

Story of Robert and Charlotty Nixon  
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CHILDREN:

Robert and Charlotty Nixon were the parents of ten children: Sinthey, Samuel, William, Anny, Robert, Thomas, James, Levi, Nephthly, and Martha "Patsy". After reaching adulthood, most stayed in Smith County and the surrounding areas. Sinthey born ca. 1816, their eldest child, was living with her brother Thomas and family in 1880. It is not known at this time what became of eldest son, Samuel born ca. 1818, or daughters Anny born ca. 1824 and Patsy born 1834.

The Civil War began in 1861 and two of Robert and Charlotty's sons are know to have enlisted. Unlike many families in the area, the war apparently did not divide the Nixon family. Both William and James fought for the Confederacy. James enlisted at Nashville, 28 December 1861 in Company F, 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion Tennessee Cavalry. William is believed to have joined Company G, 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment Tennessee Cavalry. Both brothers survived their terms of enlistment and returned home to Smith County.

Robert and Charlotty's second son, William born ca. 1821, married Aehsah Winfree, 6 November 1851. They resided in Smith County and are believed to have been the parents of nine children: Martha F. born about 1856, Samuel born about 1858, William J. born 1863, Robert born 1865, Cassie born 1868, Jane born 1870, Nancy born 1875. Also, a daughter born about 1854, who may have been named Mary or Maritta born about 1862.

Third son of Robert and Charlotty, Robert born ca. 1826, married Mary A. "Matilda" Jones, 27 January 1853, Robert and Mary resided in neighboring DeKalb County and were the parents of seven children: Caroline "Liney" born 1855 and married John Bates; Tennessee A. "Tenny" 1858-1938 married Thomas J. McClellan; William J. "Billy" 1861-1944 married Martha Foster; Thomas born about 1865; Mary born about 1869 married Jim Merritt; John Ira 1872-1953 married first Susie May Judkins and second Lockie Taylor; and Felix W. 1875-1965.

Robert died 13 May 1890 and wife Mary died 29 December 1895. They are buried at Mt. Holly Cemetery in DeKalb County, TN.

Robert and Charlotty's fourth son, Thomas born ca. 1828, married Narcissa Fisher, 24 February 1850. They are believed to have resided in Putnam and later Smith County and were the parents of at least eight children: William H. 1851-1920, James A. 1853-1917, Landy born about 1856, John born about 1859,

Fannie born about 1864, Thomas born about 1867, Mollie born about 1869, Robert C. born about 1875.

Thomas died 11 May 1888 and wife Narcissa died 3 October 1886. They are buried at one of two Nixon cemeteries south of Hickman, TN on Temperance Hall Road in Smith County.

Fifth son of Robert and Charlotty, James born 1829, married **Delila Francis Denny**, 9 December 1852. They resided in Smith County and were the parents of ten children: Thomas H. 1854-1944, Henry J. 1855-1946, George W. 1858-1922, James B. "Buck" 1860-1931, Sarah Ann born 1862, William H. born 1864, Malissa Born 1866, Charles H. born 1869, T. Oscar born 1872, and Elizabeth born 1873.

James died 12 February 1916 and is buried at one of two Nixon cemeteries on Temperance Hall Road in Smith County.

Robert and Charlotty's eighth and ninth children were twins, Levi and Nephthly. Levi born ca. 1831 was married at least twice. His first marriage was to Elizabeth C. Inge, 15 March 1854. His second marriage was to Saluda Ashley, 19 January 1865. Levi was the father of at least five children: Mary E. "Betty" born about 1867, C.E. born about 1868, John O. born about 1871, Saluda born about 1875. Oscar born about 1879. The family is believed to have resided in DeKalb and also Smith County, TN.

Levi died 11 September 1892 and is buried at one of two Nixon cemeteries on Temperance Hall Road in Smith County.

Nephthly born 1831 and wife Elizabeth resided in Smith County and were the parents of at least two children: Robert C. born about 1866 and Beady 1867-1896 who married James E. Newbell.

Nep died 17 February 1901 and is buried at one of two Nixon cemeteries on Temperance Hall Road in Smith County, TN.

Census records have shown that brothers William, Robert, Thomas, James, Levi and Nephthly Nixon labored as farmers in the DeKalb, Smith, and Putnam County areas. All had large families and as a result now have many descendants living in these areas. Most have remained in the middle Tennessee area, however, some have chosen to leave and settle elsewhere. But, however near or far these descendants may be, all share a common tie to the land their ancestors once farmed and called home in Smith County, Tennessee.



The family of Tennessee Nixon McClellan (1858-1938), daughter of Robert Nixon (1826-1890). Pictured in DeKalb County about 1903. Left-right: Sheton McClellan, Thomas J. McClellan, Tenny (Nixon) McClellan holding Henson McClellan, Haskel McClellan. Back row, left-right: Charlie McClellan, Cora (McClellan) Denham, Purlie (McClellan) Smith, Roy McClellan, Laura (McClellan) Winnard.



The family of Billy Nixon (1861-1944), son of Robert Nixon (1826-1890). Pictured at the Nixon mill in DeKalb County about 1930's. Left - right: Billy Nixon, Calvin Vixon, Corbin Nixon, Alvin Nixon, Gladys Nixon, Grady Watson and child, Tommy Nixon, Sally Watson and child, Jewell Price, Hobart Nixon, Finis Nixon, John Henry Nixon, Matha Nixon, Faithy Nixon. Back row: Lee Nixon, Alfie Watson.