

Descendants of Thomas Jones

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1-**Thomas Jones**¹ was born in 1740 in North Carolina¹ and died in 1791¹ at age 51.

General Notes: Thomas's will was proved Feb 25, 1795. (misc handwritten notes in Sarah Fleetwood Hendrix's files)

Thomas married **Susanna**.¹ They had one son: **Thomas W**.

2-**Thomas W Jones**² was born in 1784 in Virginia³ and died on 1 Sep 1862 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama¹ at age 78.

General Notes: An ancestor of Thomas' was Peter Jones an early settler of Virginia. Peter had a trading establishment on the Appomatox River known as Peters Point. This became the town of Petersburg, Virginia, by act of the Virginia Assembly in 1748. It was named for Peter Jones. [1]

Thomas may have been born in Petersburg, Virginia. He was orphaned and raised by his aunt Sarah Jones Keyes. [2]

In the 1850 Census, Thos W Jones is living in the Talladega District, Talladega Co, Alabama. He is 63 years old, born in Virginia, and a farmer with real estate valued at \$200. Living with him are his wife Mary, 60, and Thomas A, 19, both born in Virginia.

In the 1860 Census, Thomas W Jones is living in the Coosa Valley area of St. Clair Co, Alabama, in the home of his son John W Jones. He is 78, a mechanic, and was born in Virginia.

[1] Genealogy of Peter Jones, part of which is a transcription from "History of Briston Parish" by Rev. Phillip Slaughter

[2] misc handwritten notes in Sarah Fleetwood Hendrix's files

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: 1862.²

Thomas married **Mary Weatherly**,² daughter of **James Weatherly** and **Sara Martin**. Mary was born on 6 Aug 1791 in Virginia⁴ and died in 1855¹ at age 64. They had two children: **John W** and **Thomas A**.

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 1791.²

3-**John W Jones**⁵ was born on 10 Feb 1823 in Petersburg, Virginia,² died on 25 Oct 1872 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama⁶ at age 49, and was buried in Valley Hill Cemetery, Pell City, St Clair County, Alabama.⁷

General Notes: John came to Alabama in 1840 and established a mercantile business and operated a chain of stores throughout Coosa Valley including a store in Cropwell, St. Clair Co, Alabama. He was post master at Cropwell from Jan 7 1854 to April 10, 1860. [2]

In the 1850 Census, John W Jones is living in Shelby County, Alabama, in the house of Joseph Posey, a farmer, along with five other boarders. He is 23 years old, born in Virginia, and a merchant.

In the 1860 Census, John W Jones is living in the Coosa Valley area of St. Clair Co,

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Alabama. He is 33 years old, a farmer, and born in Virginia. The value of his real estate is \$4000 and his personal estate is \$14, 665. John owns 5 slaves, age 24 to 2, living in one slave house. Living with him are his wife Ann, 23, born in North Carolina, and their children, Adaline, 7, Mary, 5, Nancy, 3, & Theophilus, 10 months. Also in the house is Thomas W Jones, John's father, 78, a mechanic, born in Virginia. The value of Thomas's personal estate is \$600. In addition to the Jones, Hilly Smith, 16, born in Virginia, and John Murchison, 18, a farm laborer born in North Carolina, also live with them.

John may be the John W Jones, officer of a state militia company in the Civil War formed in St. Clair county. [1]

John W Jones was awarded the Southern Cross of Honor 1861-1865 [2]

In the 1870 Census, J W Jones is living in Cropwell, St. Clair Co, Alabama. He is 44 years old, born in Virginia, and is a merchant of dry goods. Living with him is his wife Ann, 34, born in Alabama, and their 9 children. Also, in the house is J W Roberts, 20, a clerk in a store. The children are Addie, 17, Maggie, 14, Nannie?, 13, Theophulus, 11, Dixie, 9, Annie, 7, Ella, 5, John, 3, and Laura, 9 months.

John died when his youngest daughter Julia was one year old. In the Jones Family Bible his date of death looks like 25 Oct 1870, but it should be 25 Oct 1872 (assuming Julia was born in 1871 as the bible was difficult to read).

J.W. Jones, Died Oct. 2, 1873, Aged 51 years, Good husband and loving father, a true Christian. - cemetery transcription, Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St Clair Co, AL - Rootsweb.com

The first United Daughters of the Confederacy chapter in St. Clair County was organized at Cropwell on July 20, 1914, and was called the John W Jones chapter. [2]

[1] From the Alabama History Quarterly, Vol 14, 1952, transcribed by Julia Hill Meador of Mobile, daughter of Laura Jones Hill, to her cousin Emmie Frances Wolfer in 1977.

[2] Julia Hill Meador of Mobile, daughter of Laura Jones Hill, to her cousin Emmie Frances Wolfer in Dec 1977

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 1822.⁸
- Alt. Birth: Abt 1826, Virginia.⁹
- Alt. Death: 25 Oct 1870.¹⁰
- Alt. Death: Abt 1873.¹¹
- Alt. Death: 25 Oct 1873.¹²
- Alt. Burial: Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³
- Alt. Death: 24 Oct 1873.¹⁴

John married **Ann McLeod**,¹¹ daughter of **Daniel McLeod** and **Nancy Sedberry**, on 18 Apr 1852 in Shelby County, Alabama.¹⁵ Ann was born on 20 May 1834 in Shelby County, Alabama,² died on 6 Jul 1901¹⁶ at age 67, and was buried in Valley Hill Cemetery, Pell City, St Clair County, Alabama.⁷ They had ten children: **Sarah Adaline**, **Mary Magdalene**, **Nancy Roberta**, **Theophilus**

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McLeod, Dixie, Ann, Lou Ellen, John Thomas, Laura Texas, and Julia Kate.

Marriage Notes: According to a transcription of Shelby County marriages, John W Jones & Ann McLand were married 18 April 1852.

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: Bef 1853.

General Notes: On the 1880 Census Ann Jones is living in the village of Cropwell in St. Clair County, Alabama. She is 46 years old, widowed, and born in Alabama. Her parents were born in North Carolina. Ann is keeping house. Living with her are her children Dixie, 18, Anna, 16, Ellen, 14, John T, 12, Lawrah T, 10, and Julia K, 7. All the children were born in Alabama, and their father was born in Virginia. Anna is a seamstress and John T is a clerk in a store.

Living next door are daughter Adda and her family. Son Theophulus is living with his sister.

Ann died in 1901. She is probably buried in the Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St Clair County, Alabama, along with her husband John Jones. She is not listed on a transcription of the cemetery.

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 1834, Alabama.¹⁷
- Alt. Death: Abt 1900.¹¹

4-**Sarah Adaline Jones**¹⁰ was born on 9 Apr 1853 in Alabama,¹⁸ died on 4 Mar 1919¹³ at age 65, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³ Other names for Sarah were Addie, Adaline Jones,¹⁹ and Addie Jones.²⁰

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1853, Alabama.²⁰
- Alt. Death: 1919.²¹

Sarah married **James R Roberson**² in 1870.²² James was born on 9 Jul 1848 in Alabama,¹³ died on 27 Nov 1929¹³ at age 81, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³ Another name for James was J R Roberson.¹⁷ They had three children: **Ada Bailey, Jones Fall, and Pat Howell.**

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: Bef 1874.

General Notes: In the 1880 Census, J R Roberson is living in the village of Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama. He is 30 years old and was born in Alabama. His father was born in South Carolina and his mother in Alabama. JR is a merchant. Living with him are his wife Adda, 26, and children Ada, 6, and Jones T, 3. Also living with them is Adda's brother Theophulus, although he is listed as a boarder on the census. They are living two households away from Adda's mother Ann Jones.

In the 1900 Census, J R Roberson is living in Cropwell, Alabama. He is 51 years old, and in the general merchandise business. He was born in Alabama, and his

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parents were born in South Carolina. Living with him are his wife Addie, 48. They have been married 30 years. Addie has had 3 children and all are living. Living with them are their daughter Ada Bailey, 26, and son Jones Fall, 23. Living next door is Addie's brother T M Jones and his family.

James and his brother-in-law Theo Jones were in business together. They sold general merchandise, and were also cotton buyers. (Roberson & Jones letterhead, 1900). In November 1900, they announced they were dissolving their partnership, effective December 5. (Roberson & Jones announcement, Nov 26, 1900)

In the 1920 Census, James R Roberson is living in Cropwell. He is 71 years old and widowed. Her is a merchant. Living with him are his daughter Ada, 46, son Pat, 36, and daughter-in-law Byrdalee, 36.

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Jul 1848, Alabama.²²
- Alt. Birth: Abt 1850, Alabama.¹⁷
- Alt. Death: Between 1920 and 1930.

5-**Ada Bailey Roberson**²² was born on 21 Nov 1873 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama,¹³ died on 16 Dec 1961¹³ at age 88, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³ Another name for Ada was Ada Roberson.¹⁷ She never married and had no children.

General Notes: In the 1930 Census, Ada is living alone in Cropwell near her brothers Fall and Pat. She is 56 years old and single. The value of her home is \$10,000. She is not employed. Living nearby are Ada's brothers Fall and Pat.

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Sep 1873, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.²²
- Alt. Birth: Abt 1874, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹⁷

5-**Jones Fall Roberson**²³ was born on 21 Dec 1876 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama,²⁴ died on 2 Feb 1966²⁵ at age 89, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³ Other names for Jones were Fall and Jones T Roberson.¹⁷

General Notes: In July 1906, Fall recieved a letter from Harry Fleetwood (husband to Fall's aunt Julia Jones Fleetwood) congratulating him on his marriage. Fall was living in Cropwell at the time.

On Sept 12 1918 J Fall Roberson registered for the World War I draft. He was born December 21 1876 and is a merchant/proprietor in Cropwell, St Clair County, Alabama. His nearest relative is his wife Mrs Nell T Roberson.

In the 1930 Census, J. Fall Roberson is living in Cropwell, St Clair County, Alabama. He is 53 years old and a merchant with a retail dry goods store. The value of his home is \$3000. Living with Fall are his wife Nell, 49, and children James R, 21, J Fall, Jr, 19, and Nancy, 9. Also in the house are two servants. Erhal (?) Cunningham is a child's nurse and Janice Yates is a cook. Both are Negroes. Living nearby are Fall's sister Ada and brother Pat.

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The 1930 Census appears to show Fall's son James as a cripple. "Cripple" was written in the occupation/industry column and then crossed out.

Jones Roberson was born 21 Dec 1876 and died Feb 1966. His last residence was in Cropwell, Saint Clair Co, Alabama. (Social Security Death Index)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1877, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹⁷

Jones married **Nell Thompson**¹³ in 1906. Nell was born on 12 Dec 1880 in Alabama,¹³ died on 23 Nov 1934 in Shelby County, Alabama²⁶ at age 53, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³ Another name for Nell was Nell.²⁷ They had three children: **James R, Jones Fall, and Nancy Claiborne.**

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1881, Alabama.²⁷

6-James R Roberson II¹³ was born on 26 Jun 1908 in Alabama,¹³ died on 17 Sep 1978¹³ at age 70, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³ Another name for James was James R Roberson.²⁷

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1909, Alabama.²⁷

6-Jones Fall Roberson Jr²⁷ was born on 10 Oct 1909 in Alabama,¹³ died on 28 Dec 1964¹³ at age 55, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1911, Alabama.²⁷

6-Nancy Claiborne Roberson¹³ was born on 27 Jun 1920 in Alabama,¹³ died on 15 Apr 1975¹³ at age 54, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³ Another name for Nancy was Nancy Roberson.²⁷

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1921, Alabama.²⁷

5-Pat Howell Roberson²⁸ was born on 29 Mar 1883 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama,²⁹ died on 12 May 1977³⁰ at age 94, and was buried in Valley Hill Cemetery, Pell City, St Clair County, Alabama.³¹ Another name for Pat was Pat Roberson.¹¹

General Notes: On Sept 12 1918 Pat Howell Roberson registered for the World War I draft. Pat was born 29 March 1883 and is living in Cropwell, St Clair County, Alabama. Pat is in merchandising. His wife Byrdilee Roberson is his nearest relative.

In the 1920 Census, Pat Roberson and his wife Byrdilee are living in Cropwell in the house of his father James. Pat is 36 and a manager in a merchant establishment. He is probably working for his father. Pat's sister Ada is also

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living in the house.

In the 1930 Census, Pat H Roberson is living in Cropwell. He is 46 years old and the president of a bank. The value of his home is \$8000. Living with him is his wife Byrdilee, 46, and a servant Alonzo Porter. Living nearby are Pat's sister Ada and brother Fall.

On a picture of Pat Roberson in "The Alabama Baptist", Jan 7 1971, Sarah Hendrix wrote a note that Pat was her cousin, son of Jim & Addie Roberson. Pat lived in Pell City, and was the first president of the trustees of The Baptist Foundation of Alabama from 1940-1964.

Pat Roberson was born 29 Mar 1883, and died May 1977. His last residence was Cropwell, Saint Clair Co, Alabama. (Social Security Death Index)

Pat married **Byrdilee**.³² Byrdilee was born on 20 Dec 1882 in Alabama,³¹ died on 20 Jul 1964³¹ at age 81, and was buried in Valley Hill Cemetery, Pell City, St Clair County, Alabama.³¹

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1884, Alabama.³²

4-**Mary Magdalene Jones**¹⁰ was born on 1 Aug 1854 in Alabama,¹⁸ died on 14 Oct 1924 in Jefferson County, Alabama²⁶ at age 70, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³ Other names for Mary were Maggie, Maggie Jones,²⁰ and Mary Jones.¹⁹

General Notes: In 1900 Mary M Roberts is living in Avondale, Jefferson County, Alabama. She is 45, married for 27 years, and has 7 children, all are living. Mary's husband is not living with her. Living with her are four of her children - Ethel, 22, William T, 20, Annie, 17, and Maggie L, 15. Ethel is a seamstress and William an iron moulder.

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1856, Alabama.²⁰

Mary married **John Wilkes Roberts**¹³ on 11 Sep 1874 in Saint Clair County, Alabama.³³ John was born on 19 Jun 1850 in Alabama,¹³ died on 7 Dec 1916 in Jefferson County, Alabama²⁶ at age 66, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³ Other names for John were Dink Roberts² and J W Roberts.¹⁷ They had seven children: **Edna, Robert G, Ethel Cook, William T, Annie, Edmend Ward, and Maggie L.**

Marriage Notes: Mary M Jones and John W Roberts were married 11 September 1874 in Saint Clair County, Alabama. [1]

[1] St Clair County, AL, marriages 1871-1886, Batch M593433, film 1035443 (www.familysearch.org)

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: Abt 1873.²²

General Notes: In 1880, J W Roberts is living in St. Clair County, Alabama, in Beat 11 - Broken Arrow and Cropwell. He is 30, a farmer, and born in Alabama.

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His parents were born in South Carolina and Georgia. Living with J W are his wife Mary M, 26, and children Edna, 6, Robert G, 4, Ethel, 2, and William T, 4 months. Mary was born in Alabama and her parents in Virginia and Alabama.

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1850, Alabama.¹⁷

5-**Edna Roberts**²¹ was born about 1874 in St. Clair County, Alabama.¹⁷

5-**Robert G Roberts**¹⁷ was born about 1876 in St. Clair County, Alabama.¹⁷ Another name for Robert was Bob Roberts.²¹

5-**Ethel Cook Roberts**¹³ was born on 28 Nov 1877 in St. Clair County, Alabama,³⁴ died on 22 Dec 1963¹³ at age 86, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³ Another name for Ethel was Ethel Roberts.²¹

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1878, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹⁷
- Occupation: 1900, Seamstress.

5-**William T Roberts**¹⁷ was born in Mar 1880 in St. Clair County, Alabama.¹⁷ Another name for William was Will Roberts.²¹

Noted events in his life were:

- Occupation: 1900, iron moulder.

5-**Annie Roberts**²¹ was born in Jun 1882 in Alabama.²²

5-**Edmend Ward Roberts**³⁵ was born on 19 Jun 1882 in Alabama,¹³ died on 8 Dec 1919 in Jefferson County, Alabama³⁵ at age 37, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³ Another name for Edmend was Ed Roberts.²¹

General Notes: Ed Ward Roberts, June 19 1882 - Dec 8 1919, A Dutiful Son.

[Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell]

5-**Maggie L Roberts**²² was born in May 1885 in Alabama.²² Another name for Maggie was Bess Roberts.²¹

4-**Nancy Roberta Jones**¹⁰ was born on 9 Jan 1857 in Alabama,¹⁸ died on 20 Feb 1924 in Shelby County, Alabama³⁵ at age 67, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³ Other names for Nancy were Nan, Nancy Jones,¹⁹ Nancy Josephine Jones,² and Nannie? Jones.²⁰

General Notes: On the 1900 & 1910 censuses, Nancy has had 6 children, only 5 are living.

Mrs. H. H. Laney died Feb 1924 in Shelby County. (Alabama Death Index, 1908-

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1959 (Ancestry.com))

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1857, Alabama.²⁰
- Alt. Birth: Jan 1858, Alabama.²²
- Alt. Death: 1924.²¹

Nancy married **Holland Laney**² on 9 Dec 1875 in Saint Clair County, Alabama.³⁶ Holland was born on 15 Oct 1854 in Georgia,³⁷ died on 6 Apr 1934 in Pell City, St. Clair County, Alabama³⁸ at age 79, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³ They had six children: **Bertie, John Marcus, Lilla, Ruth, Mittie, and Eleanor.**

Marriage Notes: Holland Laney married Nannie Jones on 9 Dec 1875 in St. Clair County, Alabama. [1]

[1] St Clair County marriage index, Batch M593433, Source 1035443, familysearch.org

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: Abt 1876.³⁹

General Notes: Holland's death certificate (transcription) lists H N Laney's parents as John W Wesley and Lavenor Blackman. His father is probably John Wesley Laney (supported by censuses). [1]

In the 1880 Census, H N Laney is living in Mundine, St Clair County, Alabama. He is 25 years old and was born in Georgia. His parents were born in South Carolina and Georgia. Holland is a dry goods merchant. Living with him are his wife N R (Nancy Roberta, 23, daughter Bertie, 3, and son John M (Marcus?), 4 months, born in Feb 1880.

In 1900, Holland Laney is living in Eden, St. Clair County. He is 45, born in Georgia (his parents in South Carolina), and a merchant. Living with Holland are his wife Nannie R, 42, daughters Ruth, 11, Mittie, 9, and Eleanor, 6, and a boarder William G Hardwick, 23 and a dairyman. Holland and Nannie have been married 24 years.

In the 1910 Census, Holland Laney (Halen N Laney on the census) is living in Eden. He is 55 years old and was born in Georgia. His parents were born in South Carolina. Holland is a merchant with a general store. Living with him are his wife Nannie, 52, daughters Ruth, 21, Mittie, 19, and Elna, 16. Holland and Nancy have been married 34 years.

[1] Alabama Deaths 1908-1974 (transcription) (Family Search Labs)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1855, Georgia.¹⁷
- Alt. Death: 6 Apr 1934, Shelby County, Alabama.³⁵

5-**Bertie Laney**²¹ was born about 1877 in St. Clair County, Alabama.¹⁷

5-**John Marcus Laney**³⁸ was born in Feb 1880 in St. Clair County,

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Alabama¹⁷ and died on 25 Mar 1957 in Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama³⁸ at age 77. Another name for John was Marcus Laney.²¹

5-**Lilla Laney**²¹ was born on 4 May 1883,¹³ died on 25 Mar 1885¹³ at age 1, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³ Another name for Lilla was Zilla T Laney.¹³

General Notes: Zilla T Laney, dau of H. M. & M. R. Laney, born May 4 1883 died Mar 25 1885 (Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell.
M. R. should probably be N. R. - Nancy Roberta [CAR]

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Death: Bef 1900.

5-**Ruth Laney**²¹ was born in Dec 1888 in St. Clair County, Alabama.²²

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1889, St. Clair County, Alabama.³⁹

5-Mittie Laney

5-**Eleanor Laney**²¹ was born on 1 Dec 1894 in St. Clair County, Alabama,³⁷ died on 14 Jun 1977¹³ at age 82, and was buried in Old Valley Hill Cemetery, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Dec 1893, St. Clair County, Alabama.²²
- Alt. Birth: Abt 1894, St. Clair County, Alabama.

4-**Theophilus McLeod Jones**¹⁰ was born on 20 Jul 1859 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama,⁴⁰ died on 9 Apr 1951 in Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama⁴¹ at age 91, and was buried on 11 Apr 1951 in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.⁴² Other names for Theophilus were Theo and Theophulus Jones.²⁰

General Notes: In the 1880 Census, Theophilus (T M Jones on the census) is living with his sister Adda and her husband J R Roberson in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama. He is 20 years old, and a clerk in a store. Theophilus was born in Alabama, his father in Virginia and his mother in Alabama.

In 1897, Theo and James Roberson were building a new brick store. [2]

In the 1900 Census, T M Jones is living in Cropwell. He is 40 years old, and in the general merchandise business. Living with him is his wife Fannie, 31, born in Alabama. They have been married 15 years, and Fannie has had 3 children, all are living. Living with them are their children Irene, 13, Jno. W., 8, and T. M., 3. They are living next door to Theo's sister Addie and her husband James Roberson.

Theo and his brother-in-law James Roberson were in business together. They sold general merchandise, and were also cotton buyers. (Roberson & Jones letterhead, 1900). In November 1900, they announced they were dissolving their partnership, effective December 5. (Roberson & Jones announcement, Nov 26, 1900)

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Theo then moved to Decatur in Morgan County, where he went into business with his brother John as cotton brokers.

In the 1920 Census, T M Jones, Sr, is living in Decatur. He is 60 years old and a cotton merchant. Living with Theo are his wife Frances, 51, born in Georgia, daughter Anna, 19, son-in-law E J Polhill, 37, born in Georgia, daughter Irene Polhill, 33, and granddaughter Emma Frances Polhill, 10. EJ Polhill is a bookkeeper for a cotton merchant, most likely his father-in-law.

On April 10, 1951, T. M. Jones died at 4:00 pm after an illness of seven months at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. J. Polhill. Mr. Jones was one of Decatur's pioneer cotton merchants, having moved there from Cropwell, Alabama, in 1900. The Jones Cotton company, formed by T. M. and his brother J. T. Jones, was a fixture for 50 years. T. M. served as an alderman in 1911-1912. At the time of his death, T. M. was a director of Henderson National Bank in Huntsville. T. M. closed the Jones Cotton company when he was 82 years old (abt 1941) following the deaths of T. M. Jones, Jr, in 1937, Robert Baugh in 1940, and John W Jones in December 1941. He is survived by his two daughters Mrs. E. J. Polhill and Mrs. W. E. Kimbrough, both of Decatur. [1]

Theophilus M Jones died 09 Apr 1951 in Morgan County [3]

[1] Decatur newspaper, April 10, 1951

[2] Letter from Erasmus McLeod (in Wilsonville) to Ann McLeod Jones (in Cropwell), Aug 24, 1897. Erasmus was a former slave.

[3] Alabama Death Index, 1908-1959 (Ancestry.com)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1859, Alabama.²⁰
- Alt. Birth: Abt Sep 1859, Alabama.¹⁹
- Alt. Death: 10 Apr 1951, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.⁴³

Theophilus married **Frances Rebecka Maddox**⁴⁴ on 30 Dec 1884 in Saint Clair County, Alabama.⁴⁵ Frances was born on 29 Feb 1868 in Whitesville, Georgia,⁴⁴ died on 19 Dec 1929 in Rochester, Olmsted County, Minnesota⁴⁶ at age 61, and was buried in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.⁴⁷ Another name for Frances was Fanny Maddox.² They had four children: **Irene, John W, Theophilus McLeod, and Ann.**

Marriage Notes: T M Jones married Fannie R Maddox on 30 Dec 1884 in Saint Clair County, Alabama. [1]

[1] St Clair County marriage index, Batch M593433, Source 1035443, familysearch.org

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: Abt 1885.²²

General Notes: An IGI record on familysearch.org lists Fanny's name as Frances Rebecca Maddox, married to Theophilus McLeod Jones. Their dates are correct,

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however most of the locations are incorrect.

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Feb 1869, Alabama.²²

5-**Irene Jones**²² was born on 16 Mar 1887 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama,⁴⁸ died on 24 Jun 1967 in Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama⁴⁹ at age 80, and was buried in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.⁴⁷

General Notes: Irene Polhill was born 16 Mar 1887, and died June 1967. Her last residence was Decatur, Morgan Co, Alabama.

[Social Security Death Index]

Irene married **Edwin Jelks Polhill**⁵⁰ on 5 Aug 1908.⁵¹ Edwin was born on 2 Nov 1882 in Hawkinsville, Georgia,⁵² died on 16 May 1948 in Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama⁵³ at age 65, and was buried in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.⁴⁷ Another name for Edwin was E J Polhill. They had one daughter: **Emma Frances**.

General Notes: In September 1918 Edwin J Polhill registered for the World War I draft. Edwin was born November 2 1882. He is living at 409 Oak in Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama, and is a cotton merchant at Jones Cotton Co. Edwin's nearest relative is Irene J Polhill, his wife.

In the 1920 Census, E J Polhill is living in Decatur, Alabama, in the home of his father-in-law T M Jones, Sr. E J is 37, born in Georgia, and a bookkeeper for a cotton merchant, most likely his father-in-law. He is married to Irene, 33, and they have a daughter Emma Frances Polhill, 10.

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1883, Georgia.³²

6-**Emma Frances Polhill**³² was born on 8 May 1909 in Valdosta, Georgia,⁵⁴ died on 28 Jun 1993 in Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama⁵³ at age 84, and was buried in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.⁴⁷

General Notes: From her grave marker:

"Moved to Decatur Ala July 1913".

Emmie received an "Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Judson College 25 June, 1988".

"She Adored her Grandfather Jones And Emulated his Fortitude And Generosity". [1]

[1] Findagrave.com, Grave marker (photo), posted by FHTerry

Emma married **Paul James Charles Wolfer**,⁵³ son of **Paul Carl Christian Wolfer** and **Martha Katrina Seybold**, on 14 Sep 1940.⁵⁵ Paul was born on 1 Aug 1911 in Wellesley, Massachusetts,⁵³ died on 20 Feb 1998 in Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama⁵³ at age 86, and was buried in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.⁴⁷

General Notes: Moved to Decatur Ala Dec 15, 1945

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Lt Col Aus Ret [1]

Paul graduated from Harvard College in 1937, and earned his MBA from Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration in 1937. He served in the military in World War II in North Africa, Italy and France. Paul worked for the Alabama Farmers Cooperative, Thiokol Chemical Corp at Redstone Arsenal [Huntsville, Alabama], and General Electric Company in Huntsville, from which he was retired.

Paul was survived by his wife's cousins. [2]

[1] findagrave.com, Grave marker (photo), posted by FHTerry

[2] Findagrave.com, obit for Paul J C Wolfer published Decatur Daily, 21 Feb 1998 - posted by FHTerry

5-John W Jones²² was born on 14 Feb 1892 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama,⁵⁰ died on 24 Dec 1941⁵⁶ at age 49, and was buried in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.⁴⁷

General Notes: On May 24 1917 John W Jones registered for the World War I draft. John was born 14 February 1892 in Cropwell, Alabama. He is living at 804 Ferry Street in Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama. John is a cotton merchant with Jones Cotton Co, and is married. John does have some military service - he attended Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia.

In the 1920 Census, Jno W Jones is living at 602 Ferry Street in the house of J B Dickinson, in Decatur, Morgan Co, Alabama. He is 27 and a cotton merchant like his father and uncle. Living with him is his wife Blanche, 26, born in Tennessee. They are living down the street from John's uncle J T Jones.

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Feb 1892, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.²²

John married **Blanche Lide**⁵⁴ before 1917. Blanche was born on 21 Apr 1892 in Tennessee,⁵⁴ died on 11 Mar 1985⁵³ at age 92, and was buried in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.⁴⁷

5-Theophilus McLeod Jones Jr²² was born on 5 Apr 1897 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama,⁵⁷ died on 2 Apr 1937 in Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama⁵⁸ at age 39, and was buried in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.

General Notes: In the 1920 Census, T M Jones, Jr, is living on Oak Street in Decatur, Morgan Co, Alabama. He is 22 years old and a cotton merchant like his father and uncle. Living with him is his wife Margaret, 20, born in Alabama.

T M Jones died Apr 1937 in Morgan County (Alabama Death Index, 1908-1959 (Ancestry.com))

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: 1937.⁴³
- Alt. Birth: Mar 1897, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.²²

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Theophilus married **Margaret Penick**.⁵⁹ Margaret was born on 14 Apr 1899 in Alabama,⁵⁴ died on 28 Oct 1990⁵³ at age 91, and was buried in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.⁴⁷ They had one daughter: **Rebecca Maddox**.

6-**Rebecca Maddox Jones**⁶⁰ was born on 2 Aug 1931,⁵³ died on 3 Sep 1934 in Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama⁶¹ at age 3, and was buried in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.⁴⁷

5-**Ann Jones**²¹ was born on 10 Jul 1900 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama,⁴⁹ died on 8 Jun 1980 in Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama⁴⁹ at age 79, and was buried in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.⁴⁷

General Notes: In 1920, Ann is 19 years old, living with her parents in Decatur, Alabama, and is a college student. (1920 Census)

Ann Kimbrough was born 10 Jul 1900 and died June 1980. Her last residence was Decatur, Morgan Co, Alabama.
[Social Security Death Index]

Ann married **William Evans Kimbrough**⁶² on 26 Mar 1920.⁶³ William was born on 11 Jan 1897 in Wilcox County, Alabama,⁵³ died on 7 Oct 1985 in Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama⁵³ at age 88, and was buried in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.⁴⁷ Another name for William was W. E. Kimbrough.

4-**Dixie Jones**⁶⁴ was born on 29 Jun 1861 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama¹⁰ and died in 1936²¹ at age 75.

General Notes: In 1910 Dixie has had 9 children and all are still living. [1]

[1] 1910 US Census, Meridian, Roger Mills Co, OK, ED 242, 9B-10A

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Between 1861 and 1862, Alabama.⁹

Dixie married **Charles Roberson**² on 16 Dec 1880 in Saint Clair County, Alabama.³³ Charles was born in Feb 1859 in Alabama²² and died after 1920. Other names for Charles were M C Roberson³³ and M Charles Roberson.²¹ They had nine children: **Maude, Daniel Clyde, Lela, Pearl, Mack, Harry Lee, Bernice, Jones Collius, and Rexford R.**

Marriage Notes: Dixie Jones and M C Roberson were married on 16 Dec 1880 in Saint Clair County, Alabama. [1]

[1] St Clair County, AL, marriages 1871-1886, Batch M593433, film 1035443 (www.familysearch.org)

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: Abt 1880.

General Notes: In 1900 Charles Roberson is living in Marion township, Ouachita County, Arkansas. He is 41, and a farmer. Living with him are his wife and

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children Dixie, 38, Maud, 18, Clyde, 17, Piarl [Pearl], 14, Lila, 13, Mack, 10, Bernice, 7, Harry, 7, and Jones, 4. Charles and Dixie were born in Alabama. All the children were born in Arkansas.

The Roberson family moved to Oklahoma between 1903 and 1910.

In 1910 Major C Roberson is living in Meridian township, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma. He is 51, born in Alabama, and a farmer. Living with him are his wife Dixie, 48, and children Pearle, 24, Bernice, 17, Harry, 17, Jones C, 14, and Rexford R, 7. All the children were born in Arkansas. Harry and Jones are farming with their father. Charles and Dixie have been married 29 years. Living nearby is John R Roberson, 31, and his wife and family. John was born in Arkansas, his parents in Alabama. He is probably related to Charles, the connection unknown.[1]

In 1920 Charley Roberson is living in Meridian township, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma. He is 60 and a farmer. Living with him are his wife Dixie, 58, and son Rex, 17. [2]

[1] 1910 US Census, Meridian, Roger Mills Co, OK, ED 242, 9B-10A

[2] 1920 US Census, Meridian, Roger Mills Co, OK, ED 159, sheet 1B

5-**Maude Roberson**²¹ was born in Nov 1881 in Arkansas.²²

5-**Daniel Clyde Roberson**²⁸ was born on 26 Mar 1882 in Arkansas.²⁸ Other names for Daniel were Clyde and Clyde Roberson.²¹

General Notes: On Sept 12 1918 Daniel Clyde Roberson registered for the WWI draft in Sweetwater, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma. He is a farmer. Daniel was born March 26 1882. He lists Mary Lee Roberson as his nearest relative.

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Mar 1883, Arkansas.²²

5-**Lela Roberson**²¹ was born in Jun 1885 in Arkansas.²²

5-**Pearl Roberson**²¹ was born in Feb 1887 in Arkansas.²²

General Notes: In 1910 Pearle Roberson is living in Meridian township, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma, with her parents and younger siblings. Pearle is 24, single, born in Arkansas, and a school teacher in the common school. [1]

[1] 1910 US Census, Meridian, Roger Mills Co, OK, ED 242, 9B-10A

5-**Mack Roberson**²¹ was born on 28 Jun 1889 in Buena Vista, Ouachita County, Arkansas,²³ died in Jul 1969⁶⁵ at age 80, and was buried in Fairlawn Cemetery, Elk City, Beckham County, Oklahoma.⁶⁶

General Notes: In 1910 Mack Roberson is living in Meridian township, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma. He is 20, born in Arkansas, and a farm laborer. Mack is living with Hiram Baxley, who's farm he works on. [1]

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On June 5 1917 Mack Roberson registered for the World War I draft in Sweetwater, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma. He was born June 28 1889 in Buena Vista, Arkansas. Mack is a farmer.

Mack Roberson was born 28 June 1889 and died July 1969. His last residence was in Elk City, Beckham County, Oklahoma. [2]

[1] 1910 US Census, Meridian, Roger Mills Co, OK, ED 242, 9B-10A

[2] Social Security Death Index

5-Harry Lee Roberson

5-Bernice Roberson

5-Jones Collius Roberson²¹ was born on 14 Feb 1896 in Buena Vista, Ouachita County, Arkansas²³ and died on 2 Dec 1973 in Hale County, Texas⁶⁷ at age 77.

General Notes: In June 1917 John C Roberson registered for the draft in Sweetwater, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma. He is single; his occupation was unclear. John was born February 14 1896 in Buena Vista, Arkansas (in Ouachita County).

Jones Roberson was born 14 February 1896 and died 2 December 1973 in Hale County, Texas. He was single. His last residence was in Olton, Lamb County, Texas. His Social Security number was issued in Texas in 1956. [1, 2]

[1] Social Security Death Index

[2] Texas Death Index, 1903-2000 (Ancestry.com)

5-Rexford R Roberson³⁹ was born on 9 Jul 1902 in Arkansas⁶⁸ and died on 16 Aug 1993⁶⁵ at age 91. Another name for Rexford was Rex R Roberson.²¹

General Notes: Rex Roberson was born 9 July 1902 and died 16 August 1993. His last residence was in Cortez, Montezuma County, Colorado. His Social Security number was issued in Oklahoma before 1951. [1]

[1] Social Security Death Index

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1903, Arkansas.³⁹

4-Ann Jones¹⁰ was born on 10 Dec 1863 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama,⁶⁹ died on 4 Aug 1964 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama⁷⁰ at age 100, and was buried in East Lake Cemetery, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.³¹ Another name for Ann was Anna Jones.¹⁷

General Notes: In 1910, on the census, Ann has had 5 children, only 4 are living. The youngest, Paul, may be the child who died young.

Ann graduated from Presbyterian College in Talladega and Old Central College in

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Tuscaloosa. She was an active member of the Ruhama Baptist Church and the Good Housekeeping club. [1]

In 1930 Annie J Truss is living in Birmingham. She is 66, owns her home worth \$5500, and is widowed. Living with her are daughter Martha Duke, son-in-law Robert E Duke, and grandsons Robert E Jr, and James A Duke. [3]

In December 1963, Ann celebrated her 100th birthday. She was still living in the East Lake (Birmingham, Alabama) home she and James built when they were married. [1]

Annie J Truss was born 10 December 1863 and died 4 August 1964. She is buried at East Lake Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama. [2]

[1] Eastern Sun, Dec 19, 1963

[2] findagrave.com

[3] 1930 US Census, Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL, ED 19, family # 491

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 10 Oct 1863, Alabama.¹⁰
- Alt. Birth: Between 1863 and 1864, Alabama.⁹
- Alt. Death: After 1963.⁷¹
- Occupation: 1880, Seamstress.¹⁷

Ann married **James Davis Truss**⁷² in Dec 1887.⁷³ James was born on 31 Oct 1861 in Alabama,³¹ died on 24 Aug 1925³¹ at age 63, and was buried in East Lake Cemetery, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.³¹ Another name for James was James D Truss.² They had five children: **Lawrence Warren, Laura, Paul Adali, Tom J, and Martha.**

General Notes: In 1900 James Truss is living in Indiantown township, Bureau County, Illinois. He is 38, , born in Alabama, and a civil engineer. With James are wife Anna J, 36. They have been married 12 years. Anna has had 5 children, all are living. Their children are twins Lawrence and Laura, 10, Paul A, 7, Thom, 4, and Martha, 2. Thom and Martha were born in Illinois. The oldest three were born in Alabama. [1]

In the 1910 Census, James D Truss is living at 7827 Underwood Ave in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama. He is 48 years old, born in Alabama, and a civil servant working for the City. Living with him are his wife Annie J, 46, and children Laurence, 21, Thomas, 14, and Martha, 12. James and Annie have been married 22 years.

In the 1920 Census, James D Truss is living at 7827 Underwood Ave in Birmingham. He is 58 years old and a civil engineer (?) working for the City. Living with him are his wife Annie J, 56, and son Tom, 24. Also in the house are his son-in-law and daughter Robert E Duke and Martha P.

James was a member of the Birmingham City Council and a state legislature. [2]

[1] 1900 US Census, Indiantown twp, Bureau Co, IL, ED 15, sheet 6A

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[2] Eastern Sun, Dec 19, 1963, article on James' wife Ann

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1862, Alabama.³⁹

5-**Lawrence Warren Truss**²⁸ was born on 20 Dec 1888 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama⁷⁴ and died on 1 Nov 1970 in Los Angeles County, California⁷⁵ at age 81. Another name for Lawrence was Lawrence W Truss.⁷³

General Notes: Laura and Lawrence were twins. (Children & grandchildren of John Jones & Ann McLeod)

In 1917 Lawrence Warren Truss is living in Kansas City, Missouri. He is working in retail groceries for Knox Grocery Co. Lawrence is married with two children. He was a 2nd Seargent in the Alabama State Militia for 5 years. [1]

In 1920 Lawrence W Truss is living in Kansas City, Missouri. He is 31, born in Alabama, renting his home, and working as manager for a retail tea store. With Lawrence are wife Litta, 30, born in Illinois, and children Geraldine, 7, and Warren, 2 years and 9 months. [2]

In 1930 Lawrence Truss is living in Los Angeles, California. He is 40, owns his home worth \$6000, and is a salesman of groceries. With Lawrence are his wife Litta, 40, and daughter Geraldine, 17. Lawrence and Litta have been married for 20 years. [3]

[1] World War I draft registration

[2] 1920 US Census, Kansas City, Jackson Co, MO, ED 160, sheet 12A Supplemental

[3] 1930 US Census, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co, CA, ED 144, sheet 23A

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Dec 1889, Alabama.⁷⁶

Lawrence married **Litta W Emmons**,³⁹ daughter of **Unknown Emmons** and **Ada W**, about 1910.²⁷ Litta was born on 8 Aug 1889 in Illinois⁷⁵ and died on 20 Jun 1979 in Los Angeles County, California⁷⁵ at age 89. Another name for Litta was Litta W Steinel.⁷⁷ They had two children: **Geraldine** and **Warren**.

General Notes: In 1910 Litta W Emmons is living in Kansas City, Missouri, with her [step] father Broward P Steinel and mother Ada W Steinel. Litta is 20, born in Illinois as were her parents. Broward and Ada have been married 6 years. This is Ada's 2nd marriage. Broward is 36, Ada 39, both born in Illinois. [1]

[1] 1910 US Census, Kansas City, Jackson Co, MO, ED 147, sheet 15B

6-**Geraldine Truss** was born on 2 Oct 1912 in Missouri⁷⁸ and died on 26 Feb 1980 in Los Angeles County, California⁷⁵ at age 67.

General Notes: Geraldine Melosh, daughter of father ___ Truss, and

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mother ___ Emmons, was born 2 October 1912 in Mississippi [should be Missouri], and died 26 February 1980 in Los Angeles county, California. [1]

[1] California Death Index 1940-1997 (Ancestry.com)

Geraldine married **Unknown Melosh**.⁷⁹

6-**Warren Truss**³² was born about Mar 1917 in Missouri³² and died from 1920 to 1930 about age 3.

5-**Laura Truss**²¹ was born on 20 Dec 1888 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama⁸⁰ and died on 19 Oct 1968 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama³⁸ at age 79. Another name for Laura was unknown Truss.⁷³

General Notes: Laura and Lawrence were twins. (Children & grandchildren of John Jones & Ann McLeod)

Laura Truss Williams died 19 October 1968 in Birmingham at age 79 (born about 1889). She was the daughter of James D Truss and Annie Jones. [1]

[1] Alabama Deaths 1908-1974 (transcription) (FamilySearch.org)

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Dec 1889, Alabama.²²

Laura married **George Lamar Williams**⁸¹ about 1908.²⁷ George was born on 12 Aug 1884 in Mississippi⁸² and died on 8 Nov 1936 in Homewood, Jefferson County, Alabama⁸³ at age 52. They had one son: **George Lamar**.

General Notes: In 1918 George Lamar Williams is living in Birmingham, Alabama. He is the city salesman for National Biscuit Co. George's nearest relative is [wife] Mrs Laura Williams. [1]

In 1920 George L Williams is living in Birmingham, Alabama. He is 32 [born about 1888] born in Mississippi. He is a salesman for a soap company. With George are his wife Laura, 30, and son George, 10. Laura is working as an instructor[?] for a school. [2]

In 1930 George Williams is living in Homewood, Alabama. He is 45, born in Mississippi, and a salesman of loans and stocks. George owns his home worth \$4500, and has a radio. Wife Laura is 41, and son George is 19. George and Laura were married at age 24 & 20. [3]

[1] World War I draft registration

[2] 1920 US Census, Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL, ED 104

[3] 1930 US Census, Homewood, Jefferson Co, AL, ED 165, sheet 11A

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1888, Mississippi.³²

6-**George Lamar Williams Jr**⁸⁴ was born about 1910 in Alabama.³² Another name for George was George Williams.³²

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5-**Paul Adali Truss**³¹ was born on 18 Oct 1892 in Alabama,⁸⁵ died on 27 Jun 1905³¹ at age 12, and was buried in East Lake Cemetery, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.³¹ Another name for Paul was Paul A Truss.⁷³

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: Bef 1910.³⁹
- Alt. Death: Bef 1963.⁷¹

5-**Tom J Truss**⁷³ was born on 6 Aug 1895 in Illinois,⁸⁶ died on 27 Jan 1994⁶⁵ at age 98, and was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.⁸⁷

General Notes: In the 1910 Census, Tom is living in Birmingham, Alabama, with his parents. he is 24 years old and a manager of an auto sales company.

Tom served in the Dixie Division in World War I. [1]

Tom worked for Watkins-Walter Tire Co, Goodyear Tire and Rubber, abnd Surplus Tire Sales. He was a pioneer music educator, and member of Founding Men of Alabama Music Teachers Association. [1]

Tom was survived by his son Dr. Tom J Truss, Jr, of Chevy Chase, MD; granddaughters, Victoria Truss of Fairfax, Calif., Ann Truss of Chevy Chase, MD, and Julie Kessler of Greenbelt, MD; grandson, Tom Truss, III of Seattle, Washington; great-grandchildren, Christina Palacios, Samuel Queary, Mariana Truss, Benjamin Truss; sister, Mrs. Martha Truss Duke of Elizabeth City, N.C. [1]

(Until further information surfaces, I assume that Tom had only one child. CAR)

[1] Birmingham News (GenealogyBank.com), 27 Jan 1994

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1896, Alabama.
- Residence: 1994, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.⁶⁵

Tom married **Ida Pearl Tomlinson**⁸⁸ on 18 Aug 1925 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.⁸⁹ Ida was born on 6 Sep 1898⁶⁵ and died in Jul 1979⁶⁵ at age 80. They had one son: **Tom J.**

6-**Tom J Truss Jr**

Tom married someone. He had four children: **Victoria, Ann, Julie,** and **Tom J.**

7-**Victoria Truss**

7-**Ann Truss**

7-**Julie Truss**

Julie married **Unknown Kessler**.⁹⁰

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7-Tom J Truss III

5-**Martha Truss**⁷³ was born on 8 Oct 1897 in Illinois,⁹¹ died on 10 Nov 1995 in Perquimans County, North Carolina⁹² at age 98, and was buried in Acton Memorial Cemetery, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.⁹³

General Notes: Martha's gravemaker describes her as a "Daughter, Wife, Bankteller, Mother, Grandmother". [1]

[1] Findagrave.com, posted by Theresa Duke

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1898, Alabama.³⁹

Martha married **Robert E Duke**,³⁹ son of **William Henry Duke** and **Elizabeth Drucilla**. Robert was born on 30 Jul 1895 in Alabama,⁹⁴ died on 8 Jan 1961 in Jefferson County, Alabama⁹³ at age 65, and was buried in Acton Memorial Cemetery, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.⁹³ They had three children: **Robert Edwin**, **James Alan**, and **John Daniel**.

General Notes: Robert was a 2nd Lieutenant in the 335 Bn [Battlion] Tank Corp in World War I. [2]

In the 1920 Census, Robert Duke and his wife Martha are living in Birmingham, Alabama, with her parents. Robert is 24 years old and a salesman.

In 1930 Robert E Duke is living in Birmingham in the home of his mother-in-law Annie J Truss. Robert is 34, born in Alabama, a salesman in the building ___ industry. He is a veteran of World War I. With Robert are wife Martha J, 32, and sons Robert E Jr, 9, and James A, 1 year and 1 month. [1]

[1] 1930 US Census, Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL, ED 19, family # 491

[2] Findagrave.com, entry for Robert Edwin Duke (Sr), posted by Theresa Duke

6-**Robert Edwin Duke Jr**⁹⁵ was born on 3 Jan 1921 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama⁹⁶ and died on 20 Oct 2003 in Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, North Carolina⁹⁷ at age 82.

General Notes: Robert served in the US Army during World War II as a weatherman. After the war he spent five years in France from the late 1940's to the early 1950's. [1]

He earned BA and MA degrees in French from the University of North Carolina, and taught in Alebmarle County, Rocky Mount, and at the University of Tennessee. He spent his final teaching decades at Elizabeth City State University. [1]

Robert lived his last year and a half at Guardian Care of Elizabeth City, where he loved to organize spelling bees, greet all the patients and staff, play Scrabble, and converse with and challenge religious fundamentalists. [1]

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Robert was survived by his brothers James Alan Duke (of Fulton, MD) and John Daniel Duke (of Boone, NC), and nieces & nephews:

John Carl Duke, Fulton MD

Celia Gayle Duke Larson, Northville, Mich

Miles Daly Duke, Atlanta, GA

Cama Joyce Duke, Boone, NC [1]

[1] The Daily Advance (Eliz. City, NC), 5 Dec 2003 (Ancestry.com)

Noted events in his life were:

- Occupation: French professor at Elizabeth City College, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.⁹⁵

Robert married **Emily Virginia Jackson**,⁹⁸ daughter of **Oscar McMullan Jackson** and **Unknown**, in 1985 in Pasquotank County, North Carolina.⁹⁹ Emily was born on 23 Dec 1921 in Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, North Carolina,¹⁰⁰ died on 24 Jun 1988 in Pasquotank County, North Carolina⁹⁷ at age 66, and was buried in Old Hollywood Cemtery, Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, North Carolina.¹⁰¹ They had no children.

6-James Alan Duke

6-John Daniel Duke

4-**Lou Ellen Jones**¹⁰ was born on 5 Oct 1865 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹⁰ Other names for Lou were Ella, Ellen Jones,¹⁷ and Louella Jones.²

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Between 1865 and 1866, Alabama.⁹

Lou married **Walter Perry**.² They had two children: **Adonis** and **John**.

5-Adonis Perry

5-John Perry

4-**John Thomas Jones**¹⁰ was born on 24 Sep 1867 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama,¹⁰² died on 25 Sep 1934 in Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama¹⁰³ at age 67, and was buried on 27 Sep 1934 in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.¹⁰⁴ Another name for John was John T. Jones.¹⁷

General Notes: John was crippled, perhaps from polio. He and his wife did not have any children. (SFH)

In the 1920 Census, J T Jones is living at 620 Ferry Street in Decatur, Morgan Co, Alabama. He is 52 and a cotton merchant. Living with him is his wife Lucille, 46, born in Alabama, and Jack Johnson, a mullato attendant.

John had a winter home in West Palm Beach, Florida. (snapshot inscription)

John passed away Sept 25, 1934, after a life of much invalidism. (The Alabama

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Baptist, Oct 25, 1934)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 1868, Alabama.¹⁷
- Occupation: 1880, Clerk in store.¹⁷

John married **Lucille Baker**.² Lucille was born on 30 Apr 1876 in Alabama,¹⁰⁵ died on 25 Mar 1950 in Morgan County, Alabama⁴¹ at age 73, and was buried in Decatur City Cemetery, Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.⁴⁷

General Notes: Lucille B Jones died 25 Mar 1950 in Morgan County, Alabama. (Alabama Deaths, 1908-59 - Ancestry.com)

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1874, Alabama.³²

4-**Laura Texas Jones**¹⁰ was born on 1 Sep 1869 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama,¹⁰ died on 21 Nov 1960 in Mobile, Alabama³⁸ at age 91, and was buried in Pine Crest Cemetery, Mobile, Alabama.¹⁰⁶ Another name for Laura was Laurah T. Jones.¹⁷

General Notes: A granddaughter of Laura's was Laura Lee Peebles. She was Mardi Gras queen in Mobile, Alabama, in 1967, and was featured in a National Geographic article in March 1968. She married John Schley Rutherford. [1]

[1] Julia Hill Meador of Mobile, daughter of Laura Jones Hill, to her cousin Emmie Frances Wolfer in Dec 1977

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Nov 1869, Alabama.²⁰
- Alt. Birth: 1870.¹⁷

Laura married **Issac William Hill**² on 18 Jun 1890 in Saint Clair County, Alabama.³³ Issac was born in Jul 1861 in Auburn, Lee County, Alabama,¹⁰⁷ died in 1945¹⁰⁶ at age 84, and was buried in Pine Crest Cemetery, Mobile, Alabama.¹⁰⁶ They had three children: **Julia**, **Geraldine**, and **Issac William**.

Marriage Notes: Laura T Jones and I W Hill were married 18 June 1890 in Saint Clair County, Alabama. [1]

[1] Marriage records 1819-1939 St. Clair County, AL, film 1035444 (www.familysearch.org)

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: Abt 1890.²²

General Notes: In 1900, Issac W Hill is living in Gasden, Etowah County, Alabama. He is 38 and a school superintendent. Issac was born in Alabama and his parents in Virginia and Georgia. Living with him are his wife Laura, 30, daughters Julia, 9, and Geraldine, 5, and his mother Harriett E Hill, 78. Harriet was born in Georgia and her parents in Virginia and South Carolina.

Issac was Alabama state superintendent of schools, and in 1911 co-founded the 4-H Club. (newspaper clipping about son I William Hill)

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In 1910, Issac W Hill is living in Opelika, Lee County, Alabama. He is 48, born in Alabama, his parents in Georgia, and is a superintendent of the public school. With Issac are his wife Laura J, 40, and children Julia, 18, Geraldine, 15, and William, 1 year and 8 months. [1]

In 1920 Isaac W Hill is living in Washington, DC. He is 58, born in Alabama (parents in Georgia), and an assistant agent in the Agri[cultural] Dept with the boys club of Wash[ington]. With Isaac are wife Laura, 50, and son Isaac W Jr, 11. [2]

In 1930 Isaac W Hill is living in Washington, DC. He is 68 and a field agent with the US Government. Isaac is renting his home for \$72.50 a month. Wife Laura J Hill is 60. [3]

[1] 1910 Census, Lee Co, AL, ED 161, sheet 8A

[2] 1920 US Census, Washington, DC, ED 285, sheet 5B

[3] 1930 US Census, Washington, DC, ED 318, sheet 19B

5-**Julia Hill**⁶ was born on 4 May 1891 in Easonville, St Clair County, Alabama,¹⁰⁸ died on 5 Nov 1979 in Mobile, Alabama¹⁰⁹ at age 88, and was buried on 6 Nov 1979 in Pine Crest Cemetery, Mobile, Alabama.¹¹⁰

General Notes: After her sister Geraldine died in 1918, Julia raised her nephew E. B. Peebles. (SFH)

Julia Meador was born 4 May 1891 and died Nov 1979. Her last residence was Mobile, Mobile Co, Alabama. (Social Security Death Index)

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 4 May 1891, Mobile, Alabama.¹¹¹

Julia married **John Daniel Meador**,²⁸ son of **Samuel E Meador** and **Minnie T Mahon**, about 1911.²⁷ John was born on 11 Oct 1883 in South Carolina,¹¹² died on 31 Aug 1950 in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama¹¹³ at age 66, and was buried in Pine Crest Cemetery, Mobile, Alabama.¹⁰⁶ Other names for John were Meador and John D Meador.¹¹⁴ They had one son: **John Daniel**.

General Notes: On Sept 12 1918, John Daniel Meador registered for the World War I draft. John was born October 11 1883. He is living in Mobile, Alabama, and is in real estate and insurance. His wife Julia H Meador is listed as his nearest relative.

In 1920, John D Meador is living in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama. He is 36, born in South Carolina, as were his parents, and is a real estate agent. Living with John are his wife Julia, 27, brother-in-law Emory Peebles, Emory's son Emory Jr, and Laura Willis, servant. [1]

In 1930, John D Meador is living in Mobile. He is 47 and a real estate agent. John owns his own home valued at \$8000. Living with him are his wife Julia H, 38, and son John D Jr, 7. John and Julia were married at age 28 and 20. Also living with them are Julia's nephew Emory B Peebles, 11, and Julia's

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brother Issac W Hill, 21. Sarah Cook, Negro servant, and her son Charles, 6, are also in the house. [2]

[1] 1920 Census, Mobile Co, Alabama, ED 124, sheet 2B

[2] 1930 Census, Mobile Co, AL, ED 75, sheet 15B

6-John Daniel Meador Jr²⁷ was born on 8 May 1922 in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama,¹¹⁵ died on 2 Aug 1967 in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama¹¹⁶ at age 45, and was buried in Pine Crest Cemetery, Mobile, Alabama.¹⁰⁶ He never married and had no children.

General Notes: John was single when he died. [1]

[1] Alabama Deaths 1908-1974 (transcription) (Family Search Labs)

5-Geraldine Hill²¹ was born in Dec 1894 in Springville, St Clair County, Alabama,¹¹⁷ died on 23 Dec 1918 in Mobile, Alabama¹¹³ at age 24, and was buried on 25 Dec 1918 in Pine Crest Cemetery, Mobile, Alabama.¹¹⁸

Geraldine married **Emory Bush Peebles**.¹¹² Emory was born on 18 Apr 1889 in Vienna, Pickens County, Alabama,¹¹⁹ died on 16 Aug 1958 in Mobile County, Alabama¹²⁰ at age 69, and was buried in Old Bethany Cemetery, Vienna, Pickens County, Alabama.³¹ Another name for Emory was Peebles.¹¹ They had one son: **Emory Bush**.

General Notes: On Jun 5 1917, Emory Bush Peebles registered for the World War I draft. He was born 18 April 1889 in Vienna, Alabama. Emory is living in Vienna, a farmer and married.

In 1920 Emory Peebles is living in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama, with his late wife Geraldine's sister Laura and her husband John Meador. Emory is 30, widowed, and working for a lumber manufacturer. With him is his son Emory Jr, 1 year and 2 months. [1]

[1] 1920 Census, Mobile Co, Alabama, ED 124, sheet 2B

6-Emory Bush Peebles Jr¹¹ was born on 17 Dec 1918 in Mobile, Alabama,⁶⁵ died on 31 Aug 2005 in Mobile, Alabama¹²¹ at age 86, and was buried on 6 Sep 2005 in Magnolia Cemetery, Mobile, Alabama.¹²² Another name for Emory was E. B.

General Notes: E.B.'s mother died when he was born and he was raised by his aunt Julia Hill Meador. (3)

In 1930, Emory B Peebles is living in Mobile, Alabama, with his aunt Julia Jones Meador and her husband John Meador. Emory is 11 years old. [1]

Emory attended Murphy High School in Mobile, and graduated from the Military College of South Carolina (aka the Citadel) in 1939, where he was also an all-star quarterback. [4]

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After graduating from college he worked for Southern Industries Corp and joined the US Army Reserve as a second lieutenant. In June 1941, Emory was called to active duty and served with the 31st Infantry (Dixie) division in the Pacific during World War II. He received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He achieved the rank of major. [4]

Emory returned to Mobile in December 1945 and joined Ryan Stevedoring Co. He retired as chairman from Ryan-Walsh Stevedoring Co Inc in 1985. [4]

He was an active business and civic leader in Mobile, serving on numerous boards of banks and businesses. he was president of the America's Junior Miss Pageant in the mid-1960's, president of the Mobile Carnival Association in 1969, and a longtime leader of the Mobile Touchdown Club and the Mobile Arts and Sports Association (MASA), which sponsors the college Senior Bowl. He worked as chairman of MASA and helpedd revive the Senior Bowl in the 1980's. In 1996 Emory was named Mobilian of the year. [4]

Emory B. Peebles was born 17 Dec 1918 and died 31 Aug 2005. His last residence was in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama. [2]

[1] 1930 Census, Mobile Co, AL, ED 75, sheet 15B

[2] Social Security Death Index

[3] Sarah Fleetwood Hendrix

[4] Mobile Press-Register, 2 Sep 2005, p. 1, obit for E B Peebles Jr (GenealogyBank.com)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 1918, Mobile, Alabama.

Emory married **Augusta Lee Baldwin**.¹²² Augusta was born on 31 Aug 1917⁶⁵ and died on 20 Mar 1994⁶⁵ at age 76. They had three children: **Emory Bush, Laura, and John D.**

7-Emory Bush Peebles III

Emory married **Celeste H Hodges**.¹²³ They had one daughter: **Catharine Celeste.**

7-Laura Peebles

Laura married **John Schley Rutherford**,¹²⁴ son of **Charles Langdon Rutherford** and **Nell Schley**. They had two children: **Laura Lee** and **John Schley.**

7-John D Peebles

John married **Allison Hand**,¹²⁵ daughter of **William Brevard Hand** and **Unknown**.

Emory next married **Barbara Cowan**,¹²⁶ daughter of **Lucien Alley Cowan Jr** and **Alice Terrill**. Barbara was born on 12 Nov 1923 in Mobile,

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Alabama,¹²⁷ died on 17 Mar 2009¹²⁸ at age 85, and was buried on 19 Mar 2009 in Pine Crest Cemetery, Mobile, Alabama.¹²⁹

General Notes: Barbara was a native of Mobile and spent many years in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She attended Murphy High School in Mobile, studied at Arlington Hall and Briarcliff junior colleges, and graduated from the University of Alabama. She was a teacher at Julius T Wright school. [1]

Before marrying Emory Bush Peebles Jr, Barbara was previously married to Edward Baskin Butler and to Frank H Ford, Jr. She had two sons, Alley Cowan Butler and Douglas Luce Ford. [1]

Frank H Ford Jr, 25 Jul 1917 - 18 Jun 1980, burial Pine Crest [2]
Edward B Butler, 20 Mar 1920 - 3 Aug 1998, burial Pine Crest [2]

[1] Mobile Press-register, 18 Mar 2009 (Ancestry.com)
[2] Findagrave.com

5-Issac William Hill Jr²¹ was born about 1908 in Opelika, Lee County, Alabama¹³⁰ and died after 1979.¹³¹ Other names for Issac were William and I William Hill.¹³²

General Notes: In 1930 Issac W Hill is living in Mobile, Alabama, in the home of his sister Julia and her husband John Meador. Issac is 21, and a journalist for a newspaper. [1]

In 1969 William Hill was associate editor of the Washington Star newspaper in Washington, DC. In that same year he was a judge for the America's Junior Miss Pageant. He began his career earning \$10 a week as a news copy boy for The Mobile Press, provided he got space rates for feature writing. In his second week on the job he earned more money than the city editor. His third week he became a reporter. In more than 40 years in journalism he has done everything from draw cartoon to edit the women's section. He was also a member of the American Press Institute's faculty at Columbia University. William has written "Mirror of War" about the Star's coverage of the Civil War. In 1969, he was compiling background material for a novel about 17th century New England. (newspaper clipping about I William Hill)

[1] 1930 Census, Mobile Co, AL, ED 75, sheet 15B

Noted events in his life were:

- Graduation: Washington & Lee University.¹³²
- Residence: 1979, Washington, D C.¹³¹

Issac married **Kay Dawson**.¹³² They had two children: **Catherine Roxane** and **Joyce Elizabeth**.

6-Catherine Roxane Hill

6-Joyce Elizabeth Hill

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4-**Julia Kate Jones**¹¹ was born on 22 Jul 1871 in Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama,¹³³ died on 31 Oct 1960 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama¹³⁴ at age 89, and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Talladega, Alabama.³¹ Another name for Julia was Julia Jones.¹⁰

General Notes: Julia was born in Croppel, Alabama, near Talladega. Her father worked on the train between Talladega and Pell City. Julia was the youngest of 10; 8 girls and 2 boys.

Julia's father died when she was one year old. Her oldest sister was already married. Her two brothers went to the University of Alabama. They went to Decatur, AL, and were very successful in the cotton business.

She attended Judson college in Marion, Alabama, for a while, but did not graduate.

Julia's father had land they farmed, and had a general store. The store was built from brick that he made in the brick-making yard he also owned. The store still stands, and is an antique shop.

In the 1930 Census, Julia is living in Birmingham, Alabama, possibly at 1217 North 32nd Street. She is 59 years old and widowed. Julia lists her birthplace as Alabama, her father's as Virginia, and her mother as Alabama. Living with her is her daughter Sarah, 20. Sarah is a hostess at a furniture company. Also living in the house are 2 lodgers, Edward Trotter and Marie Park.

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1872, Croppel, Alabama.¹¹
- Alt. Birth: Abt 1872, Cropwell, St. Clair County, Alabama.¹³⁵
- Alt. Death: 1960, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.¹¹

Julia married **Harry Evans Fleetwood**,¹¹ son of **James Monroe Fleetwood** and **Cornelia Thompson**, on 22 Dec 1897 in Saint Clair County, Alabama.³⁶ Harry was born on 21 Nov 1873 in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia,¹³⁶ died on 25 Aug 1922 in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama¹³⁷ at age 48, and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Talladega, Alabama.¹³⁸ The cause of his death was suicide.¹³⁹ They had two children: **Harry Hill** and **Sarah**.

Marriage Notes: Harry E Fleetwood married Julia K Jones 22 Dec 1897 in Saint Clair County, Alabama. [1]

[1]Marriage records, 1819-1936 St. Clair County (Alabama). Batch M593434, Source 1035444, familysearch.org

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 22 Dec 1897, Talladega, Talladega County, Alabama.¹⁴⁰

General Notes: Harry's father was a captain on a liner that ran between New York and Savannah. [3]

B & A Railroad - The railroad crossed the Coosa River at Stenley (between Cropwell & Talladega) on a wooden bridge, which at one time collapsed under a loaded train, and would have proved a horrible tragedy of the bravery and

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presence of mind of a colored porter Jordan Cranford (Dicie's husband) and the conductor Henry Fleetwood had not saved the lives of passengers. Jordan Cranford was lauded far and wide for having dived under the water and pulled out every passenger handing them to Mr. Fleetwood and his brother Julian, who stood on top of the car, which was not submerged. [1]

In 1906, Harry was working for the Lacey-Buek Iron Company in Birmingham, Alabama. [5]

In 1910, H E Fleetwood is living in Walker County, Alabama. He is 37 years old, born in Georgia, and a superintendent of the coal mines. Living with him is his wife Julia J, 37, son Harry Hill, 9, and daughter Sarah, 11 months. Henry and Julia have been married 12 years. Julia has had two children, both are living.

In September 1918, Harry Evans Fleetwood registered for the World War I draft. He was 44 years old, born November 24 1873. Harry was living at Burnwell Mines, Walker County, Alabama, and was in coal mining working for the Burnwell Coal Mining Company. Harry's wife Mrs. Julia J Fleetwood was listed as his nearest relative.

In the 1920 Census, Henry Fleetwood is living at the Burnwell mining camp in Walker Co, Alabama. He is 46 years old, born in Georgia, as were his parents, and is superintendent of a coal mine. Living with him are his wife Julia, 47, born in Alabama, and daughter Sara, 10, also born in Alabama.

Harry worked in coal mining, and was a Vice President of his company. He died of heart problems. Sarah was 13 when her father died. [3] Harry actually committed suicide. [CAR]

Harry Fleetwood and his son Harry Hill Fleetwood both suffered from manic depression and both committed suicide. [2] Harry jumped to his death while receiving treatment at a hospital in Mobile, Alabama. [4] Harry's brother Julian may have also suffered from manic depression and also committed suicide just two months before Harry died.

[1] "Historic Tales of Talladega" by Grace Jemison, 1959, page 131 - transcribed in misc handwritten notes in Sarah Fleetwood Hendrix's files

[2] Floy Ogletree - Nov 2004

[3] Sarah Fleetwood Hendrix

[4] obituary - Talladega

[5] letter head stationary - letter from Harry to Fall Roberson, July 6, 1906

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 21 Nov 1873, Talladega County, Alabama.¹⁴⁰
- Alt. Birth: 24 Nov 1873.²⁸
- Alt. Birth: 1874, Savannah, Georgia.¹³⁵
- Alt. Death: Aug 1922.¹¹

5-**Harry Hill Fleetwood**¹¹ was born on 23 Aug 1900 in Talladega County, Alabama,¹¹ died on 12 Oct 1941 in Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama¹⁴¹ at age 41, and was buried in Tuscaloosa Memorial Park,

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Tuscaloosa, Alabama.¹⁴⁰ The cause of his death was suicide.¹³⁹

General Notes: In September 1918, Harry Hill Fleetwood was 18 years old, born August 23 1900, when he registered for the World War I draft. Harry was living at Burnwell Mines, Walker County, Alabama, and was a student. His father H E Fleetwood was listed as his nearest relative.

In the 1920 Census (January), Harry H Fleetwood is living at 1305 St. Charles street in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama. He is 20 years old, born in Alabama, and a manager at a novelty company. Living with him is his wife Robbie, 20, and also born in Alabama.

By December 1920, Harry and Robbie were living in Sanford, Seminole County, Florida, where their daughter Robbie was born. By 1927, they were back in Alabama.

In the 1930 Census, Harry Fleetwood is living on Edgewood Boulevard in Homewood, Jefferson Co, Alabama. He is 30 years old and was born in Alabama. Harry is a veteran of the World War (WWI). He is a Buyer Salesman in Men's Clothing, owns his home, valued at \$3500, and a radio. Living with him are his wife Robbie, 30, born in Alabama, and daughters Robbie, 9, born in Florida, and Dorothy, 2 years and 4 months, born in Alabama. Harry and Robbie married when they were both 20 years old.

Harry Hill Fleetwood and his father Harry Evans Fleetwood both suffered from manic depression and both committed suicide. [1]

[1] Floy Ogletree - Nov 2004

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: 1941.¹¹
- Alt. Death: 13 Oct 1941, Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.¹⁴²

Harry married **Robbie Gray**,¹⁴² daughter of **Albert Gray** and **Stella Redden**, on 4 Dec 1919 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.¹⁴³ Robbie was born on 27 Mar 1899 in Sulligent, Lamar Co, Alabama,¹⁴² died on 14 Oct 1976 in Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama¹⁴² at age 77, and was buried in Tuscaloosa Memorial Park, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.¹³⁸ They had two children: **Robbie Gray** and **Dorothy Ann**.

General Notes: Robbie Fleetwood was born 27 Mar 1899 and died Oct 1976. Her last residence was in Northport, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. [1]

[1] Social Security Death Index

6-Robbie Gray Fleetwood¹⁴⁰ was born on 20 Dec 1920 in Sanford, Seminole County, Florida,¹⁴² died on 9 Nov 1964 in Montgomery, Montgomery County, Alabama¹⁴⁴ at age 43, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Montgomery, Alabama.¹⁴⁵

Robbie married **Dr. Robert Turpin Ashurst III**¹⁴⁶ on 23 Aug 1941 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.¹⁴⁷ Robert was born on 16 Jul 1919,⁶⁵ died on 9 Dec 1985¹⁴⁸ at age 66, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery,

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Montgomery, Alabama.¹⁴⁹ Another name for Robert was Robert T Ashurst.¹⁴² They had three children: **Michele, Robert Turpin, and Alan Fleetwood.**

General Notes: After Robbie's death in 1964, Robert remarried in Montgomery County, Alabama, in October 1965. Currently his spouse is unknown. [2]

Robert Ashurst III was born 16 Jul 1919 and died Dec 1985. His last residence was in Montgomery, Montgomery County, Alabama. [1]

[1] Social Security Death Index

[2] Alabama Marriage Collection 1800-1973 (Ancestry.com), vol/certificate 65/32343

7-Michele Ashurst

Michele married **Dr. John Martin Smith.**¹⁵⁰ They had one daughter: **Alan Christopher.**

7-Robert Turpin Ashurst IV

Robert married **Sally P Brotherton,**¹⁵¹ daughter of **James Woodrow Brotherton** and **Unknown.** They had one son: **Robert Fleetwood.**

7-Alan Fleetwood Ashurst

6-Dorothy Ann Fleetwood¹⁴⁰ was born on 5 Dec 1927 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama⁶⁵ and died on 8 May 1999 in McLean, Fairfax County, Virginia¹⁵² at age 71. The cause of her death was brain tumor - glioblastoma multiform.

General Notes: Like many in her family, Dorothy had bipolar disorder. She was treated for it from 1977 until her death in 1999. [2]

Dr. Dorothy Ann Fleetwood Davis died on 8 May 1999 at her residence in McLean, Virginia. Dr. Fleetwood was survived by her husband, Dr. William Columbus Davis, Jr. of McLean; her daughters, Julia Katherine Newman of Lincoln Park, MI, and Jenna Ann Shepherd and her "L.L.(in love and law) son", Donald Wayne Shepherd of Covington, GA; her granddaughters, Jennifer Ann Newman of Lincoln Park and Traci Ann Ralston, and her "L.L. grandson", Phillip Blaine Ralston of Covington, and her great grandson, Andrew Chase Newman of Lincoln Park.

Dr. Fleetwood taught Sunday School at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in McLean and was also active at McLean Baptist Church where she worshipped and taught English to international students.

Dr. Fleetwood was retired from the Tuscaloosa County Board of Education where she taught Special Education in several elementary schools within the county system. Upon completion of her doctorate in Special Education, she developed the Special Education Program at Troy State University. After several years in administration at Partlow State

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School and Hospital, the State Department of Mental Health, and the State of Alabama's "War on Illiteracy Program", Dr. Fleetwood returned to the classroom. [1]

Grandmama had her doctorate in Special Education. She suffered from Manic Depression, but did some of her best work when she was manic. She actually wrote a bill, which passed, allowing children with learning disabilities to receive the same education as any other child. She developed the Special Education Program at Troy State University. She was an amazing, caring, and loving lady. She had no enemies, and anyone who met her, loved her. She accepted everyone, regardless of color, gender, or social status. She was definitely a southern lady. She enrolled me in etiquette school when I was 13. Things like that were important to her. After retiring, she re-married and moved to McLean, VA. There, she taught Sunday School at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church In McLean. She volunteered at the Washington Cathedral for a while, and taught English to International students. She passed away May 8th, 1999 of a Glioblastoma brain tumor. One of the things that sticks out in my mind was what someone said about her at her memorial service. People were sharing stories about her, and this young man told a story about Grandmama always giving him sun catchers. He said that the thing that she didn't realize was that SHE was the sun catcher, always bringing cheer and happiness in other peoples lives. She and I were always close, and everyone says that I am more like her than anyone else. [4]

Dorothy was cremated. Most of her ashes were scattered at Gulf Shores, Alabama. Her daughters and granddaughters each saved some of her ashes for themselves. [3]

[1] Birmingham News, 30 May 1999, Page: 33-A (GenealogyBank.com)

[2] Jenna Kratz Shephard, email 16 Feb 2009

[3] Jenna Kratz Shephard, email 19 May 2010

[4] Traci Barbaree Ralston, email 13 May 2010

Noted events in her life were:

- Residence: Northport, Alabama.¹⁴²
- Cremation:¹⁵³

Dorothy married **Gerd Erich Kratz**,¹⁴⁶ son of **Erich Rudolph Gustof Kratz** and **Elfrieda Dickman**. They had two children: **Julia Katherine** and **Jenna Ann**.

7-Julia Katherine Kratz

Julia married **Roger Andrew Newman**.¹⁴⁶ Roger died about 1995.¹⁵⁴ They had one daughter: **Jennifer Ann**.

General Notes: Roger was killed about 1995. It is believed he was hit by a car, but the case was never solved. He was married to his second (?) wife at the time. [1]

A. Newman was born Nov 1944 and died 20 Feb 1995. His

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last residence was in Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. [2]

[1] Traci Barbaree Ralston

[2] Security Death Index

7-Jenna Ann Kratz

Jenna married **Thomas Marvin Barbaree**,¹⁴⁶ son of **William Marvin Barbaree** and **Sara Price**,. They had one daughter: **Traci Ann**.

Jenna next married **Donald Wayne Shephard**,¹⁵⁵ son of **John Rufus Shephard** and **Lendel Zell Reynolds**,.

Dorothy next married **William Columbus Davis, Jr.**¹⁵⁶ about 1987 in Jasper, Walker County, Alabama.¹⁵³ William was born on 28 Aug 1910 in Jasper, Walker County, Alabama,¹⁵⁷ died on 24 Dec 2003 in Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia¹⁵⁸ at age 93, and was buried on 31 Dec 2003 in Elmwood Cemetary, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.¹⁵⁹

General Notes: William's children from his first marriage were Don (or Donald) and Betty Ann (who married a man named Doug Miller). Betty Ann lived in Mountain Brook (Birmingham), Alabama. Don died in the late 1980's. Don's children were Lee and Jennifer. Betty Ann's children were Ruth, Brett, and Van. [2]

William C Davis died 24 December 2003 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Virginia, after a long period of infirmity at his home. He was survived by one daughter and her husband, one daughter-in-law and five grandchildren. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery [Birmingham, AL]. [1]

[1] Washington Post, 28 Dec 2003 (GenealogyBank.com)

[2] Jenna Shepherd, email 4 Jun & 24 Jun 2010

5-**Sarah Fleetwood**¹¹ was born on 31 May 1909 in Samoset, Walker County, Alabama, died on 19 May 2006 in Jefferson County, Alabama¹³⁹ at age 96, and was buried on 22 May 2006 in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama.¹⁶⁰

General Notes: Sarah was born in Samoset, Alabama, a coal mining town about 2 miles from Dora in Walker County. Samoset, like many of the mining town, no longer exists. [1]

Sarah met her life-long best friend Catharine Phillips (later wife of Henry Hager), when at Burnwell mine outside Dora in Walker County, Alabama. [1]

Sarha attended Margaret Allen School for Girls in Birmingham, then Phillips High School, and the National School of Art in Washington, DC, for two years. [2]

Sarah's first job out of high school was at Bromberg's in Birmingham in 1928.

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She still has the floor lamp and foot stool she purchased there. [1]

Sarah was employed at Loveman's Department Store for many years where she was the buyer of china, glassware and gifts, before moving to Gasden. [2]

After the death of her husband Howard Hendrix in 1992, Sarah moved back to Birmingham. [CAR]

[1] Sarah Fleetwodd Hendrix

[2] Birmingham News, 20 May 2006, obituary

Sarah married **Greg Marcus Ogletree**. They had one son: **John Fleetwood**.

6-**John Fleetwood Ogletree**¹¹ was born on 23 Jun 1932 in Alabama,¹¹ died on 13 Dec 1983 in Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa County, Florida¹⁶¹ at age 51, and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama.¹⁶² Other names for John were Fleety Ogletree and French Fleetwood Ogletree.¹¹

General Notes: John's birth name was French Fleetwood Ogletree. French was a family name on the Ogletree side of the family. John changed his name to John Fleetwood Ogletree when he grew up, John being much easier than French or Fleetwood.

John, known to most long-time friends and family as Fleety, attended TMI prep school in Sweetwater, Tennessee.

John joined the Marines, training at Parris Island, and was then shipped out from California to Korea. He got to Korea about the time a cease-fire was agreed to. When he came back to the States, John had pneumonia.

He then attended Auburn University for a while. During this time period he was dating a girl named Nita, who wanted him to be a dentist. Thankfully, John realized he was not cut out to be a dentist.

He left Auburn and came home, getting a job in Birmingham. He went to night school for a while. John started working for the Underwood-Olivetti typewriter company. He was transferred to Oklahoma City about the time he married his second wife, Floy Burton.

John joined the Xerox Corporation in 1961.

John died at the age of 51 following a massive heart attack. He had the heart attack on Thanksgiving weekend at his vacation home in Destin, Florida, and died about 2 weeks later.

Noted events in his life were:

- Graduation: Tennessee Military Academy, Sweetwater, Tennessee.¹⁶³
- Education: Auburn University (did not graduate).¹⁶³

John married **Margie N Bolding**,¹⁶⁴ daughter of **O T Bolding** and

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Unknown,. They had one son: **John Fleetwood**.

7-**John Fleetwood Ogletree Jr** was born on 27 Jan 1955 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama,¹³⁹ died on 6 Jun 1972 in Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama¹⁶⁵ at age 17, and was buried on 9 Jun 1972 in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama.¹⁶⁵ Another name for John was Johnny.

General Notes: Johnny was killed in a car wreck in June 1972 when the Volkswagon he was driving was hit by a train. Killed with him were John Emory Church and Timothy Lee Mote. Johnny had just been elected Senior Class President of Berry High School for the 1972-73 school year.

In addition to his half-brother and sisters on his father's side, Johnny also had a half-brother, Ernie Carates, Jr., son of his mother Margie.

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1955.

John next married **Floy Irene Burton**,¹⁶⁶ daughter of **Robert Clifford Burton** and **Floy Irene Edwards**,. They had four children: **Julia Ann**, **Janna Sue**, **William Burton**, and **Joy Lynn**.

7-**Julia Ann Ogletree**

Julia married **Edward Arthur Strow**.¹³⁹

7-**Janna Sue Ogletree**

Janna married **Wesley Clark Burkett**.¹³⁹ They had three children: **Wesley Clark**, **John Fleetwood**, and **James McGowin**.

7-**William Burton Ogletree**

William married **Paige Dawson**.¹³⁹ They had three children: **Olivia Day**, **William Dawson**, and **Victoria Paige**.

7-**Joy Lynn Ogletree**

Joy married **Tod Allen Boozer**.¹³⁹ They had one son: **Tod Allen**.

Sarah next married **Howard William Hendrix**, son of **Nicholas Hendrix** and **Lizzie**, on 1 Aug 1947 in Jefferson County, Alabama.¹⁶⁷ Howard was born on 1 Jan 1921 in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama,¹¹ died on 4 Feb 1992 in Gadsden, Alabama at age 71, and was buried on 6 Feb 1992 in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama.

General Notes: Howard was born in Huntsville, but grew up in Birmingham. (SFH)

Howard served in World War II, spending most of his time in India.

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Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 1 Jan 1921, Birmingham, Alabama.¹¹

3-**Thomas A Jones**¹⁶⁸ was born about 1831 in Virginia.¹⁶⁸

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