



**FAMILY
MEMORIES**



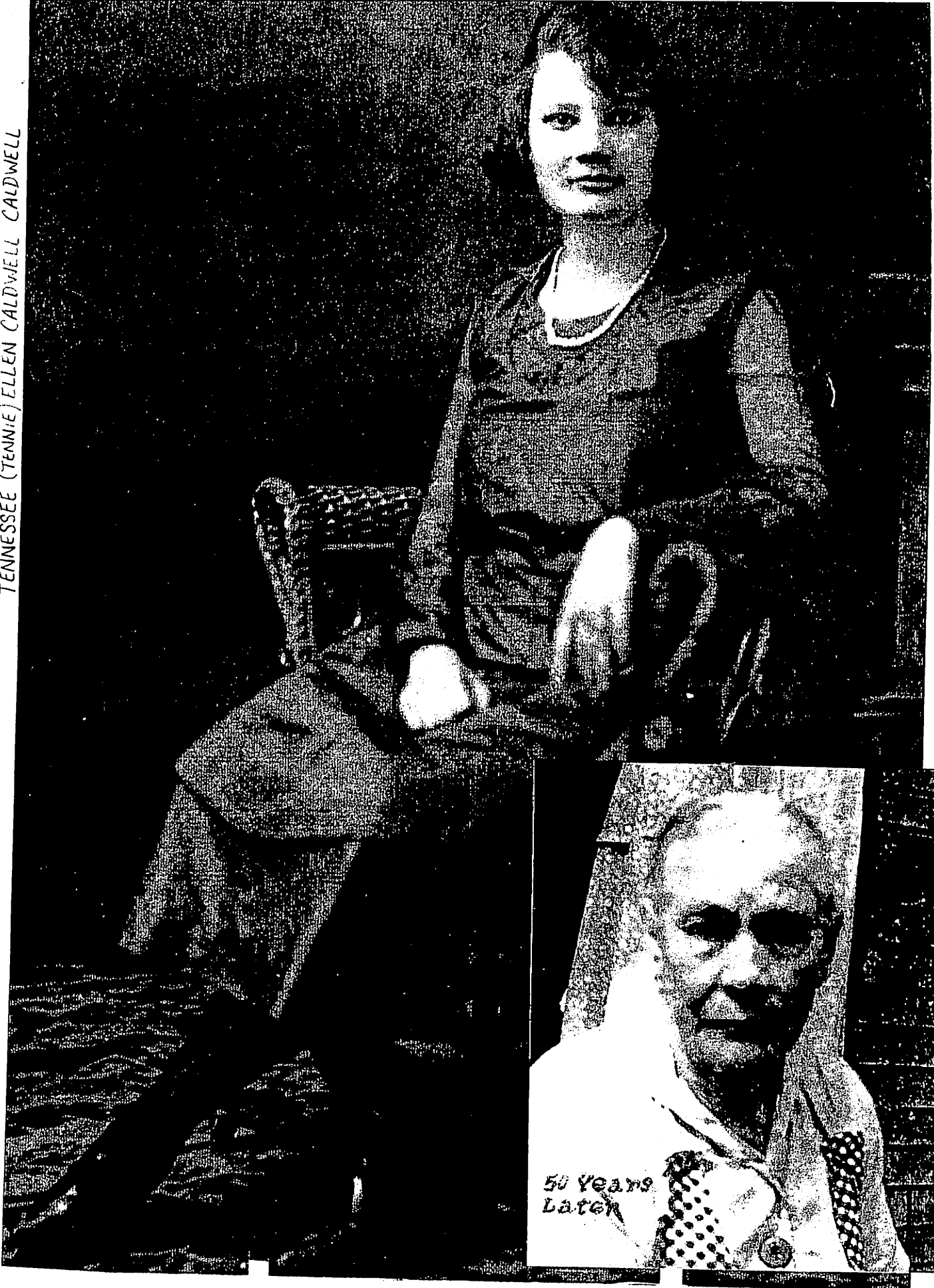
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TENNESSEE (TENNIE) ELLEN CALDWELL CALDWELL







PREFACE

Started 5/5/1988

I hope to write this book, with the help of many others, to leave for my descendants. I just wish I had done so while Dad and Mom were still alive.

I have asked God to help me get it accurate and hope that no one will be offended.

If I would dedicate it to any one person it would be to my best friend on earth, my mother, Hattie Johnson.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

I used to wonder why they called such hard times "the good old days".

We scarcely had enough to eat or warm clothes to wear for play. But now I know; we had our loved ones with us way back then. It was love that made the difference now that I remember when.

The first to leave us was our brothers, the next to go was Dad. Then we lost precious mother, the best friend we'd ever had. Uncles and cousins slipped away, friends they dropped by no more, And we know we never shall see them till we meet on that Heavenly shore.

We now have warm houses to live in, plenty of food laid in store. Lots of things we now have we needed and had not before. Life now is much-much easier, much better in lots of ways, But lately I catch myself thinking of how it was in "the good old days".

by:
Lucille Johnson
January 13, 1988

PART ONE

FULTS

As early as 1758, the Fults family settled in the Shenandoah Valley, VA. Many records during this time are written in German. There the spelling of the name changed from Foltz to Fultz which you can still see today in VA. The family worshipped at the Reformed Lutheran Church. They took part in the revolutionary War and the War of 1812. In the 1800's the family migrated to Warren County. Since Grundy County was not formed until 1844 the families are under Warren County, TN census report for 1820, 1830 and 1840. In 1820 there was Adam, Daniel Ephriam, George and two John Fults in Warren County. (From Sue Schmidt's research.)

GEORGE FULTZ (probably father's name)

Children:

John
Ephriam
Daniel

DANNEL FULTS - GERMAN, 1792 - Shenandoah Valley, VA
PHILADELPHIA THOMPSON, 1801 - North Carolina

Children:

Feriba
Lydia "Liddy"
Smith

His father's name may have been George Fultz. Dannel (as we always heard him called) came from Virginia in a covered wagon and settled in Grundy County.

SMITH FULTS

August 28, 1822 - Sept. 27, 1908
Born 1825 - (died between 1854-1856)

Children:

James Daniel Nov. 12, 1850 - May 3, 1928
Sarah Ellen April 3, 1852 -
John Lawson Feb. 27, 1854 - June 2, 1866

SMITH FULTS

***TIMIA ELLEN SANDERS**

May 1, 1838 - Oct. 6, 1912 (Irish) -
Married February 21, 1856

* Found Timia spelled several different ways but Timia is from the oldest record found.

Children:

Thomas Buchanan Jan. 10, 1859 - Aug. 19, 1891
Feriba Virginia May 24, 1861 - Oct. 11, 1863
Smith Jackson June 13, 1863
Tennessee Palistine Aug. 5, 1865

Philadelphia Ann	Dec. 11, 1867 - Nov. 9, 1887
Chrissteena	Feb. 20, 1871 - March 9, 1968
Jefferson Davis	June 22, 1874 - August 6, 1959
May Florence	April 15, 1877- January 17, 1958

Birth dates of children given to me July 2, 1988 by Lorene Morgan from old records. And by Ethel Johnson.

SMITH FULTS: Settled about two and one-half miles south of Gruetli, TN. Their place has since been strip mined for coal and all that is left is the Fults graveyard. A court order was obtained by Oscar Overturf to prevent the family graves from being disturbed. There is a gravestone there with some of the family names on it.

Smith was a big, very, very strong man. Arthur Layne said that he could take a 50 gallon barrel of whiskey and pick it up on his knees and drink from it and set it back down. Also legend is that he told his wife, Timia that he was bringing 12 men home with him for dinner and when he came in alone she asked him were the 12 men were and he said, "Right here", and sat down and ate all that she had cooked.

He was very industrious, high strung and hard working. He built tar kilns and made tar from rich pine and hauled it to Nashville and other towns with yokes of steers.

Before the Civil War, Smith kept slaves and after the war freed them. The men left but one woman made her home with them the rest of her life.

Once they were having a log rolling (people gathered from far and near to work all day and have a big meal and usually dance that night) clearing land, for Smith Fults owned several hundred acres. A little Indian boy was picking corn out of horse manure to eat and a man picked the child up and threw him on a pile of burning brush. People said it took 8 strong men to hold Smith off the man or he would have surely met the same fate. Everyone was so upset the working was cancelled for that day.

For some reason Mollie Layne would refer to Smith as, "That old man". Then she'd say, "I reckon he was all right," but she loved his wife Timia who was a good, kind-natured woman. Hattie Johnson said as she would stop there to go to school with Estell Overturf (Timia's granddaughter) that she would set her 4 lb. lard bucket down with her meager lunch in it, because they had a hard time when the children were small, and when she would pick it up to go to school it would be heavy with good things Timia had slipped in it for her. Timia was also a mid-wife.

Timia died of cancer on her face and they both are buried in the family cemetery at Graveyard Hill, Gruetli, TN

JAMES DANIEL (JIM) FULTS
REBEKAH JANE LAYNE (BECKY) 1853 - 1890

Children:

Sallie 1871 Married Dock Green
Lizzie 1873

Smith Abraham, Jan. 31, 1875 - Dec. 26, 1955 - Married Sarah
Frances

Maggie Ida, July 26, 1877 - Feb. 13, 1953 - Married Lucus
Wooten

Martha, 1879

Jackson, August 4, 1884 - Mar. 17, 1928 - Married Lizzie J. Tate

Susie (Sookie) June 18, 1889 Married Norman

Umbarger

Vinnie

Married Gilbert Brown

Rosie

Married Hence Layne

(Given by Sue Schmidt from her research)

SMITH JACKSON FULTS June 13, 1863 -

Died of cancer on the face. He is buried at Bonnie Oak Cemetery

Children:

Thomas Bryan

Henry

Alice

Willie (daughter)

THOMAS BRYAN FULTS

ANNIE BELLE RUST

Children:

Willie Carl June 20, 1920 Married Beatrice Nunley (Boots) Dec.
1, 1918 and had *Children listed below:

Wilma Lorene

Jefferson D.

Hervy Mitchell

Leonard

Charles Edward

Hugh Wyndel

Robert Clarence (Nook)

Ray

James

Judy Kaye

Thomas Eugene

James (Pete)

Kenneth Dale

Jerry Bruce

HENRY FULTS

LILLIE MAE

Children:

Clarence Bryan

Anna Mae

ALICE FULTS

SMARTT HAMPTON

Children:

Everett J.

Weldon

Elsie

WILLIE FULTS (BILL)
ELBERT GROOMS (PAP)

Children:

Thelma Dorris (Tootie)
Keith Jackson (Budge)
Elbert Ronald (Lad)
James Anthony
Peggy Dianne

*Names of Beatrice Nunley and Willie Carl Fults' children were given to me by Beatrice Fults on July 23, 1988 and Grooms were given by Doris Burnett on August 4, 1988 and Lad Grooms on Oct. 1, 1988.

PHILADELPHIA ANN FULTS never married, died with measles and is buried in the family graves on Graveyard Hill, Grundy County, TN.

CHRISTEENA FULTS never married. After the death of her mother Timia, she made her home with her brother Jeff. Died of old age and is buried in the Williams Plot, Tracy City Cemetary.

JEFFERSON DAVIS FULTS - June 22, 1874 - August 6, 1959
ANNIE MARY WILLIAMS - March 24, 1883 - December 27, 1942

Children:

Infant born and died December 8, 1911
Anna Carol Fults Khattah Dec. 24, 1913
Jefferson Davis, Jr. November 13, 1914 - November 11, 1917
Dorothy Fults Troxler Dec. 5, 1916
Children: Jeff, Joh, Rhoda
Alma Fults Chambers Sept. 28, 1918
Children: Anne Lanier, Bill Jr.
Eleanor Fults Ballou Aug. 5, 1920
Children: James
Mary Fults Bennight May 2, 1923
Children: Marcia
Dale Fults Waltz Jan. 20, 1925
Children: Ryan, Sharla

Jeff started teaching school at age 19. Then became a very prominent lawyer in Grundy County. He is mentioned in the biography of famous Tennesseans. He is buried at Tracy City Cemetery, Tracy City, TN.

Names and dates given by Mary Bennight and by Polly Baggenstoss.

MAY FLORENCE FULTS Blue eyes - about 5'8"
E. FINDLAND OVERTURF

Children:

Gilbert Nov. 1893 - Feb. 26, 1975
Wilma Dec. 1895 -
Ory Elsie June, 1897
Ora Estelle 1899
Oscar Darrell 1901 - 1988
Eva
Ivy
Woodrow 1913 - Jan. 13, 1981
Howard
Louise (living)

Names given by Willadean Overturf from Oscar's records July 4,
1988

In Memoriam

Smith Fults

ONE OF GRUNDY COUNTY'S OLDEST CITIZENS PASSES AWAY

On last Sunday, Sept. 27, 1908, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends, and in the most beautiful grave I ever saw carved in mother earth, being cut in white sandstone, and on the old home place where he had lived for fifty-nine years, loving hands tenderly laid to rest the tired, worn body of Smith Fults, aged eighty-six years and thirty days.

This is an event in the history of Grundy County that deserves more than passing notice; for he was in many respects a remarkable man. He was cast in no common mold. Physically almost a Hercules, his feats of strength will never be forgotten by those who saw them exhibited; mentally he was gifted by nature with an intellect in keeping with his powerful physique; and above and beyond all, he was possessed of a moral fibre that was as unyielding as his powerful muscles.

If "an honest man is the noblest work of God," then Smith Fults must be remembered as an example of what God can do along this line when He chooses. Always original and forceful in expression, his words were not always elegant, but served him well to express his ideas, and he had ideas worthy of expression on all subjects. He would not swerve from the exact truth as he understood it, and on one occasion sixteen years ago I knew him to testify to a state of facts that deprived him of a large and valuable tract of land, though warned by his attorney, the late Gov. Marks, that such statement would defeat him.

Politically he was intensely partisan; as he was intense in all his likes and dislikes; when he had definitely made up his mind that a thing was wrong, he hated that wrong with a vindictive intensity that was akin to madness; and when he believed a thing was right, and based upon principles of truth and honor, he would defend it to the last in his own quaint but forceful way.

Smith Fults was not perfect and did not claim to be, as he was utterly incapable of the least trace of hypocrisy; and who is perfect? "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." When our civilization is older; when commercialism has loosened its hold upon the vital energies and souls of our people; when men are measured by what they are instead of by what they own; when men are known by their lives rather than by their professions, then and not until then, will such characters as that of Smith Fults be appreciated and understood.

If by the laws of nature, or the grace of God, or the mercy of Christ, or otherwise, I shall ever be permitted to stand upon the shores of the river of Eternal life, then and there I expect to clasp glad hands with Smith Fults; and then and there, as well as now and here, I shall be glad to be recognized as his friend.

J. B. FERGUSON.

Death of Mrs. Smith Fults.

Mrs. Timie E. Fults, widow of the late Smith Fults, died at her home near Mt. Vernon on Sunday, October 6, 1912, aged seventy-five years, five months and five days, leaving to mourn her departure one brother, John R. Sanders, and five children, S. J. Fults, Jeff. D. Fults, Mrs. W. R. Johnson, Mrs. E. F. Overturf and Miss Christina Fults..

Mrs. Fults had been a patient sufferer for years, but that is over now and she has laid down to rest beside her faithful husband until the resurrection day.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. S. M. Keathley, who preached one of the most encouraging and hopeful sermons that we have ever heard. His hearers were made to feel that the old home which has been forever broken here will be re-established in a better land.

J. B. FERGUSON.

PART TWO

JOHNSON

TOM JOHNSON
JANE NUNLEY

Children:

William Riley
Frances
Bill
Dave
Patsy
Vinie

WILLIAM RILEY JOHNSON
SARAH KILGORE

Married December 26, 1869 by John Burrows

Children:

Zacari Taylor
Thomas Franklin
John William
Francis Marion
James
Charles
Joseph
Andy
Burley

Pauline Orrell, Plainview, Arkansas sent the names of William Riley's children by his first wife.

After Sarah's death

WILLIAM RILEY JOHNSON

(died) - Oct. 17, 1925

TENNESSEE PALISTINE FULTS (TENNIE)

Aug 5, 1865 -

Married July 31, 1887

Children:

Smith Frederick	Feb. 4, 1890 - Jan. 21, 1977
Martha Ellar	Aug. 31, 1892 - Oct. 21, 1962
Christeena Buell (Nim)	Jan. 25, 1894 - Feb. 27, 1964
Annie Rubin (Rubie)	June 24, 1895 - Sept. 6, 1987
Luther Bryan	Aug. 6, 1897 - Jan. 16, 1963
Fannie Burton	Feb. 7, 1900 - Aug. 26, 1975
Lular Caldonia Mary	Florence Armethia Ellen - June 11, 1902 -
Arnold Lee	Dec. 16, 1905 -

WILLIAM RILEY JOHNSON (BILL)

He and Tennie started housekeeping in Johnsons' Gulf (so named for them). The fields were very rocky and as they worked their crops they would carry the stones out and place them for a rock fence. It can still be seen there near the flat rock hole. They lived across a creek from a cave and carried their water in dry weather from a cold spring of water in front of the cave. They kept their milk and butter in the spring in the summer time to keep it cold. In wet weather they had water piped down from the mountain side to their back yard.

They moved to about 5 miles South of Coalmont, TN on top of the mountain about 1908. Bill Johnson paid the tax and made legal whiskey there at a spring that is still remembered as "The Still Spring". He lived there until his death and is buried at Bonnie Oak Cemetery, Coalmont, TN.

TENNESSEE PALISTINE JOHNSON

Known by most as Aunt Tennie, she was very strong physically and strong willed. She worked hard all her early years. She wanted what she did to be the best she could do. She was a mid-wife and was well known for doctoring with herbs and people came to her for miles around for her medicine. She would get up any hour of the night to go with a neighbor to doctor their sick, for which she never charged. When she would see neighbors from Flatt Branch and Coalmont pass her house hiking to Johnsons' Gulf she would quit her work and start cooking and when they passed back by, tired and hungry, it was her pleasure to feed them.

One Christmas they had no money and Tennie had raised the herb, horehound, in her garden. She used it to make candy and hid it in the loft and brought it down and passed it out to the children on Christmas.

If she liked anyone she could see no wrong in them and if she didn't like them, she didn't want them around her. She had picks in her grandchildren (of which this writer was not) and some she couldn't stand

She died of old age and is buried at Bonnie Oak Cemetery, Coalmont, TN.

SMITH FREDRICK JOHNSON - 6'2", Blue eyes, about 220 lbs
HATTIE ELLEN LAYNE - 5'7", Brown eyes, about 180

Children:

Lewis Nelson,	Apr. 10, 1920 - May 26, 1976
Ethel Mae,	Sept. 29, 1922
Clarence Linton	Sept. 29, 1925 - Dec. 24, 1932
Maggie Lucille	April 16, 1930 <i>Feb 14, 2000</i>
Annie Fay	Dec. 19, 1942

Fred was a very strong willed man. He was used to having his way from childhood. Being the oldest of nine children, he kind of ruled the roost.

This is a story dad told us many times and was taped Dec. 14, 1976. Once when the creek was running full after lots of rain - "Mom made me a 2nd pair of pants and had me try them on, and after a while she said, "Buddy, put your old pants back on," and I said, "I can't", and she asked, "Why?" and I said, "I threw them in the creek." She whipped me and made me wear a dress for 30 days, I would hide when anybody came."

He worked in timber when he was young where he lost an eye driving a steel wedge in a rail he was splitting. A piece of steel burst his eyeball.

He was good in woodworking and he worked in the coal mines till he retired, and he enjoyed a long retirement.

Dad was never able to show his emotions and we feared him as children. I know now that he loved us. He was a very honest person and always stressed to us as children the importance of being honest in all our dealings with people.

He made corn whiskey, and we would slip to his still when we were kids and drink the beer waiting to be distilled with straws made from cane. He used different paths to go to his still and thought we didn't know where it was. He quit drinking in 1931 and never tasted another drop.

He liked to pout when he got mad at mama and has gone for months without speaking to her. Though they had heated arguments, he never struck her.

He loved to camp and fish and wanted to catch a "big one". He had out a trot' line and caught a 54 lb. shovelbill catfish in the Tennessee River below the dam. He seemed satisfied and didn't fish much more after that.

In his later years he would take a load of us swimming several times a week. (Sometimes we had to hoe his Hemlocks for the privilege). He would sit in the hot truck and wait or sometimes he would walk down and watch us; but he always let us stay as long as we wanted to.

He did the grocery shopping as long as he was able and always carried little pieces of pencil about 2 1/2" long to mark off the items on Mama's list....He always carried a small pair of wire pliers, kept his pocket knife razor sharp and kept a good watch set on as perfect time as could keep it.

He fell January 1, 1977 and broke his hip, underwent replacement surgery and died of congestive heart failure on January 21, 1977 and is buried at Bonnie Oak Cemetery, Coalport, TN.

HATTIE ELLEN LAYNE JOHNSON - 5'6" Brown Eyes, Black Hair

Hattie was very kind and well loved by everyone. She enjoyed cooking and anyone that stopped by was welcome (and persuaded) to eat. Some would just go to the table and get cornbread or biscuit and eat it by its self. She was an excellent cook. She never seemed to put forth extra effort but people always seemed to feel welcome.

When we were kids we would pick out a dress we liked in a catalog and she would lay the cloth out and cut it. I don't remember ever having one that didn't fit. She sewed for the neighbors the same way. Now that I can sew with patterns, it seems impossible the way she sewed.

With all her busy schedule she still found time to take us swimming and picnicing. She liked nature and in early Spring would go to Swanee Gulf near our home, and pick sweet fern, bear grass and pepper grass and cook it. She would catch creek minnows and clean and fry them whole. No other fish has ever tasted so good.

She had a good sense of humor and liked to tease us and play tricks on us. If she could make us mad it was twice as funny to her.

She had arthritis in later years and died in her sleep of a heart attack and is burried at Bonnie Oaks Cemetery, Coalmont, TN.

LEWIS NELSON JOHNSON
HARLEY SLOAN MEEKS - No children

ETHEL MAE JOHNSON - 5'6" Blue Eyes, Brown Hair
LECIL ROY SANDERS - July 7, 1921, 5'11" Brown Eyes, Black Hair
Children:

Loretta Sanders - May 7, 1946

LORETTA SANDERS
DICKY MALONEY CREIGHTON (DICK)
Children:

Stacy Doyle Creighton - May 8, 1966

Laura Mae Bethany Creighton - January 2, 1981

STACY DOYLE CREIGHTON

RHONDA MICHELLE KING Married August 6, 1988

CLARENCE LINTON JOHNSON - Clarence was diabetic and being in a weakened condition, he died when he contacted pneumonia at age 7. He is buried at Bonnie Oak, Coalmont, TN.

MAGGIE LUCILLE JOHNSON 5'10", Blue eyes, Brown Hair
CHARLES ALVIS BROWN October 9, 1930 - September 14, 1986
Children:

Linda Dale Brown - June 5, 1949

Harold Keith Brown - Agusut 23, 1956

LINDA DALE BROWN

EDWIN EUGENE BURNETT (ANDY) June 11, 1947

Children:

Patrick Gene Burnett - April 20, 1970

Kristie Yvonne Burnett - February 20, 1977

HAROLD KEITH BROWN

BARBARA LEE HALL TATE - November 8, 1947

Children:

Keea Larisa Brown - February 14, 1979

ANNA FAYE JOHNSON

RONALD MICHAEL NUDO - December 26, 1944 (Italian)

Children:

Michael Kevin Nudo - January 24, 1973

Anthony Wade Nudo - October 25, 1976

MARTHA ELLAR JOHNSON 5'11', blue eyes average

ROBERT TRUSSELL (Bob) May 15, 1881 - (unknown)

Married July 25, 1917

Children:

William Henry June 11, 1918

Earnest Lee Apr. 23, 1920

Leon June 21, 1921

Ruby June 11, 1923

Aaron July 8, 1925

Irris Tennie May 27, 1927

Robert Louis April 19, 1930

Charles Edward Nov. 20, 1932

Ellar was kind natured and generous. Ruby Hoffman's elderly mother lived close to Ellar and she would visit her often and always bring her a gift, sometimes just a flower. She was loved by her neighbors

She was struck by a car while crossing the road in a rainstorm, and is buried at Plainview Cemetery, Tracy City, TN (1st lot - block 4 - 4th grave left) Children's names given by Anne Trussel in July. 1988.

CHRISTEENA BUELL JOHNSON, 5'10" Blue eyes, 160 lbs

ANDREW JACKSON CAMPBELL Jan. 24, 1894

Married Dec. 25

Children:

Children died infant or very young:

Lorene Sept. 28, 1913

Alvin Apr. 9, 1915-Nov. 27, 1979

Joseph Henton March 28, 1919

Henryetta June 12, 1921

Harry Gorden April 6, 1930

Emmer June July 12, 1933-Oct. 2, 1982

Berry Wilson Feb. 20, 1935

Perly Ellen
Andy
Thomas J.

Christeena (Nim) was very truthful and honest. She was industrious and a good manager. She loved the outdoors and when times were hard she dug ginseng and made ax handles from hickory and kept food for her children. She shaped the handles with a paring knife and scraped them with a piece of broken glass.

She was an excellent cook and I loved to eat there as a child. She would grate ears of corn on a grater board and make some of the best corn bread I ever tasted.

She died of cancer and is buried at Bonnie Oak Cemetery, Coalmont, TN

(Dates and names given by Lorene Morgan on July 2, 1988)

ANNIE RUBIN JOHNSON - 5'8", Blue eyes, Average wt.

MARION ROBERT NUNLEY - Nov. 10, 1891 - August 30, 1968

Children:

Leonard Gordan Feb. 12, 1917 - L

Elsie Pauline Sept. 24, 1918 - L

Rubie (Dude) was hard working and did neat work. She made lots of quilts and needlepoint.

She loved life and loved to laugh. When she got tickled she seemed to laugh all over.

She and family moved from Coalmont, TN to Hollis Arkansas in an old truck in 1932 and lived there at the edge of Ouachita National Forest till her death, and is buried at Nooner Cemetery, Steve, AR.

Taken from a letter from Pauline Orrell, June 12, 1988:

"Yes, Lucille, that was Mama's real name and she didn't like it, so she just wrote it Rubie and she was a person that wanted to give a body something. The last few gardens she growed she just gave it away. She liked to work outside, but didn't care for housework."

LUTHER BRYAN JOHNSON - about 5'9" - Average

DELLAR OPHELIA CALDWELL - 1904-1935

Children:

Birtha Irene - March 6, 1922

Roy Mitchell - December 24, 1924

Sidney Alton William (Bub) - October 25, 1925

Hammon V. - Jan. 21, 1928

Margie Elizabeth - Feb. 21, 1930

Willie Mae - Mar. 6, 1935

Luther had spinal meningitis when he was a child and almost died. He was nervous and high strung.

He was very good in wood working and was an excellent cook. He also liked to sew and was a perfectionist at anything he did. He was a methodist minister.

He is buried at Bonnie Oak Cemetery, Coalmont, TN.

FANNIE BURTON JOHNSON - 5'10", blue eyes, 175 lbs
CARL MILES
No children

Fannie went to Rule, TX as a girl to help her widowed half-brother, Marion Johnson raise his 3 small children.

She picked cotton and other hard jobs to pay her way. She said she and a friend would pick cotton till they were exhausted and take aspirins and keep picking.

She liked to collect recipes and patterns and would take back plants and seeds when she came to Tennessee for a visit. She loved to write letters and wrote to lots of friends and relatives.

After she married she moved to Rochester, TX. She had crippling arthritis and was bedfast in a care home one year before she died.

She is buried in Marion Johnson's family plot in Rule, Texas.

LULAR JOHNSON
ETHEL BOWELL

Lular's first child was born dead and she died in childbirth and is buried at Bonnie Oak Cemetery.

AROLD LEE JOHNSON 6'4" slim, Blue Eyes
VERA HARBARGER

- Children:
- Clarence
 - Kenneth Lloyd
 - Sidney Wayne
 - Patricia Ann
 - Joe Dean
 - Gary
 - Darrell
 - Mary Elizabeth

Arold married Vera in Hollis, Arkansas then they later moved to California where his last three children were born. He is probably buried in Oxnard, CA.

Names given by Pauline Orrell

SMITH

PART THREE

WILLIAM F. SMITH Nov. 3, 1838 - May 7, 1915 (English)
ELIZABETH STITCH May 16, 1851 - Jan. 19, 1938 (German)

Children:

Mary Genette Feb. 18, 1880 - July 18, 1957

Alice

Charlie Wilder (Ted) Dec. 1, 1886 - Oct. 1946

Robert H. (Bob) June 11, 1888 - Sept. 1, 1935

Annie Rooney Dec. 5, 1891 - Nov. 9, 1978

WILLIAM F. SMITH Co-A, 4 Tennessee Cav. was nicknamed Calico Bill. He had a brother named Thomas and two sisters. He served in the Cival War and was captured in the Battle of Chickamauga in 1863 and remained a prisoner until the war was over.

The prisoners were starving and some had Scurvy. Bill walked near a guard and stood looking at him until the guard asked what he wanted. (Prisoners were not allowed to speak to guards first). He gave the guard \$.50 and asked him to bring them sweet potatoes. They ate the potatoes raw and cured the scurvy.

He also told that the prisoners had to drink from a ditch that ran through the stockade and they had to fill their canteens by daybreak or dishwater would be in it. One morning he went to fill his canteen and saw three prisoners on a rise near by. He went to see what they were looking at and saw a spring of clear water had come up from the ground and they had good water to drink from then on.

He was married previously and had eight children. John M. Smith, Dunlap, TN and Thomas Smith at Crossville were his sons.

He and Lizzie moved from Walden's Ridge about 1889 with a wagon and team of oxen. Settled first near Laager then moved to Gruetli, TN where he lived until his death of a heart attack and is buried at Fall Creek Cemetery, Gruetli, TN. (mostly given by Arthur Layne).

ELIZABETH STITCH SMITH (LIZZIE)

She came to America from Germany when she was nine years old to Indiana. She was hired out to stay with a family and work. It was during the Cival War and she got seperated from her family and the people she was with moved South and brought her with them and she never saw her parents again. She died of old age and is buried at Fall Creek Cemetery, Gruetli, TN. (Given by Ethel Johnson).

MARY GENETTE SMITH (wife of Spencer Layne, listed with Laynes)

ALICE SMITH (Must have died very young. I could find no record of her)

CHARLES WILDER SMITH (TED)

MINNIE FULTS SWEETON October 16, 1890 - Dec. 24, 1972

Children:

Vernie Prater
Flora Mae
Warren Esten
Calvin Veston
Charles Dawes (Dandy)
Clyde (Socket)
Tommy

Ted had white swelling when he was a boy and had to use crutches all of his life. They thought the white swelling may have been caused by him being attacked by a dog when he was a child.

He was Circuit Court Clerk from 1920 until 1932 and County Judge from 1934 until 1942. He was also a retired lumberman. He is buried at Fall Creek Cemetery, Gruetli, TN.

ERNEST H. SMITH (Unwed)

He liked to hunt and was an outdoors man. He was struck by a car while walking home from the Grundy County Fair. He was found with his money still in his wallet and his watch still running. Since he had not been robbed, his death was ruled accidental. He is buried at Fall Creek Cemetery, Gruetli, TN.

ANNIE ROONEY SMITH (Unwed)

Annie lived alone after her mother died and made her living off the small farm until, because of age and a light stroke she couldn't work around anymore. She went to live in the rest home several years before she died. She is buried at Fall Creek Cemetery, Gruetli, TN.

Flora Mae Smith gave the names of Charlie Smith's family.

PART FOUR

LAYNE

JOHN LAYNE SR.

ABRAHAM LAYNE

Children:

Errick
Dan
Hiram
David
Steve
Andrew Jackson
Charles
Joe
Alison

ANDREW JACKSON LAYNE (COVE JACK)

HARRIET ELLEN BRYANT

Children:

Spencer Jan. 3, 1866 - Nov. 7, 1931
Marion 1868 - Jan. 7, 1952
Albert 1870
Laurie
Pat
Sam
Maggie

COVE JACK LAYNE was 18 and his brother Charles age 16 when the Cival War broke out. Their 5 brothers left home and told Jack and Charles to stay there because they were so young no one would bother them. Two years later several attempts had been made on their lives by their Democrat neighbors, so they discussed it and decided if they were going to be killed they had rather be in the army. They slipped through the woods and joined a union regiment camped at Altamont, TN and were with them until the war was over.

He died of a heart attack at age 82 and is probably buried at Oak Grove Cemetery, Tracy, City, TN.

HARRIET BRYANT was the daughter of James Bryant and had brothers Pat and Dock and sister, Polly.

SPENCER LAYNE

LIZZIE FULTS (Lizzie died in childbirth)

SPENCER LAYNE

MARY GENETTE SMITH (MOLLIE)

Married December 5, 1897

Children:

- Harriet Ellen (Hattie) - September 23, 1898 - July 6, 1981
- Harvey - December 16, 1899 - February 6, 1901
- William Arthur (Tosh) - December 23, 1901
- Samuel Wilder - February 3, 1904 - February 16, 1967
- Bosie Chester - January 26, 1906 - October 27, 1967
- Silas Lester - January 26, 1906 - July 22, 1980
- Charley Theodore (Bill) - October 28, 1908 - January 14, 1944
- Dock Robert Henry - December 26, 1910 - March 16, 1970
- Joseph Earl (Bass) - July 31, 1913
- Elizabeth Bertha Louise - April 13, 1917 - May 15, 1966
- Johnny Benjamin - October 3, 1919
- Carl David - April 13, 1921 - December 28, 1979

Spencer and Mollie lived on a farm in Clifty Gulf. They had plenty to eat but very little money when the children were growing up. They trained their children to get up at day break and all of them had work to do. He told them not to borrow unless they had to and take better care than they would their own and return it as soon as they were finished with it. Besides farming he worked in timber and sometimes made whiskey.

He died of heart dropsey and is buried at Burkett Chapel, Marion County, TN.

Mollie Layne was very kind natured and intelligent. She worked hard helping in the fields. She carded and spun wool and cotton and knitted socks for the family.

We would spend the night with her when we were kids and sleep on a pallet in the floor. We would beg her to tell us "haint" tales, promising faithfully we would not be scared. Then when it came time for our trip "out doors", before bedtime we would be terrified.

One favorite of many stories she told was about parents that left their young son and daughter home alone. A painter (panther) came and was coming in on them and the boy raised a floor puncheon (logs split in half and notched to lay on floor joist with smooth side up, scrubbed with sand to keep smooth and clean) and he and his sister crawled underneath the house. The panther tore up the floor and when the Dad and Mom returned and saw what had happened the mother started screaming and woke the children under the floor where they had lain so still they had fallen asleep. She said you could see the claw marks where it had scratched the floor trying to get to them.

Her stories were handed down and supposed to be true.

She had very flat fingernails almost turning up at the ends. She enjoyed good health all her life but got senile a year or so before she died. She is buried at Fall Creek Cemetery in Gruetli, TN.

Granny's recipe for "OLD TIMEY TEA CAKES"

1 Cup Butter
1 3/4 Cup Sugar
2 Eggs
1/4 Cup Buttermilk
1 Teaspoon Soda
1 1/2 Teaspoon Vanilla
Dash Salt
4 Cups Flour

Mix all except flour. Measure out flour and add gradually, don't make dough too dry. Knead and roll out. Cut with a cookie or biscuit cutter. Bake 12 min in 350° oven. Sprinkle with sugar while hot if desired.

HATTIE ELLEN (wife of Fred Johnson - listed with Johnsons)

HARVEY LAYNE died when he was two years old and is buried at Fall Creek Cemetery, Marion County, TN.

WILLIAM ARTHUR LAYNE Blue Eyes - 6'0" Average Wt.

ANNIE FRANCES VIOLET CALDWELL Brown Eyes, Average wt
Children:

Homer Dean
Betty Patricia
Carrol Anne
Teresa Dale
Sylvia Bernice

Arthur worked in timber when he was young, but has been a farmer most of his life, at home then after marriage in Maury County near Columbia, TN, then back to Grundy County where he and Annie bought the Coleman Dykes place where they had worked when they were sweethearts.

He said he wanted his son Homer to have a good education so he would never have to work as hard as he had. Homer took the good start and went on to get his Doctorate degree.

Hattie said when they were children arthur was terribly high tempered. He would get a big club after her and chase her all over the hills and hollers where they lived, and when she got tired she would run by the house and holler for Granny to stop him as he came by. He said the reason he was chasing her was, he had risens on the back of his neck and she would run by him and slap them.

Arthur is very much alive at this writing. He loves to talk and has given me lots of information on this book. He still drives his pick-up truck to the post office and for groceries.

SAMUEL WILDER - Brown Eyes - 5'8" Average wt.

MAUDIE LEONA SHRUM ANDERSON

Children: Peggy Ruth
Stepchildren: Alene Anderson
Louise Anderson

Sam was very independent and honest. He was close to his sister Battie and would help her anytime he could. He liked to travel when he was young and money was usually scarce and he would hobo trains out west where he worked in timber. He worked later years in the coal mines. He was a loner and tended to his own business and wanted other people to leave him alone.

He lived at Tatesville where he died of a heart attack and is buried at Fall Creek Cemetery, Gruetli, TN.

BOSIE CHESTER

NANCY BERTHA LOU CALDWELL (Toots)

Children: Cillar Mae (Drucilla)
Harlan Hembree
Agnes Ophelia (Bunt)
Donald Edward (Duck)
Mildred Ellen (Mildy)
Mary Beatrice (Atchy)
Brenda
Martha Carrol
Velda

Chester was quiet and mild natured. He was a farmer and loved home. He and Toots started housekeeping in Grundy County near the Smith Fults place. Then they moved to the now George Landon place on North 40th in Gruetli. Then they moved to Haines City, FL where they lived until his death of a heart attack.

He is buried at Fall Creek Cemetery, Grundy County, TN.

WILAS LESTER 5'7" Blue eyes - Average wt.

WILMA MAE DUNIVAN Sept. 23, 1908 - Brown Eyes

Children: Beulah Genette (Janet)
Lester Eugene
Edward Earl

They moved to Columbia, TN early in their marriage where Lester was a carpenter by trade.

Lester had a wonderful sense of humor and he was in his glory when he was selling something to the public and could sell anything.

He liked to come to the mountains when the honey suckles were in bloom and before Christmas to gather holly and mistle toe to sell for Christmas. We always looked forward to their visits. He loved people and was loved in return. He died of cancer and is buried at Fall Creek Cemetery, Gruetli, TN.

CHARLIE THEODORE LAYNE (BILL) Blue Eyes 5'7" average - unwed

Bill was bad to drink and lived away from home following his job. He was a mule driver and worked in timber.

He had his neck broken and was left by the road for dead. He did not die right away and had made muddy hand prints on a sapplin where he had pulled up and slid back down. He was frozen solid when he was found. The murderer was never convicted but died years later of cancer.

Bill never harmed anyone but himself. He is buried at Fall Creek Cemetery, Gruetli, TN.

DOCK ROBERT HENRY LAYNE Blue Eyes - 5'9" Slim
FLORENCE ELIZABETH NUNLEY (Lizzie) July 19, 1911

Children:

Mary Ruth
Robert Joseph
James Kenneth
Johnny Franklin (Squirrel)
Martha Elizabeth (Sissy)

Dock was kind and had lots of character. I've heard it said that his conversation never changed no matter what crowd he was in. Granny added Dock to his name when people started calling him Dock because he was the seventh son. (It is said that a seventh son has special healing powers.) People brought babies with the thrash (blisters in their mouth) for Dock to blow his breath in their mouth three times. They also brought children with burns.

When he was a boy women would come with their babies and he, being bashful, would hide and granny would have to beg him to blow in their mouth.

He liked farm life and worked some in the coal mines. He died of a heart attach and is buried at Burkett Chapel, TN.

JOSEPH EARL LAYNE (BASS) Blue Eyes - 5'11" - Average

PEARLIE LEE DOSS - August 8, 1924 - March 15, 1988

Children:

Carl David
Kathern Juanita
Johnny Edward
Harry Randall (Randy)
William Bradley
Margie Marie
Joyce Anne
Robert Harold (Robby)



Smith & Timia Fults



Johnson family
Front L. to R: Arnold, Tennie, Wm. Riley & Lular
Back row: Christeena (Nim), Fannie, Rubie, Eller & Fred
Not present: Luther



Chrissteena Fults



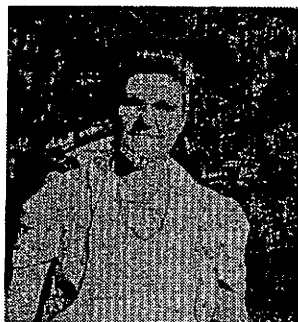
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after group picture was
made. (same day)



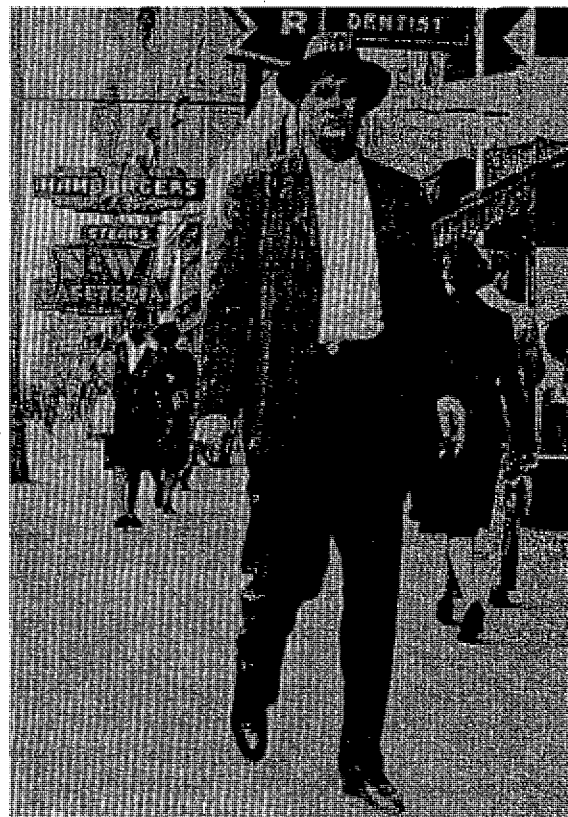
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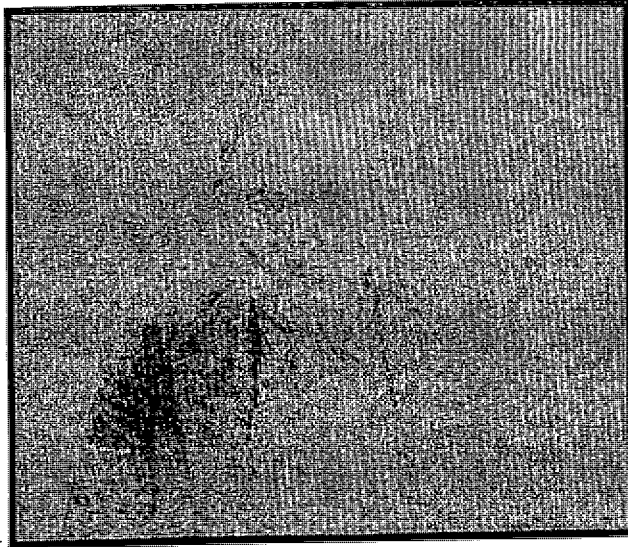
Hattie & Fred Johnson
Jan. 1952



Hattie Johnson



Fred Johnson



William Smith (Calico Bill)



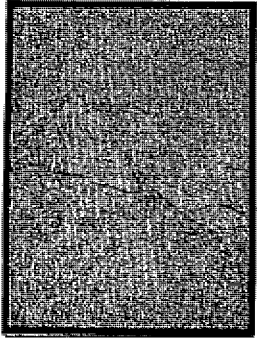
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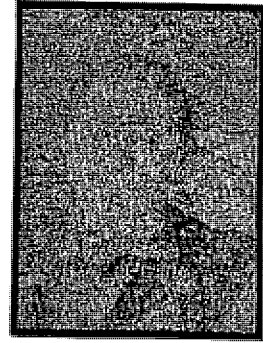
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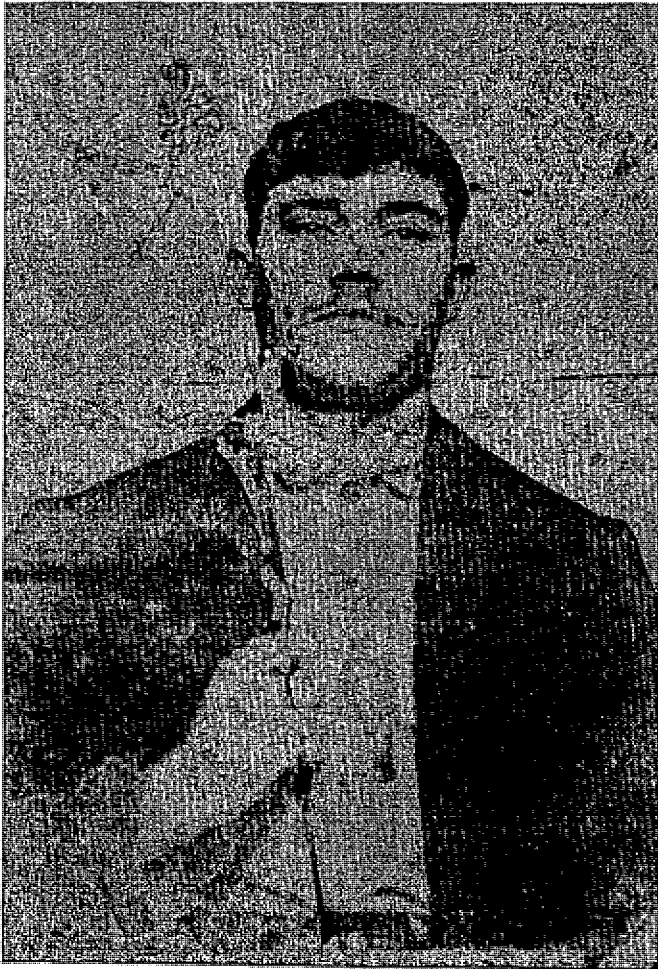
Annie Smith



Jackson Layne (Cove Jack)



Harriet Bryant Layne



Spencer Layne from a tin type



Spencer Layne



Layne Made July 20, 1957
L. to R. Lester, Hattie Johnson, Bertha Nunley, Sam, Dock,
John, Bass, Arthur & Carl (kneeling)



Lester & Chester Layne

Bass and Pearlie always made people feel welcome. Bass is free hearted, when selling produce on his farm, they would shake it down, heap it up and run it over. A bushel of beans would look more like one and a half bushel.

Bass loved life and would whistle and sing while plowing the fields when he was young and his singing could be heard all over the farm.

He got caught making whiskey once (which he liked to drink) and once marijuana was found growing on his land and both times he had to spend a year in prison.

At this writing Bass is very much alive and works a gasoline station with his son Robbie.

(Names were given by Juanita Brown and Robby Layne)

ELIZABETH BERTHA LOUISE LAYNE - 5'5 1/2" Brown Eyes, Average
WESLEY EARL NUNLEY - June 16, 1916 - October 25, 1982

Children:

Geneva
Elsie
Hester
Raymond Earl
Earlene
Doris
Stella Mae
Regina

Bertha was beautiful and full of life when she was young. She had a Treadle Organ and liked to play it and sing. She was super clean and didn't want children to touch anything. She liked to stay home, she enjoyed her family and did sewing and needle point.

She died of cerebral hemorrhage and is buried at Fall Creek Cemetery, Gruetli, TN.

(Names given by Hester Partin, September 10, 1988)

JOHNNY BENJAMIN LAYNE
MATTIE PICKETT Died May, 1961
No Children

JOHNNY BENJAMIN LAYNE 5'9" Blue Eyes, Slim
MYRTLE MULLINS LARK May 26, 1921

No Children

John worked on a neighbor's farm and helped support the family when he was young. Then he served in World War II in Germany and made his mother an allotment.

He moved to Seffner, Florida where he married Myrtle and after his retirement they moved to Berea in Renfro Valley, Kentucky, where they are living happily still.

John always liked woodworking and is making cedar chest and cedar porch furniture and lots of other crafts. He gets all the orders he can fill. Says he is working harder now than before he retired.

CARL DAVID LAYNE - 5'6" Blue Eyes - Average wt.
WILLIE MAE BORNE April 29, 1927

Children:

Cheryl Denise - August 6, 1956

Carl was the baby and petted by all, which was to stay with him all his life.

He, Ethel and I used to go hiking and picnicing when we were kids and whatever we wanted to do was fine with him and we always enjoyed being with him.

He and Willie left Gruetli for Detroit, Michigan about 1950 and came back in 1956 and made their home in Gruetli.

Carl had Parkinson disease and died in his sleep and is buried at Fall Creek Cemetery, Gruetli, TN.

EPILOGUE

This just has to be the hardest kind of book to write, but sooo.. rewarding. I have laughed and cried and felt like I have been on vacation with my ancestors.

I could not have written this without the help of my sister, Faye, who did the typing and layout for me, and my sister, Ethel for accounts of stories I had forgotten.

Everyone has been so great to help me (without exception) that words cannot express my gratitude. I've attempted to list some of the personalities that I remember or from accounts I've heard in hopes that future generations will see some of their own traits in them.

I hope my descendants will enjoy and find something they think worthy of keeping.

