

Letters from Vera Luce

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Audrey,

I found your wonderful page by chance. THANK YOU for all your hard work. I have put it in my favorites file.

Thought I should let you know that I probably have some of the information you need. Also, that you are a 3rd cousin to me.

My great grandparents were John BIRDWELL b. April 25, 1812 d. October 01, 1892 and Martha CHAFFIN b. October 18, 1814 d. January 31, 1897. Jones M., their son, was my great uncle and also a half first cousin. His wife, Virginia, was the daughter of Edward JACKSON and ELIZABETH BILLINGSLEY. Jones's brother, William and his wife, Susannah (JACKSON) raised my grandfather after Martha, who was their sister and my great grandmother, died after giving birth to him. I have a picture of William And Susannah.

Is there any way that I could get a copy of the picture of the BIRDWELL sisters for my files.

I may be able to answer some of your unanswered questions. Feel free to let me know.

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Audrey,

Thank you so much for the pictures. Like you I love old pictures, I can never get enough of them. I put a couple of pictures on the Jackson Co., TN site and the Birdwell Tracks site, that are of an unk man and his family. My Aunt Lydia passed away in December, two weeks before my mother, and of course she hadn't put a name on them. If you have any idea who they might be let me know. First I'll try and answer some of your questions. I have do not have the BILLINGSLEY parents of Aletha's or Elizabeth's. I'll try and research that for you. I don't have the burial place for Elizabeth and Edward JACKSON. I haven't put in everything in the computer, shame on

me!!!!!! My AYLES line: Vera Jane AYLES B. July 14, 1946 Blackwell, Kay, OK m. Aug 15, 1964 Linda, Yuba, CA to James "Mike" Michael LUCE b. Sept 25, 1942 National City, San Diego, CA. father: Charley Dayton AYLES- b. 23 July 1917 Cookeville, Putnam, TN d. Dec 5, 1989 married Nov. 24 1937 Kay Co., OK to Nellamae L. PASLEY b. Aug 8, 1920 d. Dec 27, 2001. Grandfather: James Dayton b. Apr 8, 1888 Gainesboro, Jackson, TN d. Sept 6, 1964 m. May 21, 1905 Gainesboro, Jackson, TN Mazy Karie Laurie BILLINGSLEY b. July 17, 1887 Cookeville, Putnam, TN d. Nov 23 1972. g-grandfather: William Campbell/Cleveland(? on middle name) June 8, 1855 Cumberland Co., TN d. Nov 5, 1942 m. Sept 05, 1876 Jackson Co., TN to Martha CHAFFIN b. Nov 17, 1854 Webster Co., MO d. Apr 8, 1888 Jackson Co., TN. gg-grandfather: Alfred Cleveland b. Oct 19, 1829 Wilkes Co., NC d. Apr 24, 1896 Crab Orchard, Cumberland, TN m. Abt. 1850 to Melvina BROWN b. March 15, 1832 Jackson Co., TN d. Sept 26, 1863 Jackson Co., TN We have a web page on FTM that I put together, I do not know a lot about computers, that's my husband, Mike's thing. He works nights so I had to learn by myself. I do love sharing family history. We do genealogy together and have done so for about twenty years now. I knew if we did it long enough that we would end up being related somehow with so many surnames the same. Well, we did about two years ago on the Michael LETTON/LITTON line. Michael LETTON/LITTON's son Caleb, married Grace HARTLEY. Then two of their children starts the fun. My husband, Mike's line, comes down from the Johanna, who married Leonard HALL and mine, John Richard LITTON and Sarah Jane WILCOXEN, whose daughter, Nancy married Thomas BROWN. I found that was the easiest way to put most of our file on the site and cover both sides. I also have my ancestors on the page in another file. My mother could never understand how I kept it all straight, with so many double sets of grandparents. They were not only my grandparents but an Aunt or Uncle. I have two sets in Thomas BROWN's children, Ferby, who married William BILLINGSLEY and Henderson, who married Melvina BIRDWELL. Ferby and William's son, Walter married Susannah JACKSON, whose son John, married Martha L. PETTY. Henderson & Melvina's daughter, Melvina married Alfred AYLES. I also have two in the William BIRDWELL line, Melvina, who married Henderson BROWN and John who married Martha CHAFFIN. I noticed that you have Melvina's death date in error. She died about 1840 and buried in Brown's Chapel Cemetery on Dry Fork, Jackson Co., TN. Henderson married again to Mahala BROWN, unk who her parents are, after Melvina's death and their first child was born in Dec. 1843. By the way, the son's of Joseph CHAFFIN and Nancy FOX, William, who married Nancy BROWN, and Nathaniel, who married Sarilda BROWN, married sisters, who were the daughter's of Melvina and Henderson. I am really surprised when I can keep things straight with the circles I go in. It's nothing for me to be related a bunch of times to one person. I think most of my relatives can't seem to help with the research because they can't keep things straight. Thank goodness for census records and other things. The address for the FTM site is:
<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/l/u/c/Vera-J-Luce/>

I have a question about Ray Kirk LOFTIS. I have him married to three BIRDWELL women and I guess that's wrong. I have Alice Elizabeth, Ruth Alice and Clara Jeanette. Which one or ones are wrong?

I need to get started on some chores. Anything that I can help you with please let me know.

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