

MIRANDA JOSEPHINE "JOSIE" WINFREY STARNES (#893)

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Pg. 321 - Miranda Josephine "Josie" (Winfrey/Winfree) Starnes was living in Putnam Co., TN when she died. Josie was born on November 18, 1874 in Cove Hollow, DeKalb County. She was the daughter of Henry Lucas and Nancy Jane Holland Winfrey. Her paternal grandparents were Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Winfrey and Judith Robinson. Josie's father Henry was the fourth child of his parents, and was born on March 6, 1843 in DeKalb Co., TN. He was married to Nancy Jane on August 23, 1865 in Franklin County, Illinois, by John Miller, J. P. Henry went there during the Civil War.



After Josie's parents returned from Illinois they had seven children, of which she was the second child. Her siblings were: William Henry, Sidney Brooks, Mary, James Edgar, John Franklin, and Robert Lee. Josie's only sister Mary died as a child.

Josie was wed to Robert Emmett Starnes, a Methodist minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church (Northern branch). The couple lived in Putnam County. They had at least six children before they separated. These were: Solon, Laura, Eunice, Agnes, Fannie Mai, and Doyle. Josie died on January 12, 1935 at Baxter, Putnam County, Tennessee. She was sixty-one years old. The family buried her at the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

(The photo shows from back and left to right: Eunice, Fannie Mai, Agnes, Solon, Laura, and not pictured Doyle).

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MT. HOLLY CEMETERY, COVE HOLLOW, SMITHVILLE, DEKALB, TN

Nancy Ida Winfree

b. 12 March 1873, Cove Hollow, DeKalb Co., TN

d. 26 August 1874, Cove Hollow, DeKalb Co., TN

Father: Horace Sullivan Winfree (1847-1938)

Mother: Mary Jane Stephens (1849-1878)

Buried: Mt. Holly Cemetery, Cove Hollow, Smithville, DeKalb, TN

Judith (Robinson) Winfree

b. 18 December 1834, Smith, TN

d. 3 March 1903, Cove Hollow, DeKalb Co., TN

Husband: Benjamin Franklin Winfree

Father: William Robinson

Buried: Mt. Holly Cemetery, Cove Hollow, Smithville, DeKalb, TN

Benjamin Franklin Winfree

b. 5 February 1814, Virgilina, Halifax, VA

d. 12 June 1883, Cove Hollow, DeKalb, TN

Wife: Judith Robinson md 18 December 1834, Cove Hollow, DeKalb, TN

Father: David Nicholas Winfree (1770 - after 1850/54)

Mother: Achsah Tuck (1770-after 1850)

Buried: Mt. Holly Cemetery, Cove Hollow, Smithville, DeKalb, TN

Henry Lucas Winfree

b. 6 March 1843, Doweltown, TN

d. 9 January 1909, Indian Creek, DeKalb Co., TN

Wife: Nancy Jane Holland

Father: Benjamin Franklin Winfree

Mother: Judith Robinson

Buried: Mt. Holly Cemetery, Cove Hollow, Smithville, DeKalb, TN

ODD FELLOWS CEMETERY, BAXTER, PUTNAM CO., TN

Agnes (Brown) Starnes

Agnes (Brown) Starnes, b. 2 March 1905 – d. 24 December 1975, d/o Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes & Miranda Josephine “Josie” Winfree. Agnes had married a Mr. Brown.

Doyle L. Starnes

Doyle L. Starnes, b. 23 April 1910 – d. 3 June 1979, s/o Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes & Miranda Josephine “Josie” Winfree.

Eunice Starnes

Eunice Starnes, b. 10 August 1901 – d. 5 March 1930, d/o Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes & Miranda Josephine “Josie” Winfree.

Fannie Mai Starnes

Fannie Mai Starnes, b. 6 January 1908 – d. 15 September 1935, d/o Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes & Miranda Josephine “Josie” Winfree.

Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes

Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes, b. 12 February 1873 – d. 9 April 1950 md 22 September 1892, DeKalb Co., TN md **Miranda Josephine “Josie” Winfree**, b. 18 November 1873, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 12 January 1935, d/o Henry Lucas Winfree (b. 6 March 1843, Doweltown, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 9 January 1909 at Indian Creek, DeKalb Co., TN) and his wife (married 23 August 1865, Franklin, IL) Nancy Jane Holland (b. 16 May 1845, Duquoin, Perry, IL – d. 22 December 1911, Long Branch, DeKalb Co., TN). Henry Lucas Winfree was the son of Benjamin Franklin Winfree & Judith Robinson. Miranda Josephine “Josie” (Winfree) Starnes is buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery. Her death certificate number is #4007, Putnam Co., TN.

Solon Starnes

Solon Starnes, b. 31 August 1897 – d. 23 February 1963, s/o Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes & Miranda Josephine “Josie” Winfree. Solon Starnes liked to play the banjo. He never married.

Sources: Genealogical Records by Lela B. Winfree, 2000, pg. 98. & Putnam County Tennessee Cemeteries by Maurine Ensor Patton & Doris Garrison Gilbert, pgs. 367 & 368.

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daughter of James Collins of Caroline Co., VA.

Pg. 332 – Miranda Josephine “Josie” Winfrey wed Robert Emmett Starnes and moved to Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. She was born in DeKalb Co., TN to Henry Lucas and Nancy Jane Holland Winfrey. Henry Lucas’s parents were Benjamin Franklin “Frank” Winfrey/Winfree and Judath Robinson. Frank was the son of David and Achsah Tuck Winfrey/Winfree.

David Winfrey was the son of James and Elizabeth Jones Winfrey/Winfree. James Winfrey’s parents are unknown at this time. Elizabeth Jones was the daughter of Ambrose and Catharine Collins Jones of Granville, NC. The parentage of Ambrose Jones is not known, but Catharine Collins may be the

Achsah Tuck’s parents were John and Mary Powell Tuck. They took their daughter’s given name from the Biblical name of Caleb’s daughter. John Tuck’s father may have been Bennett Tuck. Mary Powell was the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth unknown Powell.

The family photo pictured: front row: Robert Lee Winfrey with calf; Henry Lucas Winfrey; Willie Henry Winfrey in photo; Nancy Jane Winfrey; Robert Emmett Starnes holding Laura Starnes; Miranda Josie Starnes holding Solon Starnes. Back row: Sidney Brooks Winfrey; James Edgar Winfrey; and John Franklin Winfrey. *Story submitted by: Scott Cantrell, Smithville, TN 37166. Compiled by: Jerry Winfrey, Smithville, TN 37166.*

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