

Collins River Valley

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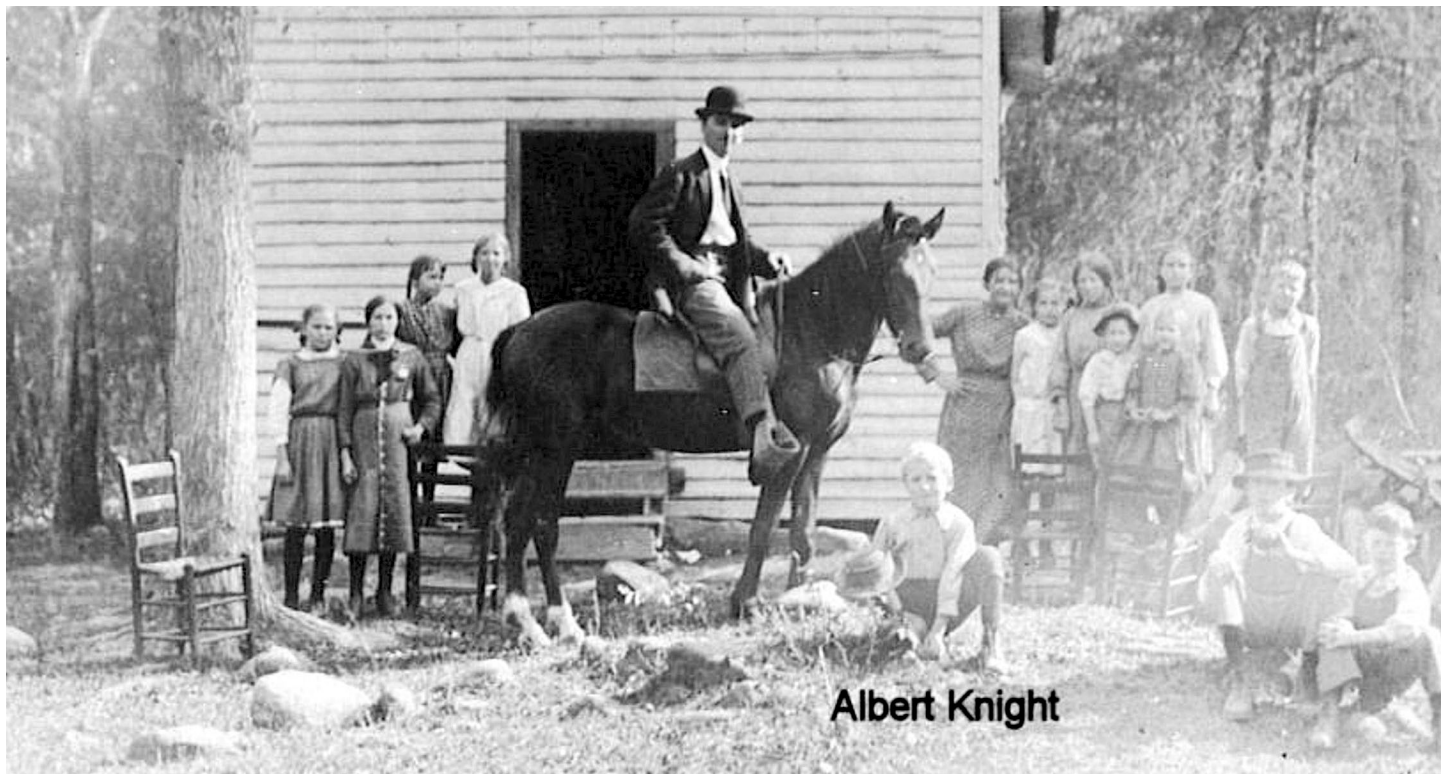
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The Collins River Valley begins where Big Creek and Savage Creek join the Collins River. The Valley continues north for approximately 8 miles to the Grundy/Warren County line. Historically, the Valley has contained four district communities; Savage Gulf, Tarlton, Gross' Cove, and Mt. Olive/Philadelphia.



A span of six oxen is being used for heavy logging in the early 1900s in the Savage Gulf l to r: Taylor Gross, & his son-in-law, Albert Franklin Tate



Albert Knight

Savage Gulf School 1902
Mackie Brown, Teacher (horseback) with Albert Knight as the only identified student.



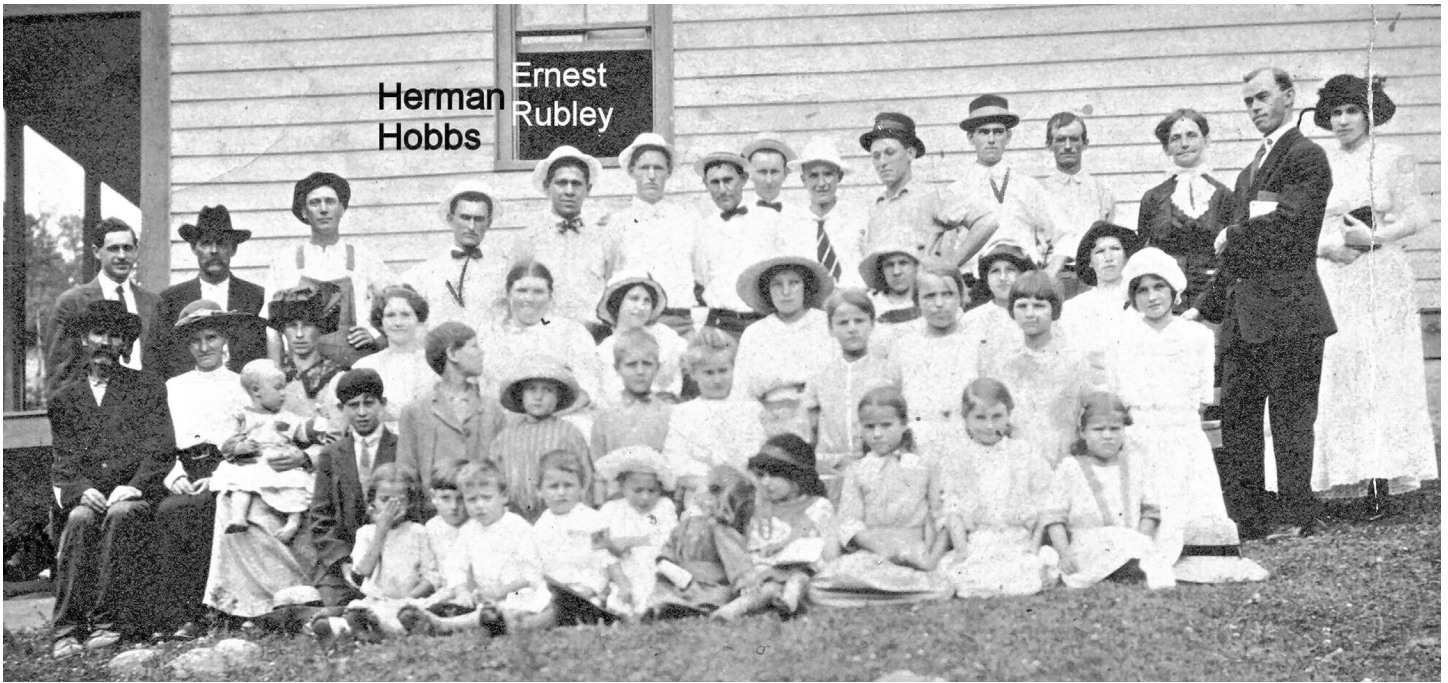
Savage Gulf School 1932

Front Row: Ray Tate, Horace Knight, Bill Tate
Second Row: Lucille Knight, Herschel Tate, Horace Tate, Joe B. Tate, Waymon Knight, Mildred Tate, Vernie Knight, Dennis Knight with the teacher: Adolphis "Dolph" Rollings



Tarlton Church – 1915

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| 1 Ben Hobbs | 5 Maude Hobbs | 9 Carlana (Rubley) Hobbs |
| 2 James Hobbs | 6 Enoch Cathcart | 10 ___ Morton |
| 3 Elder Dykes | 7 Jenny (Hobbs) Cathcart | 11 E. J. Morton |
| 4 Elmira (Dykes) Morton | 8 Herman Hobbs | |



Welcome Church of Christ ca 1914

Located in Tarlton approximately one half mile from the foot of Beersheba Mountain, the church was destroyed during a flood in the late 1920's and was never rebuilt.



Tarlton School – 1935

Front Row: Charles Rubley, Eston Smith, Morton Tate, Quinton Teeters, Jimmy Joe Gibbs, Roscoe Tate, Clayton Dykes, ____ McCarver, and Lewis McCarver. **2nd row:** Carl Roberts, J. E. McCarver, John Carroll, D. L. Cole, Waymon McCarver, Tony King, J. L. Smith, and ____ McCarver. **3rd Row:** Homer Roberts, Alma Smith, Dorothy Hobbs, Julia Teeters, Francis Gibbs, Bessie Tate, Martha Sue Creighton, Grace Roberts, Olene King, Sarah Hobbs, Mary Ann Creighton, and Everett Slaughter. **4th Row:** Teacher Nellie (Meeks) Scruggs, Iola Green, Osborn Savage, Evelyn Slaughter, Clyde Tate Jr., I. O. Tate, Leonard Creighton, Burton Tate, and Teacher Isabel Scruggs.



Morton Brothers Store – Tarlton ca 1930

Morton Brothers Store, located in Tarlton, was operated by E. J. and Washington (Wash) Morton. It was the center of community activity. A swinging bridge and footpath provided a connection between Gross' Cove and the store. The Savage Gulf community had access to Tarlton via the roadbed used years earlier by the McMinnville & Chattanooga Stagecoach. 1) Lewis Savage, 2) Elmer Thompson, 3) E. J. Morton, 4) John Carroll, 5) Henry Barker, 6) John Dykes. Two youths are Jr. Barker (left) and E.H. Barker (right).



Collins River Valley Stave Mill Operation
Operated by George McGee



Ernest Rubley Home – “The House by the Side of the Road”

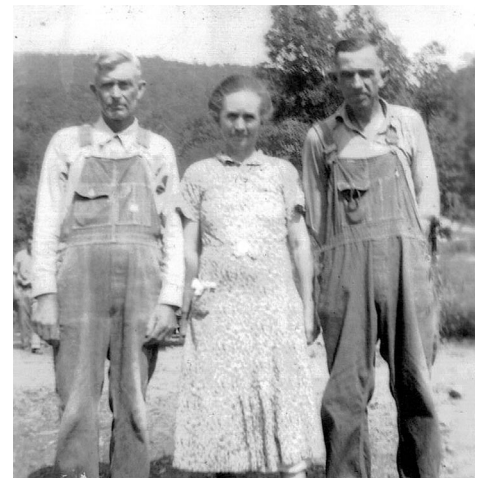
l to r: Esther Scruggs, Elene Thompson, Margaret (Morton) & Preston Buquo, Ernest Rubley, Lela (Hobbs) Thompson and Charles & Bill Rubley as children.



Elias, John, William, Mary (Thompson), & Etta McCarver



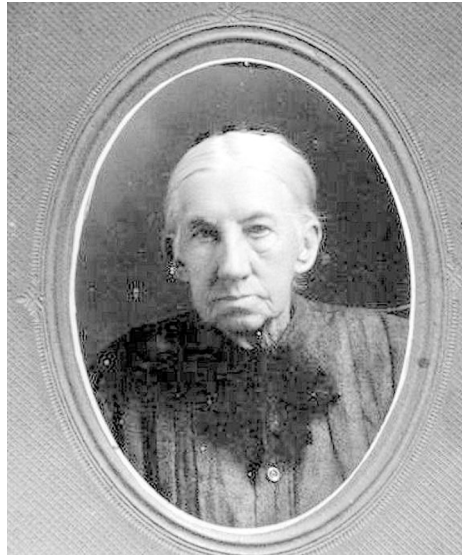
Joe Bonner,
Husband of Etta McCarver



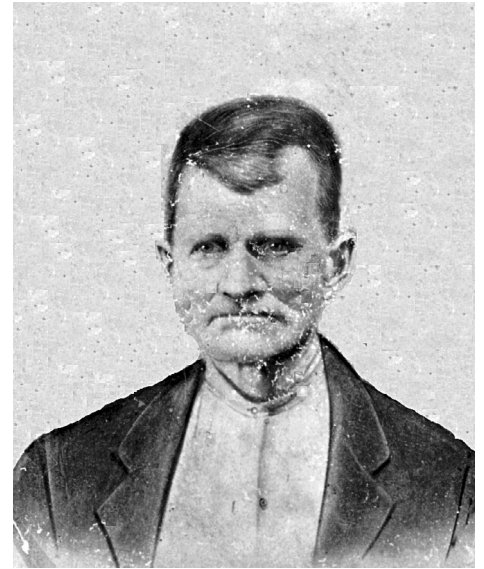
Bill, Etta, & John McCarver



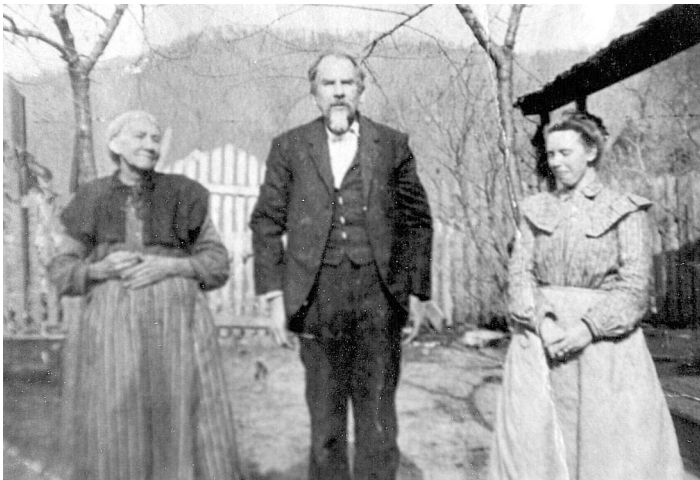
Rev. John J. Morton
Donated Land for Tarlton Methodist
Church and Cemetery in 1893



Mary Adeline (Smith) Morton
Wife of Rev. John J. Morton



Tommy Thompson
Hunter & Outdoorsman
Born in early 1800's



Rev. John J. & Adeline (Smith) Morton
To the Right: Rose Ann (Bess) Morton, Daughter-In-Law



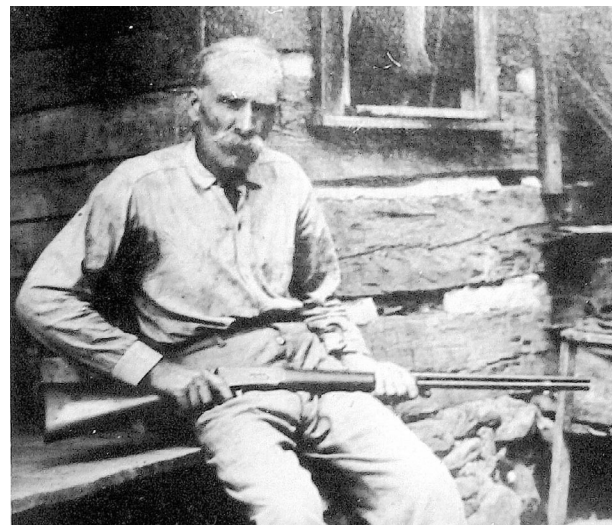
Prudence (Choate) Dykes
Born about 1780
Wife of an Early Settler,
Isham Dykes



Nellie (Dugan) Dykes
Born in North Carolina in
1818



Herman & Carlana (Rubley) Hobbs Family



Joe Hobbs
1851 - 1916



Gross' Cove Sawmill Operation
George McGee, 3rd from the left



Singing School at Philadelphia Church – Early 1900's

Seated: Icie Hill, Ollie (Savage) Wimberly, _____, Herbert Savage, Stella Coppinger, Lou (Hill) Foster, Clara (Coppinger) Wimberly and Frank Wimberly.

Standing: Albert Barnes, the singing teacher; Houston Killian, John W. Nelms, Mack Killian, John Walker, Ernest Wimberly, Houston Wimberly, Jeffie Woodlee, Stella (Hobbs) Wimberly and Irene (Wimberly) Woods. Floyd Wanamaker stands alone at back.

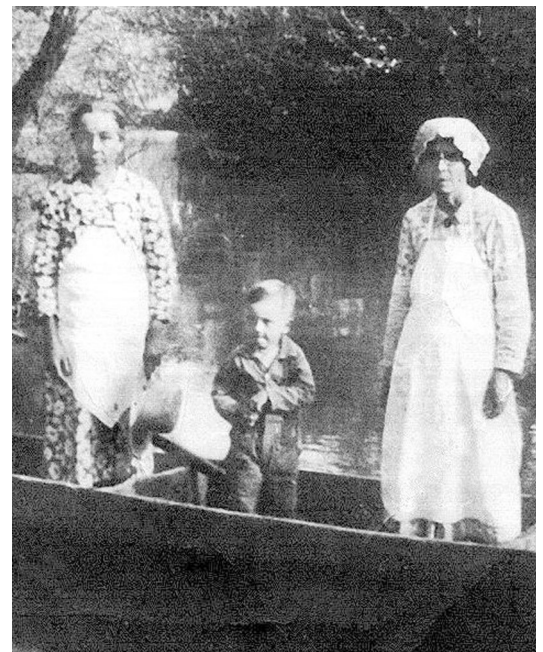


Mt Olive School – 1910

Front Row — Hubert Nunley, Herman Killian, Charlie Fults, Alvin Hall, Marcus Stoner, Farless Coppinger, Dennis Walker, Aubrey Wanamaker, Julia Ann Walker, Marshall Scott, Ivy Coppinger, Myrtle Walker and Margie Nunley. **Second Row** — Herd Lowry, a teacher; Kate Killian, _____, Stella Coppinger, Sidney Walker, Grace Nunley, Lofton Carter, Ethel Scott, Lula Nunley, Frank Wimberly, Mamie Coppinger, Ida Clendenon, Tenny Wanamaker, Athelia Lytle, Georgia Fults, Emma Hill and Margaret Walker. **Third Row** — Pearl Walker, Hester Nunley, Lou Hill, Mamie Hall, Irene Wimberly, Virgil Hall, Jess Carter, Jeremiah Killian, Mary Hill, Grace Fults, Elda Scott, Louis Stoner, Jess Coppinger, Dennis Walker?, Herbert Coppinger and Myrtle Dykes, a teacher. **Fourth Row** — Walter Coppinger, Minnie Cathcart, Pearl Walker, Levi Cathcart, Grace Killian, Grace Nunley, Delia Lytle, Earlene Cathcart, Georgia Scott, Pearl Tate, Houston Killian, Ellis Hall and Arthur Coppinger. **Fifth Row** — Myrtle Hall, Ollie Coppinger, Mack Killian and Herbert Hall



Left: Earlene (Cathcart) Killian



Right: “Crossing the Collins River”
 Laura Slaughter, James Wesley Stotts, & Myrtle (Patrick) Bond



Mt Olive School – 1939

Front Row: T. J. Nunley, Clarence Hobbs, _____, Winford Stoner & _____, **2nd Row:** Holbert Woodlee, Varnell Hobbs, Sewell Rhea, Peggy Wimberly, Lucille Coppinger, _____, Frances Killian, Lena Woodlee, Myrtle Savage, _____, _____, _____, & A. J. Wanamaker. **3rd Row:** Henry Fred Roberts, H. B. Scott, H. B. Smartt, Estel Killian, Clara Bell Wimberly, Bobbie Barnes, Julia Ann Roberts, Nelma Dean Wanamaker, Gladys Wanamaker, Pauline Woodlee, _____, T. L. Scott, & Osborne Scott. **4th Row:** Elijah Roberts, C. L. Stoner, Glen Coppinger, Lucille Nunley, Teacher- Nellie (Meeks) Scruggs, Irene Woodlee, Pauline Wanamaker, Rodman Wanamaker, Alda Savage, Leonard Scott, Geneva Hobbs & Teacher – Rebecca (Walker) Pearsall.



John Houston "Hull" Killian Family
 Front: Mack, Emma, Martha (Gross), Houston & "Hull"
 Rear: Lawson, Burle, & Jim



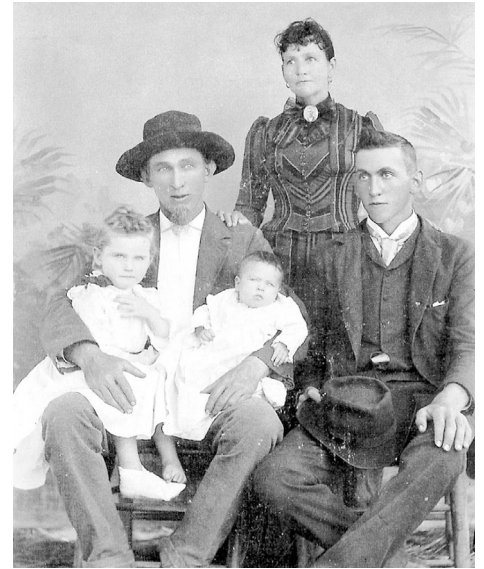
Jeremiah D. & Linnie (Ware) Killian



John Jr. & Julia Ann (Cain) Walker



1 to r: Emma, William Spears, & Rebecca Walker



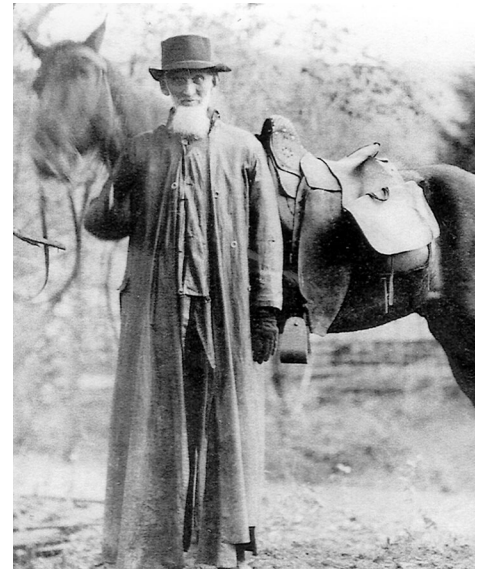
Virgil Hill Family
1 to r: Mable, Virgil (*Father*), Lou, Rebecca (Cain) (*Mother*) & George Lawson Hill



William "Billy" Spears Walker



Grace Lee (Cain) Walker



Virgil Hill



Archibald & Sarah Jane (Gross) Patrick



William Patrick
Half Brother to Archibald Patrick

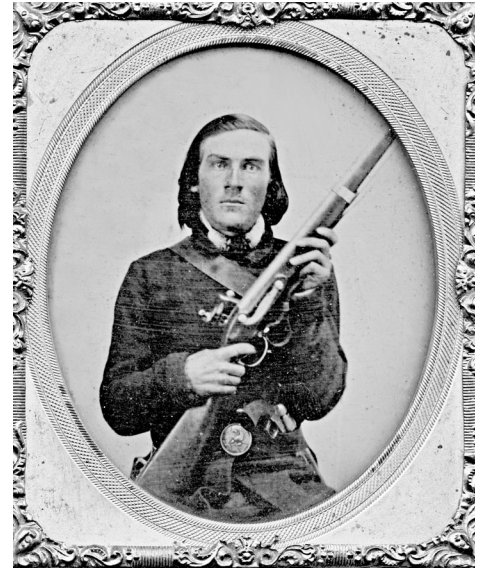


William Wanamaker Family

Front Row: Oscar, Leona (Moffitt), Hallie, Beecher & William

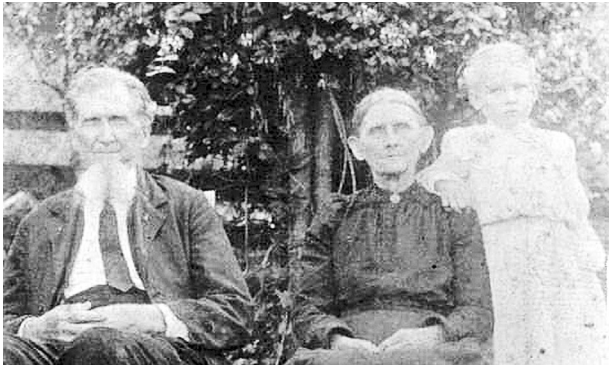
Young Girl in Middle: Hilda

Back Row: Elzie, Nancy, Franky, Amanda, & Floyd



Elijah Wilson Bond

35th Regiment, Tennessee Infantry



William and Mary Smartt with Unknown Girl



Front: Jefferson & Delphia (Davis) Roberts

Back Row: Daughters Cinthia, Lou, & Jeffie



Women of William Wanamaker Family

l to r: Prudie (Gross) Wanamaker, Ida (Dunn) Wanamaker, Hester (Coppinger) Wanamaker, Ollie (Coppinger) Wanamaker, Hallie (Wanamaker) Nelms, Hilda (Wanamaker) Lusk, Amanda (Wanamaker) Hillis, Frankie (Wanamaker) Scott