

JOHN ROSS OF MARION COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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 Robert Fred, jr., 11; Robert Fred, Sr., 11.  
 YOUNG, Flora, 21; Jane (ROSS), 21; Johnnie, 21; Lennie, 21; Sherman, 21.

JOHN ROSS OF MARION COUNTY, TENNESSEE

John Ross was an early settler of Marion County and may be the same John Ross shown in census records of Warren County, 1820 and 1830, and in Marion County, 1840. Definite records of him and his family are:

<u>1850</u>		<u>1860</u>	
John Ross,	55, born VA	John Ross,	64
Mary,	33	Mary,	41
Delila,	22	Vina COLWELL,	18
John,	20	John E.,	6/12
Leroy,	18		
Martha,	16		
Elizabeth,	14		
		<u>1870</u>	
		Mrs. Mary Ross,	50

Family history says John Ross was first married to Nancy TABOR and these are their children:

- (1) Angeline, born 27 Feb 1823, died 23 June 1902, buried Brock and Pickett Cemetery, married George W. PICKETT.
- (2) Mary ("Polly"), born 11 Feb 1825, died 3 Apr 1898, buried Red Hill Cemetery, married Calvin PICKETT.
- (3) Delila, born c1826, married 1st \_\_\_\_\_ PHILLIPS, and 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ PENLEY.
- (4) John Edward, born 1830, committed suicide because of severe Civil War injuries, married Nancy BROWN.
- (5) Leroy, born 24 Dec 1830, died 4 Jan 188?, buried Shiloh Cemetery, married 1st Frances C. LEWIS and 2nd Mary Ann GILLIAM.
- (6) Elizabeth, born 1 Apr 1833, died 30 Oct 1914, buried Shiloh Cemetery, married Robert LEWIS.
- (7) Martha, born c1834.

Census records say John Ross was born about 1795, Virginia. He gave the story to his children that "their grandmother was Molly McDONALD". She was the wife of Daniel Ross. In "Leaves From The Family Tree", by Penelope Johnson ALLEN, the children of Daniel and Molly (McDonald) Ross were:

Jane, born 1787	Andrew, born 1789 (should be 1798?)
Elizabeth Rose, born 1789	Annie, born 1800
John, born 1790	Margaret, born 1803
Susannah, born 1793	Maria, born 1806
Lewis, born 1795	

John born 1790, became Chief of the Cherokee Indians and his life story is well known; Lewis, born 1795, settled in the Charleston/Red Clay area of Bradley County; Andrew, born 1798, married Susan LOWREY, daughter of Lucy (BENJE) Lowrey, and they lived near Ft. Payne, Alabama, until removal of the Cherokees to the west. So where in this family is John Ross, born 1795, Virginia, living in Marion County?



The Families of John ROSS, of Marion County, Tennessee - Angeline

- (1) Angeline, born 1823, married George W. PICKETT. Their family, in census records are:

<u>1850</u>	<u>1860</u>	<u>1870</u>
George W. Pickett, 24	George W. Pickett, 35	George Pickett, 45
Angeline, 27	Angeline, 38	Angeline, 47
Martha J., 4	Martha J., 13	Martha, 23
Mary E., 2	Mary E., 11	Mary, 22
Ruthy, 5/12	Rutha, 10	Ruth, 19
	Vashtina, 8	Nancy, 17
	Nancy, 7	George, 16
	Washington, 6	Sarah, 10
	Sarah, 1	Margaret, 10
<u>1880</u>	<u>1900</u>	
George Pickett, 55	George W. Pickett, Dec 1825, 74, md. 54 yrs	
Angeline, 52	Angeline, Feb 1825, 75, 10 children/7 living	
Ruthy, 22	Sarah M., Oct 1871, 28, S	
Nancy E., 21	Margaret I., Oct 1873, 26, S	
Sarah M., 19		
Marguitt, 17		

In Brock & Pickett Cemetery: Angieline Pickett, 2-27-1823/6-23-1902  
 G. W. Pickett, 12-29-1825/6-10-1902  
 Lolitia A. Pickett, 10-8-1856/11-13-1857  
 Nancy, 1-19-1853/12-3-1923  
 Visti, 12-1- ?/11-22-1867

Family history on these children:

- (a) Martha Jane, born 22 Feb 1846, died 28 June 1915, buried Brock Cemetery, married James Lynnard VANDERGRUFF. He is buried Brock Cemetery, 13 Aug 1848/13 May 1917. In 1900 census, Marion Co.: James L. Vandergriff, Jul 1847, 52, married 22 yrs; Martha J., Feb 1846, 54, 2 children/2 living; George W., Mar 1880, 20; Esther E., Jun 1881, 10.
- (b) Mary E. married Will BROCK. From 1880-1900 Marion County censuses: William E. Brock, born Aug 1848; Mary E., born Nov 1847; Nancy J., born Jan 1876; Rutha C., born c1878 (not in the family in 1900); William G., born June 1885.
- (c) Ruth, born c1850, married Mr. DUKE. In 1910, Marion County: Joshua Duke, 57, married 2nd, 22 yrs; Ruth, 58, married 1st, 22 yrs; no children.
- (d) Vashti Pickett, 12-1-1852?, died 22 Nov 1867. Brock Cemetery.
- (e) Nancy, born c1853, married Britt THOMAS. In 1910 census, Marion Co.: Britt J. Thomas, 57, married 2nd, 13 yrs; Nancy, 56, married 2nd, 13 yrs, 4 children/2 living; Angie, 24, step-child of Britt; Florence, 22, step-child of Britt.

(1) cont'd The Families of John Ross, of Marion County, TN - Angeline cont'd

- (f) George Washington, Jr., 7 May 1854/9 Sep 1942, buried Grayson Cemetery, married Sarah (Sallie) COWAN, 30 Nov 1853/18 Jan 1926, Grayson Cemetery. Their 10 children: (1) George Seabird, born 22 Jan 1876, died Augusta, GA, buried Augusta National Cemetery. Married 1st Bertha CAHILL, Sep 1905, and 2nd, Cora \_\_\_\_\_. (2) Rutherford Cowan, 24 Dec 1877/25 Jun 1948, married Lula GIBSON, 7 Jul 1881/27 Jul 1947, both buried Patterson Cemetery, Sale Creek, TN. (3) Daniel Foster, 3 May 1879/5 Mar 1937, married 1st unknown who died 17 Oct 1921, married 2nd Ethel LEWIS, 27 Sep 1894/30 Mar 1965. (4) Lucretia, married Brison BRIMER and died in Daisy, TN. (5) Virginia, 31 Oct 1882/1 Mar 1883, buried Brock Cemetery. (6) Stella, born 30 Dec 1888, married Charles VANDER-GRIFF in 1902 and died in Bakewell, TN. (7) Lulu, born 18 Feb 1886, married 1st Green P. LAYNE on 17 Dec 1908, married 2nd Dan PRIGMORE. (8) Russell Harrison, 24 Nov 1887/15 Jan 1962, married Eula BROWN, 3 Oct 1894/6 May 1983. Both buried Red Hill Cemetery, Marion County. (9) Alice Cowan, 2 Oct 1893/Jul 1960, married Arnold POWELL, and is buried Grayson Cemetery. (10) Garrett Augusta Hobert, 3 Oct 1895/30 May 1977, buried Brock Cemetery, married Ida Bell GRAYSON, 1 Jan 1897/\_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) Lolita A., 6 Oct 1856/13 Nov 1857, buried Brock Cemetery.
- (h) Sarah Malinda, 26 Oct 1858/1 Sep 1925, married John DEMPSEY. 1910 census: John Demsey, 32, md 4 yrs; Sarah, 50, 0 children. Both buried Brock Cemetery.
- (i) Margaret I., 10 Oct 1861/ Oct 1947, married Bob BARNETT. In 1910 census: Robert Barnett, 37, married 9 yrs; Margaret, 48, 2 children/2 living; Laurence, 7; Hallie, 5.

The Families of John Ross, of Marion County, Tennessee - Mary

- (2) Mary ("Polly"), born 1825, married Calvin PICKETT. Their family, in census records are:

1850

Calvin PICKETT, 25  
Polly, 28  
William, 6  
Elizabeth, 4  
Sarah, 1

1860

Calvin PICKETT, 37  
Mary, 38  
William, 15  
Elizabeth, 14  
Sarah, 12  
Manda, 10  
George W., 7  
Nancy, 6  
Mary, 3  
Alexander, 2

1870

Calvin PICKETT, 44  
Marian, 46  
William, 24  
Elizabeth, 22  
Sarah, 19  
Amanda, 16  
George, 15  
Nancy, 13  
Mary Ann, 12  
Alexander, 10  
Calvin, 8  
Easter, 5  
Isaac, 2

1900

Elizabeth PICKETT, Nov 1859, 40, S  
Amanda, sis, Feb 1863, 37, S  
Nancy, sis, Oct 1864, 35, S  
Alexandria, bro, Nov 1869, 30, S  
Isaach L., bro, May 1877, 23, S

1910

Alexander PICKETT, 40, S  
Ike, bro, 32  
Elizabeth, sis, 51  
Nancy, sis, 38  
Frona, niece, 9

Red Hill Cemetery: Elizabeth PICKETT, 2 Nov 1846/27 Nov 1928  
Amanda PICKETT, 8 Feb 1860/27 Dec 1905  
G. W. PICKETT, 8 Dec 1853/2 Nov 1909  
Calvin PICKETT, 26 Nov 1826/26 Jan 1897  
Mary PICKETT, 11 Feb 1825/3 Apr 1898

Additional family data: Son, George W., 8 Dec 1853/2 Nov 1909, buried Red Hill Cemetery, married Sarah ROSS, 9 May 1856/9 Mar 1900, Red Hill Cemetery, and had children: Jeff Calvin, 29 Aug 1879/12 Dec 1940, Red Hill; Nancy, born c1884; Elizabeth, born c1887; Robert T., born c1889; George Frank, 27 Jan 1892/29 Sep 1916, Red Hill; James K., born c1896; Emma, born c1898; Phronia, born c1899.

Calvin, born c1862, married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, and had children: Bethel, born 1889; Clinton, born 1895; Edley, born 1897; Luther, born 1899.

The Families of John ROSS, of Marion County, Tennessee - Delila

- (3) Delila, born c1826, seems to have married, in early 1850s to a Mr. PHILLIPS and in the early 1860s to a Mr. PENLEY. Census records on this family:

1870, Marion Co.

Delila Penley, 43  
Joseph, 15  
Telitha, 10  
Emily, 6  
Leroy, 4

1900, Marion Co.

Delila Penley, born 1826, wd, 73  
Delitha, born 1859, 40  
next door: Lee Penley, b. Aug 1865, 34  
Josephine A., b. May 1871, 29

The Joseph who is 15 years old in 1870, is believed to have used the Phillips surname and be the Joseph C. Phillips who married Charity McFARLAND, 1-31-1878, Sequatchie County.

In the 1900 Marion County census: Joe Phillips, born Aug 1853, 46, md 21 yrs; Charity, born Jun 1854, 45, 9 children/8 living; Sarah, born Mar 1880, 20; Cornialone, born Oct 1881, 18; G. W., (son), born Mch 1885, 15; A. J., (son), born Sep 1887, 12; Sam, born May 1890, 10; Melvin, born Jan 1894, 6; Thad, born Sep 1896, 4; Mary, born Mch 1898, 2. By 1910, Charity is a widow, 51, with two additional children: Jimmy, 6, and one deceased.

Patrick Jackson's mother, Bertha May Ross Jackson, remembered that Delila had a daughter, Nancy, born 1852, married William ROGERS, and died in 1928. From the 1870 thru 1900 census records, this family is: William R. RO(D)GERS, born Dec 1844, married July 1869; Nancy S., born Dec 1852, had 11 children/8 living in 1900; George H., born Apr 1870; William, born c1871; John A., born Nov 1873; James W., born Jan 1876; Daniel C., born Dec 1878; Nettie and Callie, twins, born Jan 1882; N. L., (dau), born Dec 1891.

Telitha (Delitha), Emily and Leroy are shown with the Penley surname. Emily Penley married Riley KILGORE, July 3, 1881.

The Families of John Ross, of Marion County, Tennessee - John Edward

- (4) John Edward, born c1830, was 20 and single, in his father's household in 1850. He was usually called Edward, or Ed for short, but in official records, he is called John Jr. About 1852, he married Nancy BROWN, who is believed to be of the Campbell County Browns who were part Cherokee.

1860, Marion Co.

John Ross,	30
Nancy,	20
Job,	7
James M.,	6
Sarah M.,	4
John H.,	2

January 1, 1862, John Ross, Jr. enlisted in Capt. Peter T. Rankin's Company, 2nd Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry, at Camp Cheatham. His age was 31. We have from family sources only that he received a head wound in war and a metal plate was inserted. This caused severe headaches which ended in his suicide.

The Rosses lived on Ross Mountain, a very isolated area of Marion County on the Grundy County line. This family is not found on census records of either Marion or Grundy County in 1870.

1880, Grundy Co.

Mrs. (Nancy) Ross,	54
Mary,	18
William,	16
Nancy,	12
Anna? (Jemima)	8
George,	6
Timothy? (Sam)	4

1900, Grundy Co.

Nancy Ross, Mar 1832,	68, widow,
	10 children/8 living
Sam, Jan 1875,	25

Family history gives the children of John Edward and Nancy (Brown) Ross:

1. Jobe, born 1853, married in Grundy County, 2-21-1872, Delisha SPEEGLE, born c1854, daughter of Alfred and Mary J. SPEIGLE. TN Mortality Schedules say Jobe died Jan 1880. He probably is buried at the Ross Home Place, Ross Mountain. In 1880 census, in the family of James SPEEGLE is his sister, Telitha Ross, 23; John W. Ross, 7, nephew; Lavina Ross, 5, niece; Lillie B. Ross, 6/12, niece.
2. James M., born June 1854, married, in Grundy County, 12-25-1872, Martha Jane RAMSEY. Their children as determined from 1880, 1900 and 1910 censuses plus data from other researchers: Annie, b. c1875, married John PRESNELL; Janie, b. c1877, married Sam COLSON; Henry M., b. Jan 1883, married Octa MYERS; John Cleveland, b. Nov 1884; Charles Frank, b. Feb 1887, had low mental ability and died in county home; Martha E. (Bess), b. June 1891, married Herbert CALDWELL; Robert, b. June 1893; Emer Lee, b. Feb 1896, married Frank SEALS; Freida May, b. Feb 1898, married John I. ECKLES; and possibly Julia Etta, married George LAMONS.

In "Death Records of Grundy County" by Sherrill, page 66: Henry Ross 42 d. Aug 2, 1919. Shot in head by Bernice Myers (father-in-law);

(4) cont'd Children of John Edward and Nancy (Brown) Ross:

page 112: Robert and Cleveland Ross died Sept 24, 1914, "shot by Edward Bryant Sept 17", sons of Jas. Ross, lived and died at Tatesville. Survived by wives and children.

In newspaper article from Tracy City, Aug 18, 1923: James M. Ross shot and killed Peter McGovern, near Palmer, in dispute over ownership of land. "Ross is about 70 years old and almost blind from the effects of cancer."

3. Sarah, born 1856, married George W. PICKETT, 5-28-1878, Grundy County. She died 3-9-1900, buried Red Hill Cemetery, Marion Co.

1900, Marion Co.

Geo. W. Pickett, Dec 1853, 46, wd  
Jeff C., Aug 1880, 19  
Nancy D., Sep 1883, 16  
Elizabeth P., Feb 1887, 13  
Robert T., Feb 1889, 11  
George F., Mar 1892, 8  
James K., June 1895, 4  
Emma J., Apr 1898, 2  
Phronia, Aug 1899, 10/12  
Sallie GRIFFITH, gr/dau, Sep 1898, 1

1910, Marion Co.

Alexander Pickett, 40  
Ike, bro, 32  
Elizabeth, sis, 51  
Nancy, sis, 38  
Frona, niece, 9  
  
(presence of Frona, "niece"  
in this family indicates  
that George W. was a brother  
of the above and son of  
Calvin and Mary.)

Red Hill Cemetery: Sarah Pickett, 5-9-1856/3-9-1900  
G. W. Pickett, 12-8-1853/11-2-1909  
Frank, son of G. W., 1-27-1892/9-29-1916  
Jeff Calvin, 8-29-1879/12-12-1940

(4) cont'd Children of John Edward and Nancy (Brown) Ross:

4. John Harrison, born 1858, married Malinda MASSENGALE, 5-13-1880, Grundy County. Their children from census and family records:
  - (a) Mary Florence, 4-7-1881/12-14-1896, buried Fall Creek Cemetery.
  - (b) John Edward, born 1882, married Margaret TRUSSEL, and had 6 children. In Fall Creek Cemetery: John Edward Ross, 1882-1951; Margaret T. Ross, 1885-1951.
  - (c) Nancy Ada Lou, born Oct 1883, married Robert MOORE, of Chattanooga. She died giving birth to her 4th child.
  - (d) Beanka Angeleta (Angie), born May 1885, married Ed LATHRUM, Grundy County, 12-7-1907, and had 2 children: Elsie who disappeared and Lela who lived in Tatesville.
  - (e) Joseph, born Apr 1888, married in Nashville and was killed in a storm. No children.
  - (f) George F., born Sep 1890, married Louise SCHLAGETER, Grundy County, 4-19-1913, and had two daughters. Family moved to North Carolina after George developed lung disease.
  - (g) Katie Caldonia (Callie), born 1 Dec 1893, married Dolphin VAUGHN, 12-16-1911, and had 7 children. She died 12 July 1981 and is buried Fall Creek Cemetery.
  - (h) Tennessee Lena, born Dec 1894, married Henry SAVAGE, a railroad man and had 11 children. They moved to Alabama and she died 7 May 1982, buried Green Hill Cemetery, Summerville, GA.
  - (i) Isaac Van, born 28 Feb 1898, married Winnie D. LOCKHART, and had 8 children. He died 8 Feb 1976, buried Fall Creek Cemetery.

John Harrison Ross died Jan 1946, Signal Mountain. Cynthia Malinda Ross, born Warren County, daughter of Joseph and Mary Massengale, is buried Fall Creek Cemetery, 8-10-1856/11-23-1921.

Also in Fall Creek Cemetery: Angie R. Lathrum, 1885-1915.

W. D. Vaughn, 5-28-1892/8-31-1968.

Winnie D. Ross, 11-8-1900/\_\_\_\_\_.

J. H. Ross, 5-13-1858/\_\_\_\_\_.  
(beside Malinda Ross)

(4) cont'd Children of John Edward and Nancy (Brown) Ross:

5. Mary Jane, born 4 Oct 1860, married Sammy BROWN, 10-24-1880, Grundy County. His parents were Thomas and Sally (LAYNE) Brown. Thomas was a brother of Nancy (Brown) Ross and so Mary Jane and Sammy were first cousins.

1900 Marion Co.

Sam L. Brown, Apr 1858, 42  
Jane, Oct 1860, 39, 11/9  
Jno., Jun 1881, 18  
Frank, Nov 1882, 17  
Thomas, Jan 1884, 16  
Mimia A., Nov 1885, 14  
Benj. H., Feb 1888, 12  
Lou, Jul 1889, 10  
Dan W., Oct 1891, 8  
Dellie, Jul 1897, 2  
Gilliam, Dec 1898, 1

1910 Marion Co.

Sam Brown, 52  
Mary J., 49  
Angeline, 24  
Webster, 18  
Della, 12  
Gilliam, 10

What is known of their children:

(a) John B. married Mary Belle HIGGINS. They are buried Red Hill Cemetery, Marion County: John B., (26 June) 1881/ (Feb) 1947; Mary Belle H., 9-28-1901/2-15-1985.

(b) Frank, 11-20-1882/8-18-1962, married Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_.

(c) Thomas married Leathie BROWN. He is buried Griffith Creek Cemetery, 1-16-1884/2-23-1936

(d) Jemimah Angeline, 11-1-1885/1964, married Joe NUNLEY. They are buried Oak Grove Cemetery.

(e) Benjamin Harrison, 2-28-1888/10-22-1918, married Mattie LEAVAN.

(f) Lucille married Virgil ALMOND, Grundy County, 7-11-1915. They are buried Griffiths Creek Cemetery: Lucille Almond, 1889/\_\_\_\_\_; Rev. Virgil Almond, 1894/1962.

(g) Daniel Webster married Frances BROWN. He is buried Griffiths Creek Cemetery: D. W. (Web) Brown, 10-18-1891/3-21-1937.

(h) Della, 7-4-1897/7-20-1981, married Henry BRYANT.

(i) James Gilliam, 12-25-1898/8-14-1984, married Gladys SCARBORO.

The two children who are deceased by 1900: Lawrence, 7-18-1893/6-18-1896, and Jenny, 10-3-1895/5-14-1896.

In Burkett's Chapel Cemetery, Marion County:

Mary Jane Brown, 10-4-1860/8-21-1935

S. L. Brown, 4-26-1854/5-27-1949



(4) cont'd Children of John Edward and Nancy (Brown) Ross:

6. William Leroy, born 10 May 1863, married 24 Mar 1883, Samantha CHAMBERS.

1900 Marion County

William Ross, May 1863, 37  
Samantha, Sep 1865, 34  
Viola, May 1884, 16  
Cammie, Feb 1887, 13  
Maude, May 1889, 11  
Roy, July 1892, 7  
Elector, Jun 1894, 5  
Victor, Oct 1896, 3  
Belle, Aug 1900, 0

1910 Marion County

William L. Ross, 46, md 26 yrs  
Samantha, 44, 12 children/8 living  
Maude, 20  
Roy, 17  
Leta, 15  
Bell, 10  
Charley, 5  
Chester, 2  
Victor, 14

From family members, we have this data:

- (a) Vida Belle, born 15 May 1884, married James McCOY. (No James McCoy found in 1910 census but wonder if this might be the family: Harry D. McCoy, 33; Viola B., 25; Lorena, 6; Fred, 4; Edna, 3; Unnamed, 2/12.)
- (b) Jemima Caldon, born 28 Dec 1885.
- (c) Cammie Louella, born 27 Feb 1887, married 7 July 1906, Walter MAY. She died 26 Mar 1907 and buried Walker Cemetery.
- (d) Maudie Mae, born 30 May 1889, married Cecil L. TATE. She died 3 Feb 1969 and is buried Whitwell Memorial Cemetery.
- (e) Ada Edith, born 8 Oct 1890, died 18 Feb 1894.
- (f) Robert Leroy, born 17 July 1892, married 3rd Fannie SCARBORO. He died 10 July 1926, killed by cousin, Gilliam Brown.
- (g) Olena Electa, born 30 June 1894, married \_\_\_\_\_ McNABB.
- (h) Victor Lesley, born 7 July 1896, died 9 Mar 1963. Never md.
- (i) Sara Belle, born 18 June 1899, married Bass N. NARRAMORE.
- (j) Gertrude Lorene, born 30 Apr 1901, died 13 June 1902. Buried Walker Cemetery.
- (k) Charlie William, born 20 Oct 1904, died 29 Aug 1913.
- (l) Chester Clarence, born 25 Jan 1907, died 20 June 1995. Wife, Velma (Bettie) WHITE, died 25 Apr 1989, buried Sequatchie Valley Memorial Gardens. Children: Ann ROSS, Joann ASHBURN, Karen KELLY, Mark and John ROSS.

Walker Cemetery, Marion County: Wm. L. Ross, 5-10-1863/11-16-1922.  
Samantha C., 9-2-1865/11-21-1940.

(4) cont'd Children of John Edward and Nancy (Brown) Ross

7. Nancy Delaware, born Sep 1865, married, c1884, Timothy TATE, son of Ladden Farrell and Lousetta (COLSTON) Tate.

1900 Grundy County

T. T. Tate, June 1862, 37, md 16 yrs  
Nancy D., Sep 1865, 34, 8/8 ch  
Carrie Lee, Feb 1886, 14  
G. W., Oct 1887, 12  
Virginia, Nov 1889, 10  
Ethel B., July 1891, 8  
Grover Cleveland, Feb 1893, 7  
Minnie, Mar 1895, 5  
Harley, Jun 1897, 2  
Lusette B., Dec 1899, 5/12

1910 Grundy County

Tim Tate, 47  
Nancy, 44  
Virgie, 20  
Ethel, 18  
Grover Cleveland, 17  
Minnie, 15  
Harlie, 12  
Louvise Gruetli, 10  
Johnie, 8  
Raymon, 5

Children of Timothy T. and Nancy Delaware (Ross) Tate:

(a) Carrie Lee, born 14 Feb 1885, married Henry FINNEY, 7-28-1905, Grundy County. Lived Franklin County. Had 3 children: Herbert C., 7-7-1906/2-24-1931, married Hermina NUSSBAUM, of Gruetli, 6-1-1930. Had 1 child, Richard G., 4-14-1931/4-16-1931. Herbert died from injuries received from falling under a moving train. Second child was Ethel, born 1910, had daughter, Mrs. Ray OVERBY, of Chattanooga; 3rd child was Lacey, who burned to death in infancy. Carrie Lee died May 1916.

(b) George Washington, born 12 Oct 1887, married Dola (HARRIS) RUSSOM, 8 Sep 1914, in Okmulgee County, Okla. Son, Ernest, was born 26 Jan 1916, in Dewar, OK. George W. was injured in a coal mine accident and died 8 Sep 1917. Ernest married 1st Geneva JULIAN, in Nov 1940, and had: Geneva Darlene, born 13 Nov 1941, Seattle; Carol Jane, born 28 Jul 1943, Bremerton; and Daryl Ernest, born 1945, Bremerton. Ernest married 2nd Virginia HENLEY and lives in Modesto, CA.

(c) Virginia ("Virgie"), born 18 Nov 1889, married 21 Aug 1915, Joseph M. CROWNOVER, in Grundy County. They lived in Cowan, Franklin County. Their children: Cecil D., 5-23-1916/6-15-1963, married 1st Faye BROOKSHIRE, 2nd Lucinda BRYANT. Had 2 children: Robert Mark, 11 Nov 1944, and Sandra Elizabeth, 5 Feb 1946. Cecil is buried Candler, Buncombe Co., NC. Virgie's 2nd child: Joseph Ray, born 22 July 1918, married Eva PHARR, 29 Aug 1942, and had daughter, Barbara Ann, born 7 Feb 1944. Joseph and family live San Diego; Virgie's 3rd child: Mary Margaret, born 22 May 1926, married Robert Fred WORLEY, on 22 Sep 1946, and have 3 children: Robert Fred, Jr., born 19 Aug 1947, married Cecelia BROWN, 11 Aug 1973; Margaret Kay, born 3 Feb 1953; and Joseph Ross, born 5 Mar 1958.

Virgie died 23 Apr 1985, Asheville, NC.

(4) cont'd Children of John Edward and Nancy (Brown) Ross - Nancy Delaware cont'd

(d) Ethel Bell, born 10 July 1891, married Christian Peter SCHILD, 20 Apr 1914, in Laager. They lived in the Swiss Colony, Gruetli, and had 2 children: Dola Virginia, born 5 Feb 1915, married 1st Louie D. BERRY, 24 Dec 1934. Tracy City, and 2nd Richard Robert TYLOR, in Chinen, Okinawa, 18 Nov 1949; Roy Christian, born 2 Mar 1924, married Hideko KINJO, 19 Nov 1953, in Naha, Okinawa.

Christian Peter Schild, born 1 Aug 1887, died 22 Nov 1934, buried in Swiss Colony Cemetery, Gruetli. Ethel married 2nd Chris STAMPLFI, 5 Apr 1938. Ethel died as a result of a car accident, 20 Sep 1960, near Cleveland, TN. Chris died from injuries in the same accident and they are buried in Hamilton Memorial Cemetery, Chattanooga.

(e) Grover Cleveland, born 19 Feb 1893, married Margie NUNLEY, 3 Aug 1927. He saw military service in WWI and died 13 Aug 1981. No children.

(f) Minnie, born 9 Mar 1895, married Brents B. LAYNE, of Marion County, 26 Jan 1916. They had 4 children: Odessa Marie, 11 Dec 1916/10 Jun 1977, married Leonard R. BARWICK, 24 Apr 1962; Thelma Cressa, 25 Dec 1918/15 Oct 1991, married Herschel DAWSON, 5 Oct 1943. She had 2 children: Ronald H., born 27 Mar 1948, and Clara Dorene who died at birth. Minnie's 3rd child was Brents Burton, Jr., 26 Sep 1920/12 May 1992, married Martha Kate MOSLEY, 5 June 1946. His 2 children born Tuscon, AZ, were Nancy and Lynn. Minnie's 4th child was Charles Edward, born 28 Sep 1929 and died next day..

Brents B., 7-1-1892/10-20-1975, buried Condra Cemetery. Minnie died 6 Feb 1990, Tuscon, AZ, and is buried Marion County, beside her husband.

(g) Harley, born Jun 1897, married Bessie BRADY, May 20, 1922. His 3 children: Laverne, married 1st Gilbert BIRDWELL, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ ABLES. Lives in Chattanooga. Second child: Dola Clariene, born 6 Jul 1929, Laager, married 1st Charles E. SWEETON, 21 July 1946, and had son, Charles Leonard, born 7 Jul 1947 who married Kathy BRADEN. Dola md 2nd Roy Dale SCISSOM and had Alex Nicholas, 18 Dec 1950; Ronald Dale, 31 Mar 1954; Rickey Dewayne, 24 Sep 1956; Sandra Gale, 26 Jul 1958; Patricia Marie, 18 Mar 1962. Harley's 3rd child was Harley C.

Harley served in 329 Inf., 33 Div, WWI. He died 24 Feb 1940 and is buried Fall Creek Cemetery. Bessie died 21 Aug 1981, buried Fall Creek.

(h) Lousetta Greetely, born 3 Dec 1899. The first part of her given name was from her paternal grandmother, Lousetta Missouri COLSTON; the spelling of the second part of her given name is uncertain. In the 1910 census it is Gruetli, the same as the nearby Swiss Colony, but she was usually called Greetely. She married 13 Jun 1918, Ralph FARMER, of Sequatchie Valley, and had daughter, Margaret, born 29 Dec 1920, Edwardsville, IL, married 29 Mar 1942, Foster LUTTRELL, in Rossville, GA. Margaret has 2 sons.

Greetely married 2nd Laney MEDLEY, 19 Sep 1931. He died 26 Nov 1976, in Chattanooga. She died 19 Nov 1982, Chattanooga.

(4) cont'd Children of John Edward and Nancy (Brown) Ross - Nancy Delaware cont'd

(i) John Harron, born 25 Sep 1902, married 1 Feb 1925, Elva Arlene STREET, dau of Berry E. and Ella Nancy (Crowell) Street. Their six children: (1) Johnny Vernon, 15 Aug 1927/20 Dec 1982, married Margie Ethel KING and had children: Angela, Andrea, Ashley and Anthony; (2) Nancy Jo, born 27 Sep 1930, married 1st James Mitchel MEEKS, 15 Apr 1948, and, after his death, she married 2nd Billy Avner STEWART. They live Tampa, Florida and have sons Billy and Timothy; (3) Madge Arlene, born 4 Jul 1933, married Neal Richard JAMES, 24 Jul 1953, Rossville, GA, and has children: Lisa Arlene and Neal Lebron; (4) James Wayne, born 8-11-1935, married Laura B. LANE, 9 Jan 1960, and has children: James Michael and Shasta Leigh. James Wayne died 26 Apr 1989, buried Palmer City Cemetery; (5) Mary Elizabeth, born 4 Oct 1937, married Charles Bailey BROOKS, 2 Apr 1960, lived Hazel Crest, IL but now retired to Coalmont, TN; (6) Billy Ray, born 21 Apr 1940, married Lucille Margaret WOLFE 3 Jun 1959 and has children: Tracey Ann and Bryan Ray. Lives Hammond, Indiana.

John Harron died 26 Sep 1978 and Elva (Street) Tate died 22 Oct 1985. Both buried Fall Creek Cemetery.

(j) Raymond, born 3 Nov 1904, married Edith BRYANT, 14 Feb 1926 and had children: Glenda Jean, Hazel, Brents, and Helen. Raymond died Nov 1962.

Nancy Delaware Ross Tate died in Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga, 17 Feb 1950 and is buried Fall Creek Cemetery as is her husband, Timothy T. Tate, 14 Jun 1862/5 Oct 1938.

(4) cont'd Children of John Edward and Nancy (Brown) Ross

8. Gemima, born 12 Oct 1868, married c1886, John A. VANHOOSER. Census records show:

1900 Marion Co.

John V. Hoosier, Mar 1868, 32  
Mary A. (Gemima?), Oct 1868, 31  
Annis J., Jan 1889, 11  
Lillie E., Apr 1891, 9  
Jno. L. L., Mar 1894, 6  
Isaac N., Dec 1897, 2  
James C., bro, Jun 1886, 13  
Isaac C., father, May 1845, 55

1910 Marion Co.

John Vanhooser, 42, md 24 yrs  
Gemima, 41, 8 ch/7 living  
Ella, 19  
Lasater, 16  
Isaac, 13  
Sam, 10  
Ada, 7  
George, 3

This may be the list of Gemima's children: (a) Alice, born Jan 1889, married Frank LOCKHART, 12-23-1906, Grundy Co., buried Orange Hill Cemetery: Alice J. Lockhart, 1889/1954, Frank C. Lockhart, 1886/1962. (b) Ella, born Apr 1891, married George LAWRENCE, 12-24-1910, Grundy County. Lived Illinois. (c) John L. L. (Lester), 3 Mar 1894/4 Sep 1971, Red Hill Cemetery, Marion Co., married Ova NUNLEY, 2-3-1912, Grundy Co. (d) Lillie E., 17 Mar 1896/23 Jan 1960, Orange Hill Cemetery, Grundy County, and husband, Sam BONE, 14 Apr 1880/26 Jan 1952. (e) Isaac N., born Dec 1897. (f) Sam, born c1900, married Suet BOYD. (g) Ada, 2-28-1903/6-23-1941, Orange Hill Cemetery, married 26 Mar 1921, L. E. ("Slick") CALDWELL, also in Orange Hill, 2-14-1896/3-9-1953. (h) George Franklin, 2-16-1907/3-18-1955, Orange Hill, married Letha LANE, 4-25-1931, Grundy County.

Buried Orange Hill Cemetery: Gemima R. Vanhooser, 10-12-1868/4-22-1924, and John A. Vanhooser, 3-5-1868/10-12-1940.

(4) cont'd Children of John Edward and Nancy (Brown) Ross - George

9. George, born about 1874, married Kizzie LANE, daughter of David, Jr. and Nancy Lane. In both of these census records, Kizzie and the children are living with her parents:

1900 Marion County

Kizzie Ross, Feb 1871, 29, div.  
John W., Jan 1891, 9  
Ethel M., Dec 1892, 7

1910 Marion County

Kizzie Ross, 39, widow  
Ethel M., 17  
Sarah E., 13

A Sequachee Valley News story, 1906, tells of the death of Johnnie Ross, Aug 28th. "He was the son of George Ross who abandoned his wife and children some twelve years ago."

Another Sequachee Valley News story, 1907, says George Ross was living in Kentucky. His brother William went from Whitwell to Kentucky to get George to sign a land deed to their brother, Sam. It became a fight in which William stabbed George and left him near death and returned to Whitwell.

Kizzie Ross was said to be an eccentric who believed in witches. She wore sticks in her ears and beat up buckeye seeds and glass to pour through the cracks in the floors to keep the witches away.

George is remembered as a "stocky, muscled-up, bow-legged devil who rode a white horse". He is said to have died from a coal mine accident.

10. Sam, born Jan 1875, is in the 1900 Grundy County census with his mother, Nancy, who was born Mar 1832, a widow. On Feb 3, 1901, Sam married Gertrude NUNLEY, and they had two children: Leon who died about age 19, and Hester, born Nov 1908. Gertrude died in childbirth. Hester married Mar 20, 1929, Oscar LOCKHART. She is buried in Fall Creek Cemetery: Hester Ross Lockhart, 11-2-1908/4-3-1975.

Family history says Sam was a good man but became involved with a Cagle woman which caused a brawl at the home of a King man. Sam shot into the house and accidentally killed a child and the King man killed Sam. Another researcher has this version of the story: while Sam and John Ross were drinking, Sam lost his wallet which was found by John King. For some reason, this made Sam very angry and he shot into the King house, killing the child, and Mr. King shot Sam. He was taken to a Nashville hospital where he died a couple of weeks later.

The Families of John ROSS, of Marion County, Tennessee - Leroy

- (5) Leroy, born 24 Dec 1830, married 1st Frances C. LEWIS, and 2nd, Mary Ann GILLIAM. Census records show, in 1850, Leroy was 18, living with his parents. Later census records:

<u>1860, Marion County</u>	<u>1870, Marion County</u>	<u>1880 Marion County</u>
Leroy Ross, 28	Leroy Ross, 38	Lee Ross, 49
Frances C., 20	Mary, 30	Mary, 41
Nancy E., 1	Nancy, 11	Ellen, 18
Lou Ellen, 2/12	Loveland, 9	John, 16
Michella LEWIS, 55	John, 7	Margret, 15
	Michael, 6	Jane, 14
	Margaret, 4	Sarah, 11
	Jane, 2	Mary, 7
		Jacob, 6
		Mandy, 4
		Martha, 2

In Shiloh Cemetery: Frances C. Ross, 5 Dec 1839/7 Jan 1869  
Leroy Ross, 24 Dec 1830/4 Jan 188?

1900, Marion County

Mary Ross, born Mar 1838, 62, wd  
5 children/4 living  
William T., born June 1875, 24  
Hattie, dau/law, born Feb 1877,  
23, 2 children/1 living  
Alta, gr/dau, born Jan 1898, 2

1910, Marion County

Mary Ross, mo/law, 70, widow,  
is living in the family of  
John N. & Sarah (Ross) Dickson.

There were several newspaper articles on the sad plight of Mary Ross in her last years. She was "homeless and moneyless". In May 1917, Alvin Billingsley, a stepgrandson, took Mary to the poor farm to live. A Mrs. Gilliam, "hostess of the county's sanctum", and a distant relative of Mrs. Ross, took her into her own house where she lived the final months of her life. In Caroline Chapel Cemetery: Mary Ann Gilliam Ross, 3-5-1836/7-21-1917.

Family history on Leroy's children:

1. Nancy E., born 22 July 1859, married John CATES. They are in the 1880 census: John, 21, and Nancy, 20.

1900, Marion County

John Cates, Feb 1859, 41, married 22 years  
Nancy E., July 1858, 41, 6 children/6 living  
Leroy D., July 1881, 18  
Arthur G., Feb 1884, 16  
Mary E., Apr 1886, 14  
Benjamin H., Nov 1888, 11  
Grover C., Aug 1892, 7  
Jennie C., Apr 1896, 4

In Sardis Cemetery: John Cates, 2-15-1859/10-15-1936  
Nancy Elizabeth, 7-22-1858/10-27-1921  
Lee Roy David, 7-7-1881/11-1-1951

(5) cont'd     The Children of Leroy Ross - Nancy E. cont'd

- Sardis Cemetery: Dollie Cates, 12-10-1884/\_\_\_\_\_. (wife of Lee Roy David )
- Cumberland View Cemetery: Arthur Green Cates, 2-29-1884/9-5-1957  
Minnie Turner Cates, 3-24-1898/\_\_\_\_\_
- Caroline Chapel Cemetery: G. C. Cates, 8-12-1892/1-5-1934  
Nettie Florence Cates, wife of Grover,  
4-19-1895/4-\_\_\_\_\_

In "Extracts from the Sequachee Valley News, 1891-1910" by Harris & Harris, page 269: the newspaper of Oct 27, 1910 , gives the marriage of Miss Lizzie Cates to Mr. Edley BILLINGSLEY. "She is the oldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs John Cates."

2. Louelen L., who, according to census records was born in the late 1850s, has a tombstone that says he was born Mar 22, 1860, married America BROWN, daughter of William and Nancy Brown who are in the Eastern Cherokee Application No. 20589.

Most data on this family is from census and cemetery records:

1900, Marion County

Louelen L. Ross, born Mar 1858, 42,  
    md 14 yrs  
America, born Nov 1863, 36,  
    6 children/6 living  
John D., born Dec 1886, 13  
Bertha M., born May 1889, 11  
William L., born Mar 1892, 8  
Perry A. L., born Dec 1893, 6  
Genuis H., born Dec 1897, 2  
Zella E., born Apr 1900. 1/12

1910, Marion County

America Ross, 46, widow,  
    7 children/7 living  
John D., 22  
Willie L., 18  
Louie E., 16  
Hoil, 12  
Zella E., 9  
Robert, 8  
Nancy E. BROWN, mother, 70, widow

His children:

- (a) John D., married Lulu BRYANT. Both are buried Sardis Cemetery: J. D., 12-5-1886/5-31-1934; L. C. (Lou), 9-17-1889/8-22-1980.
- (b) Bertha May, born May 1889, married Patrick JACKSON. In Sequachee Valley News, of Aug 9, 1906: Victoria, Tenn., Aug 6 - Patrick Jackson and Miss Bertha Ross were united in holy bonds of matrimony, Sunday, Aug. 5th, at the home of Justice of the Peace, Miles Merritt. Mr. Jackson is a well known citizen of Pine Hill, near Victoria, and is about the oldest man in the community, being aged 55 years, and Miss Bertha is a very nice young lady of Happy Hollow, aged 17 years.

Patrick's parents were George C. & Tabitha (Coffelt) Jackson.  
Bertha's children: Nellie Mae, born 2 Jun 1908, married William H. Ford, Sr., 29 Jan 1937; George Chester, born 12 Jun 1910, died 13 Oct 1985, married Mabel L. Causon, 15 Dec 1945; Patrick H. born 26 Jan 1923.



(5) cont'd The Children of Leroy Ross - Louelen L. cont'd

In Sardis Cemetery, Bertha M. Jackson, 5-30-1889/3-11-1971

Patrick H. Jackson, 6-1-1858/2-10-1943

- (c) William L., born Mar 1892, married 1st Hazel McCORMACK, and 2nd Bessie \_\_\_\_\_. William L. died 12 Aug 1982, in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- (d) Perry A. Louie, born Dec 1893, married Lettie SPANGLER about 28 Oct 1916. He is buried Sequatchie Valley Memorial Gardens, 1893/6-25-1973.
- (e) Genious Hoyle, born Dec 1897, died Dec 10, 1991. In his obituary, survivors included his wife, Bernice LONG Ross; and four daughters, Tula Mae Ross, Billie Thurmond, Irene Raines, and Patsy LeRoy. Also surviving was his sister, Zella Rogers.
- (f) Zella E., born Apr 1900, married Millard F. ROGERS.
- (g) Robert B., 11-12-1902/1-31-1942, Sardis Cemetery, married Violet THOMPSON. He was killed in a car accident on the Palmer Road.

In Sardis Cemetery: L. L. Ross, 3-22-1860/4-2-1909

America Ross, 11-21-1863/12-27-1934

3. John H., born Aug 1861, married Sarah Lizabeth BROWN, sister of America Brown who married Louelen Ross. Census records on this family:

1900, Marion County

1910, Marion County

John H. Ross, born Aug 1861, 38  
    married 15 yrs  
Sarah L., born Nov 1865, 34  
    7 children/5 living  
Eddie, born Dec 1885, 14  
Josie L., born Dec 1887, 12  
Nancy J., born Sep 1889, 10  
John S., born Oct 1890, 9  
Stella L., born Jun 1896, 3

John H. Ross, 48  
Bettie E., 44, 9 ch/7 living  
Edd, 24  
Josie L., 22  
Janie N., 20  
Stella L., 13  
Asa G., 7  
Bessie B., 2

Deceased children were: Benj. F. (Beeney), Sep 1892/Sep 1895

Mary Anne (Annie), 11-8-1893/8-4-1894

Both in Shiloh Cemetery, Victoria.

Children of John H.:

- (a) Edgar D. (Eddie), 12-29-1885/7-27-1945, married Nettie ELLIS, 12-15-1883/5-4-1983. Both in Sardis Cemetery.
- (b) Josie L., born Dec 1887, married Will ALDER, died 1980, Sanford, Florida.
- (c) Nancy J., born Sep 1889, buried Greenwood Cemetery, Chattanooga, married Walter HOLLOWAY.

(5) cont'd The Children of Leroy Ross - John H. cont'd

- (d) John S., 10-27-1890/6-19-1959, married Ethel VINZANT, 1-31-1896/\_\_\_\_\_. Sardis Cemetery.
- (e) Stella L., born Jun (or Jan) 1896, died Sep 1968, buried Sardis Cemetery, married Richard H. ROGERS.
- (f) Asa Gilbert, 9-21-1902/10-17-1976, Sardis Cemetery, married 6-30-1934, Ethel MILLER.
- (g) Bessie Bell, 17 Mar 1908/27 Nov 1964, married 11-6-1929, Lester LAYNE, 7-14-1900/1-27-1963, Layne's Chapel Cemetery.

Sardis Cemetery: John H. Ross, 8-30-1861/9-14-1912  
S. L. Ross, 11-20-1865/5-17-1938.

4. Michael A., daughter of Leroy and Frances, born Mar 1863, married William JORDAN. In 1880 census, William Jordan, 22, and Michael, 17. Their family in later census records:

1900, Marion County

William H. Jordan, born Dec 1856, 43,  
married 20 yrs  
Michael A., born Mar 1863, 37,  
9 children/9 living  
Mattie J., born July 1882, 17  
Hiram L., born Nov 1883, 16  
Della E., born Oct 1885, 14  
Cora, born Oct 1888, 11  
Dora A., born Jun 1890, 9  
William W., born Aug 1893, 6  
Albert E., born Apr 1895, 5  
Kate E., born Feb 1897, 3  
John H., born May 1899, 1

1910, Marion County

William H. Jordan, 53  
Michel A., 47, 11 children/  
all living  
William W. S., 16  
Albert E., 15  
Katie E. E., 13  
John H. L., 11  
America E., 9  
James K., 3

Additional info on children of Michael A. (Ross) Jordan:

(a) Mattie J., born Mar 1863. In "Extracts from Sequachee Valley News", page 120: Mattie Jordan married James RICHARDS in paper dated 3-19-1905. In Richie Cemetery: Mattie Jordan Richards, 7-25-1882/\_\_\_\_\_, and James D. Richards, 3-21-1864/3-26-1924.

(b) Hiram L., born Nov 1883: In Sequachee Valley News, of 7-13-1905, page 126, Hiram Jordan and Miss Mollie McCRARY "eloped and were married Saturday evening". In Sardis Cemetery: Hiram L. Jordan, 11-4-1883/12-28-1969; Mollie M., 9-9-1886/10-5-1971.

(c) Della E., born Oct 1885, married James A. MILLER, about 1907. In 1910 census: James A. Miller, 30, married 3 yrs; Della, 24; Thelma, 1. In Walker Cemetery: Della Jordan Miller, 10-11-1885/12-22-1964; James Atless Miller, 5-6-1875/10-10-1924.

(d) Cora, born Oct 1888. In Sequachee Valley News, of 9-16-1909, Cora married F. POWELL. In 1910 census: Foster L. Powell, 21, and wife, Cora, 21, are living with W. H. H. Powell, 68, widower.

(5) cont'd The Children of Leroy Ross - Michael A. cont'd

(e) Dora A., born Jun 1890, married Robert Lee POWELL, just before the 1910 census where they are shown as Robert L., 23, and Dora S., 19. They are buried Whitwell Memorial Cemetery: Dora Jordan Powell, 6-11-1890/8-8-1960, and Robert Lee Powell, 10-6-1880/5-13-1970, married 9-19-1909.

(f) William W. S., born Aug 1893, perhaps married Allie Z. PARKER. In Sardis Cemetery: William Scott Jordan, 8-13-1893/2-21-1977, and Allie Z. Parker Jordan, 12-5-1897/6-28-1930.

(g) Albert Eugene, born Apr 1895. In Sequatchie Valley Memorial Cemetery: Albert Eugene Jordan, 1895/12-28-1973.

(h) Kate E., born Feb 1897.

(i) John H. L., born May 1899.

(j) America E., born c1901.

(k) James K., born c1906. In Sequatchie Valley Memorial Cemetery, James K. Jordan, Sr., 1906/5-7-1967.

In 1900 census, Michael A. has birthdate of Mar 1863, but in Sardis Cemetery: M. A. Jordan, 12-14-1863/\_\_\_\_\_; W. H. Jordan, 12-5-1856/11-5-1921.

5. Leroy's fifth child was Margaret, born Nov 1864, married John T. BILLINGSLEY. Census records show:

<u>1900, Marion County</u>	<u>1910, Marion County</u>
John T. Billingsley, born Mar 1863, 37, married 16 yrs	John T., 47
Margaret, born Nov 1864, 35, 6 children/6 living	Margaret L., 45
Fred, born Nov 1884, 15	Archie, 20
Alvin, born Feb 1887, 13	Leonard, 18
Archie, born Jun 1889, 10	John A., 15
Lenard, born Mar 1892, 8	James L., 12
John A., born Mar 1896, 4	Charlie L., 3
James L., born Sep 1898, 1	

Not much is found on this family. In Sequachee Valley News, of 12-24-1908, Fred Billingsley married Alice PARKER. In Pleasant Grove Cemetery: Arch A. Billingsley, 6-26-1889/4-28-1938 and possibly this is his wife: Verda B. Billingsley, 5-18-1897/10-7-1973. In Sequatchie Valley Bible Records, by Douthat: Leonard married Pearl PRIVETT, 12-23-1914, and John A. married Stella PRIVETT, 12-14-1916.

In Caroline Chapel Cemetery: J. T. Billingsley, 3-29-1868/1-22-1928, and M. L., 11-15-1864/\_\_\_\_\_.

(5) cont'd The Children of Leroy Ross - Jane

6. Leroy's 1st wife, Frances Lewis Ross, died 7 Jan 1869. In the 1870 census, Jane is shown as 2 years old, so born c1868, and so the last child of Frances.

Jane is not found in census records after 1880. Family history says she married Sherman YOUNG. In the 1910 census, Sherman T. Young, 43, widower, has children: Lennie, 14; Johnie, 11; Flora, 8.

7. Sarah, according to the 1900 census, was born Mar 1870, married John N. DIXON(DICKSON), son of James and Mary Dickson. In census records:

1900, Marion County

John N. Dickson, born Oct 1865, 34,  
married 12 yrs  
Sarah F., born Mar 1870, 30,  
4 children/3 living  
Mary C., born Dec 1890, 9  
James A., born July 1892, 7  
Mattie M., born Apr 1895, 5

1910, Marion County

John N., 44  
Sarah F., 38, 6 children/  
5 living  
Carrie E., 20  
Arthur J., 17  
Maybell, 15  
Lawrence H., 7  
John H., 4  
Mary ROSS, mo/law, 70, wd

In Sequachee Valley News dated 12-21-1916, Sarah Ross Dixon deceased in Alabama City, AL.

Buried Caroline Chapel: William Elbert Dickson, son of S. F. & J. N., 10-4-1897/8-18-1898

Albert L. Dickson, 3-12-1911/3-12-1911, son

8. Leroy's next child is Mary, shown on the 1880 census as 7 years old, so born c1873. Family says she married Tom BILLINGSLEY. Nothing is found on this family.
9. Jacob, shown on the 1880 census as 6 years old, is something of a mystery. His name is not found again. In 1900 census, Mary, the mother, is living with her son, William T., born June 1875. Since there is no William T. in the 1880 census, are he and Jacob one and the same child? In 1900 William T. has a wife named Hattie, 23, and a daughter, Alta, born Jan 1898.
10. Amanda A., born 14 July 1876, married 23 Sep 1892, Ulysess G. HARRIS. son of Andrew and Eliza Harris. In the 1900 census: Ulyses G., born Sep 1869, 30, married 8 yrs; Amanda A., born July 1876, 23; Gertrude, born Aug 1893, 6. Amanda died 25 Dec 1938, Chickamauga, GA, buried Chattanooga.

(5) cont'd The Children of Leroy Ross - Martha

11. The last known child of Leroy is Martha who was called Mattie. In the 1880 census, she is 2 years old so born about 1878. The family says she married Will DICKSON. Information on her is uncertain. In 1900 census, living next to John and Sarah (Ross) Dickson, is Lioness F. Dickson, born Mar 1873, 27; Mattie A., born Jul 1878, 21; Carroll, adopted son, born May 1892, 8. Is this the same family as found in the 1910 census, living next to Dallas Dixon: W. Alex Dixon, 34, md 12 yrs; Mattie J., 31, 2 children/2living; Lou, 11; Hugh, 8.

In Lasater Cemetery: Mattie F. Dixon, 3-7-1879/4-1-1966  
W. A. "Eck" Dixon, 10-5-1874/7-17-1914.

The Families of John Ross, of Marion County, Tennessee - Elizabeth

- (6) Elizabeth, born 1 Apr 1833, married Robert Louellen Levi LEWIS, probably in the late 1850s. The 1860 census shows Robert, 33; Elizabeth, 25; John R., 2. Later census records on this family:

1870, Marion County

Robert Lewis, 43  
Elizabeth, 36  
John B., 12  
Dennis D., 9  
Nancy L., 5  
Franklin, 3/12 (Feb)  
George W., 2

1880, Marion County

Robert Lewis, 54  
Elizabeth, 44  
Dennis, 17  
Nancy, 15  
George, 11  
Thomas, 9  
James, 6  
Elizabeth, 2  
Oma, 2

Robert Lewis died Jan 5, 1891, and in the 1900 census: Elizabeth, born Apr 1837, 63, widow, 11 children/9 living; Thomas T., born May 1871, 29; William P., born Sep 1881, 18.

By the 1910 census, Elizabeth is 75, widow, with 11 children/7 living, and she is living with her son, Thomas T., who has been married for 2 years.

Not much is known on their children except from census and cemetery records:

- (a) John Ross Lewis, born about 1858, is not found again after the 1870 census. Family says he married Hattie GORDON.
- (b) Dennis Duff Lewis, born 22 Mar 1861, married America ALDER, dau of Callaway and Emerine (Parmley) Alder, 11-2-1882.

1900, Marion County

Dennis D. Lewis, born Mar 1861, md 18 yrs  
America, born Jul 1866, 33, 7 children/7 living  
Alva C., born Sep 1883, 16  
Dolly E., born Dec 1884, 15  
Alvis C., born Oct 1886, 13  
Elizabeth E., born Sep 1889, 10  
Willis A., born Dec 1891, 8  
Dennis H., born Dec 1894, 5  
Burg, C., born Sep 1897, 2  
Mary E. Alder, mo/law, born Oct 1829, 70, widow

The 1910 census adds two children: Hugh F., 9, and Lasley T., 3.

In Lewis Cemetery: Dennis Duff Lewis, 3-22-1861/1-2-1935  
America Alder Lewis, 7-14-1866/3-23-1958  
In Sardis Cemetery: Burg C. Lewis, 9-18-1887/11-10-1959  
William A. Lewis, 1891/1968

(6) cont'd The children of Elizabeth Ross Lewis cont'd

- (c) Nancy, born Sep 1864, married Maloy M. JONES, son of John and Mary Jones. Census records on this family:

1900, Marion County

Maloy M. Jones, born Jun 1857,  
42, md 14 yrs  
Nancy, born Sep 1864, 35,  
6 children/6 living  
Alfred H., born Dec 1887, 12  
Icie, born Aug 1890, 9  
Lassie, born Aug 1890, 9  
Benjamin H., born Jul 1892, 7  
John, born Jun 1895, 4  
Abbie, born Aug 1898, 1  
Henry A., bro, born Jun 1853, 46

1910, Marion County

Maloy M. Jones, 48  
Nancy L., 44  
Icy, 19  
Lassie, 19  
Benjamin, 17  
John E., 14  
Abby L., 11  
Bessie, 8  
Mamie A., 5  
Henry, bro, 55

In separate house:

Alfred H. Jones, 24, md 1 yr.  
Della, 18

- (d) George Washington Lewis, born 22 Jul 1867. In "Sequatchie Valley Bible Records" by Douthat: George K. Lewis married Lydia Ellen MURRAY, 27 Jan 1893. In the 1900 census, children's names are quite confusing but parent's names/birthdates are correct so this surely is the right family:

1900, Marion County

George Lewis, born Jul 1867,  
32, md 8 yrs  
Lydia, born Jul 1874, 25  
4 children/4 living  
Elizabeth, born Apr 1894, 6  
George, born Feb 1897, 3  
William, born Oct 1898, 1  
not named, born Feb 1900, 3/12

1910, Marion County

George Lewis, 43, md 17 yrs  
Lydia, 33, 7 children/7 living  
Robby, 16 (dau)  
Herbert, 12  
Hubert, 10  
Bessie, 9  
Oma, 7  
Alta, 4  
Frank, 1

Family says another son, Herchel, was born after the 1910 census.

In Sardis Cemetery: Lydia Ellen Lewis, 1874/1947  
George W. Lewis, 7-22-1867/3-9-1950

- (e) Franklin, born Feb 1870, is not found after the 1870 census.  
(f) Thomas T., born May 1871, 29 years old, is living with his widowed mother in 1900. In 1910, he is 38 years old, married 2 years, to Nancy C., 22, and they have a son, John R., 1½ yrs old. Elizabeth, the mother, is 75 and living with them.

In Sardis Cemetery: Thomas Taylor Lewis, 5-11-1871/6-26-1936  
Nancy D. Lewis, 4-11-1883/10-26-1958  
Johnny R. Lewis, 1909/1916

(6) cont'd      The Children of Elizabeth Ross Lewis cont'd

- (g) James L., in the 1900 census, is living in the family of George W. and Margaret Doss: James L. Lewis, son/lw, born June 1874, 25; Caroline (DOSS) Lewis, dau, born Apr 1884, 16.

In 1910, Marion County, still living in the family of George W. and Margaret Doss:

Caroline Lewis, 29, widow, 4 children/4living  
Alton L., 9  
Margrete, 7  
George E., 4  
Millie C., 1½

In Sequachee Valley News, of Oct 29, 1908, is the death of James Lewis. He "died at Victoria Sunday week". "Jim was born and raised here in our community within one mile of the Chapel. He was the fourth son of Robert and Bettie Lewis."

In Sardis Cemetery: J. L. Lewis, 6-7-1874/10-18-1908  
Callie Lewis, 4-15-1884/11-8-1952

- (h) Sophronia Elizabeth and Neomi are shown in the 1880 census as 2 years old and are believed to be twins. Their ages in these records vary.

Sophronia married Jeff BARLEW and are found in the 1900, Marion County census:

Jeff Barlew, born Apr 1870, 30, married 1 year  
Sophrona, born Aug 1878, 21, 1 child/1 living  
Hattie E., born Jan 1899, 1

In Sardis Cemetery: S. J. (Jeff) Barlew, 4-27-1870/9-29-1947  
Sophronia E., 8-11-1877/9-25-1949  
Barlew infant, 4-8-1922, dau of S. J. & S.E.  
Euritha Jane, 3-25-1917/3-19-1919 " "

- (i) Neoma, believed to be the other twin, married George Washington KILLGORE. Census records:

1900, Marion County

In the family of Abraham & Rebecca Killgore:  
George W., son, born Nov 1873, 26, md 3 yrs  
Neoma, dau/lw, born May 1879, 21,  
James L., grson, born Nov 1899, 6/12

1910, Marion County

In the family of Abraham & Rebecca Killgore:  
Wash G., 36, md 12 yrs  
Naomi I., 32  
James V., 10  
Eugene H., 7  
Sallie R., 4  
Lanetta R., 10/12



(6) cont'd      The Children of Elizabeth Ross Lewis cont'd

- (j) William Perl, born Sep 1881, married Nettie May LONG about 1903.  
In the 1910 census, they live next door to brother, Thomas T.

1910, Marion County

William P. Lewis, 28, md 7 yrs  
Nettie M., 23, 4 children/4 living  
Francies E., (dau), 6  
Robert B., 4  
Minnie M., 2  
Willia M., 7/12

Sardis Cemetery: William P. Lewis, 9-2-1881/12-23-1960  
Nettie Mae Lewis, 7-17-1886/2-7-1933

In Shiloh Cemetery: Elizabeth Ross Lewis, 4-1-1833/10-30-1914  
Robert Lewis, 7-9-1820/1-5-1891

- (7) Martha is believed to be the last child of John and Nancy (Tabor) Ross.  
She is shown in the 1850 census as 16 years old, so born about 1834.  
Nothing more found on her.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

MARION COUNTY

Personally appeared before me G. S. Deakins, Dept. Clerk of the County Court for said County the within named Paul H. Pyles the bargainer with whom I am personally acquainted and who acknowledged that he executed the foregoing Deed of Trust for the purposes therein contained Witness my hand at office this 15 day of Oct 1871

J. R. HOLLOWAY Clk  
By G. S. Deakins D. C.

Filed in Office & noted for Registration Oct 15 at 5 O'clock 1871 & Registered same day

G. P. SMITH J. R.

DEED  
MARY ROSS  
TO  
LEROY ROSS

Mrs. Mary ROSS the widow of John Ross for the consideration of Sixty Dollars in hands have this day bargained and soled to Leroy Rosshis Dunny for ever all of her Interest in the lands of John Ross Deceased bounded as follows lying on the north side of Secusatchee in District No. 5 commencing at the head of the Spring thence north to Billians line thence west to a Hickory corner thence North to a black Oak near the widow Poyleys thence west to the widow Priers corner, thence south to a Black Gum, thence South East to the Beckins corner to have and to hold to the said Leroy Ross his heirs and assigns forever I Do covenant with the said Rossthat I have a good right to sell said Dower and I warrant and defend forever to the said Rosshis and assigns the title of Dower in Said lands this 7th of August 1871

Jacob T. Gilliam  
Wm. R. Rogers

her  
MARY X ROSS  
mark

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
MARION COUNTY

This day personally appeared before me G. S. Deakins Dept Clk of the county court for said county Mary Ross the within bargainer with whom I am personally acquainted who acknowledged that she executed the within Deed of conveyance on the day it bears date for the purposes thereon contained and expressed Witness J. R. Holloway Clerk of Said Court at office in Jasper this Oct 12th 1871

# State of Tennessee,

## GRUNDY COUNTY.

To any Regular Minister of the Gospel having the care of Souls, or to any Justice of the Peace for said County—  
Greeting:

These are to Authorize you to solemnize the **Rite of Matrimony** between  
Job Ross and Delitha Sprague  
of your County, agreeably to an Act of Assembly, in such cases made and provided; provided  
always, that the said Delitha Sprague be an actual resident of  
this County; otherwise, these shall be null and void, and shall not be accounted any license or  
authority to you, or either of you, for the purpose aforesaid, more than though the same had  
never been prayed or granted.

Given under my hand at the Clerk's office, this 17 day of February 1872

John Serrugg  
Clerk of Grundy County.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, Job Ross &  
J. M. Ross

all of the County of GRUNDY, and State of Tennessee, are held and firmly bound unto the  
State of Tennessee in the sum of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars, which payment well and  
truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and each and every one of us, and  
them, jointly and severally by these presents.


Witness our hands and seals, this 17 day of February 1872


The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas, the above

named Job Ross has this day prayed and  
obtained license to marry Delitha Sprague

Now, if the said Delitha Sprague be an actual  
resident of the aforesaid County, and there shall not appear any lawful cause why the said

Job Ross and Delitha Sprague  
should not be joined in holy matrimony as husband and wife, then this obligation to be void;  
otherwise, to remain in full force and virtue.

Job Ross 

J. M. Ross 

I married the above named couple on the 21 day of February 1872

D. L. J. P.

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Ross, John, Jr.  
Rankin's  
Co., **2 (Smith's)**  
**Tennessee Cavalry.**

(Confederate.)

Private | Private

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R | **2 Cav.** | **Tenn.**  
 (Smith's.)

John Ross Jr.  
Priv., | Capt. Peter T. Rankin's Company,  
 Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry.\*

Age 31 years.

Appears on  
**Company Muster-in Roll**

of the organization named above, Roll dated  
Camp Cheatham, Jan. 1., 1862.

Muster-in to date Jan. 1., 1862.

Enlisted:  
 When Jan 1, 1862.  
 Where Camp Cheatham  
 By whom Capt O'Hara  
 Period Twelve months

Valuation of horse, \$ 135<sup>-</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Remarks:

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\*This company was successively designated as Capt. Rankin's Company Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry; Capt. Rankin's Company, 10th Battalion Tennessee Cavalry, and Captain Rankin's Company, 2d (Smith's) Regiment Tennessee Cavalry. After the regiment was disbanded in May, 1862, this company became Company B, 4th (McLemore's) Regiment Tennessee Cavalry.

Lieut. Col. E. S. Smith's 10th (also called the 11th) Battalion Tennessee Cavalry, which consisted of eight companies about February 1, 1862, and nine companies on March 14, 1862, was increased to a regiment in April, 1862, and designated the 2d (Smith's) Regiment Tennessee Cavalry. The regiment appears to have been disbanded in May, 1862, and two companies subsequently served in Starves', subsequently McLemore's, 4th (also called the 8th) Regiment Tennessee Cavalry. Some of the officers and men are found to have subsequently served in the 19th (also called the 21st) Battalion Alabama Cavalry, which was consolidated with the 14th Battalion Alabama Partisan Rangers to form the 9th (also called the 7th) Regiment Alabama Cavalry.

Book mark:

J. M. Williams  
 Copyist.

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SELECTED NEWSPAPER OBITUARIES

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- NAME: Renshaw, Mrs. Mary DEATH DATE: 1909 April -- SOURCE: From booklet published 1911: "Tracy City From 1893-1910". OBITUARY DATA: Died in Birmingham, buried at Tracy City.
- NAME: Rice, George DEATH DATE: 1903 May -- SOURCE: From booklet published 1911: "Tracy City From 1893-1910". Actual obituary main contain more info.
- NAME: Rice, Ida (Miss) DEATH DATE: 1895 April -- SOURCE: From booklet published 1911: "Tracy City From 1893-1910". Actual obituary main contain more info.
- NAME: Robbins, Abe DEATH DATE: 1909 April -- SOURCE: From booklet published 1911: "Tracy City From 1893-1910". OBITUARY DATA: Died in California.
- NAME: Robbins, Milo DEATH DATE: 1903 Nov. -- SOURCE: From booklet published 1911: "Tracy City From 1893-1910". OBITUARY DATA: Died in Arizona
- NAME: Roberts, Child DEATH DATE: 1895 Sept. -- SOURCE: From booklet published 1911: "Tracy City From 1893-1910". OBITUARY DATA: Child of Mr/Mrs W.P. Roberts
- NAME: Roberts, Fannie (Mrs.) DEATH DATE: 1908 Nov. -- SOURCE: From booklet published 1911: "Tracy City From 1893-1910". Actual obituary main contain more info.
- NAME: Roberts, Will DEATH DATE: 1908 April -- SOURCE: From booklet published 1911: "Tracy City From 1893-1910". Actual obituary main contain more info.
- NAME: Robertson, Child DEATH DATE: 1906 Oct. -- SOURCE: From booklet published 1911: "Tracy City From 1893-1910". OBITUARY DATA: Daughter of Mr/Mrs W.E. Robertson.
- NAME: Robertson, Mr. DEATH DATE: 1913 Feb. 13 SOURCE: From "Mrs. Grundy", Tracy City newspaper, on date above OBITUARY DATA: Father of Ed Robertson of Tracy City, died Sat. at Hillsboro.
- NAME: Robertson, Mrs. E.G. DEATH DATE: 1913 Nov. 14 SOURCE: Info from Tracy City "Mountain Herald" on date above OBITUARY DATA: Died at Hillsboro, mother of W.E. Robertson of TC.
- NAME: Robinson, Mrs. C.M. DEATH DATE: 1909 July -- SOURCE: From booklet published 1911: "Tracy City From 1893-1910". OBITUARY DATA: Nee Henson. Burned to death at Norfolk, Virginia.
- NAME: RODDY, ALBERT D. DEATH DATE: 1914 APRIL 2 SOURCE: Info. is from Tracy City newspaper for death date listed here OBITUARY DATA: DIED TUES AT TC. BUR. TC. AGE ABOUT 74. WIFE & 5 CHILDREN: J.R., LEE, FRANK, MRS. LEE GOODMAN, MRS. WM. LOVELACE.
- NAME: Roddy, Allen DEATH DATE: 1910 Aug. -- SOURCE: From booklet published 1911: "Tracy City From 1893-1910". Actual obituary main contain more info.
- NAME: Roddy, Jay DEATH DATE: 1895 Sept. -- SOURCE: From booklet published 1911: "Tracy City From 1893-1910". OBITUARY DATA: Was shot [dead?]
- NAME: ROSS, CLEVELAND DEATH DATE: 1914 SEPT. 24 SOURCE: Info. is from Tracy City newspaper for death date listed here OBITUARY DATA: SHOT BY EDWARD BRYANT SEPT. 17. SON OF JAMES ROSS. LIVED AND DIED AT TATESVILLE. BROTHER SHOT SAME TIME. WIFE & CHILDREN.
- NAME: ROSS, ROBERT DEATH DATE: 1914 SEPT. 24 SOURCE: Info. is from Tracy City newspaper for death date listed here OBITUARY DATA: SHOT BY EDWARD BRYANT SEPT. 17. SON OF JAMES ROSS. LIVED AND DIED AT TATESVILLE. BROTHER SHOT SAME TIME. WIFE & CHILDREN.
- NAME: Rust, Jim DEATH DATE: 1905 Aug. -- SOURCE: From booklet published 1911: "Tracy City From 1893-1910". OBITUARY DATA: Assassinated at Reid Hill mines.

## DEATH CERTIFICATES 1908 - 1925

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NAME: Rogers, Joe AGE: 67 about MARITAL STAT: w DEATH DATE: 1918 July 27 OCC: Farming, Laborer  
 BIRTHPLACE: America FATHER: Rogers, Joe FATHER BORN: America MOTHER: unk MOTHER BORN: CAUSE: Run over by  
 RR train, died instantly. BURIED AT: Payne's Cove INFORMANT: Rogers, Dick, Pelham CERTIFICATE NO. 78

NAME: Rollings, Howard AGE: 0-4-0 MARITAL STAT: DEATH DATE: 1914 Oct. 5 OCC: BIRTHPLACE: GC FATHER:  
 Rollings, A.L. FATHER BORN: Marion Co. MOTHER: Levan, Bettie MOTHER BORN: Pelham  
 CAUSE: Bronchitis, etc. BURIED AT: Red Hill INFORMANT: Farris, J.D. NOTES: Dr. Bowden CERTIFICATE NO. 28

NAME: Rollings, Pearl AGE: 35-9-0 MARITAL STAT: m DEATH DATE: 1917 Mar. 4 OCC: bk BIRTHPLACE: Pelham  
 FATHER: Cox, Francis M. FATHER BORN: TN MOTHER: Lane, Barbara MOTHER BORN: TN  
 CAUSE: peritonitis, no dr. BURIED AT: Pelham INFORMANT: Rollings, J.L., Altamont CERTIFICATE NO. 458

NAME: Rollins, Fred AGE: 0-0-21 MARITAL STAT: DEATH DATE: 1909 Jan. 16 OCC: BIRTHPLACE: TC No info. on  
 parents given before 1914. CAUSE: unk BURIED AT: INFORMANT: NOTES: d. at TC CERTIFICATE NO. 32123

NAME: Rollins, Infant AGE: 0-0-0 MARITAL STAT: DEATH DATE: 1918 Sept. 15 OCC: BIRTHPLACE: TN FATHER:  
 Rollins, Samuel C. FATHER BORN: TN MOTHER: Myers, Fannie MOTHER BORN: TN  
 CAUSE: Malarial fever of mother BURIED AT: Chestnut grove INFORMANT: bk CERTIFICATE NO. 92

NAME: Rose, John AGE: 31 years MARITAL STAT: m DEATH DATE: 1923 Nov. 4 OCC: Miner BIRTHPLACE: TN FATHER:  
 Rose, Tom FATHER BORN: TN MOTHER: bk MOTHER BORN: CAUSE: Spinal cord injury caused by fall in mine, 5 days  
 BURIED AT: TC INFORMANT: bk NOTES: Norvell was undertaker, d. at TC CERTIFICATE NO. 228

NAME: Rose, Tom AGE: 55 yrs. MARITAL STAT: m DEATH DATE: 1922 July 29 OCC: coal miner BIRTHPLACE: TN  
 FATHER: unk FATHER BORN: MOTHER: Collins, Miss MOTHER BORN: TN  
 CAUSE: Bright's disease BURIED AT: TC INFORMANT: Lindsey, E.C. CERTIFICATE NO. 371

NAME: Ross, Cynthia Malinda AGE: 66 MARITAL STAT: m DEATH DATE: 1921 Nov. 22 OCC: hw BIRTHPLACE: TN  
 FATHER: Massingale, Joseph FATHER BORN: TN MOTHER: dk MOTHER BORN:  
 CAUSE: pneumonia BURIED AT: Fall Creek INFORMANT: bk CERTIFICATE NO. 407

~~NAME: Ross, Henry AGE: 42 years MARITAL STAT: m DEATH DATE: 1919 Aug. 2 OCC: miner BIRTHPLACE: GC  
 FATHER: dk FATHER BORN: MOTHER: bk MOTHER BORN: CAUSE: Shot in head by Bernice Myers BURIED AT: Burgett's  
 Chapel INFORMANT: Brown, Sam, TC CERTIFICATE NO. 505~~

NAME: Rubley, Charley AGE: 75-1-28 MARITAL STAT: m DEATH DATE: 1919 June 29 OCC: miner, blacksmith  
 BIRTHPLACE: Switzerland FATHER: bk FATHER BORN: MOTHER: bk MOTHER BORN: CAUSE: Chronic dysentery or kidney  
 trouble BURIED AT: TC INFORMANT: Mrs. Grundy (newspaper) NOTES: Recorded by Norvell  
 CERTIFICATE NO. 489 (also #490)

NAME: Rubley, Ed AGE: 24-11-23 MARITAL STAT: s DEATH DATE: 1916 Mar. 23 OCC: miner BIRTHPLACE: TC  
 FATHER: Rubley, Charley FATHER BORN: Switzerland MOTHER: Keller, Elizabeth MOTHER BORN: Switzerland  
 CAUSE: no dr. BURIED AT: TC INFORMANT: Father, Coalmont CERTIFICATE NO. 443

NAME: Ruch, Jacob AGE: 79-11-1 MARITAL STAT: m DEATH DATE: 1917 Aug. 3 OCC: Farmer, postmaster  
 BIRTHPLACE: Switzerland FATHER: Ruch, Jacob FATHER BORN: unk MOTHER: unk MOTHER BORN:  
 CAUSE: old age, no dr. BURIED AT: Gruetli INFORMANT: Ruch, Lisette Mrs. Gruetli CERTIFICATE NO. 472

NAME: Ruch, Lisette AGE: 73 MARITAL STAT: m DEATH DATE: 1920 Mar. 19 OCC: hk BIRTHPLACE: Switzerland  
 FATHER: unk FATHER BORN: MOTHER: unk MOTHER BORN:  
 CAUSE: old age BURIED AT: Gruetli INFORMANT: bk CERTIFICATE NO. 497

NAME: Rusk, James AGE: 58 years MARITAL STAT: m DEATH DATE: 1912 June 5 OCC: "Engine Neer on Rail Road"  
 BIRTHPLACE: Pelham TN No info. on parents given before 1914.  
 CAUSE: "Bug hurts in his spine on engine" [?] BURIED AT: INFORMANT: NOTES: d. at TC CERTIFICATE NO. 32084

NAME: Rust, Frank Sims. See page 91.

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# JAMES ROSS SHOT AT PALMER

## Mining City Scene of Another Unfortunate Affray.

Tracy City, Aug. 18.—James M. Ross shot and instantly killed Peter McGovern at McGovern's home near Palmer about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. Bad blood has existed between these men for sometime on account of family relations and it is reported that immediate trouble arose over a dispute as to the ownership of some land. McGovern had exchanged his place here in Tracy City with the widow of one of Ross's sons for a place near Palmer. It seemed that McGovern was laying claim to land claimed by Ross according to the report, but how this was is not known. Ross is about 70 years old and almost blind from the effects of a cancer. He has a wife and several grown children. McGovern was about 60 years old and a widower with several children.

8-23-1923  
AN ATTACK

James R. ROSS - page 6

## Della B. Varner

Della B. Varner of Beavercreek Springs died July 17 at Warren County General Hospital in McMinnville following a short illness. She was 54 years old.

Services were Wednesday afternoon from the Killian Church of God of which she was a member, with the Rev. Malcolm James officiating. Burial was in Burkett's Grove Cemetery in Gaston Ledger.

Mrs. Varner was a daughter of the late Samuel and Mary Jane Ross Brown.

She is survived by a son, Leroy Bryant of Sequatchie; three daughters, Edna Robinson of Jasper, Eunice Wade of New Tazewell and Geneva Norris of Beavercreek Springs; a brother, Gilliam Brown of Gruett-Ledger; 28 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Love-Cantrell Funeral Home of McMinnville was in charge of arrangements.

Mary Jane (ROSS) BROWN - page 9

## *One Of Oldest Natives*



Callie Ross Vaughn, George Ross, Malindia Ross, Harrison Ross, Ada Ross, Lena Ross Savage; front, Isaac Van Ross.

This is a picture of one of the oldest natives of Laager. Isaac was about four years of age at the time of this picture.

He was born in the year of 1898 and passed away Feb. 8, 1976.

He will never be forgotten by the relatives and friends of Laager, where he made his home all of his life and worked for a better community.



ROSS, CHESTER C., 87, of Whitwell

Tenn., died Tuesday in a South Pittsburg, Tenn., nursing home. He was the husband of the late Bette Ross. Survivors include three daughters, Ann Ross, Monteagle, Tenn., Joan Ashburn, Whitwell, Tenn., Karen Kelly, Signal Mountain; two sons, John Ross, Memphis, Mark Ross, Signal Mountain; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. CDT Friday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Jonathan Richie officiating. Visitations will be 6-8 p.m. today at Hooper Funeral Home, Whitwell.

ROSS - VELMA "BETTE" 78, of Whitwell, Tenn., died Tuesday in a Chattanooga hospital. She was a member of Cedar Springs Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Survivors include her husband, Chester C. Ross, Whitwell; three daughters, Ann Ross and JoAnn Ashburn, both of Whitwell, Karen Kelly, Signal Mountain; two sons, Mark Ross, Signal Mountain, and John Ross, Memphis; three sisters, Carrie Corda, Whitwell, Billie Smith, Chattanooga, and Kathleen Dorris, Escalade; Callie, brother, Frank White, Chattanooga; nine grandchildren. Services will be at 2 p.m. CDT today in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. David Shull officiating. Burial will be in Sequachee Valley Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Hooper Funeral Home, Whitwell.

Chester C. ROSS - page 10

## Two Weddings In Sequachee

Two weddings occurred in Sequachee recently, both at the parsonage, Rev. E. R. Lewis officiating.

Miss Mary Rogers and Miss Zella Ross were married week before last. Both parties were from Victoria.

Zella ROSS - page 18

## Callie Vaughn

Callie Ross Vaughn, 87, of the Suck Creek community died recently in a Chattanooga hospital. She spent her early years in Laager, and attended Mt. Vernon School.

Mrs. Vaughn was a daughter of the late Harrison and Malinda Massengale Ross. She was a charter member of the Incline Tabernacle Church in Chattanooga.

The Rev. Buddy Stickland and the Rev. Richard Horner conducted services at Hooper Funeral Home in Whitwell. Burial was in Fall Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Vaughn is survived by four daughters, Malinda Nunley and Dorothy Cookston, both of North Chattanooga, Helen Morrison of Whitwell, and Rosa Lee Townson of Sylvania, Ala.; two sons, Louie Vaughn of Jellico and William Vaughn of Chattanooga; a sister, Lena Savage of Summerville, Ga.; 29 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Callie (ROSS) VAUGHN - page 8

SAVAGE - LENA ROSS, 87, of Route 3, Summerville, Ga., died Saturday at her home. She was born in Grundy County; Dec. 26, 1895, a daughter of the late John Harrison and Melissa Massingale Ross, and was a member of Lookout Hill Church of Christ. Survivors include eight daughters, Frankie Smith, Albertville, Ala., Henrietta Fowler, Crossville, Ala., Callie Sprayberry, Rome, Ga., Marie Bramlett, LaFayette, Ga., Cora Lee Roberts, Rossville, Jane York and Ruby England, both of Summerville, Boyce Barnes, Social Circle, Ga.; three sons, Van Savage, Ball Ground, Ga., and Harrison Savage, Albertville, and James Savage, Chicago, Ill.; 24 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Services will be held at 2 p.m. today in the funeral home chapel with Minister Walter E. Neal officiating. Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Arrangements by the Summerville Chapel of Lane Funeral Home.

Lena (ROSS) SAVAGE - page 8

# Tracy City Veteran Burned to Death

## Son Escapes From the Home Which Is Reduced to Ashes

TRACY CITY, Sept. 4.—Ernest Ross, World War II veteran who lost a leg in combat in Europe, was burned to death early this morning while his nine-year-old son made an unsuccessful effort to help his father from the burning home.

Mrs. J. E. Ross, widowed mother of the vet, was in a Chattanooga hospital. The home and its contents were destroyed.

Ross and his son, Eugene, occupied a downstairs bedroom and his sister, Mrs. Chas. Schearer, and her husband occupied quarters on the second floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Schearer climbed out a window to the roof of a porch in their night clothing and leaped to the ground without injury. The son escaped without injury.

Besides his son and mother, Ross is survived by three brothers, Edwin, of Langer; Douglas, of Palmer, and T-Sgt. George Davis Ross, serving with the air force in Nova Scotia; two sisters, Mrs. Schearer and Mrs. Malcolm Rankin, of Palmer.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at Fall Creek Cemetery.

## Lady Dies From Fall From Cab

Mrs. Margaret Trussell Ross, 66, was fatally injured near Tracy City Tuesday morning when she fell from the cab of a coal truck driven by her son-in-law, Chas. Shearer. The door came open as she leaned against it to wave at a grandchild and she fell upon the pavement, dying later in hospital.

She was en route to Langer to meet the body of her grandson, John Edward, killed in Korea.

Margaret (TRUSSELL) ROSS -

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ross, of Palmer, announce the marriage of their daughter, Kathleen, to Charles Scherer, of Tracy City. 9-20-34

Kathleen, dau of John Edward & Margaret (TRUSSELL) ROSS

Kathleen Ross Schearer  
9-25-1914/8-18-1957  
Fall Creek Cemetery

Ernest, son of John Edward & Margaret (TRUSSELL) ROSS - page 8

Beginning above: Tracy City, Sept 4 (1951) -- Ernest Ross, World War II veteran who lost a leg in combat in Europe, was burned to death early this morning while his nine-year-old son made an unsuccessful effort to help his father from the burning home.

Mrs. J. E. Ross, widowed mother of the veteran, was in a Chattanooga hospital.

April 1982



**FIVE GENERATIONS** — Pamela Phillips of Maryville holds the fifth generation member of the Ross family, her son Johnathan. Standing in back are Pam's mother, Jean Johnson; also of Maryville; her grandmother, Gladys Tate, and great-grandmother, Winnie Ross, both of Gruetli-Laager. They visited together Sunday at the Ross' home.

**TATE, GLADYS V.**, 77, of Gruetli-Laager, Tenn., died Monday in a Whitwell, Tenn. hospital. She was the widow of Everett G. Tate and the sister of the late Benny and Evelyn Ross. Survivors include her daughter, Jean Johnson, Maryville, Tenn.; four sisters, Essie Kilgore, Joan Sanders, Gruetli-Laager, Elanor Magourik, Chattanooga, Velma Coppinger, Whitwell, Tenn; three brothers, the Rev. Charles O. Ross, Whitwell, James Ross, Painter, Tenn., George Ross, Knoxville; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Services will be at 2 p.m. CST today in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Carl Hornbuckle and the Rev. Rodney

**State of Tennessee,**  
GRUNDY COUNTY.

To any Regular Minister of the Gospel having the care of Souls, or to any Justice of the Peace for said County—  
Greeting :

These are to Authorize you to solemnize the **Rite of Matrimony** between  
Samuel Brown and Mary Jane Ross  
of your County, agreeably to an Act of Assembly, in such cases made and provided; *provided*  
*always*, that the said Samuel Brown be an actual resident of  
this County; otherwise, these shall be null and void, and shall not be accounted any license or  
authority to you, or either of you, for the purpose aforesaid, more than though the same had  
never been prayed or granted.

Given under my hand at the Clerk's office, this 21 day of Oct 1880

John Sany  
Clerk of Grundy County.

**Know all Men by these Presents,** That we, Samuel Brown  
& John H. Ross  
all of the County of GRUNDY, and State of Tennessee, are held and firmly bound unto the  
State of Tennessee in the sum of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars, which payment well and  
truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and each and every one of us, and  
them, jointly and severally by these presents.

Witness our hands and seals, this 21 day of Oct 1880

**The Condition of the above Obligation is such,** That whereas, the above  
named Samuel Brown has this day prayed and  
obtained license to marry Mary Jane Ross

Now, if the said Mary Jane Ross be an actual  
resident of the aforesaid County, and there shall not appear any lawful cause why the said  
Samuel Brown and Mary Jane Ross  
should not be joined in holy matrimony as husband and wife, then this obligation to be void;  
otherwise, to remain in full force and virtue.

Samuel Brown 

John H. Ross 

I married the above named couple on the 24 day of Oct 1880

Jan. M. Lockhart  
J.P.

## Rev. Brown

The Rev. James Gilliam Brown of Gruetli-Laager died Aug. 14 at his home. He was a member and former pastor of the Laager Congregational Methodist Church.

The Rev. Mr. Brown was ordained in the Congregational Methodist Church in September 1942. He also served as pastor of the Bivens Chapel, Barkers Cove, Chestnut Springs, and Graces Village Congregational Methodist Churches.

The Rev. Mr. Brown was a former president and secretary of the Eastern Tennessee Annual Church Conference. He also was a member of the United Mine Workers of America, having retired after more than 37 years as a coal miner.

Services were Friday afternoon in Laager Congregational Methodist Church with the Rev. James Roberts, the Rev. Howard Caldwell and the Rev. Hershall Nolan officiating. Burial was in Fall Creek Cemetery.

The Rev. Mr. Brown was born Dec. 25, 1898, son of the late Samuel and Mary Jane Ross Brown. He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Veola Caldwell, and two sons, James Samuel and Johnny Preston Brown.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys Scarboro Brown of Gruetli-Laager; four daughters, Janie Bivens and Betty Totherow, also of Gruetli-Laager, Christine Nunley of Cahokia, Ill., and Clara Johnson of Taylor, Mich.; 28 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Cumberland Funeral Home of Altamont was in charge of arrangements.



REV. JAMES G. BROWN

## Gladys S. Brown

Gladys Scarboro Brown of Gruetli-Laager died May 6 in a Chattanooga hospital. She was 81.

Mrs. Brown was a native of Swainsboro, Ga., daughter of the late William and Frances Scarboro. She also was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Gilliam Brown, a daughter, Veola Caldwell, and two sons, James S. and Johnny P. Brown.

Services were Friday afternoon in the Laager Congregational Methodist Church, of which she was a member, with the Rev. Charles Ross and the Rev. James Roberts officiating. Burial was in Fall Creek Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Harold Nunley, David Caldwell, Kenny Bivens, Wayne Dennis, Gene Totherow and Derrell Brown. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Larry Bivens, Anthony Bivens, Mike Dennis, Jeff Totherow, Barry Dennis, James Brown and Oscar Brown.

Survivors include four daughters, Christine Nunley of Cahokia, Ill., Clara Johnson of Taylor, Mich., Janie Bivens and Betty Totherow of Gruetli-Laager; brother, Clarence Ross of Swainsboro; 28 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

Cumberland Funeral Home of Altamont was in charge of arrangements.

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BROWN - JOHNNY PRESTON, 46, of Gruetli-Laager, Tenn., died Tuesday in a Nashville hospital. Born August 3, 1937, he was a son of Gilliam and Gladys Brown of Gruetli-Laager. Other survivors include his wife, Juanita Brown, Gruetli-Laager; three daughters, Patty Smartt, Riverton, Wyo., Sandy Church, Tracy City, Tenn., and Susie Brown, Gruetli-Laager; two sons, Johnny Derrell and James Carl Brown, both of Gruetli-Laager; four sisters, Janie Bivens and Betty Totherow, both of Gruetli-Laager, Christine Nunley, Cahokia, Ill., and Clara Johnston, Taylor, Mich.; three grandchildren. Arrangements will be announced later. The family is receiving friends at Cumberland Funeral Home, Altamont, Tenn.

## Writer Pays Tribute To Late

To the Editor:

One of the greatest men that I have ever known was placed to rest last week at Fall Creek Cemetery in Grundy County. The Rev. Gilliam Brown, age 85.

I feel very fortunate to have known Rev. Brown since I was a small lad.

Rev. Brown grew up in Marion County in Bryant Cove and came from the large family of Uncle Sammy and Aunt Jane Ross Brown. He conducted funeral services for both my dad and mother.

I think the overflow crowds at both Cumberland Funeral Home at Altamont and the Laager Methodist

James Gilliam  
BROWN -  
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## Rev. Brown

Church proved to his family just how many friends Rev. Brown had.

I admired the Rev. Hershell Nolan, who said during the services, that he had always looked on Rev. Brown as a "second daddy."

Rev. Brown is gone but his teachings shall go on.

Harry H. Nunley  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

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 J. T. Ramsey  
 Secretary

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 County of ...  
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 William Leroy & Samantha (CHAMBERS) ROSS - page 10

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**L. L. Ross Dead.**  
 VICTORIA, Tenn., April 3.—L. L. Ross died here Friday at his home about two miles east of here of stomach trouble. He had been sick only a short time as his disease only recently developed dangerous symptoms. His remains were buried at Sardis Saturday, Rev. P. L. Clonca conducting the services. Mr. Ross was greatly respected and his death is a sad blow to his family and friends.

Louelen L. ROSS, page 17

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**ROSS, GENIOUS HOYLE "G.H."** 94, of Jasper, Tenn., died Tuesday in a Chattanooga hospital. A lifelong resident of Marion County, Tenn., he had owned and operated a farm in that area and was a member of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Louellin and America Brown Ross. Survivors include his wife, Bernice Long Ross, Jasper; four daughters, Tula Mae Ross and Billie Thurmond, both of Jasper, Irene Raines and Patsy LeRoy, both of Chattanooga; sister, Zella Rogers, Jasper; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Arrangements will be announced by Rogers Funeral Home, Jasper.

Genious Hoyle ROSS & wife  
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**ROSS, BERNIECE**, 82, of Jasper, Tenn., died Saturday in a Chattanooga hospital. She was a member of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, the Pleasant Grove Home Demonstration Club and Farmers Bureau. She was the widow of G.H. Ross. Survivors include four daughters, Tula Mae Ross, Billie Thurmond, Jasper, Irene Raines, Patsy Leroy, Chattanooga; two brothers, Hershel Long, Chattanooga, and Willis Long, Goldsboro, N.C.; sister, Flora Knott, Winchester, Tenn.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Services will be at 1 p.m. CST today in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Jim McDonald officiating. Burial will be in Sardis Cemetery. Arrangements by Rogers Funeral Home, South Pittsburg, Tenn.



Wedding at Victoria, Oct 2 (or 9)  
 1916 news article: Louis ROSS -  
 Lettie SPANGLER, married Sunday.  
 Rev. E. C. Thurston officiating.

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**NARRAMORE - BELLE ROSS**, 89, of Route 1, Whitwell, Tenn., died Tuesday in a South Pittsburg, Tenn., hospital. A member of Whitwell United Methodist Church, she was a retired purchasing agent for Miller Brothers Co. Survivors include her brother, Chester Ross, Whitwell; several nieces and nephews. Services will be at 2 p.m. CDT today in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Benny Matherly officiating. Burial will be in Sequatchie Valley Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by Hooper Funeral Home, Whitwell.

Belle (ROSS) NARRAMORE  
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## E. D. Ross Dies in Chattanooga

Chattanooga, Aug. 2. — E. D. Ross, 59, died at his home, 3118 East Forth-fourth Street at 5:30 Friday morning. A member of a well known pioneer family of Marion County, Mr. Ross formerly lived at South Pittsburg where he was in the grain business until he came to Chattanooga five years ago. He was a member of Cedar Hill Baptist Church and Rossville Lodge F. & A. M. No. 397.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nettie Ellis Ross, one son, Cpl. John G. Ross, U. S. Army, England, two daughters, Edna Ross at home, and Mrs. Myrtle Dame of Norfolk, Va., two brothers, J. S. Ross of Jasper, Tenn., and A. J. Ross, Whitwell, Tenn., four sisters, Mrs. W. B. Holloway, Rock Island, Tenn., Mrs. Janie Alder, Chattanooga, Mrs. R. H. Rogers, South Pittsburg, and Mrs. Lester Layne, Whitwell, Tenn.; and two grand-daughters, Misses Diane and Elinor Dame.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Rev. Joe Parsons officiating. Interment in Sardis Cemetery at Victoria, Tenn. Active pallbearers were members of the Rossville Masonic Lodge No. 397. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Wheeler Bible Class of Cedar Hill Baptist Church.

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## Whitwell.

Special to the News.

Mrs. W. L. Ross accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. B. N. Naramore and husband have just returned from Big Springs, Tenn., this being Mrs. Ross first visit to the mammoth spring to see her daughter, Mrs. E. C. McNabb, since her marriage. It made her trip quite a treat as well as a surprise. They report a pleasant as well as an enjoyable time. They must have had a good time as they broke a Ford down going and a Saxon coming and had to come by rail at last. We hope they will go again soon and put some more money in circulation and not to make any more.

Whitwell is hung on a rope, says W. L. Ross, and when the rope breaks Whitwell falls. The drum that controls the rope collided yesterday when they let the winding spring break. The rope did its part. All Whitwell needs is a new winding spring, and she will move out without a doubt.

W. L. Ross broke the record at Whitwell this month. The average tonnage is 150 to 200 tons to the man, but Mr. Ross loaded 251, which would be about \$183.25. This is pretty good for a boy 58 years old. Wonder if he wont buy some Government bonds or send the soldier boys a News. We will knock at his door pay day and see if his heart is right with God and his country.

12-6-1917 Reporter.

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 their son, Grover Cleveland and  
 his wife - page 12



*13 Aug 1981*  
**TATE - GROVER CLEVELAND**, 88, of Palmer, Tenn., died early Thursday morning in a Chattanooga hospital. He is survived by his wife, Margie Tate, Palmer; three sisters, Mrs. Virgie Crownover, Asheville, N.C., Mrs. Minnie Layne and Mrs. Greetli Medley, both of Chattanooga. Services will be held at 2 p.m. CDT today in Laager Congregational Methodist Church with the Revs. Charles O. Ross and James Roberts officiating. Burial will be in Fall Creek Cemetery. Arrangements are by Hooper Funeral Homes Inc., Palmer.

*FEB 1984*  
**Margie Tate**

Margie Doris Tate, 76, of Palmer died Feb. 9 in a Whitwell hospital. She was the widow of Grover Cleveland Tate.

Services were Saturday afternoon from the Laager Congregational Methodist Church of which she was a member with the Rev. Charles O. Ross officiating. Burial was in Fall Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Tate is survived by a sister, Clarine Dodson of McMinnville; brother, Sexton Nunley of Palmer; and several nieces and nephews.

Hooper Funeral Home of Palmer was in charge of arrangements.



Grover Cleveland TATE



Carrie (TATE) FINNEY

CHILDREN OF NANCY (ROSS) TATE



Harley TATE



front: John H. TATE, Greetly (TATE) MEDLEY,  
Virgie (TATE) CROWNOVER

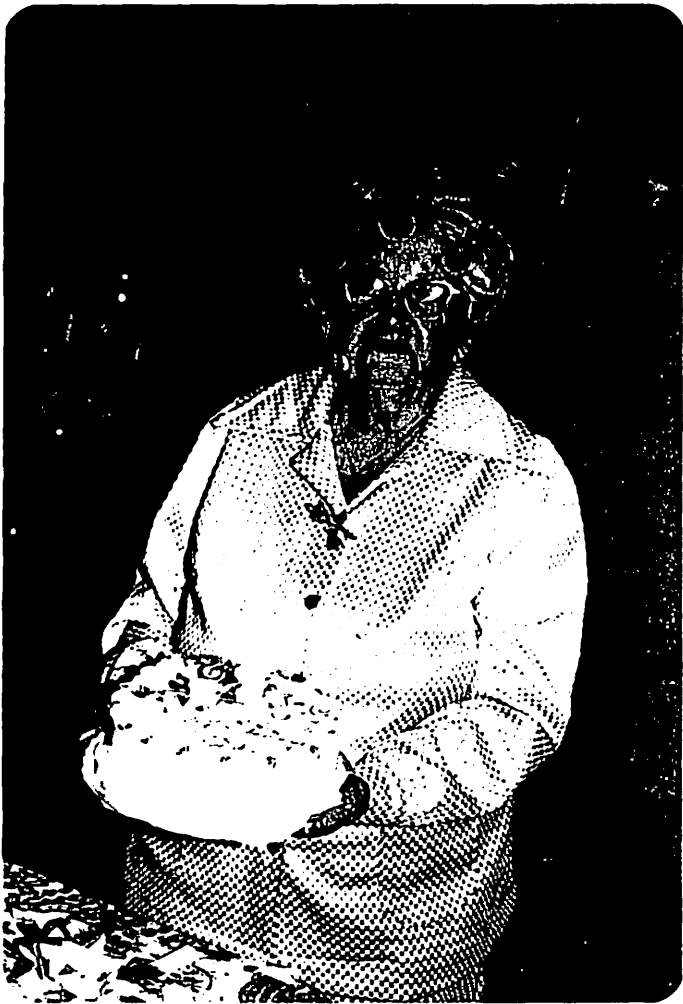


seated: Greetly Tate, Dola Schild, Ethel (Tate) Schild,  
standing: Ethel Finney, Timothy Tate, Nancy (Ross) Tate,  
Chris Schild, Harley Tate, Bert Tate (cousin)



Timothy Tate, his mother, Loucetta (Colston) Tate,  
Nancy (Ross) Tate and grandchildren

Family of Nancy (Ross) Tate - page 11



Virgie (TATE) CROWNOVER

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LAYNE, BERT, 71, of Tucson, Ariz., died Tuesday from injuries sustained in a boating accident there. He was a former resident of Dunlap, Tenn., and was a member of Palo Verde Church of Christ in Tucson. Survivors include his wife, Martha Kate Mosiev Layne; daughter, Nancy Olson, both of Tucson; son, Lynn Layne; two grandsons, Adam and Andrew Layne, all of Riverside, Calif. Services will be held Friday at Brings Memorial Chapel in Tucson. Memorial contributions may be made to Southern Arizona Bible Camp, c/o Brings Memorial Chapel, 6910 East Broadway, Tucson, 85710. Announced by Ewton Funeral Home, Dunlap.

DAWSON, THELMA LAYNE, 72, of Intermt Road, Chattanooga, died Tuesday in a local hospital. A member of Rivermont Church of Christ, she was preceded in death by her parents, Brents and Minnie Tate Layne. Survivors include her husband, Herschel Dawson, Chattanooga; son, Ronald Dawson, Whitwell, Tenn.; brother, Bert Layne, Tucson, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Travis, Shannon and Rhondi Dawson, Whitwell; several nieces and nephews. Services will be at 2 p.m. CDT Thursday in the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in Condra Cemetery. The family will receive friends today from 6-9 p.m. CDT at Ewton Funeral Home, Dunlap, Tenn.

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Minnie (TATE) LAYNE

Thursday, February 8, 1990

LAYNE - MINNIE TATE, 94, formerly of Dunlap, Tenn., died Tuesday in Tucson, Ariz. She was the widow of Brents Layne. Survivors include her son, Brents B. Layne, Tucson; daughter, Thelma Dawson, Chattanooga; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. CST Saturday in Condra Cemetery with Minister Paul Poland officiating. The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. CST Friday at Ewton Funeral Home, Dunlap.

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AS THE CHATTANOOGA TIMES, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1982

# Mrs. Nancy Tate Of Laager, Dead

Mrs. Nancy Ross Tate, 84, died in Erlanger Hospital, in Chattanooga, Friday, February 17.

Death came as the result of a fall at the home of her son, Ramon Tate, where she had made her home for some time. In the fall she received a broken hip and other injuries. She was the wife of the late T. T. Tate and a member of the Methodist Church.

Funeral services were conducted at the Fall Creek Chapel Sunday, February 19, with the Reverend Waddell Roberts, pastor of the Tracy City Methodist Church, and the Reverend Bud Hampton, pastor of the Palmer Nazarene Church, officiating.

Surviving are seven children: Mrs. Virgia Crossover of Ashville, North Carolina; Mrs. Gruetli Medley, of Chattanooga; Mrs. Ethel Stompff of Gruetli; Mrs. Minnie Layne of Daus, Tenn.; John and Ramon Tate of Laager; and Cleveland Tate, of Collins. Also 24 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Fall Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were six of her grandsons.

The Ewton Funeral Service of Dunlap was in charge.

## FARMER MEDLEY AND GREETLY TATE

3404 Taylor St., East Chattanooga, died Friday afternoon at her home. She was a native of Laager, Tenn., but had lived in the Chattanooga area most of her life. Mrs. Medley was the widow of Laney B. Medley and the daughter of the late Jim and Nancy Ross Tate. She was of the Baptist faith. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Foster (Margaret) Luttrell; two grandsons, William B. and Paul David Luttrell; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Virgie Crossover and Minnie Layne. Services will be held today at 1 p.m. in Eugene Turner Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Eugene Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Memorial Gardens with grandsons and nephews serving as pallbearers. Arrangements are by Turner Funeral Home.

## Harley S. Tate

Harley S. Tate, 74, of Palmer, Tenn., died Monday at his home. A retired miner, he was a member of the United Mine Workers of America and was also a member of Palmer Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Ruby Orma Lee Tate; three sons, Don Tate, Coalmont, Tenn., Dwight Tate, Woodstock, Ga., and Keith Tate, Palmer; four daughters, Patsy Burnett, Whitwell, Tenn., Betty Whorley, Red Bank, Phyllis Brown, Signal Mountain, and Rena Hampton, Palmer; brother, Horace Tate, Powell's Crossroads, Tenn.; sister, Mildred Yarworth, Tracy City, Tenn.; 13 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. Services will be at 2 p.m. CDT, Wednesday, in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. James Roberts and the Rev. Charles D. Ross officiating. Burial will be in Palmer City Cemetery. The family will receive

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Nancy Delaware (ROSS) TATE and daughter, Greetly (TATE) FARMER MEDLEY, and son, Harley S. TATE



Ethel (TATE) SCHILD STAMPFLI



Virgie (TATE) CROWOVER and sons, Cecil and Joseph R.

## BRADLEY MISHAP FATAL TO WOMAN

Mrs. Stampfli of Gruetli Dies, Husband Hurt—A Trucker Is Charged

From Chattanooga Times Bureau

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — A 69-year-old woman was killed and her husband was seriously injured when the pickup truck in which they were riding and a two-ton transfer truck collided a short distance outside the west city limits on Lee Highway Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ethel Stampfli, of Gruetli, Tenn., was pronounced dead on arrival at Bradley County Memorial Hospital. Her husband, Chris Stampfli, was admitted to the hospital. His injuries were pronounced serious. The couple had been living for the past year with their daughter, Mrs. Richard Tyler, of Collegedale.

The truck driver, identified as Clyde Marvin McDaniel, Fair oak Pl., Chattanooga, was uninjured. At Bradley County jail he was charged with manslaughter, and was released after posting \$2,000 appearance bond.

The accident was investigated by Trooper Harold Stansberry of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Deputy Sheriff Jud Pritchett and Policeman John Eubanks.

Stansberry said the accident occurred at 2:15 p.m. He said investigation disclosed Mr. and Mrs. Stampfli were traveling toward Chattanooga; McDaniel, driving a truck owned by Star Box and Printing Co., of Chattanooga, was headed toward Cleveland. The crash occurred, the officer said, when the Stampfli pickup truck attempted to pull over and stop at the Bowman Antique Shop on the south side of the highway.

A preliminary hearing for McDaniel has been set for Monday before Sessions Judge Earle G. Murphy, it was stated.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete late Thursday.

Daughters of Nancy (ROSS) TATE

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Wm. Ross was out to see ye writer today to have same statement made in the News last week corrected. He said that he was wronged to a certain extent by the publication of his and brother, George's racket, and asked to have ye writer to correct it, and here it is in a nutshell. He said he went to Kentucky to get his brother, George to sign a deed to his brother, Sam Ross, for a 100-acre tract of land and didn't go to buy for himself, and that he did't walk back through the mountains as was reported, but came in on the train to Tracy and walked from there to Whitwell, and he stated that he did cnt his brother George three or four times, but did it in self-defence by kicking his brother's knife out of his hand, and that he and his brother were both under the influence of drink. After hearing Mr. Ross's statement, if true, then he would be justified in his action. They have got these matters settled between the two brothers. I am always ready to correct any and all statements made by me if incorrect. We never knew the true facts in this case until Mr. Ross came today in perfect good humor and asked ye writer to correct the matter. All we had gathered was from the general public and report. True happenings and true facts are what we want to give to the reading public. It's hard, indeed, for a person sometimes, unless they witness an occurrence, to give a true report. Where there is a great number of witnesses to a scrap in a public place, it is hard indeed to put them all on the witness stand and get them to tell the same story. Hardly two out of ten will tell the same tale, so we have to be very careful about getting reports. We give it as we have heard it told to us, and if any part of the statements made should be untrue, please do like Mr. Ross, call and confess and give the true facts as it occurred. I dont wish to wrong any man, if I know myself. Ross said liquor caused all the trouble. I agree with you that liquor is a mighty thing.

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George & Sam Ross - page 15

**Stair Day**

*Special to the News.*  
 We wish to chronicle the death of Johnnie Ross, who died Aug. 28. He was born Jan. 30, 1891, and was attending school at the time of his death, commencing the third Monday in July and never missing a day until the day he died. He was a good boy and highly esteemed. He was the son of George Ross, who abandoned his wife and children some twelve years ago, never providing for them in any way. They have been taken care of at the home of Dave Layne since then, who provided for them. The death of the boy was sudden, the doctors pronouncing it a hemorrhage of the brain. He leaves a mother and two sisters to mourn his death. While they can never greet him on earth again, at least they have the assurance that they will meet him in Heaven. 9-6-1902 Friend

Johnnie Ross - page 15

Old Mrs. Ross is now temporarily stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Billingsley. Mrs. Ross is homeless, moneyless and of course, that means friendless. She is the widow of Lee Roy Ross, who died several years ago. She is the mother of Mrs. U. G. Harris, of Chattanooga, Mrs. Mattie Dixon, of Oklahoma, and William Ross of Oklahoma. Also a step mother of Mrs. J. T. Billingsley, Mrs. John Cates, and Mrs. W. H. Jordan. All of these diggings, but none of them seem to have room for the poor old creature. She was talking of making application to the poor house commissioners for a home there, but seems to be a little reluctant over the matter, hating to bring the reproach and disgrace on the ones she worked so hard to raise, and says she worked so hard to help them to have a good home, and now she is without any home. But such is life in this old sin cursed world.

Well, I guess I had better ring off for this time. Hope I will soon recover from my "non compos mentus" state, and try to do better next time. If I don't this will be my last attempt. Yours of the past in the present and for the future.

OLD JOE

## CAROLINE CHAPEL

Special to the news May 3, 1917

Alvin Billingsley took his stepgrandmother, Old Aunt Mary Ross, to the county's sanctum for the needy the other day, and thru the humane spirit and principle of the hostess, Mrs. Gilliam, she was taken in her private house and will not have to be confined with the rest of the inmates. Mrs. Ross was a Gilliam before she married Lee Roy Ross and the poor house keeper is a distant relative of Mrs. Ross, we opine she will be treated well. We were loath to see the old lady go, for we were personally concerned in the case as we have two daughters married in the connection, both of their husbands are stepgrandsons of Mrs. Ross, and we feel like we have a perfect right to our ideas and convictions. If the matter is considered by thinking people reproachful or disgraceful, of course they and their children will have to bear their part. She has now a good home if she will only be content.

OLD JOE

Caroline Chapel Cemetery: Mary Ann Gilliam Ross, 3-5-1836/7-21-1917, wife of Leroy Ross Alvin Billingsley's mother may be Margaret, daughter of Leroy and Frances Ross, who married John T. Billingsly. 1900 census, Marion County: John T. 37; Margaret, 35 (b. Nov. 1864), married 16 yrs; Fred, 15; Alvin, 13; Archie, 10; Leonard, 8; John, 4; James L. 1. Mary Ross would be step grandmother to Alvin.

Mary (GILLIAM) ROSS - page 16



## Caroline Chapel.

Special to the News.

Highly esteemed editor and readers, after a "prolonged slumber" and an extended delay of duty as one of the press and "pushers" to our herald of the tidings of old Marion County and Sequatchie Valley. I thought I would make one more effort to pencil a few items from this part of the disrupted continent. The writer is just sorter recovering from another of his popy spells, but is still compelled to stay indoors on account of the wet and disagreeable weather. It rains, rains and still rains. We thought yesterday, Sunday, that spring had opened up on us in a lamb like style, but alas! this morning it is raining again, and there are no prospects visible of anything better. What we poor farmers are going to do if there is not a change pretty soon is hard to see now. It is now nearing on to our corn planting time, and but very few farmers have any preparations made for their summer crops.

Well, it becomes our sad duty to chronicle the sad, very sad news of the death of another of our old and highly respected neighbors and friends, viz. old Grandma Billingsley. She was the widowed loving and bosom companion of our late friend and neighbor, Rev. James D. Billingsley, who preceded her some but years ago. We are very loath to rive her up, but she has been with us here three score and twenty-four years, and according to Divine order she could hardly be expected to stay with us any longer. Mrs. Billingsley was born in 1832 and breathed her last last Tuesday night, the 20th. She was buried the 21st in the Knox cemetery by the side of her devoted husband. She leaves to mourn her absence four sons and three daughters and several grand children, and quite a goodly number of great grandchildren. She had been an invalid for quite a while with rheumatism, and was forced to use crutches to get around in the house, and by some misstep some way about a week before her demise, she fell on the porch, and received injuries that hastened her death. "Old Aunt Salie" as she was frequently called, was a good christian hearted neighbor.

She was and has been a consistent member of the Missionary Baptist Church from her youth, and as far as known by her neighbors lived the life of a good devoted christian. Bro. Smith of the M. E. Church, conducted the funeral services.

Well, our esteemed friend and obliging neighbor, Alvin Spears, is still in the "throes" of this life. After his mother died his wife became very popy and became unable to do any

brought twin babies, a boy and girl, and to add to his already sad condition, he received the sad news a few days ago that his little boy was dead, but wife and little girl were getting along fairly well, and thought they might be able to come home in a short time. Poor Alvin has seen a hard time for the past twelve months.

Bro. Smith failed to meet his appointment here last Sunday. The writer went up to hear him, but failed to hear. Was very much disappointed as it was the first time he had been out to meeting in about two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Billingsley, of Chattanooga, were in attendance at Mr. Billingsley's mother's funeral Wednesday. Also, Leonard Billingsley, a grandson of old Grandma Billingsley, of Chattanooga, attended the funeral. All returned that same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Queer and family, of Whitwell, were down to witness the last sad rites shown to Grandma Billingsley, Mrs. Queer being a daughter of the deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mosier, and part of their family, of Whitwell, were at the burying Wednesday. Mrs. Mosier is another daughter of the deceased Mrs. Billingsley.

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Mary Ann (GILLIAM) ROSS

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DEATH OF AGED LADY

## OF SEQUATCHIE VALLEY

July 20, 1917

Jasper, July 23.—Mrs. Mary Ross, aged 81 years, died at the County Home, yesterday. She had been on a decline for some time from infirmities. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Eula Harris, of Chattanooga, Mrs. Mattie Dixon, of Oklahoma, and William Ross, also in Oklahoma. Stepchildren are Mrs. J. T. Billingsley, of Caroline Chapel, Mrs. John Cates and Mrs. W. H. Jordan, of Victoria, this county. Interment was made at Caroline Chapel today. Her husband, Lea Roy Ross, died several years ago.

## Caroline Chapel.

12-21-1916

Special to the News.

Just one more week shall have passed and then the national "jollification day" will come again. The day of mixed pleasures and sorrows, the day that brings mirth and gladness to the hearts and homes of the many, and on the other hand brings grief and heart-rending sorrows to the homes and hearts of thousands, making wives widows and happy children orphans. Oh what a contrast to visit a home composed of a true christian father and mother, and then turn to a home of immoral dissipation. Well, such has always been so, and I fear will always remain so.

Well, we come now to very sad events that have recently occurred in our surroundings. The first sad news that came to our knowledge was the death of the wife of one of our old Marion County boys, John W. Dixon, of Alabama City, Ala. Sarah was a daughter of Leroy Ross of this settlement, and married John when quite young and became the mother of about five children of which four of them are left to mourn the loss of a mother, and leaving John all alone to get thru this old world the best he can. "Lone Star", of Dallas, Tex., you certainly know how to sympathize with John.

The next heart-rending intelligence we received was the accident that snatched Prof. Ferguson off the stage of action without a moment's notice. The full account was given in the last week's issue of the News.

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NO 20589 MARY J BROWN FOR MINOR CHILD ESSIE G. PAGE 22--  
EASTERN CHEROKEE APPLICATION

Residence Chattanooga Tennessee, 529 Weaver St, Chattanooga, J.  
Hamilton Co Tenn, born Feb 17 1899 claims through her father

Father was James H Brown, and Mary J Brown maiden name  
Mary J Cross; father born in Campbell Co Tenn, mother in  
Forsyth Co Ga.

Names of all brothers and sisters were  
Walter T Brown born Dec 2 1883, Lillie Douglas (Douglass)  
born July 18 1887, Vacey Brown born Apr 10 1889  
William B Brown born Aug 22 1891, Leonard E Brown born June 4  
1898.

Names of grand parents were William Brown and  
Nancy Brown on father's side and Absalom Cross and Susan J.  
Cross on mother's side.

The Brown side were born in Campbell Co Tenn and the  
Cross were born in Forsyth Co Ga.

They resided 1851 the Browns in Campbell Co Tenn and  
Cross in Forsyth Co Ga.

Names of all ~~ehi~~ their children on father's side were  
James H Brown, residence Indian Territory,

America Ross in Marion County Tenn

Rufus Brown, Texarkana Texas, and

Elizabeth Ross in Marion County Tenn

Celia Hartman, Indian Territory

William A Brown in Marion County Tennessee

on Mother's side were John S Cross died 1906

Nancy Stevens -Arkansas

Jesse B Cross -Georgia 2 witness to her name in 1907

March 27 were Lillie Douglass, and Walter T Brown.

---- She wrote a note in 1908 June 19th

Mary J Brown, being first duly sworn states; My husband  
James H Brown, was part cherokee indian. He was born in  
CAMPBELL COUNTY \* HE IS living in OKLAHOMA at the present  
time. He has been there about two years. He never  
received any indian money from the Government, that I know of.  
He claimed his Indian blood through his mother, Nancy Brown.  
She lived in Tennessee and is now in Oklahoma. Has lived there  
there about 3 years. She never received any indian money.  
She lived with white people and her husband was a white man.  
My husband's mother first told me that he had Indian blood.  
My husband's grand mother was about one-quarter indian. I  
never heard of Hester the Government enrolling agent in  
1884. My husband lived in Georgia and Tennessee until he  
went to Ollahoma.

signed Mary J Brown 1908 June 19.

THE NUMBERS referred to are 20590, 20591, 20593  
20602, 20601, 22614, 25591, 22613. A card states: It does not  
appear that any ancestor was ever enrolled or that any ances-  
tor was party to the treaties of 1835, -6, & 1846-shows no  
real connection with the Eastern Cherokees, Misc. Test. p228  
She wrote a letter 1908 stating she had no indian blood her-  
self that her children had thro their father. Her address  
1908 was 614 Carr St, Chattanooga Tenn.

# Robt. Ross Killed In Auto Crash

## Bessie Campbell In Hospital Suffer- ing With Severe Injuries.

2-5-1942

A tragedy late Saturday afternoon that concerned two of our citizens, has held the limelight in Sequachee this week.

Robert B. Ross, 39, just resigned from the management of the Sequachee Valley Service Station, city, was almost instantly killed in a head-on crash of automobiles on the Palmer Road about six miles from Whitwell, about 9 o'clock.

In the car with Ross was Miss Bessie Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell, city, who was badly injured and was taken to a Chattanooga hospital for treatment for skull fracture and other injuries.

Also injured were G. W. Dick, 22, and Thomas Meeks, 14, occupants of the second car, and Murphy White, its driver. Dick and Meeks were taken to Erlanger hospital where Dick was treated for scalp lacerations and Meeks for a fractured ankle. White was treated for slight injuries by a Whitwell physician.

The top of Ross's head was said to have been torn off, and the body was removed to the Putnam funeral home for preparation for burial.

Miss Campbell, found in a dazed condition by those who arrived on the scene, was first taken to the home of a sister, Mrs. Willard Griffith, in Whitwell, but later removed to Erlanger hospital, Chattanooga, where her condition Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock was said to be fair.

Ross was driving toward Whitwell and White towards Palmer when the machines crashed.

Advised from Jasper, Mrs. Charles Campbell, mother of the girl, and another daughter, Almada, started at once to the scene of the accident, being taken by Joe Hoge, and picking up here another sister, Georgia.

There is uncertainty as to the presence of Miss Campbell in Mr. Ross's car. The two girls, Bessie and Georgia, had come to Sequachee that afternoon to see the Griffith family, the father and mother being ill. Returning from there the girls came here and Georgia went into a store to get a purchase she had made. Going out she found her sister had disappeared. A half hour later a rumor of a wreck reached here as occurring at Palmer with the missing girl involved in it.

About 9 o'clock a party passing through from Whitwell announced that "Ross lay dead in a Whitwell morgue with the top of his head sliced off and that school girls with him had been injured." Later it was learned Miss Campbell was the only one with him. A witness said later she boarded Ross's car at the store while her sister was inside and left going up the Mountain Road.

Interment of the remains of Ross were made at Sardis Monday afternoon at 2 p'clock, following services in Sardis Methodist church conducted by Rev. A. Hall.

Ross is survived by his wife, Mrs. Violet T. Ross, who is in a Knoxville Sanitarium; two sis-

ters, Mrs. P. H. Jackson, Victoria, and Mrs. Millard Rogers, of Jasper, and three brothers, Louie and Hoyle Ross, Victoria, and Will Ross, Norwood, Ohio. Pallbearers were nephews of the deceased.

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It now seems that the two cars were traveling in different directions than at first reported. The Ross car was going from Whitwell, not towards it. The other car from Palmer.

It is also said Miss Campbell was seen going toward Whitwell with Ross, and that her sister was expecting them to return in a few minutes, pick her up and go home. This did not work right for Ross kept on up the Palmer Road over Whitwell Mountain, travelling at a very high rate of speed, as reported by a bus driver whom he passed when near Star Gap, and who reported the wreck at Palmer.

At hospital Miss Campbell, in a delirium, talked of shooting and killing. A pistol and cartridges were found scattered in the wreckage, and Miss Campbell, it is said, had the pocket-knife of Ross in her hand when found in a dazed condition in the woods near the wreck.

She had been thrown from the wreck while Ross was driven through the windshield.

Against the wishes of the owner Ross had resigned the management of the service station here after having maintained an orderly and excellent business for some months. He intended to return to Dayton, Ohio, to his former position, and was in this office about 3:30 that afternoon to order his paper sent to Victoria temporarily. He was apparently sober when here.

Late advices are that Miss Campbell is recovering but will be held in hospital for a week. Owing to loss of blood from several bad cuts she is in danger of pneumonia if exposed too soon.

week. 7-18-39  
Robert Ross and Miss Violet Thompson were married Sunday morning. The bride and groom and a large number of guests were entertained at dinner by the groom's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ross left for Ohio Monday.

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April 22, 1978

Mrs. Dixie H. Shaw  
3532 W. La. State Drive  
Keener, Louisiana 70062

Dear Mrs. Shaw:

Reference is made to your letter of April 12, 1978. I am sorry we have been so long in answering your request; however, we have been busy and also short of personnel.

I am listing below some vital statistics for you:

NAME: AMANDA ROSS HARRIS

DATE OF BIRTH: JULY 14, 1876

DATE OF DEATH: DECEMBER 25, 1938

PLACE OF DEATH: CHICKAMAUGA, GEORGIA

HUSBAND'S NAME: ULYSESS G. HARRIS ✓

PLACE OF BIRTH: MARION COUNTY, TENNESSEE (Mrs. Harris)

FATHER'S NAME: ~~JOHN ROSS~~ LEROY ROSS

MOTHER'S NAME: MARY GILLIAM

The following were survivors at time of death.

Son: Herbert S. Harris  
Daughter: Mrs. Herman Shaw  
(2) grandsons:  
Herman Shaw, Jr.  
George Harris Shaw

(2) Sisters:  
— Mrs. Mattie Dickson of Texas  
— Mrs. Fannie Billingsley, Victoria, Tennessee

Mrs. Harris died in Chickamauga, Georgia which is Walker County. Should you desire a certificate of death, you may write to the Georgia Department of Public Health, Atlanta, Georgia.

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To Better Serve Humanity With Reverence, Respect and Courtesy

Ulysses G. Harris

Died Sunday afternoon at  
his home near Chickamauga Ga.  
at 2:30 P. M.

D: 31 MAY 1937

Native of Squatchie Valley

Mr Harris was born at  
Victoria, Tenn on Sept 12, 1868  
and spent his young life on  
his father's farm.

At the age of 24 he married  
Amanda A. Ross, daughter of  
Lee and Mary Gilliam Ross

B: 14 July 1876

of Sumner Tenn. on Sept  
23, 1892 and lived near  
Jasper Tenn. until 1908  
When he moved his family  
to Chattanooga and settled  
on the west side of  
Missionary Ridge at 3901

This was Obit. Native Everett  
my H. G. Harris daughter

Brothers killed

"Cleveland and Robert Ross were shot and killed last Thursday, Edward Bryant doing the shooting. The Bryant's and Ross's have been on bad terms with each other for a long time, they having had trouble at a shooting match over a year ago as well as several other difficulties previous to that one.

"Houston Bryant, Robert Bryant, Robert Ross and Cleveland Ross were working on the public road near Tatesville when the trouble arose between Houston Bryant and Cleveland Ross. From what news can be gleaned Cleveland Ross breaks a shovel over Houston Bryant's head. Then Edward Bryant, steps out from the woods and shoots Cleveland Ross one time (over the heart killing him instantly. Bob Ross turns to flee, but is shot twice by Edward Bryant and then knocked in head with butt end of pistol until he is dead...."

8-14-1917  
**SLAYS HIS SON-IN-LAW**

**When Crazed With Drink He Pulls Knife On Him.**

Bence Myers, living in the head of Little Sequatchie Cove, near Tracy City, shot and killed Henry Ross Wednesday while Ross was endeavoring to force an entry into Myers' house. Ross is his son-in-law and was on a drunken spree. He had been to graveyard working at the Ross graveyard and was in a drunken condition while there. Coming back he raised a fuss with his father-in-law, and started to enter the house. He was repulsed and again tried to force entry, drawing his knife. He failed to get it open, so Myers shot him three times, once thru the jaw and twice in the head, in forehead and top of head. Myers surrendered to Sheriff G. W. Coppinger, of this county, Thursday, and was taken before Justice Kilgore, of Oak Grove, for examination Friday. He entered a plea of self-defense, and was released on bond. Assisting Sheriff Coppinger was deputy sheriff Allen McCullough, but Myers made no attempt to escape.

7-15-26  
**ROY ROSS SLAIN AT PALMER**

**In a Rage Gilliam Brown Uses Knife, Almost Severing His Head.**

Palmer, July 13.—Roy Ross, of this place, died in hospital at Sewanee Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock from cuts received at the hands of his step-son-in-law, Gilliam Brown.

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The story of the crime, so your correspondent is informed, is as follows: Some few weeks ago, it is alleged, Brown whipped the two year-old son of Ross with a leather strap, and Ross had had him arrested. Bad feelings arose and Friday, as Ross was walking in the road near his home, carrying his baby, Brown came up and renewed the quarrel, attacking him with a knife, Ross plead for mercy, but to no avail, Brown persisted and cut Ross again and again, almost severing his head. Ross was carried to the hospital at Sewanee where he died.

The remains were brought to Whitwell his former home, and interment made Sunday afternoon.

It is said that Ross professed religion about two weeks before and arrangements had been made for his baptism on the Sunday he was buried. He was baptized on his death bed, and before he died prayed for his slayer.

JOHN ROSS, OF MARION COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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Many family members who graciously shared their information with me.  
Family photos.