

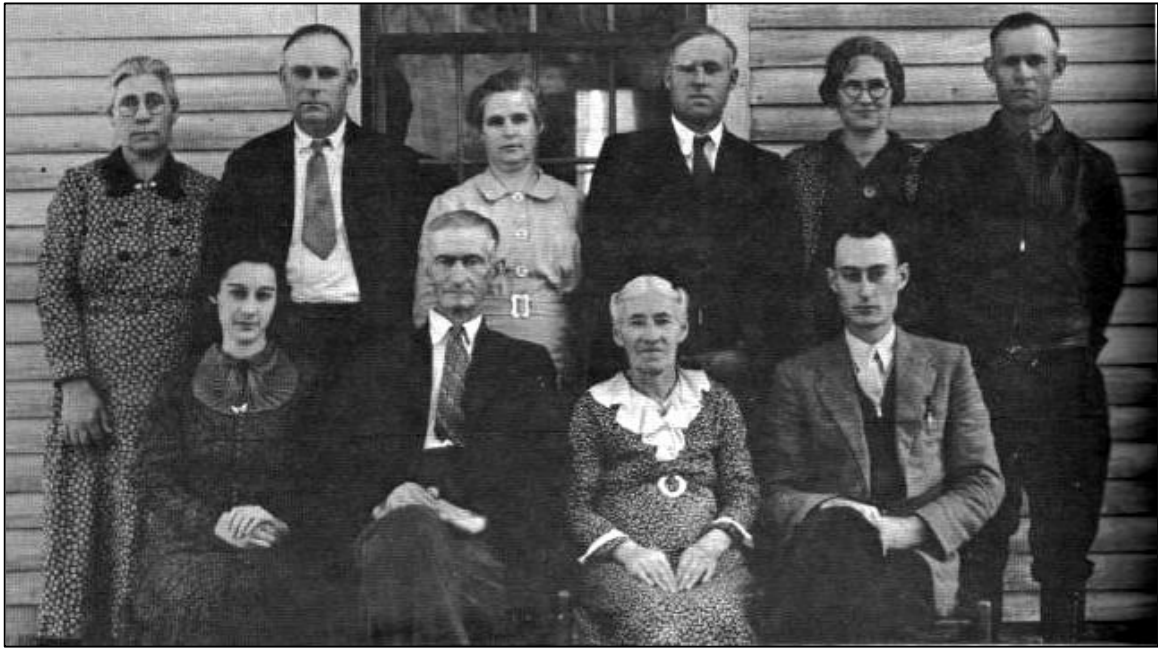
Story of Abner Hill Chaffin and Family  
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**Abner Hill Chaffin** (b. December 6, 1870; d. November 22, 1950), an early settler of Jackson County, Tennessee married December 22, 1886, **India Belle Sliger** (b. September 22, 1866; d. January 17, 1940). He was the eleventh of nineteen children of **Fox Chaffin** (b. February 5, 1829; d. June 2, 1902) married after 1850 first **Jane Porter** who died on the road to Kentucky along with her infant. Their other child, **John Chaffin**, was born ca. 1855 (5 in census of 1850). No further record.

Fox married second about 1857 **Mary Jane Fox** (b. May 23, 1838; d. 1900) fifth child of **John Kendrick** and **Margaret Carter Fox**. There were four sets of twins, one of each died in infancy. Fourteen children lived to rear families. **Jane Fox Chaffin** was 52 years old when her last child was born.

After fourteen years in Texas and Oklahoma, Abner and family moved back to Jackson County. His children: **Dealie Augusta Chaffin** (b. July 13, 1888; d. March 22, 1939) married July 18, 1904 **Acy Anderson** - b. August 1, 1887; d. June 5, 1967); 12 children. **Arthur B. Chaffin** (b. October 12, 1890; d. May 19, 1966) married 1905/6 **Mary Ellen Ramsey** (b. August 24, 1889; d. October 13, 1919); 4 children. Arthur married second January 4, 1920 **Mattie Frances Grogan** (b. December 6, 1890; d. November 7, 1984); 4 children. **Cora C. Chaffin** (b. November 21, 1892; d. July 12, 1963) married September 30, 1906, **Noah Lee Loftis** (b. April 15, 1884; d. June 20, 1972); 12 children. **Osker Chaffin** (b. April 23, 1896; d. March 8, 1897) buried in Chitwood Cemetery northeast of Oklahoma City. **Okley K. Chaffin** (b. December 30, 1897; d. March 30, 1986) married February 27, 1916, **Etta Avo Webb**, daughter of **George Washington** and **Martha Ann Elizabeth Franklin Webb**; 12 children. **Effie Minerva Chaffin** (b. February 26, 1901; d. December 20, 1986) married October 22, 1922, **Carman Watson** (b. April 13, 1905; d. June, 1982); 5 children. **Hiram Pharris Chaffin** (b. November 4, 1903; d. December 25, 1967) married July 3, 1920, **Sarah Elizabeth Dunn** (b. December 4, 1900; d. 1971); 6 children. **Marion Chaffin** (b. March 13, 1906; d. January 1, 1911 of pneumonia). **Mamie Lou Chaffin** (b. May 3, 1911) married February 16, 1945, **William Crum Lawrence E. Chaffin** (b. April 7, 1914; d. March 12, 1980) married May 22, 1937, **Dimple Lucille Bray** (b. March 4, 1918); 4 children.

*\*See Chapter 11, Noah Lee Loftis –  
s/o James Madison Loftis Jr. & Sarah “Surry” Jane Dill.*



Abner Chaffin and wife, Inda Belle Sliger Chaffin, both seated in the center, are surrounded by their children. Seated on the left is daughter Manie Chaffin, who married Rex Crum; on the right is Lawrence Chaffin, who married Dimple Bray. Standing, left to right; Dealie Chaffin, married Acey Anderson; Arthur Chaffin married 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Ellen Ramsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mattie Grogan; Cora Chaffin, married Noah Loftis; Okley Chaffin, married Avo Webb; Effie Chaffin, married Carmen Watson; and Hiram Chaffin, married Sarah Dunn. Inda Belle Sliger Chaffin was the daughter of Jim Sliger.

Picture courtesy of Lydia Martin and Ruth Chaffin.  
 Picture in the book on pg. 156 of Stray Leaves from Putnam County History by Mary Hopson



Family of Noah Lee Loftis & Cora C. Chaffin

L to R: Sarah Belle, James Oliver, Noah Lee, Cora C., Doliver B. and Beulah Jane Loftis  
 Photo taken about 1915.

Pictured in the book, Loftis and the Descendants of Laban Loftis – pg. 368

Inda Belle Sliger & Abner Hill Chaffin

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One of the reasons for going to gatherings of any kind in Mom's day was to catch a beau, judging from circumstantial evidence. She and Aunt Nery helped to enlarge many gatherings around Old Piney and in nearby communities. She often spoke of Twelve Corners, Shiloh, Pine Hill and Free Will. Many of these places had protracted meetings in the summer. A meeting of this kind meant, in most cases, an all-day affair with dinner on the ground. People prepared for these meetings for months and when the time came, they put it ahead of everything else and went to every service. They drove or went on horseback and carried a basket of dinner and made a day of it. The women took a quilt along and when a child got sleepy, she spread a pallet in the aisle and put the child on it. I have seen the aisles and even the stage where the preacher stood so crowded with sleepers that the preacher had to watch his step.

It was at Free Will in the summer of 1886 that Mom and Nery Ann were attending the meetings. They had been regular attendants and had stopped on their way home to see Aunt Sallie Sliger and give her all the gossip they had picked up. They had seen funny dresses and floppy bonnets and Aunt Nery told her of the awful singing. The land that the Free Will meeting house was erected upon belonged to Fox Chaffin. He had given the land for the house to be used as a church house and also for a school building. It was a log building.

Mr. Chaffin had a large family and the eleventh child was a son name Abner Hill. He did not like the name Hill and was called Abner or Ab for short. He was attending the meeting at Free Will also and had a girlfriend, but for some reason she was not present on day and he and Mom, who was at that time known as Inda Belle Sliger walked to the spring together. The first time, it was for fun and past-time, but the next day Alice was there, and it was for keeps and got to be a habit. So much so that Abner began making regular trips to Old Piney, and Alice was forgotten.

He and Mom planned for their wedding to be on December 22, 1886. Mom was to go to Aunt Gusta's and Dad was to meet here these that evening with the preacher to perform the ceremony. It was a bitter cold day and Dad was late getting there. She got worried for fear she was being stood up and was on the point of going home when he arrived. He had been detained because his father had insisted on a hog being butchered that day. A wedding meant that there had to be plenty to eat. Dad and Mom spent the night there and the next morning she got on the mule behind him and went home to get her clothes before going to Free Will ridge to live.

Grandpa Sliger offered to loan her a horse to ride, an old scrubby one of some kind that was not in very good condition, but she told him that she would ride behind Abner. He said, "All right, if that's the way you feel and think, you can get along without my help, it's all right with me." He was peeved that she had run away to get married instead of marrying at home, and she was peeved that he refused to offer a better horse to ride. The reason she did not marry at home was that when Aunt Frances married some time before, Grandpa had said "some hard things to her" and Mom vowed that she would never give him that chance at her.

Marion Chaffin Obt.

Putnam County Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN CHAFFIN, MARION: The Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Chaffin the night of January 1st, and took away their youngest child. Little Marion leaves a father and mother and several brothers and sisters to mourn their loss. [Date 1/5/1911, Vol. IX, No. 1, Page 4]

<http://tngenes.net/marriages/jc86-87.html>

**Source:** Jackson County Court Clerk Marriages

Roll: #26

Volume: #3

October 1886 - December 1887

Notes: The date recorded is the date the marriage was solemnized. The letters "NR" after the date indicate that the license was not returned. The date given is the date that the license was obtained.

Groom: Abner Chaffin

Bride: Bell Sliger

Date: December 22, 1886

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**Source:** <http://tngenes.net/index.html>

Death certificates less than 50 years old may be ordered from the Tennessee Vital Records Office.

Tennessee Vital Records

Central Services Building

1st Floor

421 5th Avenue North

Nashville, Tennessee 37247

Certificates older than 50 years may be order from: Tennessee State Library and Archives,

Research Department, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville TN 37243-0312.

**NAME: Delia Augusta Anderson**

**DATE OF BIRTH:**

**DATE OF DEATH:** 22 Mar 1937

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** TN

**AGE:** 48y

**SPOUSE: Acey Anderson**

**CEMETERY:** Holman Cemetery

**FATHER: Albner Chaffin**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** TN

**MOTHER: Inda Bell Sliger**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** TN

**CERTIFICATE:** 7039

**COUNTY:** Putnam

<http://www.ajlambert.com>



Arthur B. Chaffin and wife, Mattie Grogan Chaffin. He was the son of Abner Chaffin and Idna Belle Sliger Chaffin.

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