

ROBERT L. SCRUGGS STORY

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SMITH COUNTY

Robert L. Scruggs, a respected farmer of the Twenty-second District, was born in the Tenth District of Smith County in 1835. **He was one of four children born to James A. and Leona (Dillard) Scruggs.** The father was of Irish descent, born in Virginia in 1809. He came with his parents, when but a small child, to Tennessee. They located in Caney Fork, in the present Tenth District, where James was raised and educated. He was a farmer and mechanic; remained in the vicinity all his life. **He married a native of Smith County (mother of subject) who was born in 1812 and died in 1838, leaving two children. The father then married Louisa Mitchum, by whom he had ten children, three of whom are dead.** Mr. Scruggs died in 1882. The step-mother lives with her son, Rufus Lee. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools of his native county. When he attained his majority he left home, rented some land and entered upon his career as a farmer. At the outbreak of the late war he enlisted in the Confederate Army, Company C, Smith's Fourth Tennessee Cavalry at Carthage. He participated in the battles of Fishing Creek, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, and many minor engagements. He was captured on Salt River, Kentucky, in 1862, and held prisoner about thirty days, when he was exchanged at Vicksburg, Miss. He was wounded in the right arm and left hand at Murfreesboro, May, 1864, at New Hope, Ga., while Johnston was falling back to Atlanta, he received a shot to the left arm, which resulted in that member becoming two inches shorter. He was so severely disabled that he was unfit for further duties. He remained in the hospital until the close of the war. After his return home he again resumed his agricultural employments. In 1872 he bought 220 acres in the Twenty-second District, on Caney Fork. **In 1874 he wedded Delia A., daughter of William C. and Nancy (Williamson) Avant**, in DeKalb County, Tenn. Their family consists of six children: **Hattie, Orleana, William, Fanny, Pearl and John Fite.** Mr. Scruggs started life with nothing, although he received \$1,000 in Confederate money from his grandfather, at the beginning of the war. He has, by continued labor and enterprise, met with considerable success. He owns 250 acres in a good state of cultivation and well improved; also, in partnership with G. W. Cardwell, owns five miles of Lebanon Turnpike, and Trousdale Ferry. He is a stanch Democrat, first presidential vote being cast for James Buchanan in 1856. He is a member of Masonic order, Snow Creek Lodge, No. 346. Mr. and Mrs. Scruggs are earnest and respected members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DEATH CERTIFICATES:

NAME: **Hattie Scruggs**

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 Mar 1875

DATE OF DEATH: 30 Jun 1936

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

AGE:

SPOUSE:

CEMETERY: Public

FATHER: **Robt L. Scruggs**

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

MOTHER: **Delia Avant**

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

CERTIFICATE: 18133

COUNTY: Putnam NAME: **Mrs. Delia Scruggs**

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 Dec 1846

DATE OF DEATH: 19 Apr 1929 (*tombstone has d. 17 April 1929*)

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN
AGE:
SPOUSE:
CEMETERY: Gordonsville, TN
FATHER: **W. C. Avant**
PLACE OF BIRTH: TN
MOTHER: **Nancy Williams**
PLACE OF BIRTH: TN
CERTIFICATE: 11286
COUNTY: Putnam

SCRUGGS BURIED IN SMITH CO., TN

Gordonsville Cemetery: located at the city limits of Gordonsville on the Hickman Road on the west side.

Robert L. Scruggs – b. 1 February 1835, TN – d. 16 June 1922

Delia Avant Scruggs – b. 10 December 1846, TN – d. 17 April 1929, d/o William C. and Nancy (Williamson) Avant,

Hattie Scruggs – b. 23 March 1875 – d. 30 June 1936

Wm. A. Scruggs – b. 15 December 1878 – d. 17 September 1972

Gertie G. (Gibbs) Scruggs – b. 23 April 1888 – d. 22 July 1979

(SS Death Index: Name: **WILLIAM SCRUGGS** - Birth: 7 May 1928 – Death: Sep 1972 – Age: 93 – Last Residence: [Gordonsville, Smith, TN](#) 38563 - Last Benefit: (not specified) – SSN: 411-42-3851- Issued By: Tennessee).

Heflin Cemetery: located on the west side of Gordonsville-Lancaster Road, State Hwy. 141- go to the foot of Lancaster Hill, north side and turn west at Bowling Branch Church of God of Prophecy, go about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Cemetery is located on the south side of the road at the old Heflin house.

John A. Scruggs – b. 17 June 1878 – d. 21 August 1899

Maggie C. Scruggs – b. 2 April 1886 – d. 7 October 1899

Willie N. Scruggs – b. 25 March 1894 – d. 22 August 1896

Mary R. Scruggs – b. 28 December 1860 – d. 1 June 1896

Mai Scruggs – b. 25 June 1901 – d. 22 August 1902

Fannie Scruggs – b. 1874 – d. 1943

Susie E. Scruggs – b. 29 April 1910 – d. 25 September 1911

Andrew J. Scruggs – b. 1856 – d. 1940

VANDERPOOL'S BURIED IN PUTNAM CO., TN

Cookeville City Cemetery: located in Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

Etta M. Vanderpool Bush – b. 1 March 1886 – d. 29 March 1978 – md Frank Bush

Sand Springs Cemetery: located Putnam Co., TN

Bill Vanderpool – b. 7 July 1925 – d. 4 May 1976 (*SC U.S. Navy WWII*).

Whittaker Cemetery: located Monterey, TN

*Marshall Vanderpool – b. 12 January 1890 – d. 15 April 1967

*Lizzie E. Vanderpool – b. 24 April 1899 – d. 25 February 1985

Bill Vanderpool – b. 11 March 1947 – d. 11 March 1947 (*s/o Mr. & Mrs. Vanderpool*).

*Will J. Vanderpool – b. 13 April 1882 – d. 24 December 1955

*Millie Vanderpool – b. 29 October 1895

Catherine Vanderpool – b. 15 February 1933 – d. 15 February 1933 (*twins of Matthew*)

Talmadge Vanderpool - b. 15 February 1933 – d. 15 February 1933 (*twins of Matthew*)

ROCK SPRINGS CHURCH CEMETERY – Rock Springs, Putnam Co., TN

Denny, Martha Ann – b. 23 February 1884, TN – d. 27 March 1958

(Martha Anne Huddleston md Hugh Toi Denny. She is the d/o Henry Carr Huddleston & Tennie Sexton)

Denny, Hugh Toi – b. 16 May 1879, TN – d. 16 June 1972

(Hugh Toi Denny, s/o John Smith Denny & Nancy Henrietta Carlen)

Denny, William T. – b. 7 January 1872 – d. 13 January 1953

(William “Willie” Timothy Denny, s/o John Smith Denny & Nancy Henrietta Carlen)

Denny, Ada Scruggs – b. 1 August 1897, TN – d. 25 January 1925

(Ada Scruggs, d/o George W. Scruggs & Sallie Clark) (Wife of John Rankin Denny).

Denny, John Rankin – b. 3 January 1877, TN – d. 24 September 1952

(John Rankin Denny, s/o John Smith Denny & Nancy Henrietta Carlen)

Denny, George Harold – b. 8 July 1899, TN – d. 20 August 1956

(George Harold Denny, s/o John Rankin Denny & Ada Scruggs)

Denny, Emmerline “Emma” Lyon (Whitaker) - b. 2 November 1903, Wilder, TN – d. 16 March 1995, Cookeville, TN – *(Emma Lyon Whitaker, d/o William Whitaker & Paralee / Pearlu Vanderpool).*

Denny, Minnie – b. 18 February 1881, TN – d. 10 May 1957

(Minnie Mytle Denny, d/o Timothy Denny & Elizabeth “Hettie” Paul)

Denney, Helen Elizabeth (Denny) – b. 6 October 1919 – d. 26 December 2003 – *(Helen md 2nd Samuel McBride – Buried: Sparta, TN. Helen Denny, d/o Hugh Toi Denny & Martha Anne Huddleston).*

Denney, Robert James - b. 20 July 1914, Hickman, TN – d. 10 August 1988, Rock Springs, TN –

(Robert James Denney, s/o James Elbert Denney & Nannie Ellen Paris).

Huddleston, Alfred Dillard – b. 12 August 1893 – d. 29 August 1936

Maddux, Joe – b. 18 June 1883 – d. 22 December 1960

Maddux, Lena S. “Muddie” – b. 7 February 1877 – d. 8 March 1967 *(nee Scruggs).*

Medley, Beuna Vista – b. 26 April 1902, TN – d. 21 November 1982, Cookeville, TN

(Beuna Vista Denny, d/o John Rankin Denny & Ada Scruggs)

Medley, Eugene Eschol “Dock” Medley – b. 23 January 1898 – d. 19 August 1976

(Eugene “Dock” Medley, s/o William Riley Medley & 2nd wife, Ada “Ader” McCulley)

Family Notes: Emma Denny McGreagor:

Lena “Leener” Scruggs Maddux “Muddie” md Joe Maddux. Lived in Rock Springs, Putnam Co., TN

Joe Maddux – md Lena “Leener” Scruggs Maddux “Muddie”

Willard Maddux, s/o Joe Maddux & Lena “Leener” Scruggs “Muddie”

Delia Scruggs – mother of William, John, Kate, Hattie, Pearl Bea & Lena “Leener” Scruggs. Cared for by Lena Scruggs Maddux & Joe Maddux until she died.

William “Will” Scruggs – Lived in Gordonsville. Had children.

John Scruggs

Kate Scruggs md Cleve Fuqua. Lived in Nashville: Children: Juanita, Helen & W.C. Fuqua.

Hattie Scruggs was a cripple, never married lived with Lena “Leener” Scruggs Maddux.

Pearl Scruggs md Mr. Brown. Lived near Murfreesboro, TN. Place called Brown’s Chapel. Had children.

Grannie Denny’s side (Ada Scruggs, d/o George W. Scruggs & Sally Clark, d/o Isham Clark & Roxie Ann Dillard, she & Lena “Leener” “Muddie” Scruggs “Muddie” were 1st cousins. Their daddies were brothers, Pg. 8. *(Lena “Leener” “Muddie” Scruggs md Joe Maddux).*

Grannie Denny’s brother were Robert & Worth Scruggs, Douglas was the son of Worth Scruggs

Also on the Scruggs side which is Grannie Denny’s side, remember she and Muddie were first cousins, their daddies were brothers. **Muddie had two brothers William “Will” and John.** She had a sister

named Kate one named Hattie, one named Pearl, Bea, I think, and herself. **Grannie had two brothers Uncle Robert “Bob” and Uncle Worth.** Aunt Minnie and Aunt Melissa I know you have heard a lot about I think she died at about 18 years old she was never married. And some of the other girls died in their youth very young. **Uncle Worth** had two boys and two girls and he killed one of his own boys. Supposedly Douglas came in drunk and he killed him. All of Aunt Minnie’s children are now all dead. No, Aunt Merle is still living and Sally Marie and Brooks is dead. **Uncle Worth’s son named Wilson is in the nursing home somewhere in Knoxville I think.**

Emma wrote: After checking with my cousin, **Robert L. Scruggs** is my great great uncle. **Rufus Scruggs his brother was sheriff of Smith Co., TN.** Her father was named after Robert L. Scruggs who was the brother of her grandfather. 2004.

George Washington Scruggs – b. ca. 1848, s/o **James A. Scruggs** & md **Sallie Clark** – b. 2 March 1849, TN, d/o **Isham Clark & Roxie Ann Dillard**, d/o Williard Dillard, (s/o George Poss Dillard).

Children of George Washington Scruggs & Sallie Clark were:

Melissa Lee Scruggs “Aunt Melissa” – b. 15 August 1870, TN

Willie A. Scruggs – b. 9 February 1872, TN

Worth Scruggs “Uncle Worth” – b. 14 August 1875, TN – md Maggie Saxton

Ada Scruggs – b. 1 August 1877, TN – d. 25 June 1925 – 1st w/o **John Rankin Denny**, md 2 August 1898, Smith Co., TN, he md 2nd **Marena Norma Carr.**

Samuel B. Scruggs – b. 9 August 1880, TN

Minnie Leola Scruggs “Aunt Minnie” – b. 18 June 1884, Club Springs, Smith Co., TN – md 20 December 1909, Club Springs, Smith Co., TN, Snowden Jackson Fitzpatrick – b. 19 December 1885, Chestnut Mound, TN, s/o William Campbell Fitzpatrick & Celillie Jane Tubbs

Children: Sallie Marie, Brooks Scruggs & Lillie Muriel Fitzpatrick

Robert A. Scruggs – b. 25 September 1886, TN – md Edna Bellar – b. ca. 1890

Martha Buchanan – b. 31 December 1890, TN

(Ada Scruggs Denny - DC #329, 11th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Parents: George W. Scruggs & Sally Clark. Cause of Death: Chronic Valvular disease of heart, died at 2 a.m. True: John R. Denny, Buffalo Valley, TN. Attended by: Samuel Denton, M. D., Buffalo Valley, TN. Registrar: W. R. Medley).

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Letter to Emma McGreagor by Audrey J. (Denny) Lambert:

I started thinking about the Scruggs and looked on the internet and found some people discussing the Scruggs. This is what I found:

I think James Archibald Scruggs & Mary Safroni Scruggs were brother and sister.

Their parents were: Archibald Scruggs & Sarah Nunnally.

Mary Safroni/Sophroni “Susan” Scruggs b. ca. 1812 – d. 30 December 1877, Putnam Co., TN md 26 December 1832, Bedford, VA, Samuel Raulston Jared – b. 3 August 1807, Putnam, TN – d. 12 May 1883, Putnam Co., TN.

James Archibald Scruggs md 1st Leona Dillard and 2nd Louisa Mitchum.

According to the story on Robert L. Scruggs, James Archibald Scruggs had two children by his 1st wife and ten children by his 2nd wife. Robert L. Scruggs is probably the son of James Archibald Scruggs and his 1st wife Leona Dillard.

According to the story Robert L. Scruggs in 1874 wedded Delia A., daughter of William C. and Nancy (Williamson) Avant, in De Kalb County, Tenn. Their family consists of six children: Hattie, Orleana, William, Fanny, Pearl and John Fite.

In the 1840 census a A. Scruggs is listed with (1) 5 to 10 white male (1) 20 to 30 white male (1) 30 to 40 white male and (1) 50 to 60 white male - - (1) 5 to 10 white female (1) 20 to 30 white female and (1) 40 to 50 white female living in the household. This could be James Archibald Scruggs parents, Archibald Scruggs & his wife Sarah Nunnally. Archibald is probably the 50 to 60 white male recorded in the 1840 census and his wife is probably the 40 to 50 white female recorded in the 1840 census.

In the 1850 census living in Smith Co., TN, north of C&E of CF Rivers is James A. (*Archibald*) Scruggs, he is 42 yrs. old born in VA and md to *Louisa* "Eliza" A. (Mitchum), she is 29 yrs. old born in VA. Living in the household are: Robert L, 14, Wm. A. 8, Sarah F., 6, James P., 4, George W. (*Washington*) Scruggs, 3, Suffrona C. 2/12. All the children were born in TN. Robert L. and Wm. A. are in school.

Also living in the household is Sarah (Nunnally) Scruggs, 68 yrs. old born in VA, wife of Archibald Scruggs, parents of James Archibald Scruggs. This means that her husband Archibald is probably deceased.

In the 1860 census living in the 10th Civil Dist., Smith Co., TN is James (*Archibald*) Scruggs, he is 53 yrs old born in VA. James Archibald's personal value is \$300.00 and his occupation is a carpenter. He is md to *Louisa* "Eliza" A. (Mitchum), she is 41 yrs. old born in VA. Recorded are their children: Wm., 18, Sarah, 15, F.K.P., 13, George W., 11, Samuel, 8, Cynthia, 7, Martha, 6, Andrew J., 3, and Mary B., 1. All the children are born in TN. Their son Wm. Scruggs is recorded as a Laborer.

In the 1870 census living in the 10th Civil Dist., Smith Co., TN is James A. (*Archibald*) Scruggs, he is 62 yrs. old, born in VA, listed as a farmer, personal value \$400.00. He is md to *Louisa* "Eliza" A. (Mitchum), she is 50 yrs. old born in VA listed as a house keeper. Recorded are their children: Robert, 34, a farmer, personal value \$600.00, Martha, 15, Andrew, 12 & Virginia, 11. All the children are born in TN.

In the 1870 census George (*Washington*) Scruggs he is 22 yrs. old, born in TN, personal value \$400.00. He she is md to Sarah A. "Sallie" Clark, d/o Isham Clark & Roxie Ann Dillard. Sarah A. is 21 yrs. old, born in TN and is a house keeper.

In the 1880 census James Archibald Scruggs is 73 yrs. old md to Louisa "Eliza" Mitchum. Recorded are their children: Martha A., 24 yrs. old born in TN & Rufus Scruggs, 17 yrs. born in TN.

In the 1880 census Civil Dist. 22, Smith Co., TN is Robert L. Scruggs he is 45 yrs. old, born in TN md to Delia Avant, 32, d/o William C. and Nancy (Williamson) Avant. Recorded are their children: Hattie, 5, Orleania, 3, & James W. (*William*) Scruggs, 1 yrs. old. All the children were born in TN.

In the 1880 census Civil Dist. 10, Smith Co., TN is George (*Washington*) Scruggs he is 32 yrs old, born in TN md to Sallie Sarah A. "Sallie" Clark, d/o Isham Clark & Roxie Ann Dillard. Sarah A. is 31 yrs. old born in TN. Recorded are their children: Malissa, 9, Worth, 4 & Adah Scruggs, 2 yrs. old. Adah "Ada" Scruggs md John Rankin Denny & Worth Scruggs md Mary Saxton. George Washington Scruggs was farming and Sallie was keeping house.

In the 1880 census Civil Dist. 10, Smith Co., TN is Andrew Scruggs is 22 yrs. old born in TN, a farm laborer md to Mary F. She is 19 yrs. old born in TN, housekeeping. Recorded are their children: John A., 2 and V. Lee Scruggs, 3 months old both born in TN.

I have not found where George Washington Scruggs and Sallie (Clark) Scruggs are buried.

I do believe this proves your theories and you were right on the button!



Allison Connections
By Della Pat Franklin

Source: Allison Connections: 1988

5-7990: Naomi Florilla "Rilla" Huddleston, born 14 May 1827, (d/o Isaac Alexander Huddleston & Virginia Jane Allison) married William Asberry Ensor, 5 Nov. 1846. He was a son of Jonathan & Ruth (Jared) Ensor, born 4 March 1825. They made their home at the head of Ensor Hollow just below the Low Gap.

During the Civil War, this part of Tennessee was strongly Confederate. William Asbury Ensor organized a company of men- Company G – 84th Regiment, under Col. G.S. Stanton, under Captain William Ashbury Ensor, 35 friends and neighbors rallied to the "cause".

He died 12 May 1901. She died 22 Sept. 1901. They were buried in an old cemetery on Hwy. 70 W. called Huddleston Cemetery. She had eight children:

6-7999: Jonathan Lasley Ensor, born 6 Dec. 1847, married Sarah F. Evans, 20 March 1867.

6-8000: Isaac Monroe Ensor: born 18 Jan. 1850. Died 10 Aug. 1854.

6-8001: Virginia Carr Ensor: born Dec. 1853. Died 14 Aug. 1854.

6-8002: Lorenzo Dow Jared Ensor: born 3 Nov. 1855, married Alice Viola Kelly, 15 Jan. 1885.

6-8003: Louvenia Jane Ensor, born 6 May 1859, married Frank Ballard.

6-8004: Emily Avo "Emma" Ensor, born 6 May 1859, married Martin Henry Leftwich, 19 Feb. 1880.

6-8005: Tennessee Frances Ensor, born 23 Jan. 1866, married Lewis Temple "Luke" Leftwich, 17 Sept. 1882.

6-8006: William Wirt Ensor, born 23 Oct. 1868, married Moncie Lee Amonett, 27 Nov. 1890.

6-8006: William Wirt Ensor, born 23 Oct. 1869 (s/o William Asberry Ensor & Naomi Florilla Huddleston) married Monsie Lee Amonett, 27 Nov. 1890. They made their home with his parents at the head of Ensor Valley. They were loyal members of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. He taught singing schools in different communities. She died 26 Nov. 1908. He died 21 Oct. 1909. He had four children.

7-8059: **Charles Bradley "Charlie B." Ensor**, born 21 Sept. 1891, married **Pearl Huddleston**, 12 March 1916.

7-8060: Virginia Elizabeth "Jennie" Ensor, born 4 Feb. 1894, married Alexander Monroe "Alex" Burton, 8 Sept. 1913.

7-8061: William Dow Ensor, born 17 March 1896, married Amy Peek, 12 Feb. 1922, Putnam Co., TN. She was a daughter of James Burr & Mary Cordelia (West) Peek. They had one child who was born and died in 1922. Amy died soon after. Buried in Salem Cemetery. He later married Lena Waters in CA. No children.

7-8062: Zora Lee Ensor, born 12 Aug. 1899, married Wayne H. McDonald, 26 May 1918.

7-8062: Zora Lee Ensor, born 12 Aug. 1899 (d/o William Wirt Ensor & Naomi Florilla "Rilla" Huddleston) married Wayne H. McDonald, 26 May 1918. He was a son of Rev. James Porter & Betty (Ferrell) McDonald II. She lives in Carthage, TN. She has four children.

8-8533: **Douglas Hogan McDonald**, born 18 April 1919, married **Hulda Scruggs**, 22 July 1942. **Daughter of William A. & Gertie (Gibbs) Scruggs**, born 7 June 1922, Gordonsville, TN. He died 27 Dec. 1982. Buried in Portland, TN. He had two children:

9-8537: **Brenda Lynn McDonald**, born 22 Aug. 1946, married Ronald Holmes, 28 Dec. 1964. Son of Robert & Helen (Roe) Holmes, born 17 Aug. 1944. She has three children:

9-8543: James Ronald Holmes, born 20 Nov 1965

9-8544: Michael Douglas Holmes, born 8 Sept. 1969

9-8545: Stephen Dale Homes, born 8 Sept. 1969, twin of above.

9-8538: **Thomas Ensor McDonald**, born 29 Aug. 1949. Killed in a motorcycle accident, 23 Oct. 1975 in Florida. Unmarried.

8-8534: Ruby C. McDonald, born 29 June 1922, married Jasper Maggart, 2 Feb 1946, son of Ezra N. & Verna (Massey) Maggart. She has one son;

9-8539: Jere Neal Maggart, born 15 April 1957, unmarried.
 8-8535: Cordell Hull McDonald, born 19 Feb. 1927, married Lois McCall, 29 Jan. 1947, daughter of Davie & Amy (Maney) McCall, born 25 Aug 1927. he had two children:
 9-8540: Marilyn McDonald, born 4 March 1953, married Steve Wilmore.
 9-8541: David Wayne McDonald, born 26 Oct. 1955, married ? He has one child:
 10-8546: Corey DeWayne McDonald, born 30 March 1982
 8-8536: Betty Sue McDonald, born 1 June 1934, married Charles Robinson, 21 Dec. 1951, son of Verstle & Ruby Robinson. She has one son.
 9-8542: Stanley Robinson, born 24 Feb. 1955, married Terri Linville, 8 Aug. 1973. Divorced. One child.
 10-8547: Carla Lynn Robinson, born 14 April 1979.

Charles "Charlie" Bradley Ensor – b. 21 September 1891
 d. 13 December 1972 – md 12 March 1916, **Pearl J. Huddleston**
 b. 21 May 1892 – d. 17 January 1981- d/o Mary Elizabeth
 "Bettie" Huddleston – b. 7 November 1874 – d. 7 October 1958
 Mary buried: Jared-Huddleston Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN
 & Joseph Shaw Carr moved to Texas.
 *See Family Sheet of Isaac Alexander Huddleston –
 Byrum Frank Huddleston & Ruth Jared.
 Both Buried: +Crestlawn Memorial Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN
 ...**Maurine Ensor** – b. 30 January 1917, Gentry, TN –
 md 29 January 1943, **Robert Denton Patton** - Salesman
 b. 15 March 1917 – d. 22 January 2000, Cookeville, TN
 Staff Sgt. US Army, 345th Quartermaster Depot Supply,
 WWII - s/o Chester Patton & Lola Mae Quarles
 Robert Buried: +Crestlawn Memorial Cemetery, Putnam Co.,
 TN – Taught home economics in the Cookeville Schools.
 Maurine is a genealogist – Descendant of William Jared
 & his brother Joseph Jared both Rev'l War soldiers.
 She compiled & published the book
 Putnam County Tennessee Cemeteries.
 Maurine lives in Cookeville, TN.
 ...Charles Eugene Ensor – md Reba Nell Young
 ...Eleanor Ensor – md Clarence T. Huddleston



Maurine Ensor Patton
 On the faculty of Cookeville
 Central High School
 1946.



William Wirt Ensor & wife
 Monsie Amonett Ensor & son,
 Charlie B. Ensor.
 Picture courtesy of Maurine
 Ensor Patton

CENSUS RECORDS:

Census Place: 1820 Smith Co., TN

Pg#85 Line: 1749

Archibald Scruggs

Free White Males:

0 to 10 (1) 10 to 16 (2) 26 to 45 (1)

Free White Females:

0 to 10 (3) 26 to 45 (1)

Census Place: 1830 Smith Co., TN

PG# 108 Line: 23

James Scruggs

Free White Males:

15 to 20 (1) 20 to 30 (1)

Free White Females:

0 to 5 (1) 20 to 30 (1) 60 to 70 (1)

Census Place: 1840 Smith Co., TN

PG#283 Line: 1

A. Scruggs

Free White Males:

5 to 10 (1) 20 to 30 (1) 30 to 40 (1) 50 to 60 (1)

Free White Females:

5 to 10 (1) 20 to 30 (1) 40 to 50 (1)

Census Place: 1850 N. of Caney Fork & E. of Caney Fork Rivers: Reel No. M432-896

Line: 6 Dwl: 401

Scruggs, James A. Head M W 42 VA

Scruggs, Eliza A. F W 29 VA

Scruggs, Robert L. M W 14 TN

Scruggs, William A. M W 8 TN

Scruggs, Sarah F. F W 6 TN

Scruggs, James P M W 4 TN

Scruggs, Suffrona C. F W 2/12 TN

Scruggs, George M W 3 TN

Scruggs, Sarah F W 68 VA

Census Place: 1860 Dist. 10, Smith Co., TN Reel No. M653-127 Page No: 343A

Line: 27 Dwl: 890

Scruggs, James W M 53 Carpenter (Value of personal estate, 300) VA

Scruggs, Eliza F W 41 VA

Scruggs, William M W 18 Laborer TN

Scruggs, Sarah F W 15 TN

Scruggs, F. K. P. M W 13 TN

Scruggs, George W. M W 11 TN

Scruggs, Samuel M W 8 TN

Scruggs, Cynthia F W 7 TN

Scruggs, Martha F W 6 TN

Scruggs, Andrew J. M W 3 TN

Scruggs, Mary B. F W 1 TN

Census Place: 1870 Dist. 10, Smith Co., TN Reel No: M593-156 Page No: 107B

Line: 19 Dwl: 27

Scruggs, J. A. M W 62 Farmer (Value of personal estate 400) Farmer VA

Scruggs, Eliza A. F W 50 House Keeper VA

Scruggs, Robert M W 34 Farmer (Value of personal estate, 400) TN

Scruggs, Martha F W 15 At Home TN

Scruggs, Andrew M W 12 At Home TN

Scruggs, Virginia F W 11 At Home TN

Census Place: 1870 Dist. 10, Smith Co., TN Reel No: M593-156 Page No: 111B

Line: 11 Dwl: 86

Scruggs, George M W 22 (Value of personal estate 400) Farmer TN

Scruggs, Sarah A. F W 21 House Keeper TN

Census Place: 1880 Civil District 10, Smith Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 96 Family 96 Line: 2

Source: FHL Film 1255280 National Archives Film T9-1280 Page 107C

Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
George	SCRUGGS	Self	M	M	W 32 TN

Occ: Farming Fa: VA Mo: VA

(George Washington Scruggs)

Sallie SCRUGGS Wife F M W 31 TN
 Occ: Keeping House Fa: TN Mo: TN
Malissa SCRUGGS Dau F S W 9 TN
 Fa: TN Mo: TN
Worth SCRUGGS Son M S W 4 TN
 Fa: TN Mo: TN
 (*Worth Scruggs md Mary Saxton*)
Adah SCRUGGS Dau F S W 2 TN
 Fa: TN Mo: TN
 (*1st w/o John Rankin Denny, he md 2nd Marena Norma Carr*)

Census Place: 1880 Civil District 10, Smith Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255280 National Archives Film T9-1280 Page 112A
 Relation Sex Marr Race Age Birthplace
James SCRUGGS Self M M W 73 VA
 Occ: Farming Fa: VA Mo: VA
Eliza A. SCRUGGS Wife F M W 59 VA
 Occ: Keeps House Fa: VA Mo: VA
Martha A. SCRUGGS Dau F S W 24 TN
 Fa: VA Mo: VA
Rufus L. SCRUGGS Son M S W 17 TN
 Occ: Works On Farm Fa: VA Mo: VA

Census Place: 1880 Civil District 22, Smith Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255280 National Archives Film T9-1280 Page 104B
 Relation Sex Marr Race Age Birthplace
Robert L. SCRUGG Self M M W 45 TN
 Occ: Farming Fa: VA Mo: TN
Delia SCRUGG Wife F M W 32 TN
 Occ: Keeping House Fa: TN Mo: TN
Hattie SCRUGG Dau F S W 5 TN
 Fa: TN Mo: TN
Orlinia SCRUGG Dau F S W 3 TN
 Fa: TN Mo: TN
James W. SCRUGG Son M S W 1 TN
 Fa: TN Mo: TN

Census Place: 1900 District 1, Smith Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 130

Rufus L. Scruggs Head W M May 1864 (16 yrs. md) TN VA VA Sheriff
Callie Scruggs Wife F W September 1870 TN TN TN
William O. Scruggs Son M W July 1886 TN TN TN
James B. Scruggs Son M W June 1888 TN TN TN
Bessie L. Scruggs Dau. F W June 1898 TN TN TN
V. Scruggs Dau. F W March 1892 TN TN TN
M. Scruggs Dau F W September 1895 TN TN TN
Rilla Scruggs Dau F W June 1898 TN TN TN
Carrie Scruggs Dau F W October 1899 TN TN TN
Fannie Scruggs Dau F W October 1899 TN TN TN

Census Place: 1900 District 10, Smith Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 90 Family: 90

George Scruggs Head M W 52 June 1848 (31 yrs. md) TN VA VA Farmer (*George Washington Scruggs*)
Sallie Scruggs Wife F W 51 March 1849 TN TN TN
Lee Scruggs Dau. F W August 1870 TN TN TN (*Malissa Scruggs*)
Scruggs Son M W August 1875 TN TN TN (*Worth Scruggs*)

Scruggs Son M W August ? TN TN TN

US Census: 1900 – Civil Dist. 10 – Smith Co., TN

**Note: The census record for George Washington Scruggs: He is living in the 10th Civil Dist. Of Smith Co., TN – Dwl:90, Family:90 Line: 92. The original census is very difficult to read because someone put tape on the record and therefore over age the tape has obstructed the image. All I can read is the name of head of household, George Scruggs and his wife Sallie.*

Scruggs, George Head June 1848 Married (# of yrs. married, 31) TN VA VA

Scruggs, Sallie Wife March 1849 Married (# of yrs. married, 31) (9 children born, 7 children living)
TN TN TN

Scruggs, Melissa Lee August 1870

The rest of the family members names are covered by the tape some of the birth dates are they but hard to read. First child listed is a daughter born August 1870.

Census Place: 1900 District 22, Smith Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 26 Family: 28

Robert Scruggs Head February 1835 Married (25 yrs. md) Farmer TN TN TN

Adelia Scruggs Wife F W December 1847 Married (8 children born, 7 children living) TN VA TN

Hattie Scruggs Dau. F W March 1875 Single TN TN TN

Lena Scruggs Dau. F W February 1877 Single TN TN TN

(Orleana “Lena” “Muddie” Scruggs md Joe “Jodie” Maddux Cowen/Cowan)

William Scruggs Son M W September 1878 Single TN TN TN

Fanny Scruggs Dau. F W September 1880 Single TN TN TN

Pearl Scruggs Dau. F W January 1884 Single TN TN TN

John F. Scruggs Son M W August 1886 Single TN TN TN

Kate Scruggs Dau. F W August 1886 Single TN TN TN

Census Place: District 11, 1900 Putnam Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 96 – Family 96

Denny, John R. Head W M 23 January 1877 Married (# of yrs. married, 1) Farmer TN TN TN

(John Rankin Denny, s/o John Smith Denny & Nancy Henrietta Carlen)

Denny, Ada Wife W F 22 August 1877 Married (# of yrs. married, 1) (1 child born, 1 child living)

TN TN TN *(Ada Scruggs, d/o George Washington Scruggs & Sally Clark)*

Denny, Herrel Son W M July 1899 – 10/12 Single TN TN TN

US Census: 1910 – Civil Dist. 10, Main Street – Smith Co., TN

Dwl: 97 Family: 98

Scruggs, Rufus Head 45 M W Widow General Laborer TN TN TN

Scruggs, James B. Son 22 M W RR Single Office *(Rail Road Office)* TN TN TN

Scruggs, Bessie Dau 20 F W Single Telephone Office TN TN TN

Scruggs, Verna Dau 18 F W Single Telephone Office TN TN TN

Scruggs, M? Dau 15 F W Single TN TN TN

Scruggs, Rilla Dau 12 F W Single TN TN TN

Scruggs, Ruby Dau 10 F W Single TN TN TN

Scruggs, Robbie Dau 10 F W Single TN TN TN

US Census: 1910 – Civil Dist. 10 – Smith Co., TN

Dwl: 53 Family: 54 Image: 129-04agif: Smith Co. TN website: Line: 1

Scruggs, G.W. Head 61 Married 1 (# of yrs. married, 40) Farmer TN VA VA

(George Washington Scruggs)

Scruggs, Sallie Wife 61 Married 1 (# of yrs. married, 40) *(Sallie Clark)*

(9 children born, 5 children living) TN TN TN

Scruggs, Lissie Dau 34? Single TN VA TN

Scruggs, R.L. Son 23 Single Farm Laborer – Home Farm TN VA TN *(Robert L. Scruggs)*

US Census 1910 –Civil Dist. 11 – Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 142 – Family: 142 – 1910 Dist. 11

Denny, John R. (John Rankin) Head M W 33 Married (# of yrs. married 11) Farmer –
General Farm TN TN TN

Ada (Scruggs) Wife F W 32 Married (# of yrs. married 11) 6-6 (6 children born, 6 children living)
TN TN TN

Harold Son M W 10 Single Student TN TN TN (*George Harold Denny md Emma Lyon Whitaker*)

Lotis B. (Gladys Beatrice) Dau. F W 9 Single Student TN TN TN

(*Gladys Beatrice Denny md William “Wil” Bradley Alcorn*)

Buna V. Dau. F W 8 Single Student TN TN TN

(*Buena Vista Denny md Eugene Eschol “Dock” Medley*)

Lloyd D. Son M W 7 Single Student TN TN TN (*Lloyd Denton Denny md Verta Mae Medley*)

Dimple S. Dau. F W 4 Single TN TN TN (*Dimple S. Denny md William Claude Garrison*)

Tamer S. Son M W 2 Single TN TN TN (*Tamer Jones Denny md Clara Nell Ashburn*)

Census Place: 1910 District 10, Smith Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 53

G.W. Scruggs Head 61 (1st marriage, 40 yrs. md) TN VA VA Farmer

Sallie Scruggs Wife 61 (1st marriage) TN TN TN

Lissie Scruggs Dau. 34 TN TN TN

R. L. Scruggs Son 23 TN TN TN

US Census 1910 –Civil Dist. 11 – Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 142 – Family: 142 – 1910 Dist. 11

Denny, John R. (John Rankin) Head M W 33 Married (# of yrs. married 11) Farmer – General Farm TN
TN TN

Ada (Scruggs) Wife F W 32 Married (# of yrs. married 11) 6-6 (6 children born, 6 children living) TN TN
TN

Harold Son M W 10 Single Student TN TN TN (*George Harold Denny md Emma Lyon Whitaker*)

Lotis B. (Gladys Beatrice) Dau. F W 9 Single Student TN TN TN (*Gladys Beatrice Denny md William*

“Wil” Bradley Alcorn)

Buna V. Dau. F W 8 Single Student TN TN TN (*Buena Vista Denny md Eugene Eschol “Dock” Medley*)

Lloyd D. Son M W 7 Single Student TN TN TN (*Lloyd Denton Denny md Verta Mae Medley*)

Dimple S. Dau. F W 4 Single TN TN TN (*Dimple S. Denny md William Claude Garrison*)

Tamer S. Son M W 2 Single TN TN TN (*Tamer Jones Denny md Clara Nell Ashburn*)

Census Place: 1920 District 11, Smith Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 250

George W. Scruggs Head W M 71 Married TN TN TN Farmer (*George Washington Scruggs*)

Sallie Scruggs Wife W F 70 Married TN TN TN (*Sallie Clark*)

Robert L. Scruggs Son W M 30 TN TN TN

Cynthia Boulton Servant F W 66 Widow TN TN TN Servant

Census Place: 1920 District 22, Smith Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 34

Will Scruggs Head W M 41 TN TN TN (*William “Will” A. Scruggs*)

G. Scruggs Wife F W 31 TN TN TN (*Gertie G. Scruggs*)

Census Place: 1920 District 22, Smith Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 36

Robert L. Scruggs Head W M 84 TN VA TN Farmer

Delia Scruggs Wife F W 74 TN TN TN

Hallie Scruggs Dau. F W 44 TN TN TN

US Census: 1920 – Civil Dist. 11 – Putnam Co., TN

Line: 27 Dwl: 163 Family: 164

Maddux, Joe Head Own Home 37 M W Married Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

Maddux, Lena Wife 46 F W Married TN TN TN

(*Orleana “Lena” “Muddie” Scruggs md Joe “Jodie” Maddux Cowen/Cowan*)

Maddux, Willard Son 14 M W Single TN TN TN (*Willard Maddux md Mildred*).

Whittaker, Ermma Servant F W 17 Single Servant Private

Home TN TN TN

(*Emmerline “Emma” Lyon Whitaker md George Harold Denny*).

US Census: 1920 – Civil Dist. 11 – Putnam Co., TN

Line: 42 Dwl: 166 Family: 167

Denny, John Head 43 M W Married Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

(*John Rankin Denny, s/o John Smith Denny & Nancy Henrietta Carlen*)

Denny, Ada Wife 42 F W Married TN TN TN

(*Ada Scruggs, d/o George Washington Scruggs & Sally Clark*)

Denny, Harold Son 20 M W Single Salesman General Store TN TN TN

(*George Harold Denny md Emma Lyon Whitaker*)

Denny, Gladys Dau 19 F W Single Cashier Bank TN TN TN

(*Gladys Beatrice Denny md Will Bradley Alcorn*)

Denny, Buena Dau 18 F W Single TN TN TN (*Buena Vista Denny md Eugene Eschol “Dock” Medley*)

Denny, Lloyd Son 16 M W Single TN TN TN (*Lloyd Denton Denny md Verta Mae Medley*)

Denny, Dimple Dau 14 F W Single TN TN TN (*Dimple S. Denny md William Claude Garrison*)

Denny, Tamer Son M W 12 Single TN TN TN (*Tamer Jones Denny md Clara Nell Ashburn*)

Census Place: 1930 District 22, Smith Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 1 Line: 1

Will Scruggs Head M W 51 (24 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN Farmer

Gertie Scruggs Wife R W 41 (17 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN

Hulda Scruggs Dau. F W 7 TN TN TN

William K. Scruggs Son M W 3 TN TN TN

Census Place: 1930 District 22, Smith Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 2 Line: 5

John Scruggs Head M W 42 (22 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN Farmer

Freda Scruggs Wife F W 38 (17 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN

Ida Lee Scruggs Dau. F W 5 TN TN TN

Joseph Scruggs Son M W 2 TN TN TN

US Census 1930 – Civil Dist. 10 – Smith Co., TN

Dwl: 43 Family: 43 Line: 84

Scruggs, Bob A. Head 42 M W Farmer Married (32 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN (*Robert A. Scruggs*)

Scruggs, Edna Wife 37 F W Married (27 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN (*Edna Bellar*)

Scruggs, Dorris L. Dau 9 F W Single TN TN TN

Scruggs, John Son 7 M W Single TN TN TN

Scruggs, Willodean Dau 3 8/12 F W Single TN TN TN

US Census 1930 – Civil Dist. 11 – Putnam Co., TN

Line: 69 Dwl: 36 Family: 36

Denny, Harold Head Rents Home 31 M W Married (23 yrs. old 1st marriage) Live Stock TN TN TN

(*George Harold Denny*)

Denny, Emma Wife 25 F W Married (17 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN (*Emma Lyon Whitaker*)

Denny, Emma Doyne 7 F W Dau. Single TN TN TN

(*Emma Doyne Denny md 1st Vernice Jasper Thomas Ragsdale - md 2nd Vincent Lopolo - md 3rd Gurnery Miller - md 4th James McGregor.*)

Denny, Robert Ray Son 5 M W TN TN TN (*Robert Ray Denny Sr. md Joyce McConnell*)
Denny, Jean Dau. 3 F W Single TN TN TN (*Buena Jean Denny*)
Denny, Harold D. Son 1 9/12 M W Single TN TN TN (*Harold Denton Denny md Lois Guess*)

US Census 1930 –Civil Dist. 11 – Putnam Co., TN

Line: 93 Dwl: 21 Family: 21

Denny, John R. Head M W 53 Married (21 yrs. old married) Farmer Tobacco Crop TN TN TN
(*John Rankin Denny, s/o John Smith Denny & Nancy Henrietta Carlen*)
Denny, Marena Wife F W 27 Married (23 yrs. old married) TN TN TN
(*2nd w/o John Rankin Denny, Marena Norma Carr, d/o Elija P. Carr & Delia McCully*)
Denny, Tammer Son M W 22 Mail Carrier – Rural Route TN TN TN
(*Tamer Jones “Buck” Denny md Clara Nell Ashburn*)

Joe Maddux – b. 18 June 1883, TN – d. 22 December 1960

Lena “Leener” Scruggs Maddux – b. 7 February 1877, TN – d. 8 March 1967

Both Buried: Rock Springs Church Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

General Bradley Maddux (Civil War) **Mary McClarin Cowan Maddux.** Mary is Joe Maddux’s mother. Bradley is the man who raised him. (Mary and Bradley changed Joe’s name to Maddux. Joe’s last name was Cowan.

US Census 1910 –Civil Dist. 11 – Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 130 Family: 130

Maddux, Hew B. Head M W 55 Married (# of yrs. married, 20) Farm Laborer TN TN TN
(*Hugh Brady Maddux, s/o Thomas J. Maddux & Elizabeth J. Garratt*).
Maddux, Mary J. Wife F W 54 (# of yrs. married, 20) (5 children born, 5 children living) TN TN TN
Maddux, Mai N. Dau. F W 14 Single Student TN TN TN
Maddux, Jo Step Son M W 26 Married (# of yrs. married, 7) Stock Trader TN TN TN
Maddux, Leener Step Daughter-in-Law 33 (# of yrs. married, 7) TN TN TN
Maddux, Willard Grandson M W 3 Single TN TN TN

US Census: 1920 – Civil Dist. 11 – Putnam Co., TN

Line: 27 Dwl: 163 Family: 164

Maddux, Joe Head Own Home 37 M W Married Farmer General Farm TN TN TN
Maddux, Lena Wife 46 F W Married TN TN TN
Maddux, Willard Son 14 M W Single TN TN TN (*Willard Maddux md Mildred*).
Whittaker, Ermma Servant F W 17 Single Servant Private Home TN TN TN
(*Emmerline “Emma” Lyon Whitaker md George Harold Denny*).

1910 Census 6th Civil Dist., Trousdale, TN

Dwl: 150 – Line: 73 – Hunless Point & Hartsville Rd.

SEXTON, LEMIEL F. Head M W 49 Married1 (27 yrs. married) TN TN TN Farmer General Farm
SEXTON, HESTER A. Wife F W 51 Married1 (27 yrs. married), (2 children born, 2 children living) TN TN TN Laborer Home Farm
SCRUGGS, WORTH Head M W 34 Married1(4 yrs. married) TN TN TN Works Home Farm
SCRUGGS, MAGGIE Wife F W 27 Married1(4 yrs. married), (2 children born, 2 children living) TN TN TN Laborer Home Farm
SCRUGGS, DOUGLAS Son M W 3 Single TN TN TN
SCRUGGS, EURA Dau. F W 1 Single TN TN TN
SADDLER, CYNTHA Grandmother F W 78 Single TN TN TN

1920 Census 6th Civil Dist., Trousdale, TN

Dwl: 56 Line: 29

SEXTON, LEM F. Head M W 59 Married TN TN TN Farmer
SEXTON, HESTER Wife F W 60 Married TN TN TN

SADDLER, CYNTHIA Mother-In-Law F W 87 Widow TN TN TN
SCRUGGS, WORTH A. Son M W 44 Married TN TN TN Farmer
SCRUGGS, MAGGIE Daughter-In-Law F W 36 Married TN TN TN
SCRUGGS, DOUGLAS Grandson M W 12 Single TN TN TN
SCRUGGS, EURA NELL (sp) Granddaughter F W 10 TN TN TN
SCRUGGS, WILSON Grandson M W 6 Single TN TN TN
SCRUGGS, Jewell Granddaughter F W 2 11/12 TN TN TN

TENNESSEE DEATH RECORDS DATABASE

DECEASED/POB	DOB/DOD	FATHER/POB	MOTHER/POB	SPOUSE/CEM	SOURCE
Hattie Scruggs TN	b. 23 Mar 1875 d. 30 Jun 1936	Robt L. Scruggs TN	Delia Avant TN	----- Public	Putnam #18133
Mrs. Delia Scruggs TN	b. 10 Dec 1846 d. 19 Apr 1929	W. C. Avant TN	Nancy Williams TN	----- Gordonsville, TN	Putnam #11286

Source: Carthage – Smith County, TN Newspapers, Vol. 2: 1808 – 1817 & 1913 – 08 June 1916,
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Pg. 97: Carthage Courier, 15 January 1915: THERE ARE 109 SURVIVING SOLDIERS IN SMITH COUNTY – In this issue of the Courier will be found a list of all Confederate soldiers who are now living in Smith County. The Courier is under many obligations to Mr. Titus Sampson of this city who spent many days in securing the names and tabulating the list. The list shows there are 109 of those surviving who wore the gray during the struggling of the sixties. Mr. Sampson enlisted in the Confederate Army about the beginning of the Civil War and served the four years, being captured just seven days before the surrender was made at Appomattox Court House, April 9, 1865. He was placed in prison at Ft. Delaware where he remained until the 11th day of June following, at which time he was released by the Federals and permitted to return to his Tennessee home.....(continuing to pg. 100) SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT: **R. L. Scruggs, Sr., 80 yrs. old.**

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