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John H. Chaffin was born in Jackson Co., TN, January 17, 1845, s/o Benjamin Franklin Chaffin and Rebecca Lovall, married Nancy Caroline Williams – b. February 13, 1846, White Co., TN – d. January 12, 1931, Jackson Co., TN, d/o Johnny Williams.

He was born with a severe birth defect (club feet). It was not to be a handicap in his life. His preliminary education was in the schools of Jackson Co., TN and then a graduate of Burreitt College, Spencer, TN. He served as Register of Deeds (1876-1884), County Court Clerk (1884-1906) for Jackson Co., TN. Both were members of the Church of Christ. John H. Chaffin departed this life November 26, 1909, and along with his wife are buried in Pharris Cemetery in Jackson Co., TN.

Their children were 7 in number. They are: John Franklin Chaffin – b. May 24, 1871- d. September 18, 1908 md 1st Nancy E. Birdwell on October 20, 1889. Nancy E. Birdwell was the d/o Jones M. Birdwell & Virginia Ann W. Jackson. They had 2 children, James Whitman Chaffin and Lola Essie Chaffin. He md 2nd Susan Naomi Isabell Burgess. They had 1 son, Lewis Chaffin. Lola Essie Chaffin - b. ca. 1896 – md 1st Clarence Loftis – b. July 1895 - s/o Daniel Loftis & America “Merky” Gentry - md 2nd Caleb Birdwell. *Children of Lola Essie Chaffin & Clarence Loftis were: J.D. Loftis md Anna Roberts; Aaron Loftis, Gerald Loftis & Myzell Loftis.* America “Merky” Gentry was the d/o Frances America Loftis & John Pierce Loftis, s/o Thomas Jefferson Loftis & Parlitha Gallion. John Pierce Loftis & Frances America Loftis were 1st cousins. Frances America Loftis was the d/o James Madison Loftis & Sarah Elvira Dowell, d/o John Dowell & Sarah Hickman. James Madison Loftis was the 8th child of Laban Loftis & Elizabeth Holcombe.

Riley Columbus Chaffin – b. May 4, 1874 – d. December 4, 1922 md Dicy Lavonia Fox on September 3, 1893. They had 6 children: John Wesley Chaffin, Garrett Chaffin, Flora Chaffin, Everette Chaffin, L.A. Chaffin, and Olee Chaffin.

Ollie Chaffin – b. June 26, 1880 – d. November 7 1968 md James Morton Dennis, II “Jim”. They had 3 children: Ethel Dennis, Ola Caroline Dennis, and James Morton Dennis, III.

Nannie Chaffin – b. ca. 1886 – d. 1903 md Frank Birdwell. They had no children.

Martha Angeline Chaffin – b. October 10, 1833 – d. December 5, 1970 md Alfred Cleveland Kirby. They had 5 children: Amy Kirby, Averette Kirby, Lyda Kirby, and Dalton Kirby.

Marion Chaffin killed by a pole of wood accidentally dropped at age eleven (11).

Mary Chaffin died in infancy.

**See Chapter 4: Lola Essie Chaffin md 1st Clarence Loftis - - -
Nancy Ann Elizabeth Birdwell, d/o Jones M. Birdwell md Virginia Ann W.
Jackson. She md John Franklin "Frank" Chaffin.*

**See Chapter 11: Frances America Loftis md John Pierce Loftis.*

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