

from all walks of life. Many customers drove a hundred miles or so to buy George's fresh meat to include homemade sausage and fresh ground hamburger. My Grandmother also owned and operated a second hand clothing store. She once told me how she worked for Miss Sally Rossen for \$2 per week. You see my Grandmother was the glue that kept our family together. She was all woman and some!

I recall my Grandfather saying they owned the Meat Market but had to eat sweet potatoes so they would not eat the profits. They had problems like most but through it all maintained a high level of respect and love that has bled over to my business as well. Without them I would not have the family background and the home training to maintain my own small business.

Words can't define them. You must have known them for yourself. *Submitted by: Ken Steward, 402 Maple Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768*

Sources: Memories

## The George Tolliver Family

George Tolliver was born in Jackson County in 1913. He married Florence Auberry who was the daughter of Boss and Margaret Auberry who were also Jackson County natives. The Tollivers spent their entire life in the Scottsboro area. To this union two children were born: Mary Kate and George Frank.



*Florence Tolliver in her younger years.*

My parents were a great influence in my growing up. They always saw that my brother and I were provided with the necessary things to make our living comfortable. My mother saw that I had nice clothes and that I was always clean and neat. They made sure we got an education and graduated from high school.

Without them I would not be what I am today. They taught me to treat others with respect. They have left me and gone to Heaven. I am thankful to them for teaching my brother and me how to love one another and others. They made sure we attended church and Sunday School. They taught us how to work and learn to make a living for ourselves. My Mother would wash and iron for people and my Father was a butcher. My father loved to fish and hunt. He also was a good gardener and enjoyed raising vegetables. Life was interesting because there was always something going on in our life. Life will never be the same without my parents and my brother who died at the age of 37. They are greatly missed but their influence will live on and on. *Submitted by: Mary Kate Steward, 1601 Monterey Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37411.*

Sources: Memories.

## Toons From Jackson County, AL To Texas, Arkansas, And Oklahoma

John Toon and Frances Parks Winn Toon became Jackson Co. AL settlers 1827 prior to the birth of their son, James William No. 1 'Big Billy' Toon. Within the next ten years, William Henry, Jonas, Dicey Ann Jeter Toon (McCutchen) and John Toon were born. Their first three children born in VA were: (Robert) Ellison, 'Ozzie', and Fannie (McNally).

When Ellison Toon died 1876 only his four oldest children were married and had children. His first child, Mary T. Toon Finney was a lifetime resident of Jackson Co. Sarah E. Finney, daughter of Mary Finney, deceased is named in Ellison's probate record. No further record.

The economic situation prior to Ellison's death is described in a letter W. T. Stuart, Bellefort, Ala., wrote to a relative, in San Saba, Texas, Mar. 1870. He wrote, "Money is exceedingly close and very scarce and I see no help for it until we make another crop. ...

Reports from Texas crops ... that was the commencing of so much emigration and it appears there has been enough emigration to Texas and Arkansas this last Fall and Winter to populate both states equal to the New England states .... Our taxes are enormous and that had its weight with a great many who left this county."

Ellison's children did not begin their migration from Jackson Co. until September 1884. (See Elizabeth Ellen Toon Story). An addition to her story is given below.

John Henry/Harvey Toon m/1 Eliza A. Kirby. Their children were: Samuel Ernest, John Washington C., Lillie Bell (Sharp), Henry Erskine. They were in Pine Hill, Rusk Co., TX by Dec. 1885 when Lillie Bell was born. John m/2 Agness Gettie Young Bullock. Their children were: George Elbert, and Ira Toone. Ira was the only descendant of John Toon who added the 'e'.

Andrew Franklin Toon m. Mary Jane Robinson. Their children were: Lou Ellen (Flanagan), James Allison (sic) 'Buster', Andrew Franklin Jr., Fanny, Martha Parks 'Parky' (Allen), Julia (Hickman), Floyd Edward 'Edd', Mary Earnest (Woodall), two infants died young. They were in Pine Hill, Rusk Co., TX by Mar. 1888 when Floyd Edward was born.

Sarah J. Toon m. Reason Bryant. Their children were: William Columbus, Martha, Mary Dora (Tucker), Cora (Wallace), George Washington, Stella P. (Hayes) ( ) - all born in Jackson Co. They were in Delta Co. TX by Feb. 1897 when William Columbus m. Mattie Bell Crowley. Sarah J. died the next year 1898. Available family records indicate all Sarah J.'s children who lived to adulthood settled in Delta Co.

James William Toon No. 2 m. Mary Tabitha 'Doll' McCutchen. (See McCutchen Family). They were in Texas 1886/7.

Solomon Columbus 'Solly' Toon m. Mary Frances Toon, daughter of James William "Big Billy" Toon and Mary Elizabeth Neeley Toon.

Their children were: Charles, William, Caroline A., Stella Mae Mills, Benjamin Hamp, Samuel E., Ruby M. (Foster), James Lewis, Martha (Rankin), and Bob. They were in Cove, Polk Co., Ark. before 1910. It is said the Ark./Okla. line ran through his front yard west of Cove.

Thomas Jefferson Toon m. Mary Louisa Hollingsworth. Their children were: Thomas Marion, Robert Elson (sic), James Booker, Martha Adeline (Watson) (Whale). Nancy Angeline (Stewart), and Leola Dale (Phillips). Tom and Mary Louisa married in Cove, Polk Co., Ark. Oct. 1888. Their first daughter, Martha Adeline, was named for her two grandmothers, Martha Hogue and Adeline Edwards.

Robert Ellison 'Bob' Toon Jr. m. Tabitha Lucinda McCutchen. (See McCutchen Family). They were in Delta Co., TX 1884 the first time for five years. They returned to AL and back to Delta Co. by 1898.

Elizabeth Ellen 'Eliza' Toon m. James Robert Story in Ala. Following moves to Tenn., and back to Jackson Co., Ala. they were in Kaufman Co. TX by Sept. 1884. J. R.'s uncle, Eugene U. Story, who was near J. R.'s age, and other Story relatives were there. Family tradition is that while a single youth, J. R. had made two trips to Texas previously.

Following Eliza's death 1901, J. R. moved to Delta Co. This writer's mother, Ninella Gomillion McCullough, was born in Enloe, Delta Co. Ninella was Eliza's great granddaughter. In addition to Eliza's Toon relatives who lived there, J. R.'s Uncle George Washington Story and his family had settled in Delta Co. They came from Jackson Co. near Jan. 1886.



*Lee, Mami, Clyde, Annie, J.W. Rube, Grady, Kate, Buck and Burl Toons.*

Martha Caldonia 'Mattie' Toon m/1 Thomas Newton Sandridge 14 Nov. 1889 in Delta Co. Their children were: an infant, Otis Cleavin, Lillian Lane (Smith), Carlton Craton, and Maudie Jane (Helberg). Mattie m/2 Charles Mose Knight. Their children were: an infant, and Herbert Knight.

Joseph W. Toon m. Emma Lee Morgan 30 Nov. 1890 in

Delta Co., TX. They had no children. Joe left Delta Co. without saying goodbye. His wife was told later he had died.

Eliza Catherine Toon m. William Sylvester Stockton 4 Mar. 1894 in Delta Co. Their children were: William Cyrus, Joseph Guy, Girlie A., Willie Avery, Landis Magdalene (Charles), Theron Dale, and Jack Bob. Their first three children died between Sept. 1901 and June 1902.

James William No. 1 'Big Billy' m. Mary Elizabeth 'Bet' Neeley. Their children

were: John W., Thomas E., infant, Mary Frances (Toon), James Lewis 'Little Jim' and Charlie. James served with the Alabama Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War. Elizabeth applied for a widow's pension beginning 1891 through 1899.

Thomas E. died Dec. 1907 by drowning in a well. He is buried at Westview Cemetery, Cove, Polk Co., AR. James Lewis 'Little Jim' m. Ollie Faulkner July 1893 Delta Co. It is said Charlie, the youngest, went back to Alabama. Mary Elizabeth 'Bet' died in Erick, Beckham Co., OK after Aug. 1911.

William Henry 'Billy' Toon m. Margaret 'Peggy' Neeley. Their children were: Martha 'Mattie' P. (Hayse/Hayes), M. E. (daughter), J. W. (son), Moses Samuel, and Nancy Ann Manesses buried at Finney Cemetery. William served in the C.S.A. He enlisted in 1862, was taken prisoner in 1863, and released in 1865.

Billy came to Delta Co. once to visit. Moses was in Texas in 1889, and listed on the 1900 Delta Co. census. He lived in Union Co., NM. In 1910 Moses was with Billy on Larkins Landing Road, Jackson Co., AL census. In 1911, Moses settled in Erick, Beckham Co., OK.

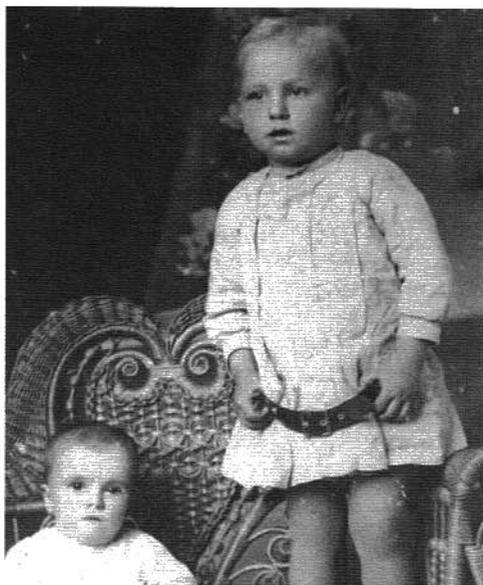
Dacey Ann Jeter Toon m. James Phillip McCutchen. (See McCutchen Family). It is possible that their daughter, Frances L. (Keslo/Kelso) died in Texas 9 June 1898. Dacey is listed on the 1900 Delta Co., TX census. She was John and Frances Toon's only child who lived and died in Delta Co., TX. *Submitted by: Patrice McCullough Thomas, 4620 Owendale Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76116-1432.*

Sources: Vital Records Oklahoma Department of Health, deed records Mc Curtain Co., OK; marriage records Choctaw Co., OK; Family Records: Bessie Toon Hillin, Lillie Bell Sharp, Marjorie Whitley, Avonne Toon Frazier, Ira Toone, May M. Priest, Abby Hillin, Billie Hickman and Jim Beck, Etta Rae Reeves, Forrest G. Woodall, Martha Christine Allen Brown, Robert Young Allen, Judy Dotson, Lisa Holsinger Lofton, Cuba Thomas Ballard, Mattie Mae Mills Wester, Millree Mills, Ray and Linnia Lee Toon, Don L. and Nancy Stephens Toon, Oley Toon Phillips, Louella Gordon Toon, Pauline Shew Manley, Cecil Smith Toon, Margaret Marr Toon Norton, Sherwood Toon, Sally Kathryn Ann Alexander Cope, Maude Jane Sandridge Helbert, Marjorie Armstrong, Walter J. Wilmon, Gladys Mildred Beard Stockton, Jack Bob Stockton. Census Records: 1830-1910 Jackson Co., AL; 1910 Polk Co., AR; Texas census for 1900; 1910 Delta Co.; 1900 Hill Co.; 1900 Hill Co.; 1880, 1900 Panola Co., and 1880, 1900 Rusk Co. Publications: *Connecting Lines*, Grata Jeter Clark, Arcadia-Clark, Inc. Fort Worth, TX 76185, 1988.

### Doris Lee Toon And Ralph E. Wright

Third child of Lee and Bernice Toon was Doris Lee Toon born 27 Aug. 1924, graduated from Klondike High School and attended Paris Jr. College. She worked as assistant librarian and in the adult education dept. of the Delta County Library and is author of *Delta Data* (1987).

Doris Lee married in Delta County, Tx. 1 Nov. 1942, Ralph E. Wright (born 13 July 1923 to Claud and Bertha Foster Wright). R.E. served in the U.S. Army in WWII and was sent to France where he died 18 Jan. 1945. R.E. and Doris L. Wright had issue:



*James William (No. 2.) Toon's sons Lee and Clyde*

Linda Ellen Wright born Paris, Tx. 8 Oct. 1944. She is a graduate of University of Texas (BSN) and is nursing consultant/supervisor for First Choice Home Health in Commerce, Tx. She married in Cooper, Tx. July 1962 Joseph Bentley Preas and their children are Beverly Jo, Andrea Dawn and Nocona Lyn (all hold nursing degrees). *Submitted by: Linda Wright Preas, Route One, Box 137, Cooper, TX 75432.*



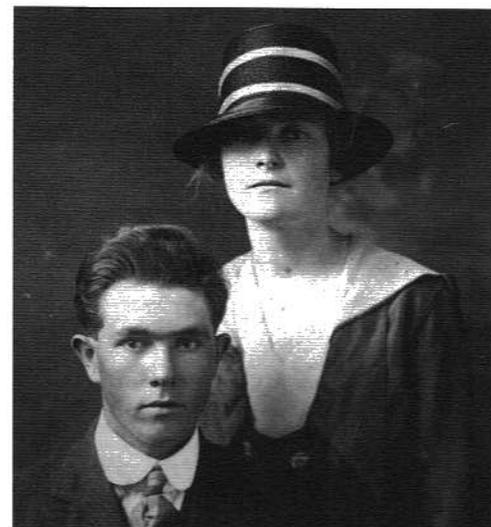
*Linda Wright Preas*

### Elbert Lee Toon And Bernice Scott

Elbert Lee Toon was born in the Liberty Grove Community of Delta County, Texas 3 March 1900 and died 29 December 1967 in Cooper, Tx., buried in the Liberty Grove Cemetery. He was a son of James William II and Mary Tabitha McCutchen Toon. He attended school and church at Liberty Grove and lived there most of his life. He was a farmer.

Bernice E. Scott was born at Clark Ridge in Delta County, Tx. 8 May 1901, grew up and attended school in the Hickory Grove Community. She died at her home in Cooper, Tx. 24 June 1981, buried in Liberty Grove Cemetery. The daughter of William Stanley Scott and Geneva Elizabeth Proffer Scott, Bernice Scott Toon received her degree (B.A.) at East Texas State Teachers College. She taught school first at the age of 18 and continued teaching until the age of 41, when she began working as a case worker for Texas State Welfare Department. She retired in 1970. Bernice was a member of First Baptist Church, Eastern Star, Home and Garden Club, Bible Study Club all of Cooper. She collected many Toon and Scott family records.

Lee and Bernice Toon married in a buggy in Delta County, Tx. 20 Dec. 1918 and six children were born to them. *Submitted by: Judy Alley, Route Three, Box 920, New Boston, TX 75570.*



*Lee and Bernice Toon*

### Elizabeth 'Eliza' Ellen Toon Story

Elizabeth 'Eliza' Ellen Toon Story, a native of Jackson Co. Ala., was the daughter of Ellison Toon and Martha Jane Hogue Toon and granddaughter of John Toon and Frances Parks Winn Toon.

John Toon and his second wife, Frances Parks Winn, married 29 Dec. 1815 in Lunenburg Co., VA. Three of their children born in VA by Apr. 1821 were: 'Ozzie', Fannie, and (Robert) Ellison Toon. During the last years they lived in Va., the Territory of Alabama was organized in 1817 and Jackson Co. was formed a little over two years later.

John and Frances Toon became a part of the heavy migration into this new state and county. The population of Alabama increased 10 times between 1810 and 1830. These new settlers were attracted by improved roads, steamboats on the rivers and governmental control over the Indians. Their remaining six children born 1826-1837 in Jackson Co., Ala. were; James William No.



Eliza Toon Story

1 (Big Billy), a daughter (name unknown), William Henry, Jonas, Dica Ann Jeter, and John Toon.

The young Toon family had lived in Jackson Co., Ala. about 10 years before there is a record of John's purchase of land 16 Jan. 1836. This 40 24/100 acres was located Twp. 5, Range No. 5 (East). In Oct. 1836 he purchased an additional 39 95/100 acres in Twp. 5, Range No. 5 (East). The John Toon fami-

ly is found on 1830 and 1840 Jackson Co., Ala. census.

Ellison Toon, next to eldest son of John and Frances Parks Winn Toon, married Martha J. Hogue about 1843. A record of their marriage has not been found. Their 15 children were born 1844-1867 in Jackson Co., Ala. Elizabeth 'Eliza' Ellen, born 16 Feb. 1861, P.O. Paint Rock, was their 12th child. Her eight brothers were all older.

Eliza's brothers and sisters were: Mary F. (Finney), John Henry, Andrew Franklin, Sara J. (Bryant), James William No. 2, Julia A., Solomon Columbus, Thomas Jefferson, Robert Ellison, (twins) George W. and Silas W., Disa A., Samantha B., and Martha Caldonia (Sandridge). Eliza's half-brother and sister are named below.

Another northern Alabama mother was asked by a church worker how many children she had. The mother replied that she had three once, two twice, and one many times - she thought anybody ought to have about a dozen. Another mother said she had fifteen and two were dead.

This large young family must have struggled through perilous times. The year of Eliza's birth, Alabama voted for secession from the union. On Jan. 11th, Alabama became the Republic of Alabama until 8 Feb. 1861 when it joined the Confederate States of America with Montgomery as the capital.

From the beginning of the Civil War in 1862, first one army and then the other passed until the end of the war. It was said 'If one army failed to get what you had then the other one took it.' Eliza's youngest sister, Martha Caldonia, was eight months old when Alabama was readmitted to the Union July 1868. Her mother may have died at this baby's birth or soon after. Martha J. Toon's death date is not known. She was not listed on the 1870 census.

Eliza was nine when her Daddy married Adline Rayburn 29 Aug. 1870. They had two children: Joseph W. and Eliza C. Toon (Stockton). Adline's maiden name has not been proved.

Documents in Jackson Co. Estate Book T and Book U prove the identity of Ellison Toon's descendants. Eliza was near fifteen 1/2 when her Daddy died in 1876. In less than a year she and James Robert Story were married in Jasper, Alabama. J. R., son of

Frances M. and Ann Russ Story, grew up in Shelbyville, TN. He had moved to Jackson Co., Ala. where two Uncles lived; Dr. Benjamin Steely Russ, his mother's brother, and Dr. George Washington Story, his Daddy's brother.

After the birth of their 1st child, Emma Odessa (Webb), the Storys moved to Bedford Co., TN., where Lillie Blanche (McCreary), and Harvey Ellison Storey were born. They returned to Jackson Co., Ala. where Beatrice (Divers) was born. When this baby was six months old, the family set out for Texas where J. R. had relatives. Within a period of 10 years, this Story family moved from Jackson Co., Ala. to Bedford Co., TN, to Jackson Co., Ala. to Kaufman Co., TX by late Sept. 1884.

Mary Magdalene (Lamb) and Eugene Fowler Storey were born before they settled in Fate, Rockwall Co., Texas where the remaining children were born: Willie Dorthy (Emerson), Dovie Elsie (Johnson).

Benjamin Russ Story, Ruth Ann (Helmstetler) and Ethel Elizabeth 24 Mar. 1901. Eliza's children spelled Story with and without the 'e.'

Elizabeth 'Eliza' Ellen died two days later 26 Mar. 1901, 40 years of age. She died following the birth of her 11th child as her mother (estimated to be in her 40's) had died before she could give birth to a 16th child. Eliza was buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Fate, Rockwall Co., Texas where her first grandchild, James Allen McCreary was buried 26 Feb. 1900.

Eliza had three living granddaughters born in Fate before her last baby was born. Emma's daughter, Lady Ethel Webb was four months old, Lillie Blanche and John Malon McCreary had two daughters. Little Dulice was about a year old and this writer's mother, Gladys Blanche Elizabeth McCreary, was born the 23rd of Mar. 1901 one day before her mother's baby sister, Ethel Elizabeth, was born and three days before her grandmother, Eliza Ellen Toon Story died.

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed ...."  
(Proverbs 31:28)

My 3 great grandparents, John Toon and Frances Parks Winn Toon were in Jackson County Alabama by 1826. Submitted by: Daphné Gomillion Storey, 3140 Wayside Ave., Fort Worth, TX.

Sources: Court Records; Lunenburg Co. VA; Delta Co.; Collin Co.; Cook Co.; Hunt Co., and Rockwall Co. Texas; Marriage Records; Jackson Co. AL; Estate Records and Land Records. Family Records; Bernice Scott Toon, Doris Lee Toon Alley, Johnnie Bynum letters, Cecil and Eunice Carrington Toon, Emma Story Webb letters, Lady Ethel Webb, Imogene McVey Storey, and Virginia Divers Kimbrel. Census Records; 1830-1880 Jackson Co. AL; 1880 Bedford Co., TN; 1910, 1920 Delta Co., and 1900 Van Zandt Co., Texas. Publications; *Connecting lines*, Grata Jeter Clark, Arcadia-Clark, Inc. Fort Worth, TX 76185, 1988. *A History of the American People*. Norman A. Graebner, Gilbert C. Fite, and Philip L. White, McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1970. *House of Happiness* Campell (sic) Long, compiler and writer. Selma Printing Service. No date.

### James William Toon

My grandparents were James William Toon and Mary Tabitha McCutcheon of Jackson County, Alabama.

Homer Clyde Toon was born to them May 7, 1898 in Delta County, Texas. He married Ethel Lee Arnold March 12, 1924, Cooper, Texas. I, Frances Geraldine Toon was born May 9, 1925. My brother, Clyde, Jr. was born December 24, 1928. My mother died January 8, 1929. Dad was a farmer and had no one to care for us children so his brothers and sisters cared for me and his sister Katie Toon Strong reared and cared for Clyde, Jr.

Dad married Dora Belle Sissel May 31, 1931 and he died March 27, 1940 of lung cancer. I was 14 and lived with my stepmother until I finished high school at Klondike, Texas.

The United States was at war in December 1941 with Japan and Germany. I was attending Paris Junior College and completed my nursing education at Paris Training School for nurses in Paris, Texas early January 1945. I entered the Army Nurse Corp. The most historical part of my military service was when I volunteered to be one of 600 nurses trained at Ft. Lewis, Washington for the planned invasion of Japan. We were given intensive infantry type training. Our hikes and maneuvers were 25 mile marches in full battle gear weighing 53 pounds. We bivouacked at the base of Mt. Ranier Washington where we created a general tent hospital with everything needed to care for the casualties after the invasion behind the infantry. We were trained to use the carbine and M1 rifles and 45 caliber pistol with live ammunition. To my knowledge we were the only nurses to have this training during WWII. The

#### ELIZABETH ELLEN TOON STOREY 1861 - 1901

##### A Good Woman Gone

Mrs. J. R. Story after a short illness died at her home in north Fate Tuesday twentysixth and was laid to rest in the Mt. Zion cemetery Wednesday evening. She was a woman devoted to her home and to her children. On them she lavished all the love and care of a self sacrificing mother. For them she had the highest aspirations and the careful plans made by that loving mother for their future welfare will always be remembered. Her ambition was to rear her children into accomplished, God fearing men and women. She did not live to see her work perfected, yet the many noble impulses she has implanted in their hearts will not be forgotten. She was a member of the Christian church, a religious woman whose spiritual life was of continuous growth.

The Herald extends to the bereaved ones its deepest sympathies.

Elizabeth Ellen Toon Storey



*Frances Geraldine Toon Clifford age 19*

atomic bomb was dropped thus causing Japan to surrender, with the surrender of Germany soon after. I was discharged from the Army in 1946.

December 22, 1946 I married James Lee Clifford, age 21, a freshman medical student. He received his M.D. in 1950 from Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas.

December 27, 1948 our first son, Eric Scott, was born. November 24, 1950 our second son, Philip Ward, was born. James had served in the Navy in WWII. In 1950 he entered the U.S. Air Force as a physician where he studied Radiology at Brookley AFB, Mobile, Alabama. He was a captain. September 1, 1952 our only daughter, Gail Eileen was born in Mobile, Alabama. James completed his residency in Radiology at Veteran's Hospital, McKinney, Texas, Baylor and Texas Children's Hospital, Dallas, Texas.

We came back to Paris, Texas where we established a free standing Radiology Center where diagnostic and therapy were practiced.

Our last son, Steven James, was born September 10, 1956, Paris, Texas.

Steven and Philip are diagnostic radiologists practicing in Paris. Eric is an attorney, pilot and Paris Mayor.

Gail is a radiology clinic administrator, Paris. They are all Texas Christian University graduates. We have 12 grandchildren. Submitted by: Frances Geraldine Toon Clifford, 3030 Fair Oaks Drive, Paris, TX 75462.

### Mary Tabitha McCutchen And James William Toon II

Maclin Morris and Mary Malinda McCutchen's daughter, Mary Tabitha ("Doll") was born in Jackson County, Ala., 25 January 1858. When Doll's father died, she was 12.



*Mary Tabitha McCutchen and I.W. Toon*

James William Toon II ("Jim"), one of seventeen children born to Ellison Toon and Martha Jane Hogue Toon, was born in Jackson Co. 11 June 1850. Jim and Doll grew up on farms in the same community, attending the same school, church and social events. The marriage ceremony for James William Toon and Mary Tabitha McCutchen was performed in Jackson County, Ala., by Judge Nelson Kyle on 11 Jan. 1876.

Jim and Doll had sixteen children, seven of them were born in Jackson County. Sometime between Oct. 1886 and March 1888, they loaded their livestock, farm tools, household goods and children on a train and went to Texas. They resided in Delta County most of the time. Doll's brother, Joseph Maclin, and sisters, Kate and Julie would soon move to Delta County as would Jim's brother, sister and cousins.

Jim and Doll Toon farmed and raised a large family. They lived in the Unitia Community of Delta County, Tx., and in 1892 in the Howland Community of Lamar County, then in 1894, they were in Bexar County. They only made one crop in Bexar County, then moved back to Delta County; resided a year or two in the Amy Community, then moved south of Cooper to the Liberty Grove Community. There their school age children went to school in the old one room schoolhouse. The married children of Jim and Doll Toon all lived in the Liberty Grove Community at one time.

Jim bought two farms in Liberty Grove, but never lived on either of them. He rented a farm which was choice farm land and near the school and church. He lived on that farm until his death, 1 January 1931. Doll died in Liberty Grove 16 October 1905. They were buried in the Liberty Grove Cemetery.

Children born to Jim and Doll Toon were: Minnie Eva born in Jackson County, Ala., 17 Feb. 1878; William Maclin born in Jackson County, Ala., 27 March 1879; John E. born in Jackson County, Ala., 18 April 1880; Harvey Boyd born in Jackson County, Ala., 19 June 1881; Mary "Mamie" born in Jackson County, Ala., 13 Oct. 1882; Kate Myrtle born in Jackson County Ala., 11 Oct. 1885; Annie Lou born in Jackson County, Ala., 11 Oct. 1886; twins James Calvin and Alvin born 27 March 1888 in Texas; Ruby Roy born in Texas 19 Nov. 1890; Euel Ernest "Buck" born in Howland, Lamar County, Texas 24 August 1892; Henry Grady born in Bexar County, Tx., 12 January 1894; Bertha J. born Delta County, Tx., 31 March 1896; Homer Clyde born Delta County, Tx., 7 May 1898; Elbert Lee born Delta County, Tx., 3 March 1900; Burl Ethridge born Delta County, Tx., 28 August 1902. Submitted by: Wendell T. Alley, Jr., 451 S.W. First Street, Cooper, TX 75432.

### Family Of Lee And Bernice Scott Toon

Six children were born to Lee and Bernice Toon. The first five were born at home in the Liberty Grove Community, the sixth was born in a hospital in Cooper, Texas. Their first child, a son, died at birth 20 Nov. 1919 and was buried in the Liberty Grove Cemetery. Their second child, James William Toon III was born 7 August 1921, graduated from Cooper High School and attended East Texas State Teachers College. He married Dosisa Fay Rainey. J.W. Toon served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II (overseas duty in Guam). After the war, he was the assistant supervisor of Texas Alcoholic and Beverage Commission. J.W. and Dosisa Toon had five children: Troy Rayburn, William Michael, Jackie Lee, James Steven and Dena Mae. Third child of Lee and Bernice Toon was Doris Lee Toon born 27 Aug. 1924. Their fourth child was Dennis Raymond Toon who was born 8 June 1926, graduated from Klondike High School and attended Paris Junior College. He married in Delta County, Tx., 29 Sept. 1946 Joyce Fay Dixon. He served in the 63rd Ord. Group, U.S. Army, during World War II (Asian



*Doris Lee Toon*

Theater). During his 33 year career as a Texas State Trooper, his duties included guarding Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon. He was driving the fifth car in the motorcade in Dallas when President John Kennedy was assassinated. Children born to Dennis and Joyce Toon were: Randall Craig, Beverly Ann and Carol Kay. The fifth child born to Lee and Bernice Toon was Charles Scott Toon, born 9 March 1930, died in Ft. Worth, Tx., 6 Aug. 1972, buried in Liberty Grove Cemetery. He married F.L. Hurley, divorced. Children born to them were Charles Scott, Jr. (1950-1951, buried Liberty Grove Cem.), David Ray and Jo Ellen. Lee and Bernice's sixth child was Jerry Dale Toon born 14 August 1940, married in Greenville, Tx., 8 Sept. 1962 Janice Ileen Moser. Jerry was educated at East Texas State Univ. (Master's, Industrial Ed.) and served as I.C.T. Adm., Greenville, Tx. I.S.D.; O.S.Y. Coordinator, Dallas School System; School Adm. and Supt. of Schools at Lancaster, Tx. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army (Infantry). Jerry and Janice Toon's children are Jason Spencer and Jeffrey Lee. *Submitted by: Doris Toon Alley, Route One, Box 168, Cooper, TX 75432.*

Sources: Records of Bernice Scott Toon.

## Pat Trammel

Doctor Pat Trammel, was just plain "Pat", to all of Jackson County. We, who were fortunate enough to know him, were indeed blessed. Pat was the son of Dr. and Mrs. E.L. Trammel, of Scottsboro. He has two brothers, Don and Dale.

Pat's outstanding sports achievements, as well as scholastic feats, began early in life. He was first string quarterback for Scottsboro High when he was fourteen.

He graduated from Scottsboro High in 1958. He had his choice of basketball, football or baseball scholarships. He had made all state in the 1958 basketball tournament. He chose the University of Alabama as his college and the football legend of Pat Trammel began.

At that time, Freshmen did not play on the varsity at the university. However, Pat Trammel played varsity quarterback beginning in 1958, continuing through the 1961-1962, season. It was



Pat Trammel

during that final season when he was captain, that the Crimson Tide realized their first National Championship.

The legend woven by Pat Trammel was much more than on the playing field. He was an outstanding student and compiled all the scholastic honors at the University, where he was following a pre-med curriculum. After his undergraduate work, he entered the University of Alabama Medical school.

Pat did his internship and residency, and became a full fledged Dermatologist, before tragedy struck.

It was June of 1968, that cancer of the Lymph glands was discovered. Doctor Pat Trammel died December 10, 1968, at the age of 28. When he learned he had cancer Pat said, "It's now in the good Lord's hands, I'm not going to do a lot of crying about it. That's just the way it turns out."

Pat's last public appearance was at an Auburn-Alabama game. Alabama won the game and the team presented Pat with the Game ball. Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, of Alabama had these words for and of Pat: "Pat Trammel is a coach on the field type quarterback, he was certainly more than just a former player. Pat never felt sorry for himself. Never once expressed concern on the personal level. He was always thinking about his family, the University and the team. I already had so much respect for him, but being close to him during most of his illness, you had to recognize that Pat Trammel was something super".

Pat was also described by Coach Bryant as "the type who could do nothing well, but win". Pat Trammel left behind his wife Clayton (Smith) Trammel, a son Pat Jr. and a daughter, Julianna, not to mention the thousands of us who admired him, as just Pat Trammel, the tousled headed boy we knew as he grew up.

An All-American, All Southeastern Conference, and outstanding Back in the Southeast, and sadly, posthumously, named to the 1975, class of the Alabama Hall Of Fame: Annually, an outstanding player for the University of Alabama, receives the "Pat Trammel Award." *Submitted by: The Book Committee: Prepared by: Mary Wallingsford*

Source: Newspapers and personal knowledge.

## Robert Edward Travis Family

Robert Edward Travis went to Texas with his family in a wagon train at 14 years of age. When he arrived he did not like the hot, flat land. He worked long enough to save \$3.00 and purchased a horse and a saddle. It took him three weeks to get to Alabama. In the mid 1800's he acquired 300 acres of land in Jackson County. This was approximately 20 years after his uncle, William Barrett Travis was killed at the Alamo in 1836. Robert Travis built the first home place on Cumberland Mountain, which is now called Skyline. He and his wife Jaylyn had four children: Colie Ervin, Tom, George, and Rose. Robert Edward and his wife Jaylyn are buried in the Travis Family Cemetery.



1990 Travis Family Reunion on top of Skyline Mountain in Jackson Co. From L to R; Calvin, Linda, "Granpa" Paul, Robert, Charles and Dorothy.

Colie Ervin married Katy and had six children; Twins, Enos and Eunice, Lester, Kenneth, Dorothy and Paul. Enos now lives in Scottsboro with his wife Merlene. He had four children: Donald, Bill, Katie and Dorenda. Eunice died as an infant. Lester married Ethel they had four children. He lived in Alabama his entire life, he is buried in the Travis Family Cemetery. Kenneth married Pearl they had five children: Gary, Steve, Kenny, Myra and Chrystal. Kenneth resided in Lowell, Indiana. Dorothy married Emmit Sanders and they had five children: Mable, Franklin, Joann, Larry and Janis. She later remarried and had a son Timothy. "Aunt Dot" now lives in Indiana. Paul married Gladys and they had three sons: Charles, Robert and Calvin. In 1946, Paul moved his family to Chicago, Illinois by train. Charles remembers being fascinated by the snow, door bells and indoor plumbing! Paul later married May, and they had one child: Linda. Paul died in 1995 and is buried in the Travis Family Cemetery.

Charles now resides in Marietta, GA with his wife Kay. He has six children and five grandchildren. Robert lives in Cleveland, Tn., with his wife Cathy. They had five children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Calvin and his wife, Clenell live in King City, CA. They have two children and one grandchild. Linda married Brad Long and they have two children and one grandchild. Linda now resides in Ootawah, TN.

The Travis Family Cemetery is located on Skyline Mountain, in Jackson Co., Alabama and is part of the original 300 acres acquired by Robert Edward Travis in the mid 1800's. Robert Edward was a farmer and in the off season transported goods such as cross ties for the railroad with horse and wagon. Many members of the Travis family are in the transportation business still today.

The Genealogy of the Travis Family has been traced back to Normandy in the year of 1030. The name Travis was changed from Travers in the 1600's. *Submitted by: Penny Travis, 1581 Corona Dr., Austell, GA 30001.*

Source: Charles Ervin Travis, 1168 Laural Place, Marietta, GA 30066.

### Ms. Classie Clay Trimew

Classie Clay Trimew was born on August, 1907 in Hollytree, Alabama to Lewis and Mobie Brown Clay. She was a Christian for fifty-nine years at Shilo Missionary Baptist Church in Woodville, Alabama where she was an active member. She was an advocate of old timey religion. She showed her love for mankind by helping care for grandchildren and other people's children as well as her neighbors children. She was the mother of two sons; Charles Harris, Sr., and Calvin Walker. She had two daughter-in-laws and was the grandmother of fourteen grandchildren and the great-grandmother of fourteen. She said her philosophy on life is to love everybody and treat them the way you want to be treated. *Submitted by: Committee, Archie Stewart, 217 Walnut Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768.*

### Troxells

The name Troxell or Troxel has been Americanized from its original form Trachael or Drachael which means "singletree"!

"This old and prominent family can be traced back to Switzerland where Busckhard Trachsel is mentioned in the records as a Councillor in Berne in 1637." (Troxel Trails, p. 1). Some of the Trachsels moved from there to the Rhineland Palatinate in the Hamburg-Saar area of Germany near the French border.

Peter Trachsel and his wife Juliana Catharina (Trauthager) along with their two sons, Peter (age 9) and Daniel (age 7) immigrated to America on the ship "Samuel" of London under the command of Hugh Percy, Master from Rotterdam. They landed at Philadelphia, Pa. Peter took the oath of naturalization in 1742 (ibid,p.4). A brother, Johannes Trachsel, his wife, Anna Maria, and their four children (John Peter, Michael, Nichalas and Catrina) were passengers on the same ship.

The Troxells of Jackson County trace their American lineage back to this family. The following names are given in order to help someone who may be seeking a link with the past.

Peter Trachsel's Children: 1. Peter b. 1723; 2. Daniel b. 1726; 3. David b. 1734 (Jackson Co.'s Ancestor); 4. John b. 1736; 5&6. Christian and Juliana Margaretha b. 1739; 7. George Frederick b. 1741; 8. Margaretha b. 1744.

David had 8 children; his eldest, George Jacob "Big Jake" b. 1758 was in Jackson Co. (1830 census) but died in Dekalb Co. in 1843. His eldest son, William b. 1809 married Catherine Farris. William had 10 children and lived about 4 miles from Bridgeport in the Concord Community. His son, Elias (Eli) b. 1824 married America Coffey McFarland, b. 1827.

Eli's children (6) from which the Stevenson and Bridgeport Troxells are descended: 1. Lucy Catherine m. Ed Westmoreland; 2. James b. 1853 m. Nancy Richards; 3. Robert Washington b. 1856 m. Sarah Ann Cargile (grandfather of Rubye Troxell Thomas); 4. Beulah (Chrissie) m. Billy Wilson; 5. John Price b. 1867 m. Emma Florence Williams (grandfather of Bettye Wade Cornelius); 6. Thomas Eli m. Bettie Walker.

The above information was taken from a book *Troxell Trails*, written by Richard M. Troxell of Oklahoma.

There is an interesting story about my great great great grandfather, Jacob Troxell, who later lived in Jackson County. He fought with Washington's Colonial Army in 1758 at the age of 16. "Big Jake" as he was known, hit the pioneer trail as a trader to the Indians in the Cumberland Wilderness after the war. At age 21, he fell in love with a beautiful Indian princess, Cornblossom. They had one son "little Jake", who became Chief of all Cumberland River and Plateau Indians.

No record has been found of what happened to Cornblossom but Big Jake married a second time in 1830 and died in 1843 in Dekalb County. Big Jake's son, William, is my great, great grandfather who had the land grant 4 miles from Bridgeport. *Submitted by: Ruby Troxell Thomas.*

### A Living Memorial

My mother, Epsie Lee Erwin Turner (1905-1934), daughter of Humphrey Isaac "Ike" Erwin (1879-1939) and Nancy Ellen Hall

Erwin (1881-1909), was a direct descendant of James Hall (1787-1870), an early pioneer in Paint Rock Valley. My mother taught English at Arab High and at Jackson County High, having moved to Scottsboro in 1926 after she married Boyd Turner (1903-1960). Her father, Ike Erwin, became part owner of the Scottsboro Hardware Co. around 1926 in partnership with John B. Clopton, Sr. My father, Boyd Turner, joined that business about 1937 after several years as a coach (Douglas and Arab High Schools) and principal of Scottsboro Elementary School. Some years following my mother's death, Daddy married Sarah Betty McIntire (now Mrs. Ingram), then Home Economics teacher at J.C.H.S. We attended First Methodist Church in Scottsboro, where Daddy was Sunday School Superintendent for about 30 years.

Ike Erwin ("Big Daddy") was Tax Assessor of Jackson County in 1927-31. During one period in the early 1930s, he served as Probate Judge briefly due to the illness of the elected official.

When I was about sixteen, Daddy took me over to First Methodist on Scott Street to show me something "extremely important," despite my general reluctance to go anywhere near a church on weekdays OR to see anything which an adult said was important. Down the walk we went, between the sanctuary and education building to a door leading into the lower level. Once inside, a few short steps led into the furnace room. Daddy handed me a flashlight and told me to squeeze in behind the furnace; this was getting better - dark basement, weird sounds, plenty of soot and dirt - FUN! (Now for a dramatic flashback!)

An older First Methodist, on Market at Willow, burned down years before. The congregation met in the auditorium of Scottsboro City School until the new building on Scott was built. As with all building projects, lots of effort, money, and prayers are needed; everyone helped, not just the Methodist.

Big Daddy, not what you'd call a regular attender, was approached for some support: in particular, a furnace unit. People making these requests generally offer big donors a chance to have some "thanks" displayed in a prominent position. By the time they got around to the furnace request, the prime positions were pretty much promised. My grandfather said he would donate the furnace unit if HE could put his "thanks" notice wherever he chose. His offer was accepted with some reluctance, not knowing what gosh-awful thing might be erected no telling where. After that First Methodist building was in use, Daddy said Big Daddy left the store one afternoon with a quart of paint and a brush, saying he had a job to finish. He never mentioned what that job was. As I remember my dad's version of this story, it was after Big Daddy died that the janitor at First Methodist told my dad that he discovered, quite by accident, what Big Daddy had done with that paint and brush. Now, a few years later, my dad was showing me.

After I had squeezed behind that furnace, when I shone the flashlight on the BACK of that furnace, there, in big block letters, was painted: H. I. Erwin. That was my Big Daddy's chosen spot for his "thanks"!

Before we moved to Texas, I took my children down in that basement and showed them Big Daddy's "memorial."

About 1994 when I visited the First United Methodist now down Broad Street, I noticed memorial plaques from the old Scott Street building; I asked if possibly my grandfather's "memorial" had also been moved. But no one I asked knew anything about it. At first I was a bit perturbed that Big Daddy's contribution was not remembered. Then it came to me - Big Daddy's memorial LIVES in our hearts; it's not painted on a rusty furnace. What else matters! *Submitted by: Boyd Lee Turner, 2706 Hiawatha Dr., San Antonio, TX 78210-5519*

Sources: family oral history, Jackson County records

### Rev. Anderson Nelson And Janie Pearl Isbell Varnell

This biography is dedicated to the memory of Rev. Anderson Nelson and Janie Pearl Isbell Varnell to honor them for their service to the people of Jackson County, Alabama by their son, Jesse Nelson Varnell.

Anderson Nelson Varnell was born in Tyner, Hamilton County, Tennessee on January 3, 1876, the sixth of the eleven children of William Riley and Sarah Dorothy Moore Varnell.

He came to Jackson County, Alabama in 1900, and completed his education, attending school in Pisgah, on Sand Mountain and in Princeton, in Paint Rock Valley. Anderson was also a student of Rev. W.G. Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church of Scottsboro.



Janie Pearl Isbell was born February 1, 1888 at Limrock, Alabama, the daughter of an ordained Baptist minister, Rev. Jesse William and Lockey T. Barclay Isbell. Her father was the pastor of the Mr. Ararat Baptist Church in Limrock, which he and his family founded soon after the War Between the States. Rev. Jesse Isbell served on the side of the Union during the war.

Pearl became a teacher and taught school at Boxes Cove and Langston, before she and Anderson married on September 18, 1912 at Limrock. Anderson's brother, Rev. William Holland Varnell performed the ceremony.

The couple had three children: Jesse Nelson Varnell, b. Aug. 11, 1913 in Martintown, Ala., m. Jan. 23, 1946 in Scottsboro, Ala., to Frances Lyles Gay, b. Dec. 25, 1913 in Scottsboro, Ala.; Pauline Isbell Varnell, b. Nov. 23, 1915 in Hollywood, Ala., m. Mar. 3, 1948 in Birmingham, Ala., to Joseph Edward Short, Sr.; Ida Bell Varnell, b. July 14, 1920 near Kyles, Ala., m. 1940 to Woodrow W. Howard, d. Nov. 3, 1946 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Rev. Anderson Varnell served as pastor of many area Baptist churches, including Centennial, Mt. Carmel, Caperton's Chapel, Cave Spring, Larkinsville, Stevenson, Center Point, Mr. Ararat, McCoy's Grove, Friendship, Hollywood, Paint Rock, Harmony, New Hope, Trenton, and possibly others.

Rev. Varnell also taught school in most of the communities in which he was the pastor of the local church.

He moved his family to Scottsboro in the mid-1920's to allow his children the opportunity to receive a high school education.

Rev. Anderson Nelson Varnell died on December 23, 1931 in Scottsboro, the year that his son Nelson graduated from Jackson County High School. He was buried at the Jones-Varnell Cemetery near Tyner, Tennessee, north of Chattanooga. The cemetery is now enclosed in an ordinance plant built for the army during World War II. In the fall of 1958, a marker was erected there in his memory.

At the time of his death, the Varnell family lived in the old Ridley home on County Park Road on land controlled by the Snodgrass family. Many years later, this land was developed into one of Scottsboro's nicest residential areas.

After her husband's death, Pearl taught school at Limrock and near Kyles, at the head of Mud Creek. Later, she taught with her son, Nelson, at Sulphur Springs School near Flat Rock.

During her latter years, Pearl lived with her daughter, Mrs. Pauline Short in Birmingham. She died there on July 23, 1975, and is buried in the Jefferson Memorial Gardens in Birmingham.

*Submitted by: Jesse Nelson Varnell, 1006 Birchwood Drive, Scottsboro, AL 35769.*

Sources: Family records.

## Jesse Nelson And Frances Lyles Gay Varnell

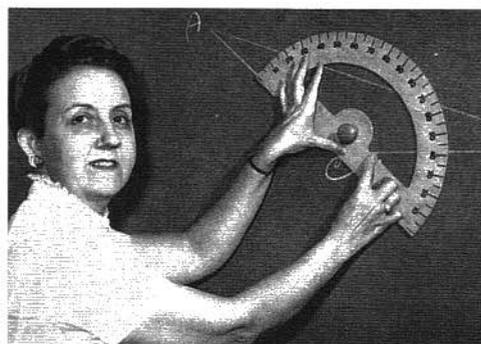
Nelson was born in Martintown, Jackson County, Alabama on August 11, 1913, the first of the three children of Rev. Anderson Nelson and Janie Pearl Isbell Varnell.

He completed his education in the Jackson County School System, graduating from Jackson County High School in 1931. Nelson attended Florence State Teachers College in Florence and Howard College in Birmingham. He taught in the Jackson County Schools for five years and then moved to Birmingham in 1940. Nelson did clerical work at Ingalls Iron Works and Southern Railway Co. before volunteering for the U.S. Navy in 1943. There he served as radar operator on board a landing craft support ship. He participated in the Okinawa invasion and served with the occupation forces in Hiroshima following Japan's surrender after the atomic bomb was dropped on the city. Following the war, he returned to the Southern Railway Co. in Birmingham for a few years, went into the hardware business there, and later, worked for Sears for seven years.

Frances Lyles Gay, the wife of Jesse Nelson Varnell, is the daughter of James W. and Allie Hess Gay. She was born in Scottsboro on December 25, 1913. Frances was the valedictorian of her class, graduating from Jackson County High School in 1931 with her future husband. She went on to make Mortar Board and honor roll at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, from which she received her B.A. degree in 1935. Frances taught high school English in Tuscumbia and Scottsboro. Following her marriage to Nelson on January 23, 1946, they moved to Birmingham where she taught math for twenty-five years at Brooke High School, a college/preparatory school for girls.

After retiring to Jackson County, the Varnells joined and became active in the First Baptist Church of Scottsboro. Nelson served as a deacon for many years and Frances taught the Gleaners Bible Class of adult ladies for twelve years, retiring for reasons of health.

Nelson has done some research on old homes and old schools for



the Heritage Center, writing a short book on "Schools Where Page Elementary School Now Stands", a copy of which is in the Heritage Center. He has also written books on the "Mud Creek Association" and the "Tennessee River Missionary Baptists of Jackson County", copies of which are also in the

Heritage Center. Nelson was chairman of the history committee of the Tennessee River Baptist Association for several years. Hobbies include ancestor hunting, reading, fishing and gardening.

Frances is a member of the Tidence Lane Chapter of NSDAR and served two three year terms as registrar. She also belongs to the Twentieth Century Book Club and has held offices in it, including president. Her principal hobby is genealogy (ancestor hunting), and it has produced for her books entitled "Six Patriots of the American Revolution" and "One Probable Loyalist with Descendants in Jackson and Dekalb Counties, Alabama".

Nelson and Frances have no children. *Submitted by: Mrs. James A. Gay, Jr., 404 Tyler Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768.*  
Sources: Family records.

## Clyde "Uncle Josh" Varner

What has happened to the "good ole days" of radio, when radio was fun and entertaining? For the most part it seems to be gone. But for Scottsboro and Jackson County, the days of entertaining radio are not that far behind us. Jackson County was blessed with a true radio entertainer that just retired in 1987. Radio personality, Clyde "Uncle Josh" Varner, was in the radio business for about 40 years, most of which was in and around North Alabama, and specifically Jackson County. No history of Jackson County would be complete without the mention of the dynamic radio personality and unique style of "Uncle Josh", who was widely listened to by people throughout North Alabama down through the many years he was on the radio.

From the early days of radio in Scottsboro at WROS with Rose Kirby and later with Bill Prickett, to WRAB in Arab, to WZOB in Fort Payne, to WCNA, the first FM station in Scottsboro, to WTWX in Guntersville with Radford C., Ruby D., and Cousin Spin, to WSVF-FM in Stevenson, and WWIC in Scottsboro, Uncle Josh brought laughter and entertainment to the people throughout North Alabama. Uncle Josh seemed to never lack a way to entertain his listeners. Many people in the area remember waking up to Uncle Josh on the radio with "Big Red" his pet rooster, or remember him sipping his morning coffee or ringing his cow bell, or forecasting weather by his "weather rock", or telling some fishing story, or the good-natured jokes about his mother-in-law, or just telling a funny story or joke — getting their morning started off with some laughs and smiles that Uncle Josh seemed so easy to bring to his listeners.

And who could forget his extended name, "Uncle Josh J. Squizard the Lizard"? I can still remember hearing him early of the morning, with the theme song for his program playing in the

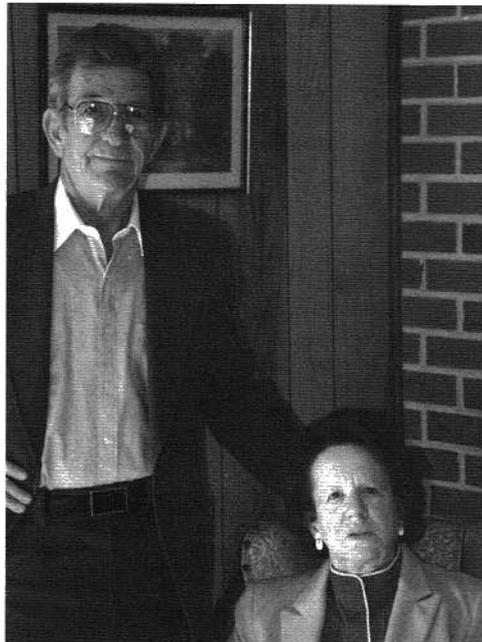
background. "Good morning folks, this is the "Wake Up Show", it's wake up time. Time to rise and shine, (ringing of the cow bell). Wash your face and comb your hair, ole Josh J. Squizzard is on the air. It's a beautiful day out there, let's get up and make the most of it. The "weather rock" is warm and dry and it looks like it's gonna be a good day for fishing. So let's get up and get started. This is Josh J. Squizzard the Lizard, Sqee .... U .... I .... double lizard .... A .... R .... D. I'll be bringing you a lot of good music, news, and weather. I've got a good pot of coffee all brewed up. I'd like to dedicate everybody a good sup of coffee (sipping of the coffee). Hmmm, hmm, that's sure good coffee. That should get your morning started off right. It doesn't take half as much water to make coffee as some people think. I wish my mother-in-law had a cup of this coffee — it might do her singing voice good. I've also got Big Red here with me. Come over here Red and tell all the folks good morning — come on don't be bashful — say good morning to everybody (crowing of the rooster). I appreciate all those requests. Keep those cards and letters coming in." ... and on and on .... Oh, those were the "good ole days" of radio!

Uncle Josh has led a very colorful career. He was born in Knoxville, Tennessee and almost chose a baseball career over music and radio. Before entering the military service, he went through baseball school and received a baseball diploma, and was selected to play second base for the "Knoxville Smokies" on the all-star team of 1941.

After serving two years in the Air Force, Uncle Josh got started in radio in 1946 doing comedy and performing with "Johnny Hopson and the Tennessee Valley Boys" on the "Midday Merry-Go-Round" and the "Tennessee Barn Dance" on WNOX in Knoxville. At that time Knoxville and Nashville were in competition for the title of 'country music capital' of the world. Other performers appearing on the "Midday Merry-Go-Round" and WNOX at the time included Chet Atkins, The Carter Family, Archie Campbell, Kitty Wells, Johnny Wright, Tennessee Tommy, Jimmy Fisher, Curly Farmer, and Homer and Jethro. While Uncle Josh was performing on the "Midday Merry-Go-Round" he was selected by the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra to play banjo with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra and the Philadelphia Phil-Harmonic at their concert in Knoxville that year.

After leaving WNOX, Uncle Josh along with Little Wilbur formed their own group, "The Log Cabin Boys", and went to WROL in Knoxville and performed on their noon time program. Later Uncle Josh joined the Brewster Brothers and played on "The Cas Walker Farm and Home Hour".

From WROL Uncle Josh went to Lexington, Kentucky and played on the "Kentucky Mountain Barn Dance" on WKLX with the group, "Esco Hankins and the Crazy Tennesseans". Also playing on WKLX at the time were entertainers such as Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs, the Stanley Brothers, and Jimmy Skinner. During the time with the group "The Crazy Tennesseans", they recorded on King Record label and toured throughout the southeast doing shows. They became a very popular



Uncle Josh Varner and his wife, Marjorie, in 1995.

group of the time. In this group is where he also took the comedy name, "Uncle Josh", and together with the female entertainer in the group, Elizabeth Miles, they performed the comedy act "Uncle Josh and Aunt Liz", which had already been created as part of the group's show before he joined. This became a regular attraction of the show and became very popular with the audience.

The Crazy Tennesseans' tour made possible Uncle Josh's first

trip to Scottsboro when they played at the old Ritz Theater on the square in 1949 to a packed house. Some area residents still remember being at the show. One person was his future brother-in-law, Gilbert Hancock, whom he didn't even know at the time.

In 1950 Uncle Josh moved to Rome, Georgia and started his first job on the radio, not as a performer, but as a radio announcer on WROM radio. Later in Rome, while attending college, he created his own television show on Rome's first TV station, WROM-TV



Clyde "Uncle Josh" Varner as he appeared on his T.V. show, "Uncle Josh's General Store", in 1953

called "Uncle Josh's General Store", a show similar to the "Haw" show that would be created years later. The show aired every week night from 7:00 to 8:00. Some people in North Alabama were regular viewers of the show. The show became very popular and was featured in articles in the magazines "TV Guide" and "Country Song Roundup". After leaving his TV career, he carried on the nickname, "Uncle Josh", into his radio career. Also while in Rome, he met the former Marjorie Haynes of Section and they were married, and eventually moved to Scottsboro.

Since coming to Scottsboro, Uncle Josh has not only worked at various radio stations in North Alabama, but he has booked shows for some of the Grand Ole Opry stars including Bill Monroe, Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs, and The Carter Family. He has also taught guitar, banjo, and bass guitar at Northeast Alabama State College for two years, and worked in Birmingham in Professional Music Teaching for two years in which time he produced an album and approximately 21 sessions at STUDIO ONE in Nashville. He also had a joke column that ran for a few years in the former 'Jackson County Advertiser' called "Jest Joshing with Uncle Josh". He has been the M.C. for many Opry shows and fiddlers conventions in the area including the widely popular Buck's Pocket Fiddlers' Convention that was held at Macedonia for 21 years, the Grant Fiddlers' Convention at Grant, and some outside the area such as the Marty Robbins Fiddlers' Convention at Talladega. He, along with the Baty Brothers, Cecil Powell, Bud Harding, and Leroy Weeks had the privilege of opening up the "Talledaga 500" race one year and performing one hour before the race for a crowd of 89,000 people as a promotion for Marty Robbins Fiddlers' Convention.

Today Uncle Josh and his wife, Marjorie, reside near Macedonia and have six children, Rebecca (Becky), David, Clay, Russell, Angela (Angie), and Loretta, and 11 grandchildren.

Uncle Josh was asked what he contributed to his popularity in radio. "Well, if I had any popularity in radio, I would have to contribute it to a number of reasons. The main one being that I like people, I never meet a stranger, and I am always "down to earth". I always tried to be myself and never felt superior to any of my listeners and fans just because I was in the public eye — or ear in my case. Each of my listeners and fans was very special to me. Many of them have become good friends of mine over the years".

"Another reason, is that today too many of the radio stations don't put enough emphasis on their listeners. They are getting away from the personality request programs and giving the audience a prepackaged format program. They have become too impersonal with their listeners. They don't try to relate to their listeners and play the music they want to hear. Many of the radio stations are on a network with the announcers located in Nashville, Los Angeles, or Branson, and they can't at all relate to the local listeners. I had a personality request program where I tried to relate to the average listener and play the music they requested. At the same time I tried to make my program entertaining and play some

old music along with the new music. You have to remember there are all different age groups in the listening audience. Some like the older music and some like the new. Whether you're in Atlanta, Georgia, Nashville, Tennessee or Scottsboro, Alabama, you've got to be able to read your listening audience and know who the average listener is, and do your program accordingly".

"My program was strictly for my listeners. I tried to make them feel like they were part of my program. I tried to make them feel like they were my personal friends. Many of them were, but many of them I had never met. If I couldn't entertain them and make radio listening enjoyable for them, then I should have been in some other business. You have got to like your audience and it has to be sincere. I always tried to put my listeners first. After all, if they didn't listen there would be no need for radio. It really is no big secret, the listeners are the most important. If they like what they hear and are entertained and pleased, they will listen, the advertisers will advertise, the radio station will prosper, and everybody will be happy. And I've worked at some good stations. I would like to express my appreciation to all the radio stations I worked at. I always tried to do the best job I could. I appreciate them letting me do it my way".

"I would also like to express my appreciation to all my listeners, and all the advertising sponsors that advertised with me over the years. Because without them and their support, I wouldn't have cared about being on a radio station anywhere. They're my friends and they're what it's all about. I have missed them a lot since I retired".

"I thank God for my family and our health. He has blessed me a lot in my life. Everything that I have or ever hope to have, I owe it all to Him. With His help I have found plenty to keep me busy since I retired, and have gotten in some good fishing in my spare time. But if I get restless, who knows when you might turn on your radio and find me back on again — spinning the records or doing some live remote — just like it was in the good ole days. Until then, this is Uncle Josh, Josh J. Squizzard the Lizard, saying may the good Lord bless and keep you."

Uncle Josh definitely had a unique style. He was a natural when it came to talking to people and making friends. And he has been missed by many people throughout north Alabama since he retired from radio. The "good ole days" of radio can only be recaptured when you have someone that can entertain people as naturally as Uncle Josh could.

## The Venables

Our father, Ollie Robert Venable born July 30, 1905, was the son of William Sanders Venable born April 22, 1856, and Sophia Emmaline Guinn born December 13, 1867, in Jackson County. Our mother Ada Francis Arnold was the daughter of Ode Madison Arnold and Molly Francis Davis of Stevenson, Alabama. They met and were married three months later on February 5, 1927, at Scottsboro, Alabama.

Coming from a musical family, Ollie played the five string banjo, owning one that was played in our family all the time we were growing up. This banjo along with their home was destroyed by fire in 1964. He also played guitar, harmonica and for our enjoyment on occasions beat the spoons to the rhythm of other accompaniment. One of his greatest joys was singing. Ada also had a love for singing being blessed with a beautiful voice.

They were wonderful Christian parents who instilled in each of their nine children the meaning of Psalms 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me. Let us go into the house of the Lord". Both were active in the Roaches Cove Missionary Baptist Church until their deaths. Ollie was killed in an auto accident August 24, 1974. Ada went home to be with the Lord June 8, 1992.

Together they taught each of their children to sing by the time they were talking, with the exception of one daughter, Ruth. Daddy said Ruth was the best cook in the family, learning from our mother who was known for her cooking talents.

Being the oldest child, I have many fond memories. One being that there was always a baby to care for. On Sunday we went to church. Daddy drove the horse and wagon with a spring seat for him, Mama, and the baby, all the other children rode on a quilt spread in the wagon. Our Grandmother Venable made her home with us and from her we learned to love and respect older people. Sometimes when we visited our other Grandparents in Stevenson, Daddy might be too busy to go and Mama would hitch up the team, put her children in the wagon, and drive to Stevenson. We



Ollie and Ada Venable Family

were farmers, first with horse and mules. Then came the tractor to farm with and finally a car to ride in. There was always music and singing around our house and some of my treasured memories are singing conventions and going to hear special groups sing.

Ollie and Ada's sons are Robert, Wallace, Larry, Roy Dean, and Ray. Wallace died September 7, 1962 and Larry was killed in an auto accident December 2, 1962. Robert and Ray are Deacons and Rev. Roy Dean Venable is our preacher in the family. Their daughters are Faye, Sue, Imogene, and Ruth. Imogene and Faye sang and traveled with the late Rev. Paul "Pat" Guinn for several years.

The Lord has blessed us beyond anything we deserved. We've sung for funerals, homecomings, and benefit singings all over Jackson County trying to live up to our motto from Col. 3:16, "Singing with Grace in our hearts to our Lord". Each of the girls also work in the church serving as Sunday School teachers, clerks, and Bible School Directors.

We are very proud of our heritage and try to live up to our Mother's and Daddy's teachings, hoping to pass it on to our children and grandchildren. Submitted by: Faye McCulley, 51 County Road 336, Hollywood, AL 35752.

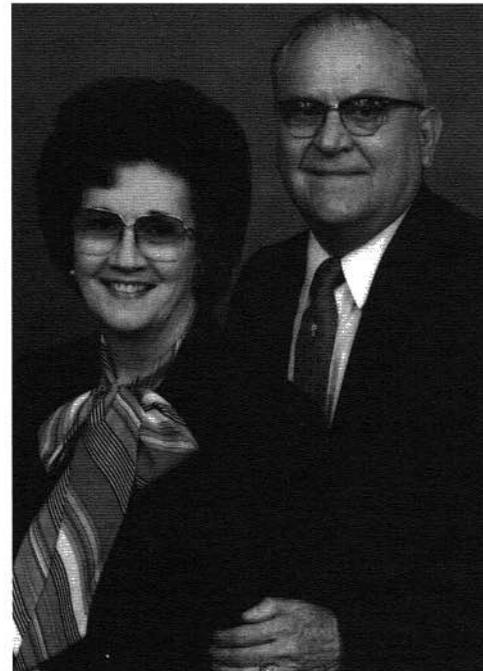
## William Wales

There was a George Wales who traveled from Scotland to Ireland in 1690 and landed in North Carolina in the year 1735. He had three sons: Thomas, George and John. George went out into Ohio and Indiana. Thomas went into Pennsylvania and John came to Alabama. William Wales came to Alabama from Indiana. He

was the great, great grandfather of William and Alvis Wales who later came to Scottsboro.

William Luther Wales and Kate Fielding Wales were born in Limestone County, Alabama and married in 1904. They homesteaded a farm a few miles north of Athens. They were the parents of four children: Bertha, William, Hartselle and Alvis. William came to Scottsboro and established Wales Jewelry Store in 1931. His brother, Alvis, joined him in 1937.

William (Bill) married Elizabeth Myrvle Jones in 1935. They had two



Alvis and Grace Wales

children: Elizabeth Ann and Delois Jean. In 1944 Alvis married Grace Payne who is the daughter of Claude David Payne and Lydia Harwell Payne. Claude and Lydia met in Albertville where their families lived next door to each other. Their families thought they were too young to date but their romance thrived by means of a "mail box" under a plank beneath the fence separating the two back yards. They married in 1913 and came to Scottsboro to live. They rented rooms with Mrs. Mary Jane Buchanan (Granny Buck) who lived in the Gothic Revival house, known as the Buchanan place, near the railroad. This was where Grace and her two sisters were born.

Alvis and Grace have two sons: Alvis Fielding, Jr. who is Sr. Vice President of Sonics Inc. Associates in Birmingham, Al. David Wales and Grace are co-owners of Wales Jewelry Co. where David is manager and provides jewelry and jewelry repair.

William and Alvis have a double first cousin, Marvin Lester Wales, and a nephew, Jimmy Wade Wales, who still live in Limestone County near the home site of Luther and Kate Fielding Wales. Submitted by: Grace P. Wales, 304 College Ave., Scottsboro, AL 35768. Sources: Lydia Harwell Payne (deceased); Alvis Fielding Wales (deceased); Marvin Lester Wales, 23050 Looney Rd., Elkmont, AL 35620.

### Thomas Jefferson And Mattie Ellan Morris Walker

Thomas Jefferson Walker was born August 24, 1862, and grew up in Jackson County. His father was Thomas Walker and his mother's maiden name was Swaim. The Swain family lived in Jackson County. Thomas Jefferson Walker met a lovely young lady named Mary Ellan Morris, b. July 15, 1866, and they were married on Valentine Day, Feb. 14, 1892. Mary Ellan was a descendant of the Scott family. Her parents were Ann P. Scott, b. Jan. 9, 1833, d. Aug. 15, 1897, and Robert T. Morris. She had one brother, Robert T., b. Oct. 25, 1861, d. Apr. 17, 1946. In later years her parents separated and her father moved to Mississippi because he could not find work in the area. Ann P. then married a Mr. Gordon.



Thomas Jefferson & Mary Ellan Morris Walker circa 1920

Mary Ellan's maternal grandparents were William Scott and Elizabeth. Four members of the Scott family, Henry, Betty, William, and Robert, had settled in Madison County (late 1700's), near Huntsville, but became dissatisfied with the red clay soil. Since farming was their major occupation, the dissatisfaction with the land led them to purchase hundreds of acres of land, between what is now Larkinsville and Scottsboro, and moved to Jackson County. The city of Scottsboro is named after Robert Scott.

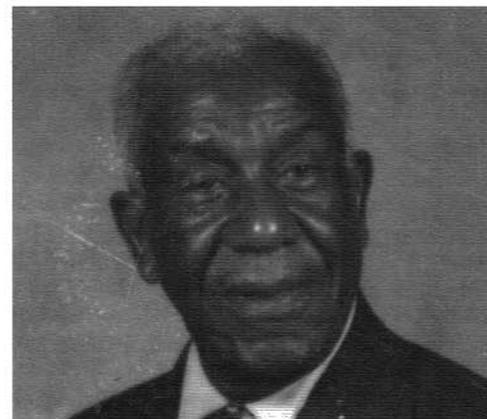
Thomas Jefferson and Mary Ellan became the parents of five children. They were: Maggie Ann, b. May 6, 1893, d. June 9, 1946, married Jan. 31, 1909 to Solomon Lowe Thompson, b. Apr. 16, 1887, d. Oct. 24, 1962; Omi Jane, b. Oct. 16, 1895, d. Oct. 18, 1895; Mamie Ruth, b. Oct. 9, 1895, d. Mar. 17, 1898; Hattie Lee, b. Oct. 2, 1900, d. Oct. 1, 1992, married Reverend Lodie O. Brooks (b.?, d. 1973, a Baptist minister; Mattie Thomas, b. July 2, 1905, d. Mar. 30, 1994, married Nov. 12, 1922 to Thomas McKinley Hollaway, b. July 5, 1902, d. Dec. 3, 1959.

Thomas Jefferson and Mary Ellan were a farm family. Sometime after they were married they purchased a farm in the Dutton community and lived there, in a beautiful house with a wraparound porch, until their deaths. Mary Ellan died Nov. 14, 1926 and Thomas Jefferson died Nov. 5, 1929. Both are buried in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Their two daughters that preceded them in death are buried in the Morris family cemetery, just west of Scottsboro. Submitted by: Susan Williams, Rt. 5, 1685 Jaycee Hut Road, Dallas, GA 30132.

Sources: Family and other relatives.

### Reverend Tillman Walker

Reverend Tillman Walker was born in Decatur, Alabama on March 10, 1900. He departed this life on May 18, 1987. He was the youngest of three children of the late Henry and Lottie Martin Walker of Decatur. He moved to Larkinsville, Alabama with his family at a very early age. Later, his mother moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee in order to work and send him to school. He attended old Chattanooga Elementary School completing the eighth grade. He was further educated through correspondence courses at the Baptist Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee.



Reverend Tillman Walker

Reverend Tillman Walker has an unusually interesting background. Like the Apostle Paul, whom he loved to quote, he always had a trade and thus worked almost seventy-five percent of his life or until he was eighty one years of age. He was instrumental in the construction of Scottsboro's First Baptist Church on Andrews Street and the First United Methodist Church on Broad Street, making mortar for the brick layers, and many other buildings now standing in the city of Scottsboro.

In 1921, he married Lucy Elmer Doss of Scottsboro. Together he and his wife raised, fed, clothed, and educated twenty-two children besides their own five. Often referred to as one "born to preach" Reverend Tillman Walker's services to God certainly proved him to be an exemplar of the life he preached. From the time he learned to read, he used the Bible as his daily reading guide and was converted at a very early age. He preached the gospel for over forty years and pastored many churches including Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Hollywood, Friendship Baptist Church in Fackler, and Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Pikeville, Tennessee. He also served as pastor at churches in Victory and Whitwell, Tennessee for approximately 10 years. His years of service as pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Fackler included a total of 24 years and a total of 25 years at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Pikeville, Tennessee. He was a member and associate pastor of St. Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, serving as 3rd-Sunday Preacher for many years.

Other highlights of his religious career included thirty years of dedicated service to boys at the State Correctional Industrial School in Pikeville, Tennessee baptizing 47 in one day. He was also the first black minister to perform mixed marriage ceremonies in Jackson County as well as the first to perform marriage ceremonies to all white couples. During the life span of his religious career, he delivered the Eulogy for over 100 funerals in the churches of which he was affiliated. He took an active role in NAACP, in the Jackson County Voter's League and the local Alabama Democratic Conference serving as chaplain to these organizations for twenty-two years.

Rev. Tillman and Elmer Walker had two girls and three boys. Leola the oldest child was born February 26, 1922. She finished Scottsboro Black High School in 1944 and enrolled at A&M College the same year. She received her BS Degree in 1948 and MS Degree in 1978 both from A&M. She taught school in Jackson County for 33 years and did substitute teaching in Scottsboro for 10 years after retiring from the county system.

She married Archie Stewart in 1949 and they have two daughters: Besfanette England (12-23-50) of Los Angeles, California; and Tiajuana Cotton (1-24-52) of Scottsboro, Alabama. Both are school teachers.

Katherine was born in 1923 and died in 1949. She married Rev. H.P. Snodgrass in 1943 and they had four children: Nathaniel (preacher), Antonette (teacher), Lamar (deceased 1952), and Benjie Lee (teacher).

Thomas (deceased 1997) was a brick layer. He received his training at Tuskegee. He married Geneva Bone in 1955 and they have two children: Trayler (dentist) and Tommy (artist). Thomas lived and worked in Cleveland, Ohio for 30 years laying brick and building houses. Geneva was a school teacher for 30 years.

James Walker was born June 27, 1927. He married Clara Hardric in 1946 and they had ten children: Patricia (1-4-48), Sandra (8-26-49), Shirley (2-18-32), James, Jr. (3-16-54), Deborah (11-23-55), Jimmy (11-1-57), Angelia (7-1-59), Rosa (8-23-61), Lanette (3-10-67), and Wanda (10-27-70). In 1978 Clara died.

James Walker, Sr. married Mary Johnson in 1980. They have two daughters: Brandy (1981) and Rashelle (1982). James, Sr. was a concrete finisher and a barber by trade. He retired in 1996. Cecil Walker (8-30-30) was also a product of Tuskegee, specializing in architecture and building construction. He married Ethel Stewart (teacher) of Guntersville. They have two boys: Kenny (Doctor) and Keith (technician). *Submitted by: Committee; Archie Stewart, 217 Walnut Street, Scottsboro, AL 37568.*

## Walker-Wagner

In 1818 George Walker was born in Kentucky. When he was 22 years old he married Elizabeth Wagner on February 18, 1840, in Franklin County, Tennessee. George and Elizabeth moved to Bridgeport, Jackson County, Alabama, shortly thereafter to farm. George had a brother, William Walker, who also lived in Jackson County.

George and Elizabeth's first son, James Nathinal Walker, was born in 1842; a daughter, Mary Walker, was born in 1846; and their second son, David Soloman Walker, was born in 1848 in Bridgeport, Jackson County.

The family resided in Jackson County until 1859. Because George had abused Elizabeth and the children, Elizabeth arranged for two of her brothers, James Wagner (Baptist Minister) and Wiley B. Wagner, then living in Franklin County, Tennessee, to transport herself and her children back to James Wagner's home in Franklin County, Tennessee. While George Walker was away from home, Elizabeth and her children met her brothers James and Wiley B. Wagner at the home of her brother-in-law William Walker. Elizabeth obtained the loan of a horse from her brother-in-law, and they (3 adults and 3 children) began their trip back to Franklin County, Tennessee.

When George Walker discovered his family had left, he immediately went to his brother William's home for information. William would not tell him anything about Elizabeth. In a rage, George Walker pulled his knife and stabbed William several times. William later died of those stab wounds and George was tried, found guilty, and imprisoned at Bellfonte, Alabama, for his crime. George died in the Bellfonte Prison October 31, 1862.

David Soloman Walker eventually returned to Jackson County. David and his wife, Mary Emmaline Allison, were married on October 9, 1870. They had thirteen children. Two of the daughters of David and Mary were believed to be Professors at the University of Alabama and one at Georgia or South Carolina University.

In 1860 James Nathinal Walker was still living in Franklin County, Tennessee, with his uncle, Baptist Minister James Wagner. In 1861 James enlisted in the 17th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry Regiment and was a Corporal in Company E.

James was in the battles of Rock Castle, Fishing Creek, Mill Springs and Perryville, Kentucky; Murfreesboro, Knoxville, Tennessee; Chickamauga; Drewry's Bluff and Peterburg, Virginia. James was wounded in the foot with a grapeshot at the Battle of Murfreesboro.

On September 29, 1866, at Fort Harrison when the Confederates numbered 800 and the Federal troops numbered 8,000, James was captured and taken prisoner. He was a prisoner for six months at Point Lookout, Maryland, until the end of the war in 1865.

On July 26, 1866, James married Caroline McKelvy in Franklin County, Tennessee. In October 1866, James bought 113 and one-half



*Front Row: James Nathina Walker (uniform), Newborn W. Walker, Caroline McKely Walker. Back Row: Albert Sidney Walker, Grace Ann Walker*

acres from James Wagner, which was about one mile north of Decherd, Tennessee. On July 25, 1871, James bought another one and one half acres from James Wagner. James farmed this land in Decherd, Tennessee.

James and Caroline had three children born in Decherd, Tennessee: Grace Ann Walker, born 1880, died 1974; Albert Sidney Walker, born 1882, died 1979; and Newborn W. Walker, born 1885, died 1920.

Albert Sidney Walker married Clara Gertrude Call, in Estill Springs, Tennessee, in 1912. Albert had filed a homestead in 1905 to property consisting of 640 acres. The homesteaded land was 6 miles south of the city of Clovis, New Mexico. Albert and Clara moved to the homestead property in Clovis, New Mexico, after their marriage. They belonged to the Primitive Baptist Church in Clovis, New Mexico. There is a Walker family plot with eight members buried in the Mission Garden Cemetery, Clovis, New Mexico.

Albert and Clara later moved to Toyah, Texas, where Clara died on January 3, 1957. Albert married two more times before he died at age 97 in 1979 in Midland, Texas.

Albert and Clara had three living children: Wyenoma Juanita Walker, born May 22, 1915; Carl Lewis ("CL") Walker, born June 11, 1917, died 1973; and Winstead L. Walker, born January 1, 1922, died 1971. Wyenoma Juanita Walker did not like Clovis, New Mexico, and so ran away from home to California when she was 15 years old.

Wyenoma Juanita Walker married Shelby Clayton in Long Beach, California, on June 5, 1932. Shelby was born in Galloway, Polk County, Florida, on October 2, 1910, to William Madison Randall and Georgia Ann Harris. Shelby's father, William Madison Randall, left Georgia and the family, which included four boys and a girl besides Shelby.

At the age of 16 years old Shelby left home to serve in the U.S. Cavalry, Troope F, 6th Cavalry (Horse), 1926-1929. Thereafter, Shelby also served on the U.S.S. Arizona, July, 1930 to April, 1934; U. S. Naval Reserve, Seabees Division 1117, 1939-1969; called to active duty during the Korean War, U. S. Navy, Seabees, Battalion 11, 1953-55; and was employed by the U. S. Naval Shipyard, Terminal Island, Long Beach, California, first as a Fire Inspector, then was promoted to Fire Marshall, and finally the Chief Inspector when he retired on February 27, 1977. Shelby died on July 13, 1995.

Shelby and Wyenoma Juanita Randall had one daughter, Loretta Jean Randall, born on November 1, 1934. Loretta was awarded a Phi Beta Kappa Award and a scholarship to Pepperdine University. She attended Pepperdine and then the University of California at Los Angeles. She won the title of Miss Long Beach, California. Because neither Shelby nor Wyenoma had graduated

high school, it was an goal for Loretta to graduate from college. She received a B.S. degree from the University of Southern California in 1957, and a M.S. degree from LaVerne University in 1981.

Loretta Jean Randall married Donald Robert Fowler in Los Angeles, California, on April 3, 1959. Donald Robert Fowler was born on November 6, 1934, in Portland, Oregon. Donald served in the U. S. Marines during the Korean War. Loretta and Donald had two children born in Long Beach, California: Jon Jeffery Fowler, born September 11, 1965; and Jennifer Jean Fowler, born April 28, 1967.

Like his father, Jon Jeffery Fowler served in the U. S. Marines. Jon was in Company E 2042. Jon noted this was the same letter his great great grandfather James Nathinal Walker was enlisted in Company E, 17th Tennessee Voluntary Infantry, Confederate States of America during 1861-65.

Jon Fowler was an Avionicsman who was assigned to the 4th Marine Air Wing (M.A.W.). HMM-764, which was a squadron of CH-46 Boeing Helicopters, Tustin Marine Air Base, Tustin, California. Jon Fowler received his aircraft training at NAS, Memphis, Tennessee, with his basic training being completed at MCRD San Diego, California. Jon received two Meritorious Masses for outstanding performance as well as being promoted Meritoriously from PFC to Lance Corporal, Lance Corporal to Corporal, then Corporal to Sergeant.

Loretta held positions with Carnation Company and Union Oil Company as a Legal Secretary. However, to be with her small children, Loretta returned to college and received her California teaching credential. She thereafter taught Business Education at the high school and junior college level.

In 1990 Loretta visited Alabama and Tennessee searching for her Southern roots. In the years since, she has visited almost all of the states in the United States. In 1991, Loretta started visiting other countries and has been to: England, France, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Canada, Mexico, Australia, and New Zealand. *Submitted by: Loretta J. Fowler, 3191 Hill Rose Drive, Los Alamitos, CA 90720-5223.*

### **William Clarence Walker, Sr.**

William Clarence (Junior) Walker, Sr., son of Clarence Bertram and Jeanette Howard Walker was born January 30, 1921 at Rash, Alabama, near Stevenson. He grew up in the Rash community and attended school there. His education was cut short in order to work to help out his family. He was one of eleven children. He helped his family with farming, logging and helped his father fire the boiler at night at the Chickamauga Cedar Mill in Stevenson.

While on a logging job in Maynards Cove he met his future wife Katherine Eloise Dean in the fall of 1938. They were married August 25, 1940. They lived in Stevenson for about one year, then moved to the Tupelo Community in Maynards Cove and lived there until 1975. They had six children, four sons and two daughters, and raised a granddaughter. He was always proud of his family and took every opportunity to brag about them to anyone who would listen.

He was drafted into service and assigned to naval duty in February 1944. He was in World War II, stationed in Guam for eight months. He became Seaman First Class and was honorably discharged in April 1945.

He farmed until 1954, starting out with two mules, and later getting a tractor. He and his family farmed about sixty acres, growing cotton and corn. I can remember his telling about planting cotton in May and it was snowing. Even though he drove a tractor he never had a driver's license or drove an automobile.

There were two or three bad crop years, not much cotton or corn grown, so he went to work in Birmingham in the floor finishing business where his brothers worked in 1954. His family remained in Scottsboro so he commuted back and forth every weekend. Then in the spring of 1972 he came back to Scottsboro and worked for his eldest son in the floor finishing business.

In 1975 he moved his family to the Goosepond Community near Scottsboro. In 1976 he and his wife accepted the position of caretakers of the Goosepond Cemetery. Junior took an "owner interest" in the cemetery and made many improvements to the property while he tended to it. He was still working with his son at this time and held these positions until the time of his death.

He and his wife always grew a large vegetable garden. He took pride in growing lots of vegetables, and in any work he did. Even

though his education was cut short he could still calculate figures in his head. He was an excellent sportsman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and there was always fresh game or fish to eat.

He passed away February 14, 1996 after a very short illness. *Submitted by: daughters - Anita Walker and Betty Walker, 772 Hancock Dr. E, Scottsboro, AL 35769.*  
Source: Family knowledge.

### **Wallace - Morris**

#### **Descended from Pioneer Families Linked by the Land**

When I came home from the hospital after I was born in 1953, I came to the same piece of land which had been my family's freehold for at least 125 years, although not always in possession of the same family branch. Therein lies my story. This land I love so deeply has belonged to both sides of my family.

In 1872, "Aunt Martha" Barron (a descendant of the Scott family) sold the bulk of the farm to my maternal great-great-grandfather, Ninian P. Wallace and his wife Tennessee James Wallace. Ninian Wallace built the original house, the one always referred to as "the old home place," which stood on the north side of what is today Highway 35 North, approximately two miles from the courthouse square. He operated a sawmill on the portion known as the Kelly field, which faced the Old Larkinsville Road. His eldest child was Jefferson Davis Wallace, who was born two days before the outbreak of the Civil War; he was my great-grandfather. His daughter, Tennessee James Wallace (known as Tennie) became my maternal grandmother. She, of course, was named for her grandmother who became the prevailing influence in her life, teaching her moral values and instilling in her the character which was her trademark throughout her long life. From her Grandfather Sumner, (who spoke seven languages) she acquired a love of learning which she passed to her children and her only grandchild. From her other grandmother, Kate Parks Sumner, she learned courage and love of country. Grandmother Sumner, as a young girl, rode into the battlefields of the Civil War with much needed supplies such as boots or medicine (usually quinine) concealed in her long skirts, disregarding her own safety.

In the late 1880's N.P. Wallace sold the property to Robert Thomas Morris, my paternal great-grandfather, who was named for his great-uncle Robert Thomas Scott. In 1902, my paternal grandfather, Jessie Lee Morris, was born in that house. In 1923 my father, Homer Lee Morris, was also born in the same house. Tom Morris, as my great-grandfather was known, operated the sawmill for a time before buying the ice plant and moving to town. The move lasted only a year, and ever since Morris' have lived on the farm, eventually adding more acreage, until it totaled almost 600 acres, to be divided among the three Morris sons - Jessie, Ernest, and Wayne. My family and I have always occupied the middle third which my grandfather farmed until the late 1960's. When he died, he still lived within sight of the house where he had been born, the house that back in the last century was built by my mother, Sally Miller Morris' great-grandfather.

So when I say I love this land, it is because it is peopled by the ghosts of both sides of my family, those hardy Scotch-Irish folk whose presence I still feel in the mountains and pastures, in the barns and the springs, where they walked and worked and loved and lived. It tells me who I am, where I came from, and most importantly, where I belong. The rich heritage that I've been blessed with still comes alive for me on this land. To quote from Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind*, "To anyone with a drop of Irish blood in them, the land they live on is like their mother."

And it is. It truly is. *Submitted by: Marilyn Morris Hooper, 16745 AL Hwy. 35N, Scottsboro, AL 35768.*

### **Charles William "Jack" Wallingsford**

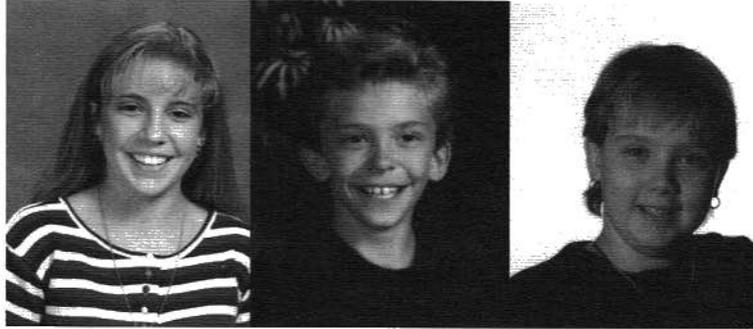
Charles William Wallingsford was born at Limrock, Alabama July 30, 1934, the son of George Andrew Sr. and Fannie Francis (Pendergrass) Wallingsford. His father nicknamed him "Jack", and he has been called that all his life.

"Jack" grew up and went to school at Woodville, Alabama. During his lifetime he has worked for Butler and Kennamer Wholesale in Scottsboro, drove a tractor trailer several years, worked a number of years for Maples Industries in Scottsboro and for the past twenty three years has worked for the Goodyear Company (since 1991) the company is owned by Akzo-Nobel in Scottsboro.

Jack married Mary "Sis" Allen, daughter of Chester and Vesta Paradise, Allen of Skyline. The two of them first met when Mary

was only fourteen, Jack was twenty. Mary was not allowed to date him at that time. After they did begin dating they still saw other people. When Mary was twenty, they were married. They have been together 38 years.

The Wallingsford's lived in Scottsboro until 1963, when they moved to Skyline, on Cumberland Mountain, where Mary grew up. In 1968, they bought a farm in the Winger community, on the lower end of the mountain and have lived there since that time. Their children are: Ginger born April 11, 1960, Teddy William (Ted) born April 24, 1961, and Timothy Scott (Tim) born October 19, 1962.



*Twyla, Tracy, and Kelly, Jack and Mary's Grandchildren*

Ginger married Johnny Ray Evett born October 28, 1956. They had one daughter: Kelly Marissa Evett born August 10, 1986. Ginger and Johnny were married at the Letcher Church of God July 30, 1977. November 18, 1994, Johnny died in his sleep of a heart attack, at the age of 38. Ginger and Kelly live at Skyline, Alabama.

Teddy William (Ted) married (1.) Tina Faye Swearagin, they had two children: Twyla Lynell born April 8, 1982, and Tracy Kyle born February 19, 1986. Their marriage ended in divorce: Ted married (2.) Teresa Strawn, Wilson, her children, Ted's step children are: Christy Michele Wilson, born January 25, 1977, and Shannon Dale Wilson (son) born January 9, 1979. Ted and Teresa live at Section, Alabama, Jackson County. Both work at Akzo-Nobel, formerly Goodyear Plant.

Timothy Scott (Tim) married Reba Ivey: They have no children: Tim is in supervision at Lozier plant in Scottsboro. He and Reba recently bought a home and live at Dutton, Alabama.

Ginger, Ted and Tim all graduated from Skyline High School in Jackson County. *Submitted by: Ginger Wallingsford, Evett, 112 Co. Rd. 222, Woodville, AL 35776.*

Source: Personal knowledge.

### George Andrew Wallingsford Sr.

George Andrew Wallingsford Sr. was born 2 April, 1892 at Limrock, Alabama. He married Fannie Francis Pendergrass 21, August 1916. Fannie was born 7 August, 1894 at Aspel, Alabama. George was the son of John and Josephine (Vernon) Wallingsford. Fannie's parents were Thomas born 1848, and Martha Elizabeth (Cunningham) Pendergrass, born 7, July 1856, in Jackson County.

John Wallingsford came to Jackson County from Virginia between the years 1865-1870, where he met and married Josephine. Their children: Willie, Johnny (M.), Jenny, Charles, Samuel, Emma, Kate, George Andrew, and Johnnie (f.): Willie and Johnny both died as young children.

George Andrew Sr. was a Barber, Fannie was a housewife. Their children were: Oscar E. (28 May, 1917-26 January, 1980); John T. 30 September, 1919-25 March, 1936); Ruby (10 June, 1922); Edna (28 September, 1926); George Andrew Jr. "Junebug" (27 March, 1929-25 January, 1971); Porter Cleo (8 November, 1931-14 February, 1985); and Charles William "Jack", (30 July, 1934).

Oscar married Verma Willmon of Gunters Mountain; their children: William Clinton (Bill), Harold, Brenda, Sherry, Perry, Ricky, and Sandra.

Ruby married Gentry Hastings of Aspel, they have two sons: Stanley Bruce, married Joyce Helms, they have two sons, Chad and Mark Hastings. Donald Hastings married Janice Wilhelm: No children.

Edna married Charles Rayburn "Buck" Anderson, January 20, 1951. Their children are: Beverly Joan, Alice Jane, Larry and Garry-twins.



*George Andrew Wallingsford Sr. Family about 1920.*

George Andrew Jr. "Junebug", married Josephine Morrow. Their children are: Sharon Rose and Betty Jo.

Porter married (1) Sara Edwards of Chattanooga, Tennessee, they had one daughter: Rebecca (Becky) Wallingsford: (2.) Emily (Beth) Miller, of LaFollette, Tennessee, they had two children: Ralph Andrew and Leah Michelle Wallingsford. After Porter passed away Beth married Jim Gann.

Charles William (Jack) married Mary (Sis) Allen, their children: Ginger, Ted, and Tim Wallingsford.

George Andrew Wallingsford Sr. died May 18, 1951 of heart failure: Fannie Francis Pendergrass, Wallingsford passed away September 27, 1963, of Lukemia: Both are buried at Zion Rest Cemetery at Aspel: George Andrew Jr. "Junebug" and John T. are also buried at Zion Rest, in the same plot as their parents: Porter is buried at LaFollette, Tennessee: Oscar is buried in New Prospect Cemetery on Gunters Mountain. *Submitted by: Ted Wallingsford, 1619 County Rd. 8, Woodville, AL 35776.*

Source: Personal knowledge and Bible Records.

### William Pinkney Walsh

"Pink" was born Dec. 5, 1874 in Seymour, Tennessee. He was the fourth of six children of James Larkin Monroe Walsh (b. Mar. 26, 1848 near Knoxville) and Sarah Ann Thompson (b. July 8, 1842 in Blount Co., Tennessee). James and Sarah Ann moved their family to Alabama in 1888. One married daughter remained in Tennessee. Sarah Ann died of cancer Apr. 10, 1891 and is buried in Goosepond Cemetery. James married again 18 months later, to Mary Catherine Porter. They had four children. James died Feb. 28, 1908 and Mary Catherine died Aug. 8, 1922; they are buried in the Finney Cemetery.

Pink married on Mar. 11, 1893 to Sallie E. Finney, daughter of J.W. Finney. She was 17 and he was 19. Sallie died 16 months later with tuberculosis and is buried at Goosepond near Sarah Ann.

Pink remarried on June 26, 1898 to Mabel Lily Gold (b. Aug. 18, 1877) of Maynard's Cove. Mabel was the youngest of David and Nancy Ann (Foster) Golds' 11 children.

For several years, Pink and Mabel lived with Mabel's mother and farmed the Gold land in Maynard's Cove. Their first child, William Leonard Walsh was born there in 1900. Pink and Mabel were very active in Center Point Baptist Church during those early years.

About 1903, the family moved near Scottsboro, and other children were born: Ellen Alberta in 1903, Emily Loretta in 1905 and Rupert Lester in 1912.

Pink conceived and developed the "Five Points" area on the east edge of Scottsboro, beginning with a service station and grocery store. He added other businesses, including a swimming pool and miniature golf course.

Pink purchased an old street car in Chattanooga, moved it to Five Points, and added it to the service station and grocery store. They converted the street car into a home, and lived in it the rest of their lives. Pink died Dec. 16, 1940 and Mabel died Feb. 7, 1956.

Leonard married Carrie Helen Scott in Iowa and returned to Alabama to teach Vocational Agriculture at McKenzie High School in south Alabama. The couple had three sons.

Leonard became very prominent in state agricultural circles, especially the poultry industry. Following his untimely death while attending a trade meeting in Birmingham in 1966, Leonard was the first inductee into the Alabama Poultry Industry Hall of Fame. Helen died in 1988 and is buried with Leonard in Montgomery.

Alberta married Russell Welsh; they had no children. Russell died in 1951 and is buried in Pisgah; Alberta died in 1971 in Montgomery and is buried there.

Loretta never married and died in 1933 at age 27. She is buried alongside her parents in Cedar Hill Cemetery.



*William Pinkney and Mabel Walsh August 20, 1935*

Lester, Sr. and his first wife, Donia B. Neely of Huntsville, had one daughter. Donia died in 1938 and is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Lester's second wife was Willie Johnston Loyd of Bridgeport, and they had three children. Lester and Willie lived in Michigan for a number of years and retired to Pensacola, Fla., where Lester died in 1974 and Willie died in 1997. They are buried in Pensacola.

#### **Founder of Five Points Passes Away (Obituary)**

W.P. Walsh, age 66, passed away at his home at Five Points in Scottsboro Monday morning, December 16, 1940, after a week's illness of pneumonia. All his family were at his bedside when he passed away. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at the First Baptist Church in Scottsboro with the pastor, Rev. D.W. Burson conducting. Internment followed in Cedar Hill Cemetery with Scottsboro Funeral Home in charge.

In addition to his widow, he leaves one daughter, Mrs. R.A. Welch, of Pisgah, and two sons, W.L. Walsh of Elba, Ala., and Lester Walsh, of Scottsboro. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. J.D. Porter of Scottsboro, and Mrs. R.B. Baxter of Huntsville, and two brothers, James J. Walsh of Panama City, Fla., and W.H. Walsh of Bogalusa, La.

The death of "Uncle Pink", as he was familiarly known to nearly every man, woman and child in the community, brings sadness and regret for he was one of the best liked men of our county. He was friendly and sympathetic and ever true and loyal to his family, his friends and his Lord. One of the outstanding characteristics of his life was his tireless energy and ever-progressive spirit. Years

ago he conceived the idea of developing the area which he named "Five Points", and started a small business and station there. He lived to see the area grow into one of the busiest of the community and he did a great deal to cause this growth.

He was a clean living, talking and thinking man and was deeply interested in the welfare of his fellowmen. His family, to whom he was constantly devoted, will always miss him, as will the community.

"Uncle Pink" has gone but he will leave an asset of value, a name and personage to be remembered. He filled his place in this life as a good and faithful servant and there can be no doubt but that he enters into his reward over there. *Submitted by: Grandsons Charles Smith Walsh and William L. Walsh, Jr., 997 Co. Rd. 1396, Falkville, AL 35622.*

Sources: Family knowledge; newspaper obituary.

#### **Carmen Ferrareo Rohr Wann**

Carmen Wann, you make music on the typewriter, in church choirs, in PTA groups, in city hall and in your own home! In inheriting this beautiful talent from your musical virtuosos parents, you have enriched and preserved for posterity the wonderful heritage of hundreds of heroines and heroes in Jackson County. You have become a legend, joining that other journalistic legend, the late Editor of The Sentinel, Parker Campbell. For some 27 years you have written colorful biographical profiles of Jackson Countians, of all ages, vividly stressing how each has contributed to the rich heritage of all citizens. We honor you and thank you. You have preserved for posterity the powerful influence of each of us, in developing and keeping a healthy spirit in each "burg", from Estill Fork to Aspel, to Dutton, to Pisgah, to Bryant, to Fackler ... Moreover, you have kept the Sentinel as a delightful small town newspaper ... a people to people paper ... where we know and communicate with each other. This grand heritage book will carry some of your fascinating biographical profiles, and we thank you for your ongoing assistance in the printing of this remarkable heritage of all of us.

Your pithy, musical editorials have inspired and challenged us, as well reminded us the wisdom of practicing the virtues that uphold us: hard work, honesty, sharing with others, making do with whatever circumstances or difficulties we face. Sharing your vulnerabilities, joys and sorrows, disappointments and achievements, you have reminded us of your humanness and kindness and candor. That we are all in the "same boat", and need and depend on each other. Constantly, you have reminded us that Faith in God is the anchor which permits us to endure and persevere, to love and to grow.

"She was always there for us", so son Eric responded spontaneously, when asked about his mother, (Dad, John "Bugs" Wann was there also!). "And she was a flat-out a grand gourmet cook! Our door was always open for family, friends, and strangers. In time of need, my parents fed, clothed, housed several family members. O' how she could sing, a magnificent soloist in the Baptist Church. In addition, every time the church doors opened, we were there! Faith in God, learned and experienced there, sustains me until this very day! What a heritage my parents have passed on to me!"

"I was thrown off a horse at age 13, badly bruising my leg. My Mother rushed me to Dr. Ingram Bankston, and held my hand while Dr. Bankston gave me several shots. What comfort and support."

Legendary Carmen Wann, you are beginning your third career. Keep on writing about the fine folks in Jackson County. We appreciate and love you. *Submitted by: Stanley Jones, Atlanta, GA*

#### **Family of John Austin And Carmen Wann**

John Austin Wann, is the son of William Warwick and Pauline Downey Wann, both are longtime families of Jackson County, dating back many generations. John is a relative of Matt Wann, who was sheriff of Jackson County, Fred Emmett Holder, former county sheriff (his grandmother, Cora Holder Downey's maiden name) and Bill Wann, former circuit clerk.

John is one of five children, the others being Porter Ralph, Billie Marie Woods, Sandra Judge, and Deborah Justice. He married Carmen Rohr on Oct. 20, 1956 at Calvary Baptist Church in Scottsboro, after three years in the U.S. Army. Carmen is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y.

John and Carmen lived and worked in Scottsboro throughout their married life, raising four children, one of these their grandson, Daniel Bryan Ward, whom they adopted. The other three, their natural birth children are William Eric Wann and John



John A. and Carmen Wann, Front: Eric, Caroline and Elliott

Elliott Wann, and Caroline Martha Wann Ward.

Eric married Robin Teeling of Charlotte, N.C. and they had two daughters, Lindsay and Allie. Elliott married Belinda Newby, they were divorced in 1996. They had a son, Blake. Caroline had three children Bryan, Jeremy and Kayla Ward.

John was of German and English descent. Carmen's father, Jack Rohr was born in Germany in a small town 40 miles from Heidelberg, named Ketsch. Both of his parents were Rohrs. Jack came to the United States at the age of 18 and lived and worked in New York City until he retired. He lived in Scottsboro after retiring and met and married Doris Kustanborter of Muncie, Ind., where they lived until their deaths. Jack is buried in Anderson, Ind.

Carmen had two full brothers, John Rohr and Victor Rohr, who lived some in Scottsboro. John Rohr died in Scottsboro and is buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Her mother and father divorced when she was 15 and her mother, Philomena, remarried John Langan and had a fourth child, John Langan, Jr. Her mother was living in Scottsboro when she died and was buried near her parents in Chicago, Ill.

Carmen's mother's father, Mario Carmen Ferraro was a maestro at Carnegie Hall, teaching classical music until shortly before his death in his late 90's. He was related to Geraldine Ferraro who ran for vice president of the United States. Her grandfather was born in Italy and attended college in Venice before entering the Catholic priesthood. Coming to the United States, first to Ohio and Illinois, as a young man, he gave up the priesthood and married.

Carmen's grandmother, Helen Kirsch Ferraro, was just 32 when she died in childbirth, leaving nine children, the youngest just two. Her great-grandmother, Anna Kirsch, whose parents were from Zurich, Switzerland helped to raise the children.

Carmen's mother was an accomplished pianist, who started playing at the age of four. She often provided the accompaniment for her father's annual concerts.

John Austin Wann retired as a regional manager for Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company with 38 years of service. He was a member of the Scottsboro Masonic Lodge 359, having served as Master of the Lodge. He was also a member of the York Rite, Cahaba Shrine in Huntsville.

Carmen was employed for 27 years with two area newspapers, The Advertiser, three years, and The Daily Sentinel for 24 years, before retiring. During those years she served as Society Editor, Lifestyle Editor, News Editor and Managing Editor.

John and Carmen were of the Baptist faith, members of Trinity Baptist Church in Scottsboro.

Their sons, Eric and Elliott and their families worked and made their home for many years in the Atlanta, Ga. area. Their daughter, Caroline lived in several different cities before returning to Jackson County. Submitted by: Carmen Wann, 1561 Bob Jones Rd., Scottsboro, AL 35769.

## Sheriff Wann Killed in the Line of Duty

### Pioneer

"In the Line of Duty"

How hollow sounding those words when applied to the passing of a dear and tried friend who died with the mantle of the law upon his shoulders beneath the withering fire of an assassin. No parade of soldiers with bayonets glittering in the light of constant shell fire, no glitter to call glory of sacrifice, no medals to be pinned upon the breasts of proud Gladiators. NO! just "in the line of duty". While death stalks unannounced and strikes with a brand that leaves it's scars forever!

Life in it's strangest interlude: Midnight at the courthouse, the election returns were coming in and a crowd joked and laughed in the enthusiasm of a friendly contest. A jovial,

smiling friend to everybody, man walks among them with a slap on the back and a word of greeting and warm recognition. A man living in the midst of his greatest of all riches - his friends.

A fellow officer enters, a quietly spoken word, the leader follows his Lieutenant out the door with a parting, "Boys, I'll be back in a few minutes".

It is 12:10 ... midnight has waved to another day to spread it's link of hours across the land.

A silence ....

It is 12:20 .... the smile has left the face of the friendly man and his eyes shall open, no more to the sunrise that mortals see. Ten minutes .... and all in earthly scope are made different ... A good and fearless man has signed the writ of eternal vigilance of human endeavor ... "In The Line Of Duty".

Truly, Matt Wann was my friend, and true friend of everyone; He was A man of peace; A man of great love and tenderness for his family; A man who had been drafted by confident friends from the private walks of life to shoulder the heavy responsibilities of preserving law and order. His method of dealing was one of fairness and compassion on the unfortunates whom duty placed within his care.

His unsheathed pistol on his lifeless body was mute evidence of his willingness to trust until trust was violated. His life was snuffed out without a second's warning, but the record he had written day after day and year after year as a man and a citizen did not follow his life into the shadow. It is here to stay, and though the years may slip by into decades and further, there will so many, many old friends who find sadness in the sight of the chair of the Sheriff's desk, for they will be seeing him there and hearing his greeting along the unforgettable paths that memory forever builds beside our daily door.



Sarah Ella (Rorex) Wann and Sheriff Matthew L. (Matt) Wann

It was an honor to have the friendship of a man such as Matt Wann. Truly his gentleness and trustful nature seemed more fitted to the softly attuned melodies of happy home fire sides than to the dangerous and stern necessity demanded of law enforcement.

Today, in Jackson County and wherever he might have been known, the friends and acquaintances of Sheriff Matt Wann are bowed in sorrow at his sacrifice and offering in a sincere, though feeble manner, tenderest sympathy to those who stand upon a storm swept shore tonight and sail out in his craft of honor upon which mast flies the flag of human sacrifice. "He Died In The Line Of Duty".

(By Editor Paul Campbell) Written in The Jackson County Sentinel in 1932:

Matthew L. (Matt) Wann was born in the year 1876 and died in 1932. His wife Sarah Ella (Rorex) Wann was born in the year of 1880 and died in 1965. Matt and Sarah Ella's son, Robert E. Wann was denied his father's companionship, through his senseless murder, by a coward who was never convicted: He was never found:

Matt's sister Ida Catherine Wann was born in 1871, so their family qualifies as one of Jackson County's pioneer families: Their parents had to have been born in the period of late 1840's to early 1850's. *Submitted by: Mr. Robert E. Wann, 1167 Forrest Blvd., Decatur, GA 30030 and Prepared by: Mary Wallingsford.*  
Source: Jackson County Sentinel.

## Wann History

### The First Known

Condensed from four page letter from Dr. Wolfgang Wann, Archivist - Wurzburg, Germany. Jan. 8, 1956 (Translated from German)

The first mention of Wann - Strassburg, Germany - Year 1229. Some left Strassburg in all probability after 1229 - Cause - The Papal Inquisition. They have lived in North Bavaria since the 14th century.

Johann Wann B.; around 1190. - Consul and army officer, defender of the Waldensians (Church members who held beliefs opposed to the official church doctrines). One of the first Protestants of Germany about three hundred years before Martin Luther.

Sigmund Wann B.; around 1400 - Had many merchant enterprises - A chemist 100 years before Paracelsus (father of pharmacy). Journeys to Italy, France, Palistine and often to the Leipzig Fair. - Established a home for the Elderly In Wunsiedel in 1451 that is still going. Until 1945 there was a street named Sigmund Wann in Eger, Germany,

Paulus Wann B.; around 1420 - Preacher, doctor of theology in Passau. Professor University of Vienna. - In 1477 he was Archbishop in the Cathedral of Passau. - Minister of Silecia, Bavaria. Buried in the church at Passau. Wrote many books and founded the college of Bursa Pauli in Vienna.

Valentin Wann B.; about 1490-1500, Marbach, Germany. - Last Catholic Abbott of the monastery of Malbronn Wurttemberg (N.E. of Stuttgart). Superintendent district of Adelberg (E. of Stuttgart). Represented Lutherans at the Council of Trent in 1552. Councillor of the Duke of Wurtemberg. William Penn visited the Region of the Rhine in the province of Bavaria, and invited the persecuted ones to settle in his colony. They responded in great numbers, as did the Wanns. They suffered many hardships on the trip down the Rhine to Rotterdam. The next step was to an English port where there was more delays causing some to decide to settle in England. Then the voyage of eight or nine weeks to America on which the real suffering began. They were packed in like herrings. There was no proper food or water. There was much disease and quite a few deaths.

### Wann - First Known In America

Francis Wann arrived; 1709 with wife, son and daughter. - From Bavaria. Johann Wilhelm Wann - Port Philadelphia - Ship Patience From - Rotterdam 8/11/1750, Jacob Wann - Port Philadelphia Ship Rawley - From Rotterdam 10/23/1752, John C. Wann - Port Philadelphia - Ship Richard and Mary - From Rotterdam 9/17/1753, Peter Wann - Port Philadelphia - Ship Prince of Wales - From Rotterdam 11/5/1764

### Wann - First Known In Alabama

Brothers Edward, Robert and Joshua Wann, sons of 1755 William Wann, were in the Alabama area when it was the Mississippi Territory.

### Wann - First Known in Jackson County

Land Grants - All North of Fackler, Al., along what is now the Southern Ry. Robert Wann No. 4861 - 4/23/1832; Joshua Wann No. 5342 10/2/1832 - No. 8789 12/10/1835 - No. 14029 10/30/1848; Samuel McGown Wann No. 8791 Dec. 10, 1835; Alexander Wann No. 11671 Nov. 15, 1837; (1812) William Wann No. 12036 Oct. 29, 1838.

### Wann Line of Robert Ernest Wann

Robert Wann b; 8/29/1792 - Va. - Land Grant - 4861 Section 4 Township 3 Range 7 E. April 23, 1832. North of Fackler. Wife - Rachel Poe.

William R. Wann b; 3/13/1824 in Alabama - Veteran Mexican War. Died in Magazine, Ark. in 1872 from wounds

and disease received in Civil War. Wife; Catherine Ledbetter. Children: 1. William Andrew Jackson, 2. Martha Alabama, 3. Catherine, 4. James Pleasant, 5. Sarah Alice, 6. Robert Clem.

William Andrew Jackson Wann b; 9/16/1849 Farmer, merchant, and Wanville postmaster, appointed by friend Congressman (Gen. Joe) Wheeler. Wife - Margaret Elizabeth Carlton. Children: 1. John William, 2. Ida C., 3. George Lowery, 4. Matthew Lemuel, 5. Charles A., 6. Ada Mae, 7. Walter Cleveland, 8. Arthur Ewing.

Wann - Parents of Robert E. Wann.

Matthew (Matt) Lemuel Wann - Farmer, Merchant, Post Master, Baptist Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent, Board of Education, and Sheriff of Jackson County, Al. Owned, at Pisgah, Alabama, a huge country store, selling everything from plow shares to caskets. Sheriff of Jackson County. Killed in line of duty 5/24/1932. His name is inscribed on the Washington D. C. memorial to the Law Officers Killed In Line Of Duty.

Wife - Sarah Ella Rorex Wann - Descendant of William Davis, the Revolutionary War veteran, the granddaughter of Samuel Rorex, one of the first settlers to pioneer the part of Jackson County, Alabama known as Sand Mountain. He named the church, and area, Pisgah. Her father, William Davis Rorex, owned a store at Pisgah, Alabama and it was here she grew up learning the mercantile trade. After college at Judson Institute, Marion, Al., she taught school at Wanville, Al., where she met, and later married, Matthew Lemuel (Matt) Wann.

The mother of a large family, she instilled in her children the importance of high Christian and moral standards. She was a dedicated Christian, Wannville, Alabama School Teacher, Baptist Sunday School Teacher, store manager and Pisgah, Alabama Postmistress. After the tragic death of her husband, she ran for and was elected Tax Collector of Jackson County, Alabama.

Children: (1) Ruby Grace 4/5/1900 (2) Margie - Teacher - Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia; (3) Lois Wann 11/27/1904 Teacher, Vocation Rehabilitation Inst.; (4) Lemuel Rorex Wann 8/5/1907 (5) Eula Maude Wann - 11/31/09 Teacher; (6) Madison L. Wann - 3/11/1933 (7) Billy Jack Wann - 5/17/1915 - Veteran World War II - Owner of Wann Furniture Co.; (8) Robert E. Wann - 5/16/1919 - Veteran World War II - L&N Ry. (9) Infant. Wife - Leola Thomas - Homemaker. Robert Matthew Wann b: 11/26/1948 - Computer specialist for American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Wife - Myra D. Schlossenberg - b; 2/15/1952 Teacher, Children: Matthew Clark Wann b; 4/3/1990. *Submitted by: Robert E. Wann, 1167 Forrest Blvd., Decatur, GA 30030.*

Source: Dr. Wolfgang Wann, archivist, Wurzburg, Germany, also Personal records and knowledge.

## Mary Cornelison Ward

My father, John Anderson Cornelison, was born on February 13, 1880 in Jackson County, Alabama and died on April 3, 1958 in Panama City, Florida. He was very independent and knew what he wanted to do in life. My grandfather would not give him any money to earn a higher education even though he could have afforded to do so. Instead, he promised my father he could have the money from farming the land for one year with his older brother Billy. My father took his share at the end of the year and went off to school, first at Professor Mathis Academy, and then on to Jacksonville State. (I don't think my grandfather ever quite forgave my father because he always said he lost one of his best farmers!).

My father met my mother, Lora Igou, daughter of Reverend S.E. Igou, at school. They both taught school, fell in love and were married. They had five children and I was the youngest of the five and the only girl. My brothers were: Samuel Eugene (who became an Electrical Engineer); Thomas Grady (who owned a printing company in Augusta, Ga.); John Carmack (who had a naval career and became a much-decorated WWII Officer); and James Arbery (who became a Baptist Minister in Northwest Florida).

My mother died when I was a baby and my father gave me to my mother's parents. When I was 6 years old, my father remarried to Lexie Benson, daughter of Ida and L.J. Benson of Goose Pond and I rejoined my father and his new wife in Huntsville, Alabama. Together, my father and stepmother had one child, my sister

Loretta. She currently lives in Gracesville, Florida and is married to William W. Richardson, M.D. and they have four children.

My father had bought a home on Whitesburg Pike in Huntsville. We lived there until I was 10 years old. He decided to retire and move to Florida. We lived in Haines City until I was in the eleventh grade, and then we moved to Marianna, Florida where I graduated high school in 1934. We then moved to Panama City, which I still think of as my "home". I married young and was divorced and we had one beautiful baby girl named Janinne. Janinne and I lived with my father, my stepmother and Loretta.

During WWII, I won a State scholarship to Teleprinter College at Gainesville, Georgia. When I graduated, I came home to work for Western Union as a telephone operator and a substitute manager. It was a hectic time and we worked 7 days a week, with occasional Sundays off. Since we handled business from Tyndall Field and Ship Yard, we were warned "Loose Lips Sink Ships"! The times were exciting and very busy.

I met my husband, Harry William Ward, during WWII, but we did not date until he returned from overseas. He was a paratrooper in the 101st division and was wounded in the Battle of Normandy. He was further wounded and captured during the Holland Invasion. We dated for three years and we finally had a beautiful quiet wedding in the Foster Street Methodist Church in Dothan, Alabama.

We were settled in our new home with Janinne and our young son, William Boyd Ward. 1958 was chaotic! My father died after a long illness, and Harry was transferred by International Paper Company to a new location in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. This was quite a shock to my mother and Harry's mother. I really hated leaving my family, my friends and my church.

We built a new home in Pine Bluff and joined a neighboring Methodist Church. My small son (like me) at age ten went from one State to another! Janinne was a sophomore at Breneau College in Gainesville, Florida and when we moved, she transferred to University of Oklahoma and then eventually to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville where she graduated.

Janinne married Charles Joseph Giroir, Jr. in her senior year at the University of Arkansas. They had a beautiful wedding at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. After graduating, they moved to Washington D.C. where Janinne worked for Senator Fulbright and Joe worked for Attorney General Robert Kennedy. They have two beautiful daughters, Janinne Ward Giroir, (Janne) born in Alexandria, Virginia, and Jolie Gillespie Giroir, born in Little Rock, Arkansas. Janne has a law degree and is married to Brian H. Siegel, M.D. They have two children, Lauren Hanson Siegel, born November 2, 1992 and Joseph Benjamin Siegel, born January 10, 1994 (my two beautiful great-grandchildren)! Jolie graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and is currently working in Little Rock.

My son, Boyd Ward, graduated from Pine Bluff High School and Hendrix College. He was in the Naval Reserve during the Vietnam War. While he was living in Washington, he earned a Master's Degree at The University of Puget Sound. He is currently married to Ina Counts Ward and has one stepdaughter, Christie Long. Lucky me, both of my children and great-grandchildren and their families all live in Little Rock, Arkansas.

After Harry retired, I went back to school and attended The University of Arkansas at Little Rock majoring in Art History. I was so lucky to spend three weeks in the South of France and in Paris where I enjoyed seeing the castles on the River Loire that we had studied about in class. We also visited many museums, churches and dined at fantastic restaurants. Subsequently, Harry and I attended the 40th Anniversary of the Paratrooper's freeing of Holland. The Queen had decreed a National ten day holiday in our honor, and we once again relived the "Bridges Too Far" and visited the many cemeteries. Holland (again by Royal Decree) had struck a special Medal of Honor for the Paratroopers, and Harry's Medal was awarded by the Queen's husband. The ceremony was held in a beautiful Cathedral in Nimegein, Holland.

My husband died on March 2, 1995 and is buried in the National Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas. He had a beautiful military funeral. I now live in an apartment high above the winding Arkansas River in Little Rock, Arkansas.

I have not ever forgotten my love and loyalty to Alabama. The song "Alabama, Alabama, I will Aye Be True to Thee" is a precious memory in my heart. Submitted by: Mary Cornelison Ward, 2000 Magnolia, Apt. 262, Little Rock, AR 72202. Sources: Scottsboro Library and my father.

## The Washingtons of Jackson County Claude Washington, Sr. (1907-1958) and Leolar Upshaw (1911-1982)

One of the oldest and most distinguished families in Jackson County is that of Claude and Leolar Washington, Sr. of Hollywood. The family has continually occupied its present home site for more than 100 years on land which was inherited from Miles Burton (1826-1931), the father of Sarah Burton who married John Washington (1843-1942) and raised a family of three girls — Irene, Lucinda and Sally — and seven boys — Edward, Ernest, June, Oscar, Alexander, Claude, and James (Dee). John was a minister and served as the third pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, the family church to this day. All of John and Sarah's children, except Claude, eventually moved away from the home site to seek a better life elsewhere. Most of the children moved to Detroit,



Mrs. Leolar Washington with her daughters Suetta (left) and Janet (right) in their yard in 1959.

Michigan and Canton, Ohio. Claude found work with the Southern Railroad. In his travels to Pennsylvania, he met and married Leolar Upshaw, the daughter of Patterson and Carrie Upshaw, and brought his bride back to the family home site where they reared a family of six girls — Mary, Imogene, Ella, Dolly, Janet and Suette —

and seven boys — twins Floyd and Ruben, John Pat, Claude, Jr., Herman, William and Homer. This large family worked its early years in agricultural pursuits while Claude, Sr. worked for agencies such as the TVA Widows Creek Steam Plant.

Each of Claude and Leolar's children has gone on to become successful contributors to society in their own way. Mary and Imogene married early and moved away from Jackson County. Mary, mother of five children, for many years made her home in Los Angeles, California, worked as a physical therapist and is active in her church. Her children are Lamar, Anthony and Charlene Moten, Willie Burns and Jerry Washington; Imogene Kelly (1930-1995), the mother of four children, for many years made her home in Buffalo, N. Y. and worked as a registered nurse. Her children are Henry F. McDaniel, Yarlandia Walker Hughes, John and Jeffery Walker; Floyd married Nancy Edwards and made their home in Scottsboro. He served in the U. S. Army and worked in the construction industry. Their children are Ferry, Nita Coon and Cedric; Ruben (1932-1958) married Mary Rose Tucker, served in the U. S. Army and had one child, Gregory; John Pat served 23 years in the U. S. Air Force, retired and works as a civilian employee for the Air Force. He is married to Geneva and has two sons, Reginald and John; Ella, a retired educator and the first family member to earn a college degree, received a B. S. degree from Alabama State College in 1958. She married Gus Winston, Jr., made their home in Chickamauga, Ga. and have two children, Lerone and Patrice; Claude, Jr. (1938-1989) married Mary Fennell, served in the U. S. Navy and traveled widely before returning to Hollywood where he made his home on the family plot, engaging in agriculture, building, and politics. He served on the Hollywood City Council, one of the first African-Americans to do so. Upon his death the flags were flown at half mast. Their children are Beverly, Lance, Keith, Claude III, Karen, Pam and Stephanie; Dolly, a graduate of George Washington Carver High School in Scottsboro, married James Stevens, became a beautician and a nurse, and makes her home in Stevenson, Ala., where they raised five children: Loretta, Sherry, David, Jr. (1960-1979), Angela and Rita; Herman, a teacher, school administrator and college instructor, earned a B.S. from Alabama State University, a M.A. from the University of Colorado and an Administrative Certificate from Portland State University. He has pursued doctoral studies at the University of Colorado, been a Fulbright Fellow and a Japan Foundation Fellow in addition to attending many other universities. He was a principal and school teacher in the Jackson County Schools before he made his home in Portland, Oregon where he is

currently a school administrator and college instructor; William died shortly after birth; Homer, a graduate of Carver High School, served in the U. S. Army for 29 years. He married Jo and has two sons, David and Michael. Retired from the Army, he currently lives in Seoul, Korea, and is a civilian employee of the U. S. Army; Janet graduated from Carver High School, married Tommy Clay and made her lifelong home in Hollywood where she has worked and been a housewife. They have four children, Raynard, Sabrina, Tommy, Jr. and Nathan. Suetta graduated from Scottsboro High School, entered the work force, lived with and cared for her mother for many years in the same home where she grew up. She has two children, Eric and Tiffany. In 1946 the Miles Burton home burned and was replaced near the same site by a frame home which received two additions through the years. That home burned in 1994 and was replaced in 1995 by a large, ultramodern brick residence on nearly the same spot as the old. This home continues to serve as the gathering spot for this family along with the many children of children.

### Early Settlers of Jackson County Webb, Morgan, Snodgrass

David Moore Webb and his wife Nancy Elizabeth Tribble left Milton County, (Alpharetta) Georgia, in the mid 1880s and moved with their family of three boys and four girls to live in Langston on the Tennessee River. Their oldest son was Charles Augustus Webb, born in Georgia in July 1867. Several years later, in February of 1890, Charles married Florence Morgan, daughter of John Malon and Margaret Snodgrass Morgan.

The Webbs owned property in the Langston area along the river, where they grew various crops, mainly cotton and corn, on the rich bottom land. A general store, known as Webb and Morgan, was a partnership owned and operated with Tom Ed Morgan, Charles' brother-in-law. This was an important resource for the community where folks could purchase anything from flour to fabric to farming needs. The merchandise was shipped on the Tennessee River, a lifeline in these days before the railroad was established in the area.

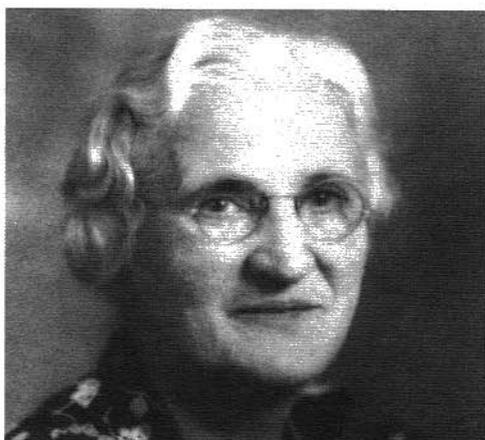
Charles and Florence were active in the building of the new Langston Methodist Church in 1908. He was a local preacher and gave freely of his time to the church until ill health forced his retirement from active life. Charles had a stroke and was disabled for a time before his death in June 1915. After his death, Florence moved to Scottsboro with her young children who were still living at home.



*John Malon and Margaret Snodgrass Morgan*



*Charles Augustus Webb*



*Florence Morgan Webb*

The Webbs had seven children - Cloe Irene born in 1891; Veda who died in 1896 at the age of 18 months; Walter Charles born in 1896; Ernest P. born in 1898; John David born in 1900; Virginia born in 1911 and Thomas Edward born in 1914. Ernest fought in the First World War and was killed in France. His body was returned to Langston for burial at the Davis Cemetery, where many of his ancestors, including his father, were buried. Tom Ed died during his service in the Second World War and was buried in Hawaii.

Florence's grandfather, John Benton Morgan, traveled to DeKalb County, Alabama from Pickens, South Carolina in a covered wagon sometime prior to 1835. He moved his family on to Langston around 1868. His wife was Mary Ann Nicholson, also a native of South Carolina. They had three sons and three daughters. One son, John Malon Morgan, was born in March 1838 and at the age of twenty married Margaret Snodgrass.

Margaret's parents were James David and Abigail Dunlap Snodgrass who lived in Washington County, Virginia. Around 1843 their son, Alexander moved to Jackson County, settling in the area around Bellefonte, which was then the county seat. After the death of James in 1847, Abigail moved to Bellefonte with several of her younger children, including Margaret.

These early families - the Webbs, Morgans and Snodgrasses - are represented today by numerous descendants, many of whom continue to live in Jackson County. Submitted by: Janet Webb Conley Christian, 2709 Westminster Way, Huntsville, AL 35801 Sources: Census Records, Family Members, Vital Records, Newspaper Articles, Family Records.

### Wellborn History

David Elias Wellborn "Dave", son of William Starnes and Elizabeth, born 09 September 1861 in Jackson County, Alabama. Dave was only five years old when his father died and had to help his mother and siblings on the farm growing cotton and corn.

After the Civil War was over, many of Dave's mother's family (Reynolds), George Wellborn, his uncle, and all of his older siblings and their families had moved to Titus County Texas. In 1882, Dave left Jackson County for Cookville, Titus County, Texas and on 01 January 1884, he bought land from his uncle, David R. Reynolds, becoming a cotton farmer. Dave returned to Jackson County to marry his childhood sweetheart, Martha Virginia "Jenny" Cabaniss on 14 August 1884. Jenny Cabaniss, the daughter of George V. H. Cabaniss and Letty Ann Beam was born 21 June 1860 in Jackson County, Alabama. Dave and Jenny had eight children together: Quillar, born 1885, died 1905; William Starnes, born 1887, died 1947, married Grace Southerland; Annie Lulu, born 1888, died 1974, married Odie Stevens; Forrest Lee, born 1889, died 1967, married Beulah Cox; Ella (twin), born 1892, died 1952, married Robert Davis; Della (twin), born 1892, died 1968, married Jim Grayson; Charlie George, born 1895, died 1952, married Capitola Keith; Dovie Jeanette, born 1898, died 1991, married Virgil C. Bohannon. On 21 August 1899, Jenny died in Cookville, Titus County, Texas, leaving Dave with eight small children to raise alone.

Ten months later, on 12 June 1901, Dave married Ida Belle Carter in Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas. Ida Belle, the daughter of John and Arabelle Carter, was born 09 February 1874 in Langston, Jackson County, Alabama. Together, Dave and Ida had five children: Arthur Coffee "Pat", born 1902, died 1970, married Evangeline McDowell; James David Dennis, born 1904, died 1977, married Ehron Ekelsey; Ethel Marie, born 1907, died 1918; Howard Taft, born 1909, died 1992, married Reola Rowan; and



*Virginia Webb Conley*

Robert Berlin "Bob" born 1911, died 1970, married Juanita Sparks.

Dave and Ida remained in Titus County, Texas until sometime after 1918, when they moved to Floydada, Floyd County, Texas where Dave died 25 November 1940, and Ida following him in death 06 February 1956.

Dovie Jeanette Wellborn was the eighth child of David Elias and Martha Virginia "Jenny" Wellborn, born 05 September 1898 in Cookville, Titus County, Texas. When she was eleven months old, her mother died, and was raised by her father and stepmother, Ida Belle.

In 1917, Dovie moved to Greenville, Texas, where she went to nursing school at the Penile & Wesley College and began nursing at the Parkview Retreat in Greenville, Texas.

In 1919, Dovie left Texas, traveling by train to El Paso, Texas, where she met her sweetheart, Virgil Columbus Bohannon "Bo", who had just returned from France, serving in WWI. They were married there on 12 October 1919. Virgil C. Bohannon was the son of Martin Van Buren Bohannon and Louise Wilbanks, born 25 December 1894 in Marshall, Searcy County, Arkansas. Bo was a telegrapher for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway and took his new bride to Mesilla Park, New Mexico, where their first child, Bertha Beatrice Bohannon was born 03 August 1920. In 1921, Bo was promoted to Agent for the A.T.&S.F.R.R. and they moved to Fierro, New Mexico where Virgil Clifton "Curly" Bohannon was born 10 July 1922 and John Wellborn Bohannon was born 12 October 1925. On 12 Sept. 1928, Joy Deloris was born in Rincon, NM. Bo being the Agent for the RR.



Virgil C. Bohannon, Dovie Wellborn Bohannon, Bertha Beatrice Bohannon

"Mr. and Mrs. Bo" as they were referred to throughout the Hatch Valley, spent the rest of their lives in Rincon. Mr. Bo worked seven days a week for the A.T.&S.F.R.R. retiring in 1976, and Mrs. Bo raised their children.

On 30 June 1940, their oldest child, Bertha, then a 5th grade school teacher in Dona Anna, New Mexico, married James Maynard Hall. Maynard, the son of Roy Irvin Hall and Grace Truman Davis was born 01 November 1915 in Fort Wayne, Texas. Maynard and Bertha had four children in Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico: Maynard Douglas Hall, born 29 August 1946; Freddie Jeanette Hall, born 15 September 1947; James Bradford Hall, born 19 October 1949 and Jeri Annette Hall, born 26 September 1951. In 1957, they moved to Alamogordo, New Mexico where they owned an automotive parts house there and another in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Maynard died in his home on 19 January 1997.

As World War II broke out, they saw their two sons and son-in-law go off to war, all three returning safely when the War was over. Bertha's husband, Maynard, receiving a Purple Heart for action on Iwo Jima. In 1946, the Bohannon's bought two indoor theatres and one drive-in theatre in Hatch, New Mexico, seven

miles from Rincon. The drive-in was the first one built West of the Mississippi.

On 09 July 1948, their youngest child, Joy Deloris, married Carl Brazel Hartley. Carl is the son of Tom Carl Hartley and Beula Anna Brazel, born 13 January 1922 in Springer, New Mexico. Carl and Joy had three sons: Jay Carl, born 31 March 1956, died 03 February 1994; Matthew Bryan, born 13 May 1967; and John Clifton, born 18 May 1968. Carl is a retired general contractor and they currently live in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Their second son, John Wellborn Bohannon married Dorothy LaGasse on 18 December 1954. John was the Vice-President in charge of Transportation for Mobile Oil Company in Los Angeles, California, and is currently living in Palo Verde, California.

Bo died 22 August 1976 and is buried in Hatch, New Mexico. "Curly" never married, having lived with his parents all his life. He served several terms as County Commissioner for Dona Anna County, New Mexico and died 22 April 1983.

Dovie Jeanette Wellborn Bohannon died 19 December 1991 and is buried next to her husband and son in Hatch, New Mexico. Submitted by: Mrs. Freddie Hall Martin, 1400 Crescent, Alamogordo, NM 88130 and Assisted by: Bertha B. Hall

## Elias Wellborn

Elias Wellborn, son of Gideon and Tabitha, born 1790, Rowan County, Kentucky. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving under Capt. James Hall's Company, 3rd Regiment, Kentucky. In 1812, he married his first cousin, Sarah (Sally) Wellborn, daughter of Samuel and Margaret and had the following children: Sarah, born ca1813, married George Hall; Margaret, born 1815, died 1850-60, married James Mitchell; Tabitha, born 1816, died 1877-80, married James Sublett; Joshua Jefferson, born 1818, died 1855, married Martha Sublett; Nancy Isabella, born ca1820, died 1867, married Joseph Beadles.

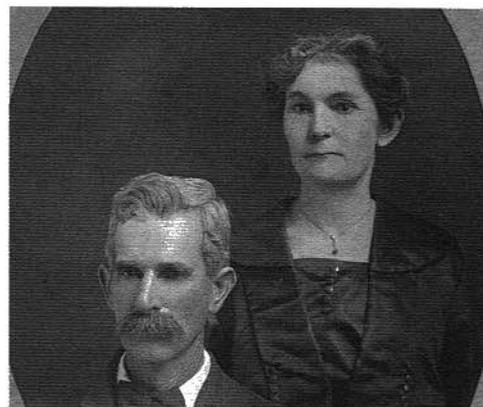
On 21 February 1814, Elias and Sally sold their parcel of land given to them by her father, Samuel, located on Skaggs Creek, Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky and began their move to Jackson County, Alabama.

After Sally's death, Elias married #2, Rachel Wilson, March 1824. Charles Skaggs, her father, was present.

Elias then married Elizabeth (Starnes)?, wife #3, ca 1825 in Jackson County, Alabama and had the following children: William Starnes, born 26 June 1826 in Langston, Jackson County, died 23 June 1867, married Elizabeth Reynolds; Melvina Emily, born ca 1827, died 1872-77, married John Maples; James Lafayette, born 1831, died 1897, married Martha Harrison; George Washington, born 1839, died Carter County, Oklahoma, married Anthaline Romans.

Elias was a wealthy and large land owner in Jackson County. He is listed on the rosters of the Patrol Service in 1830-40. In February 1854, he obtained a license to "release spirituous liquors in the neighborhood of Coffee Town".

In May 1861, Elias appears on the roster of the Alabama State Militia, Lower District #12 of Jackson County, for the 10th Brigade, 9th Division, 35th Regiment. In 1862, his three surviving sons, William, James and George enlisted in the Confederate Army, Col. A.A. Russell's Battalion of Partisan Rangers, 4th Alabama Cavalry, Army of Tennessee. Together they fought under General's Forrest, Wharton, Longstreet, Wheeler, Martin, Hood and Roddy. They participated in the battles of Murfreesborough,



David Elias Wellborn and Ida Belle Carter Wellborn

TN, Parker's Cross Roads, TN, the Tullahoma Campaign, Chickamauga, GA, Knoxville, TN Campaign, Atlanta, GA, Brice's Cross Roads, MS and some 174 skirmishes and engagements. All three sons were promoted to Corporal and surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama.

On 30 January 1864, Elias' plantation was raided by Union Captain

Michael M. Gilbreath, 2nd Division of the 15th Army Corps, General M. L. Smith commanding, who were camped at Larkin's Landing. That very day Elias went to Larkin's Landing and signed an Oath of Allegiance to prevent the Union soldiers from further raiding and destruction of his plantation and for the protection of his wife, Elizabeth, and orphaned granddaughters, Sarah and Francis Mitchell. On that day Elias was listed as 73 years old, 5'10", fair complexion, blue eyes, gray hair and a farmer. A claim was filed by the heirs of Elias' to the Committee on War Claims in 1887, lasting 19 years and was denied in 1906 when the Committee found Elias to be: (1) Loyal to the Confederacy; (2) All of his sons and sons-in-laws being 'notorious rebels'; and (3) Renting his slaves to the Confederacy.

Elias died 14 Sept. 1865, his estate being so large that it took twelve years to Probate.

William Starnes Wellborn, "Will", son of Elias and Elizabeth Wellborn was born 26 June, 1826, in Langston, Jackson County, Alabama. On 28 September 1856, he married Elizabeth Reynolds, born 16 October 1836 in Bedford County, Tennessee to Henry and Mary (Brown) Reynolds. They had the following children, all born in Jackson County: James Lafayette, born 1857, died 1932, married Sarah Talley; Nancy Melvina, born 1858, died 1919, married William Cabaniss; Sarah Elizabeth, born 1859, died 1924, married John Wooten; David Elias born 09 Sept. 1861, died 25 November 1940 in Floyd County, Texas, married #1 Martha Virginia Cabaniss, #2 Ida Belle Carter; Margaret Ann, born 1863, died 1946, married James Allen; William Starnes, born 1865, died 1869, buried next to his father in Boyd Cemetery, Jackson County, and Mary Etoy, born 1867, after the death of her father, died 1948, married Jim Brown. William and Elizabeth also raised two orphans: William Maples born 1873, who was Elizabeth's sister's child, died 1928, married Nancy Reynolds; and Loren, born 1867 in Tennessee, died 1940, married John Freeman.

William was an educated man, called upon to handle the legal affairs of the family, acting as administrator to John Maples, Joshua Wellborn, James Sublett, and his father, Elias until his death. He was a land owner, farmer and raised horses.

In May 1861, William prepared a "List of an Election" for the Alabama State Militia, held in Coffee Town, for the purpose of electing one Mayor General for the 9th Division, one Brigadier General for the 10th Brigade, same Division, also one Colonel for the 35th Regiment. The list has 52 names of local men serving.

William and brothers James and George were conscripted into the Confederate Army and enlisted at Murfreesborough, TN on 07 Sept. 1862 under Captain Henry F. Smith's Company, Col. A. A. Russell's Battalion of Partisan Rangers, 4th Alabama Cavalry. On 09 January 1863, from Giles County, Tennessee, he wrote to his wife Elizabeth, "I am now at Pulaski at a hospitle, detailed to wait on the sick. We came here yesterday. Our commander (Nathan B. Forrest) is gone to Columbia. I have been down early to Padduca on an expedition and we have had hard times, you may be sure. We was across the river in the swamps three weeks and Old Forrest fought the Yankees twelve times and he whipped them every time but once. He had to run the last time. I was in two of the battles. Nary one of our company was hurt, but I don't know how it happened, for the a balls flew as thick as hail. We fought 4000 infantry and whipped them. They had histed the white flag and at that moment was reinforced by 4000 more and we had to leave in a hurry. I rode my little horse to death in that expedition. I have rode a hundred miles without stopping or feeding ..." The letter goes on to tell of the men in his company that were hurt or sick.

William surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama 04 May 1865 and at that time he was described as 5'11", light complexion, brown hair and blue eyes. William got jaundice in the War and died 23



David Elias Wellborn holding Charles George - 3, Ella - 5; Martha Virginia Cabiness holding Dovie Jeanette. To her right is Della - 5. Boy in middle - William Starnes - 9; Boy to far right Forrest Lee - 7

June 1867, leaving Elizabeth with six small children and expecting their 7th child. Elizabeth remained in Jackson County until William's Estate was settled. In 1887 she and youngest daughter, Mary Etoy followed her children to Titus County, Texas. Son James remained in Jackson County on the homestead where he died in 1932. Elizabeth died 12 Sept. 1889 in Cookville, Titus Co., TX.

For further information, contact Bertha Bohannon Hall or refer to *The Wellborn Genealogy* by Ann Gahan. Submitted by: Bertha Bohannon Hall, DAR #0728330, 2100 12th Street, Alamogordo, NM 88310

## Mrs. Sallie Wellington

Mrs. Sallie Wellington was born during the Presidency of Chester A. Authur. She was the mother of nine children, seven of who reached adulthood. Mrs. Wellington was a devoted mother who worked hard in order to rear her children, after her second husband, Henry Wellington passed in 1928. Mrs. Wellington was a member of Center Star M.B. Church for over 50 years and a member of the Running Water Women's Auxiliary for over 40 years. During her adulthood, Mrs. Wellington was active in the Sunday School, The Missionary Society and the PTA. Mrs. Wellington celebrated her 97th birthday on November 8, 1981. Mrs. Wellington remembered the days before the horseless carriage. She would beam when she spoke of her great-great granddaughter and her great granddaughter who were students at Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, Alabama. At the time of her death, Mrs. Wellington was one of the the oldest citizens of Jackson County. Submitted by: Committee, Archie Stewart, 217 Walnut Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768

## Shirley West Holt, Linda and Ann West

Lillian Ruth Sanders was only three years old when her mother died. She and her sister Bea, who was only one year old, were raised by their sister, Mary Annie. Growing up on the home farm at Kyles, Alabama, Lillian was very close to her six sisters and two brothers. When Lillian was nearly sixteen years of age, she met a young man in her community named John William West, nicknamed "Buck", and they were married in Jasper, Tennessee.

Lillian and her husband "Buck" were fortunate enough to be able to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary together. Their children, family and friends made this occasion a very special festive day that would live in their memories as long as they lived. The celebration was held in the home of their son Clarence Leon West.



From left to right: Shirley West Holt, Vera Ann West, Linda Mae West, John Calvin West

To the marriage of Lillian and "Buck" were born seven children, Clarence Leon West who died at 70 years of age in 1996, Vera Ann West who still lives on the old family farm, Addie Ruth West Smart, Shirley West Holt, Linda Mae West, and John Calvin West, who died at age 50 in 1996. Doyle Leonard West, the second child of this marriage, died at 13 months. Linda Mae West still lives with her sister, Vera Ann, at the old family home in Scottsboro.

Linda, Vera Ann, and John Calvin lived together long after their parents had passed away. Their favorite pastime was going to church. All three were members of Bethany Baptist Church at Shake Rag. Many happy hours were spent in this church as the years went by. In May of 1996, John Calvin West suffered a severe heart attack and died shortly after. He was only 50 years old, and the family was devastated. In August of the same year, the only other son in the family, Clarence Leon West, died also of a heart attack. This left the four sisters who remain very close.

Shirley West Holt, whose husband Harrison Holt passed away in December, 1990, lives close by to her sisters Linda and Ann. Shirley is an excellent seamstress, having designed and sewn many clothes for her family and friends for years. Among her creations was the wedding gown of her niece, Melissa West Cookston. Shirley has written many songs and poems and sings some of her



Shirley West Holt.

in the family cemetery, Sanders Cemetery at Kyles, Alabama. Shirley has worked over 40 years in Scottsboro textile industries. Shirley is extremely talented and possesses a rare spirit of friendliness and constantly wears a beautiful smile.

Linda Mae West has done a wonderful job of caring for her sister, Vera Ann, and for John Calvin before he passed away. She has the loving, caring ways of her mother Lillian. As head of the household, she keeps the old family home a place that the rest of the family likes to come home to. Linda teaches Sunday School and often sings at her church with her sister, Shirley. The closeness of the West family is a gift from God, whom they all worship. Submitted by: Shirley West Holt, Linda and Ann West, 2906 Veterans Drive, Scottsboro, AL

### Betty Jane Whatley

Betty Jane Word Whatley is the (eldest) (first born) daughter of the late Cecil Alice Box Word, of Oneonta, Alabama, and the late Cecil Bradden Word, of Scottsboro. Her two sisters, Peggy Word Holland McClendon, and Stella Word Benson, both reside in Scottsboro. She has been married to William Robert Whatley since July, 1976, and currently resides in Huntsville, Alabama.

Betty Word Whatley has three sons from her marriage (in 1948) to the late William Watson Yates: William Bradden Yates (born January 24, 1950), Robert Lee Yates (born June 18, 1953), and Cecil Bruce Yates (born August 10, 1954). William Watson Yates, who had managed the Word-Yates Funeral Home in Scottsboro from 1947 to 1952, died in January, 1961.

William Bradden (Brad) Yates attended Auburn University, and was active in the Army National Guard from 1970-1979. His business, Brad Yates Insurance Company, is located on Scott Street in Scottsboro. Brad Yates married Karen Wilson Burchett, formerly of Trion, Georgia, on November 12, 1982. They have two daughters, Liz Burchett Bramblett, of Dalton, Georgia, and Paula Denise Burchett, of Atlanta, Georgia. Brad and Karen Yates reside at 750 Campground Circle in Scottsboro.

Robert Lee (Bob) Yates graduated from the University of Alabama in 1975. He is employed at W. J. Word Lumber Company and resides at 304 West Charlotte Avenue in Scottsboro.

Cecil (Bruce) Yates graduated from Auburn University in 1977. He is also employed at W. J. Word Lumber Company. Bruce Yates married Lori Newell, of Scottsboro, in May, 1987. They have two children: Cecil Bruce Yates, Jr. (born December 27, 1988), and Caroline Lee Yates (born April 17, 1995). The family lives at 302 West Charlotte Avenue, Scottsboro, in the former home of Betty Word Whatley's grandfather, W. J. Word.

### Emmett Beeson Wheeler, Sr.

Emmett Beeson Wheeler, Sr. was born April 23, 1889, in Jones Cove, Jackson County, Alabama. He was the seventh of thirteen children born to John Vestal Wheeler and Nancy Elizabeth Dodd Wheeler. With the exception of six years when the family lived in Huntsville, Alabama, he spent most of his 94 years living in Jones Cove and near Pisgah, Alabama.

While in Huntsville, Emmett began his education by attending a subscription school for a short time. His books consisted of a McGuffey's First Reader and a Blue Back Speller. He had a slate on which to do his writing and arithmetic. Later, when his family moved back to Jones Cove, he walked out of Jones Cove to Pisgah in October, 1903, to enter school to Professor J. W. Simpson and his wife, Kitty Simpson. Later, he attended the Beeson Academy at Pisgah under the teaching of Professor J. M. Langston. The Beeson Academy was a well staffed school with a strong curriculum

for its day. Emmett developed his natural talent for mathematics and a love for reading. In his later years, he read primarily for information - law books, newspapers, the Bible and Bible commentaries.

Emmett's father, John Vestal Wheeler, homesteaded 320 acres of land in Jones Cove. This property is now known as the Wheeler Reserve, Inc. Living in an isolated rural area, the family was dependent upon the land for survival and family members and relatives for friends and playmates. Emmett developed strong ties with his parents and brothers and sisters and a special love for his family heritage. Farming, animals, and timber were natural interests for this country boy and became the main means of his livelihood during his adult years.

World War I touched the Wheeler family in Jones Cove, Alabama, as it did many American families. Emmett Wheeler was 28 years old when he enlisted in the Army in 1918. He received his military training at Auburn, Alabama, Camp Wheeler in Georgia and Fort Mills in Long Island, New York. He served in France with "F" Company, 106 Engineers, 31st Division.



Emmett B. Wheeler, Sr. and wife, Nettie Mae Wheeler

After returning home following the Armistice and going through the usual readjustment to civilian life, he bought a small farm located one mile west of Pisgah. Emmett brought his bride, Nettie Mae Lester Wheeler, to this farm after their marriage at the Pisgah Baptist Church on June 6, 1926.

Emmett and Nettie became the parents of four children: Ella Ruth Lamberth, Scottsboro, Alabama; Emmett B. Wheeler, Jr., Millersville, Maryland; Lillis Irwin Grant, Alabama; and Joe E. Wheeler, who lives in the Rosalie community near Pisgah.

Emmett served his church and community in many capacities. He served Pisgah Baptist Church as clerk, treasurer, president of the BYPU, and as a Sunday School teacher for 60 years. Emmett also served as Justice of the Peace for 16 years, on the Jackson County Tax Equalization Board for 12 years, and as clerk of the Sand Mountain Baptist Association for 16 years (1942-1957). During the time he served as clerk, he distributed over 1,000 New Testaments in the Association. In 1973, while serving as historian of the Association, he wrote and published a history of the Sand Mountain Association. He also researched, co-authored, and published the History of the Pisgah Baptist Church.

Emmett B. Wheeler and his wife Nettie remained faithful and active members of Pisgah Baptist Church and loving parents and grandparents until their tragic deaths in an automobile accident of April 26, 1983. They were buried at Pisgah Cemetery. Submitted by: Ella Ruth (Wheeler) Lamberth, 165 Bellefonte Circle, Scottsboro, AL 35769

Sources: Personal knowledge, History of Pisgah Baptist Church, 1851-1973, History of Sand Mountain Association, 1917-1973.

### John Vestal Wheeler

John Vestal (born in 1845) saw service with the Confederate Army, being captured by the Federals at the Battle of Fort Donelson (1862) and subsequently paroled in prisoner exchange.

John Vestal was twice married, first to Caledonia Derrick in 1866. Three sons were born: William Bethel, James Thomas and Lewis Arthur. After Caledonia's death in 1875, John married Nancy Elizabeth Dodd (born in 1856) in 1876. Their children were six daughters, Catherine, Caledonia, Myrtle, Pauline, Minnie and Lillie, and seven sons: Volney, Jesse, John, Charles, Emmett, Richard, and Luther Earl who died at three months of age.

Nancy was a tower of strength in the Jones Cove community, dispensing remedies for malaria and other illnesses to a population with no resident doctor, assisting at the birth of numerous children and powerfully influencing her own children in matters of religion and behavior. Among her many practical skills was an adeptness in spinning thread and weaving cloth by hand. This

sturdy and beloved matriarch lived to age 97 and all her children except Luther Earl survived at least to age 78, and some for decades longer.

In 1894, the Wheeler family moved to Huntsville and several of the children went to work in the Dallas Mills, a cotton spinning and weaving factory.

In 1899 the family (except Jesse) went back to the Home Place in the Cove, Jesse stayed on a short time longer. The family supported themselves by farming, grew ginseng and marketed it to China through a wholesaler in St. Louis, and cut timber. Logs were processed at the family's waterpowered sawmill and the lumber shipped to market by river barge. One son, Jesse, told that his last day in the timber business was devoted to sawing a thousand hickory blocks for shipment to an axe handle factory in Decatur. The entire enterprise was a local phase of the great lumbering operation that cut huge quantities of prime Appalachian timber in the decades around the turn of the century.

The Wheeler children were taught arithmetic and spelling by their father at home. They worked on problems of some kind every night. All the children were good spellers and pretty good readers. The bluebook speller was the text and Davis arithmetic was the math text.

John Vestal has a place in family lore as a notable explorer of caves on Sand Mountain, however he died before the cove's most celebrated cave became known. This was the "treasure cave" whose entrance was concealed with earth by Indians before the first white came to the cove. Uncovered and explored by various Wheelers in the 1930's, the cave never yielded any treasure except family legend, and it remains a fascinating enigma. More practically useful was a "blowing cave" not far from the Wheeler home place. It wafted air currents cool enough to keep food fresh at the cave mouth in the heat of the summer.

In later years, John and Nancy and numerous other relatives moved to Pisgah.

John Vestal died in 1924. Nancy died in 1953. *Submitted by: Jesse Harrison Wheeler, Jr.*

Source: Material in an article by his late grandson in Jackson County Chronicles, July 1987

### **Jesse Harrison Wheeler, Sr.**

Jesse Harrison Wheeler was born in a large two room cabin on September 13, 1882 to John Vestal and Nancy Elizabeth Wheeler. Jesse's story begins in Jones Cove in a creekside community founded well before the Civil War. In Jesse's childhood and young adulthood, it was home to a well-knit community equipped with a waterpowered gristmill that Jesse's father operated and some service institutions such as a church of the Southern Baptist faith. Jesse learned early in his life the practical skills of fishing, hunting, timbercutting, animal husbandry and the cultivation of corn and cotton.

Formal education for the family was scanty but home teaching preparation was good enough that he was accepted in his early twenties as a seventh grade student in a school at Wylam in the Birmingham area. He obtained a teaching certificate and began his teaching career at Fabius and Rosalie on Sand Mountain. During this time he was able to attend Florence State Normal School and received a two-year diploma in 1916. He was an honor student and class president.

One of Jesse's teaching positions was in Paint Rock Valley at Princeton where he met Lucy Blackwell Enochs, born in 1894, daughter of Demetris Vespasian and Serena (Bridges) Enochs. Lucy's father had a general store and Post Office, and carried mail in the Princeton area. Jesse and Lucy married in 1917, the year Jesse was appointed to the post of County Superintendent of Education which he held until 1928, when it became an elective position.

After being defeated in his bid to continue on in that job, he completed a four year degree in Education at Auburn. Subsequently he held principalships on Sand Mountain at Dutton and Pisgah.

He was involved for a considerable time in Jackson County politics and he contributed to religious life as a devoted Sunday School superintendent of Scottsboro's First Baptist Church.

Jesse and Lucy had five children: Sarah, Jesse Harrison, Jr., Robert, Lucy and Marguerite.

Jesse Wheeler was a relatively small man physically, but he was quite strong and seldom ill. He believed in hard physical work and he impressed this feeling on his two sons, seeing to it they learned to saw and split stove wood, chop and pick cotton, cut sorghum

cane, and do other rural chores. Jesse and his family were hard hit by the loss of his Superintendent's job and the financial stringency of the Great Depression that followed soon after. The expense of rearing and educating five children bore heavily on the meager salary of a rural Alabama teacher and principal. But through it all, Jesse and Lucy Wheeler kept the traits for which they are lovingly remembered: strong personal discipline, devotion to family, place, and church, respect for education and hard work, a spirit of neighborliness, and above all, a sense of responsibility for others.

Jesse and Lucy spent the last part of their life together at Section. They had several acres where Jesse grew a big garden each year, and they both indulged a lifelong passion for fishing.

Lucy died in 1974 and Jesse in 1981. *Submitted by: Jesse Harrison Wheeler, Jr.*

Source: Material in an article by his late son in Jackson County Chronicles, July 1987

### **Maggie White**

Some of the fondest memories of my childhood are of times spent with my grandmother, Maggie White. Widowed around 1935 she was left with four teenage and young adult children, William M. (Billy), Robert B. (Crook), Mildred, and Alice, my mother. Her husband, Homer White, was a coowner of the local hardware store. Needless to say she had all types of great kitchen gadgets and household items. My mother still has a miniature version of one of the first electric stoves sold at this store.

Having a younger sister who was terminally ill I stayed with my grandmother much of the time. When I had the usual childhood diseases such as measles, mumps and chickenpox, I went to her house and received extra special attention from her. She always cooked something sweet for me like doughnuts, teacakes, egg custard pies, and apple rolls. When peddlers would come by selling their vegetables and fruits she would buy a watermelon for me.

On cold winter nights she would crochet, tat or knit while I "played" the piano and sang to her. I guess when my music was all she could bear for a while she would let me drink coffee with her. At bedtime she would warm a soft flannel blanket by the fire and wrap me in it so I would stay warm.

There were several other kids on Broad Street for me to play with but I spent most of the time with my best friend, Sylvia Campbell. We played hopscotch, dolls, paperdolls, went to the playground at Central School, and usually walked to Uncle Dan's store (located where Sherwin Williams is now) to buy snacks.

At night in the summer I'd catch "lightening bugs" in the yard or we would sit on the front porch and she would tell me stories as we watched the cars go by.

She was an active volunteer with the Red Cross. When she would work in the Red Cross office answering the phone etc. I would go with her. I was glad when they had the blood mobiles because she would make ice box cookies to serve to the blood donors, but I always got to sample them.

The American Legion and VFW auxiliaries were an important part of her life also. She always helped with the fair and usually received free passes for the rides, which she gave to me. I enjoyed helping her sell poppies to help the veterans and felt it was mandatory that I be present to help her serve refreshments at her Rook Club parties at her house.

She lived to be 89 years old so my children, Roy and Amy, had the opportunity to know and love her as I did. They also have this same kind of closeness to my parents, Rob Roy and Alice Rudder. If they ever wanted or needed anything they knew they could call on them. As my children reminisce about the many fun times with their grandparents I know they too will value this time and agree that life's simple pleasures definitely are the best. *Submitted by: Rita Williams, 165 Winn Rd., Scottsboro, AL 35769*

### **Ruby Emaline Shrader White**

Ruby Emaline Shrader, 2/23/1915, married 9/9/1934, to Amos White, 7/17/1910-10/21/1972. They had met in the cotton field when they were too young to remember the first meeting. It seemed they had always known one another and grew up together. Ruby was always a very proper lady. She was a hard worker and kept her yard, garden and house neat, but comfortable and welcoming. She is an excellent cook especially known for her delicious chicken and dumplings. Amos was a good husband and father to their two children. He had a quick wit and enjoyed life. He is fondly remembered by his family as a man who loved children and



*Four Generations: Back: Ruby (Shrader) White and her father Hugh Shrader. Front: Luther Ervin White, son of Ruby and Amos White and Martha Emaline (Kerby) Shrader (Granny Shrader)*

enjoyed teasing Uncle John Wilkes as well as his many nieces and nephews. He also shaved Uncle John as long as he lived. Their children are:

Luther Ervin, 8/18/1937, a soft spoken, strong man. He is employed at Cavalier in Chattanooga. Luther married, 3/30/1963, to Glenda McCormick, 4/8/1942 and they have two sons: William Luther, 11/5/1964, married 12/31/1992, to Sonya White, 3/15/1970 and has two daughters: Halee, 11/22/1987. Michaela Jordan, 9/1/1995. Wesley Dale, 6/30/1968.

Louevetie Brock, 9/14/1939, a pretty and loving mother married Charles Brock, 12/3/1936-4/25/1971, the brother to her Uncle Awyer Brock. Louevetie started working full time at Marshal Jackson County Mental Health after staying home with her family. They have four children: DeWayne Edward, 11/24/1958, married 11/15/1992 to Cathy Faye Sloan, 12/16/ . DeWayne is an outstanding young man with a great sense of humor. He is an EMT who loves his job and helping others. Cathy is a Registered Nurse. They live at Pisgah, AL. DeArmon Ervin, 7/18/1965, works full time and is in the National Guard. He married 8/4/1990 to Pamela Brock, 9/17/1991 and they have three children: Melissa, 1/24/1986 has won medals in gymnastics. Cassandra LaShae 9/13/1992 is active in dance. Brianna Chantel 1/23/1996. Karen Denise, 4/5/1967, married 6/6/1989, to Mikel Edmonds, 4/5/1969 and they have two sons: Brandon DeWayne, 7/31/1994. Derick Charles 8/16/1995. Dewight Ellis, 7/12/1969, is a hard working young man. He is a manager for Wal-Mart in Scottsboro where he uses his good leadership ability. He is also a fun loving person with a great personality and enjoys traveling in his spare time.

After the death of Charles Brock Louevetie married, 7/20/1973, to Olen Roberts, 3/2/1932, a cousin to her uncles, B. H. and Sam Roberts. Olen is retired from Dixie Yarns, Chattanooga, TN. Olen and Louevetie enjoy camping with their family. They are also very dedicated to her mother and moved in with her to care for her after she broke her hip. *Submitted by: Ruby White, Pisgah, AL (Jackson County)*

### **Leathy (Brown) and Dave W. Whittle Family**

Leathy (Brown) (b: 10/30/1868, AL; d: 9/15/1898, AL) was the second child of Rev. Jesse J. and Mary (Bailey) Brown. (See Rev. Jesse J. Brown article). She married Dave W. Whittle (b: 4/6/1865 - d: 11/12/45). Leathy spent her youth in the Oak Level Community in Cleburne Co. and Adamsburg and Tinbrook Communities in Dekalb Co. She probably met Dave while her father was pastor at the Methodist Church in Adamsburg. She and Dave were farmers and lived in Adamsburg.

Leathy and Dave had four children: Eddie V. Whittle; Mary Idella (Whittle) Fowler, (b: 2/27/1889, Adamsburg, AL; d: 2/27/60 Fort Payne, AL), Ida Rose (Whittle) Henderson (b: 2/19/1891,

Adamsburg, AL; d: 11/26/81) and Lura Jane (Whittle) Keith (b: 7/16/1893 Dekalb Co., AL; d: 7/24/58, Summerville, GA.)

Eddie Whittle married Minnie Farmer and had eight children: Faye Whittle (Dean) who married Clifford Dean; Floyd Whittle who married Helen Filippo; Hazel (Whittle) who married Herman McGowan and later married A. B. Alley; Betty Jean Whittle who married Irby White and later married Bill Farmer; James Edward Whittle who was married four times, Angula Whittle who married James Yancy; Lowell V. Whittle (b: 2/6/20 - d: 7/13/91) who married Ruth Burt; and Herbert Leon Whittle who married Onie Mae Bates. Eddie and Minnie were farmers in the Adamsburg Community.

Mary Idella (Whittle) Fowler married Levi Bernard Fowler (b: 8/6/1865 Dawsonville, GA - d: 4/16/35) on 12/27/07. Levi was a farmer, laborer, and deputy sheriff. Mary was a homemaker. They had four children: (1) and (2) stillborn; (3) Sara Mac (Fowler) Williams (b: 7/23/20 Adamsburg, AL); and Flora Helena (Fowler) Driskill (b: 9/7/25, Ft. Payne, AL).

Sara Mac (Fowler) married James Williams (b: 12/10/21) on 9/8/41. James was a machinist, welder, draftsman and millwright. Sara worked at a hosiery mill. James and Sara Fowler had two children: (1) Judith Ann (Williams) (Bailey) Burt (b: 5/27/48, Ft. Payne, AL) and (2) James Edward Williams II (b: 2/20/55, Ft. Payne, AL). Judith Ann (Williams) was married twice: (1) Jimmy Dale Bailey (b: 9/16/47) (divorced 1975) and (2) Johnny B. Burt (b: 8/4/58) on 1/2/83). Jimmy Bailey and Judith Ann were hosiery mill owners in Ft. Payne. Johnny Burt was a construction contractor in Collinsville. Judith Ann and Jimmy Dale Bailey had a son, Bradley Barrett Bailey (b: 10/21/72). James Edward Williams II married Donna Roberts (Smith) Williams on 2/17/83. James was a mechanic and Donna was a hosiery mill worker. Donna had one son, Adam Smith (b: 7/5/80 Geraldine, AL).

Flora Helena (Fowler) married C. B. Driskill, Jr. (b: 1/27/24 Dawson, AL) on 10/15/44. Flora worked at Cherokee Hosiery Mill in Ft. Payne and C. B. was retired from Kingsberry Homes. Flora and C. B. Driskill had two children: (1) Barbara Elaine (Driskill) (Arthur) Wilburn (b: 11/28/45, Ft. Payne, AL) and (2) Marsha Diane (Driskill) (Strickland) Lyn. Barbara Elaine (Driskill) married Fred Franklin Arthur (b: 11/28/45, Ft. Payne - d: 8/10/78) on 11/29/67 and later married Bill Wilburn (divorced). Arthur and Fred Arthur had two children: (1) Fred Franklin Arthur II (b: 6/23/63, Ft. Payne) and (2) Mary Jean Arthur (b: 11/9/68, Rossville, GA). Fred Arthur II worked in a parts store and Mary Jean Arthur worked at Penny's Dept. Store.

Ida Rose (Whittle) married Edd Henderson (b: 5/4/1889) on 1/10/10. They had two children: (1) Benjamin Wilson Henderson (b: 11/4/12) and (2) Edith Mae (Henderson) (Baugh) Parker (b: 5/23/15). Benjamin Henderson married Edna (Jackson) Henderson. Edith Mae (Henderson) married Robert Baugh in 1935 and later married Glenn Earl Parker on 6/13/53. Wilson and Edna Henderson had three children: (1) Opal Renee (Henderson) Cunningham (b: 2/1/39) who married James Bernard Cunningham on 1/25/54 and had two sons: (2) Rubye Jane (Henderson) Durham (b: 1/16/42) who married Clarence Edward Durham 6/12/70; and (3) Gary Randall Henderson (b: 1/25/47) who married Patrica Ann (Guffey) Henderson on 6/5/65 and had two children.

Lura Jane (Whittle) married Alfred Wesley Keith (b: 8/1/1881 - d: 4/22/59, Summerville, GA) on 3/1/09. Lura was a homemaker while Alfred was a shoe maker, carpenter, and combustion engineer. Lura and Alfred Keith had three children: (1) Lucy Elizabeth (Keith) Millican (b: 3/21/12 Ft. Payne, AL); (2) Cora Idella (Keith) Vaughn (b: 8/13/15 Cherokee Co., AL); and (3) Charles Wendell Keith (b: 9/13/19, Ft. Payne, AL).

Lucy Edward (Keith) married Thomas Watson Millican on 3/28/37. Lucy and Thomas Millican had two children: (1) Vernon Millican (b: 1/3/39, Lyerley, GA) and Kay Aniese (Millican) Rogers (b: 1/24/41). Vernon (unmarried), was a teacher and principal. Kay Millican Rogers married George Rogers in 6/62 and had two daughters: (1) Teresa Jane Rogers (Ridley) Smith (b: 3/28/63) and Jennifer Elizabeth (Rogers) Holmes (b: 7/4/66).

Cora Idella (Keith) married Benjamin Franlin Vaughn (b: 8/22/08 - d: 9/13/62) on 2/29/36. Cora worked in a glove mill while Benjamin was a farmer.

Rev. Charles Wendell Keith married Winnie Mae (Sanford) Keith on 6/26/37. Charles was a Textile worker and farmer and Winnie Mae was a glove mill instructor. Charles and Winnie had one child: Rev. Charles Roger Keith. Charles Roger Keith married Beulah (Woods). Charles was a machinist and a minister. Beulah was a telephone operator. Charles and Beulah Keith had two children: (1)

Carol Louise (Keith) Chesnut (b: 1/17/60, Summerville, GA) and (2) Brian Steven Keith (b: 12/18/73, Rome, GA). Carol Louise Keith married Jamie Chesnut on 11/26/77 in Cherokee Co., AL. Carol writes country and gospel songs while Jamie is a machinist. Carol and Jamie had two children: (1) Steven Eldon Chestnut (b: 4/27/79, Rome, GA) and (2) Lora Elizabeth Chesnut (b: 4/23/86, Gadsden, AL). *Submitted by: Rev. Charles Wendell Keith*

### Wilhelm Family

When old Tobias Wilhelm died in late 1833 or early 1834, he was buried on his farm near the Wilhelm Ford on Paint Rock Road near the Jackson and Madison County line. He and his wife were enumerated on the 1830 Jackson County census as born 1760-1770.

His son, Jacob L. Wilhelm, born 1794, died January 20, 1845, married Elizabeth Baxter (daughter of George Washington Baxter) about 1817. Their children: Andrew Jackson Wilhelm, born March 26, 1818, married Sarah Brannum, Sept. 6, 1841 in Madison Co., AL. Unknown female born 1820. George Washington Wilhelm, born January 10, 1824, married (1) Sarah Mordah, June 7, 1853, and (2) Martha Corn Smith. Lucinda Wilhelm, born 1825, married Andrew Thompson, December 20, 1852. Unknown female, born circa 1826, died before 1840. Tobias B. Wilhelm born February 6, 1827, Wilson Co., TN, married (1) Malinda Spradlin circa 1851 and (2) Emily Mordah, April 11, 1880. Matilda Wilhelm, born 1834, married Templeton Moon, March 14, 1854. Jane Wilhelm, born 1836, married William Key, October 19, 1858. Jacob Wilhelm, born 1838, died September 10, 1857, never married.

Tobias B. Wilhelm married Malinda Spradlin (daughter of William Spradlin) circa 1851. He served as a Corporal in Co K, 8 Battalion, Mississippi Infantry during Civil War. After the War he moved his family from Jackson Co, AL to Mt. Pleasant, Texas, where Malinda died June 6, 1875. Their children: Mary Elizabeth Wilhelm, born 1852, married Julius Alexander Hooks in January 1872. William (Dock) Wilhelm, born 1855, died 1893. Joseph Robert Wilhelm, born February 5, 1857, died March 9, 1913, married Mary Mae (Mollie) Rounsavall December 12, 1886, Jackson Col, AL. Augusta Martha Wilhelm, born 1858, married Hugh Chester Wood in July 1879. Solomon Tobias Wilhelm,



*Houston B. Wilhelm, 1887-1942*

born 1862, married Jane Elizabeth Farr. Charles Leslie Wilhelm, born 1866, died February 1915, married Velma Conger.

After Malinda's death, Tobias B. Wilhelm moved back to Jackson County where he married Emily Mordah Apr. 11, 1880. Their children: Albert Franklin Wilhelm, born September 26, 1881, died January 6, 1965, married Maude Lee Wilhelm (1889-1981), May 13, 1911. Dezzie Mae Wilhelm, born August 5, 1883, married Charley Rounsavall, May 1911. Minnie Caledonia Wilhelm, born August 27, 1884, died February 1899.

Joseph Robert (Bob) Wilhelm (1857-1913) married Mary Mae (Mollie) Rounsavall (daughter of William Leroy and Eliza Gideon Rounsavall) in December 1886. Their children: Houston Brown Wilhelm, born September 10, 1887, died November 24, 1942, married Virginia Belle Hollis (daughter of James Ollie and Mary Cynthia Childress Hollis) December 22, 1912. Lula Wilhelm, born August 2, 1892, died June 15, 1936, married Henry McAnelly, March 23, 1913. They were parents of Opal McAnelly. Lawrence Anderson Wilhelm, born October 13, 1894, died January 20, 1935, married Lucy Garland on May 4, 1927. They were parents of Mollie Jo Wilhelm.

Houston Brown Wilhelm (1887-1942) was a Primitive Baptist and purchased his first automobile to make trips to Woodville Primitive Baptist Church in less time than by horse and buggy. He was a skilled carpenter like his father and also owned a grocery store on the court house square at the time of his death and a small neighborhood grocery. Belle closed the downtown Scottsboro grocery but continued to operate the smaller store she had operated near their Webb Street home. Near the end of World War II, Belle Wilhelm began working for Albert Parks who managed the Quality Store on

the north side of the square. She continued to work for Mr. Parks after he opened his own department store until she retired in the early 1960s.

Houston Wilhelm is remembered for his wit, generous heart, and creativity. Belle is best remembered for her thrift and wonderful sense of humor. Her quest for knowledge never stopped. The last item she requested as a gift, when she was well into her eighties, was the latest edition of Webster's Dictionary.

Houston and Belle lived in Woods Cove when their only child, Era Coe Wilhelm was born in September 1913. They moved into Scottsboro when Era entered high school. Belle and Era never lost their undying love for a Sunday afternoon drive around the Woods Cove loop.

Era Wilhelm married Albert Leonard Barbee February 14, 1933. Their daughters are Virginia Ann Barbee who married Joe Chambless, August 10, 1954 and Martha Lynn Barbee who married Ronald Hess, June 5, 1957. Houston and Belle Wilhelm's great-grandsons are Heath Chambless, born July 11, 1971, and Gregory Dean Hess, born February 3, 1972. *Submitted by: Ann Barbee Chambless*

### Wallace Wilborn

This farm is located at Macedonia near Bucks Pocket State Park. Wallace and Helen Tally Wilborn homesteaded the farm around 1880. They had nine children but one passed away when it was very young. They were Cas, Auther, Carl and Earl, Emma (Allen) — Charlsie (Hilly), Annie (Carson) Mary Jane (Jones) "Little" May (deceased). Wallace died at the age of 45 in 1906. Hellen raised all the children by herself. She passed away in 1952. They are both buried in the Haigwood Cemetery near Macedonia. In those days you homesteaded near a spring and the home place has a spring across the road where they kept milk cool even in the driest of summers. Wallace built a rail fence around part of the land around 1886 or 1887. A fire got out and burned the fence in 1947. Their children liked to go hunting and fishing on the Sauty Creek which joins the farm and runs through today's Bucks Pocket State Park. Today their grandchildren and great-grandchildren come back and go fishing and camping near a place called The Buzzards Roost which is a cave next to the creek.

I am Verna Ray Wilborn Long the grand daughter that later bought the farm from their heirs. I married Alfred Leon Long in 1943. We lived in Dekalb County for 10 years then moved to the farm in 1953. We had three boys. Roy Elton Long was born in 1944. He was killed in a car wreck in 1962 just after he graduated from Section High School. Larry Don Long was born in 1946 and graduated from Section High School in 1965 and entered the Army and served in Vietnam until 1968. Wendell Ray Long was born in 1950 and graduated from Section High School in 1968 and Northeast State Jr. College in 1970 and graduated from Jacksonville State College in 1972. They were all born in Dekalb County.

When we bought the farm we sold the timber and made the down payment. Leon farmed the land and I worked at Burlington Mills in Scottsboro to make the payments. One year it was a bad farming year and my Aunt asked "did you make the payments" and Roy said "yes, and had six dollars left". We lived in the four room house that the sills under the floor was logs of the homestead house until 1967. We built a new house across the road from the old house.

We are now retired and have been married for 53 years. We



*Wallace Wilborn family, taken in 1903 before Earl was born*

have deeded the farm over to Don and Wendell, and they are raising cattle and hay. We have two granddaughters and we hope they will be interested in the family farm. Submitted by: Verna Wilborn Long, 3032 Co. Road 49, Section, AL 35771  
Sources: Personal Knowledge

### Wilbourne, Welborn, Wilburn, Etc ...

In 1865 Gideon Welborn died in Langston (formerly Coffeyville). Aquilla (my direct ancestor) was born 1794 in North Carolina; died between June (when corn was green) and 8 August 1864 at Trenton, Alabama. He and Elizabeth Wilson were married on 7 February 1816 in Barren County, Kentucky. It is believed they left shortly thereafter and went to Alabama. We do not find him anywhere in 1820. He had children born 1818 to 1821 in Kentucky. However, Aquilla was back in Kentucky by 1830 census. In 1832 Aquilla had a land grant near Tabitha in Jackson County, Alabama. On the 1830 Jackson County, Alabama Census, there was an elderly female with Samuel — believed to be Tabitha. Nearby was Jeffy and Jessy and wife near them. By the time the 1840 census was taken, these families were all gone. Aquilla was in the War of 1812 in Kentucky. Isabelle, born 1796 in North Carolina; died 1836 in Barren County, Kentucky; she and Eleazar Jones married on 17 June 1813. Mahala was born 9 January 1801 in North Carolina. She married Joseph Hall. He had a land grant near Tabitha in Jackson County, Alabama, in 1830. They moved to Marion County, Arkansas, about 1838. Aquilla and family were on the 1840 Jackson County, Alabama Census. Their children were: William, born 1818, Alabama. He married Lucinda Sharp on 26 December 1841; died after 1880 at Madison Cross Roads. Margaret E. was born 31 November 1821 in Kentucky. She married Jacob Leroy Smith on 25 January 1840. She died October 1875 at Trenton, Alabama. (Between 1818 and 1821 Aquilla was unaccounted for.) Rachel Elizabeth was born 1825 in Kentucky. She married William A. Flanagan. She died 30 January 1869 at Trenton. Starnes W. was born May 1828 in Kentucky; died after 1900 at Trenton. He married #1 Mary A. E. Haden; #2 Mary A. Davis, 1861; #3 Mary Kirkpatrick Frazier on 17 October 1865; #4 Matilda Jane Kirkpatrick on 3 October 1869 and #5 Sofronia E. Kirkpatrick on 9 July 1872. He was a merchant and community fiddler. Elias, born 1833 in Alabama; died 15 October 1878 at Madison Cross Roads. He married Jane Smith. His Civil War pension records state that he fought on the Union side. James (my direct ancestor) was born 1834 in Alabama. He died between the 1866 Special Alabama Census and 1870 Jackson County, Alabama Census. He is probably buried in the Wilson Cemetery. On 23 February 1853 he married Nancy C. Walker in Fayetteville, Tennessee. She was a daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth C. Tiffin Walker, born in Virginia. James and Nancy Wilbourn's children were: William A., born December 1853. He married #1 Mrs. Margaret J. Riley Kirkpatrick; #2 Martha J. Rutherford. Amaziah Fletcher was born 1859; died 29 October 1936 in Trenton, Alabama. He married #1 Margaret Kirkpatrick; #2 Elizabeth Reed. He had nine children. John F. was born 1861; died 1891-1892. He married Alcy Ann Mahala Williams on 25 January 1885. They had Arthur Monroe, who married Cora B. Vandiver. Essie died young, and Arthur Monroe lived with his uncle, James Thomas until he married. James Thomas was born 7 April 1856, died 19 November 1945. On 10 October 1878 he married Martha Ann Webb (daughter of Henry Alexander and Roseanna Hall Webb). Their children were: Ella (my direct line), Jessie Ann, Nellie A., Monroe, Otto, Allie Mae, James Ollie, Lessie Ellen, Daisy, Delphia, Ethel, Roy, Hattie, and Pauline. Henry Alexander Webb fought on the Union side during the Civil War. Ella was born 10 October 1879; died 10 November 1961. She married George Washington Kennedy. (He was a son of Ezekiel and Sarah Elizabeth Cruse Kennedy.) Their children were: Essie, James Eldridge, Charles William, Samuel, Annie Mae, Mattye, Finis, Amanda, Roy, Lois, Paul, Thomas Ezekiel, Martha Elizabeth, and Roy David. Essie (my mother) was born 5 September 1893; died 27 July 1973 in Sierra Madre, California. She married William Joseph Beason (son of James and Julia Ann Clay Beason) on 31 December 1911 by Fate Jones at Paint Rock. They are buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, California. Their children were William Dean Beason born 24 February 1951 in Compton, California. Dorothy Katherine was born 27 August 1920 at Trenton, Alabama; died 1 July 1986 at Lakewood, California. She married Howard L. Boyd on 15 October 1940 in



George Washington and Ella (Wilbourn) Kennedy. In his lap, Finis Kennedy. In her lap, Amanda. Middle - top down, Essie, Annie Mae, Mattye, 1910 in Oklahoma (Wynnewood)

Huntsville, Alabama. James Clay was born 19 October 1923 at New Market, Alabama; died 21 June 1941 in an automobile accident at Huntsville, Alabama; buried Russell William Clay Cemetery at Princeton. Ella Jane was born 8 August 1925 at Russell Hill, Huntsville, Alabama. She married #1 Earl M. Lanneau of Tampa, Florida; #2 Grant O. Turrill (now living in Long Beach, California). Elizabeth was born and died on 30 December 1927. She is buried beside James above. Angelea was born 18 February 1929 at Russell Hill, Huntsville, Alabama. She married Johnnie Foster Albright on 5 November 1944 at Huntsville, Alabama. They now live in Huntsville after spending twenty-three years in California. Charles Ray was born 29 April 1932 at Center Hill (Limestone), Alabama. He married #1 Jeannette Granshaw; #2 Dorothy J. Kaufmann; #3 Carolyn Sullivan of Paducah, Kentucky. They now live in Foothill Ranch, California. Annie Lou and Gerald F. Gahan, Jr. and had one son, Jerry Lindsay who was born 21 March 1953 at Guam, Marianas Islands, while serving in the United States Navy. We returned to the mainland when he was six months old and have lived in Sierra Madre, California, since that time. Jerry Lindsay married Deborah Boehm on 29 June 1973 in Santa Barbara, California. They were divorced 10 January 1980. Their son, Matthew Corey, was born 24 October 1974 at Duarte, California. He is now living in Vallejo, California, and Jerry Lindsay is living in Sierra Madre, California.

For more detailed information, please refer to *Wilbourn Genealogy* in libraries at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky; Huntsville and Scottsboro, Alabama by: Ann Gahan, 308 Grove Street, Sierra Madre, CA 91024 Submitted by: Jerry Lindsay Gahan — assisted by Ann Gahan.

### Wilbourne, Welborn, Wilbourn, Etc.

(Spelled eighteen different ways in North Carolina)

Our Jackson County, AL, line begins with Edward and Elizabeth Wilbourn in Maryland. He was born 1680 in Maryland or Delaware; died 1731 in Harford County, Maryland. He was probably a son of William (reference DEL records). Edward and Elizabeth had children: Ann/John Ryan moved to Pennsylvania. Thomas/Margaret. He died in Frederick County, VA, before 2 Dec 1746. They had a daughter, Martha, born 16 Dec. 1733 in MD. Elizabeth/Isaac Wood. Elizabeth was born about 1706 and died after 1783. She married before her father died in 1731. There were possibly other children. (Reference: St. George's Parish Register, Baltimore, MD.)

William/Ann Crabtree (our direct line) were married in Maryland. On 26 September 1753 they sold the land his father left him. At that time they were residents of Frederick County, Maryland. On 22 August 1754 William Welburn, blacksmith, of Frederick County, Maryland, sold part of a tract of land called "Four Gallons and a Half of Rum." Ann Wilbourn, wife of the said William Wilburn, released her dower rights. On 11 September 1754 William Welborn sold land called "Leeds" in Frederick County, Maryland, "near the head of a spring that leads into Tobias's

Branch within a quarter of a mile of the foot of Catocton Mountain." He patented "Leeds" in 1750. Ann, wife of William Wilburn, released all her rights of dower. No other records of her were found after that. However, William was in Rowan County, North Carolina in 1772.

William and Ann's children were: Jane, born 28 Jan. 1732-33 in Harford County, Maryland; died 3 August 1803 in Surry County, North Carolina. She married William Spurgeon and had a large family. He was a loyalist; left his family and moved to Canada, where he re-married and had another large family. Jane lived near her brother, James and (Mary) Isabelle Teague Welborn, in Rowan County, North Carolina. William (son of William and Ann) was born 25 Oct 1734 in Harford County, Maryland; died 11 February 1792 in Wilkes County, GA. He and Hepzibah Stearns were married about 1757. They moved from Wilkes County, North Carolina, to Wilkes County, Georgia. Their son James/Rebecca Montgomery remained in Wilkes County, North Carolina. William/Hepzibah's children were: Isaac/Mary Barton; Elias/Mary Marshall. William, Isaac, and their father were all in the Revolutionary War. Lucy/Benjamin Barton; Samuel/Mary Abernathie; William/Lucy Moore; James/Rebecca Montgomery was a Major General in the War of 1812. Clara (Anna)/James Denman; Mary died young; Johnson/Sallie Render; Hepzabah/Isaac Ramsey; Abner/Martha Render; Nancy/Nicholas Wiley; Chapley/Martha Cleveland; Wilkes/Ann Eliza Dooley. Isaac (probably son of William/Ann Crabtree) Wilbourn's estate was settled March 1800 in Stokes County, North Carolina. His children mentioned were: Elizabeth Swaim, Nicholas Bean and Ann his wife; William; Isaac; John; John Killion and Rebekah his wife; Samuel; Mary; James; and Daniel. (James and Daniel were in Wilkes County, North Carolina later.) Note: Children's names such as William's and James'. James, born 18 August 1736, Harford County, Maryland; died between 27 April 1811 when he signed a document in Barren County, Kentucky, and when his will was probated on 11 August 1811. He mentioned Isabelle Teague (daughter of Moses and Elizabeth Loftin Teague) about 1756 — probably in Frederick County, Virginia. She died in Monroe County, Kentucky, 1820-1821. James is my Revolutionary Soldier. They had thirteen and possibly fourteen children — all born in Rowan County, North Carolina except one. They were: Moses I, born 1757; died Oct.-Nov. 1782 in Surry County, North Carolina. Married Martha (probably Teague). Aaron, born 13 Oct. 1760; died 6 Oct 1843 in Anderson County, South Carolina. He married Elizabeth Younger before 1790. William, born 28 September 1761; died 28 December 1841 in Guilford County, North Carolina. He married #1 Prudence Davis; #2 Rachel Payne on 7 November 1807. James, Jr., born 17 August 1764, died 1841 in St. Francois County, Missouri. He married Rebecca Younger about 1785 in North Carolina. They moved to Anderson County, North Carolina before 1800; was a minister there; moved to Missouri in 1818 and continued his ministry there. (Some researchers have confused him with a James Welborn who married Elizabeth Dudley and lived in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky.) Isaac, born about 1766; believed to have lived in Grayson County, Virginia; moved to Barren County, Kentucky, after 1806. In 1818 he moved to St. Francois County, Missouri, where he died in 1824. He married Sarah Teague about 1790 in North Carolina. Elizabeth, born 1 February 1769; died 1843 in Davidson County, North Carolina. She married #1 John Swift on 14 July 1791 and had a son, James, who lived with his grandparents in Barren County, Kentucky. James married Polly Carnahan in 1816 in Christian County, Kentucky. Elizabeth married #2 William Piggott/Pickett and had several children in North Carolina where she remained. Samuel, born 1770; died July-October 1812 in Barren County, Kentucky. He married Margaret (Peggy) Burke? in North Carolina. Anna, born 1 November 1776; died 27 November 1865 in Grayson County, Virginia. She married Robert Parsons between 1790 and 1800 and remained there. Joshua, born about 1780; died between 1857 and 1860 in Monroe County, Kentucky. He was a minister; had a land grant in Barren County, Kentucky in 1804. He married Rachel Smith in North Carolina. (Joshua has been confused with a Joshua who lived in Union County, South Carolina; was a minister; and died in Carrol County, Tennessee about 1830.) Ruth, born 1780-1784; died after 1840 in Coffeen, Illinois. She married John Wilson in North Carolina; moved to Indiana and Illinois in 1818. She signed the Poplar Log Church Covenant in October 1806, along with her parents and three brothers. Moses II, born 4 July 1783 in Guilford County, North Carolina; died 11 June 1851 in Gibson County, Indiana. He married Deborah Chipman on 25 January 1807 in North Carolina and later went to Indiana. John, born 4 September 1786; died 28 July 1824 in Davidson County, North Carolina. He married Lydia



Martha Ann (Webb) Wilbourn in Sesquicentennial Parade

Teague in North Carolina on 6 December 1802 and remained there. Caroline, born 1776, was possibly another child; nothing more on her. Gideon (my direct ancestor) was born about 1767; married Tabitha (?) about 1789. He was on the 1790 Census of Rowan County, North Carolina; and on the Ashe County, North Carolina 1800 Census. He had a land grant there; was in Barren County, Kentucky in 1806; and had a land grant in 1807 there. He was Constable after his brother, Samuel, died. He and Tabitha sold their land in 1815. In 1816 Tabitha witnessed a document in Madison County, Alabama, along with Levi Lawler and James Teague. This leads us to believe she was a Lawler. In May of 1818 Gideon signed an inventory in Barren County, Kentucky — the last account we have of him. The 1820 census shows Tabitha alone with 3 males and 3 females under 21. She was dropped from the tax rolls in 1821. However, in 1830 she had a land grant in the heart of Trenton, Alabama. The 1830 census shows an elderly female with Samuel and wife, with Jeffy or Jessy nearby. All of these were gone in 1840. Gideon and Tabitha's known children were: Elias, born 1790 in North Carolina. He was in the War of 1812 in Kentucky. He married #1 Sarah — his first cousin; #2 Elizabeth Starnes. Their daughter, Tabitha, was born in 1816 in Alabama. His will mentioned the names of his children. In 1865 he died in Langston (formerly) Coffeenville.) Submitted by: Ann Beason Gahan, Sierra Madre, CA

## Clarence Wilkerson

Clarence David Wilkerson was born August 19, 1910 in Jackson Co. Alabama to Mike Wilkerson and Lucy Breeden, both from Tenn. Mike and first wife had two children, Virgie, and Earnest. Mike and Lucy had, Clarence, Clyde, Emily Lucille, Pauline, Lena, Bell, Dee Edward, Ruby, Levi, Mike Jr. (Scassy) and Marie. Mike and Lucy are both buried at Old Baptist Cem. at Hollywood.



Addie, Clarence and Wanda Wilkerson

Clarence married Alice Evans, their children, Lucille, Roy, Opal, Lela Mae, Clarence Jr. Maxine, and a set of twins, Billy Floyd and Dorsey Loyd. Alice died when the twins were born leaving all the children under the age of 13. Clarence then married Addie Talley, the daughter of James Madison (Jim) Talley and Lucy Holt on November 1, 1942. Addie helped raise the children from the first marriage, and treated them as her own. Clarence and Addie farmed (share crop) about 18 years on the Hurt farm in Fairfield at Hollywood, then a couple years at Chicken Foot, when Clarence retired from farming, and went to work as a security guard for the State. Addie went to work for Holiday Inn as a housekeeper. Addie and children all helped hoe and pick cotton along side her husband, she even at times helped plow the fields. Canning vegetables grown in the garden, and killing hogs for meat during the winter. Very few staples were bought at the grocery store. Corn was



Clarence Wilkerson, Alice, Lucille, Roy, Opal, Clarence Jr., Lela Mae

and twins are buried at Old Baptist Cem. Hollywood. Clarence, Addie and Wanda are buried at Pine Haven Memorial Garden, Hollywood. Submitted by: Gary Wilkerson, 136 Main St., Hollywood, AL 35752

### Mike Wilkerson

Mike Wilkerson Sr. was born January 22, 1874 in Franklin County, Tennessee, the son of Thompson Payton Wilkinson - somewhere along the line the spelling of Wilkinson changed. His mother was Susan W. Stubblefield. He was the grandson of William Carl Wilkinson, born in Nansemond County, Va., who migrated to Barren County, Kentucky, before coming on into Tennessee. William Carl married Ammy Lawrence. William, his family, a sister, who married a Rogers, and a brother, Batly were the only three out of a large family of fifteen children, who left Kentucky, and came into Franklin Co. Tennessee.

Mike married a lady by the name of Melessa Williams Morris, and they had two children, Earnest and Virgie. Mike left Tennessee and came to Jackson County, Alabama and it is here that he met and married Lucy Breeden, also from Tennessee. Lucy was born June 18, 1888. Mike and Lucy were married June 14, 1908 in Jackson County, Alabama. Mike was a farmer, living in the Tupelo, Kyles, Carnes area. Mike and Lucy raised a total of ten children. They are: Clarence Wilkerson Sr., Clyde Wilkerson, Emily Lucile, who died as an infant, Pauline Durham, Lena Cornelison, Velma Grider, Dee Hap Wilkerson, Ruby Hoge, Levi Wilkerson, Mike Wilkerson Jr. "Scassy", and Marie Ledbetter.

Mike died in 1952 and Lucy died in 1984. Both are buried at Old Baptist Cem. at Hollywood. Today there are four generations of



Mike and Lucy Wilkerson

shelled and took to mill to be ground into corn meal. Cows were milked and milk was churned in a churn for butter. Potatoes were dug for the use over the winter. Hay was cut, raked, and baled for feeding the farm animals over the winter. The children of Clarence and Addie are: Wanda, Joyce, Patricia, Barbara, Michael, and Gary. The children attended school at Hollywood, then high school at Scottsboro. Clarence's first wife

descendants of Mike and Lucy living in Jackson Co. Some are scattered to Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, Illinois, and New York. Submitted by: Michael Wilkerson, Louisiana Sources: Family records

### Margaret Mirtie Easter Wilkes

Margaret Mirtie Easter Wilkes, daughter of Marion Franklin Wilks, 1/14/1869-8/27/1928, and Nancy Jane Wilks, 9/29/1867-2/19/1903. Minnie Etter, 1/4/1891. Margaret Mirtie Easter Wilkes, 8/26/1893-9/15/1967. Pearlie Emma, 12/27/1896. John Richard, 7/30/1899-2/17/1956. Early Thomas, 1/31/1903-8/20/1903.

When Mirtie was ten years old her mother died. Marion then took Mary C. Ott Kerby, 12/16/1874, better known as Granny Wilks or Aunt Min, to be his wife and a mother to his 5 children along with her 4 children from a previous marriage: Lillie May, 12/9/1893. Minnie Elora, 1/31/1898. William Henry, 4/20/1898. Annie Morgan, 10/2/1900.

Marion and Granny Wilkes then had six children together: Wallace Marion, 7/23/1905. Mary Virginia, 7/7/1908. Zella Grace, 4/19/1910. Nancy Geneva, 9/25/1912. Orvil Leon, 12/3/1914. Mildred Leedell, 6/10/1920-5/6/1921.

Mirtie serene and gentle with a tender smile on her face was the homemaker cooking meals on a wood cook stove. The older girls, Ruby and Ruth helped their mother by making 50 biscuits each morning for the hard working family. Meals consisted mainly of the food they raised. Mirtie and the children kept a vegetable garden that provided their food and canned enough to last through the winter. The younger girls, Marybelle and Easter brought in stove wood and stacked it for the cook stove. Youngest son, Earlie helped them bring in firewood for the two fireplaces and draw lots of water every morning and night. Many times the kitchen also served as a bath room. Water heated in an iron kettle or dish pan on the cook stove was poured into a wash tub for baths. Chairs with quilts hanging on them circled around the tub, in front of the fireplace, for privacy. In the hot summer months a wash tub of water was placed outside, to be heated by the sun, for bathing.

After supper Hugh would gather the entire family around the fireplace a bedroom, used as a sitting room, and lead them in four note singing. Sometimes in winter months they would pick out cotton bolls by the fire light.

Mirtie made the clothes they wore. At night there was always a quilt on a frame at the ceiling waiting to be rolled down during the day for the women to quilt when the weather was too bad to work outside.

Washing clothes was an all day chore. They started very early drawing water for the washing. As the sun climbed higher in the sky, they could feel the perspiration on their skin as they boiled their clothes in an iron wash kettle with lye soap and rubbed them on a rub board until they were squeaky clean. Then rinsed them in wash tubs with water drawn from the well, or rain water caught in the tubs and saved. Then wrung them out, and draped them over the lines. Many times their arms ached from their efforts and their dresses began to stick to their skin. On and on they worked until the last shirt was flung across the lines. Submitted by: Naomi Kuykendall, Pisgah, AL (Jackson County)

### Ephriam C. Williams

Ephriam C. Williams B 11 Oct. 1811 D 10 Jul 1897 Md Sarah Ball 2 Oct 1831 at Jackson County, Alabama. This family resided in and around Trenton, Jackson Co., Alabama for many years farming and Ephriam served as Postmaster at Trenton in 1847 and later at Nashville, Alabama on the Paint Rock River near Trenton. He was listed as J. P. on the 1860 census.

Nine children were born of this union. 1. Mahala B 1831/1832 Md abt. 1847 to Sanford Berry. 2. John William Williams B abt. 1833 D Jul. 1897. Md. Margaret Carolyn Carden 19 Feb. 1852. 3. Female, abt. 1835. 4. Nancy Jane B. 1837 Md William H. Berry 14 Jan. 1852. 5. Gemima B. abt. 1839 Md Thomas Hall 16 Mar. 1854. 6. Jonathan B. 1842 D 15 Nov. 1864 Md. Aisley Kirkpatrick 4 Aug. 1861. Jonathan was a Private/ Q.M. Sergeant in the Union Army. He enrolled 28 Aug. 1863. He was killed by Russels Confederate Cavalry after having been discharged from regular service but while acting as an independent scout in the interest of the Federal Army. 7. James K. Polk B 4 Aug. 1844 D 24 Mar. 1934. Md. 1st Lucinda J. Berry 8 Mar. 1866. Md. 2nd Frances Campbell 19 Jan. 1870. Md. 3rd Amanda Greenwood. At age 19, James K. P. Williams enrolled as Private in the Union Army, 27 Nov. 1863 at

Larkinsville, Alabama. 8. Thomas M. B. 1846 D. 15 Feb. 1864 Md. Sarah Kirkpatrick 1 Mar. 1863 Died while in service of his country. 9. Benjamin Franklin B. 1850 Md. Eliza Welltoom 16 Dec. 1869.

### Luit. John W. Williams

Luit. John W. Williams was born about 1833 in Jackson Co., Alabama and died there in July 1897. He was the son of Ephriam C. Williams and Sarah Jane (Ball) Williams. John married Margaret Carolyn Carden 19 Feb. 1852. Margaret Carden was the daughter of Leonard Ansel Carden and Margaret (Peggy) Berry. She was born in 1833 in Jackson Co., Alabama and died there in 1898.



*Home of John W. Williams & Margaret Carolyn (Carden) Williams near Trenton (Jackson) Ala. Their family was born and raised here*

John and Margaret Williams lived near Trenton, Jackson Co., Alabama and raised a family of 6 children there. 1. Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzy) B abt 1853 D 1 Jul 1886 Md Henry Alexander (Babe) Webb Apr. 1871. 2. Martha Jane (Franky) B 11 Sep. 1856, D 4 Oct. 1943. Md. Francis M. Flippo 25 May 1874. 3. Nancy Ellen (Nanny) B 5 Apr 1859 D 5 Oct 1937. Md. Henry Alexander Webb 1886/1887 after death of her sister. 4. William Leonard (Billy) B 31 Jan 1862 D 18 Sep. 1894 Md. Rebecca Jane Kennedy 12 Aug. 1880. 5. Millie Gemima (Mid) B 24 Mar. 1864 D. 20 July 1931 Md. Richard Grant (Dick) Kennedy 9 Aug. 1881. 6. Alcy Ann Mahalia B 20 Dec. 1870 D Dec. 1892 Md. John Wilbourn 25 Jan. 1885.



*Luit. John W. Williams abt. 1833. Margaret Carolyn (Carden) Williams B. , Md. 19 Feb. 1852 Jackson Co. AL D. 1 July 1898 Trenton, Jackson Co. AL*

During the Civil War, John was a Luit. C S A Union soldier. At age 30 he enrolled (28 Aug. 1863) as a Private at Larkinsville, Alabama. Promoted to 1st Luit. 10 Sept. 1863 at Stevenson, Alabama. (Valley Leaves Mar. 1985) John W. Williams tendered resignation of Office of J. P. of Jackson Co., Alabama in Mar. 1874.

Parents of Sarah (Ball) Williams were John Ball B 1760/1770 D before 1850 and Gemima (Cox) Ball B 1779. D after 1850. On Sat. Dec. 3, 1825, we find them being accepted for fellowship in the Baptist Church of Jesus Christ on Paint Rock River and Larkin Fork. They had immigrated from Maryland Via S.C. and Georgia to Jackson Co., Alabama and settled on Guess Creek with 3 daughters and 1 son as follows. 1. Elizabeth B 1802 Md Jonatham Latham abt. 1820. 2. Nancy Jane B 1812 Md George Frazier abt. 1830. 3. Sarah B 1813 D 14 Jun 1862. Md. Ephriam Williams 2 Oct. 1831. 4. Richard John B 1816 Md Ann abt. 1830. *Submitted by: Claire Patterson, 3847 W. Lane Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85051*  
Sources: Census records, military records, marriage records, pension applications, personal knowledge of descendants.

### Francis Marion Williams

Francis Marion Williams was born near Big Coon in the Narrows of Raccoon Mountain in 1853. His parents were Jacob Marion and Rebecca Crouch Williams. He was about twelve years old when the nearby encampment of Union soldiers depleted the family corn supply from the field and the crib. The Williams family, like others in the area, had horses, livestock, wood rails and food supplies taken.

In the 1850 Census he is living in the home of his older brother James Robert. He taught school as a young man, probably receiving his education in Tennessee. In 1880 he married Martha K. Wynne and bought a farm at Mt. Carmel, near Bridgeport. He hoped to have sons to assist him on the farm, instead he had seven daughters. He raised Mack Simpson Crabtree, following the death of his parents. Mack was a son of his niece, Rose Eady Williams Crabtree. Other Crabtree children were taken in by family members. Rose Eady was the daughter of Francis Marion's oldest brother, Maclin Williams. Because Francis Marion had no sons to carry on his name, four of his siblings named sons Marion.

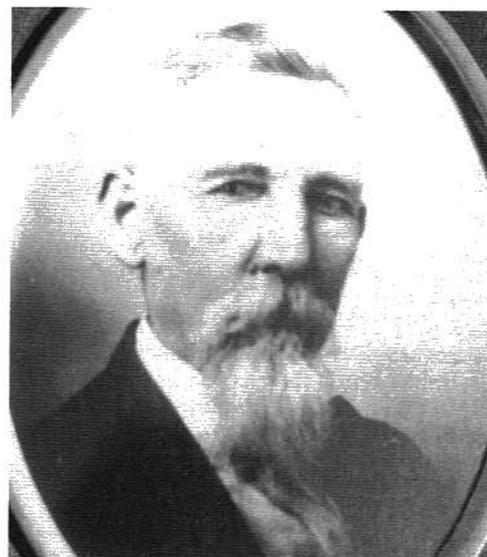
Martha K. "Cammie" Wynne Williams died on December 31, 1913. Following her death, Francis Marion lived with daughter Bessie at his home until his death January 7, 1931. Both are buried in Mt. Carmel cemetery.

Abstracts from the obituaries in two newspapers state that Francis Marion Williams was a pioneer citizen of North Jackson County and one of the areas oldest and most beloved citizens. He was instrumental in the building of Mount Carmel Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and Church clerk from the church's beginning until his death. He also taught a men's Sunday School class. He lived a consecrated Christian life that could not be equalled and his friends were numbered by his acquaintances. He worked hard to procure his education and taught school for several years before launching into agricultural pursuits. He never lost his interest in educational matters, devoting time to the community school and the primary education of his children. He was dedicated in a peculiar way to his children and their love for him was immeasurable.

The oldest daughter of Francis Marion Williams, Lula Ann, married John R. Loyd. They made their home in Bridgeport where John operated the General Store founded in 1865 by his father A. C. Loyd. They bought a home on Battery Hill, overlooking the river and blessed Francis Marion Williams with six grandsons: John Rowland Jr. married Peggy Rudder, children John R. III, Mark and Byron, Francis Marion married Virginia Jo Ketner, children Nancy, Donald and John David; Lew Wilson married Evelyn Miller, children Carol, Lew W. Jr., John Leslie and Lucy, Jack Wynne married Margaret Caperton, children are George H., Lue Anne and Jack Jr.; Alexander Cicero III married Phyliss Engel, children Philip, Roger and A. C. IV. David married Virginia (Freeman) Frazier and had a daughter, Susan Bell. They restored and currently live in the beautiful Loyd home on Battery Hill.

Other daughters of Francis Marion were: Margie Bell who married Charles Ridley and had Mona, Marion Lester, Doris, Faye and Marles; Bessie Myrtle married Russell Young and had no issue; Margaret "Maggie" married Roy Woodfin. Woodfin children are Marion Chase, Martha Kansas, Robert "Bob", Oran Kenna and Otis Warren; Willie Francis married Oval Gross. Their children are Elizabeth and H. O. "Bud".

Sixth daughter Esther Kansas married Cecil C. Loyd. They established a successful dairy and farming operation near Stevenson. Their children are: Cecil Jr. married Annie Ruth Frost; Charles "Bo" married Margaret Keeble; "Bill Jack" married Jeanette Griffith. Following Jeanette's death he married Mary Conry; daughter Sandy Jean married Bob Buckner. After her husband's death, Miss Esther successfully managed the farm and business operations for 20 years while raising her family and teaching school. In 1953 she was honored as "Woman of the Year" by the Home Demonstration Clubs in Jackson County. She was chosen as the Grand Marshall of Depot Days in 1990.



*Francis Marion Williams*

Seventh daughter, Betty Kate, married O. C. Robinson, their children are Bettie Francis and Otis C. Jr.

Three of these daughters, Bessie, Maggie, and Esther, while visiting in my home told about a Cow horn they blew when it was meal time or when they needed their "Pa", Francis Marion Williams, to come in a hurry. Bessie said you could hear it for a mile. Esther said you could hear it a mile and a quarter when she blew it. The neighbors came to depend on the horn for their meal time also. Bessie, the daughter living with Francis Marion Williams at his death, later gave the horn to me. Francis Marion Loyd. *Submitted by: Francis Marion Loyd, P.O. Box 70, Bridgeport, AL 35740 and Betty Williams Houston, 222 Hood Dr., Clinton, MS 39056*  
Sources: Jackson County Census Records. Jackson County Marriage Records. Family Bibles. Jackson County Newspapers

## James Williams

Although born in Tennessee, James Williams is a part of Jackson County history. He was born in Maury County on May 28, 1807. The son of Sherrod Williams, he had eleven brothers and six sisters. When he was three years old, the family moved to Franklin County, six miles south of Winchester. On March 27, 1827, at the age of nineteen he wed Miss Kate Talley, daughter of Captain Jacob Talley and sister of Honorable J. B. Talley, Sr., of Jackson County. The young pioneer came to the state of Alabama where he and his bride chose a spot near Bridgeport to build their home, "Bowling Green".

At the age of twenty-seven, James took his first step on the political ladder. He was elected Justice of the Peace, serving in that capacity until 1836, when he was mustered into the service of the U.S. Army as Orderly Sergeant of Captain Henry Norwood's company. The "Mountain Men" fought in the war against the Muscogove Indians during the administration of Governor C. C. Clay. Two years later, he was elected to the State Legislature, where he served Jackson County until 1851, 1840 and 1841 excepted. Known as "Average Hog" Williams, he got the name as follows. Soon after returning from Tuscaloosa and his first session in the Legislature, a friend questioned the young law maker about how he compared with other members of the honorable body. James replied, "Well, I was just about an average Hog!" The name stuck.

After some times of upheaval in the state of Alabama, there were years of peace and tranquility which Mr. Williams spent with his family at Bowling Green. Strangers and friends were always welcomed, and a May festival and family reunion was held each year. He also spent time hunting and fishing near his farm.

Now sectional animosity spread over the Union. Discontent was heard in the Democratic Party, and Mr. Williams again entered politics. He attended the national Democratic Convention at Charleston, but was displeased with that body. He was chosen from his district to attend the Baltimore Convention held in Montgomery by the state convention. There was much debate, and debate over the question of Separate State secession. He opposed this, only submitting after the convention of his party had passed the ordinance. Two of Mr. Williams' sons were Confederate soldiers; Major Jerre Williams was a field officer in the North Alabama Infantry.

The fortunes of the war bore heavily upon Mr. Williams. The destruction of his property and changes in his surroundings saddened his life. With approaching old age, he retired to private life and died at Bowling Green in March of 1877. Many of his descendants still live in Jackson County.

James Williams was the great grandfather of William T. Sloan, Ruth Sloan Berzett, Pauline Sloan and Vernon Sloan of Scottsboro, Ala. *Submitted by: Pauline Sloan, 445 Woods Cove, Scottsboro, AL 35768-2481*

## James Williams

### Son of Sherrod

James Williams was born on the Duck River in Maury Co., Tennessee, weighing 2½ lbs. He married Katherine Tally, daughter of Jacob and Mourning (Roberts) Tally of Jackson County, Alabama. For a while, James and Katherine lived on Crow Creek above Stevenson, then moved near Bridgeport to the Concord Church Community by the river. He built a home and called it "Bowling Green". The old family church has two stained glass windows that are dedicated to James and Katherine. The Williams Family Cemetery is nearby.

He served in the State of Alabama Legislature for 15 years. He

was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1865, from Jackson County and helped draft the Constitution of Alabama. He was a delegate to the Democratic Convention in Baltimore in 1860. At the age of 27 James Williams was elected Justice of the Peace, an office he held until 1836 when he was inducted into the US Army as orderly Sgt. of Captain Henry Norwood's Company of "Mounted Men". This company was organized to help suppress the Indian uprising which occurred in 1836. After a brief Military service he had a long political career. He was elected representative to Alabama Legislature for seven terms. After the first term which was held in the State Capitol at Tuscaloosa, he was asked by one of his constituents how he compared with the other members of the honorable body. His answer was "well I was just an average hog." This was familiar language to farmers, and it won the lifetime sobriquet of "Common Hog" Williams for him. *Submitted by: Betty Ann Williams Posey, 4704 Co Rd 91, Stevenson, AL 35772*

## John William Williams

John William Williams and Margaret Carolyn Carden were married on July 19, 1852 in Trenton (Jackson County) Alabama where they settled.

The following children were born to this couple: (F) Sarah Elizabeth b. 1853, (F) Martha Jane b. Sept. 11, 1856, (F) Nancy Ellen b. April 5, 1859, (M) William "Billy" Lenard b. January 31, 1862, (F) Millie Gemima b. March 24, 1864, (F) Alcy Ann Mahala b. December 20, 1870.

William "Billy" Lenard Williams was my grandfather. He married Rebecca Jane Kennedy August 12, 1880. They made their home in Trenton where all their children were born. These children were as follows: (F) Cora Elizabeth b. Sept. 1, 1881, (M) James Ansel b. Nov. 23, 1882; d. Jan. 21, 1883, (F) Nancy Jane b. Oct. 27, 1883, (F) Mary Alice b. Dec. 11, 1885; d. April 11, 1900, (F) Sally Ann b. Jan. 8, 1887, (M) William Harvey b. Dec. 26, 1889, (M) Posy Grant b. May 13, 1892, (F) Mattie Sue b. Dec. 8, 1893.

Nancy Jane Williams was my mother. She was sixteen years old when a young man dressed in an army uniform came to Trenton. He was Allen Macken "Dock" Sherman who had served as a private in the Spanish American War, Company "I" of the Second Regiment of Alabama Volunteers. He had been mustered out of the army at Montgomery, Alabama on October 31, 1898. It was love at first sight. Dock and Nancy were married in the Baptist Church in Trenton on March 22, 1899. They made their first home in Trenton

where their first three children were born: (F) Belzora Sherman b. Feb. 2, 1901, (M) John William Sherman b. April 22, 1903, (M) Andrew b. Feb. 7, 1905.

Dock Sherman began the search to find a place to make a living for his growing family. He took a job as overseer of a large plantation in



*Dock and Nancy Sherman*

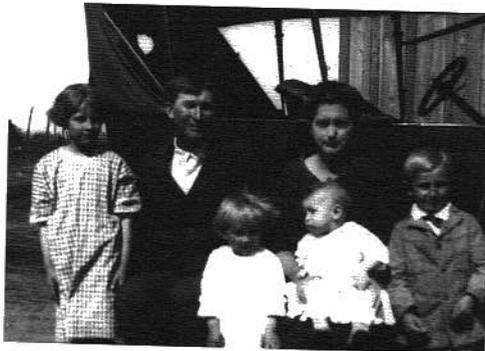
Cahoma County near Hilhouse, Mississippi. The Mississippi River flood and the death of their oldest child, Belzora, at the age of five from appendicitis were factors in the decision for Dock to move his family elsewhere. They lived a short time in Arkansas where Roosevelt "Velt" was born Aug. 30, 1907 in Amity, Arkansas. They made a hard decision. Nancy took the children back to Trenton, Alabama to stay with her mother while Dock came on to Wynnewood, Oklahoma (where relatives and friends lived) to find work and to send for his family. The family was reunited in 1908 when Nancy came to Wynnewood by train with the three small boys: John, Andrew, and Velt.

Nancy and Dock found a house in the east part of Wynnewood situated on a large lot which they were able to purchase along with a block of land suitable for farming. Nancy's sister, Sally Ann and husband, Elbert Kirkpatrick, had moved from Trenton, Alabama to Wynnewood. They purchased land on the north side of Wynnewood where Elbert built a two-story frame house. Sally and Elbert used this large home through the years in making a living by their resourcefulness in trying various business ventures. They

put in a gas pump in front of their home to sell gasoline to customers who could afford automobiles. The front room was a small grocery store and then a large room was built where a soda fountain with a long marble counter was installed along one wall. The rest of the room was a restaurant where meals were served to the roomers and to the public.

It was a delightful experience as a small child to visit "Aunt Sally and Uncle Elbert." This was especially true when the town of Wynnewood built a swimming pool next to the Kirkpatrick property and Uncle Elbert was hired to manage the swimming pool business.

Other relatives had moved from Trenton to Oklahoma by this time, including the siblings of Nancy and Sally; Harvey, Posy, and Mattie. Harvey married Fern Dempsey and settled in Yale,



*Dock, Nancy Sherman and youngest children. Wynnewood, OK 1924.*

Oklahoma where Harvey opened a grocery store. Posy came to Wynnewood, Oklahoma in 1913. Later he married Luella Wilkins and went to Drumright, Oklahoma where Posy operated a grocery store from 1916 to 1929. Then Posy moved his family to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he opened several neighborhood grocery stores. Mattie married John Hales on March 10, 1915. They settled in Norman, Oklahoma where John worked as a mechanic and Mattie opened a beauty shop in their home.

The rest of the children born to Dock and Nancy Sherman were born while living in or near Wynnewood, Oklahoma. Their names and dates are: (M) Roy b. June 23, 1910; d. Dec. 7, 1910, (M) Fred b. March 16, 1912, (M) Frank b. Aug. 6, 1914, (F) Lorene b. Nov. 17, 1916, (M) Lenard b. Feb. 20, 1919, (F) Florence b. Feb. 9, 1921, (F) Hazel b. July 11, 1923, (F) Connie b. July 6, 1925; d. April 21, 1926.

In the fall of 1918 Dock Sherman took the opportunity to move his family to a farm three miles south of Wynnewood. For the next twenty years Dock was successful in raising crops that provided for his family and paid the annual rent. The house in Wynnewood was maintained through the years for the older boys to have a place to stay while attending Wynnewood High School. In 1923 a consolidated school was built and the younger children could attend high school while staying at home on the farm. Education was very important to Dock Sherman.

Dock and Nancy retired from farming in 1938 and moved back to their home in Wynnewood. Nancy died October 12, 1940 and Dock died October 8, 1958.

As of this date, July 26, 1997, only Lorene and Hazel of the Dock Sherman children are still living. Submitted by: Hazel Sherman Porter, P.O. Box 855, Mannford, OK 74044  
Sources: Newspaper and family records.

## Philip Williams

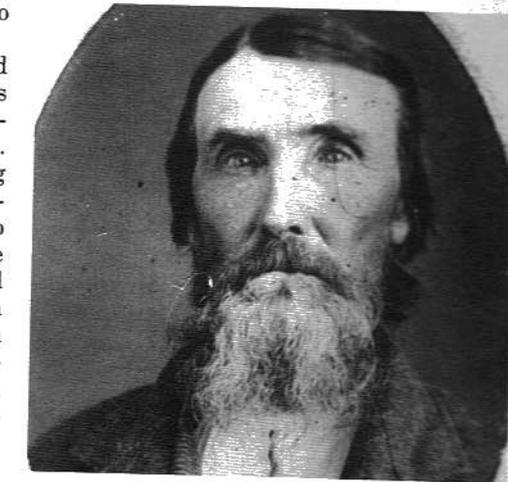
Philip E. Williams, born around 1791, came to Jackson County from Franklin County, Tennessee around 1839. 1812 land records place Philip Williams in the area of Norwood Creek in Franklin County. He served in the War of 1812 and the 1818 Indian War. Philip died in September of 1842, preceded by his wife Catharine Miller, who was a daughter of Jacob Miller of Franklin County, Tennessee. Efforts for positive identification of Philip's parents have been unsuccessful. We do know Philip's father was a soldier in the American Revolution. Philip's son, Jacob Marion Williams, wrote a letter in 1869 to his brother Philip M. Williams, who lived in Missouri. His comments concerning the Civil War cited the distress of the south's lost freedoms when his grandfather had fought seven years for freedom. In addition to his views on the war, Jacob gave information about his children, two sisters, mother-in-law, and the price he expected to receive from the sale of thirty-five hogs.

Jacob Marion Williams, son of Philip and Catharine Williams, was born 1814 in Franklin County, Tennessee. In 1838 Jacob and brothers Hardin and William Jefferson served in the Seminole Indian/Florida War with the North Alabama Mounted Volunteers.

Jacob married Rebecca Mariah Crouch in 1840. Rebecca was one of seven daughters of George and Nancy Carlton Crouch. George died around 1828. Nancy and three known daughters, came with a group of family members and neighbors from Wilkes County, North Carolina to Jackson County around 1830. Some of these families had earlier migrated from Virginia to North Carolina together. Among those coming to Alabama was Nancy's sister, Mary Carlton Allison and husband, James Lowery Allison, son of John and Mary Gillespie Allison. Nancy and Mary were daughters of Thomas and Mary Land Carlton. Nancy's grandson would one day marry Mary's great granddaughter. A son of that marriage, when asked if he realized that his parents were second cousins, once removed, replied, "Yes, Pa said that was one reason for us to move to Oklahoma, to find someone to marry."

Jacob Marion and Rebecca Williams lived "in the Narrows" of Big Coon. They had a cedar log house with a basement, according to grandchildren. He farmed, logged and grew apples. An 1879 issue of a Scottsboro newspaper has an item thanking Jacob Williams for a bushel of fine apples delivered by Sheriff Gridler. Recipient not named. The item ended with "May Jake live long and prosper." Minutes of the Mudd Creek Association show him to be a member of New Hope Baptist Church and a delegate to an Associational Meeting. His obituary in the Scottsboro Citizen stated that he was a good neighbor, a good citizen and esteemed by all who knew him. He died in 1898. Rebecca in 1900. Their place of burial is not known.

Jacob and Rebecca's children were: William Macklin, married Elizabeth Wilson and moved to Franklin County. He was the beloved pastor of Little Mountain Baptist Church on Keith Mountain; James Robert married Margaret Tate and moved to Oklahoma; Nancy Jane married John Counts. They moved to Arkansas and later to McIntosh County Oklahoma; Rutha Caroline m. William Rorex after the death of his first wife. She is buried in the Rorex Cemetery. A son, Samuel Rorex, joined relatives in Oklahoma; Francis Marion married Martha K. Wynne



*Jacob Marion Williams*



*Rebecca M. Crouch Williams*

and settled in Bridgeport, Alabama. They were the parents of seven daughters; George Washington died around twenty five years of age; Thomas Carlton went to Arkansas, probably with sister Nancy Counts. While there he married Mary Lucinda Renfroe, and later returned to Jackson County. Mary Ann married Samuel Prince and moved to Arkansas.

Jacob Newton was the last child of Jacob M. and Rebecca Williams. His marriage to Sarah "Sallie" Elizabeth Allison, daughter of James Joseph "Big Joe" Allison was announced in the 13 August 1889 issue of The Stevenson Chronicle: "Married at the residence of the bride's father, J. J. Allison, on Coon Creek, on the 8th inst., Jacob Williams to Sallie Allison. Thomas Russell, Esquire, tying the silken knot. The Chronicle tenders its congratulations and wishes them a long and happy life." Unfortunately the wish for a long life for Jacob Newton Williams did not come true. He died in 1909 at the age of thirty six. Jacob N. and Thomas Carlton removed to McIntosh County Oklahoma around 1903. Jacob

and Sallie's children born in Alabama were: Luther; Marion Macklin, James Joseph; Myrtle; Hardy; and Druie. Willie Dean and Effie were born in Oklahoma. A daughter, Opal, was added to the family by the marriage of Sallie to John Highers.

Willie Dean Williams married Annie Murl Bridges, who had moved from Mississippi to Oklahoma when a young girl. Around 1930 they came to Mississippi with three children: Thelma; Louise; and Don. Betty Lou, submitter of this article, and Billy Dean were born in Mississippi.

Philip's second son Hardin, born in 1816, married Jemima Suter in Alabama. They moved to Osage County, Missouri. After Hardin's death, Jemima married Nathaniel Stubblefield. Hardin served in the Seminole/Florida War. His pension application stated he was living at Pleasant Grove Alabama when he enlisted.

William Jefferson, born 1818, married Elizabeth Ann Stubblefield in 1838 in Franklin County, Tennessee and moved to Missouri. He served as a private in the Florida War, a Sergeant in the Mexican War and a Captain in the Union Army during the Civil War. He died in 1889 and is buried in the Francis Cemetery in Osage County, Missouri.

According to the 1840 Jackson County, Alabama census, the three brothers were followed by three sisters whose names are not known. One may have been Rebecca who married David Griffith. Both are buried near William Jefferson in the Francis Cemetery. Philip M. Williams, born 1826 is living with brother Hardin on the 1850 Osage County, Missouri census. He married Margaret Agnes Glasgow. Philip served in the Missouri Home Guard during the Civil War. He is buried in the Crocker city cemetery in Pulaski County, Missouri.

Daughter Margaret Jane, born around 1828, married Samuel Brownfield. They moved to Texas and are last found in Lamar County in 1870.

James H., born 1830, may be the James H. Williams who married Prudence Francis in Franklin County in 1848. They are on the 1850 Franklin County census.

Mary, born 1837, married William C. Bryant in Jackson County. According to the previously mentioned letter, Mary was to leave for Arkansas in 10 days.

Several older family members have made reference to Uncle Tom, whose exact relationship is not known. We have a tintype photograph with the inscription, "Tom Williams, grandpa's brother." Submitted by: Betty W. Houston, 222 Hood Drive, Clinton, Mississippi 39056

Sources: Pension, Military and Land records of Philip Williams. Bible Records of Francis Marion Williams copied by daughter Bessie Young. Pension applications of: Jacob Marion and Rebecca Williams, Hardin Williams and children George and Margaret Jefferson Williams and Elizabeth A. Williams. 1830 Census and Marriage records of Tennessee. 1840 and 1850 Census and Marriage records of Jackson County, Alabama. Jackson County Deeds and Court records, Scottsboro Courthouse

## Williams

Richard Arthur Williams (1905-1957) and Nettie Louise Lawson (1911-1980) lived and died in Jackson County, Alabama. Nettie is the daughter of James "Jim" Lawson (1883-1963) and Nancy Hurst (1885-1967). Richard is the son of Richard Andrew Williams (1869-1932) and Elizabeth Emmaline Brewer (1878-1945). Richard and Nettie married on 16 Feb 1931 in Jackson County. They raised their family in Cameronville. He was a farmer and a school bus driver. She was a homemaker. Their children are: Betty Ann (1932), Ida Sue (1937), Arthur Ed (1940), Billy Jere (1943-1982), Kenneth Ray "Coony" (1945), James Wayne (1949) and Amanda Louise (1957 stillborn). Richard, Nettie and Amanda Williams, Jim and Nancy Lawson are buried in Harris Chapel Cemetery, Long Island. Billy Jere is buried in Rocky Springs Cemetery, Bridgeport.

Richard Andrew "Dick" Williams married Elizabeth Emmaline "Bettie" Brewer 21 June 1899 in Jackson County. Richard is the son of Jeremiah Henry Johnson Williams (1828-1912) and Susan Arendale (1839-1905). Elizabeth is the daughter of John Troxell Brewer (1854-1893) and Emilla Caroline Hembree (1851-1913). Dick and Bettie had seven children: Jere Ike (1900-1951), Jo John Sr. (1902-1971), Millie Sue (1904-1965), Richard Arthur, Ida Elizabeth (1910-1954), Myrtle Madge "Dude" (1916-1969), and Sarah Virginia (1913-1916). Most of the above are buried in Harris Chapel Cemetery.

Jeremiah H J Williams and Susan Arendale married 19 March

1854 in Jackson County. H J is the son of James "Jim" Williams (1807-1877) and Katherine Tally (1809-1875). Susan is the daughter of Joel Blackwell Arendale (1796-1881) and Elizabeth Dare (1805-1862). H J and Susan had nine children: Betty Kate (1849-1923), Thomas Alford (1859-1877), Mary Louisa (1861-1880), Mourning Tally (1864-1927), Jo John (1867-1929), Richard Andrew, James Arthur (1871-1965), Jennie Ann (1876-1905), Myrtle (1877-1887). H J, Susan and some of their children are buried in the Williams Family Cemetery in Bridgeport. A few others are buried in the Arendale-Williams Cemetery in Dorans Cove.

James Williams and Katherine Tally married 3 March 1827. James is the son of Sherrod Williams (1776-1831) and Mary Ann "Polly" Looney (1781-1854). Katherine is the daughter of Jacob Tally (1783-1842) and Mary Mourning Roberts (1788-1861). They had ten children: Jeremiah H J, Michael (1830-1854), Louisa (1840-1883), James Sylvester (1842-1880), Susanah "Sally" (1842-1929), George Washington (1845-1870), Mary Mourning (1846-1929), Rebecca (1850-1929), John "Buddy" (1851-1855), Eleanor (1854-1928). James, Katherine and some of their children are buried in the Williams Family Cemetery in Bridgeport.

Sherrod Williams and Polly Looney were married in Hawkins County, Tennessee. Polly is the daughter of Michael Looney (1751-1839) and Temperance Cross (1755-1830). Sherrod and Polly had eighteen children: Jefferson (1802-1817), Rachel (1803-1851), Katherine (1805-1883), Margaret (1806-?), James, Louisa (1809-?), Michael (1810-?), Madison (1811-1867), John (1812-1837), Absolom (1814-1857), Sherrod Jr. (1815-?), Lent (1817-1900), Susanah (1819-1895), Nancy (1820-?), Josiah (1821-1905), William (1823-1903), George Washington (1825-1842) and Francis Marion (1825-?).

There are many of Sherrod Williams' descendants living in Jackson County. Submitted by: Betty Ann Williams Posey, 4704 CO Road 91, Stevenson, AL 35772

Sources: Family Members, Cemeteries, Bible Records

## Sherrod Williams' Descendants

James Williams weighed 2½ lbs when he was born on May 28, 1807 on Duck River, Tenn. He married Katherine Tally (one of Judge John B. Tally's ancestors) in 1827, applied for and got a land grant 5 miles from Bridgeport, Al. He built his home and named it "Bowling Green".

My great grandfather, James Sylvester Williams was born March 1842 in Jackson Co. Al and was in the Civil War.

After the war, the Federal Government promised to pay Southerners for property confiscated by Federal troops, but in most cases did not. In 1871, James S. Williams wrote a letter to the Commissioner of Claims Washington, D.C. for the loss of property during the war. The following items, with value, were listed: In 1862 there were: 240 gallons of Barley Whiskey, barrels, buckets, kegs; 165 lbs. pork; 143 bushels corn; 3 saddles; 1800 lbs pork; 6 bushels wheat; 4000 lbs. fodder; 2 small wagons; one set counter balances and weights; 2 sheep; 600 bushels of corn; 2 boxes of large window glass.

In 1863, Yankee soldiers took 2,800 bushels of corn; 35,000 lbs of hay; 5,000 rails for fuel; 20 acres of hay; 15 acres of barley; 10 acres of rye; 2 houses torn down to build shelter for stock; 1800 bricks; 1200 bushels of corn; 10 horses; 4 extra fine mules; 4 sets harnesses; 750 bushels of corn; 8000 lbs of beef; 2 corn shellers; 1 set blacksmith tools; 2 large wash kettles; 2 grind stones; 1 wheat fan; 12,000 feet of plank; and 300 bushels of lime.

"Your petitioner further states and avers not only all of the property specified and described above was taken from him, but a great deal more amounting to hundreds if not thousands of dollars, which property and stuff your petitioner has reason to believe that United States Government refuses or neglects to make provisions for the remuneration thereof. Such things as: bees and honey; potatoes, onions; destruction of orchards and forest entire destruction of poultry, turkey pea fowl and guinea fowl; household and kitchen furniture; books, pictures and bookcases; trunks and clothing; in fact everything in and out of the house, only my little dirt or track of land was left. I do not blame you as Commissioners at all, nor do I expect the Government to ever make much amends, nothing to compare to my losses, but I do think all things considered that they ought and will pay me something." James Williams, March 3, 1871. But they didn't!!! Submitted by: Bettye Wade Cornelius - great granddaughter of James S. Williams of Bridgeport.

## William Macklin Williams

### Roots And All

Although I have never lived in Jackson County, my roots go very deep and far into Jackson County, Alabama. Ten of my Great, Great Grandparents, six of my Great Grandparents, two of my Grandparents and my Father were born there. Family names were McGehee, Mansfield, Maxwell, Williams, Crouch, Crabtree, Wilkinson, Gifford and Wilson. Some of these families were there as early as 1815-1820. Nearly all before 1850.

I am focusing on the William Macklin Williams family, oldest son of Jacob Marion Williams, his work and life in Jackson County, Alabama and Southern Franklin County, Tennessee. Macklin was born July 3, 1845 in the Narrows between Big and Little Coon Mountains. He married Mary Elizabeth Wilson (whose Stepfather was Pennington). They had eleven children.

Macklin was a farmer and a Baptist Preacher. I don't know when he moved North into Franklin County, Tennessee, but in 1885 he established a church about three miles from Jackson County on Little Mountain known as Little Mountain Baptist Church. This building served as the only school there. My Mother and Father received all their education in this school. There was one teacher with as many as forty-five students. Macklin also pastored several churches in the Mudd Creek Association. He never accepted wages for his service or preaching. He was very versed in home-remedy or herbal medicine, tending to the ills of cows, horses and sometimes people. Macklin was the one called to make coffins whenever someone in the community died. It is said that no undertaker buried anyone on this mountain until after 1900. There is a cemetery on Little Mountain and one about two miles East, known then as Rice's Chapel. These graves date back to 1840-50. My mother said Macklin rode a horse or mule to his preaching and ministering needs of the people he served. Macklin died October 27, 1914 and was buried in the Little Mountain Cemetery at the Little Mountain Church. The work Macklin started there in 1885 is continued on this mountain, but the church building and name has changed to Keith Springs Baptist Church. He has three Great Grandson that are preachers in this area of Franklin County, Tennessee as of 1997. The Williams Family were early pioneers of Jackson County. They were Frontiersmen, always looking for new lands. Many of Macklin's brothers and sisters as well as his children helped settle Eastern Oklahoma in 1890-1905. Four of his children stayed in Franklin County near Little Mountain and reared their families.

We still have a Family Reunion to honor Macklin and his descendants on Keith Mountain every year the Second Sunday in September. I am very proud of my ancestors from Jackson County, Alabama. I am Ben McGehee son of Ellis McGehee and Annie Williams, and a Great Grandson of Macklin Williams and Elizabeth Wilson. I now reside in Lee County, Alabama. Submitted by: Benjamin (Ben) Leonard McGehee, 3101 Waverly Road, Opelika, AL 36801

Source: Written Family History

### Benjamin Jabus Mathison and Mary Jane (Cole) Williamson Family

Benjamin Jabus Mathison Williamson was born on 11/14/1860 near Millerville in Clay County, AL, to Rev. William (Billy T.) Tidwell Williamson (b: ca 1811 — d: 1899) and Elizabeth Brooks (b: ca. 1828 — d: 1899). He married Mary Jane Cole. Mary Jane (Cole) Williamson was born to Richard Alex "Duke" Cole and Martha Garthright on 3/13/1869. (See Rev. William T. Williamson article).

Benjamin Jabus and Mary Jane had nine children. Rufus Herman Oscar Williamson (b: 8/2/1889 — d: 5/12/71), was their first child, who married Mary Elizabeth (Bessie) Martin on 11/5/08. Oscar was a merchant, miller, teacher, minister, and carpenter who lived for a number of years at Bowman's Cross Roads, near Browntown Community, Jackson Co., AL. They had four children whose descendants live in Jackson and Dekalb Counties, AL. (See R. H. Oscar Williamson and John W. Martin articles).

Benjamin Jabus's second child was William Richard Uriel Williamson. He did not marry.

His third child was Horace Jabus Williamson (d: 1938), who married Ester Ozelle Wheelles on 1/13/24. They had two children, James Horace Williamson and Jabus Junior Williamson. James Horace married Wilma Lee Smith on 1/20/46. They had one child: Kenneth Darrel Williamson, who married Bonnie McKenzie on



left to right: Benjamin Jabus Williamson and Mary Jane Cole (Williamson)

11/13/71. Jabus Junior Williamson married Dolly Powers and had two children: Elizabeth Ann and James Powers Williamson. Elizabeth Ann Williamson married William O. Ingram. They had two children: Billy Ingram and Joy Ingram.

Benjamin Jabus's fourth child was Eunice Vida (Williamson) Wheelles. She married Ernest Wheelles. They had six children: Lowell Wheelles (b: 9/13/28); Donald Wheelles; Dwight Wheelles; Merrill Wheelles; Willey Wheelles and Talmadge Wheelles.

Lowell Wheelles married Gladys Hamlin in 10/49. They had three children: Steven Lee Wheelles (b: 9/27/50); Ernest Kent Wheelles (b: 12/24/52), and Delores Wheelles.

Donald Wheelles married Freda Ratliff on 3/31/56 and had one child: Donald Wayne Wheelles (b: 8/2/60).

Dwight Wheelles married Shirley Donaldson in 2/62 and had 2 children: James Ray Wheelles and Melissa Kay Wheelles.

Merrill Wheelles married Mary Gidus in 1958 and had four children: John Frances Wheelles; Wendy Sue Wheelles; Robert Wheelles; and Michael Wheelles.

Benjamin Jabus's fifth child was Janie Gertrude (Williamson) Wheelles (b: 10/24/1900). She married James Arthur Wheelles on 10/19/24. They had seven children: Gertrude Louise (Wheelles) Gather (b: 7/7/26); Evelyn Ruth (Wheelles) Henry (b: 2/18/28); Wilma Wanda (Wheelles) Washington (b: 8/13/30); Harold Loyd Wheelles (b: 1/8/34); Ralph Evins Wheelles (b: 5/21/36); Guy Walton Wheelles (b: 7/24/38); and Anita Gail (Wheelles) Robinson (b: 4/21/46). Janie Williamson was a teacher for many years in the Clay County area.

Gertrude Louise Wheelles married Elmwood Austin (Pete) Gather on 2/7/47. They had four children: Scott Gather (b: 1/25/50), who married Roseanne Palmore on 9/3/70; Steve Gather (b: 12/14/53); Sharon Gather (b: 5/13/60); and Stan Gather (b: 7/2/61).

Evelyn Ruth Wheelles married William Ewing Henry 9/3/50. They had two children: Leah Ruth Henry (b: 5/4/54), who married Wendell Garner; and Thad Warren Wheelles (b: 5/7/57).

Wilma Wanda Wheelles married Elwin Cope Washington on 6/7/52. They had four children: Jan Cope Washington (b: 6/11/59); Wanda Wheelles Washington (b: 4/2/62); and Patsy Paige Washington (b: 1/12/65).

Ralph Evins Wheelles married Carolyn Horn on 7/23/55. They had three children: Keith Wheelles (b: 8/7/57); Karen Wheelles (b: 3/25/63); and Wayne Wheelles (b: 4/11/65).

Benjamin Jabus's sixth child was Beman Harlie Williamson born 10/26/03. He married Dolly King on 12/26/25. They had no children. Harlie and Dolly were farmers in Clay County.

His seventh child was Charles Deumont Williamson (b: 10/17/06) who married Mabel Johnson on 10/10/31. They had three children: Charles Vernon Williamson (b: 3/31/33); Paul Leonard Williamson (b: 6/28/35); and Jane Ann (Williamson) Giddens (b: 11/3/38). For many years Deumont operated a lumber milling business near Ashland. He now lives in Wedowee.

Charles Vernon Williamson married Shirley Faye Klein on 1/22/55. They had seven children: Susan Kay (b: 11/10/55); Charles

James Williamson (b: 4/8/57); Stacey Lee Williamson (b: 5/7/59); Sandra Ann Williamson (b: 6/25/61); Christopher Andrew Williamson (b: 5/3/65); Chad Vernon Williamson (b: 10/18/71) and Clint Brendon Williamson (b: 7/11/74).

Paul Leonard Williamson married Lavoina Holiday on 2/1/5. They had three children: Paula Carol Williamson (b: 7/9/57); Paul Douglas Williamson (b: 12/14/62); and Rosemary Williamson (b: 10/30/68).

Jane Ann Williamson married Jesse Thurman Gidens on 2/18/56. They had three children: Stella Dianna Gidens (b: 3/16/57); Stephen Douglas Gidens (b: 2/19/62) and Clifford Deumont Gidens (b: 12/20/64).

The eighth child was Estelle Williamson (b: 6/17/10 — d: 6/17/10).

The ninth child was Blanche Ezelle (Williamson) Heath (b: 6/17/10). Ezelle married William Heath on 3/7/47, and had one child: Mary Louise (Heath) Osborne (b: 8/23/48). Mary Louise married Charles Edward Osborne on 5/15/70. They had two children: Charles Edward Osborne Jr. (b: 1/25/71) and Gray Dewayne Osborne (b: 12/25/71).

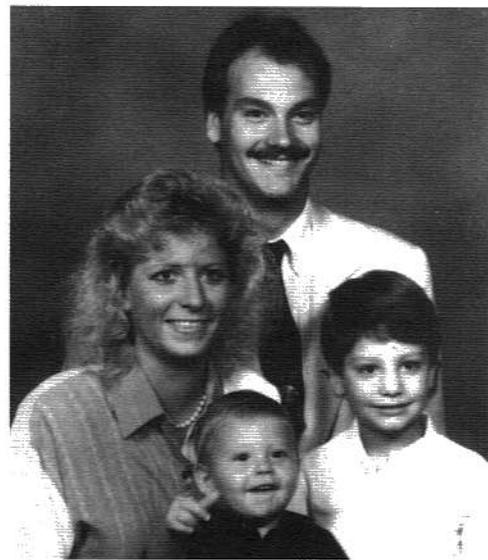
Benjamin Jabus and his family farmed most of his life and he operated a small store between Millerville and Ashland for a number of years.

Mary Jane Williamson bled to death as a result of chronic bronchitis on 8/26/26. Benjamin Jabus died of natural causes on 3/17/42. Submitted by: Clara Lillian (Williamson) Brown, 3399 County Road 16, Henagar, AL 35978.

Sources: Family interviews with R. H. Oscar Williamson, Janie Gertrude (Williamson) Wheelles; Charles Deumont Williamson and Bible Records.

### Carla Alexandria (Williamson) And Rick E. Vehrs Family

Carla Alexandria Williamson was born in San Antonio, TX, on 4/14/63, to Sara Fredericka Puls (b: 11/5/45), and William Stapleton. When she was five, her mother was divorced and remarried to William E. Williamson, Sr. (b: 11/5/45), in Augusta, GA on 4/12/69.



Back Row: Carla Alexandria and Rick Eric Vehrs Front Row: Alexander Eric Vehrs and Anthony Lewis Rabbattini III

Bill Williamson adopted Carla, changed her name, and reared her as his daughter. In 12/69 Bill was transferred to Redstone Arsenal and the family moved to Huntsville, AL. Carla attended school in Huntsville until 11/73, when the family moved to Elk Grove Village, IL. She attended school at Grove Jr. High School and Elk Grove High School. Lacking one course to complete the 12th grade, Carla completed requirements for her GED. Carla then entered cosmetology school and completed

the requirements for licensure as a cosmetologist in IL. She followed this profession for several years in Elk Grove, IL, and Atlanta, GA before transferring to work in office management and sales of commercial flooring in Wooddale, IL.

Carla married Anthony Lewis "Tony" Rabbatini, Jr. (b: 10/28/61) at the Elk Grove Lutheran Church in Elk Grove Village on 3/26/88. They had one child, Anthony Lewis Rabbatini III (b: 6/24/89 at Elmhurst, IL). Carla and Tony were divorced in 1989.

She then married Ricky Eric Vehrs (b: 9/6/66), on 8/22/92 at Zion Lutheran Church in Marengo, IL. Carla and Rick have two children: Alexander Eric Vehrs (b: 5/21/93 at Hoffman Estates, IL) and Crystal Saralin Vehrs (b: 8/13/97) at Hoffman Estates, IL. Anthony is in the second grade and also lives with them at their new home in Carpentersville, IL.

Rick grew up working on his fathers farm near Marengo, IL, where they raised crops for Cambells Soups and Green Giant Vegetables. After graduation from high school, he attended school in California for qualification as an aircraft mechanic. He now works as an aircraft mechanic with United Airlines at Ohare Airport in Chicago, IL.

Carla and Rick eventually hope to return to her family farm (formerly the Ellis and Thelma Williamson Farm) at the intersection of Co. Roads 425 and 83 in Jackson Co. AL. Submitted by: Sara Fredericka Williamson, 623 Co. Rd. 322, Henagar, AL 35978

### Edward Herman And Mary Grace (Smith) Williamson Family

Edward Williamson (b: 10/2/20 — 5/17/97) was the fourth child of R. H. Oscar (8/2/1889 — 5/12/71) and "Bessie" (Martin) Williamson (11/23/1889 — 1/24/84). (See R. H. Oscar Williamson article). Edward was born in Jackson Co., but his family returned to Clay Co. in 1922 and remained until the fall of 1942 when they returned to Sand Mountain and settled at Bowman's Crossroads (intersection of Jackson Co. roads 16 and 123). He attended school at Bibb Graves High School in Millerville, graduating in 1939.



Mary Grace (Smith) and Edward H. Williamson

Edward played football with Bibb Graves and the year he was a senior, they won the Southern State Championship. Edward worked with his brothers and sister on the farm and at his father's grist mill near Millerville throughout his youth.

Edward entered the U.S. Navy and served with the CB's 73rd Battalion

attached to the First Marine Division from 1942 to 1945. He saw action in WW II in the South Pacific at Guadal Canal, Rabal, New Georgia, Monda Point, New Caldonia, Russell Islands, and Pella Lu. Due to recurrent sinus problems, he was shipped to Hawaii to the IEA Heights Hospital for several months. Then he was transferred to Camp Russo, CA; to Camp Wynema, CA; to Memphis, TN; and later to Nashville, TN where he underwent constructive sinus surgery. He was discharged from Nashville and returned home.

Edward married Mary Grace (Smith) on 11/15/49 at Geraldine, AL. They lived on his father's family farm from 1949 to 1959. They then lived in Fyffe, AL, from 1959 to 1963 where Mary Grace operated a florist shop while Edward worked in Birmingham at Pullman-Standard as a welder from 1960 to 1981. Edward was a member of AFLCIO Local 1466. On weekends and off periods, he worked with his father and his brother Llano Clive Williamson tending the family farm. They returned to Bowman's Cross Roads and were divorced in 1965.

Edward married Clara Edwards (b: 8/1/21) on 8/3/79 at Midfield, AL. They lived in Bessemer, AL. Clara died of cancer at Princeton Baptist Hospital in Birmingham. Edward later married Bessie Kelley. They were divorced on 3/26/86.

Grace married William Pascal (Pat) Downs on 2/14 at Trenton, GA. They lived at Geraldine. Grace and Pat had a daughter Kristie Regina Downs who was born premature and died at birth (7/8/66). Pat died of a heart attack 12/8/70 at Plainview, AL. Grace then married Bernard Earl Skinner at Rainsville, AL, on 5/6/72. They were divorced on 2/1/78.

Edward and Grace remarried at Trenton, GA on 8/7/86. They lived at the Williamson family home at Bowman's Cross Roads between Dutton and Browntown until Edward's death. Grace still lives there. Edward is interred at Kirk Memorial Gardens near Powell, AL.

Edward and Grace have three children: Barbara Ann (Williamson) (Portwood) (Hudgins) Carroll (b: 3/10/51), Brenda Kay (Williamson) (McBrayer) Jones (b: 2/9/53); and Ronald Edward Williamson (b: 9/8/56). (See separate articles on each of the children's families). Submitted by: Mary Grace Williamson, Route 1, Henagar, AL 35978

## Ellis Elrie And Thelma Mae (Rush) Williamson Family

Ellis was born to Rufus Herman Oscar Williamson and Mary Elizabeth "Bessie" (Martin) Williamson on 10/22/15 near Millerville, AL. Their family moved between Clay Co. and the Browntown Community in Jackson Co. several times before returning to Bowman's Cross Roads (Intersection of Jackson Co Rds 16 & 123) in the fall of 1945. (See R. H. Oscar Williamson article). Ellis graduated high school at Bibb Graves High School in Millerville in 1937. He then worked mowing lawns and doing odd jobs at the Gadsden School of Trades where he earned certification as a Sheet Metal Worker.



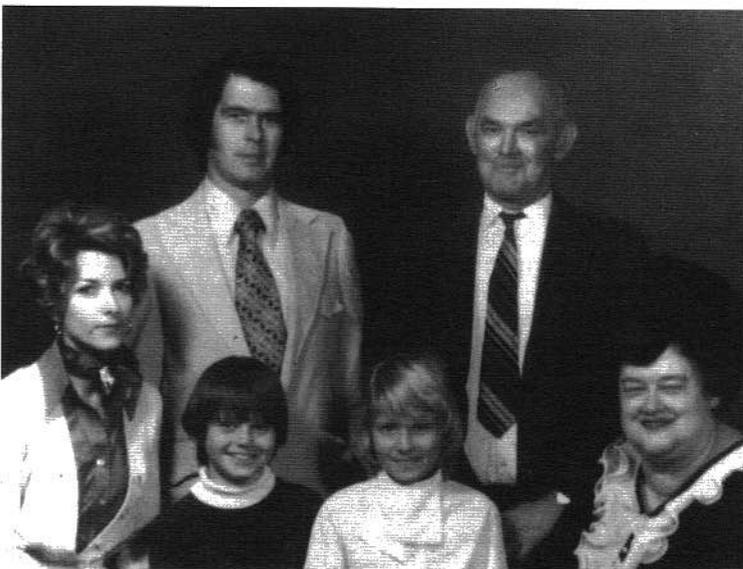
*Thelma (Rush) and Ellis Williamson at time of marriage in 1940.*

Thelma Mae Rush was born to William Ernest Rush and Stella Mae (Marshall) Rush at Route #1, Henagar, AL on 5/20/18. (See Wm. Ernest Rush article). She grew up during the depression, working hard in her father's cotton fields. Thelma attended Pisgah High School, graduating in 1936. She worked at the "rich girls" dining room at Daugette Hall to pay her tuition and graduated from Jacksonville State College with a B.S. in Secondary Education in May 1940. During this time she survived on left overs from the dining room. When Thelma entered Jacksonville, she only had two fertilizer sack dresses, one of which had to be washed each evening.

She received her Masters in Library of Science from Jacksonville in 1959. She later attended University of Ala. in Huntsville and Auburn University where she was only one semester short of receiving her AA Education Certificate when she had to retire from disability in May 1963.

Thelma began her 23 year teaching career at Pleasant View School in 1940, transferred to Bryant Jr. High School, then to Rosalie Jr. High School, then to Mt. Olive Jr. High School and completed her last two years as teacher librarian at Geraldine High School in Dekalb County. When she began teaching during the "war years", she was paid \$40 per month in war bonds. After her retirement in 1963 she lived at the Rush family farm (340 Co. Rd. 425), near Pisgah until her husband's death; then moved to Elk Grove IL, to live with her son until her death 3/16/83.

Ellis worked at Alexander City, and Childersburg in the early 1940's. From 1943 to 1944 he worked at Cincinnati OH, to save enough money (\$4,400) to buy their first home, a 28 acre farm at



*Back Row: William E. Williamson Sr. & Ellis Williamson Front Row: Sara Fredericka (Puls), William E. Jr., Carla A. and Thelma (Rush) Williamson) ca. 1971.*

Route #1 Pisgah. During the first four years of their marriage, Thelma boarded near the schools where she was teaching. From 1945 to 1952 Ellis tried to farm and would haul coal and scrap iron during the off season, but with only one young child, agriculture was a poor choice. In 1952, he returned to sheet metal work. Known to most of his co-workers as "Sandy", he worked all over Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Virginia, and for a while in New York during the recession of the late 1950's. He worked on many buildings in north AL including the building where the first Saturn rocket was built. Ellis suffered a severe sun stroke while working at the Nuclear Plant at Bellfonte in 1973 and was disabled until his death in 1976. He was a member of the AFL-CIO Sheet Metal Workers Local #48 in Birmingham, AL.

Ellis and Thelma married on 2/17/40 at Gadsden AL. Since her father disapproved of their marriage, Ellis could not visit her parents home for almost 5 years. They had one son, William Ellis Williamson Sr. born at their home at Route #1 Pisgah on 11/5/45.

Ellis and Thelma were members of Henagar Baptist Church for many years. In his later years Ellis was renowned as an astute and devout student of the Bible, and was often consulted by local young ministers seeking clarification of difficult Scriptures. *Submitted by: William E. Williamson, Jr., 340 County Road 425, Henagar, AL 35978*

Sources: Family interviews and documents of record.

## Ronald Edward And Kathy (Greathouse) Williamson Family

Ronald Edward Williamson (b: 9/8/56) is the third child of Mary Grace (Smith) and Edward H. Williamson (b: 10/2/20 — d: 5/17/97). (See Edward H. Williamson family article).

Ronald attended school at Dutton Jr. High, Fyffe High School, and graduated from Geraldine High School, Geraldine AL in 1975.

During his youth, he helped work on the family farm at Bowman's Cross Roads. He has had additional training with the Jacksonville Police Academy at Jacksonville, AL.

He married Patricia Bowers (b: 4/15/59) on 6/26/75 at Trenton, GA. He was widowed on 12/12/76. He then married Cathy Greathouse (b: 11/4/58) on 10/26/77



*L to R: Edward H., Ronald Edward, Kathy (Greathouse), Terry and Tim Williamson.*

at Prattville, AL. They have two children: Timothy Scott Williamson (b: 2/5/79) and Terry Lee Williamson (b: 6/26/80). Tim and Terry attended elementary school at Dutton and are honor students at Section High School, Section, AL. Tim who graduated from Section in May, 1997, was involved in FFA and loves to farm. Terry is in FFA, FHA, and raises rabbits. They spend their spare time helping their parents on the farm and working in their family's chicken houses.

Ronald worked at Pullman-Standard in Birmingham, AL, from 1976 to 1977 as a welder; at the Shipyards in Mobile from 1977 to 1978 as a welder; as a police officer at Geraldine in 1986; as Police Chief at Section from 1987 to 1992 where he was promoted to Sergeant on 3/15/88; as a police officer at Henagar from 1992 to 1993 and since 1993 at Goldkist in Henagar, AL. Ronald also serves as a volunteer fireman at Henagar. During this time he has also continued to tend the family farm at Bowman's Crossroads. Cathy is a housewife, works on the family farm, and is primarily responsible for operation of their two chicken houses. They are members of Mount Calvary Church. *Submitted by: Cathy Williamson, Route #1, Henagar, AL 35978.*

## Rufus Herman Oscar And Mary Elizabeth "Bessie" (Martin) Williamson Family

Oscar Williamson was born on 8/2/1889 near Millerville, AL, to Benjamin Jabus Mathison Williamson (b: 1860 — d: 1942) and Mary Jane (Cole) Williamson (b: 1869 — d: 1926). Mary Elizabeth (Bessie) Martin was born on 11/23/1889 near Millerville, AL, to

John Wesley Martin Jr. (b: 1863 — d: 1928) and Mary Virginia Manassa Toland (b: 1861 — d: 1903). Oscar and Bessie were married 11/05/08 near Millerville. They had four children: Llano Clive Williamson (b: 4/30/10 — d: 8/6/84), Clara Lillian (Williamson) Brown (b: 9/2/13), Ellis Elrie Williamson (b: 10/22/15 — d: 8/46/76) and Edward H. Williamson (b: 10/2/20 — d: 5/17/97). Oscar attended seminary at Atlanta for 2 years (1912 — 1914). The family farmed in Clay County until 1915 when they moved to Sand Mountain near Browntown, AL. He preached at Mayhem Church and at the bush arbor which would be the future site of Pilgrim First Congregational Methodist Church in Browntown.



*Bessie, Ellis, Edward, Oscar, Clive Williamson and Lillian (Williamson) Brown c.a. 1970.*

They stayed on Sand Mountain from 1915 to 1916 when they returned to Clay Co. They returned to Browntown from 1918 to 1923. Oscar bought 40 acres of land from Eli L. Brown. In addition to farming and running a grist mill, Oscar established and taught at the County Line School — a one room school providing education for grades 1 — 6 at the boarder of Jackson and Dekalb Counties. Oscar's family lived in a two room house he built on land he cleared near the present site of Browntown's Pilgrim Methodist Church. He was known as the "new-ground" preacher and conducted services again at the bush arbor for over a year. It was burned by local outlaws several times, but rebuilt each time. Oscar was paid in barter consisting of vegetables, livestock, and supplemented by the Northern Methodist Church Organization, who would send barrels of clothing and nominal funds.

He and Bill Brown and other neighbors built the first church at Browntown around 1920. Neighbors contributed logs which they had to saw into lumber for the construction. Oscar worked on construction of the church nearly every day for almost a year. He served as the first minister of the church until 1923 when he returned to Clay County.

In Clay County he farmed, drove a school bus, ran a grist mill, built furniture, and ministered at several local churches including the Bethel Congregational Methodist Church. Times were very hard for the family as they were for everyone during the depression. All of the family had to work at whatever jobs they were capable of for the family to survive.

In the fall of 1942 Oscar moved the family back to Sand Mountain and settled at Bowman's Cross Roads (intersection of Jackson Co. Rds. 123 & 16). Here the family farmed, ran a grist mill, and operated a small store until he retired in 1969.

Oscar passed away 5/12/71 after a long illness at his home. He is interred at Green Haven Memorial Gardens between Pisgah and Henagar. Bessie lived another 11 years. The last four years of her life were spent at Jackson County Nursing home where she passed away on 1/24/84. She is buried next to her husband.

Clive was never married and lived at home working the farm until his death 8/6/84. Edward H. Williamson died in 5/97, and his wife Mary Grace (Smith) lived at the family farm; their son Ronald Edward Williamson also lives on a portion of the original farm and Edward's daughter Barbara and her husband are in process of building a new home on the farm. *Submitted by:*

*E. H. Williamson, 3352 County Rd. 16, Henagar, AL 35978*

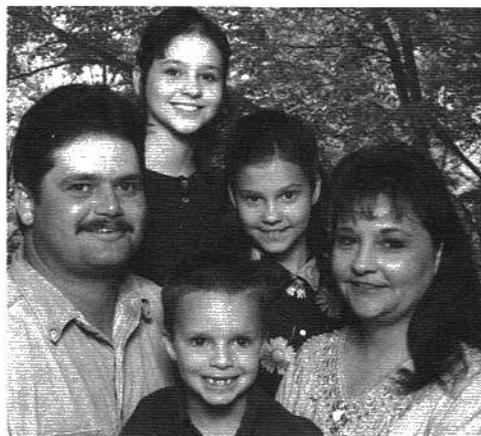
Sources: Bible records, family interviews and tombstones.

## William Ellis Jr. And Doris Renee (Wilborn) Williamson Family

William E. Williamson, Jr. was born on 12/07/64 at Piedmont Hospital, in Piedmont AL, to William E. Williamson, Sr. (b: 11/5/45), and Wanda Sue Payne (b: 10/25/45). (See William E. Williamson, Sr. article). His early years were spent at Jacksonville, AL, and Birmingham, AL, while his parents completed their education. Shortly after their divorce in 10/67 he lived for almost three years with his grandparents J. B. and Grace Everrett near Pisgah, AL. His father then regained custody in 1970 and he completed kindergarten and started school in Huntsville, AL. In 1973 his father and stepmother, Sara Fredericka (Puls) Williamson relocated to Elk Grove Village, IL, where he attended



*Back Row: Renee & Bill Williamson Jr. Front Row: Amanda Brooke, Willie (III), and Brandi Renee Williamson. c.a. 1992.*



*Bill Jr., Brandi Renee, Willie (III), Amanda Brooke, and Doris Rene Williamson 1997.*

Grove Jr. High School and Elk Grove High School. He returned in 1980 to Grove Oak, AL to live with his mother and attended Geraldine High School. Dropping out at the end of the 11th grade, Bill completed requirements for his GED and completed about two years of college at Harper College in IL and N. E. College near Powell, AL. During his youth Bill was very active in sports, playing football, baseball, and hockey for eight to nine years winning over thirty trophies. Bill works as a painter and is in process of reactivating the family farm. He also coaches Little League baseball at Pisgah and enjoys fishing in his spare time.

Bill married Doris Renee Wilborn (b: 5/3/64) on 5/15/82 at Kelly's Chapel near Grove Oak, AL. Renee is the daughter of Donald McKinley Wilborn (b: 3/28/24) and Doris Dean Gilbert (b: 11/23/34) of Grove Oak, AL. She grew up in the Grove Oak

Community and attended Geraldine High School graduating in 5/82. Renee attended the Gaither School of Cosmetology in Scottsboro, AL, graduating in 1995. She continued her training and completed requirements as an instructor in 1996, and now is in charge of instruction at the Gaither School. Bill and Renee divorced and remarried 5/15/96. They live at the Rush/Williamson family farm located at 340 Co. Rd. 425, Henagar, AL.

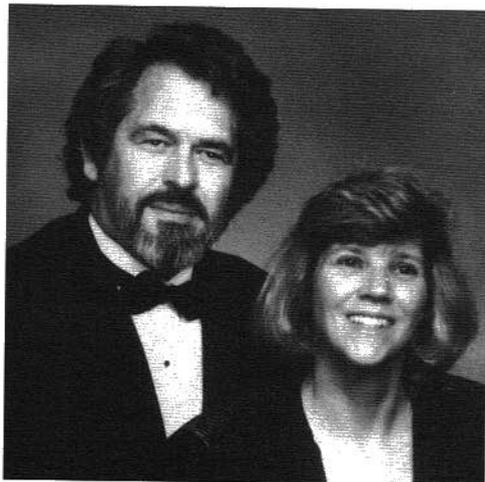
They have three children: Brandi Renee Williamson (b: 11/29/82 at Fort Payne, AL); Amanda Brooke Williamson (b: 2/2/85 at Fort Payne, AL) and William E. (Willie) Williamson III (b: 6/6/89 at Scottsboro, AL). Brandi is an eighth grade honor student at Pisgah High School. She is her class representative and Vice President for the Jr. High Student Government Association, a member of the Beta Club, has played softball, basketball, and served as a cheerleader at Pisgah. She also won national recognition from the United States Achievement Academy in Math in 1996. Amanda is an honor student in the sixth grade, member of the Beta Club, and

also has played softball, basketball and been a cheerleader at Pisgah. Willie is an "A" student completing the second grade; in the Club Scouts; played "T" ball and is now in his second year of playing baseball in the youth league at Pisgah. Submitted by: Brandi Renee Williamson, 340 County Road 425, Henagar, AL 35978

### William Ellis (Bill) Williamson Sr. Family

Bill was born at Rt. 1, Pisgah, AL, on 11/5/45 to Ellis E. Williamson and Thelma Rush Williamson. In 1952 his family moved to Rt. 1, Henagar, AL.

Bill attended Mt. Olive Jr. High School from 1952 until 1956, completing the 7th grade in four years. He was triple promoted once and double promoted once. He attended Pisgah High School from 1956 to 1960, graduating at 14 with four credits above that needed for graduation; and was acclaimed as being the youngest student to graduate high school in Alabama. Bill was active in dramatics, Boy Scouts, the FFA and was Junior Sunday School Leader and Junior BYPU Leader. In 1960 he won the FFA State Reporters Contest for having 132 news articles published about the Pisgah FFA.



William E. Williamson Sr. and Lucinda (Pump) Williamson c.a. 1985.

Bill enrolled at Jacksonville State College in 1960 graduating in 1966 with a double major in history and biology. He also completed requirements for a Secondary Teachers Certificate and prerequisite courses for the Medical Technology School at Birmingham Baptist Hospitals where he earned MT(ASCP) and Alabama RMT certifications in 1967. He attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville from 1970 to 1973 completing the equivalent of a major in business and a Master of Administrative Science.

Bill was married to Wanda Sue Payne on 5/26/63 at Henagar Baptist Church. They had one son, William E. Williamson Jr. They divorced in October 1967.

Bill's professional career began in 1964 as a laboratory assistant at Jackson County Hospital. He worked nights as a technician at Birmingham Baptist Hospitals in 1966-67 and as a medical technologist until June 1968.

Bill joined the U.S. Army on 6/3/68 serving his basic training at Ft. Dix, NJ., AIT at Ft. Knox, KY in radio and telegraphy, and Ft. Gordon GA in radio Teletype and cryptography. He was reassigned to Medical Corp at Fort Gordon serving until 12/69 when he was transferred to Redstone Arsenal, AL, receiving an honorable discharge in 6/70. He also worked at University Hospital in Augusta, GA (1969) and as night supervisor for the new Medical Center Hospital in Huntsville, AL (1970). He continued to work at Med. Ctr. until he was promoted to Chief Tech. at Fifth Ave. Hospital in 1971.

Bill remarried to Sara Fredricka Puls Stapleton at the Presbyterian Church in Augusta GA on 4/12/69. He adopted her 5 year old daughter Carla A. Williamson. This marriage ended in divorce in 10/79.

In 11/73, he was transferred by Damon Corporation to Mason Barron Laboratories in Chicago, IL serving as Laboratory Manager of the Central Reference Laboratory with responsibility for one of the largest reference labs in the U.S. In 2/75 he was promoted to Laboratories Administrator with a staff of 450, including the C.R.L., two hospital labs and 15 satellite labs in the Chicago area. In 1977, he worked with Stanbio Laboratories in sales and later as Laboratory Manager for Lancet Laboratories.

In 5/78 Bill joined the staff of the College of American Pathologists as Director of Surveys Programs. He was promoted in 2/80 to Director of Laboratory Improvement Programs and in 1992 to Vice President. During his 18 years service, his department introduced over 200 new product lines and revenues increased from \$5 million

to \$61 million annually in a "non-profit" environment. While at CAP, Bill won Presidents Honors twice and after his retirement in 1996, he became the second recipient of the prestigious Joseph Blumberg Award from the CAP for career excellence in Laboratory Improvement. He also received two awards from the



William E. Williamson Sr. 1996 at time of his retirement.

American Society of Association Executives for development of outstanding educational programs for physician office laboratories. While at CAP he lectured on CAP programs to world pathology leaders in Turkey, Israel, South Korea, Japan, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland and twice at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Bill's professional associations included the ASMT, ASCP, AAB, AABB, ASAE and the AACC. He served as a director 1992-94 and subsequently as regional President of the MSA from 1994-96. He was narrowly defeated for national President of ASA in 1995. At his retirement in 1996, Bill reflected that he began his career with the aspiration of being instrumental in bringing the quality of medical care he has observed in the large cities to his beloved homeland in North Alabama. Little did he know that his influence would perpetrate this quality world wide.

Bill remarried to Lucinda Jane Pump Swartley on Sept. 3, 1988 at Battle Creek MI. She passed away at their home in Arlington Heights, IL, in 2/92.

Bill now resides near Pisgah, AL where he devotes his time to his family genealogy and local history. He belongs to a number of local and national genealogy societies and historical associations. He can trace his Colonial lineage to the first supply ship which arrived at Jamestown in 1608, with a number of Revolutionary War and Civil War ancestors arriving in this country from Ireland, England, and Scotland between 1608 and the 1750's.

He was converted in 1953, joined the Pisgah Baptist Church in 1959 and since 1963 has been a member of Henagar Baptist Church. Submitted by: Carla A. (Williamson) Vehrs, 2407 Meadowsedge Lane, Carpentersville, IL 60110

### Rev. William Tidwell (Billy T.) and Elizabeth Brooks Williamson Family

#### Pioneer

Billy T. is believed to have been born in Coweta Co. GA about 1812 and immigrated to the Clay County AL area sometime before the Civil War. He married Elizabeth Brooks (b: ca 1828) and had 10 children. He ministered at several churches in Clay County. Although Rev. Billy T. did not live in Jackson Co., many of his descendants have either lived here or are currently living here.

Billy's first child was Benjamin Jabus Williamson (11/14/1860 — 5/17/42) who married Mary Jane Cole (3/3/1869 — 5/26/26) and had 9 children. (See Benjamin Jabus Williamson article).

Billy's second child was Luther Jackson Williamson who married Della Jones and had seven children: (2) Elmer Williamson who married Annie Lou Nelson; (2) Winford Williamson who married Ruby Lumpkin and had two children; (3) Henry Edgar Williamson who married Anna Frank Pitts and had 10 children; (4) Rayburn Williamson who married Ruby Slaughter and had two children; (5) Euvee Williamson who married Alford Pope and had one child; (6) Eiston Williamson who married Preston Waters and had one child; and (7) O. B. Williamson who married Ruth Brewer and had 4 children.

Billy T.'s third child was Abraham Florence Williamson (5/6/1865 — 2/5/45) who married Zula Evangeline Cook on 11/27/1888 and had seven children: (1) Erastus Newton Williamson (10/27/1889 — 7/8/66) who married Bulah Martin on 12/24/11, (See John W. Martin article); and (2) Dudley Vernon Williamson (10/3/1894 — 9/12/73) who married Emma Gentry and later married Dovie Fralish on 10/21/28; (3) Cecil Ernest Williamson (b: 10/7/1891); (4) Grace Williamson (6/21/1894 — 10/25/73); (5) Thurmon Williamson (5/2/06 — 1/13/29); and two



R. H. Oscar Williamson (grandson of Billy T) and Bessie (Martin) Williamson by the grist mill their family built and operated, c.a. 1930.

additional children which died as infants.

Billy T.'s fourth child was William Elliot "Bud" Williamson who married Susan Catherine Woods and had eight children: (1) John Tom Williamson who married Mary Ellen (?) and had eight children; (2) James Williamson who married Maggie Roberts and had four children; (3) William Jabus Williamson who married Lula Kilgore and had three

children; (4) Jack Williamson who married Prince Ramsey and had six children; (5) Perry Williamson who married Mindee Frazier and had six children; (6) Rosalie Williamson who married John Pointer and had two children; (7) Lula Williamson who married John Peacock and had five children; and (8) Martha Jane Williamson who married Jeff Pointer and had five children.

Billy T's fifth child was Jeff Williamson who had ten children: (1) Harry Williamson; (2) Thamal Williamson; (3) Lee Williamson; (4) Marion Williamson; (5) Marshall Williamson; (6) Casey Williamson; (7) Auburn Williamson; (8) Vick Williamson who married Pitila Martin and had four children; (9) Minnie Williamson and (10) Naomia Williamson.

Billy T's sixth child was Drecht Williamson (unmarried). His seventh was Mary Williamson (unmarried.) Next was Genia Williamson Parsons who married John Parsons. His ninth child was Sally Williamson (unmarried) and lastly Mattie Williamson who married Alex Allen.

Both Rev. Billy T. Williamson and Elizabeth (Brooks) Williamson died in 1899 and are buried in Clay County, AL. Additional information regarding Billy T's descendants can be found in the *Clay County Heritage Book*. Submitted for Ellis E. Williamson (who collated this information prior to his death in 1976) by: Anthony Lewis Rabattini III, 2704 Meadows Edge Lane, Carpentersville, IL.

### Jimmy Dale And Barbara Ann (Tinker) Wilson Family

Jimmy Dale Wilson (b: 12/31/43) was the third child of Pauline (Rush) and James Gabriel Wilson. (See also Sophronia Pauline (Rush) and James G. Wilson article). Jimmy married Barbara Ann (Tinker) Wilson on 6/30/63. Jimmy and Barbara attended Pisgah High School, Jacksonville State University, and the University of Alabama. Jimmy received his B.S. in Biology and P.E., his M.S. in Secondary Education; and his EDS in Education. Barbara received her B.S. in P.E., M. S. in Secondary Education and her EDS in Education. Jimmy is a retired teacher from Sax High School and Barbara is a college professor at Jacksonville State University. They have four children: Eric Dale Wilson (b: 7/28/66); Chadwick Tinker Wilson (b: 5/17/69); Christopher James Wilson (b: 5/17/69) and Jeremy Lance Wilson (b: 11/14/77).

Eric Wilson married Becky Bernstein. They have one child: Joshua Dale Wilson. Eric received his B. S. and M. S. in Elementary Education from Jacksonville State. He currently teaches at Sax Elementary School.

Chad Wilson received his B. S. in Secondary Education from Jacksonville State. He married Page Bowen on 7/12/1997. Chad is a teacher at Weaver Elementary School.

Christopher Wilson received his B. S. in Business and his M. S. in Business Administration from Jacksonville State. He married Millie Nelson and has two children: Jacob Christopher Wilson and Ryan Douglas Wilson. He works as an office manager with a physicians group in Anniston, AL.

Jeremy Wilson is currently attending Jacksonville State on a basketball scholarship. He is not married. Submitted by: Jimmy Wilson, Jacksonville, AL.

### Sophronia Pauline (Rush) And James Gabriel Wilson Family

Sophronia Pauline (Rush) Wilson (b: 2/2/20 — d: 6/14/97) was the first child of George Earl Rush and Eastern Obara Meadows. (See also George Earl Rush, Sr., article). Pauline married James Gabriel Wilson (b: 5/23/16 — d: 6/20/92). James was a carpenter and farmer living in the Dutton Community near Chaney's Chapel. James and Pauline are buried at Chaney's Chapel. James and Pauline had four children.

Pauline and James's first child was Shirley Janet (Wilson) Womack (b: 4/22/38) who married Jimmy Bradford Womack on 12/21/57. Shirley and Jimmy live in Scottsboro. They have two children: Karen Annette Womack (b: 6/11/61) and Craig Wilson Womack (b: 1/17/71). Karen married Richard Hutzler (from Germany) on 9/8/84. Karen and Richard live in Gurley. They do not have any children. Craig Womack lives in the Chicago, IL area and is not married. (See also Shirley (Wilson) and Jimmy Bradford Womack article).

James and Pauline's second child was Linda Gail (Wilson) Deerman (b: 2/3/41). Linda married Donald Dale Deerman on 8/1/59. Linda and Don have three children: Roger Don Deerman (b: 11/8/61); Susan Lynn (Deerman) Beaman (b: 5/24/63); and Jeffery Dale Deerman (b: 9/21/70). Jeffery married Susan Chumbley. They do not have any children. (See also Linda (Wilson) and Donald Deerman article).

Pauline's third child was Jimmy Dale Wilson (b: 12/31/43) who married Barbara Ann (Tinker) Wilson on 6/30/63. They have four children: Eric Dale Wilson (b: 7/28/66); Chadwick Tinker Wilson (b: 5/17/69); Christopher James Wilson (b: 5/17/69) and Jeremy Lance Wilson (b: 11/14/77). Eric Wilson married Becky Bernstein. They have one child: Joshua Dale Wilson. Chad Wilson married Page Bowen on 7/12/1997. Christopher Wilson married Millie Nelson and has two children: Jacob Christopher Wilson and Ryan Douglas Wilson. Jeremy Wilson is currently attending Jacksonville State on a basketball scholarship. He is not married. (See also Jimmy Wilson and Barbara (Tinker) article).

Pauline's fourth child was Michael Don Wilson (b: 1/12/58). Michael graduated from Pisgah High, attended Jacksonville State, and received his DDS from Medical College of Georgia. Michael is a Dentist in Atlanta, GA. He is single. Submitted by: Shirley Womack, Scottsboro, AL; Linda Deerman, Scottsboro, AL; Jimmy Wilson, Jacksonville, AL.

### Mary Imogene (Rush) And Howard Rufus Wilson Family

Mary Imogene (Rush) Wilson (b: 2/15/22) was the second child of George Earl Rush and Obara Eastern Meadows. Imogene attended Dutton Jr. High School through the ninth grade. Imogene married Howard "Scratch" Rufus Wilson on 11/19/37. Howard and James (Pauline's husband) were brothers. Howard graduated from High School at Pisgah. Howard worked at Carter Brothers in Chattanooga, TN. Imogene is a beautician and owns Wig Villa in Scottsboro, AL. Imogene and Howard had three children.

Howard and Imogene's first child was Kaye Frances (Wilson) Plemons (b: 5/3/39). Kaye married Verlyn Delane Plemons on 4/21/57. Kaye graduated school at Section and received her B. S. from A & M in Huntsville. She works at Redstone Arsenal. Kaye and Delane have one child: Pamela Kaye Plemons (b: 1/17/60.) Pamela Kaye graduated from Beracah Academy and from the University of Alabama in Huntsville with a B. S. in Engineering. She married Bruce Blackwell and they have two boys: Christopher Bruce Blackwell (b: 5/11/88) and Michael Delane (b: 10/25/92).

Imogene's second child was Thomas Edwin Wilson (b: 3/21/44). Thomas married Peggy Joyce (Taylor) Wilson on 7/19/65. Thomas and Peggy graduated from Pisgah High School and from Jacksonville State University — Thomas with a B. S. in Math and Peggy with a B.S. in Elementary Education. Peggy also has a M. S. and an "AA" in Elementary Education. She works for the Clayton Co. Board of Education in Clayton Co., GA. Thomas taught math at a private academy in College Park, GA for a number of years and now owns a trucking business in the Atlanta area. Thomas and Peggy have one child: Robert Neal Wilson (b: 10/29/67). Neal graduated from Georgia Tech with a B. S. degree with a double major in Industrial Engineering and Management Science. He works for Eton in Alpharetta, GA.

Imogene's third child was Kenneth Wayne Wilson (b: 1/1/48)

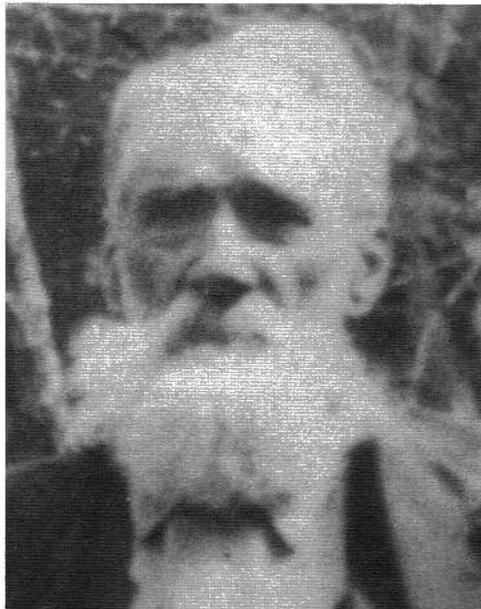
who married Betty Joyce (Townsend) Wilson on 12/18/63. Kenneth graduated from Pisgah High School and from Jacksonville State University. Kenneth has two children: Jason Scott Wilson (b: 9/13/70) and Dionne Kindra Wilson (b: 11/8/71). Kenneth and Betty live at Dutton, AL. Kenneth is a Principal at Hollywood and Betty is retired. Jason Scott Wilson graduated from Section High School and from the University of Alabama with a degree in Engineering. He married Stacey Black on 7/3/96. Stacey works as a librarian at Section High. Kindra Dionne Wilson graduated from Section and from Athens College receiving a BS degree. She is finishing her M. S. now. Dionne works as a teacher/counselor at Stevenson. *Submitted by: Imogene Wilson, Scottsboro, AL.*

### Elijah Jasper Winger

Andrew Winger was our oldest proven ancestor. He and his wife Polly were the parents of at least one son, David Winger born in the 1770's in Augusta County, Virginia.

David Winger married Martha Potter around 1796. They were the parents of at least ten children. Elizabeth Winger born 1798 in Tennessee, Catherine Winger born in 1800 in Tennessee, Elijah Jasper Winger born in 1801 in Hawkins County, Tennessee, Solomon W. Winger born in 1802, in Hawkins County, Tennessee, Mary Winger born in 1804 in Virginia, Malinda Winger born in 1810 in Washington County, Virginia, Ann Winger born in 1812, in Washington County, Virginia, Lucinda Winger born in 1815 in Scott County, Virginia, David Winger Jr. born in 1815 in Scott County, Virginia, and Samuel M. Winger born in 1817 in Scott County, Virginia.

Solomon W. Winger, the fourth child of David and Martha Winger married Martha Potter, his first cousin. They were the parents of six children: Malinda Winger born in Alabama, Samuel Benton Winger born in 1830 in Alabama, Martha Winger born in 1833 in Alabama, Lucinda C. Winger born in 1836 in Alabama, Julia Elizabeth Winger born in



*Elijah Jasper Winger*

1838 in Jackson County, Alabama, and Elijah Jasper Winger born in 1840 in Jackson County, Alabama.

On October 10, 1842, Solomon Winger married a second time to Elizabeth "Betsy" Evans. They were the parents of at least five children: Solomon Winger, Jr. born in 1844 in Jackson County, Alabama, Susan Minerva Winger born in 1846 in Jackson County, Alabama, Frances Winger born in 1849 in Jackson County, Alabama, Jane E. Winger born in 1851 in Jackson County, Alabama, and Mallissa C. Winger born in 1852 in Jackson County, Alabama.

Elijah Jasper Winger, was the sixth child of Solomon and Martha Potter Winger. On December 17, 1865, Elijah Winger married Mary Elizabeth Summers. The daughters of John and Elizabeth Summers. Elijah and Mary Winger were the parents of two children: John Solomon Winger born on October 21, 1866, in Jackson County, Alabama, and Lucenda A. Winger born on February 10, 1869. Mary Summers Winger died on May 29, 1871.

On February 5, 1873, Elijah Winger married a second time to Rebecca Jane Allen. Elijah and Rebecca Winger were the parents of three children: Samuel Winger born on May 7, 1875, Alice Winger born on August 15, 1877, and Mary Frances Winger born on August 18, 1882. On May 1, 1886 Rebecca Winger died.

In November 1887 Elijah Winger married a third time to Nancy Ann Mitchell. They had no children. Nancy Mitchell

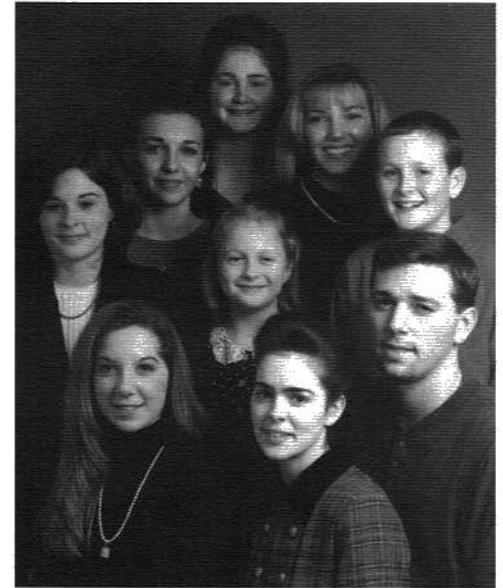
Winger died on December 19, 1888. On January 1, 1896, Elijah Winger married a fourth time to Margaret E. Garrett. They had no children. *Submitted by: Judy McBride, 322 County Rd 15, Woodville, AL 35776*

Sources: Bible records and personal knowledge

### John Solomon Winger

#### Pioneer

John Solomon Winger, born October 21, 1866, the oldest child of Elijah Jasper Winger and Mary Elizabeth Summers Winger married Mary Caldonia Lusk on September 11, 1887. They were the parents of at least ten children: Clarence H. Winger born on August 13, 1889, Annie Mae Winger born on December 12, 1891, Mary Elizabeth Winger born on November 3, 1893, Jasper W. M. Winger born on January 24, 1896, Samuel B. Winger born on June 6, 1898, Mable Alice Winger born on March 27, 1901, and Eunice Eva Winger born on May 10, 1903, Lela Ethel Winger born on November 24, 1905, John H. Winger born on January 18, 1908, and Eva M. Winger born September 8, 1911.



*The grandchildren of Howard and Louise Shelton Tidwell*

Eunice Eva Winger, born May 10, 1903, was the seventh child of John Solomon Winger and Mary Caldonia Lusk Winger married William Noah Shelton on April 15,

1921. They are the parents of eight children: Infant son died at birth in 1922, John Hugh Shelton born on May 24, 1924, Viola Ruth Shelton born on May 17, 1926, Tommy Howard Shelton born on February 25, 1928, Virginia Louise born on June 5, 1930, Rupert Gordon Shelton born on December 22, 1933, Annie Pearl Shelton born on October 18, 1937, and Doris Lucille Shelton born on September 18, 1942.

Virginia "Louise" Shelton, born June 5, 1930, the fifth child of William Noah Shelton and Eunice Eva Winger Shelton married Howard Benson Tidwell on December 14, 1949. They are the parents of seven children: Barbara Joan Tidwell born on July 31, 1952, Susan Diane Tidwell born on February 1, 1954, Sharon Lynn Tidwell born on February 20, 1956, Judy Gayle Tidwell born on May 12, 1957, Patti Ann Tidwell born on February 13, 1965, Roger Craig Tidwell born on July 14, 1966, and Tracy Leon Tidwell born on February 28, 1969.

Barbara Joan Tidwell married Terry Franklin Wright on November 27, 1970. They are the parents of 4 children: Angelia Denise Wright, Sonya Lynn Wright, Terry Kaleb Wright, and Kimberly Joan Wright. Angelia Wright married Scott Scarberry. They have two children: Ethan Scott Scarberry and Jensen Riley Scarberry. Sonya Wright married Steve McKee.

Susan Diane Tidwell married Roger Dale Allen on December 20, 1971. They are the parents of two children: Derek Howard Allen and Erin Dale Allen.

Sharon Lynn Tidwell married William Ronald Ricker on November 24, 1978. They are the parents of two children: Laura Lynn Ricker and Haley Dawn Ricker.

Judy Gayle Tidwell married Jimmy McBride in October of 1975. They are the parents of one daughter: Heather Leigh McBride. They later divorced.

Patti Ann Tidwell remains single.

Roger Craig Tidwell married Cindy Diane Young on April 12, 1990.

Tracy Leon Tidwell died at the age of four on June 28, 1973. *Submitted by: Sharon Ricker; 301 Beverly St., Scottsboro, AL 35768.*

Sources: Bible records and personal knowledge

## Solomon W. Winger

The Winger's of Jackson County are descendants of Solomon W. Winger who came to Jackson County from Scott County Virginia. Solomon Winger first married Martha Potter. Solomon and Martha Winger were the parents of six or seven children. On October 10 1842 Solomon married a second time to Elizabeth Betsy Evans. Solomon and Elizabeth Winger were the parents of five children.

On August 26, 1862 at the age of 62 Solomon Winger enlisted as a private in Company F, Third Ohio Calvary of the Union Army. Solomon Winger was listed as five feet and six inches tall, dark complexion, black hair and black eyes. After becoming ill from exposure in 1864 he spent time in hospitals in Nashville Tennessee and Indianapolis Indiana and received a discharge from the army. On January 16 1865 Solomon Winger reenlisted in Company I Seventeenth Regiment Veterans Reserve Corps. He then received his discharge at Indianapolis Indiana on June 24, 1865.

Jackson County Alabama was similar to many communities in that her sons were divided by The Civil War. I have ancestors that fought and died on both sides of this war. It would be very interesting to know what motivated a sixty year old man to take up arms in this battle. However it was not all that unusual as passions in this war were extreme on both sides.

I have recently learned that this war divided this family. Solomon had a son that fought for the Confederacy. The son descendants tell that Solomon and this son could not get along after the war ended. As a result of this disagreement the son who fought for the Confederacy moved to Louisiana after the war and lived and died in Louisiana. It seems that the dispute must have been severe because this son was disinherited by Solomon Winger as he received nothing and was not mentioned in Solomon Winger will.

The community of Winger located on Cumberland Mountain 4 miles from Larkinsville was named for Solomon W. Winger. Solomon W. Winger died on October 10, 1885 in Jackson County Alabama at the age of 83 and was buried in the Winger/Gentle cemetery in the Winger community that was named for him. Submitted by: *Gerald T. Winger*

## W. Solomon And Martha Winger

### Potter

Solomon Winger was born in 1802, in Hawkins County, Tennessee. His parents were David and Martha Winger. Solomon married first, his first cousin, Martha Potter, they had six children. Malinda-1825, Samuel Benton-1830, Martha-1833, Lucinda-March 1, 1836, Julia E.-June 20, 1838, Elijah Jasper-September 21, 1840. All were born in Jackson County, Alabama, or at least in Alabama. Records show that Lucinda, Julia, and Elijah were born in Jackson County, the others only show, Alabama as their birthplace.

On October 10, 1842, Solomon Winger married a second time Elizabeth "Betsy" Evans. Elizabeth was born in May 1814 in Virginia and was the daughter of Tarlton and Susana (Pace) Evans. Solomon and Elizabeth had five children. Solomon Jr. 1844, Susan Minerva-May 1846, Frances - 1849, Jane E.-December 3, 1851, and Malissa C.-September 2, 1852. All these, born in Jackson County, Alabama.

From 1850 to 1880, Solomon and Elizabeth were living in Jackson County. In 1850, Martha Winger was living with Johnathon and Eliza Potter. Eliza was the daughter of Elizabeth (Winger) Pace sister of Solomon Winger. In 1860, Solomon's daughter, (or daughter in Law), Martha Winger, and Martha's daughter, Sarah Ellen Winger was living with them.

On August 26, 1862, Solomon Winger enlisted as a private in the "Union" army in Company "F", third Ohio Calvary. Solomon was sixty y ears old at the time and was listed as five feet and six inches tall, dark complexion, black hair and black eyes. On June 15, 1864 he was stationed at Marietta, Georgia and contracted dropsy by reason of exposure. He spent time in hospitals in Nashville, Tn. And in Indianapolis, Indiana. On January 16, 1865, he reenlisted in Company I, Seventeenth regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps and was discharged at Indianapolis, Indiana on June 24, 1865.

The community of "Winger, Alabama" is named after Solomon Winger. This community is located about five miles Northwest of Larkinsville Alabama in Jackson County. Solomon Winger, Sr.

died October 10, 1885, was buried in the Winger/Gentle Cemetery. In 1900, Elizabeth (Evans) Winger was living with her daughter, Malissa, in Jackson County. Elizabeth died March 19, 1901 and was buried beside her husband in the Winger/Gentle Cemetery.

The 1850 census lists Lazanga Winger (male born 1839) living with Solomon and Elizabeth, also a Joseph Winger. Obviously, one of these refer Elijah Jasper Winger (born 1840) and the others appears to be an additional son of Solomon and Elizabeth. This additional son apparently had no children, as no heirs are listed in the 1922 will. Lucinda Winger never married.

In 1900, Lucinda Winger Winger was living with her sister Mallissa, in Jackson County, Alabama. Lucinda Winger died on May 17, 1908, and was also buried in the Winger/Gentle Cemetery in Jackson county. Solomon Winger, apparently had no children as no heirs are listed in his 1922 will. Submitted by: *Derek Allen*

Source: Family History of Shelton, Winger and Pace book by: Harold and Robert Casey: By permission of Mrs. Louise (Shelton) Tidwell, Great Granddaughter of subject.

## George Houston Wiseman

George Houston Wiseman was born August 1, 1841 in Jackson County. His father's name is unknown to me, however, it is believed that his mother's first name was Mary (maiden name unknown) and that he had at least two brothers, Charles and Thomas.

George joined the First Tennessee and Alabama Videttes, Co. D., (enlisting in Jackson County) during the Civil War where he served as a Private with the Union forces. As was the feelings of many others who joined the Union Army, slavery was not the issue here ... but, preserving the Union which their ancestors fought so hard for was.

He married twice. The first marriage was to Mary Elizabeth Francis of Marion County Tennessee. Mary Elizabeth was born January 20, 1836, the daughter of Edward and Winnifred Owensby Francis and the granddaughter of Joseph J.A. and Susannah Whorlick Francis removed from North Carolina to Marion County.

After their marriage, the couple lived in neighboring Marion County and were the parents of three children of whom only one lived to adulthood. This was a daughter named Roena Alice born ca 1859. Roena Alice married William A. Tate of the large Tate clan of Grundy and Warren Counties TN. He was born ca 1856 the son of Jaziel and Francis (Fannie) Sietz Tate. Roena and William had two sons: Richard Johnson, born in 1878, and William Houston, born June 10, 1880, exactly one month after the death of his father, William.

Roena's second marriage was to W.B. Sharp in 1882. Four children whose names were DeWitt, James, Molly and Sarah were born to this union. Roena died in the early 1890's before her mother.

Mary Elizabeth died May 26, 1896 and was buried near her parents in Caroline Chapel Cemetery in Marion County. George married a second time to Jane Stone. Although Jane was much younger than George they had no children.

George was a very active member of the GAR camp of Marion County and was highly respected by those who knew him. He drew a pension on his military service and died one day after his 76th birthday on August 2, 1917. He was buried next to Mary Elizabeth in Caroline Chapel Cemetery. Jane lived many years after the death of George and died on December 16, 1949. She was buried next to him in Caroline Chapel. Submitted by: *Sue Forrester, 209 Long Branch Rd., Cloudland, GA 30731*

## Shirley Janet (Wilson) And Jimmy Bradford Womack Family

Shirley Janet (Wilson) Womack (b: 4/22/38) was the first child of Sophrina Pauline (Rush) and James Gabriel Wilson. (See also Pauline (Rush) and James Wilson article.) Shirley graduated from Pisgah High School and earned her B. S. in Elementary Education at Jacksonville State and her M. S. in Reading at Alabama A&M. She married Jimmy Bradford Womack on 12/21/57. Shirley is a retired teacher who taught school in Huntsville. Jimmy also graduated from Pisgah and attended Jacksonville State. Jimmy works as a civil engineer at Pearce Construction in Huntsville. Shirley and Jimmy live in Scottsboro. They have two children: Karen Annette Womack (b: 6/11/61) and Craig Wilson Womack (b: 1/17/71).

Karen Womack graduated from Grissom High in Huntsville and from Jacksonville State in Nursing. She lives in Gurley and works as a R. N. at the Allergy Center in Huntsville. Karen married Richard Hutzler (from Germany) on 9/8/84. They do not have any children.

Craig Womack also graduated from Grissom High, received his B. S. in History and English from Huntington and his M. S. in Personnel Administration from Loyola. He currently works as a Business Advisor at DePaul University. *Submitted by: Shirley Womack, Scottsboro, AL*

### David C. And Wendy (Long) (Brown) Wood Family

Wendy Marcenia (Long) Brown (b: 2/13/68), was the daughter of Theda Diane Long (b: 2/13/52), and the adopted daughter of Boyd Elbert Brown (b: 7/73/37) — d: 6/14/84). Boyd was the son of Clara Lillian (Williamson) Brown (b: 9/2/13), formerly of Clay Co., AL, and Elbert Damascas Brown of Jackson Co., AL.

Wendy attended elementary and jr. high school at Pisgah, AL, and graduated high school at Woodville High School in 1986. She played basketball at Pisgah and Woodville. She was involved in Beta Club, Vica and listed in Who's Who. She went to North Alabama School of Commerce in Huntsville and finished in 1988 with a Paralegal Degree. She worked at Huntsville Hospital in Administration and now works in a doctors office in Albany, GA. She married David C. Wood on 2/15/92 in Huntsville. She has no children. *Submitted by: Wendy Long, Albany, GA*

### Hiram And Nancy Wood

Hiram Wood was born in 1790 in Tennessee, his wife Nancy's birth date and place are unknown.

Hiram and Nancy migrated from Tennessee to Jackson County Alabama sometime around 1822, as records indicated they purchased land in 1822 in Decatur County, which sometimes ran into the Jackson county line, where deeds were recorded. <sup>1</sup> Section 23, W½ of NW ½ and again in 1830 purchasing 79 acres in Township #3 and Range 5 in Jackson County, AL.

<sup>3</sup>Hiram Wood served as a Private under Captain Charles Witts, in Battalion of Alabama Mounted Volunteers commanded by Lt. Colonel David Cawlfieid, in the Florida War with the Seminole Indians, he volunteered at Claysville, on September 8, 1836 for a term of twelve months and three days and was honorably discharged at Bellefonte on the 11th day of September 1837.

<sup>4</sup>On the 5th day of November 1850 Hiram Wood made a request for Bounty Land for his service in the Florida Indian Wars. He gave his age as sixty years and residing in Perry County, Tennessee, File #7418. According to National Archives records, he received Bounty Land, Warrant No. 5679 issued and sent 24th June 1857. (No record of where land was located).

Hiram and Nancy were the <sup>5</sup>parents of three children according to the 1840 census, only one has been proven, a son James who also served along side his Father and Father-in-law during the Florida Indian War.

It is not known when Hiram and Nancy left Jackson County. Hiram's residence was listed as Perry County, Tennessee in 1850 as per his Bounty Land request, or when Hiram migrated to Douglas County, Missouri. <sup>6</sup>In a Warranty Deed dated September 4, 1879, where James and Mary Wood his son and daughter-in-law are selling land and under the description of the land is quoted The S E of the S E ¼ of Section six Township No 26 of Range No 11, Except 10 feet square so as to cover the Grave of Hiram Wood. The exact dates of death for Hiram and Nancy are unknown. *Submitted by: James Edward Gentry, Jr., 1004 N. Fredrick, Mt. Grove, MO 65711 4th Gr. Grandson of Hiram and Nancy Wood*

Sources: (1) Vol 21 P. 55 Valley Leaves, Decatur Count, AL "Land Sales Conducted Between 1822-1823". (2) Vol 2, p 55 Valley Leaves Quarterly. (3) Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers during the Florida War. Huntsville Public Library, Huntsville, AL. (4) Bounty Land Files, National Archives File #7418 Bounty Land Warrant #5679. (5) 1830 and 1840 Alabama Federal Census. (6) 1879 Douglas County, Missouri Warranty Deed.

### James "Bushy" And Mary (Potter) Wood

James "Bushy" Wood was born February 5, 1812, in Tennessee, the son of Hiram and Nancy Wood, his wife Mary Potter was born March 7, 1819 in Tennessee. She was the daughter of Joel L. and

Polly Delony Potter. James and Mary were married ca. 1836 in Jackson County, AL. James moved with his parents Hiram and Nancy Wood to the Jackson county area from Tennessee sometime around the year 1822. That is the year the first land sales records are recorded for James's father Hiram Wood.

James and Mary Potter Wood first purchased land on <sup>1</sup>April 18, 1838 Section 8, 40.15 ¼ acres NE ¼ of NW ¼, Certificate #11929 and again on <sup>2</sup>August 8, 1839 40.15¼ acres NW ¼ of NE ¼, Certificate #12196.

<sup>3</sup>James Wood served as a Private under Captain Charles Witts, in the Battalion of Alabama Mounted Volunteers commanded by Lt. Colonel David Cawlfieid, during the Florida War with the Seminole Indians during the year 1836 and 1837. James enlisted along with his father Hiram Wood and his father-in-law Joel L. Potter.



James "Bushy" Wood

James and Mary were the parents of nine children, their first child, Nancy was born in Jackson County in 1838, died 1907 married James Garret, 1839-1901, they had six children.

Dennis Wood born 1846, in Missouri; died April 2, 1887, wife's name unknown, they had eight children.

Caroline Wood, born July 20, 1847; died May 25, 1883, at Phelegton, MO; married Peter Nicholas Coble December 28, 1868. They had five children; Jane Frances, Henry Franklin, Mary E., James Robert and John Wheaton.

Elizabeth Wood, born 1850, married Felix Groves, they had seven children.

Martha Wood, born 1852, married William Wrinkle. No surviving children.

Mary Jane Wood, born Sept. 26, 1854; died June 6, 1928; married John Marion Coble, Sept 3, 1876. They had six sons.

Robert J. Wood, born 1856; married Lucinda Groves; died 1936. They had ten children.

Daniel F. Wood, born 1858; married Mary Groves; died in 1941.

Xerviah Wood, born December 27, 1861; died May 10, 1933; married January 1876, to Alfred Luther Coble. They had ten children.

The above three Coble brothers were the sons of Henry and Catherine (Holt) Coble.

James and Mary migrated to Ozark county, Missouri ca. 1840, along with his parents and his wife's parents. James and his family were living in Ozark County, when that county was divided to form Douglas County in 1857.

James was an early County Surveyor for Douglas County, MO and very well known figure in that county and was nicknamed "Bushy" because of the nature of his unshaven beard which grew straight out from his face creating a huge and fierce appearance.

Family tradition relates that he was of Indian heritage, who chose to stay in Missouri rather than to go to Indian Territory in Oklahoma.

James along with his father-in-law Joel L. Potter and his father Hiram Wood helped establish and settle the community of Pot-terville, in Howel County, MO.

James Wood died September 30, 1891; Mary Potter Wood died September 13, 1889. They are both buried in the Old Wood Cemetery, now called Penner Cemetery in Douglas County, MO. Submitted by: Janice Gentry Smith, 1740 Dogwood Lane, Houston, AL 35572-9627, 5th Gr. Grandson of James: "Bushy" and Mary Potter Wood

Sources: (1 and 2) Huntsville Meridian Township Records, Valley Leaves Quarterly, Certificate #11929 and #12196. (3) Index to compiled Services Records of Volunteer Soldiers, Micro #M245 Roll #1.

## Woodall Family

### Of Jackson County, Alabama

Willis Woodall, the progenitor of the Woodall clan that settled in and around Jackson, Marshall, and Madison Counties in Alabama, was born in Goochland County, Virginia. He was married in 1804 in Franklin County, Virginia to Cary Johnson. Willis and his family left Franklin County, Virginia in late 1818 or early 1819 since 1818 is the last year he appears on the Franklin County, Virginia Personal Property Tax List.

The Woodall family traces it's lineage back to Jamestown, Virginia as a Dr. John Woodall, a surgeon from London was one of the stockholders of the Virginia Company which was incorporated to develop Jamestown Colony. Dr. Woodall provided livestock for the settlers of the Colony. Richard Pierce, who filed his claim in the Virginia Patent office in September 1636, transported Dr. John Woodall to Virginia.

Family tradition says Willis and his family stopped off in Tennessee before going on to Jackson County, Alabama. His two uncles, William and Christopher, went to Sumner County, Tennessee along with several other interconnected families of Franklin County, Virginia. Also, his brother, William who married Polly Hale, may have gone to Sumner County, Tennessee. Family members have searched the Sumner County, Tennessee records but have never found any mention of Willis Woodall. However, that does not mean that he never went there for a short period of time before continuing on to Alabama. He had left Sumner County, Tennessee before the 1820 census was taken since he does not appear on it. We have no idea why he went to Alabama or do we know of other families that he traveled with to Alabama.

There is no 1820 census for Jackson County, Alabama where he settled. Neither he nor his wife appears on any 1830 Alabama census. However, the area where they lived was very remote, near Cherokee Indian lands and in the hills so they may have just been missed.

Willis Woodall was a descendant of John Woodall, from Goochland County, Virginia, who was born about 1678, and died about 1750, according to research by Patty Woodall from Stevenson. It is said that he and his wife and several of his children, migrated from Franklin County, Virginia sometime around 1817-1819, traveling by ox team down the Blue Ridge Mountains into Tennessee. From there, they continued into North Alabama (then Indian territory) settling in the sinks, now Marshall County, near Old Center Church House, about nine miles south of Woodville, Ala. This is near Grant and at the South end of Kennamer's Cove. The south end of Kennamer's Cove is called Woodall's Cove.

Willis Woodall died around 1830 and is buried in Woodall's Cove. There is no evidence of Willis Woodall in the court house in Guntersville, but his wife Cary entered the NE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 7, T6E R4E in certificate 5066 there. She sold this in 1832 to her son Presley and the deed lists her as "femme solo" which leads one to believe that Willis was dead at this time. She later moved west of Woodville and was listed there in the 1850 Jackson County Census. Living with her at that time was her son John, his wife Elisa and their son Salahiel, and her grandson Willis Kennamer. Willis and Cary had the following children: Mollie (Mary), Pleasant Hodges, Presley R., Bedie D., Martha Jane (Patsy), George Steptoe (Step), John and Wiley.

In the 1860 Marshall County, Ala census, Cary was either living with her son Presley or very near him. At the time of her death, August 6, 1868, she was living with her eldest son, Pleasant Hodges Woodall at Red Hill, in Madison County, Ala. She probably moved

there when her son, Presley moved to Camden, Ill., in 1863. Submitted by: Tom Woodall, 4020 Dotson Drive, Huntsville, AL 35802  
Sources: Patty Woodall and Clifford Woodall Research

## Benjamin Franklin Woolum

Benjamin Franklin Woolum was born February 6, 1858 in Barbour County, Kentucky. He married Martha Anne Fritts (b. December 3, 1858 d. January 1946) in 1878 in Kingston, Tennessee. Benjamin's father, Leonard, served in Company A, 8th Kentucky Infantry during the Civil War. Leonard died of "brain fever" on January 2, 1863, at Stones River near Murphreesboro, Tennessee. Best records indicate that he is buried in Woolum Cemetery on the Left Fork of Straight Creek in Pineville, Kentucky. Leonard's widow, Catherine Black Woolum, traveled to Tennessee with her three small children to find the recruiting officer who had enlisted Leonard so that she could apply for a widow's pension.

Catherine married Jacob S. Fritts (the recruiting officer) and settled in Morgan County, Tennessee. Fritts had five children from a previous marriage. The eldest daughter was Martha Anne who later married Benjamin Franklin Woolum.

Benjamin and Martha moved to Marshall County, Alabama around 1880. Sometime between 1880 and 1884 they moved to Dutton (Jackson County). After coming to Dutton, Benjamin was a store owner, ran a post office at Callahan located about three miles East of Dutton, and owned as many as fourteen 40-acre tracts at one time or another. On August 17, 1905, Benjamin was driving a team of steers to a mill near his home. He took an often used shortcut. The landowner warned Benjamin not to cross his land again, and when Benjamin returned the same way, Mr. Heal shot and killed him, narrowly missing his eight year old son Leonard. Leonard grabbed his father's bloody hat and ran for home. Leonard was the only witness at the trial which sent Mr. Heal to prison for 50 years.

Benjamin and Martha had 10 children. Frank (b. 3/30/80 d. 8/5/84). Maggie (b. 9/29/82); James Henry (b. 10/24/1884 d. 2/20/72). Elija L. (b. 11/17/86 d. 1976). Laura Catherine (b. 10/12/82 d. 8/2/50); Amanda Emma (b. 8/12/90 d. ); Mary Louise (Mollie) (b. 12/20/92 d. 2/2/75); Georgia Eva (b. 7/25/97 d. 11/24/33); Leonard Woolum (b. 5/17/97 d. 11/24/33); John E. Woolum (b. 2/25/02 d. 10/12/78). No male heirs of Benjamin and Martha Woolum are left to carry on the name. Several descendants of Benjamin and Martha still reside in Jackson County. Descendants of Maggie Woolum Traylor, (Bill Traylor of Scottsboro); Leonard Woolum (Bertie McGriff and children Bill, David, Mark, and Jenny of Dutton); Kate Reeves (Mary Kate Mount, Glenda Myers, and Martha Wynn of Dutton).

Benjamin was known as a shrewd businessman and left each of his sons 80 acres and each of his daughters 40 acres at his death. He was also known as a fine fiddle player and "made music" with other musicians in the community. Submitted by: Toni H. McGriff, 3733 C/R 124, Dutton, AL 35744

## William Jacob Word Family

### Pioneer

William Jacob Word was born in the Preston community of Marshall County, Alabama, on October 19, 1867. He was the fourth child and first son of Wesley Bradford and Mary Ellen Gross Word. He was one of nine children. When he was twenty-one years old, he received a blind pony from his father and was set free to make his own way. He remained on his parents farm, helping there and working extra land for himself until 1890 when he bought a yoke of oxen and a wagon and began sawmilling, and hauled lumber. When he was 25, he bought his first sawmill, and two years later moved it to Berry's Cove near Limrock, Alabama. In 1896, he married Ella Jane Gentle (b. 1870, d. 1940), the daughter of William Leslie and Mary Ann Bolling Gentle of Limrock.

"Jake" and Miss Ella built their first home in Limrock in 1901 where they lived until 1911 when the education of their children became a pressing matter, and they moved to Scottsboro to be near the schools. (That same house, located on the corner of Charlotte Avenue and South Street is currently the home of a great-grandson, Cecil Bruce Yates and his family). After moving to Scottsboro, Mr. Word opened a retail lumber and hardware business where he worked until poor health made it necessary to him to retire.

Mr. and Mrs. Word were blessed with eight children but lost an infant daughter, Mary Thelma, in 1899, at the age of ten months.

Their oldest son, William Rupert, was born in 1897. He owned and operated a furniture store and undertaking business on the square in Scottsboro for 59 years. He closed the store and retired in 1980 and died in 1986. Rupert married Grace Harwell from Gadsden, AL, and they had one daughter, Billie Madge. She married Gene McCamy, and they had three sons, Bill, Jim, and Ray.

The Word's second daughter, Ruby Word Branum, was born in 1900. She worked in Chattanooga, Tennessee, for many years before coming home to care for her father when he suffered a stroke. Ruby had no children and died in 1988.

In 1903 their second son, Hal Bradford was born. He married Stella Deviers of Scottsboro, and they had a son William Jacob Word II (Jake) and a daughter Mildred Ann. Hal started the Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealership in 1925 which is operated today by his son. Hal died in 1993 one

day after his 90th birthday. Jake married Gail James and had two children, Andrea Gail and Hal Bradford Word II.

Claude Wesley was born in 1904. He married Fannie Loyd of Stevenson, and they had no children. He owned and operated a Chevrolet dealership in Manchester, Tennessee, for about forty years before moving back to Scottsboro after his retirement. Claude died in 1991.

Cecil Bradden was born in 1906. He worked in the lumber business with his father from 1936 until 1945 when he purchased controlling interest in the company. He continued to manage the company until his death in 1982. Cecil married Cecil Alice Box of Oneonta, Alabama, and they had three daughters, Betty Jane Yates Whatley, Peggy Holland McClendon, and Stella Alice Benson. Another daughter and a son died in infancy. Betty Jane had three sons, Brad, Bob, and Bruce Yates. Peggy had a daughter, Deborah Holland Crawford, and three sons, Jimmy, David, and Lee Holland. Stella married Fred Benson and had four sons, Russell, Forrest, Doug, and Scott.

Harry Foster was the fifth son, and he also worked at Word Lumber Co. his entire life. He was born in 1909, and at the time of his death in 1978, he was married to Naomi Berry. They had no children. Harry was an avid hunter and fisherman, as were most of the Word boys.

Robert Donald is the youngest son born to W.J. and Ella Word. He was born in Limrock in 1911 just before the family moved to Scottsboro. He married Virginia Kennamer of Woodville, and they had one son, Robert D. Word, Jr. (Bob). Robert, Sr. operated a small chain of movie theaters from 1936 until his retirement in 1975. He also started Word Popcorn Co. Bob married the former Elizabeth Payne, and they had one son Robert D. Word, III (Don) and one daughter, Emily Payne Word. Robert, Sr. is the only surviving child of W.J. and Ella Jane Word. *Submitted by: Stella Benson, 402 College Ave., Scottsboro, AL 35768.*

### David Benton Wortham/en Of Jackson Co., AL

David Benton (Black? — land records list him as David Black, but a descendant, Glen Worthen said that he is listed as David Benton on their records) Wortham was born about 1796 in TN or NC. He died 18 Aug 1863 and was buried at Sanders Mill Creek Cemetery in Jackson Co., AL. He married Lacity/Livisa/Levisa; she was born about 1800 in TN or NC, and they were in Jackson Co. by 1840.

Their children were thought to be: (1) James Madison (born 9 Mar 1820 in AL, died 1 Oct 1871, and buried in Sanders Mill Creek Cemetery, Jackson Co.) married Cenny/Sinak/Sinis/Cinia Lena Henderson on 12 Ap 1838. (2) Daughter (born 1825/30) must have died or married by 1850. (3) Andrew Jackson (born about 1828 in AL and died Jul 1879 in AL) married Nancy about 1847. (4) Matilda (born about 1833 in AL) was married to Isaac King 1 Nov 1855 by Noah



*The children of W.J. and Ella Jane Word - seated: Rupert and Ruby standing: Robert, Harry, Claude, Hal and Cecil*

Shelton in Jackson Co. (5) Mary (born about 1836 in AL. (6) M. J. Worthen, female, possible child of David, died 1878 and was buried at Sanders Mill Creek Cemetery in Jackson Co.

Circumstantial evidence helping to prove that Andrew is the child of David follows: There is space for Andrew Jackson Worthen (in the 1840 Census) to be the child of David and Lovicy. David, James M., and Andrew J. lived in three adjacent residences in the 1860 census in Jackson Co. On the same day that James Madison bought land in Jackson Co., Andrew J. bought land in the section next to James.

Andrew Jackson Worthen was listed in 1870 Census as Worthen; and as Warth in the 1860 Census.

Elender Elizabeth Wortham (born 5 Dec 1849 in Jackson Co., AL, and died 23 Mar 1884) who married William Franklin Pace 12 Jun 1870 in Jackson Co. was the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Nancy. They are the ancestors of J. W. Pace.

Other children of Andrew Jackson Worthen and Nancy were George Franklin, Mahaly Malinda, Malissa, Cincy/Sinai/Sinia (named for James M.'s wife?), Molly, James Madison (married Susan Cornelia Cox), William (married Sarah Francis Worthen), and Andrew J.

Andrew Jackson married second Arminta Jane Brazier (born about 1845, AL), the daughter of Elijah Brazier and Elizabeth. Their children were: (1) Mildred Sofronia Worthen (born about 1866, Jackson Co.) married Joseph M. Sanders 4 Mar 1888, Jackson Co. (2) John Spellman Worthen (born 2 Jun 1867, Jackson Co., died about 1923, TX) married Josiefene Cox 16 Oct 1887. Marie Earley of Denison, TX, said that John and Josephine lived at Sunset, TX. (3) Thomas B. Worthem/Worthen (born Aug 1869, Jackson Co.) married Sarah (Lissie) Millesia Potter 5 Mar 1889. (4) Thena Worthen born about 1872.

In 1850 Census, the Joseph Worthen family lived next door to James M. Worthen. Joseph could be a brother of David because he was about the same age (born about 1892). *Submitted by: Billie Roberts Pace, 7740 Weaver, Beaumont, TX 77706*

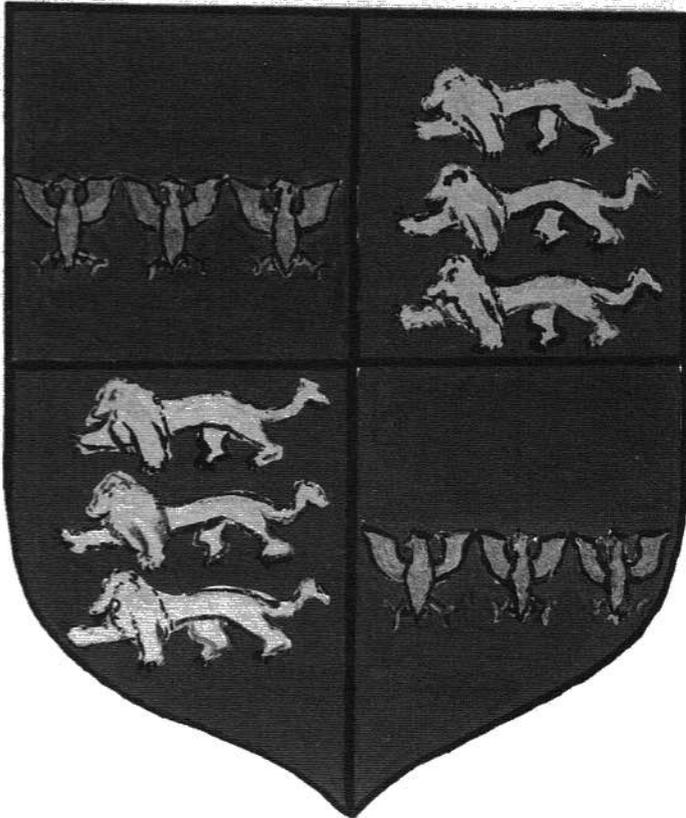
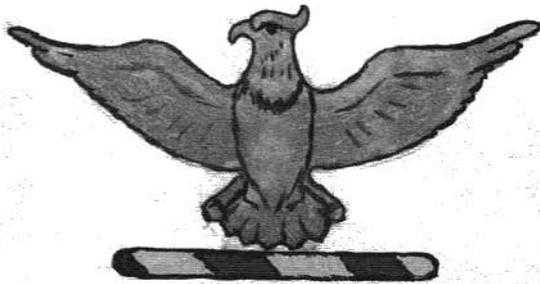
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### Wynn / Wynne Family

In his book "*Genealogical Notes On The Wynnes Of Marion County, Tenn. & Jackson County, Ala.*", Charles Elwynne Atnip describes the history of that family as he knew it in 1964. While there were a number of errors in his book, as with any such work, he collected a truly remarkable amount of data. His work has been built upon in the last three decades, so that today we have a great deal more information on this outstanding family. In fact, the branches that settled Sweeten's Cove in Marion County, TN and Jackson County, AL have been traced back through the Welsh royalty (Kings of Gwynedd) and ancient British royalty connections to Joseph of Arimathea and Biblical ancestry all the way to Adam, the Original Man.

In "*Colonial Families Of The Southern States Of America*" by Stella Pickett Hardy, it is stated that the Wynn's of America area lineal descendants of the Welsh line that claim Caradoc and Cynobelin as ancestors. Caradoc's ancestry to Adam has also been published in *The Book Of Adam* by Harold King Bowen. Additionally intriguing is the story of Prince Madoc, who was of the same ancient Welsh ruling line. According to legend, as published in *The Huntsville Times* (September 11, 1989) on page 2D and extracted from the book "*Prince Madoc, Founder of Clark County, Indiana*", this same line of Welshmen may have come through Alabama in the 1170's. The story says that Madoc with his three brothers and followers in 10 ships landed in Mobile Bay, traveled up the Alabama River to where it meets the Coosa River, and established a settlement there. They intermarried with the Indians and built 5 stone forts in the Chattanooga area. Later, the Cherokees drove them out, and they moved northward to settle again in the Ohio River Valley, where eventually the native Americans exterminated these "white Indians". If this old Indian legend is true, then the Welsh ancestors of the Wynne's beat Columbus to America by over 3 centuries.

The Wynne's who settled in northern Alabama and south-central Tennessee in the early 1800's are descendants of John Wynne (b. 1760, Pittsylvania Co., VA) and Mary "Polly" St. John (b. 1772, Campbell Co., VA). They had 9 children, among them twins Thomas and John Berry, born in Georgia in 1800. The submitter of



Wynne

Wynn / Wynne Coat of Arms

this article is directly descended from that portion of Thomas's line that moved into Howard County, Arkansas. The line of Charles Elwynne Atnip comes through Thomas' twin, John Berry Wynne. John Berry's son William Buck Wynne settled in the Big Coon part of Jackson County in 1851. He is buried in a cemetery on Big Coon. John Berry Wynne is buried in the Wynne Cemetery at King Cove, just across the state line in Marion County, TN.

The many Wynne descendants of this line in Jackson County are amply described in Barbara Gonce Clepper's book, *"Gonce & Wynne Genealogy"*, which is probably still available at the Visitor's Center at Russell Cave. There are many stories of the "old timers" in Barbara's book, such as Thomas Wynne dying of rabies at age 40, which he got from his large pack of hunting dogs, and of John

B. Wynne selling his extensive lands for Confederate money — which became worthless and wiped him out. In addition to the stories, Barbara has included several pictures of Wynne's and their homes in Stevenson and the Jeffries Cove areas. The book is highly recommended for Wynne researchers of the region. Because of the many intermarriages of the Wynne's with the Beane / Bean / Beene family, it is also recommended that the reader examine the article(s) submitted under that family name. *Submitted by: John P. Rankin, 103 Madison Avenue, Madison, AL 35758*

Sources: *"Genealogical Notes on the Wynnes of Marion County, Tenn. and Jackson County, Ala."*, by Charles Elwynne Atnip, 1964. *"The Bell Family"*, by Idaline Bell Dixon, found in the Birmingham Public Library. *"The Book of Adam"*, by Harold K. Bowen, published by Wayside Press, Mendota, IL. *"Gonce & Wynne Genealogy"*, by Barbara Gonce Clepper, 406 Wilson Dam Avenue, Sheffield, AL 35660. *"Prince Madoc"*, by Dana Olson, Jeffersonville, IN.

### The Abner York Family

On February 27, 1916, my parents, Abner York and Ola Lee Koger, were married at Ider in DeKalb County, Alabama. Both were children of area pioneer families. Abner was born on July 29, 1895 to Lawson and Margaret Little York. Ola was born September 6, 1897 to James "Jim" Henry and Eba Susan "Ebbey" Stallings Koger.

Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Flat Rock, in Jackson County, Alabama. Daddy farmed there, and in off seasons he did logging and carpentry work. He also served as a deputy sheriff for that area. Many times the family went to sleep with prisoners

handcuffed to the bed. Our home was near the "Big Woods" and boot-legging was common.

Unto this union ten children were born - Annie Lou Foster, deceased; Leroy York of Rossville, Georgia; Willene Fitch of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Ivon York of Chickamauga, Georgia; Kathleen Brown of Chickamauga,



Ola & Abner York 1947

Georgia; Marie Tatum of Gadsden, Alabama; G.W. York of Dutton, Alabama; Lois Matthews of Scottsboro, Alabama; Reverend Billy York of Albertville, Alabama; and Tony York of Plano, Texas. All the children graduated from Pisgah High School with the exception of Annie Lou. She was forced to drop out due to poor eyesight which later turned to blindness. Ivon and G.W. served in the armed services, and Billy served as chaplain in the National Guard for twenty-five years.

With this large family, our home was always a gathering place for young people. We never knew who would be a guest at our table.

In 1941 we moved to Dutton, Alabama. We continued to farm. Daddy served as a trustee of Dutton School for a number of years. We attended Dutton Methodist Church. Abner, Ola and Annie Lou are buried in that church cemetery. *Submitted by: Lois York Matthews, 1812 Moody Ridge Road, Scottsboro, AL 35768*

# LATE SUBMITTAL

## Elberta Clark Educator Extraordinaire

She has inexhaustible intellectual curiosity and listens with genuine enthusiasm to many an irrelevant conversation. The facts of her life, so easily outlined, so privately and closely held, reflect back to us her lifetime of listening, but above all of loving. That love shines upon the students she taught and the accomplished adults they have become, upon their parents and their children, upon other teachers; and its light pushes the shadows away.

Images of Elberta Clark Page flash like the variegated colors of a prism. They move in the swirling winds of time, some soft and subtle, some brilliantly sharp. All illuminate. Hers is a low voice with clear and elegant Southern diction. Hers, too, a strong sense of discipline that found no student too lazy, no parent too aloof to education, no teacher too egocentric to share her love for education. Each was treated with the dignity that good breeding demanded and with the patience and courage of the Puritan past.

Her humor has carried the day in many a tense situation. Her wit is dry, never caustic, and serves her and the community well. She has lightened many heavy moments with that broad smile on her China doll-like face. She had been taught by her Mother to accept people the way they are but, at the same time, she was also taught to help others reach for the stars. Her own self-discipline made her an enviable role model.

She showed her students she cared and exhibited her faith in them. She made me try harder through encouragement, not scare tactics. She convinced me I could do anything if only I tried. She moved me to work harder not only for myself, but so I would not let her and my family down. She never compromised her high purpose in educating any student to the extent of her ability.

As we studied about the wagon trains rolling West, she imparted the knowledge that now and then American potential could be stretched beyond our youthful imaginations. She introduced us to the geography and cultures of the world. We made scrapbooks on territories owned by the United States in 1948 and scrapbooks on the wedding of Britain's Queen Elizabeth when she married Phillip who became Duke of Windsor. She never objected to slow readers choosing comic books over classical literature. Her philosophy was reading comic books would improve reading habits and, in turn, produce the desire to read at a higher level. Many a boy would never have attempted to read about Captain Ahab if he had not first read Captain Marvel. Many students would never have read at all without her encouragement.

It was her idea to introduce creative writing by encouraging her sixth graders to apply to be cub reporters for the local newspaper. Of course, she had privately worked through the arrangement with Editor Parker Campbell who graciously accepted the articles submitted about life at Scottsboro Elementary School during the 1947-48 school year. She counseled and guided the young cub reporters, and Mr. Campbell printed the articles in a special school section on a weekly basis. It was here that I quickly developed the inner desire to express thoughts in writing.

School life was a natural for her. She had been a good student before and during her college years spent at Florence State Teacher College now called The University of North Alabama. She obtained her Masters from George Peabody Teachers College in Nashville, Tennessee. It was through the field of education that she met another enterprising and bright student, Carlus Page. They were married in 1936. Mrs. Page's first teaching assignment

was at Grays Chapel in Paint Rock Valley. She taught at Bridgeport in 1938-1939. Later both Mr. and Mrs. Page taught in a small school near Bryant. Mr. Page likes to tell the story that he was principal and held lots of faculty meetings. During her years of teaching, her escape routes to privacy included reading, cooking, and making a home for Carlus which was both comfortable and inviting.

After moving to Scottsboro in the mid-1940's Mrs. Page taught in the Scottsboro school system. She retired after imparting knowledge for more than 40 years. She is a member of the Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and has been a member of the Broad Street Church of Christ since moving to Scottsboro.

Elberta Clark Page has promoted the Scottsboro Public Library through both time and finances. She remains a faithful Friend of the Scottsboro Public Library. She and Mr. Page are charter members of the Jackson County Historical Association. She has expended her own energy in the pursuit of countless historic preservation projects and has encouraged friends in a sea of others when she herself could not take an active role. She has never compromised her high purpose in educating students of all ages.

Words defy human effort to fully describe Elberta Clark Page. She has lived her life on principles. She has conscience. She has character. In her home, her hospitality knows no bounds. She loves all things beautiful but has a Puritan disdain for extravagance. She started many students on that "journey in the country of the mind" when many were hungrier for lunch than her ideas on teaching. Her life flashes like the variegated colors of a prism. **ELBERTA CLARK PAGE is truly an EDUCATOR EXTRAORDINAIRE**

Elberta Clark Page is the daughter of John Berry and Lou (Reynolds) Clark and the granddaughter of Augustus Reynolds who was a Civil War Veteran who taught Elberta firsthand the great price the South and the United States paid for the ravages of the Civil War. One of her favorite Civil War stories is very personal. As a grammar school student, she rushed home from school with a new history book. Her Grandfather Reynolds took one look at it and disliked the author's portrayal of the South's role in the Civil War. He immediately threw her brand new school book in the fire and incinerated its contents. This was in an era when books were a rare commodity and money to replace burned ones was even more scarce. Another Blue-Gray story from life with her Veteran Grandfather Reynolds involved a proud purchase made for Elberta's Mother. Mrs. Clark was about to create a new dress from recently purchased blue material. Her Grandfather was appalled at the color of blue, and that new fabric met a quick demise.

Mrs. Page joined the Church of Christ at a young age and has remained a faithful member. Her daily actions among her friends and community bespeak her calling to minister unto others in and outside the church of her choice. Countless casseroles and hot dishes have graced the table of the sick and less fortunate, prepared by her caring heart and hands.

Elberta was one of nine children in the John Berry Clark family. Her brothers and sisters: Ben, May, Nan, Alice, John, Lou, Emma, and Cecil Clark.

She and Carlus P. Page married during AEA week in 1936 and recently celebrated 61 years of wedded bliss. They have no children but have nurtured and educated many who delight in remembering being gifted by the love, foresight, and presence of both Carlus and Elberta Clark Page. *Submitted by Ann B. Chambliss*

# MEMORIALS, TRIBUTES AND BUSINESSES

## Congressman Robert Emmett (Bob) Jones

This Memorial to Bob Jones is made possible by the generous donations of the following people: Jessie Sue Bynum, Ralph and Jan Mackey, Mrs. Olan Proctor, Rubilee Smith, Rena Ward, Gary and Joyce Hammons, Joyce Kennamer, Addie Ruth Smart, Sara and Bill Williamson, Mary Wallingsford, David and Margaret Pierce, Glenda Hodges.

Robert Emmett (Bob) Jones was one of the most influential people ever to grace the soil of Jackson County. His work in the United States Congress was instrumental in revitalizing this area and we should all be grateful to him for his leadership, representation and contributions to this county and state.

Bob Jones was born June 12, 1912, the youngest son of Robert Emmett and Augusta Smith Jones. He grew up in a two-story house on the corner of Scott and Charlotte Streets in Scottsboro. Bob graduated from Jackson County High School in 1929, with athletic and scholastic honors. He continued his education at the University of Alabama, by working his way through school. He received his law degree in 1937, and married Christine Francis of Tuscaloosa the following year. They had one son, Rob, who presently lives in Florence, Alabama.

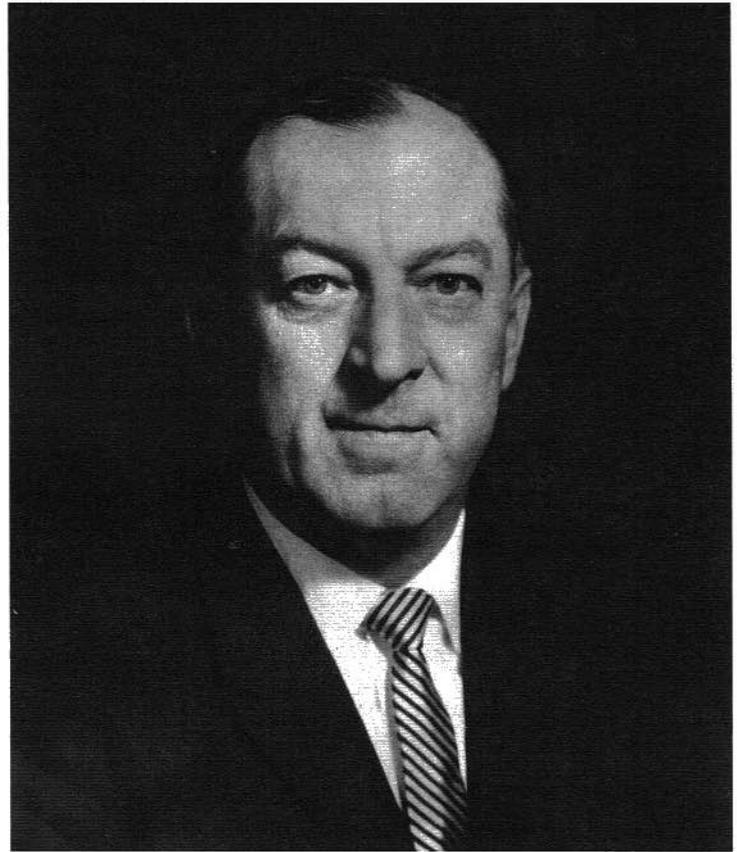
Bob and Christine built a house on the Old Larkinsville Road, and Bob became a member of the Brewton and Jones law firm in Scottsboro. In July, 1940, he was elected as Judge of Jackson County. Due to World War II, Bob left his judgeship and was commissioned as a Lieutenant in 1943, serving as a gunner in the North Atlantic. Later stationed in the Philippines, he served under General Douglas MacArthur, gathering material which convicted General Yamashita as a war criminal.

After the war, Bob was given back his judgeship until 1947 when he was elected to the 80th Congress to fill the vacancy left by John Sparkman, who had been elected to the Senate. Bob began his term as a freshman congressman with two other newcomers, Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy. Bob served in the Congress for thirty years, until he retired in 1977 at the age of 65.

The accomplishments of Bob Jones are many, too numerous to mention. Perhaps he is best known for numerous public works and development programs, that he helped pass. The Rural Housing Act, passed in the 1950's, allowed farm and rural dwellers opportunities to receive federally-subsidized mortgages. He was instrumental in the 1956 Interstate Act, during the term of Dwight Eisenhower, which was the largest road building program in U.S. history. Bob was called "Mr. TVA" by Lister Hill due to his efforts to provide TVA the power to borrow finances instead of relying on congressional appropriations. This allowed TVA to provide cheap electricity which aided greatly in the rapid growth of the area. He helped found the Appalachian Regional Commission, which was developed to assist poor South-eastern Counties. This was a major part of bringing NASA and the Army's missile-development program to Huntsville, which was a tremendous boom to all of North Alabama. He was chairman of the Public Works Committee, which prepared the Water Quality Act of 1972, which cleaned up the pollution in the county's water and also flood control. He helped sponsor the Economic Development Act, which assisted depressed area in providing needed public facilities and the Highway Safety Bill, designed to reduce traffic fatalities.

After 15 consecutive terms, Bob Jones retired to his home in Scottsboro. He was known as someone who had an easy-going nature, but did what he had to do to get things done. He was Democrat who was able to work with the Republicans, and he had a great memory of names and faces. After retirement, he loved to work out in his yard, raising flowers and giving them to friends. When asked why he chose politics, Bob replied, "I was attracted to the field of government because I am involved by empathy and interest in all the people and I want to help them in every way I can to live the best and fullest life possible." Bob Jones died June 4, 1997 in Florence and is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Scottsboro. His legacy will live for generations to come. You will see his name on schools, bridges, town halls, roads etc., all dedicated to a man who lived his life serving the people of North Alabama.

Sources: Daily Sentinel and Huntsville Times



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# The Jackson County Black Teachers Association

The Jackson County Black Teachers Association was organized in 1948 under the leadership of Professor Thomas Weatherly, who served as its first President. The main purpose of the organization was to unify the schools in such a way that students moving from one part of the county to another would not miss anything nor duplicate subjects he or she had already taken. Also, it provided activities and programs that served as a means of motivating students through competitive sports, song festivals, Spelling Bees, and track meets, etc. This organization helped to bring about a better relationship between teachers as well as students.

Just prior to WWII, there were 15 Black schools in Jackson County. They ranged from a one-teacher school in Langston, to a six-teacher school in Scottsboro. They were located in Langston, Birdshill, Hollywood, Beachgrove, Blackankle, New Hope Church, Fackler, Cedar Grove, Pinderhill, Stevenson, Larkinsville, Limrock, Paint Rock, Bridgeport and Scottsboro. All of these schools were taught in churches except Bridgeport, Stevenson, Hollywood, Scottsboro and Woodville. There was very little supervision given from the Superintendent's office. Teachers did pretty much what they wanted to do. The teacher's organization helped teachers to work

together in an effort to improve education in the Black schools in Jackson.

The annual membership dues for the teacher's association was one dollar. The state dues was also one dollar. Some teachers objected to the dues and said \$2.00 was too much. In 1952, Dr. Robert Hatch was elected State Executive Secretary. He and the

ASTA Board of Directors wanted to build a State Headquarters Building in Montgomery. Dr. Hatch asked each Black teacher for \$1.00 per year to defray the cost of the building. Some Jackson County teachers refused saying they could not afford it.

No "free" books were provided for the schools from the state or county. Students had to buy their own books, paper and etc. There were no janitors working in these church schools. The teacher was responsible for the care of the building. Students brought their lunches from home.

Each year, all school teachers were required to attend the State Meeting which was held in Montgomery or lose two days pay. This was a great event and it was coordinated through the local teachers organization. Those serving as President of the JCTA were: Thomas Weatherly, Archie Stewart and Lemuel Osborne. *Submitted by: Archie Stewart, 217 Walnut Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768*



*Seated - Leola Stewart, Flora Snodgrass, Thelma Stewart, Gussie Finley, Rosa Johnson, Cornelia Taylor, Archie Stewart - President, Louis Crutcher, Mattie Finley, Christine Snodgrass, Mattie Whiteside, Vivian Snodgrass, Mary Jo Lankford. Standing - Thelma Snodgrass, Fannie Kate Sanford, Alfred Morris, Lemuel Osborne, Thomas Weatherly, Richard Johnson, Leola Snodgrass and Lucy Bell Weatherly*

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## W. J. Word Lumber Company, Scottsboro, Alabama

When William Jacob Word was 21 years old, he received from his father a blind pony and was set free to make his own way. He remained on his parents' farm in Marshall County, Alabama, helping there and working extra land for himself. In 1890 he bought a yoke of oxen and wagon and began cutting and hauling timber from Gunters Mountain to a landing on the Tennessee River. He bought his first sawmill when he was 25, and two years later he moved his mill to a tract of land in Berry's Cove near Limrock, Alabama. In 1901 he bought a 640-acre tract of land and timber at Limrock. As he cut the timber, he developed the land into a farm and built his first home there. That established a pattern of his operations for the next two decades, buying timber land, cutting the timber, and developing farms. He acquired land in Lawrence County, Alabama, near Moulton in 1903 and four years later a tract of hickory at Paint Rock, Alabama, in association with the Ontario Handle and Timber Co. of Toronto, Canada. In 1909 he purchased a tract on Gunters Mountain at Bassin Cove. In December 1911 Mr. Word moved his wife and family from Limrock to Scottsboro to have better access to schools for their children.

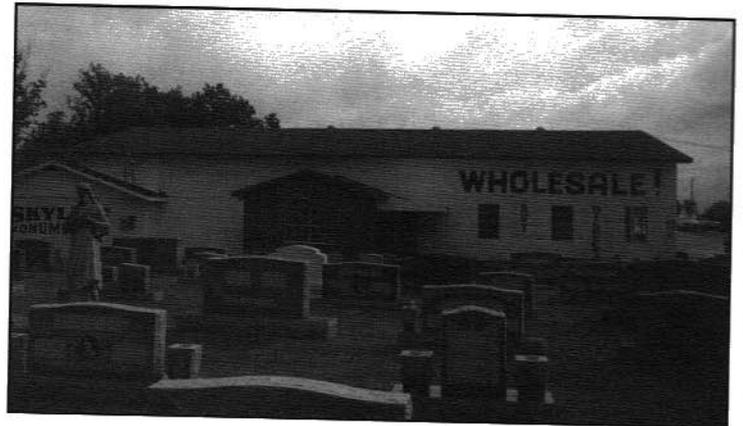
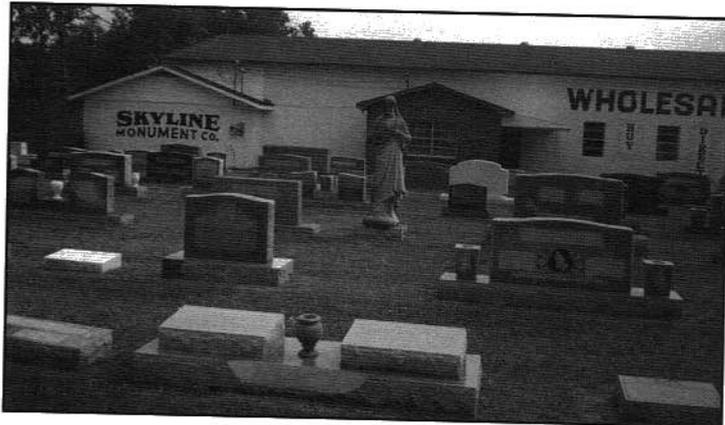
In 1917 Mr. Word built a small brick building with a sheet iron shed on the corner of Broad and Willow Streets. It was called W. J. Word Lumber Company, and this was the start of his retail lumber and building material business. The business continues to operate at this location today. In 1932 a tornado ripped through Scottsboro and Jackson County resulting in a demand for rebuilding materials that the small Word firm was pressured to meet. The company met the demands by hiring trucks to supplement its own and worked day and night shifts to bring in the materials to meet the demand. This brought about a big expansion to the company.

In 1937 the company bought four acres on Highway 72 West just outside the business district and installed a plant consisting of a sawmill, planer, and dry kiln. The business continued to grow, but in 1942 a fire gutted the sawmill portion of the business destroying everything. One citizen asked Mr. Word, "Did you have insurance, Cap'n?" "Nope" he replied. "Well then how are you going to build it back?" "I didn't have insurance the first time I built," Mr. Word replied. Crews were at work clearing the site for rebuilding almost before the ashes were cold, and the mill was built back in almost record time. It was larger and better equipped than before the fire.

Mr. Word's health forced him to retire in 1945, and his son, Cecil, who had worked at the company since 1936, purchased control of the company. Under his management the company continued to grow. A hardwood flooring plant was completed in 1950, and "Word Brand" flooring was shipped over most of the country. By the end of 1950, W. J. Word Lumber Company employed over 275 employees making it the largest employer in Jackson County. The company had come a long way from 17 employees in 1937. Cecil Word managed the company until his death in 1982. The family business is still being carried on with Bill Gross, cousin of the Words, as the General Manager and four grandsons of Cecil Word active in the business as well as other family members. *Submitted by: Stella Benson, 402 College Ave., Scottsboro, AL 35768*

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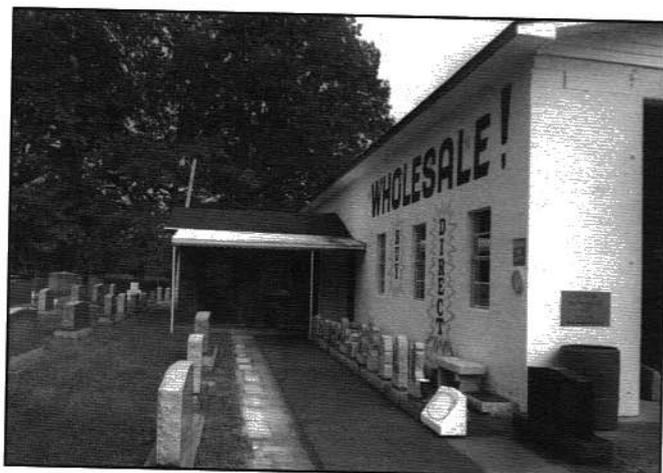
In 1961 Fannie and I made the decision to go into business for ourselves. I had been in sales for awhile and felt we could make a go of owning a business such as the monument company, especially since the need for such a company was so great in our area. We began by placing a monument display on the location our main office now sits, at the top of Skyline, on County Road 17. We never dreamed we would be so successful and would be adding more and more as time went by.

After two years, our business began to grow by leaps and bounds and we had to add more office space to accommodate the volume of sales. In 1969, we built a designers building, later adding a sand blast building. By 1974, demands were so great we made the decision to add a second location in order to serve more of the people and also make things more convenient for all the people of Jackson County and the surrounding areas.

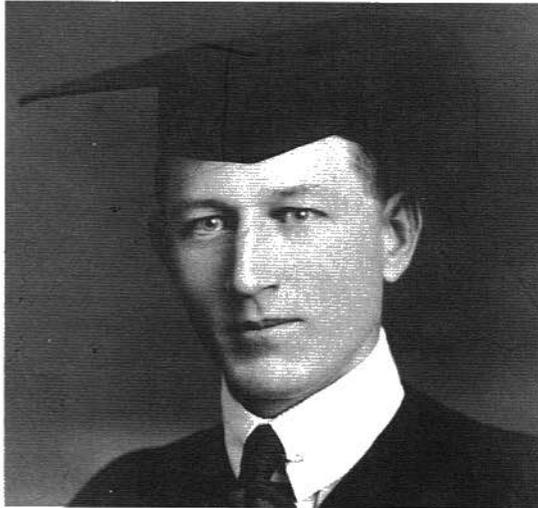
In 1979, we opened the Scottsboro office at 513 East Laurel street. This turned out to be a wise move for us, also. In 1983 we built a warehouse for storing our products. Skyline Monument company was built on the faith that our family could make a living while being of service to the people. We value every customer that graces our premises. Our objective is to satisfy your needs to the best of our ability. We understand your grief at the time of your loss because we have personally felt the loss of loved ones.

We are proud of the success we have achieved, through our hard work and dedication, yet our most valued possession is our family. Our daughter, Phyllis, has worked along side her mother and myself for twenty years. Her husband Mike Holland has also been with the company for a number of years. The two of them gave us a beautiful grand daughter, Macy Holland who makes the third generation in the family business.

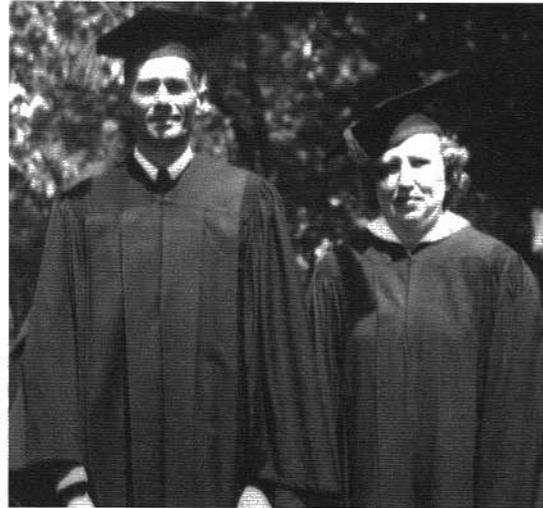
We, at Skyline Monument Company are grateful for your past patronage and look forward to being of service when you need us, at any time. Much of the success we have had is due to the hard working employees. They know the importance of being kind and helpful to our customers when they come in contact with them. Most of them have been with us over twenty years. We treasure the many friends we have made while being in business for thirty-six years. Skyline Monument Company will work with you if you have something in mind. We have your best interest at heart. You are always welcome to come and feel free to browse the grounds. Submitted by: James G. Sharp, 7191 Co. Rd. 17, Woodville, AL 35776



# Pierce & Pierce Chiropractic Clinic



*Dr. Wilbur Elam Methvin, Palmer Class of 1919*



*Drs. Hattie Methvin and James Porter Pierce, Palmer Class of 1946*

The Pierce family and chiropractic have been a part of Scottsboro and Jackson County since 1947, when Dr. James P. and Hattie Methvin Pierce moved here after graduating from Palmer School of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa in 1946. But the family's chiropractic heritage began with Hattie's father, Wilbur Elam (W. E.) Methvin, a Palmer graduate of 1919. W. E.'s second wife, Florence Keller, (his first wife and Hattie's mother, had died five days after undergoing childbirth), introduced him to chiropractic, and since then about 30 members of the Methvin/Pierce family have become chiropractors.

The third generation Palmer graduate was Harold Lloyd Pierce, Hattie and J. P.'s son. Harold finished school in 1947 and took over his parent's practice in 1948, when they moved to Decatur. They moved to Scottsboro in 1973 when they semi-retired.

The fourth generation of Pierce's are Timothy Harold Pierce, a 1982 Life Chiropractic College graduate who practices in Winfield, Alabama, David Methvin Pierce, a 1980 Palmer College graduate who practices in Scottsboro at Pierce and Pierce Chiropractic Clinic, and Betsy Pierce McRae, a 1993 Life graduate who practices with her husband Lew in Athens, Alabama.

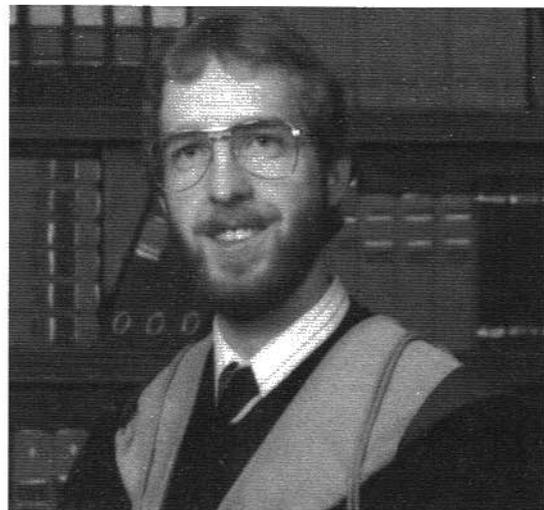
Pierce Chiropractic Clinic started on the square of the second floor of what is now Old Hickory. They moved the clinic to what is presently H&R Block on Willow St. in 1948 and to their current location at 624 E. Willow in 1962. The clinic was enlarged to its present size in 1972, and Harold's father joined him in practice the following year. David is now president and resident chiropractor of the clinic with Harold working on an as-needed basis. Dr. J. P. retired in 1990.

Dr. Harold Pierce has served for several years on the Alabama State Chiropractic Association Board as Parliamentarian and as Chairman of the Board and on the Board of Examiners. He was chosen as the Alabama States Chiropractor of the Year in 1977, and has been awarded the "Lifetime Achievement" Award, the state's highest award.

Chiropractic has been very good to the Methvin and Pierce families and hopefully, the Methvins and Pierces have been beneficial to chiropractic in return. What began as a profession for one man, has turned into a lifestyle for several generations and hopefully for several more generations to come.



*Dr. Harold Lloyd Pierce, Palmer Class of 1947*



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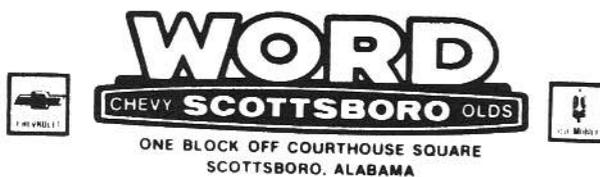
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# The Daily Sentinel

The Daily Sentinel has a long and proud heritage, spanning over 100 years. W. T. Boyle was the first editor of the newspaper, which was started the last day of December 1886 as "The Progressive Age". Boyle called himself "the Age man". The other newspapers of the time were the Scottsboro Herald and the Scottsboro Fellow Citizen.

The latter paper was probably the most formidable competitor of The Progressive Age during its early years. The Fellow Citizen was founded in 1877 by James Armstrong and C. W. Brown, both of whom had been politically active, serving as Alabama legislators.

In the January 24, 1895 issue, W. T. Boyle was listed as editor and proprietor and T. J. Kennedy was listed as editor of The Progressive Age.

In August 1895, Boyle sold The Progressive Age to Jesse Brown and his 18 year old son, Lawrence E. Brown. Lawrence managed the paper under the title editor and proprietor. They called themselves The Age Publishing Company and published the paper until it was sold to M. L. Tucker January 21, 1909.

Tucker was an experienced newspaperman, a smart businessman and a good publisher. On May 5, 1909, he bought out one of his competitors, the short-lived Jackson County Union News. Then in May 1911, prior to the death of The Citizen's editor and proprietor, James Armstrong, Tucker also bought The Citizen's subscription lists. Tucker was owner, operator and editor of both papers, and Armstrong was associate editor until the latter's death a few months later.

Tucker tried to sell his interest in The Citizen to T. G. Carter on September 23, 1915 but within three months, Carter's name disappeared and Parker W. Campbell and H. O. Coffey leased the business and took over The Citizen.

Three years later, in a February 28, 1919 article, it was announced that both The Progressive Age and The Citizen were sold to James S. Benson. The last Scottsboro Citizen found on file is three months later in June 1919.

Benson ran a progressive paper, utilizing the latest technology, and wrote biting editorials about Prohibition and other topics of the day. P. W. Campbell wrote a regular column for Benson.

In the late 1920's, Benson disagreed with the direction the Democratic Party was taking, and a threat of competition soon became a reality in the form of The Jackson County Sentinel. Campbell switched his allegiance to the Sentinel to become its editor and manager, however The Progressive Age never seemed to falter. The papers coexisted for nearly seven years until August 12, 1937 when it was announced that the papers were combining their lists, with The Sentinel issued on Tuesdays and The Age on Thursdays for many years.

During this period, the paper moved from its location on Market Street, on the east side of the square, to a building on Market Street across from the Post Office.

Benson only worked under this arrangement about a year. In an October 1938 issue of The Age, it was announced that Campbell would assume full charge and control of both papers and continue as their editor and publisher. Campbell, along with Bill Edwards and Jim Lawrence, formed the Sentinel-Age publishing company and operated the joint publication for 20 years, going through many changes in those years.

Campbell's newspaper career lasted nearly 41 years until July 30, 1957, when it was announced the combined papers were sold to Scottsboro Newspapers, Inc., with Frank LeBourg named as publisher.

Guy Hollis purchased LeBourg's interest in the company in about a year and became its new editor and publisher, and published the combined newspapers for nearly two years. In January 1960, Carmage Walls purchased Hollis' interest in Scottsboro Newspapers, Inc. Fred Buchheit was named as editor and publisher. Hollis continued as editor for an unannounced period, then worked for the Huntsville Times.

In March, 1962, The Progressive Age and the Jackson County Sentinel merged into one newspaper, The Sentinel-Age, remaining as a semi-weekly publication, printing on Thursday and Sunday until the 1970's.

In May 1970, James K. Harkness replaced Buchheit. Two months later on July 14, The Sentinel-Age became The Daily Sentinel. A short time later, the paper was made a daily and moved from Market Street to an office building at 704 E. Laurel Street. Harkness served as editor and publisher for about 17 years,

leading the paper through several critical transitions.

In March 1987, Harkness was replaced by Billy J. Cornwall, Jr. as editor and publisher of The Daily Sentinel.

In September 1989, The Daily Sentinel moved to the newly-constructed and present model facility at 701 Veterans Drive.

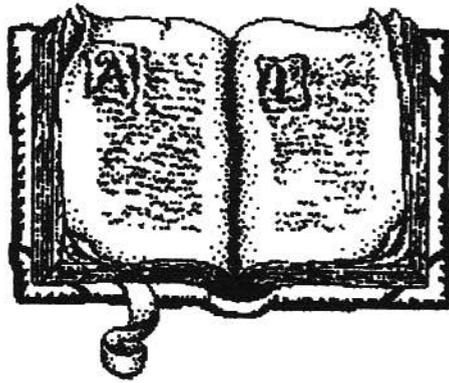
In 1992, Cornwell was named editor and publisher of The Brazosport Facts in Clute, Texas. His successor was Richard P. Loring, who served as editor and publisher until January 1996, when he resigned to become President of The Huntsville Art Museum.

Anita F. Bynum, a Jackson County native, replaced Loring to become the first woman publisher in the history of The Daily Sentinel. She began her newspaper career with The Daily Sentinel in 1971 and served in various management positions before transferring in 1994 to The Brazosport Facts. Submitted by: The Committee

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