

## JAMES L. GARRISON (#416)

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Pg. 140: Who was James L. Garrison and where did he come from? The DeKalb and Smith County Chancery Court books show in the minutes of 1844-1857 the following: "Rebecca Garrison vs. James L. Garrison. Complainant and defendant intermarried about 15 years ago in this state. They have continued to live together until a short time before the filing of complainants bill. They had six children as the issue of said marriage, to wit, Lafayette, Angeline, Eliza, Melissa, William Carroll and Thomas Jefferson. Said defendant has been greatly guilty of diverse acts of adultery since the said marriage and was otherwise a man of immoral and evil habits given to profanity and intoxication. The bonds of matrimony are dissolved. The complainant is restored to her maiden name of Rebecca Malone. 20 March 1857 (p. 387),"

Richard Lafayette Garrison (1843-) married Francis Wright.

Eliza J. (1847-) married Gallant Tucker.

Melissa T. (1852-) d/o James and Rebecca married James Campbell (1851-) and had children: John (1869), Franny (1871-), Eliza (1874-), Felix (1877-), Minny (1879-), Sailer (1883-), Oscar (1885-), and Ada (1887).

William Carroll (1885-1900) appears in Putnam County married to Sarah Caroline Wallace. He wore shoulder length hair and was a Methodist Circuit Preacher. He also made coffins for the community. His granddaughter, Ethel, told of riding with him on his appointed rounds. William and Sarah (1859-1934) d/o William J. Wallace produced 13 children, 9 of which lived to adulthood. Alonzo Franklin (1874-1952), Edna Ann (1875-1925), Betty (1877-), Alon (1879-1880), an unnamed child (1880-1880), Milton (1881-1883), Leona Kansas, (1886-1976), Dona (1888-), Wade (1890-1891), Brizena (1883-1923), Ople (1894-1907) who choked to death, Solon (1886-1984) and Napoleon (1898-1981).

Alonzo Franklin married Elizabeth D. Williams and had children: Lillie May, Orville, Willie E. Watson L. and Dora Ella.

Edna Ann married Zina Franklin Wilkerson (1882-1906) s/o Yancy Wilkerson and had children: Lillard Dewy (1899-1980), Epths Tanner (1904-1943), Zina Jr. (1906-1972) and Vance R. (1920-1978). This last child was sworn to by his descendants. After Zina Sr.'s death Edna went to Arkansas.

Betty married Foster Williams and they moved to Arkansas. They had children: Fred (1900-), Beula (1904-), and Sam (1905-).

Leona Kansas married John K. Bates (1876-1960). They had children; Ethel Lee, Alta Mai, Allie Myrtle, Johnny Haskell, Joe Toy and Rebecca Etmo.

Dona married Sidney Evert Wallace s/o James Wade and Mary Knight Wallace and had two sons; Ollie and Roy.

Brizena (1893-1923) married Bradley Printice and had one child, Lorelle (1910-2000).

Solon married Nettie Helms, d/o Lafayette and Nancy Carr Helms. This union produced three sons: L. B. (1920-1999), Clifford (1928-2000), and Alfred (1932-1967).

Napoleon married Della Henley and had 3 sons: Donald Howard, Ivan Ernest and Melton Eugene.

L. B. married Sarah Elizabeth Ford (1922-1993) and had 2 daughters, Doris Gean (1943) and Linda Gail (1946).

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