

DAVID L. LOFTIS LINE

Source: Loftis & The Descendants of Laban Loftis by Jimmie R. Loftis & Bobbie H. Bryant, pgs. 123, 182 & 183.



4: William Loftis, the 4th child of Laban and Elizabeth Loftis was b. 7 May 1801, SC. He d. 16 February 1875, Jackson Co., TN. He married 3 April 1828, Jackson Co., TN, to Elizabeth “Besty” Loveall, b. 10 March 1802, TN – d. 9 December 1874, daughter of David Loveall. Both are buried in the Loftis Family Cemetery on Morrison Creek, Jackson Co., TN. William was granted 21 acres of land adjoining David Loveall’s on Blackburns Fork on 16 July 1840. He also owned 1000 acres on Blackburn Fork, jointly with Roland C. Dill (brother of Ermilla “Millie” Dill, wife of John L. Loftis, brother to William).

(Pictured: William Loftis & Elizabeth “Besty” Loveall)

To William and Besty Loftis were born the following nine children:

1. John Preston Loftis, b. 7 January 1829, Jackson Co., TN
2. Malinda Loftis, b. 8 May 1830, Jackson Co., TN
3. David L. Loftis, b. 20 February 1832, Jackson Co., TN
4. Nancy Loftis, b. 30 December 1834, Jackson Co., TN
5. Laban Jasper Loftis, b. 20 January 1836, Jackson Co., TN
6. James H. Loftis, b. 23 July 1838, AR
7. Sara Elizabeth Loftis, b. 20 January 1841, Jackson Co., TN
8. Rebecca Minerva Loftis, b. 5 January 1844, Jackson Co., TN
9. Polly Martelia Loftis, b. 16 September 1846, Morrisons Creek, Jackson Co., TN

4.3: **David L. Loftis**, b. 20 February 1832, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN – d. 4 November 1916, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN and buried in the Stafford Graveyard, Gainesboro, TN. He was the son of **William Loftis** (b. 1801, SC) and **Betsy Loveall Loftis** (b. 1802, TN). He was a very prominent citizen of Gainesboro and one of its best loved townspeople. Was known and called “Uncle Davy” by one and all, and owned and operated a blacksmith shop in Gainesboro, TN. He married ca. 1854, Jackson Co., TN to **Samantha Harley**, b. 23 September 1829, Jackson Co., TN – d. 16 August 1913, Jackson Co., TN and is also buried in the Stafford Graveyard. She was the daughter of **George W. Harley** and **Margaret Lawson**. George W. Harley was b. December 1815 – d. 1874, son of Hiram Harley, b. 1784, VA, married Elizabeth Betsy Stafford, Caswell Co., NC.

4.3.1: Henry Preston Loftis, b. 17 December 1855, Morrison Creek, Jackson Co., TN and married 5 September 1878, Jackson Co., TN to Julia A. B. Haile, b. 22 August 1858, Jackson Co., TN – d. 1 June 1920, Jackson Co., TN. Both are buried in the Stafford Graveyard, Jackson Co., TN.

Henry Preston Loftis was a Medical Doctor with offices on Main Street in Gainesboro, TN. He also wrote the obituaries for the Transit 1883 which later became the Jackson County Sentinel, a newspaper in Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN. Additionally, he wrote a number of articles on its citizens as well as articles of historical interest. The following article appeared in this newspaper on August 19, 1880: Henry Preston Loftis (caption under his picture). "The above is a fairly good picture of one of Gainesboro's most popular physicians, and most highly esteemed citizens. He was born on Morrison's Creek, this county, December 17, 1855, and received his education principally at Gainesboro. He took a course in the Tennessee Medical School, at Nashville, and has practiced his profession about 16 years. He married Miss Julia Haile, September 5, 1878. They have one child -- Miss Edna. Dr. Loftis is a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow."

4.3.1.1: Dora Edna Loftis, b. 29 July 1880, Jackson Co., TN – d. 4 January 1906, Jackson Co., TN is buried in the Stafford Graveyard, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN.

4.3.2: Minerva H. Loftis, b. 1861, Jackson Co., TN married ca. 1878 or 1879, Jackson Co., TN to John William Stamps, Jr., b. 1859, Jackson Co., TN and son of John William Stamps, b. 1832, Jackson Co., TN and Cisilda Minerva Stafford, b. 1844, TN.

4.3.3: James Ellison Loftis, b. March 1865, Jackson Co., TN (from 1900 census) married to Elizabeth “Lizzie” York, b. July 1857. Both are buried in the Stafford Cemetery, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN.

4.3.3.1: Laura Loftis, April 1886.

4.3.3.2: Effie Mae Lofits, b. Feb. 1888 married Fred McCormick

4.3.3.2.1: H. B. McCormick

4.3.3.2.2: Donald McCormick, b. 1914

4.3.3.2.2.1: Donnietta McCormick married _____ West, lives in Gainesboro, TN.

4.3.3.2.3: Elizabeth “Lizzie” McCormick, b. 1916

4.3.3.3: Henry P. Loftis, b. November 1890

4.3.4: Mary M. Loftis, b. 1868, Jackson Co., TN and married James M. “Jim” Summers. No Issue. Jim had been previously married and one known daughter, Mary Summers Green, lives in Nashville, Davidson Co., TN.

4.3.5: Jordan David Loftis, b. ca. 1879, Jackson Co., TN married Hattie Barbee, b. ca. 1879. After Jordan D’s death, she remarried and moved to Detroit, MI. Their only child, Mary Edna, d. May 1951, Detroit, MI.

STAFFORD GRAVEYARD TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS:

The land was owned and donated by James W. Stafford (more familiarly known as "Uncle Jim"), for family and relatives of their family burial ground, and the name "Stafford Graveyard" was chosen; land adjoining this graveyard is now owned by Columbus Dill.

This graveyard located in the 1st Civil District of Jackson Co., TN about 4 miles south of Gainesboro on the right side of road on Highway leading out from Gainesboro to Cookeville, TN. It is also opposite the Pharris Cemetery. It is not well kept and contains several family lots. The following graves of "Loftis" have a nice iron fence around them.

DAVID LOFTIS

Born February 20, 1832

Died November 4, 1916

"Sleep on Dear Father and take thy Rest

In Jesus arms forever Blest"

SAMANTHA (HARLEY) LOFTIS

Wife of David Loftis

Born September 23, 1839

Died August 16, 1913

"Sleep on Dear Mother and take thy Rest

In Jesus arms forever Blest"

(To left of Samantha Harley Loftis is the grave, unmarked, of Dr. Henry P. Loftis, son of David & Samantha Loftis).

(To Drs' left the graves of his daughter and wife)

DORA EDNA LOFTIS

Born July 29, 1880

Died January 4, 1906

"Farewell sweet Edna, thou shall ever be a star to guide us up to Heaven and to thee"

JULIA A. B. HAILE LOFTIS

Wife of Dr. Henry P. Loftis

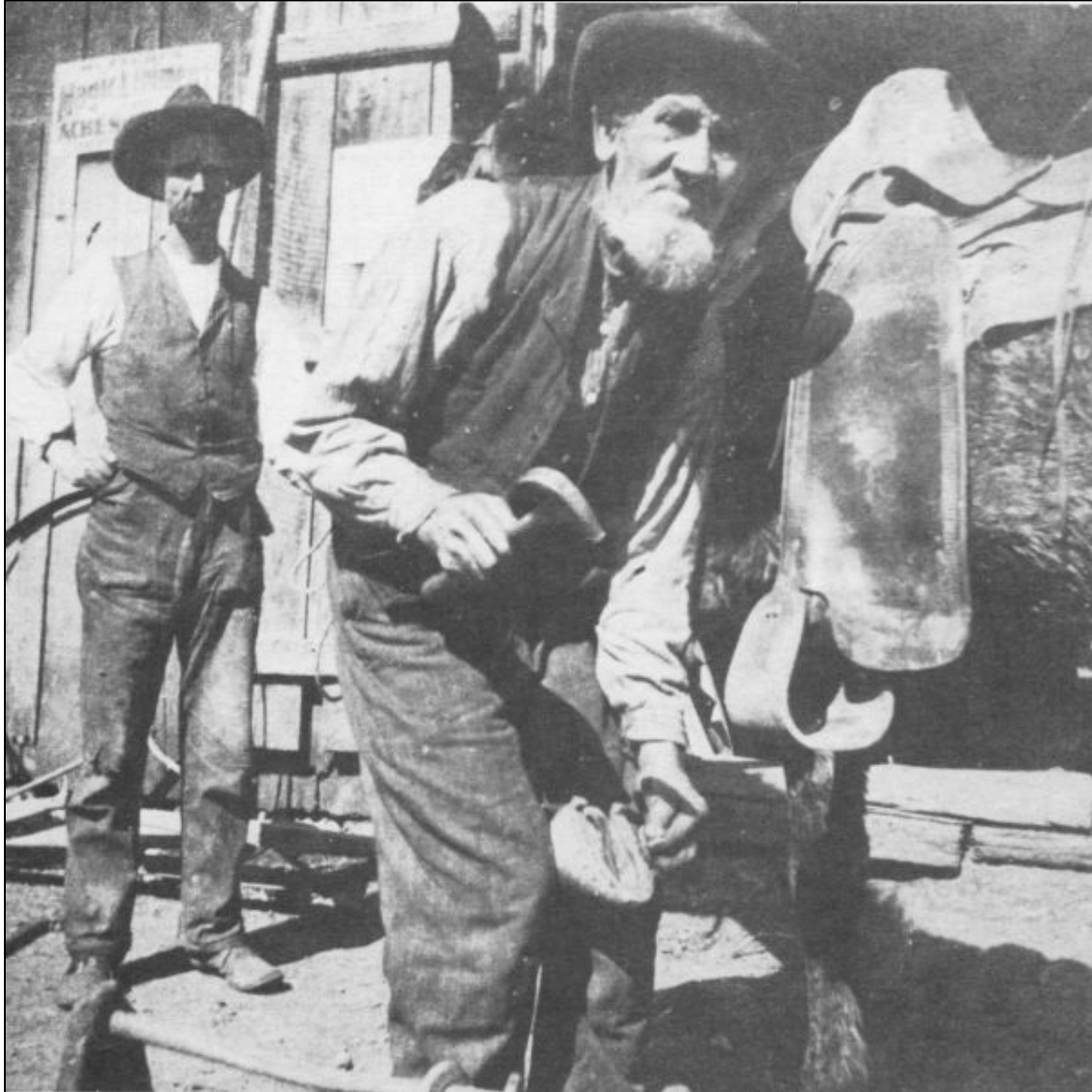
Born August 22, 1858

Died June 12, 1920

"A Loving wife, a Mother Dear is buried here"

Source: Jackson County Tennessee Cemetery Inscriptions 1801-2003 Including Some Genealogy by Larry Earl Mabry & Reda Knight Bilbrey: pg. 190, Dr. Henry Preston Loftis, b. 17 December 1855, Morrison Creek, Jackson Co., TN – d. 9 June 1929, s/o David L. Loftis & Samantha Harley. Dr. Henry Preston Loftis' grave has no tombstone, obituary Jackson County Sentinel, Wednesday, 12 June 1929 says Dr. Henry P. Loftis

was married to Julia Reed also another obt. on Wednesday 20 November 1929 says he was married to Julia Haile. Maude has him buried at the left of Samantha Harley Loftis & died 1 June 1920. Both Jackson County Sentinel, 12 June 1929 and 20 November 1929 has died 9 June 1920. Jackson Co. TN Death Certificate #17720 has b. 17 November 1856 – d. 9 June 1929.



David L. Loftis, b. 20 February 1832, Jackson Co., TN – d. 4 November 1916, Jackson Co., TN, is buried in the Stafford Cemetery, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN. Known as “Uncle Davy” married ca. 1854, Jackson Co., TN to Samantha Harley, b. 1829 – d. 1913. This photo shows “Uncle Davy” on his 75th birthday, 20 February 1907 in front of his blacksmith shop in Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN. He was son of William and Betsy Loveall Loftis. Unknown man in back of David L. Loftis.

Picture from the book: Loftis & The Descendants of Laban Loftis by Jimmie R. Loftis & Bobbie H. Bryant, pg. 182.

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