Dutton. He came back to Dutton twice after that to see his mother before she died. He never said why he left. "Aunt Venie: lived to be 98 years old. She always said she'd love to see Burt again. Her health failed shortly after he came back and she was dead within a year or so.

"Aunt Venie" was some more Christian and could testify longer than most modern day preachers can preach! I remember as a small boy hoping she would not get up to testify because when she did, dinner was always late. She continued to walk from the lower end of Dutton to the Methodist Church until about age 94 even though she could have ridden in a car and, of course, did that on bad days.

"Aunt Venie" counted cousins back to the 10th generation. Believe me, if you were her 10th cousin, you were subject to look up and here

she'd come with her suitcase to stay a while. She must have worn out two cars for cousin J. Opal Nealey just carrying her to see her relatives. J. Opal could never say no to Aunt Venie.

THOMAS, W. RICHARD

W. Richard Thomas and his wife Leola Owens Thomas came from Clay County, Alabama, to Scottsboro, then to Dutton (dates unknown). Their son, Vernon P. Thomas (born 12/12/1896 died 1/28/73) came to Dutton with his parents and married Elwin B. Bohannon (born 8/19/1900 - died 2/3/84) from Boaz, Alabama. To the union was born a daughter, Alice.

ALICE married (1) J. Talmadge Dilbeck; (2) Maurice A. Nichols. Their children are V. Thomas Dilbeck and Maurice A. Nichols, Jr.

THOMAS, EARL GRADY, SR.

(See Photo Page 255)

Earl Grady Thomas, Sr., born November 21, 1894, came to Dutton from the Hedge community around 1920. His father, Rev. Richard Thomas came to the area from Clay County, Alabama, with his wife, Leola Owen Thomas.

Grady married Louella Haynes, born April 1, 1897, and they had seven children - Coburn Haynes Thomas, Owen Blaine, Margie Lee, Earl Grady, Mary Leola, Fred and Douglas.

COBURN married Jane Hodges and they had a daughter, Nancy Jane. Coburn graduated from high school in the same class as his father in 1931. Later he enrolled in and graduated from Florence State Teachers College. He retired from South Central Bell.

OWEN BLAINE, married Louise Bryant and had one son, Owen Blaine, Jr. He retired from the State Department of Education.

MARGIE LEE married Leroy Airheart and had two children: Sarah Alice and Thomas Rankin (Randy) Airheart. After attending McKenzie Business College in Chattanooga, Margie worked at Harbin Motor Company, the Jackson County Board of Education and Scottsboro City Board of Education, and Ballet Fabrics as a payroll supervisor.

EARL GRADY THOMAS, JR., married Sue Bryant. Their children are Linda Sue, Patsy and Greg. As a civil engineer with the government, he spent several years in Iceland and has recently retired.

MARY LEOLA married McDaniel Hooper and had two children Dana and Carol. Mary and McDaniel reside in Paducah, Kentucky

where he is employed with T.V.A. Mary has spent her life as a homemaker and mother.

FRED married Louise Frazier and had four children: Fred Michael (deceased), Marsha Diane, Phillip Roy, and Melissa Ann. Fred is retired from the teaching profession and, according to family members, took many of his teaching and discipline methods from his father.

DOUGLAS married Hilda Gibbs. Their children are: Kathy Maris, Gary Douglas and Milton Earl. Douglas graduated from Florence State Teachers College and although he taught school for a time, he found his life's work at NASA in Huntsville from which he recently retired. He and his family reside in Arab, Alabama.

TIGUE, GEORGE FRANKLIN

(See Photo Pages 256-57)

George F. Tigue, (born 10/7/1897 - died 12/31/78), son of James Robert and Mary E. Copeland Tigue came from Clay County, Alabama, and settled at Dutton around 1900. The family came to this country via Bristol, England, in 1675 bearing the name of Tegg. It is believed that families throughout the country bearing the name of Teague and Tigue are descendants of Edward Tegg born in 1650.

In 1918, George married Margaret Ann (Maggie) Gilbert, (born 6/7/1900 - died 2/14/95), daughter of William Riley and Roxie Lacy Gilbert. To this union were born 13 children, all single births. Twelve of the thirteen children lived to maturity.

George and Maggie's children are:

MILFORD MCCOY - deceased as an infant.

GEMIMA SYBLE - born February 1919 (deceased 2/90); married W.L. Pope. their children are Carolyn Ann Martin Little. Carolyn's son is Russell Martin, Russell's son is Cody. Ida Faye Pope Pennington, married Wayne Pennington. Their children are Scott, Brent and Brad Pennington. Gemima is buried at Rossville, Georgia.

ETHELENE - born August 1923. Married to (1) Ernest Sanders. Their children are Ernestine, Michael (deceased) and Randy. Marriage (2) Grover Verhine. Ethelene is retired and lives in Rossville, Georgia.

MARY RUTH, born July 1925, married Clyde Evans and had one daughter, Doris Jean. Mary Ruth is widowed and works at Hutcheson Medical Center in Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. where she lives.

JAMES RAY - born July 1927, married Jean Cooley. They had two children, Perry Allen and Rhonda. Perry's children are Phillip, David, Amanda and James Christopher. He and his family live in Gadsden,

Alabama. Rhonda married Danny Elliot and lives in Attalla, Alabama. Their children are Nikki and Brandi. James worked at Republic Steel and served as a deacon and choir director of Cherry Street Baptist Church in Attalla until his death in 1994. His wife, Jean, lives in Attalla, Alabama.

CHARLES EDWARD - born July, 1930, married Phyllis Malcolm and lives at Dutton. They have two sons, Eddie and Terry, and a daughter, Sandy. Eddie has a son, Alex, Terry's children are Hunter and Zackary. Charles has been very active in the Dutton community all his adult life, serving in the Rescue Squad, Ruritan Club, Volunteer Fire Department and was instrumental in the development of the Dutton Park. He is retired from teaching at the Jackson County Vocational School in Hollywood, Alabama.

JEWELL DEANE - born April 1932, married Milford E. (Buck) Smalley. Their children are Anthony Eugene and Regina Gayle. Anthony has a son, Joshua; Regina's children are Samuel and Joseph Tucker. Samuel has two sons, Alex and Derek, and a stepson Josh. Jewell is a freelance journalist and writer. She is a widow and lives at Trenton, Georgia.

CLARA SUE - born February 1934, married Lyle C. Jones (deceased 1996) and lives in Navarre, Florida. They have no children. Sue and Lyle were career Air Force and traveled abroad extensively during his years in the military. She recently retired as a legal secretary in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

NORMA JEAN - Born January 1936, married Roy Bradford and has two children - Barbara and Glenda Sue. Barbara's children are Rebeka and Alyson Rieser; Glenda has three children, Brandi, Cain and Zachariah Faircloth who died at birth. Norma lives at Hollywood, Alabama and works for a Home Health Agency.

RUBY LAMERLE - Born February, 1938, married Bill Austin (deceased). Their children are Sheila and Brian who is deceased. Sheila's children are Austin and Lacy Wright; Brian's son is Byron. Ruby is married to Donald Loveless and lives in Centerville, Tennessee.

GEORGE F, JR. - Born May 1940. died June 1992. Married twice but had no children in either marriage, although he raised three step-children who presently live in Colorado. George Jr. spent almost 30 years as a dental technician in the U. S. Air Force. After his retirement from the military, he moved back to Dutton where he lived until his death.

HELEN JANE - born April 1942, married Glen Holt and has one daughter, Lisa. Helen lives in Hollywood, Alabama. Helen works for Liberty National Insurance in Scottsboro.

JO ANNE - born November 1946, married Earl Phillips (divorced). Their children are Chris and Jennifer. Chris has two daughters, Brittany and Sherry. Jo Anne is married to Tommy Hurst and lives at Dutton.

George Tigue was a farmer all his life and died in 1978 at age 81. Margaret was a housewife and at her death, had four great-great-grandchildren. She died on February 14, 1995. Both are buried at New Canaan Cemetery alongside their sons George, Jr. and Milford McCoy.

TIPTON, JOSEPH

Joseph and Mary Downey Tipton, parents of Thomas J. Tipton, moved to the Dutton area in the fall of 1936. Thomas married Bertha Crawford of Hollywood, Alabama and they had nine children:

MILDRED TIPTON, married Homer W. Murphree and is the only member of the family still living. Homer died on October 29, 1994. Their children are Harold, Kenneth and Wayne Murphree. Harold has one son, Harold Greg. Harold Greg has a son, Michael. Kenneth has three daughters, Carol, Teresa and Kathy. Carol has three daughters, Heather, Angelica and Cara. Wayne has two sons, Keith and David. Keith has one son, Matthew; David has two children, Cari and Jacob.

AUBREY was unmarried and had no children. He died March 8, 1943.

WILEY married Ruthie Mae Thompson. (Information on children not available) Wiley died January 11, 1982.

EARL married Juanita Snyder. (No information on children). Earl died August 8, 1988.

MARY RUTH married Carthell Elliott. (No information on children) She died December 14, 1947.

GLENN was unmarried and had no children. He died February 25, 1946.

ERNEST (DICK) was unmarried and had no children. He died July 21, 1951.

GLADYS was unmarried and had no children. She died February 7, 1940.

JOHN (SHORTY) married Betty June Barclay. Their children are Paula and Lynn. John died June 29, 1995.

Thomas and Bertha are buried at the Section Methodist Cemetery along with Aubrey, Mary Ruth, Glenn, Dick and Gladys. Earl and John are buried in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

THRASHER, RAYFORD JACKSON

Rayford Jackson Thrasher, born August 26, 1896, married Lois Barclay, born May 20, 1896. The date they came to the Dutton area is

unknown but they raised nine children in the Dutton/Hodge community. Their children are:

DOYLE (deceased), married Mae Bradford and they had three children Eugene, Thomas and Phillip.

FAYE married H. K. Tucker. Their children are Juanita and Brenda Binowski.

THELMA married Winston Allen and they have one son, David.

THOMAS married Wilma Wallingsford. Their children are Charlotte Thrasher and Nancy Rountree.

DENNIS married Janet Young. Their children are Mary Jane Balentine and Dennis, Jr.

DEAN married Jim Stowe. Their children are Sherrill Godbee, Jimmy Stowe and Renie Guillory.

EDWIN married Hazel Coker and has a son, Joel.

DESMA married Crawford Pike. Their daughter is Joyce Pike.

KENNETH married Sandra Ogle and has no children.

Rayford died May 17, 1971; his wife, Lois, died October 29, 1976.

TOLLESON, ASA COLUMBUS

(See Photo Page 258)

Asa Columbus Tolleson (born July 10, 1872 - died July 16, 1954) married Ollie Ann Austin (born February 3, 1878 - died August 1956), date unknown. Asa was the son of Green Berry Tolleson and Louisa Minervia Edwards Tolleson (dates of birth and death unknown). Ollie Ann was the daughter of L. A. Austin and Rachel Francis Barber (no other information available).

Asa and Ollie had seven children - Hettie, Hessie, Addie, Atha, William Hoyt, Hershel, and Hugh Dorsey.

HETTIE, born 11/30/1897, married Henry Grady Davis, born 11/11/1892 on December 19, 1915. Their children; Thomas Cecil Davis who married Martha (?); Mary Adelle Davis, who married Leonard Carpenter; and Henry Lee Davis, who married Eliner Ann Conklin.

HESSIE, (born 12/04/1906 - died 3/1977) married Willis B. Wright (born 1905 - died 1974). Both Hessie and Willis B. are buried in the Dutton Methodist Cemetery. Their children are: Inda June Wright, born 4/18/29, and married to (?) Arnold. Frances Ann Wright, born 2/21/38 and married to George Hunter Payne. Armon, born 1-5-41 (no information on who he married). Edwin Wright (no other information).

ADDIE IDELLA, born 12/22/1910, died 9/9/93. No other information made available.

ATHA LEONA, born 1910, married Leroy Spencer Stubbs, born 12/2/07 - died 1/20/62. Leroy was the son of Dr. William Lee Stubbs. Their children are Anne Elaine, born 6/9/1934; Dwight Leroy, born 12/24/35; Hugh Harry (Ted) born 5/2/37; Lois Gail, born 6/23/41; and William Lee, born 3/15/49. Anne, Dwight and Ted were both born at Dutton. Lois was born in Cherokee County, Alabama; William Lee was born in Sheffield, Alabama.

WILLIAM HOYT, born 8/20/1899 - died 4/12/1956, married Ethel B. Brannon on July 14, 1926. Their children are Herbert Hoyt, born 2/23/28, Gerald Lavelle, born 4/6/30, Sara D., born 4/16/34, Delores Ann, born 7/8/39, and David William, born 11/8/43. None of William Hoyt and Ethel's children were born in the Dutton area.

HERSHEL, born 1/8/04, married Merle Majorie LaBarre, born 9/16/12 on June 12, 1930. Merle was the daughter of Earl E. and Ida Lee LaBarre. Their children are Marion Rose, born April 1931 and married Robert E. Brown. Margaret Merle, born 12/19/32, married Thomas Jay Caves. Susan Ida, born 4/10/42, married David Crawford.

HUGH DORSEY, born 7/10/1916, married Elizabeth Ann Archer, born 3/9/1915 on June 2, 1943. They had two children: Thomas Hugh, born 5/22/45, who married Laura Olivia Lowery, born 5/23/45 and Mary Kathleen, born 4/19/48, who married Robert William Miller, born 6/19/46.

TRAYLOR, ELMER EUGENE

Joseph Clinton Traylor, born in 1871, moved to the Dutton area from Claiborne County but the date is not established. He married (?) Woolum, who was born at Dutton in or about 1882. To this union was born a son Elmer Eugene. Elmer was born 4/4/1905 at Dutton and married Nora Perry of Rosalie, Alabama.

Elmer and Nora had two daughters, Wanda Faye and Alta Lou.

WANDA FAYE TRAYLOR POTTER, born February 24, 1935, married William Potter (deceased) and lives in Benton, Tennessee. She retired from AT&T Telephone Company after 30 years of service. After graduation from Jackson County High School in 1953, Faye started out at Southern Bell Telephone in Chattanooga. She lived in Norfolk, Virginia and in Morristown, Tennessee where she lived up until her husband's death in 1993.

ALTA LOU TRAYLOR PRESSWOOD, married Bobby Presswood and lives in Benton, Tennessee. After graduation from Pisgah High School in 1956, she lived in Chattanooga where she worked for Southern Bell and Peerless Woolen Mills and the Chattanooga Credit

Bureau. Currently, Alta works for Cleveland State College and has a granddaughter, Faye LaShane Smith of Ft. Payne, Alabama.

TRAYLOR, JOSEPH CLINTON

Joseph Clinton Traylor, born November 19, 1871, and married Maggie Climitine Woolem, born September 29, 1882. Their children are: Loyd Clinton, Elmer E., Edward L., and Nellie Traylor McNew.

LOYD C., born March 8, 1901, married Lula Mae Shirey, born January 1, 1905. on January 25, 1921. Loyd came to Dutton (date unknown) from DeKalb County, Alabama; Lula Mae was originally from Marshall County, Alabama. Their children are:

OPAL LILLIAN, born February 9, 1923, died September 8, 1937.

MILFORD WAYNE TRAYLOR, born November 25, 1928. (No other information).

THELMA LEE TRAYLOR, born September 18, 1931. (No other information).

ELMER DEE TRAYLOR, born September 18, 1931, Elmer D. died July 12, 1976. (No other information).

JAMES ARLON TRAYLOR, born December 1, 1933. (No other information).

JIMMY HUGH TRAYOR, born July 12, 1939, married Rachel Marie Lowery. Their children are Sabrina Lynn Swope of Chattanooga and Glenn Alan Traylor. Glenn has two children.

Loyd died on April 17, 1965; Lula passed away in October, 1995. They are both buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

WHITE, GEORGE W.

George W. White, born 1854 - died 1929, and Catherine A. Lumsdon White, born 1857 - died 1936, came to the Dutton area from near Carrollton, Georgia, in the 1880's. George traded a mule for 160 acres of land which extended from White's Mill Pond to what is now Highway 40. He built White's Mill Pond dam, grist mill and sawmill which, of course, was powered by water. He also built a large store and house at what is now know as the Hugh Anderson house. George ran the store and carried the mail for a while. His son, Clairence, ran the grist mill and sawmill as well as a store in the lower end of Dutton, later to be known as Thomason's Store.

George and Catherine had two sons, Clairence and EuGeneous. Clairence, who later ran the sawmill, took a hook in the chest when a log slipped. He contracted tuberculosis and died in 1914, leaving his wife, Hattie, and four children.

Eugeneous married Allie Plaster. He ran a general store in the lower end of Dutton, as well as a potato house and a coal yard. His store was later known as the Clarence Scoggin Store and was located across the street from the Clairence and Hattie White Store. (Talk about competition)!

Clairence, born 1881 - died 1914, married Hattie Mae Thomas, born 1886 died 1979 Their children are:

GEORGE T., who married Velma Lacey and had no children.

LEON CLAIRENCE, married Willie Bea Wheeler and had no children.

PAULINE T. married Louis K. Ballard and had six children. (See Pauline's children under Ballard in this book).

KATE L. married Hilburn "Buddy" Hodges and had one child.

Eugeneous White married Allie E. Plaster from Hollywood, Alabama. Their children are:

PERSEY LEE, who married EuSonia House and had a son, Lee White.

OMER married Dorotha (?). No information on children.

LUTHER married Pearl Shelton and had no children.

TROY married Mildred Chaffin and had two sons - Charles Edwin (Buster), and James Robert (Rabbit).

Several years after the death of Clairence, his widow, Hattie Thomas White, married James (Jim) Nichols.

WIGGINGTON, ENOCH GARREN

Enoch Garrett and J Harriett Elizabeth Wyatt Wigington (married April 10, 1857), came to Jackson County from South Carolina in the spring of 1882 and settled two and one-half miles south of Dutton. Seven children were born to this union - William J., Nora, Mary Agnis, John F., Redmond Wyatt, Lucinda Elizabeth and Fannie C.

FAMILY #1

William J. Wigington was born August 21, 1858, in South Carolina. He married Elizabeth L. Moore, born November 23, 1876, in Jackson County, Alabama. The couple were married on May 22, 1897, by the Rev. Graham in Jackson County. William J. Wiginton died January 27, 1934.

Their children:

OPHA MAY, born 10/16/1898 in Jackson County, Alabama.

Their children:

ESTHER, born 7/23/1909 - died 11/4/74.

JOHN J., born 10/10/10 - died 9/19/21.

PAUL P., born 12/19/12.

RUTH R., born 9/1/1900.

BABY BOY, born 10/14/1899 - died 10/14/1899.

NAOMI C., born 12/28/1902.

AGNIS, 9/10/1904 - died 5/30/1906.

Elizabeth Wigington died October 3, 1905, and is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

FAMILY #2: After the death of Elizabeth, William J. Wigington married Annie Laura Craig, born February 1888. They were married on October 18, 1908, by a Rev. Hulsey.

BLANCHE B., born 7/13/14.

CHARLES S., born 5/22/16 - died 8/24/16.

IMOGENE, born 3/14/25.

WILLIE, born 8/7/27.

IRIE, born 8/14/19 - died 2/3/82.

IRIS, born 8/14/19.

WILSON, JAMES GABRIEL

James Gabriel Wilson, born May 23, 1916, was the son of Labon and Amy Ethel Nichols Wilson. Labon Wilson came to the Dutton area (date unknown) from Atlanta, Georgia and married Dutton native Army Ethel Nichols, daughter of Dutton pioneer, Rufus A. Nichols.

James Gabriel (deceased June 20, 1992) married Pauline Rush, daughter of George Earl Rush, Sr. and Estern Obara Rush. To this union was born three children: Shirley Janet, Linda Gail, and Jimmy Dale Wilson.

SHIRLEY JANET married Jimmy Bradford Womack. Their children are Karen Annette Womack Hatcher and Craig Wilson Womack. Karen has a son, Richard Hatcher.

LINDA GAIL married Donald Deerman. Their children are Roger Don, Jeffrey Dale and Lynn Deerman Beamon. Lynn's children are Daryl Wilson and Tyler James Beamon.

JIMMY DALE married Barbara Tinker. Their children are Eric Dale, Jeremy Lance, Chadwick and Christopher (twins) Wilson. Christopher's children are Millie and Jacob Christopher Wilson.

WILLIAMS, JESSE GUIN

(Sources: Virlyn Duncan and excerpts from notes taken during conversations with

Isaac J. and Ina Jane Williams in the summer of 1971.)

Jesse Guin Williams was born February 20, 1860 at Lathamville, a community near what is now Albertville, Alabama. His father was

William G. Williams, born in eastern Tennessee, birth date unknown. Jesse's mother, Jame Naylor, was a Cherokee Indian and was probably born about 1830 (?). When Jesse was about eight years old, and after his mother married for the third time, he left home to be near his half-brother, Charles D. Williams, in DeKalb County, Alabama. He lived with Elisha Isbell, a preacher, until he was 19 years of age, at which time he moved to Dutton (about 1879). He married Emma Josephine Hope and they had twelve children – Frank, Isaac J., Pierce, Paul, Auburn, Reece, Arkie, Octie, Victoria, Ina Jane, Addie, and Faitha. Jesse was a Justice of the Peace, farmer, and basket weaver.

ARKIE, REECE AND AUBURN WILLIAMS, all died as children and are buried at Chaney's Chapel Cemetery.

FRANK married Charlsie Chumley. Their children are Allie Mae and Emma Ruth. Allie Mae married and lives in the Chattanooga area (her husband's name was not included in the information). Emma Ruth married Wayne Ball. They live in Section, Alabama. Frank ran the water mill known as "Ray's Mill" for several years then worked at the cotton gin at Dutton for most of the rest of his life. He died in 1956 at the age of 72 and is buried at Dutton. Charlsie died in 1979 at age 73 and is also buried in the Dutton Cemetery.

OCTA married W. A. Allen. They lived at Ider for many years. Two of their children now live in Trenton, Georgia. Both Octa and W.A. are buried near Ider, Alabama.

VICTORIA married Truss Battles. They had four children - Nellie, who lives in Georgia; Van, who retired from the military service and lives in Gadsden, Alabama; Avery married Louise Croft and lived in the Chattanooga area until his death. He is buried there. Glenn married Kathleen Knott. They had two children, Glenda and Tommy. Glenda married Doyle Anderson and lives near Gadsden, Alabama. Tommy married Jo Ann Strickland. They, along with their daughter, Christy, were killed in a house fire. The three of them, along with Glenn are buried at Green Haven Memorial Gardens at Centra, Alabama.

ISAAC J. married Mae Chaney. Their children are Jessie, Kenneth, Hugh Chaney and Blake. Jessie married Gilbert Downer and now lives in Port Richey, Florida, where Gilbert is buried. Kenneth lived in Dalton, Georgia until his death and is buried there. His wife, Helen, still lives in Dalton. Blake married Florence Strange and they live in Orlando, Florida. Hugh Chaney and wife Kitty have three daughters. Hugh retired from the Air Force and now lives in Gadsden, Alabama.

Isaac died in 1983. Both he and Mae are buried at Dutton.

INA was the twin sister of Isaac and never married. She lived at the Williams home place until her death in 1977. Ina is buried at Dutton Cemetery.

PIERCE also never married. He lived at the Williams home place until his death in 1973.

ADDIE married George Allen and they lived around Dutton until their deaths. George died in 1956 and is buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Addie lived until 1975 and is buried in the Dutton cemetery.

PAUL married Jessie Fay Keith and they had one son Norman Quell. He is now in Akron, Ohio. Jessie Fay died in 1933 and is buried at Dutton Cemetery. Paul later married Mae Knott and moved to Akron. Their children are: Harold, who lives in Oklahoma; Gerald, who lives in California; and Gaylon and Jonita who live in Akron.

FAITHA married Omer Duncan and they had one son, Virlyn. Virlyn married Louise Kibble. They have one son, Larry, and two daughters, Vicki and Angie. (More information on Virlyn's family under Duncan Family elsewhere in this book).

WRIGHT, WILLIA NOLAN

(See Photo Page 158)

Willis Nolan Wright, born July 19, 1874, came to the Dutton area in 1918 from Delta, Alabama. He was married to Elizabeth Ferrell, born February 7, 1880 who was also from Delta. Willis Nolan died June 4, 1937; Elizabeth died January 23, 1964. To this union was born twelve children. They are:

FLOSSIE, (deceased) married Mallie Pickett. Their children are: Roy Bert, Mary Nell and Billie Jean.

MITCHELL, deceased, and had no children.

WILLIE ROBRIE, deceased and had no children.

WILLIS (deceased), married HESSIE TOLLESON and had three children: Inda June, Frances Ann and Armon.

MINNIE MAE (deceased) married Charlie Tatum and had three children: Mary Geneva, Johnnie Ferrell and Charles Matthew.

WILLARD (deceased) had no children.

EASTER BELL (DECEASED) had no children.

TWINS (deceased) had no children.

KATY B., married August Saintnoey. Their children are: Marlin and Beth.

BESSIE B. Unmarried. Has no children. Lives in Chattanooga Tennessee.

BRENNON (deceased) had no children.

YORK, ABNER

(See Photo Page 259)

Abner York, born 7/29/1895, was the son of Lawson and Margaret Little York. He was born at Ider, Alabama, and on February 27, 1916, married Ola Lee Koger (born 9/6/1897), also of Ider, Alabama. After their marriage, they moved to Flat Rock, Alabama before moving to Dutton in November of 1942 and lived the remainder of their lives there. They are both buried at the Dutton Methodist Cemetery.

The York family resided in County York, England where they were renowned for their bravery on the field of battle and loyalty to their country. One of the ancestors was a Pilgrim to the Holy Land during the time of the Crusades (1000-1200 A.D.) The American branch of the family originally settled in Pennsylvania and were prosperous landowners. They fought in the American Revolution on the side of the colonies.

Ten children were born to the union - Annie Lou, Leroy, Willene, Ivon, Kathleen, Marie, G. W., Lois, Billy, and Wayne Anthony. All of the York children are still living.

ANNIE LOU married Fred Foster and has no children.

LEROY married Christine (?) and has three children, Ronnie, Joye York Williams, and Sheila York Turner. Ronnie's children are Lisa York O'Kelley and Christy York. Joye's children are Decota, Stephanie Lesley, Simone Williams. Sheila's children are Danny, Shannon, DeAnn, and Cambron Turner.

WILLENE married W. R. (Dub) Fitch and has two children: Nelda Fitch Walker and Roger Fitch. Nelda has a son, Tim Walker; Roger's children are Carie and Rusty Fitch.

IVON married Gladys (?) and has three children - Floyd Ray, Faith York Duncan, and Ken York. Faith has a son, Shawn Duncan; Ken's children are Sandra and Amanda York.

KATHLEEN married Ed Brown and has three children - Barbara Ann Brown Dawkins, Sandra Brown Lee, and Debra Brown Cruise. Barbara has a daughter, Ashley; Sandra's children are Kristy and Alan Gayton; Debra's children are Jeremy and Jason Cruise.

MARIE married L. Kermit Tatum and has no children.

G. W. married Ramona Dell Jones. Their children are Theda York Hood and Toy York Florence. Theda's children are Eric and Patrick Hood. Toy's children are Benjamin and Jennifer Florence. G. W. and Dell live at Dutton.

LOIS married Robert Proctor Matthews and has two children - Patricia Ann Matthews and Rita Arlene Matthews Wyatt. They have a son, Jeff Wyatt. The Matthews live in Scottsboro, Alabama.

BILLY married Sally (?) and pastors Henryville Methodist Church in Guntersville, Alabama. He has three children - Mark, Beverly York Prater, and Matt. Beverly has two children: Chase and Zack Prater.

WAYNE ANTHONY married Karen (?) and has four children: Cinda, Tim, Drew and Kyle York.

(The following is a tribute paid to Mr. and Mrs. Abner York by their daughter, Lois York Matthews:)

"Our parents were very hard working people. They were farmers and daddy did carpentry work between crops. They were very strict parents, believing "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." They worked hard to see that each of the children got the best education they could afford. They gave us love and taught us faith.

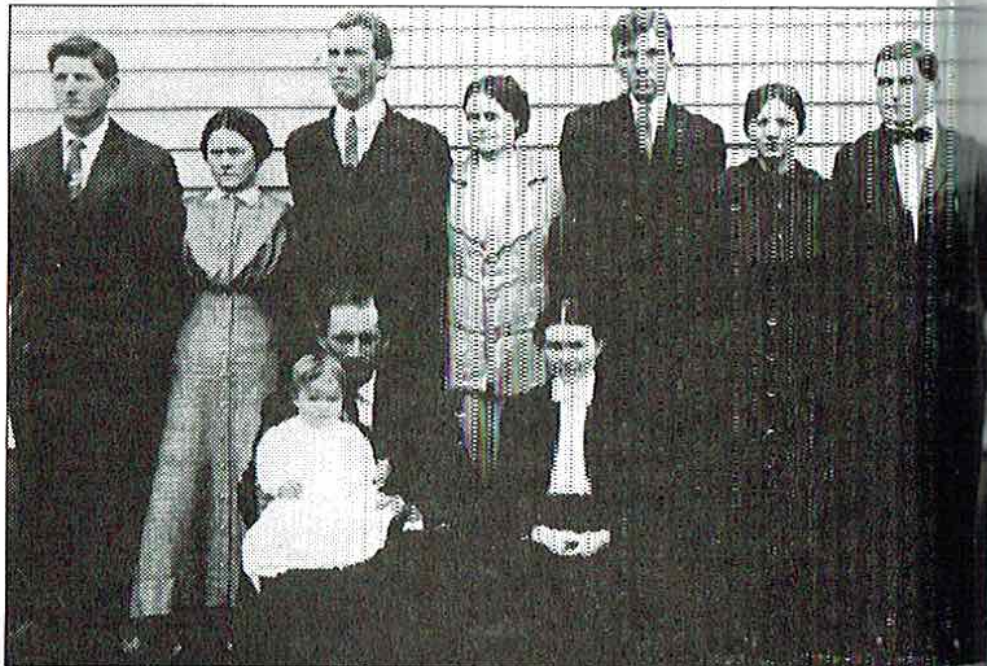
"Daddy's philosophy was to 'do everything you can to solve any problem, but if there's something you can't do anything about, forget it and move on to something else."

"Some bits of mama's wisdom were: "Don't try to put a grown head on a child"; "You're known by the company you keep"; and "We may be poor but you can have a good name." Our mother shared everything she had with friends and neighbors."

Abner York died February 10, 1976; Ola died March 21, 1979.

*Family
Albums*

William Jason Anderson Family



William Jason "Will" Anderson Family — Front Row, l-r: William Jason Anderson holding daughter, Hazel Anderson Lester, and Ollie Anderson. Second row, l-r: Roy Anderson and wife, Floy Gant Anderson; Henry Griffin and wife, Victoria Anderson Griffin; Floyd Nichols and wife, Nellie Anderson Nichols; and George Anderson. (Irene Anderson, born later, not pictured).

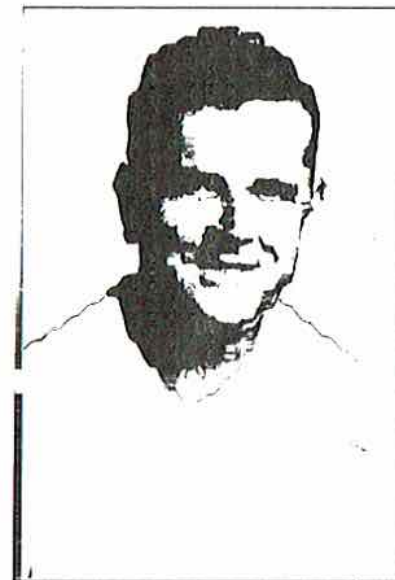


Floy Anderson, at age 95

John Thomas Dean Family



Rev. John Thomas Dean
(1875 - 1958)

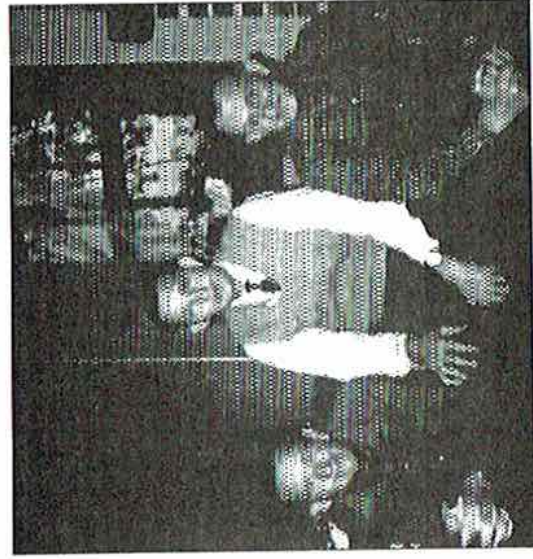


Otis Hall Dean
(1911 - 1961)

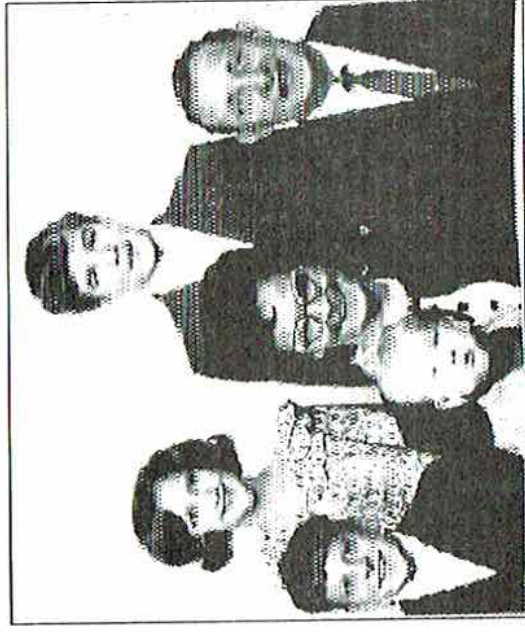
Robert Deerman Family



Family photographed at Robert and Ella Deerman's 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 22, 1973. First row, l-r: Ora Lee Burden, Robert and Ella, Carolyn Deerman Pauley, Second row, l-r: Buren and Bonnie Deerman, Shirley and Weldon Deerman, Peggy and Willis Deerman, Linda and Donald Deerman, and Jack Pauley.



Deerman's (Late 50's or early 60's) Buren, Willis and Robert Deerman.



Willis Deerman Family (1969): Row 1, Marc, age 1; Row 2, Robert age 10; Peggy and Willis. Row 3, Myra, 13, and Keith 14.

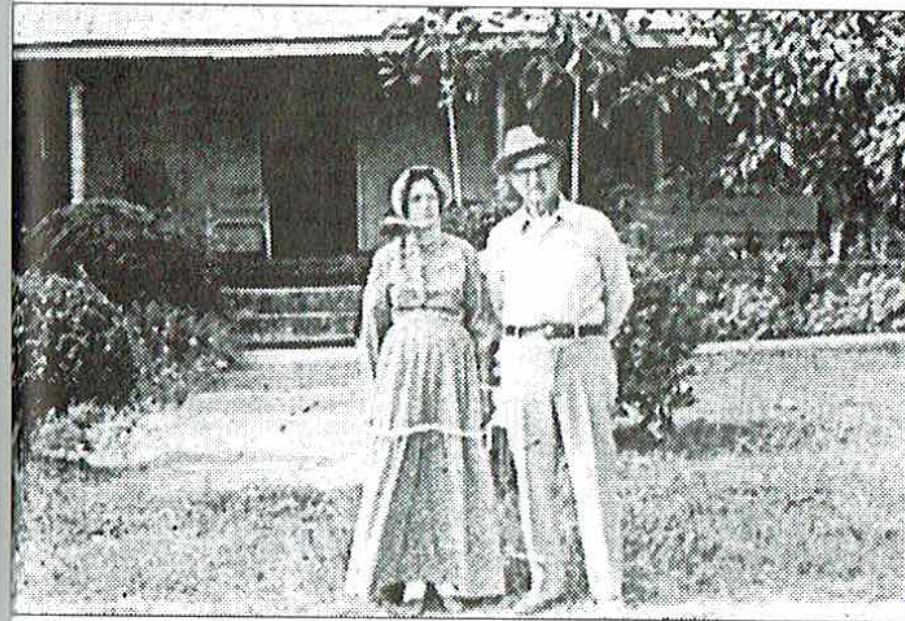
William Henry Dilbeck Family



William Henry and Mallissa Brooks Dilbeck



Charles and Pearl Dilbeck at their home about 1915.



Claude and Bonnie Dilbeck are shown in 1978 standing in front of the old Dilbeck homeplace. They moved into the house in 1965. The house, built in 1905, has been renovated and is owned by Janette Dilbeck McCord.
(Photo courtesy of the Jackson County Advertiser, August 31, 1978)

William Everett Family



Sam and Harriett Headrick (Date of photo unknown)

Hugh Ed Farrior Family



Virgil (Burr) Farrior and Brett Smith



The Farrior Children — Merle, Bobbie, Ruby Jo, Norman, David and Jimmy (1940).

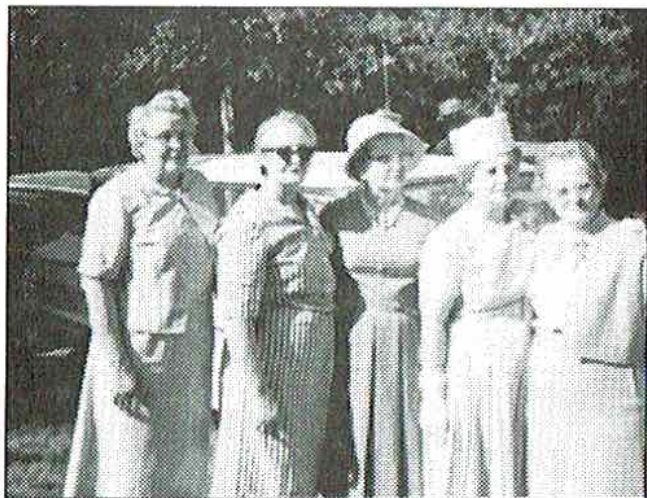


The Four Generations of Rhoda Bailey Farrior — Rebecca, Rhoda, John and Barbara Jo Farrior (1949).

William Thomas Gann Family



Gann Family — Bill, Mae Gann Bailey, Mattie Gann Freeman, Grace Gann Golden, Audry Gann Conway, Madge Gann Baine, and Hugh Swain (1947).



Five Gann Sisters — Mattie, Rose, Grace, Madge, and Mae.

Morris Germany Family



John Carl "Kye" Gann's Daughters — l-r: Betty Gann Sisco, Phyllis Gann Prater, Elizabeth Gann McKenzie, Eloise Gann Steele, and Carolyn Gann Hermes.

Henry Harrison Griffin Family



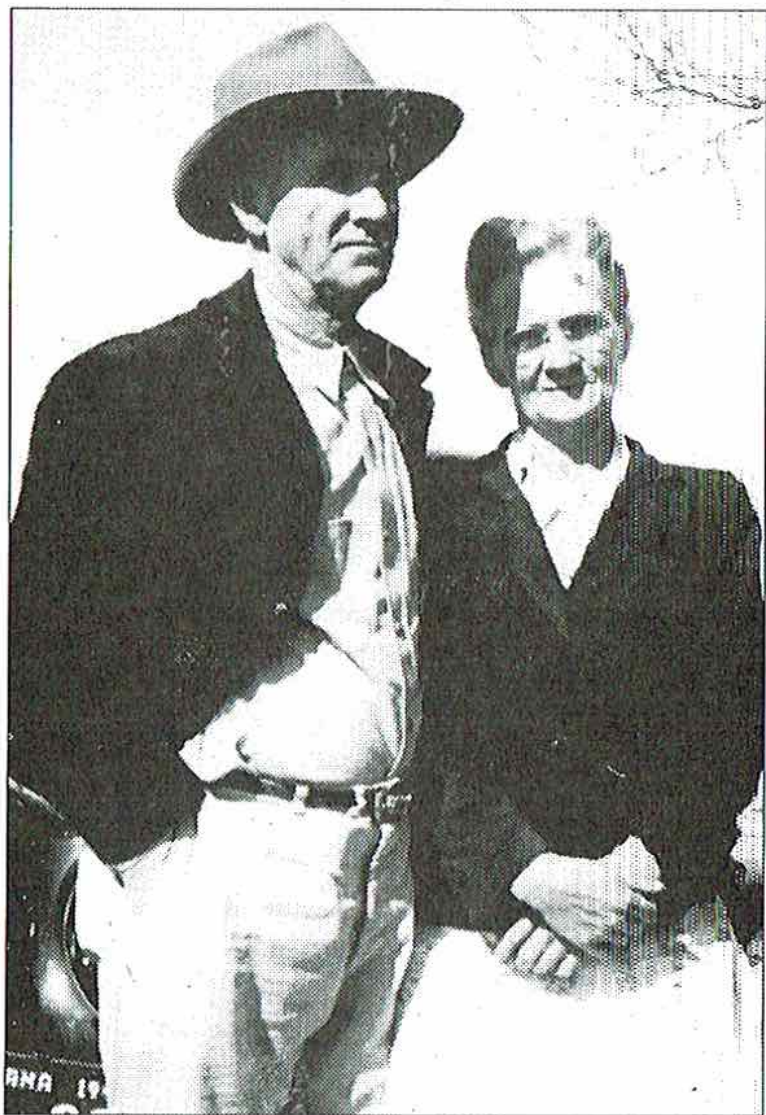
Henry and Victoria Anderson Griffin

William Spencer Headrick Family

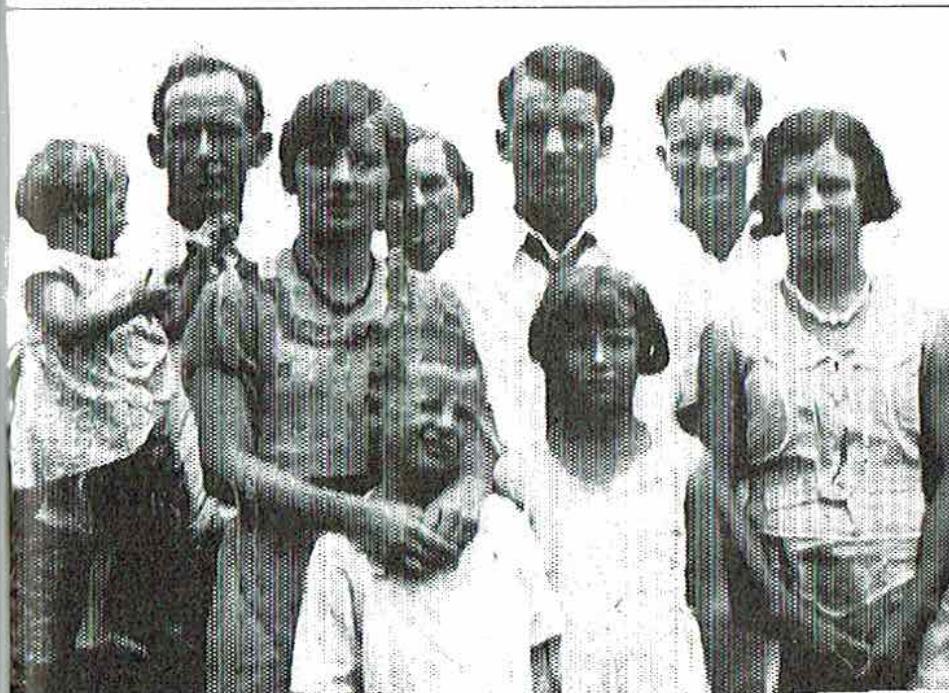


Valois, Sam and Roy Headrick.

John Robert (Robbie) Hope Family

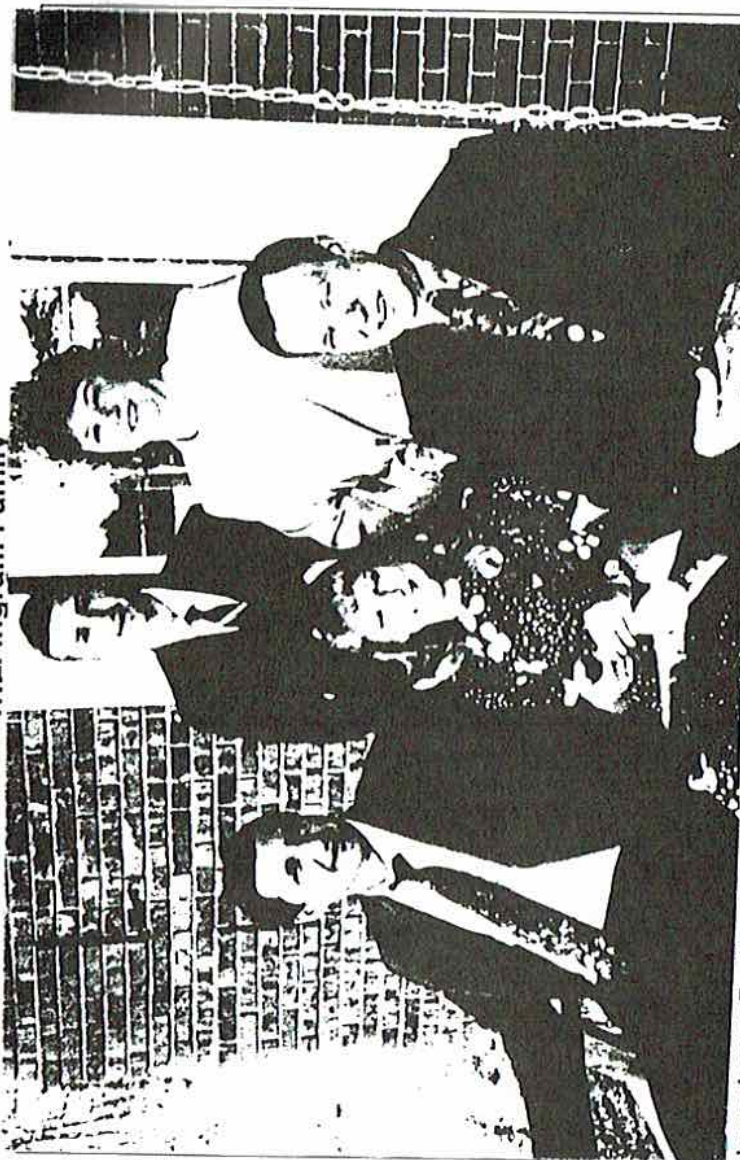


Robbie and Charlsie Nation Hope — Date of photo unknown.



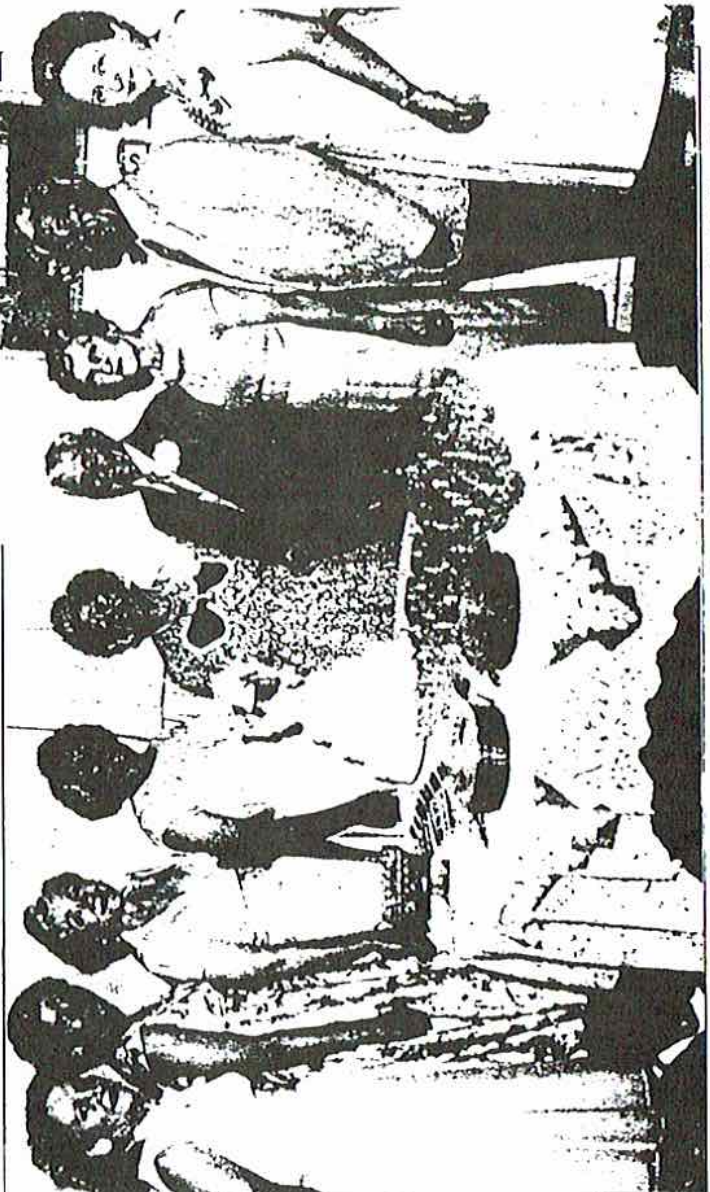
Betty Jo Hope Allen, John, Opal Hope Dodson, Charlsie Nation Hope, Orvall, Doyle, Emily Hope Mayfield, Aulton and Beulah Hope King.

W.L. Ingram Family



James Ingram Family — l-r: Mike Reed, Erica Reed, James Ingram, Robert Reed, and Carrell Ingram Reed.

Will Jones Family



The Will Jones Family celebrating their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on June 6, 1957, with their children, Pauline Smith, Mauvline Wisener, Myrvle Wales, Pearl Cox, Mrs. Nan Jones, Mr. Will Jones, Bessie Dean, Jessie Jones and Lucille Williams.

Joseph Lee McGriff Family



Joseph and Jennie Shirey McGriff

Aubrey McKenzie Family

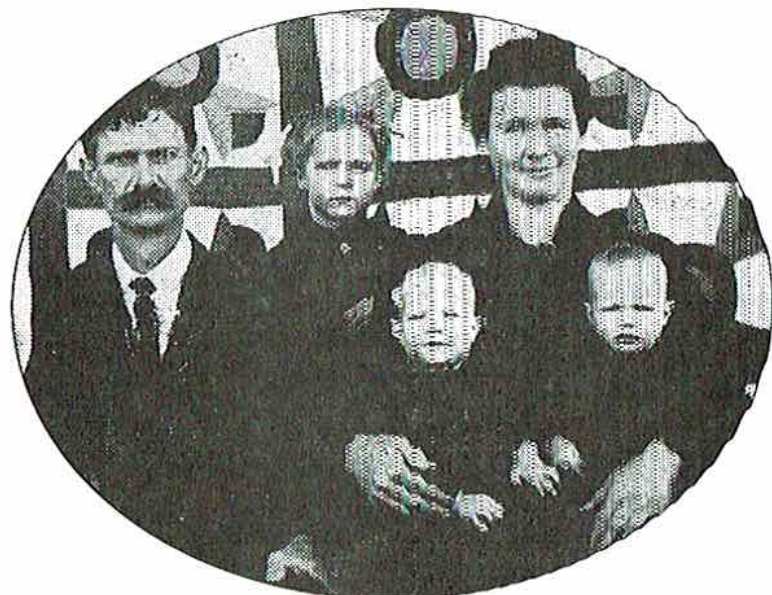


Oia Harden McKenzie (Infant's name unknown).



Aubrey and Naomi McKenzie

Lewis Cleveland "Clive" Matthews Family



Matthews Family — Clive, Clyde, Lotta Matthews Maynor, Dessie Matthews Robertson and Essie who died at age 2.



Mary Clyde Matthews

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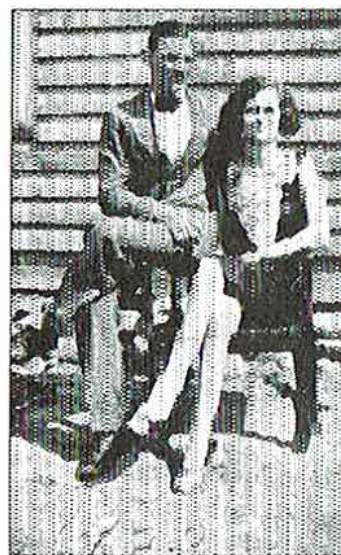


Clive Matthews

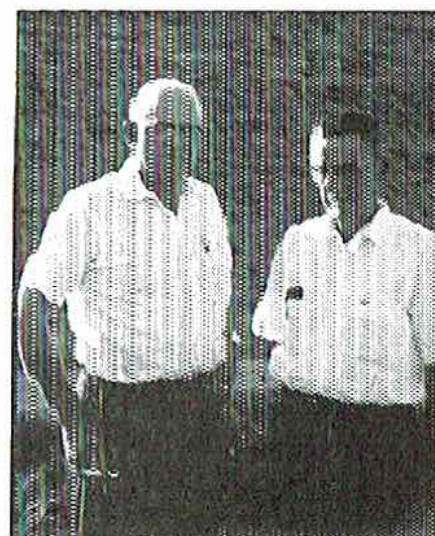


Charles Robertson, Glenda Maynor Gilbert and Joe Bailey Hill.

Hugh Maynor Family



Hugh and Lota Matthews Maynor (1928 Photo)



Hugh Maynor and Dub Dilbeck

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James "Jim" Hampton Medlock



James Hampton Medlock Family — Front Row, l-r: Wheeler holding J.D., Bill, Edna, Emma holding Jewel; Penney, Millard, Jim holding Syble; Floyd, Lillie holding Lois. Back Row, l-r: Luda, Elmer, Daisy, Bud Rice, Walter, Ruby and Ida.

Billy Millican Family



Verna McKenzie Millican — name of child unknown.

James (Jim) Nichols Family



Jim and Hattie Nichols (both deceased).

Hugh Calvin Nichols Family



Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nichols

Rufus Allison Nichols Family



**The Nichols Family Celebrates Uncle Rufe's 85th Birthday
(Photo taken January 31, 1954).**



Left to Right — Elisa Nichols (probably 15 years of age); Addie Nichols, 12, and Grandmother Orilla Nichols, probably age 47. (This photo was probably taken in 1888 or 1889).

Loyd T. Perry Family



Loyd T. and Sallie Barnes Perry

Dessie Savanna Matthews Robertson Family



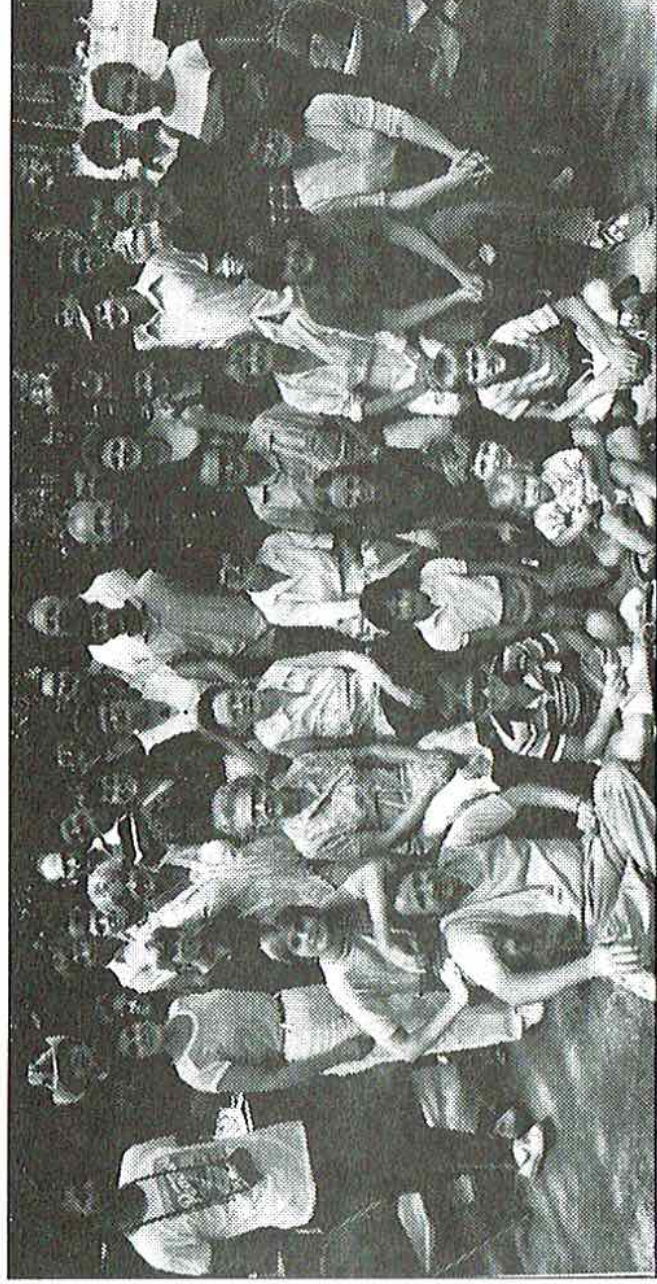
Charles Robertson and
Glenda Maynor Gilbert.

Elmer A. Powell Family



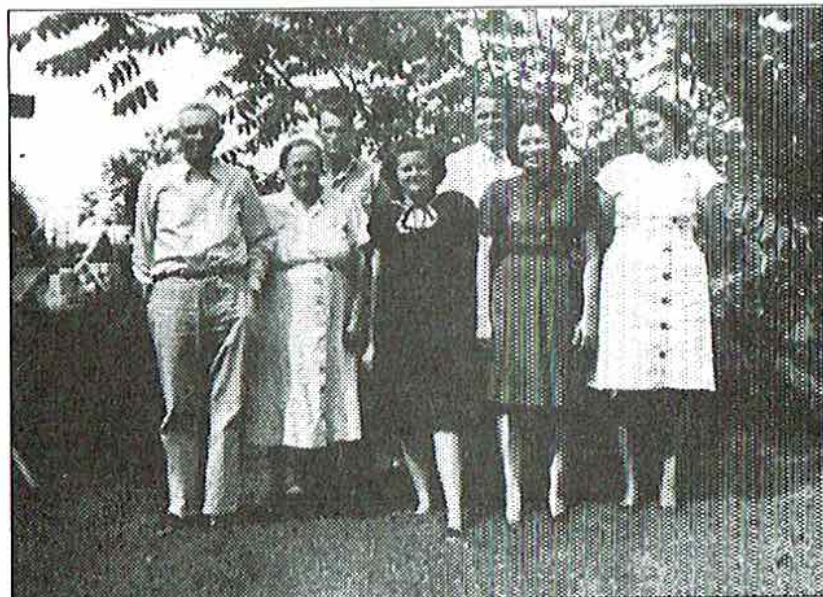
Elmer and Bertha Deerman Powell

John S. Ryan Family



The Ryan Family — Front Row (l-r): Ted Ryan, _____ Matthews, Shawn Ryan, Tracy Ryan, _____ Searcy, holding
Searcy, _____ Matthews. Row 2 (l-r): Rodney Haas, Berta Ryan, Dovie Searchy, Marion Rose Graves, John B.
Ryan, Marie Shackelford, Shane Ryan, Mary Glen Daffron. row 3 (l-r): Joyce Searcy, _____ Searcy, Mellisa Ryan,
Jackie Searcy, Audrey Ryan, Sonny Culp, David Matthews, Marilyn Matthews, Glenda Culp, Mark Searchy, Belinda
Cupp, Rebecca Haas. Row 4 (l-r): Andy Daffron, Steve Daffron, Steve's wife _____, Danny Ryan,
Matthews, Jackson Hester, Jay Searcy, Don Ryan, Shirley Ryan, Shack Shackelford, Bryant Daffron, Judy hester,
Mickey Ryan, _____, Matthew Searcy, _____ Hester, Charles Searcy, _____ Searcy.

Arthur James Shankles Family



Shankles Family — left to right - Arthur and Josie Shankles, with children, Osbin, Norma, Lloyd, Elaine, and Erie.

Alec Smith Family

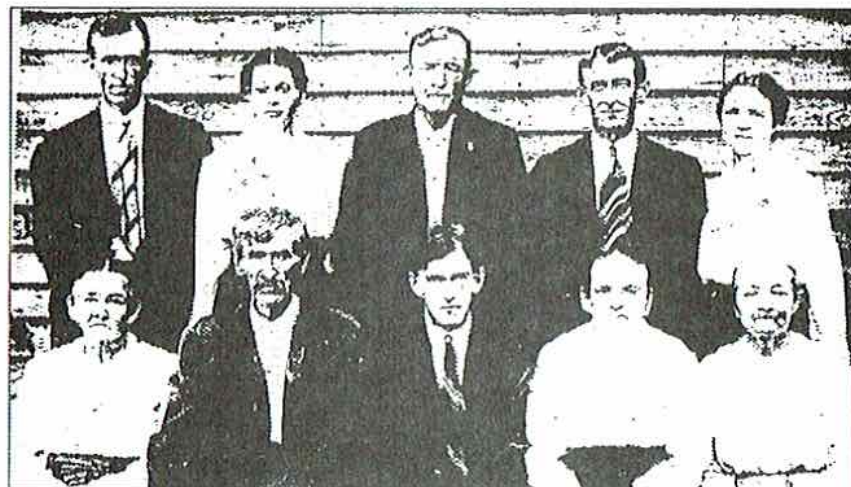


Jewell D. Tigie, Vonda Smith, Melba Ruth Smith and Clara Sue Tigie (1944).

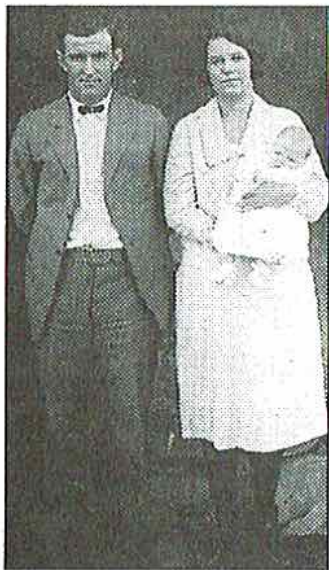
Jefferson D. Tatum



Jefferson D. and Florence Dutton Tatum.



Tatum Family — Fron Tow, l-r: Eta Tatum, Jeff, Charlie, Florence and Catherine Dutton. Back row, l-r: Freeman, Ruth, Pete, Willie, and Paralee Tatum.



**Charlie and Minnie Tatum,
with daughter, Geneva.**



**The Charlie Tatum Family — Johnnie, Minnie,
Charlie, Geneva and Matthew.**

Earl Grady Thomas, Sr. Family

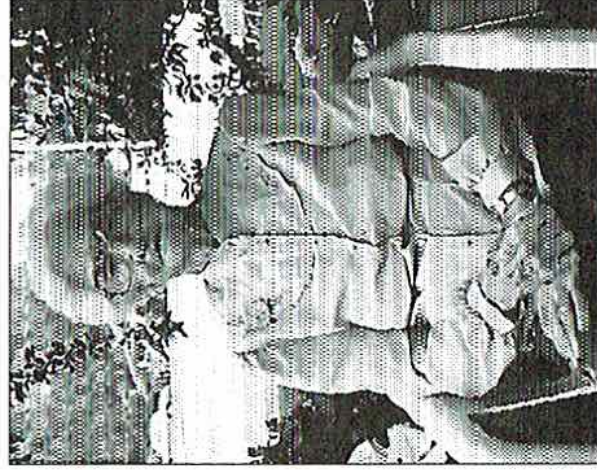


Grady and Louella Thomas

George Franklin Tigue Family

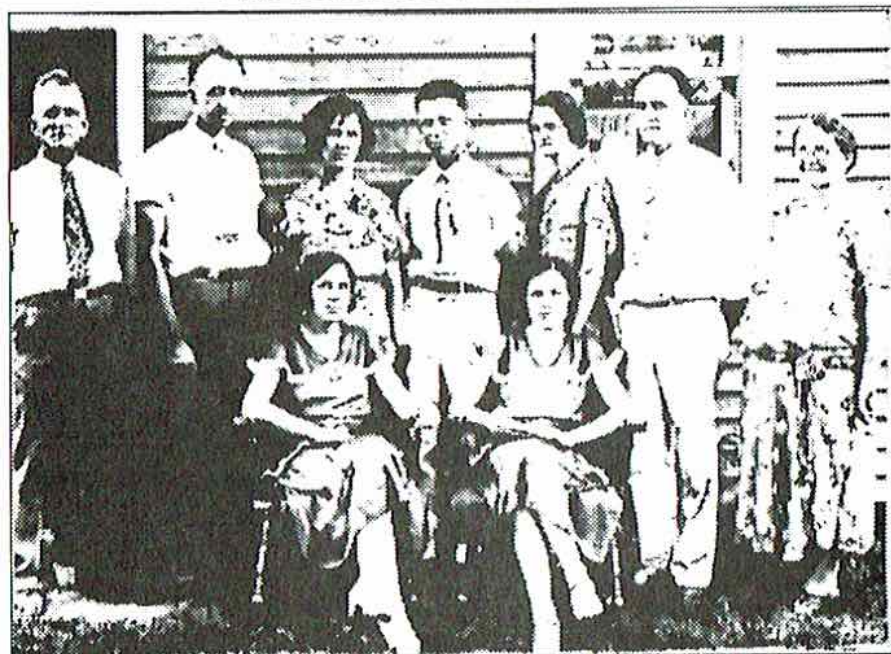


The George Tigue Family, l-r: Ruby Tigue Loveless, Norma Jean Tigue Bradford, Gemima Tigue Pope (deceased), Margaret Ann Gilbert Tigue, Mary Ruth Tigue Evans, Ethelene Tigue Verhine, Helen Tigue Holt; George Jr., (deceased), Jewell D. Tigue Smalley, Charles, James (deceased); and Clara Sue Tigue Jones. George Tigue is shown inset.



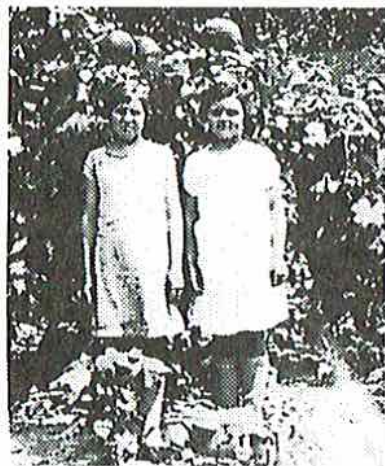
Margaret Ann Gilbert Tigue at age 94.

Asa Columbus Tolleson Family



The Tolleson Family

Willis Nolan Wright Family



Katy B. and Bessie B. Wright

Abner York Family



Abner and Ola York (1947).