

THE JOHNSON FAMILY IN PUTNAM COUNTY TENNESSEE (#443)

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Pgs. 152 & 153: The Johnson family came to Putnam/White County area shortly after 1800 when Samuel Joseph Johnson (b. 1781- d. 1843) and his wife Winnie Norton (b. 1777 – d. 1865) were granted a Revolutionary War land grant along the Calfkiller River which is now the 4th Civil District of Putnam County. Winnie Norton's father, William Norton served in the Revolutionary War in North Carolina. Samuel and Winnie are buried in the Johnson Cemetery at Johnson's Baptist Church located in the 4th District of Putnam County. They had 10 children, one was William Carroll Johnson (b. 1815 – d. 1898) born in White County, TN.

Marriage records of White County show that William Carroll was married to Mary Ann Carmichael (b. 1820-d. 1883) on December 31, 1838 by David Snodgrass, esquire. He was married to his second wife, Martha James, some years after the death of his first wife.

He was a member of the White County Court between 1848 and 1856. Part of Putnam County was taken from White County and William Carroll Johnson was a member of the first Quarterly Court of Putnam County.

William Carroll Johnson moved from Putnam County to the 8th district of DeKalb County about 1865. He lived near the Caney Fork River on a farm joining that of his father-in-law, John H. Carmichael. William Carroll and Mary Ann had 8 children, and William had one son by his second wife.

Of William and Mary Ann's children, one was Thomas Stone Johnson (b. 1852-d. 1927). Thomas Stone Johnson married Virginia Ellen Leftwich (b. 1859 – d. 1934) on 20 January 1876. Thomas and Virginia are buried at Smellage Cemetery. Children of Thomas Johnson & Virginia Leftwich were : William Louis Johnson, Sr. (b. 1876 – d. 1969); Martha Louetta (b. 1878 – d. 1959); Samuel Stadler (b. 1880 – d. 1882); Solon Madison (b. 1882 – d. 1966); and Thomas Alfred Johnson (b. 1885- 1965).

William Louis Johnson, Sr. was born near Buffalo Valley, Tennessee on November 8, 1876 and died at Baxter, Tennessee March 17, 1969. Until about age 30 he farmed and worked in lumber and rafting. After he married, he started a nursery business and developed it into the largest nursery in Putnam County.

He was married 4 May 1907 to Mary Lula Johnson born 23 April 1880 at Dug Hill on Calfkiller River. Mary Lula died on August 22, 1946. Both are buried at Oddfellows Cemetery in Baxter.

Mary Lula Johnson's family lived Cumberland County, and she graduated from Pleasant Hill Academy where she met her future husband. She taught school in Cumberland and Putnam counties for about 8 years. She was the daughter of Washington Jefferson Johnson (b. 1852 – d. 1928) and Amanda Ann Morrow (b. 1859 – d. 1923). Washington Jefferson was a son of Samuel Joseph Johnson, Jr. (b. 1809 – d. 1872) and Mary Hargis (b. 1811 – d. 1891). Samuel Joseph Johnson, Jr. was also a son of Samuel Joseph Johnson, Sr. and Winnie Norton. Mary Lula and William Louis Johnson, Sr. had 8 children: William Louis, Florence Virginia, Bernice Love (b. 1912 – 1955), John Thomas, Willard Woodrow, and Thurman Harold.

Dr. William Louis Johnson, Jr. (b. 1908 – d. 2003) born near Buffalo Valley in Putnam County. He married Virginia Wilcox in 1931. Dr. Johnson was Dean of the College of Business Administration at Tennessee Tech. Louis Johnson, Jr. is buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery in Cookeville. Florence Virginia Johnson (b. 1910 – d. 1987) married Kemper Martin (b. 1907 – d. 1983). Florence and Kemper are buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery in Cookeville. Hubert Vernon Johnson (b. 1914-d. 1974) was a German prisoner of war in WWII and retired from the US Army as a Lt. Col. William Louis Johnson, Sr. and Mary Lula's youngest son Thurman Harold Johnson (b. 1924 – d. 1944) was killed in WWII. Hubert, Elizabeth and Harold are buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Baxter.

William Louis and Mary Lula's other two sons John Thomas (J. T.) Johnson, Sr. (b. 1919 – d. 1990) and Willard Woodrow Johnson (b. 1923 – living) also served in WWII. After the war, the brothers began a successful wholesale nursery in Baxter. J. T. Johnson first married Frances Eudora Maddux (b. 1920 – d. 1942). J. T.'s second wife and mother to his four children is Mary Jo Law. William Johns, Sr. (Chuck), married Sarah Frances Stout in 1966. Chuck and Sarah own the Johnson Nursery & Garden Center on East Spring Street in Cookeville. Chuck and Sarah's daughter, Jennifer, is married to Dr. John Perry Little. They reside in Knoxville with their three children: John Grant Little, Matthew Charles Little, and Sarah Frances Little.

Chuck and Sarah's two sons, Charles Willard Johnson, Jr. (Charlie) and David Jefferson Johnson, are now partners in the Garden Center and 4th generation nurserymen in Putnam County.

Charlie and David's children represent the 8th generation of Johnsons living in Putnam County. Charlie married Rebecca Ashburn, and their children are Leah Heather and Foster Charles Johnson. David married Susan Ayers and their children are Anna Elizabeth, Emma Caroline and William Washington (Will) Johnson.

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Picture made in Spring 1899. Front row, left to right: Thomas Stone Johnson, Virginia Leftwich Johnson, Kizzie Johnson and James A Phillips. Back row, left to right: Solon Madison Johnson, Tommy Alfred Johnson, William Louis Johnson, Monroe Johnson, Samuel Johnson, Etta Johnson Phillips.

Note: Kizzie Monroe, and Samuel were children of Columbus C. Johnson, brother of Thomas Stone Johnson. (Those in picture identified by Dr. William Louis Johnson, Jr. whose father and grandfather are in the picture). Courtesy of Mrs. Dero Brown. **Source:** Pictorial History of Putnam County, Tennessee by First American Bank, Cookeville, TN, pg. 100.

SAMUEL JOHNSON AND WINNEY NORTON (#445)

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Pgs. 153 & 154 - Samuel Johnson was born 12 March 1781 and died 11 July 1843. He was born in Virginia and moved to North Carolina at an early age.

Winnie Norton was born in North Carolina in 1777. She died 13 January 1865 in Putnam County. Her father was William Norton, who served in Capt. Agustin Spain's Company on the 2nd North Carolina Regiment of Militia during the Revolutionary War.

Samuel and Winney lived on the Calf Killer River in White County, which is now the 4th District of Putnam County.

Samuel donated land for a church and cemetery. It is believed the church was established about 1835. It is located on State Hwy. 84 between Sparta and Monterey. Samuel and Winney are buried there.

Samuel and Winney's children were: (1) Margaret (ca. 1801) married Washington Green Hargis (ca. 1801). (2) Richard (ca. 1804) married Polly. (3) Samuel (4) Joseph (25 Sept. 1809-3 Aug. 1872) married Mary "Polly Pop" Hargis (20 March 1811-5 Jan. 1891). They married 21 March 1833. (5) Mary "Polly" (ca. 1810) married ____Mitchell. (6) Nancy (1811-30 April 1890) married John Phillip Bradley (1800-1864). (7) Thomas B. (31 Oct. 1813-19 March 1902) married Mary K. England (17 Nov. 1819-27 June 1884). (8) William Carroll Johnson (ca. 1815-ca. 1898) married Mary Ann Carmichael (10 Nov. 1820-25 Oct. 1883). They married 31 Dec. 1838. (9) John (26 Jan. 1817-3 Aug. 1883) married Olive Jane Broyles (8 May 1836-25 Feb. 1876). They married 14 Dec. 1853. (10) Henry B. (18 Aug. 1818 – 16 June 1903) married Hennie Etta Lollar (3 Dec. 1818-10 June 1896). They married Aug. 1841. (11) Jane Fulton (17 Aug. 1821- 9 March 1897) married Albert V. Horn (13 Feb. 1817 – 21 Nov. 1897). They married 8 Nov. 1838.

Joseph, John, Jane, and Henry B. are buried in Johnson's Cemetery. Thomas B. and Nancy are buried in Plum Creek Cemetery in White County. William Carroll is buried in an unmarked grave in Mt. Holly Cemetery in DeKalb Co., TN. Margaret and Richard are buried somewhere in Ripley County, Missouri. Samuel is buried somewhere in Marion County, Arkansas.

The children of William Carroll Johnson and Mary Ann Carmichael were: (1) John H. (6 Jan. 1840-15 March 1858). (2) Samuel C. (1842-1888) married Elizabeth Brady. (3) Nancy (5 July 1844-18 Feb. 1870) married John C. Watson. (4) Winnie (ca. 1846). (5) Mary Elizabeth (22 Aug. 1849 – 21 June 1912) married Joshua D. Phillips. (6) Thomas Stone (17 Feb. 1852 – 6 Dec. 1927) married Virginia Ellen Leftwich (6 Sept. 1859 – 22 March 1934). They married 20 Jan. 1876. (7) William Stadler (22 Nov. 1854- 11 Aug. 1926) married Annie Anderson (13 March 1929). (8) Columbus C. (2 March 1856-5 Sept. 1891) married Eliza Malone (9 March 1860-1 June 1890). They married 4 Sept. 1877.

Thomas Stone and Virginia are buried in the Smellage Cemetery. Columbus C. and Eliza are buried in Mt. Holly Cemetery in DeKalb County, TN.

The children of Columbus C. and Eliza were: Mary Ann (18 Sept. 1877 – 29 Dec. 1959) married James Neal Fisher (20 June 1867 – 17 Dec. 1948). They married 10 Sept. 1889. Kizzie Frances (3 Dec. 1879 – 2 Jan. 1954) married Charles DeWitt Robinson Sr. (12 Aug. 1876 – 12 Feb. 1964). They married 12 Sept. 1900 in Warren Co., TN. James Monroe (15 March 1882 – 26 July 1949) married (1) Gaudy Lois Dyer (30 Jan. 1884 – 10 Oct. 1918). They married in 1902. James Monroe married (2) Mary Vetress Mitchell (7 April 1891 – 12 Sept. 1943). They married ca. 1919. William Samuel (28 Aug. 1884 – 10 March 1971) married Ocea Lavada Smith (29 Oct. 1883 – 7 Jan. 1984). They married 9 Nov. 1905.

The children of Kizzie Frances and Charles DeWitt were: Ruby L. (3 July 1901 – 17 Aug. 1902). Maude (7 Dec. 1902 – 15 Oct. 1973). Nancy Audrey (26 1911 – 13 Feb. 1986). Charles DeWitt Jr. "C.D." (20 June 1919- 19 March 1978).

Charles DeWitt Jr. "C.D." married Dillian Lorene Allison (22 May 1920 – 21 Feb. 1954). They had one daughter, Mary Evelyn Robinson. Evelyn married Turney Gordan Wade.

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THOMAS STONE JOHNSTON & VIRGINIA ELLEN LEFTWICH (#446)

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Pgs. 154 & 155 – Thomas Stone was born 17 Feb. 1852 and died 6 Dec. 1927. He was the son of William Carroll Johnson and Mary Ann Carmichael.

Thomas Stone and Virginia are buried in Smellage Cemetery in Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

Thomas and Virginia had the following children: (1) William Louis Johnson (8 Nov. 1876-17 March 1969) married Mary Lula Johnson (23 April 1880-22 Aug. 1946) on 4 May 1907. They are buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery. (2) Martha Louetta Johnson (29 Oct. 1878-7 Jan. 1959) married James Allen Phillips (28 Feb. 1868-31 March 1927) on 25 Dec. 1898. They are buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery. (3) Samuel Stadeler Johnson (28 Aug. 1880-20 March 1883). He is buried in Maddux Cemetery. (4) Solon Madison Johnson (16 Oct. 1882-1966) married Elsie Marion Medley (13 March 1888-1971) on 12 July 1913. They are buried in Smellage Cemetery. (5) Thomas Alfred Johnson (10 April 1885-26 Jan. 1965) married 1st Arlie Cooper (1 Feb. 1893-27 Nov. 1926) on 27 Dec. 1913. He married 2nd Ida Mae Gentry (14 April 1895-13 May 1969) on 18 March 1928. They are buried in Smellage Cemetery.

There is an old family story about Thomas and Virginia and a grape vine. He didn't plant it where she wanted it to be, so she watered it every day with salt water.

Thomas and Virginia raised his brother's children. Columbus C. (2 March 1856-5 Sept. 1891) and Liza (9 March 1860-1 June 1890); both died from tuberculosis.

Columbus and Liza had the following children: (1) Mary Ann Johnson (18 Sept. 1877-29 Dec. 1959) married James Neal Fisher (20 June 1867-17 Dec. 1948) on 10 Sept. 1889. (2) Kizzie Frances Johnson (3 Dec. 1879-2 Jan. 1954) married Charles DeWitt Robinson Sr. "Charley" (12 Aug. 1876-12 Feb. 1964) on 12 Sept. 1900 in Warren Co., TN. (3) James Monroe Johnson (15 March 1882-26 July 1949) married 1st Gaudy Lois Dyer (30 Jan. 1884-10 Oct. 1918) and 2nd Mary Vertress Mitchell (7 April 1891-12 Sept. 1943). (4) William Samuel Johnson (28 Aug. 1884-10 March 1971) married Ocea Lavada Smith (29 Oct. 1883-7 Jan. 1984) on 9 Nov. 1905.

Columbus and Liza owned a farm in "Round Bottom" on the Caney Fork River. Columbus realized that he wasn't going to recover from his illness. He made a will stating that Thomas Stone take possession of 285 acres and custody of his three younger children. Mary Ann had already married. Thomas Stone was to raise them like his own and give them a good education. He was to also provide them with one good horse, saddle, and bridle. When the youngest child became 21, the farm was to be sold and divided between the four children.

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WILLIAM CARROLL JOHNSON & MARY ANN CARMICHAEL (#447)

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Pg. 155 – William Carroll Johnson was born in White Co., TN ca. 1815 and died in 1898 in DeKalb Co., TN. The 1860 Putnam Co. census lists his age as 45. He is buried in an unmarked grave in Mt. Holly Cemetery in DeKalb Co., TN.



William Carroll

William Carroll was the son of Samuel Johnson and Winney Norton who lived on the Calfkiller River which is now the 4th District of Putnam Co.

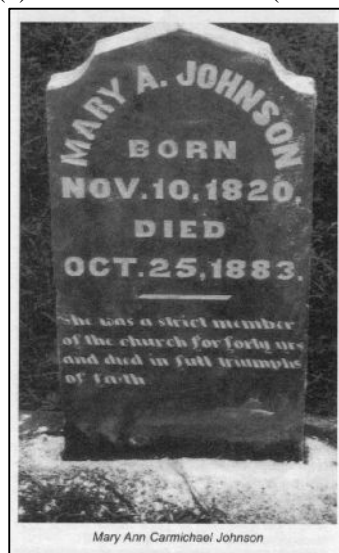
William Carroll married Mary Ann Carmichael 31 Dec. 1838 in White Co., TN. Mary Ann was born 10 Nov. 1820 in North Carolina and died 25 Oct. 1883. She is buried in Mt. Holly Cemetery in DeKalb Co. TN. Mary Ann was the daughter of John H. Carmichael and Nancy Stalcup.

William Carroll and Mary Ann had the following children: (1) John H. Johnson (6 Jan. 1840-15 Mar. 1858) is buried in France Cemetery in White Co., TN. (2) Samuel C. Johnson (ca. 1842-1883) married Elizabeth Brady. (3) Nancy Johnson (5 July 1844-18 Feb. 1870) married John C. Watson. (4) Winnie Johnson (ca. 1846). (5) Mary Elizabeth Johnson (22 Aug. 1849-21 June 1912) married Joshua D. Phillips. (6) Thomas Stone Johnson (22 Nov. 1854-11 Aug. 1926) married Annie Anderson. (8) Columbus C. Johnson married Liza Malone 4 Sept. 1877.

Mary Ann's brothers and sisters were (1) Thomas Carmichael (31 Jan. 1822-31 Dec. 1861) is buried in France Cemetery, White Co., TN. (2) Hance Carmichael (23 Oct. 1823-25 June 1863) married Sarah Ann Horton 25 Oct. 1859 and is buried in France Cemetery. (3) John S. Carmichael (ca. 1826) married Sarah D. Little 6 Sept. 1852 in White Co., TN. (4) Solomon Carmichael (6 April 1828-25 Nov. 1861) is buried in France Cemetery. (5) Archibald Carmichael (1828-5 March 1889) thought to be a twin to Solomon is buried in Hanford, King Co. California. (6) Elizabeth Carmichael (ca. 1832) married James C. Stone 3 Nov. 1851. (7) Angela or Caroline Carmichael (ca. 1837-16 July 1901) is buried in Hanford, King Co., California. (8) William L. Carmichael (27 May 1838-8 Dec. 1864) is buried in France Cemetery. (9) Jesse Johnson (dau.) of Henry B. Johnson) about 1868. (10) Washington Taylor Carmichael (ca. 1843-1882) Did not marry. (11) Eliza Carmichael (1851-4 May 1890) married a Wisecarver and is buried in Hanford King Co., California.

William Carroll had 14 slaves, all of whom stayed despite the turmoil of the war. One of his favorite and most trusted was Henry "Coony" and his mother, "Molly". They took the Johnson name. Mary "Molly" (15 May 1818-28 July 1918) and "Coony" (4 March 1863-3 October 1956) are buried in the baker Cemetery near Phillippi Church of Christ on Hwy. 56 North. In the later years of his life, Coony lived in the home of Louis Johnson Sr. a grandson of William Carroll, until he passed.

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