

WILLIAM JAMES JARED (#442)

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Pg. 152: William James Jared was the grandson of Revolutionary soldier, William Jared, who came from Virginia to what became Tennessee in 1796. William Jared married Elizabeth Roulston-Raulston. They settled near present Buffalo Valley TN.

Samuel Raulston Jared born August 3, 1807 died May 12 1883 and Mary S. Scruggs who died December 30, 1877, were the parents of William James Jared who was born June 27 1841, and died at home on Oak Avenue Cookeville TN April 27, 1919. He served as a private and later as a second lieutenant in Company K of the 28th Tennessee Regiment in the Confederate States of America. He was wounded at the battle of Shiloh, Tennessee and battle at Egypt Station, Mississippi. The 28th Regiment surrendered and was paroled January 18, 1865 at Greensboro North Carolina. Both William James Jared and his brother John Jared, a second lieutenant in the same regiment, refused to take the Oath of Allegiance to be paroled. They returned home.

Archibald Scruggs Jared was another brother who was a private in the 28th Tennessee Campaign and died at Macon, Georgia. He was born in 1837 and died in 1864. In 1990 members of his family brought his remains back to Putnam County, Tennessee and reinterred his remains at the Jared-Huddleston Cemetery. Bert Jared, along with members of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans and United Daughters of the Confederacy, Maurine Patton and a large group of Jared and Huddleston kin held a very impressive ceremony. Archibald was home at last.

William James Jared married Elizabeth “Betty” Frances Huddleston on July 6, 1866, in Putnam County, TN. She was the daughter of Isaac A. Huddleston and Judith Nicholas Wallace Huddleston. Betty was born July 6 1845, and died December 15, 1925. They are buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery.

“Spec Bill” was a nickname for William James because he wore glasses. This was to differentiate him from several other Jared cousins also named William, i.e. “Dr. Bill,” “Crazy Bill,” “Stuttering Bill,” and “Wild Bill.”

The oldest child of “Spec Bill” and Betty Jared was Florilla born July 17, 1867, and died July 4, 1947. She married Samuel Apple Ditty who was born October 2, 1864, and died March 28, 1937. Their children were (1) Velea born March 1, 1895, and died March 23, 1984, who married Eugene Duke. The Duke children were Sam, Frank Ditty, Elizabeth Duke and Eugene Duke Jr. (2) Arrington Ditty (1898-1965) married Mattie King. (3) Vaden T. Ditty (1907-1947) never married.

Susie Jared was born October 25, 1869, and died July 9, 1936. She married Charlie Foster on April 24, 1891. They had one son Henry Nevils Foster born April 24, 1892, and died February 4, 1963. He married Essie Graves and had two daughters, Charlene who married Dr. William Powell and Jane who married Dr. Eugene Mayberry.

Frank Jared was the first son born in the family. He was born in 1872 and died August , 1936, in Texas. He and his wife Mary adopted a son whom they named Dewey.

Manerva A. Jared born December 4, 1875, died July 1, 1878, age 3y 7 mo 26d. LuAllen born June 21, 1877, died February 9, 1878, age 8 mo 19d.

Leonidas Polk Jared (L.P.) was born November 24, 1879, and died August 19, 1963, married first Emma Terry who died October 13, 1914, and had these four children: (1) William Hubert Jared, (2) Ruby Annette Jared born October 25, 1907, and died December 26, 1983, married first Clarence Adcock and had one daughter, Emma Sue Adcock. She married second Robert Young. (3) Mayme was born September 20, 1909, died January 4, 1951, and never married. (4) Gladys Era Jared was born 1911, and died 1973, married ___Stockton and had one daughter, Emma Ruth.

L. P. Jared married the second time to Mary Maxwell Minton. Their children were Lillian born about 1918, married Doyle Talley and lived in Watertown, Tennessee, Viona born about 1921, married Wheeler Harp and had children Viann and Joe Wheeler Harp. She married second Gaskell Warren; Vallie Marie born about 1924 married Joe Sostock, L. P., Jr. born 1928 married Eloise Metlock and Allen Cullen Jared was born 1930 and died December 30, 1952.

Vallie Jared, the youngest daughter of William James Jared, born August 23, 1883, and died August 21, 1948, married September 30, 1906, Sidney Haskell McDonald born February 18, 1883, died December 3, 1977. They are buried in the Ridgewood Cemetery in Smith County, Tennessee. Their children were (1) Lecil Nevils McDonald born December 13, 1907, and died December 30, 2005, married Lassie Carlene Farmer; (2) Ridley Jared McDonald born August 8, 1909, died June 17, 1974, and was never married; (3) Mina Mildred born November 5, 1913, and died May 24, 1953, was never married; Vivian Marie McDonald was born October 13, 1915, married July 2, 1938, William P. Fisher and had a son Turner and a daughter, Anita.

James Beersheba Jared (Bersh) was born April 22, 1886, and died September 16, 1965. He married Mary Myrtle Jones August 9, 1908. She was born August 14, 1891, and died May 7, 1961. They had two children, Mina Opal Jared born June 10, 1911, and David Frank Jared born November 21, 1912, died June 4, 1954, Opal married David George Gay October 8, 1932, in White County, TN. He was born April 26, 1900 in Kershaw County, South Carolina and died April 19, 1957, in Cookeville, Tennessee. They had two children born in Rock Hill, South Carolina: Betty Jean Gay born February 16, 1938, who is married to Dr. William T. Shipley, lives in Cookeville, Tennessee and has six children, ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Dr. William Donald Gay born October 27, 1942, has two sons with families all of whom live in Missouri. Opal's second husband was Felton Childs.

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