

Throneberry Family

The Throneberry family that originated from Grundy County, Tennessee (GCT) began after Robert Green Throneberry, age 18, and Beatrice Hattie Jones, age 14 were married 12/25/1890 in Bedford County, Tennessee (BCT). The newly married couple settled in GCT shortly after their marriage.

Robert Green was born in Bedford County and was the son of Abraham Green Throneberry and Susan Laura Drake. Abraham was the son of Louis Levi Throneberry, born in NC, and Elenda West. Susan's parents are unknown to date. Louis Levi's parents are also unknown to this date. Elenda West was the daughter of Issac West and Sarah Delilah Moore and the sister of Tabitha West.

Beatrice Hattie was born in Coffee County and was the daughter of John Stevenson Jones and Mary Jane Parks. John was the son of Levi Jones and Tabitha West (sister to Elenda West). Levi was the son of Samuel Jones and Catherine Coble. Tabitha was the daughter of Issac West and Sarah Delilah Moore.

Mary Jane Parks was the daughter of William Berthol Parks and Adeline Wiseman. William Berthol was the son of Wesley Parks and Martha Ann Linabough. Adeline was the daughter of Andrew Jackson Wiseman and Rachel Scivally. Andrew was the son of John Wiseman and Elizabeth White. Rachel was the daughter of John and Leah Scivally.

Records indicate the first child born to Robert and Beatrice was John Edward, born 04/05/1892 in Tracy City, GCT. John Edward raised his family in Tracy City and remained there until his death, 03/20/1963. I remember my uncle well and spent summers with him and his family in GCT. John Edward is buried in a cemetery around Tracy City.

My Grandparents eventually had a total of 24 children. In the following years, those that had not died, married or left home, migrated with the family from Grundy County living at different times in Bedford, Coffee, Moore, and Lincoln Counties until they finally settled in Madison County, Huntsville, Alabama before the year 1915.

My father Marvin G. and his twin sister Margie were both born 04/12/1919 and were the last children born to Robert and Beatrice. Marvin G. Throneberry married my mother Thelma Ruth Kirk (12/23/1923 – 04/03/2002) on 09/19/1939 in Huntsville (Madison County), Alabama. They had two sons: Marvin Doyle Throneberry, b. 05/17/1941 (the submitter of this article) and David Levern Throneberry, b. 06/19/1943. My brother and I still make our homes in Tennessee. I live in Lincoln and he lives in Franklin Counties, Tennessee.

Robert Green died 03/02/1932 and is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Alabama; although the exact burial plot is not known. Beatrice Hattie Jones died 03/11/1940 and is also buried in Maple Hill Cemetery. She has a grave on the Lula Mae Throneberry Cook's burial lot; Lula Mae was one of her daughters.

Marvin G. Throneberry died 11/09/1957; he is buried at Maple Hill Cemetery on Willie Odell Throneberry Tylka's lot. Willie was his sister.

My Mother Thelma died 04/03/2002 and is buried at Roseburg National Cemetery, Roseburg, Oregon.

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Robert Green and Beatrice Hattie Jones Throneberry's Children

Robert Green and Beatrice Hattie Jones Throneberry who settled in Grundy County, Tennessee (GCT) after their marriage 12/25/1890 had a total of 24 children.

The first child born to them was John Edward, born 04/05/1892 in Tracy City, GCT. Later births were: Cora Belle, b. 07/1893; Lula Mae, b. 01/24/1896; Ruth P., b. 01/27/1898; and Robert H, b. 02/1900. The 1900 Tennessee Census for GCT stated that they had been married for nine years at this point in time and had six children, five of which were living. The census also indicated that John Edward was the oldest child and Robert H. (3 months) was the youngest of the household.

Other children born were: Joseph Alfred, b. 07/30/1901; Ethel, b. 04/12/1903; Rufus Monroe, b. 05/02/1905; Agness (Agnes), b. 1907; Mary Elmer, b. 12/28/1909; and George W., b. 01/04/1910. The 1910 Tennessee Census Records, GCT, dated 12/27/1910 indicated that Robert Green and Beatrice (Attrice H.) had been married 20 years. They had 11 children, 9 living, and the census indicated that John Edward was the oldest child. An unnamed daughter of 10 months was the youngest of the household. This unnamed child later was named Mary Elmer. Agness was the youngest named child (2 years old). The 1910 Census did not list Robert H., which would most likely indicate that he was one of the children that died after the 1900 Census.

The next child to be born, who lived to an adult age, was Willie Odell, b. 06/19/1915 in Huntsville (Madison County), Alabama. Other children born were: Edward Otto, b. 09/1917; Marvin G. (my grandfather) and Margie, a second set of twins, were born 04/12/1919. Only 14 of the 24 children lived to be adults.

Between 1911 and 1915 Beatrice had other children that only lived two to three months or children that only lived one to two years. During this time it was said that Beatrice had a set of twins that did not live very long. Family members (sisters, brothers, aunts and uncles) state lost children were one set of twins, four that died at birth, three that lived to the age of two to five months old, and; one that is listed in the census that died between 1900 and 1910.

Faced with the loss of so many children, family members stated that Robert and Beatrice refused to name children after their births until they had lived a while. Robert was a carpenter and made caskets for his lost children. Family members also stated that they remember well that the children were placed in these small wood caskets and buried in their parent's yard.

I dedicate this story of the Throneberry family to my great aunt Willie Odell Throneberry and her husband John Louis Tylka, Jr. who were like parents to my father and were like grandparents to me.

Submitted by: Sandra Ann Throneberry, Atlanta, Georgia, great granddaughter of Robert Green and Beatrice Hattie Jones Throneberry

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