

If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams,
and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined,
he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.

Henry David Thoreau

Loftis, James “Matt” Madison Sr.

b. 13 February 1811, Tigerville, Greenville Co., SC

d. About 1902, Jackson Co., TN

s/o Laban & Elizabeth (Holcombe) Loftis

md 22 March 1832, **Sarah Elvira Dowell** – b. 13 February 1810, Jackson Co., TN - d. 15 Feb. 1897, Jackson Co., TN - d/o John Dowell & Sarah Elizabeth Hickman

Both Buried: +Old “Mat” Loftis Cemetery Morrison Creek Rd, Jackson Co., TN.

James Madison arrived in Jackson Co., TN on a wagon train with his parents and other brother and sisters in late 1816 or early 1817. He lived with his parents on Morrison’s Creek Branch of Roaring River, 6 miles East of Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN. Descendants lived on original Loftis property on Morrison’s Creek until 1872. He married Sarah Elvira Dowell. He served in the Confederate Army as a Pvt., G Co., 13th Cavalry Bn. during the Civil War. “Matt” and Sarah had eleven children plus rearing one grandson Charlie (Peyor) Millard Loftis. Charles “Charlie” Millard (Peyor) Loftis, said to be a grandson and showing in the 1870 and 1880 Census records at age 5 years and 15 years, respectively, was raised by his grandparents. Also note a Sarah Pryor, orphan, age 36, in the home of John Martin Loftis in the 1880 Census.

...John Martin Loftis – b. 18 February 1833,

Jackson Co., TN – d. 13/15 July 1902 – Jackson Co., TN

Church of Christ Preacher

& owned a store on Morrison’s Creek, TN

Confederate Army – Civil War

Pvt., G Co., 38th Infantry

A honest man, the noble work of God

md 17 November 1852, TN, Dr. Celina Johnson -

b. 10 June 1835, Jackson Co., TN –

d. 21 November 1903, Jackson Co, TN -

d/o Samuel (b. ca. 1808/10) & Nancy Maranda (Jones) Johnson

Celina was known as a lady doctor.

A loving wife, a mother dear, lies buried here

Both Buried: +Loftis Cemetery on Morrison’s Creek, TN

...William Asbury Loftis – b. ca. 1854/55, Jackson Co., TN –

md Mary Louvernia Anderson - b. ca. 1855,

Jackson Co., TN –

d/o James Almon & Elizabeth (Sims) Anderson

...Clarence Dow Loftis – b. 26 June 1874, Jackson Co., TN

d. April 1963 – *Clarence ran a store in Tennessee.*

md Martha Lynn – b. 22 January 1883 – d. July 1952

Dow Loftis was interviewed in 1960 by Christine Jones.

She asked him what to put in the family tree about him.

He replied, “Just say I was a roving gambler for 20 years, and I lived for 2 years with the Indians in Oklahoma.”

...Liza Dora Loftis – b. ca. 1876, Jackson Co., TN – d. ca. 1892



James & Sarah Elvira (Dowell)
Loftis



John Martin & Celina
(Johnson) Loftis

- ...Ova Desivel Loftis – b. 18 April 1878,
Jackson Co., TN – d. 13 August 1971-
Jackson Co., TN – md 27 May 1892, Darvis Bratton Chaffin -
b. 22 November 1872, Jackson Co., TN – d. 4 July 1946, Morrison's
Creek, TN – s/o Nancy (Brown) & William Chaffin
- ...Avo Desivel Loftis – b. ca. 1881 – d. ca. 1922, never married.
- ...Francis Marion Loftis – b. 30 July 1853, Jackson Co., TN – d. 3 July 1937,
Jackson Co., TN – md 1st Mary Jane Chaffin – b. 23 September 1856 –
d. 15 June 1920 – d/o Abner Chaffin & Elizabeth Young.
Buried: +Chaffin Cemetery, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN
md 2nd Sally (Hensley) Chaffin - b. 8 August 1888 – She was previously
married to John T. Chaffin – b. 11 April 1869 – d. 3 October 1909 –
brother to Abner Hill Chaffin who was the Grandfather of Daniel Loftis.
*Effie Chaffin Watson b. 20 February 1901, Jackson Co., TN author of
"Them Good Ole Days" wrote in a letter dated 23 February 1969, "I
remember Marion Loftis and some of his girls who would go the Free Will
occasionally to church. They lived, as I recall, on Morrison Creek. I
remember Marion distinctly, because of his crippled hands. He was called
"Club Fist Marion" to distinguish him from some other, I suppose." Marion
at an early age was working on a raft of logs being carried from Gainesboro
to Nashville on the Cumberland river in mid-winter. He got his fingers
frozen and had to have them amputated. He was left with only one thumb
and two fingers at the first joint on one hand.*
- ...Louvinia Loftis – b. 10 October 1876, Jackson Co., TN -
d. 5 December 1963 - md 13 August 1891, Melvin Pierce Loftis –
b. 24 September 1867 – d. 23 July 1920 – Buried in +Hensley Cemetery, TN
s/o John Pierce Loftis - (s/o Thos. Jefferson) & Frances America Loftis –
d/o James Madison & Sarah Elvira (Dowell) Loftis
John Pierce Loftis & Frances America Loftis were 1st cousins
- ...Lora Z. Loftis – b. 23 October 1914, TN – d. 11 May 2003, TN –
md Hop T. Anderson – b. 5 August 1908 – d. 8 May 1972, TN
*See Lora Z. Loftis Anderson Obt. – *Loftis Family.*
- ...Celina Louisa Loftis – b. 28 June 1879 – d. 5 July 1947
md George Washington Gentry – b. 20 May 1876, TN – d. 5 February
1958 - s/o Andrew P. Davis & Clerry Tennessee (Loftis) Gentry
Both Buried: +F. D. Byers Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN
*See *Eskle Lee Gentry Obt. – Loftis files.*
- ...Nancy Elizabeth "Lizy" Loftis – b. 17 April 1880, Jackson Co., TN –
d. 22 June 1938 – md 15 December 1896, Bille P. Hensley –
b. 29 June 1879, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN –
d. 9 February 1930, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN –
s/o Ben Asbury Hensley – b. 20 June 1837 – d. 8 March 1917 &
Polly Ann Haney – b. 3 March 1838 – d. 14 April 1927, Gainesboro, TN
*The following is a true story told on Billie P. Hensley –"There was a
old man on Blackburn's Fork, called Sean Lawson. He wanted to be
baptized but did not want to leave home and go to the creek. He never*

went anywhere. Billy P. went to his house and water was heated in an old wash tub and poured into a rain barrel. Sean Lawson was assisted into the barrel and after the baptismal ceremony, Billy P. forgot to say 'Amen' and instead said 'Squat Sean'. Everyone laughed and Sean Lawson was called 'Squat Sean' thereafter."

- ...Harvey Lee Loftis – b. 1 February 1887, Jackson Co., TN –
d. 8 July 1967, Holdenville, Hughes Co., OK
Buried: Holdenville Cemetery, OK
md 21 January 1907 Jackson Co., TN, Myrtie Lou Berry -
b. 21 January 1889, Jackson Co., TN – d. 13 November 1964,
Holdenville, Hughes Co., OK
d/o Johnson "Taunt" & Alice Rose Berry.
- ...Jemima Loftis – b. 7 July 1889, Jackson Co., TN – d. 14 May 1954 -
Buried: Zion Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN –
md 4 December 1910, Leonard Martin Mabry or Mayberry -
s/o Sophie Dowell and William Jeff Mayberry
- ...Martha G. Loftis – b. 14 September 1891, Jackson Co., TN –
d. 5 December 1982 - md 19 December 1909, Montgomery "Mont"
Garrison – b. 17 May 1885 - d. 23 November 1959 – s/o Malburn "Mack"
& Elizabeth (Anderson) Garrison. +Hensley Cem., Jackson Co., TN
- ...Hugh Garrison – b. 26 April 1935 – d. 23 August 2003, TN -
md Jettie Elizabeth Stafford – +Hugh Buried: Hensley
Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN
- ...Mary Ann "Polly" Loftis – b. 27 April 1859 –
d. 16 May 1937
md 22 July 1879, Simon L. Gentry -
b. 3 April 1859 – d. 7 December 1940
s/o Thos. & Rebecca Brown Gentry of
Jackson, Co., TN
Buried: +Fitzgerald Cemetery, Celina, TN
- ...Thomas Melvin/Minville Gentry – b. 11 July 1880
d. 24 January 1934, TN –
md Ada Nevins – b. 7 August 1890 –
d. 13 March 1934
Buried: Zion Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN
- ...Celina May Gentry – b. 10 March 1883 –
d. 18 July 1966
md Linden Lawrence Mabry or Mayberry
b. 14 February 1881 – d. 31 December 1965
- ...William Crawford Gentry – b. ca. 1885 –
md Angie Gentry – d/o Noah Gentry
- ...Rebecca Leona (Lee) Gentry –
b. 21 December 1887 – d. 24 March 1967 –
md Will Webb of Clay Co., TN
- ...Rhoda Dellavine "Della" Gentry – b. 13 May 1890 – d. 20 March 1956 –
md Perry Davis Judd – b. 31 December 1882 – d. 3 May 1952 -
s/o Nathan & Fatima (Mayberry) Judd

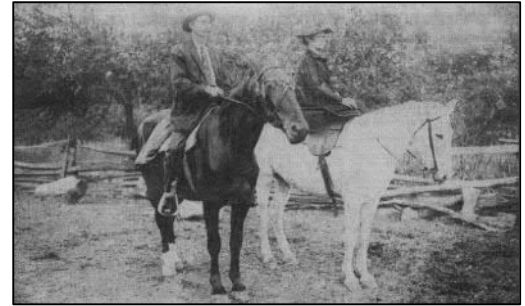


Simon Gentry Family Group
Children L to R: by age Thomas md
Ada Nevins; Celina md Lawrence
Mabry; Crawford md Angie Gentry;
Leona md Will Webb; Della md Perry
Judd; Joe md Dee Hensley; Martin md -
--; Louella never married; Mary md
George Abney.
Picture in the book
Loftis & the Decendants of Laban Loftis.
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- ...Joe Johnson Gentry –b. 9 June 1892 –
Joe was shot in an ambush while plowing.
 Buried: Fitzgerald Cemetery, Celina, TN –
 md Dee Hensley – b. 17 March 1893 – d. 17 July 1953
 Buried: †Double Springs, Putnam, Co., TN
- ...Martin Loftis Gentry – b. ca. 1894 – md Peggy.
*They had no children but adopted Billie Ruth Gentry – d/o
 Thos. Melvin Gentry*
- ...Luella Gentry – b. 24 August 1896 – d. 20 January 1919
She died in a flu epidemic after WWI –
 Buried: Fitzgerald Cemetery, Celina, TN
- ...Mary Emma Gentry – b. 6 February 1900 – d. 8 February 1985 –
 md George Abney, *Who served as sheriff of Clay Co., TN before his death.*
- ...Nancy “Nanny” Jane Loftis – b. 9 December 1862, Jackson Co., TN –
 d. November 1923 – md 9 February 1881, William Horace Anderson -
 b. 27 April 1859 – d. 5 April 1932
- ...F.H. Anderson – *died at birth* – d. 16 July 1884
- ...Martin Van Buren Anderson – b. 29 April 1885 – d. ca. 1950 –
 md 18 June 1911, Grace Mansfield
- ...Easter Ann Anderson – b. ca. 1888 – died an infant
- ...A. Jonah Anderson – b. 10 June 1889 – d. June 1928 –
 md Maxine Creech
- ...O. Venus Anderson – b. 20 November 1893 – d. 1 February 1917
 Buried: Nashville, TN
- ...Anne Virginia Anderson – b. ca. 1895 – d.1938/39 – md George Bates
- ...C. Dewey Anderson – b. 4 June 1898 – d. 1938/39 –
 md Jessie Lee Knox
 Buried: Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, TN
- ...Lester C. Anderson – b. 18 July 1901, Trousdale Co., TN –
 d. 14 September 1968 – md 29 September 1924, Lola Gray Burt –
 b. 18 July 1901, Hartsville, TN – d. 16 May 1989, Franklin, TN
 d/o Julia (Manire) & Charles Henry Burt
 Buried: Mt. Hope Cemetery
*At an early age Lester Anderson moved to Davidson Co., TN where his
 father worked on a large farm owned by Duncan Cooper. The farm was
 located in a bend of the Cumberland River across from Opryland and was
 known as “Riverside”. After his marriage Lester Anderson bought a
 portion of this farm and moved back there with his wife and 2 daughters.
 They lived there until early in 1950. He and his family continued to live in
 the Granny White area of Davidson Co., TN and in Brentwood in
 Williamson Co., TN during the remainder of his life. Lester always
 managed to have many “irons in the fire” a trait which never left him.
 Throughout his life he operated farms, was active in construction, ran
 several businesses, served as a preacher in the Church of Christ both
 in TN and other states. He especially enjoyed preaching in Jackson and
 Clay counties among his relatives. Twelve years prior to his death, he was*

forced to give up his regular preaching due to ill health. Lester Anderson was 6'4" tall, lanky and slim, resembling his Loftis ancestors very much.

- ...Lillie Ada Anderson – b. 20 March 1905 – d. 28 September 1983,
Nashville, TN – Buried: Springhill Cemetery
md Claude Ozell Talley – b. 27 March 1906 –
d. November 1970, CA – md Mr. Pearson
- ...Martin Van Buren Loftis – b. 9 August 1864,
Jackson Co., TN - d. 5 April 1946, Jackson Co., TN
md 11 September 1890, Lettie Vio Cooper -
b. 2 January 1874/75, Jackson Co., TN –
d. 14 December 1931 -
d/o Gabriel M. & Martha (Barnes) Cooper
- ...Emma Loftis – b. 10 August 1891, Brotherton,
TN – d. 27 February 1978, Cookeville, TN -
md 9 October 1921, John Willington Horner -
b. 3 June 1891, Erin, TN – d. 4 July 1983,
Murfreesboro, TN – s/o Thomas & Frances Parsetta (Roland) Horner
- ...Marion Cooper Loftis – b. 30 November 1895,
Jackson Co., TN –d. 4 July 1960, Cookeville, TN –
md 2 June 1921, Ina Davis – b. ca. 1893 -
*He was a graduate of Dixie College (later known as Tennessee
Tech. Univ.) and was a prominent politician and influential real
estate broker in Cookeville, TN.*
- ...Martin Thurman Loftis – b. 21 January 1901,
Putnam Co., TN – d. 13 January 1963 -
md 29 October 1922, Eula Pearl Burerbaugh — issue 1 –
md Allie Judd – b. 12 July 1901, Jackson Co., TN – d. 12 November
1971. *She had three sons by a previous marriage. She was deputy
Registrar of Putnam Co., TN and active in county government for many
years. d/o Buford Lloyd & Sara (Moore) Judd*
- ...Anna “Annie” Loftis – b. 4 January 1904,
Brotherton, TN – d. 14 February 1986, Los Angeles, CA -
md 27 August 1922, John Howard William -
Cookeville, TN – b. 29 October 1903,
White Co., TN – d. January 1973, Los Angeles, CA -
s/o Samuel Lee & Sara Pasco (Farley) Williams
- ...Jere Whitson Loftis – b. 17 February 1911,
Cookeville, TN – d. 19 June 1987,
Temple, TX – md 25 March 1936, Cookeville, TN, Claudia Jones –
b. 18 December 1920, Jackson Co., TN
- ...Sarah Elvira Loftis – b. ca. 1866, Jackson Co., TN – md Jones Henderson
Chaffin – b. ca. 1864, Jackson Co., TN – d. February 1948, Nashville, TN –
s/o William & Nancy Brown (Collier) Chaffin
- ...William Asberry Chaffin – b. 30 September 1887 – d. 25 January 1914,
Oklahoma City, OK – md 23 December 1913, Ida Lindley
*William was murdered 25 January 1914 in Oklahoma City, OK. In the
evening he went to mail a letter at the corner mailbox and a man shot him*



Wedding Day Ride: Herald Citizen Newspaper, TN, Sunday, 7 May 2006, pg. B-3: Martin Van Buren Loftis & Lettie Francis Cooper of Putnam Co., are pictured out for a ride on their wedding day. The Loftis family lived on the Algood Hwy. between Algood and Cookeville on a farm that is now the Bilbrey Park subdivision. Their granddaughter, Juanita Buckner, saw this picture a few weeks ago in the Herald-Citizen and called to identify them. Mrs. Buckner said she was born in the old farmhouse on the property.

and robbed him. He died a few hours later.

- ...Cora Bell Chaffin – (twin to Clara) d. ca. 1972 – md Leon Jamison
- ...Clara Chaffin – (twin to Cora) – never married
- ...Perry Morgan Chaffin Sr. – b. 10 July 1896,
Jackson Co., TN – d. 7 March 1979, Nashville, TN -
md ca.1919, Ruby Mar Warden – b. ca. 1899 - d. ca.1974, Nashville, TN
Both Buried: + Woodlawn Cemetery, Nashville, TN
*Perry served in France during WW II and entered the real estate business
in 1944. His company developed the West Meade Area of Nashville, TN.*
- ...Herman Mitchell Chaffin – b. 10 August 1900,
Jackson Co., TN – d. 21 January 1985, Pulaski, TN -
md 16 August 1941, Nashville, TN , Dorothea Elizabeth Hardwick -
b. 12 September 1909, Nashville, TN – d/o Jasper M. &
Mattie (McMackin) Hardwick of Lawrence Co., TN
- ...Jones Herby Chaffin – b. ca. 1906, Gainesboro, TN – d. 19 June 1972,
Nashville, TN – md ca. 1935, Marie Ward – b. 1910 - d. 19 September
1976 – Both Buried: +Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, TN –*He was in real estate.*
- ...Hickman Pierce Loftis – b. 26 October 1868, Jackson Co., TN –
d. 7 April 1946, Jackson Co., TN -
md 5 August 1888, Gainesboro, TN, Laurina “Lorina” Jackson –
b. 20 February 1867 – d. 1 March 1947 – d/o Logan Jackson
Both Buried: +Loftis & West Cemetery, Morrison’s Creek, Jackson Co., TN
To them, we trust a place is given, among the saints with Christ in heaven.
- ...Ethel May Loftis – b. 26 September 1889, Jackson Co., TN –
d. 30 January 1976 - md 20 August 1912, Jackson Co., TN,
Arvel Kiddwell Chaffin – b. 1 August 1893, Jackson Co., TN -
d. 7 September 1934, Jackson Co., TN -
s/o Curtis & Fannie Lee (Flatt) Chaffin -
- ...Robert Oakley Loftis – b. 20 August 1891, Jackson Co., TN –
d. 8 January 1976 – md Mary Hicks – Issue 7.
- ...Minnie Lee Loftis – b. 21 January 1894, Jackson Co., TN –
d. 22 April 1928, Jackson Co., TN – *Gone but not forgotten.*
md Chester Arthur Loftis – b. 10 July 1892 – d. 25 June 1975 -
s/o Pearce Melvin & Louvinia Loftis – Issue 7.
Buried: +Loftis & West Cemetery, Morrison’s Creek, Jackson Co., TN
- ...Oplis Johnson Loftis – b. 5 February 1897, Jackson Co., TN –
d. 15 September 1976, Jackson Co., TN – md 21 December 1935,
Gainesboro, TN, Donna Clyde Allen - b.18 October 1916, Jackson Co.,
TN - d/o Davis & Lena Ransom Allen -
Buried: + Smyrna Cemetery, Putnam, Co., TN – *Gone But Not Forgotten*
- ...Retta Mai Loftis – b. 17 September 1936, Jackson Co., TN – md
22 June 1966, Cookeville, TN, Kenneth David Dudney, b. 13 February
1941, Carthage, TN, s/o Robert L. Dudney & Louise Upchurch
- ...Allen David Loftis – b. 2 November 1937, Jackson Co., TN – md
25 September 1965, Gainesboro, TN, Almedia Allen, b. 7 December
1945, Jackson Co., TN, d/o James Daniel Allen & Mary Louvelle Martin
James Daniel Allen, s/o Elijah Stevens “Lige” Allen & Mary Margaret Smith.



Hickman Pierce Loftis & his
wife, Laurina Jackson
Picture, pg. 152 of
A Pictorial History of
Jackson County,
Tennessee
by the Jackson Co.
Historical Society
1801 - 2001



Sam J. Loftis

- ...Ella Jane Loftis – b. 31 March 1940, Jackson Co., TN – md 9 July 1965, Algood, TN – Charles Vernon Morgan
- ...Sam Johnson Loftis – b. 19 July 1943 – d. 8 January 1994 – md Norma June Garrett - Buried: + Smyrna Cemetery, Putnam, Co., TN
Gone from our home but not forgotten from our hearts
- ...Wanda Sue Loftis – b. 20 October 1945, Jackson Co., TN md Randall Douglas King.
- ...Lena Harriette Loftis – b. 16 July 1950, Jackson Co., TN md Richard D. Mabry
- ...Milton Harrison Loftis – b. 24 March 1953, Jackson Co., TN md Judy Spivey, d/o Charles & Ruth Spivey.
- ...Logan Simpson Loftis – b. 14 December 1899, Jackson Co., TN – d. 13 October 1990, Crossville, TN - md Lucille Mayberry – md Elizabeth Goolsby – Issue two
- ...Martin “Windy” Loftis – b. 9 August 1901, Jackson Co., TN – md Zella Smith – b. ca. 1909 – d. 11 May 1978 – d/o Robert & Sarah Smith
- ...Lillie Dow Loftis – b. 30 December 1903 – d. 21 January 1908
- ...Oliver Cordell Loftis – b. 18 April 1907 – d. 4 August 1985 – md Norma C. Masters – b. 7 May 1920, Jackson Co., TN – d/o James Millard & Della (Barlow) Masters
- ...Landon B. Loftis – b. 20 January 1912, Jackson Co., TN – d. 21 December 1986, Cookeville, TN - md Ova Lucille Masters – d/o Albert Benton & Velar Barlow Masters *Landon was a commercial trucker.*
- ...Harriet Loftis – b. 9 December 1870, Jackson Co., TN – d. 23 March 1959 – md 22 February 1888, Mathew H. Gentry - b. 11 September 1870 – d. 28 January 1954 - Buried: +Morrison's Creek Cemetery, TN
- ...Lydia Gentry – md E. A. “Otha” Mabry – Issue five, lives in Colusia, CA
- ...Clifford Gentry – md Gillie Lundy
He is a school teacher in Gainesboro, TN
- ...Henderson Brown Gentry – b. 18 September 1901, Jackson Co., TN – d. 1 September 1970 – Buried: +Morrison's Creek Cemetery, TN
- ...Marion Gentry – lives in Sacramento, CA
- ...Carlos B. Gentry– b. 24 September 1891 – d. 27 July 1930, Long Beach, CA - md Beatrice Gentry –
Carlos B. was drowned in a rip tide, while hundreds of bathers watched unable to help, at the beach in Long Beach, CA. According to news accounts he was an oil worker having moved to Long Beach three months before the accident. When he was 21 years old he went to CA for six years. After that he served in the U.S. Army in WW I and returned to CA for two more years. He then went to India and stayed there two years and returned to CA where he remained until his death.
- ...Luther Gentry – Venice, CA
- ...Daniel N. Loftis (twin) – b. 14 March 1874 – d. 30 January 1892

- Buried: Old "Mat" Cemetery, Morrison's Creek Rd., TN
- ...Daniel Loftis (twin) – b. 14 March 1874 – d. 29 February 1897 – md
America Gentry - b. 22 May 1881 – d. 19 January 1955
Buried: +Old "Mat" Cemetery, Morrison's Creek Rd., TN
- ...Clarence Loftis – md ca. 1896, Essie Chaffin –
- ...Henry Harrison Loftis – b. December 1875, TN – d. ca. 1948 – md Peggy Jane
Fox – b. January 1876, TN – d. ca. 1945 – Buried: Loftis Cemetery,
Morrison's Creek, TN
- ...Anna Dora Loftis – b. August 1897 – d. ca. 1951
- ...Willie Dow Loftis – Died an infant – Buried Morrison's Cemetery, TN
- ...Letha Dona Loftis – b. 6 July 1899, TN – md Sewell Daughtery
- ...Jones H. Loftis – Infant – Buried: Morrison's Creek Cemetery, TN
- ...Samuel Loftis – b. January 1879, TN – d. 20 April 1931 –
md Mariam (Marm) Fox - b. July 1877, TN -
& md Nann – *Peggy & Mariam (Marm) Fox were sisters.*
- ...Christine Loftis – md K.B. Thaxton
- ...*Infant died at birth when "Marm" died.*
- ...Sam Loftis – *lives in Gallatin, TN.*
- ...Percy Loftis -
- ...**Reuben Hickman Loftis** – b.10 February 1835,
Jackson Co., TN – d. November 1890 -
md 12 November 1850, **Harriet Montgomery Johnson**
- ...**Frances America Loftis** – b. 9 September 1837, Jackson Co., TN
d. 9 Sept. 1914, Jackson Co., TN – md ca. 1853, John Pierce
Loftis - b. 3 August 1833, Jackson Co., TN – d. 8 September 1911
s/o Thos. Jefferson & Parlitha Gallion Loftis - *John Pierce & Frances were 1st cousins.*
Both Buried: +Old "Mat" Loftis Cemetery Morrison Creek Road, Jackson Co., TN
- ...Louvernna "Verny" Loftis – b. 11 April 1853 – d. 12 September 1936
md Henderson Brown Gentry - b. 11 September 1843 -
d. 8 May 1941 – s/o Thomas C. Gentry & Rebeckah Brown
Both Buried: +Morrison Creek Church of Christ Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN
- ...America "Merky" Gentry – b. 22 March 1881 – d. 19 June 1955
md 1st Daniel N. Loftis – md 2nd Francis Marion Loftis – b. 21 June 1863
d. 17 May 1941, s/o Archibald E. "Squire" Loftis & Eliza J. Phillips
Buried: +Morrison Creek Church of Christ Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN
**See Story of Joseph Chaffin & John H. Chaffin.*
- ...Avo Gentry - b. 22 March 1888 – d. 5 January 1966
- ...Angeline Loftis – b. 22 August 1857 – d. 11 July 1912
*Ernest Loftis said Angeline died by eating a
locust egg on a blackberry.*
md William Francis Gentry - b. 15 August 1855 -
d. 15 June 1934 –
s/o Thomas C. Gentry & Rebeckah Brown
Both Buried: +Morrison's Creek Church of Christ Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN
- ...James Thomas Loftis – b. ca. 1859 – *Shown on
census at 1 yr. & 1870 census 10 yrs. and in
1860 household of John & America Loftis.*
- ...Hickman Pierce Loftis – b. ca. 1862



John Pierce Loftis & Frances
America Loftis



Louvernna Loftis & Henderson
Brown Gentry
Picture taken: ca. 1920

md Shulie Haney - d/o Sallie Haney
Hickman went to OK and never came back.
 ...Franklin Willis Loftis – b. March 1863
 ...Melvin Pierce Loftis – b. 12 September 1867,
 Jackson Co., TN - d. 23 July 1920 –
 Both Buried: +Hensley Cemetery - Death Cert. #237
 Source: *TN Public Health Vital Records: Deaths, 1920,*
Jackson Co., TN - md Louvinia Loftis –
 b. 10 October 1876 – d. 5 December 1963 -
 ...Sophie E. Loftis – b. 11 August 1874 –
 d. 28 February 1944
She was a midwife. md 11 October 1890,
 Randy D. Ramsey
 b. 10 November 1871– d. 6 September 1935
 ...Sally Elvira “Ellie” Loftis – b. ca.1871 – d. ca. 1958
 md ca. 1886, Zera Thomas Allen –
 b. 19 July 1867, Jackson Co., TN – d. ca. 13 Feb. 1938/9
 Both Buried: +Pharris Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN
 ...Fannie B. Loftis – b. ca. 1877- md Jordan Maberry
 ...George Ruge Loftis – b. 8 August 1880, TN –
 d. 24 September 1936 – md 23 Dec. 1907, Mattie
 b. 16 September 1888 – d. 5 February 1980 –
Records came from Bible of George Rufe Loftis
recorded in 1922.

...Sarah “Sack” E. Loftis – b. 6 March 1839,
 Jackson Co., TN - md Jess Heady
 ...P.W. Loftis –b. 7 April 1842, Jackson Co., TN
 ...James Madison Loftis Jr. – b. 8 March 1844,
 Jackson Co., TN – d. 21 Mar. 1926, Jackson Co., TN
Called “Crippled Jimmy” he had polio when he was
about five yrs. old. md 6 October 1880, Sarah “Surry”
 Jane Dill – b. 31 August 1856 – d. 8 June 1939
 d/o Roland Dill & Nancy Caroline Stafford
 Both Buried: + Old “Mat” Loftis Cemetery, Jackson Co.,
 TN, Morrison’s Creek, Jackson Co., TN
Having finished life’s duty they now sweetly rest

...Oliver Benton Loftis – b. 21 January 1881,
 Jackson Co., TN – d. 14 August 1892, Jackson Co., TN
 ...Willis Voliver Loftis – b. 16 April 1882, Jackson Co., TN
 d. 5 September 1883, Jackson Co., TN – an infant
 ...Noah Lee Loftis – b. 15 April 1884, Jackson Co., TN – d. 20 June 1972,
 Gainesboro, TN – md 30 September 1906, Gainesboro, TN – Cora C.
 Chaffin - b. 21 November 1892, Jackson Co., TN – d. 12 July 1963/8,
 Jackson Co., TN – d/o Abner Hill Chaffin & India Belle Sliger
 Both Buried: +Loftis Cemetery, Morrison’s Creek, Jackson Co., TN
 *See *Story of Abner Hill Chaffin and Family.* Noah & Cora had 12 children.
 *See picture of James Madison Loftis Jr.



The William Frances “Billy” Gentry Family
 L to R.; front row: William Francis “Billy”
 Gentry, holding his grandson Herman Gentry;
 his wife, Angeline (Loftis) Gentry, John
 Preston Gentry, Brunetta Mayberry Gentry,
 wife of John Preston, holding their son; and
 Noah Hensley and wife, Pearsettia Gentry
 Hensley, holding their child. Standing, left to
 right; America Gentry Hensley, Henderson
 Brown Gentry, William Jackson Gentry, Linus
 Roscoe Gentry, Matthias Gentry, and Lester
 D. Gentry. Picture courtesy, Hurshal Riddle
 355 Lone Oak Dr., Cookeville, TN



Family of James Madison and Sarah Jane Dill Loftis
 (Photo taken about 1902)
 Front row: George Rufe, James Madison
 “Cripple Jimmy”, Nancy Belle, Sarah Jane Dill Loftis
 and Sophie Loftis Gore.
 Back row: Gainesboro, Ollie, Noah Lee,
 Mary Lou, Demmon J. and Sally Elvira Loftis



Noah Lee Loftis & his wife
 Cora C. Chaffin.
 Picture on pg. 369 of Loftis
 & the Descendants of Laban
 Loftis.

Brothers Donald and Doliver Loftis home for Christmas
 1943. Sons of Noah and Cora Chaffin Loftis. Donald
 was killed in action in eastern France on 4 January 1945.
 Doliver was wounded on 8 June 1944 at D-Day, H-Hour
 plus 2 during the Normandy Invasion and received the
 Silver Star.





L to R: Cora C. (Chaffin) Loftis with Myrtle Louise (Allen) Loftis, w/o James Oliver Loftis. His 1st car is in the background - 1941 Model A. Ford.



Family of James Oliver Loftis
L to R: James "Jimmie" Oliver;
Pollye Ruth; Anthony Neal,
Jimmie Robert & Myrtle
Louise Allen Loftis

- ...James "Jimmie" Oliver Loftis – b. 21 March 1912, Jackson Co., TN – d. 8 May 2003, Cookeville, TN – Buried: +Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN - *See *Obt. of James Jimmie Oliver Loftis* – md 14 June 1939, Gainesboro, TN, Myrtle Louise Allen – b. 27 March 1928, Whitleyville, TN - d/o Green Daniel Allen (1892 – 1977) & Mary Elma Proctor (1900 - 1997), both buried in the Draper Cemetery, TN. *James & Louise took active roles in Cousins by the Dozens. He retired From SCS/USDA and now farms and she retired as a seamstress in a shirt factory. They live in a restored log cabin similar to his grandfather's.*
- ...Jimmie Robert Loftis – b. 21 April 1944, Gainesboro, TN – *Genealogist & 1st Lieutenant in the Army on tour of duty in Vietnam 1969/70.* md 14 June 1969, Cookeville, TN, Linda Sue Johnson – b. 13 June 1948, Cookeville, TN – d/o Herman Johnson & Opal Stout *Jimmie received his commission after completing ROTC at TN Tech where he received a degree in Agriculture in 1966. He holds a Master degree in Soil Sciences from Auburn University. He had taken a active part in the compiling and completion of the manuscript Loftis & the Decendants of Laban Loftis. * pg. 374 –* Children: Stephen Robert Loftis, b. 1970 & Jonathan Sean Loftis, b. 1974.
- ...Pollye Ruth Loftis – b. 22 September 1946, Gainesboro, TN – md 10 December 1967, Cookeville, TN, John David Roberts – b. 9 August 1945, Sylacauga, AL, s/o Jean & Genie Roberts.
- ...Anthony Neal Loftis – b. 23 July 1957, Cookeville, TN – md 30 November 1992, Marsha Lynn McCanny Wood – b. 31 January 1955, Peoria, IL, d/o Richard Donald McCany & Mary Delores Harris.
- ...Doliver Brinton Loftis – b. 25 June 1914, Jackson Co., TN – md 11 September 1945, Nashville, TN, Laura Catherine Ragsdale – b. 4 January 1921, Nolensville, TN, d/o Evan & Pauline Ragsdale. Doliver served in the U. S. Army in 1941 to 1945 and was awarded the Silver Star. He was a school teacher, principal and farmer. *See Doliver Brinton Loftis Obt.
- ...Della May Loftis – b. 14 October 1916, Jackson Co., TN – md 1st Lattie B. Gentry – md 2nd Joseph Walter Powers – md 3rd Charles Andrew Graham.
- ...Vela Alice Loftis – b. 4 September 1918, Double Springs, TN – d. 17 June 1974, Apopka, FL – md 30 September 1946, Elroy Alton Lester, s/o Harley Lester & Mary Robinson.
- ...Vola C. Loftis – b. 12 March 1921, Double Springs, TN – md 31 March 1946, Charles Earl Norton – b. 14 October 1919
- ...Donald Everett Loftis – b. 1 August 1923, Putnam Co., TN – d. 4 January 1945, Eastern France in WWII. Body returned 17 April 1948, buried: +Morrison Creek Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN.
- ...Daniel J. Loftis – b. 13 October 1925, Double Springs, TN – md 25 September 1947, Edith Z. Gentry – b. 13 August 1929, Morrison Creek, Jackson Co., TN, d/o Linus Roscoe & Mary Louvina Gentry
- ...Lola Frances Loftis – b. 17 November 1928, Double Springs, TN – md 1st Boyd R. Spurlock – md 2nd Earl Clayton Howe.
- ...Vada Lee Loftis – b. 28 April 1931, Jackson Co., TN – md 1st Alvin B.

- Burgess – md 2nd Charles Burch
- ...Georgia Lanell Loftis – b. 9 March 1937, Jackson Co., TN – md 5 May 1954, Rossville, GA, Haskell Boyd Fox – b. 4 October 1933, TN
- ...Infant (*twin to Noah Lee Loftis*) - b & d April 1884
- ...Ollie Loftis – b. 8 November 1885, Jackson Co., TN – d. 21 February 1968 – Co., TN - md Robert Fuqua - d. 1947 –
Both Buried: +Pharris Cemetery, McCoinsville, Jackson Co., TN
- ...Mary Lou Loftis – b. 23 February 1887, Jackson Co., TN – md Cyrus Haden Rush
- ...Demmon James Loftis – b. 30 January 1889, Jackson Co., TN – d. 22 April 1941, Jackson Co., TN – md Ada Rush - d/o Cyrus Rush
Demmon was murdered on a hillside of Morrison's Creek while plowing with mules. Buried at +Loftis Cemetery, Morrison's Creek, TN
In his day Demmon was one of the "Characters" of Jackson Co., TN. At The mention of his name one immediately hears a funny tale. He was universally liked and respected. Demmon didn't talk plain. When his brother, George Rufe Loftis came in from California he asked Demmon to tell him how a man could save money. Demmon said "Any fool can make money reputation of always being in a hurry and of traveling pell-mell in his buggy. On one occasion one of the children fell out of the buggy. yelling and noises from the other passengers didn't stop Demmon. When he got to church, he learned he'd lost one child – so he back-tracked until he found the missing child and returned to church. Story written by Christine Jones
- ...Sally Elvira Loftis – b. 11 March 1891, Jackson Co., TN – d. ca. 1967 – Buried: Leonard Cemetery, Clay Co., TN – md Omer McCarter- md Smith Leonard
- ...Gainesboro Loftis – b. 21 October 1891, Jackson Co., TN – d. 14 July 1969, Gainesboro, TN - md Jefferson Stone Fox - b. 25 February 1883 – d. 12 July 1914 – s/o Merdy & Eletha Fox
Gainesboro, Buried: +Old Mat Cem., Morrison's Creek, Jackson Co., TN
- ...James M. Loftis – b. 27 November 1894, Jackson Co., TN – d. 17 September 1895, Jackson Co., TN
- ...George Ruffy "Rufe" Loftis – b. 20 August 1897, Morrisons Creek, Jackson Co., TN – d. 2 March 1962, Washington D.C. – md 3 June 1922, Jackson Co., TN – Nola Belinda Crowder - b. 3 June 1896, Baxter, TN – d. 28 March 1967, Long Beach, CA
George "Rufe" was born in the old homestead in Jackson Co., TN. As a young boy he rebelled against the hard farm work and wanted to go to school. He went to Pleasant Hill Academy in Cumberland Co., TN (from which he graduated in 1914) and there met Nola Belinda, whom he later married. Effie Chaffin Watson author of "Them Good Ole Days" wrote in 1969 – "I well remember George "Ruff" and recall him telling his parents that he didn't intend to work as hard as they had. This warranted him a number of whippings, but he won out in the end. He made his permanent home in Long Beach, CA from 1917 until his death in 1962. He worked in the oil

fields. He was called to Washington D.C. as a Legislative Assistant to a U.S. Representative.

- ...Nancy Belle Loftis – b. 23 June 1898, Jackson Co., TN – d. 11 August 1905 *during the epidemic of colitis better known as “the bloody flux”.*
- ...Clerry or Sarah Tennessee Loftis – b. 8 March 1899, Jackson Co., TN - d. 19 June 1899
- ...Belle D. Loftis – b. March 1900
- ...Twins b & d at birth
- ...Clerry Tennessee Loftis – b. 5 February 1846, Jackson Co., TN, 27 August 1899 md Andrew P. Davis Gentry. †Clerry T.: Old “Mat” Loftis Cem., Jackson Co., TN.
 - ...George Washington Gentry –b. 20 May 1876 –d. 5 February 1958 – Buried: Byers Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN – md Celina Louisa Loftis - b. 28 June 1879 (*George Washington Gentry & Celina Louisa Loftis were 1st cousins*)
- ...George Rufus “Ruff” Loftis – b. 21 November 1848, (Bible), Jackson Co., TN (*b. 1 October 1848 on Tombstone*), Holdenville, Hughes Co., OK d. 20 August 1896 or 18 July 1932, Holdenville Co., OK md ca. 1864, Jackson Co., TN, Sallie “Sarah” Elizabeth Chaffin - b. 28 December 1846, Jackson Co., TN – d. 3 May 1922, Holdenville, OK d/o Abner & Elizabeth (Young) Chaffin & grand-daughter of Barbara Gallion & Robert Young - Both Buried: Holdenville Cemetery , OK
 - ...Abner Melton Loftis – b. 21 August 1865, Gainesboro, TN – d. 28 January 1938 *of liver cancer* in Holdenville, OK – md 28 October 1888, “Vina” Melvina E. Carter - b. Flynn’s Creek, Jackson Co., TN.
He was a member of the Church of Christ. He moved from TN to McKinney-Sherman TX on a farm and moved from there to Indian Territory in 1905/06. He ran a grocery store in Holdenville, OK and had a cotton exchange, buying thousands of bales of cotton for Lloyds of London, England. There is a notation in his handwriting in his Family Bible dated 28 November 1897 which states “by the help of God, I’ve quit drinking”. He married Melvina in the Church of Antioch, TN. She was born on Flynn’s Creek, Jackson Co., TN and a member of the Methodist Church. She died of a heart attack. Her family Bible (97 yrs. old in 1990) was bought from a peddler and she paid for it with chickens. Her brother John Carter died of lung cancer. She lived to raise 3 grand-daughter after her daughter Ruby had a nervous breakdown. Her son-in-law’s mother raised Ruby’s 3 sons.
- ...Martha Elizabeth Loftis – b. 22 August 1866, Jackson Co., TN – d. 21 March 1941 – md 16 May 1886, William A. Dennis – s/o Margaret Ann Smith & Benjamin Franklin Dennis
- ...James M. Loftis – b. 1869/70, Jackson Co., TN – d. 1933, Texola, OK – md Clara Perly Fox - d/o Uriah H.W. & Dicey L. (Whitehead) Fox *James had a cotton business he ran in Texola, OK.*
- ...Parzetta C. Loftis – b. 6 February 1873, Jackson Co., TN – d. 30 August 1950, Holdenville, OK- md George Rugust Gentry - b. 29 March 1874, Denton, TX d. 1957, Holdenville, OK – s/o Hiram W. & Minerva Gentry
- ...Harriett Loftis – b. 6 April 1875, Jackson Co., TN – d. 15 October 1944, Jackson Co., TN – md 4 January 1894,



Hickman Pulaski Gentry
& Harriett Loftis

Hickmon Pulaski Gentry - b. 14 June 1874, Jackson Co., TN – d. 12 Oct. 1922, Jackson Co., TN, s/o Henderson Brown Gentry & Louvernia Loftis.

...Sarah Loma Gentry – b. 13 May 1895, Jackson Co., TN – md 28 September 1913, Jackson Co., TN, James Whiteman Chaffin – b. 13 January 1892, Jackson Co., TN – d. 17 February 1930, Jackson Co., TN – s/o John Frank Chaffin & Nancy E. Birdwell
Buried: +Pharris Cemetery, Gainesboro, TN
**See Chapter 4, Nancy E. Birdwell – d/o Jones M. Birdwell & Virginia Jackson.*

...Minnie Lou Gentry – b. 15 September 1897, Jackson Co., TN – d. 28 December 1960 - md Chester Lee Loftis – b. 19 December 1894 – d. 8 April 1975 – Both Buried: +Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

...Ruby Mae Loftis – b. 15 May 1916. Jackson Co., TN – md December 1933, Richard Van Hooser – b. 20 June 1914 – d. 20 January 1965

...Lella Lee Loftis – b. 4 December 1922, Jackson Co., TN

...Norma Wilma Loftis – b. 1 August 1928, Jackson Co., TN – d. 25 March 1933 – Buried: John R. Chaffin Cemetery, Gainesboro, TN
**See newspaper article for Norma Wilma Loftis.*

...Douglas Lurlene Loftis – b. 12 April 1935, Jackson Co., TN

...Lillie V. Gentry – b. 25 August 1899 – md 5 September 1918, James Dillard Hawkins

...Abner M. Gentry – b. 26 April 1902 – d. 5 November 1974 – md 12 July 1925, Martha Dee Loftis – b. 24 September 1909 – d. 26 March 1991, Jackson Co., TN – Both Buried: +Hensley Cemetery

...Lattie B. Gentry – b. 18 August 1904 – d. 26 April 1963 – md 1st 19 October 1927, Effie Geneva Loftis – b. 23 February 1907 – d. 15 April 1930 – d/o Melvin Pearce Loftis & Louvinia Loftis - md 2nd 14 October 1934, Della May Loftis – d/o Noah Loftis

...George Doliver Gentry – b. 21 November 1906, Jackson Co., TN – d. 2 February 1963 – md 31 March 1934, Emily Angeline Gentry – b. 8 March 1916 – d/o John Preston & Brunetta Mayberry Gentry
George buried: +Crest Lawn Cemetery, Cookeville, TN

...Herby Gentry – b. 10 July 1911 – d. 18 July 1974 – md Vada Lou Gentry – Herby Gentry buried: +Crestlawn Cemetery, Cookeville, TN

...Fred Gentry – b. 24 April 1909 – d. 18 March 1910 – Buried: Old Mat Loftis Cemetery, Morrison's Creek , Jackson Co., TN

...Sally Elizabeth Loftis – b. 10 March 1879 – d. 4 August 1885 of appendicitis.

...Willis Bates Loftis – b. 18 March 1882, Jackson Co., TN – d. 12 September 1960, Holdenville, OK - md Matildia "Tilda" Allen – b. November 1881/84, Jackson Co., TN – d. Holdenville, OK - d/o Charles Cook Allen (1845, TN – 1933, TN), s/o Hugh Porter Allen & Lucinda King & Prilly

Margaret Gentry (1852 - ?), md 4 Dec. 1871, d/o William Riley Gentry & Mary Ann "Polly" Maberry.
Buried: Allen Cemetery, Blackburn Fork, Jackson Co., TN

Note: A letter from Roy Loftis, gr-nephew of Willis Bates Loftis, received in 1970 stated "I knew him the best, worked with him in the R. B. Loftis store as a child and later. He was the most active Loftis I ever knew. He could kick high as the moon and was a whiz with figures.

...Lewis Loftis – Living in 1970 Winchester, TN was formerly principal of Parkview

School in Holdenville, OK.

...A. J. Loftis – Living 1975 Winchester, TN owned and operated a department store.

...Ida Loftis – b. ca. 1902 – d. ca. February 1970 – md Harold Roach and
Lived in Oklahoma City, OK. Buried: Holdenville, OK.

...William Bates Loftis (he changed his name to Bates L.) b. 21 October 1892,
Gainesboro, TN – lived Olten, TX – md 18 December 1910, Holdenville, OK,
Mary Lou Page - b. 7 May 1892, AR – d. 9 November 1965, Olten, TX –
d/o John Jones & Lucyanna (Hanks) Page

...Opal Mae Loftis – b. 4 January 1912, Holdenville, OK – md 1st William J.
Wilson – md 2nd Walter L. Farris, b. 19 November 1902 – d. 29 Oct. 1986.

...Andrew Calvin “Jack” Loftis – b. 10 May 1914, Holdenville, OK – md
Rose Baker

...Josephine Loftis – b. 13 July 1916, Holdenville, OK – md 31 December
1936, Clovis, NM, Horace Edward Huckabee, b. 9 March 1908.

...Bessie Edith Loftis – b. 14 December 1921, Holdenville, OK – md 2
December 1946, Jonnie E. Lathan, b. 21 February 1922.
Lives in Cassville, MO.

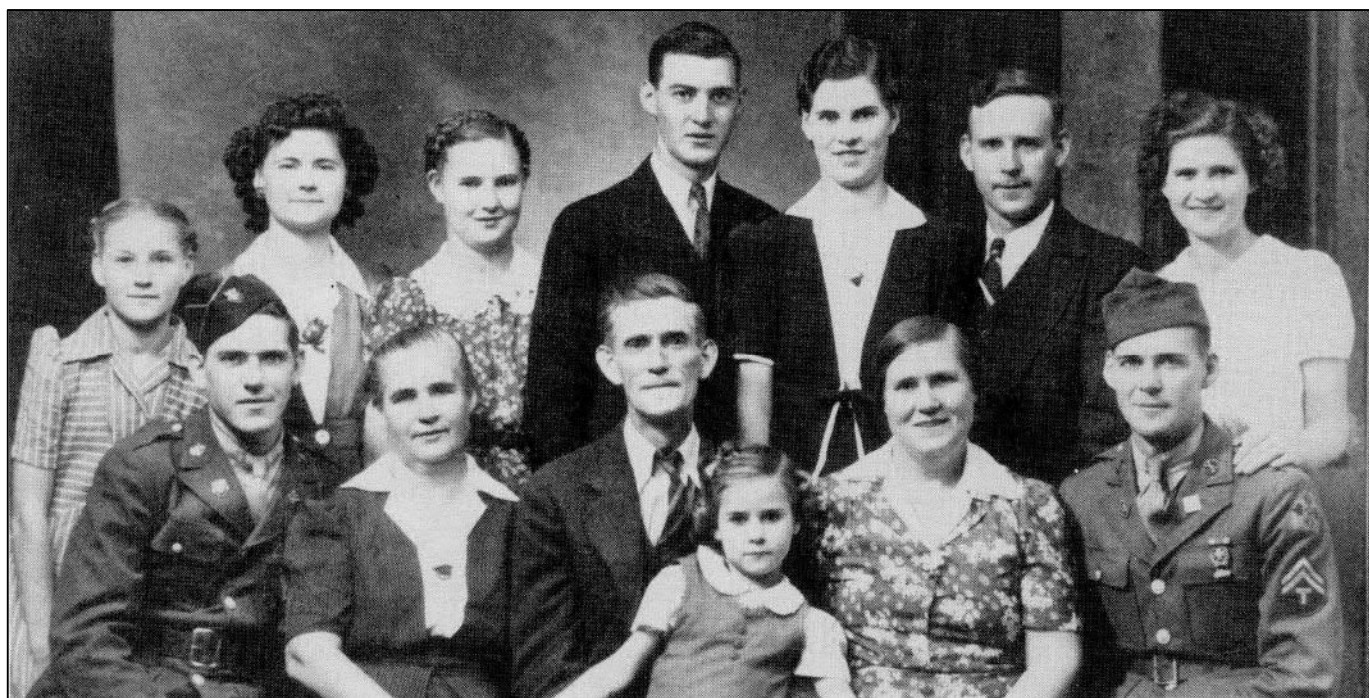
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Chapter 12).



FAMILY OF NOAH LEE LOFTIS AND CORA C. CHAFFIN LOFTIS

L to R: Sarah Belle, James Oliver, Noah Lee, Cora C., Doliver B. and Beulah Jane Loftis. Photo taken
about 1915.

Source: Loftis and the Descendants of Laban Loftis, by Jimmie R .Loftis & Bobbie H. Bryant, pg. 368,
James Madison Loftis lineage.



Front: Donald, Cora, Noah Lee, Georgia Lanell, Beulah Jane and Doliver B. Loftis

Back: Vada Lee, Vola C., Lola Frances, Daniel J., Vela Alice, James Oliver and Della May Loftis.

Photo taken about 1943.

Source: Loftis and the Descendants of Laban Loftis, by Jimmie R .Loftis & Bobbie H. Bryant, pg. 368, James Madison Loftis lineage.



FAMILY OF ABNER HILL CHAFFIN

Front Row: Mamie Lou, Abner Hill, India Bell, and Lawrence.

Second Row: Dealie, Author, Cora, Okla, Effie, and Hiram Chaffin.

Source: Loftis and the Descendants of Laban Loftis, by Jimmie R .Loftis & Bobbie H. Bryant, pg. 368, James Madison Loftis lineage.



L to R: Cora C. Chaffin Loftis; Abner Hill Chaffin; Okla K. Chaffin; Ova Slinger Chaffin and her husband K. Chaffin (lived in OK) and Lawrence Chaffin. Photo taken about 1948 at Abner Hill Chaffin's home on Buffalo Valley Road near Cookeville, TN.

Picture taken from the book, Loftis & the Decendants of Laban Loftis – pg. 367



Family of Noah Lee & Cora C. Chaffin

L to R:

Della May Loftis (b. 14 October 1916, Jackson Co., TN) md to Lattie B. Gentry (b. 18 August 1904 – d. 26 April 1963) Bur. Crestlawn Cem.
 Georgia Lanella Loftis (b. 9 March 1937, Jackson Co., TN) md to Haskell Boyd Fox (b. 4 October 1933 – d. 1 December 1984)
 Vada Lee Loftis (b. 28 April 1931) md 1st Alvin Burgess 2nd Charles Burch
 Beulah Jane Loftis (10 November 1909, Jackson Co., TN) md to Lonnie B. Gentry (b. 24 December 1901 – d. 22 June 1966)
 Vola C. loftis (b. 12 March 1921, Double Springs, Putnam Co., TN) md to Charles Earl Norton (b. 14 October 1919)
 Lola Frances Loftis (b. 17 November 1928, Double Springs, Putnam Co., TN) md 13 February 1946, Boyd R. Spurlock (d. 22 March 1966)
 Vela Alice Loftis (b. 4 September 1918, TN – d. 17 June 1974, FL) md to Elroy Alton Lester – s/o Harley & Mary Robinson Lester

Picture taken from the book, Loftis & the Decendants of Laban Loftis.
 pg. 371

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 30 March 1933, Bloomington Springs, TN: **Norma**, 4 yr. old daughter of **Chester Lee Loftis** of Roaring River died Saturday after an illness of 2 weeks. Besides her parents, she leaves 2 sisters, **Rubye & Lella Loftis** & a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at the Chaffin Cemetery in Jackson Co., TN by Bro. Baugh Smith. Mr. & Mrs. Loftis were former residents of this community. Pg. 6: **Pierce Loftis**, Miss **Avannah Loftis**, Miss **Cleo McBroom**, Mr. & Mrs. **Otis Loftis** & **Nathan Loftis** attended the funeral of **Norma Loftis** in Jackson Co. on Sunday. (**Milton Otis Loftis** & **Essie Avo Jernigan Loftis**, grandparents of **Audrey J. Denny Lambert**).



Children of Hickman Pulaski Gentry & Harriett Loftis,
Front L to R: Herby; Dolliver; and Loma.
Back Row: Lattie; Abner; Lillie & Minnie Gentry.

- 390 - Harriet Loftis - md Hickman Pulaski Gentry
- 390 - Sarah Loma Gentry - James Whiteman Chaffin –
s/o John Frank Chaffin & Nancy E. Birdwell
- 393 – Minnie Lou Gentry - md Chester Lee Loftis
- 393 – Lillie V. Gentry - md James Dillard Hawkins
- 395 - Abner M. Gentry - md Martha Dee Loftis
- 397 - Lattie B. Gentry - md Effie Geneval Loftis
- 397 – George Doliver Gentry - md Emily Angeline Gentry
- 397 – Herby Gentry - md Vada Lou Gentry
- 397 – Fred Gentry - died an infant.

Listed in the book *Loftis & the Descendants of Laban Loftis*
by Jimmie R. Loftis & Bobbie H. Bryant (# represent pg.
numbers in this book).



Henderson Brown Gentry reunion at Morrison Creek Community, ca. 1902, Back Row Standing L to R: (torn out, Poteet Hensley, Rebecca "Becky" Gentry Hensley), Ova D. Hensley (baby), unknown, Ben Hensley, unknown girl in front, Sobrine Gentry Hensley holding Lola B. Gentry, W.F. "Billy" Gentry, Samantha Harley Gentry, Hickman Pulaski Gentry, Harriet Loftis Gentry holding Lillie V. Gentry, girls in front of Harriet are Loma and Minnie Gentry, Benton McMillion Gentry, Ova Gentry, Avo Gentry. Middle Row Standing L to R: Armel Hamlett, Vina Gentry Hamlett, Francis Marion Loftis, America Gentry Loftis, Avo Loftis (baby), Henderson B. Gentry (baby), Matthew Gentry, Harriet Gentry, Lettie Gentry, Louvernia Loftis Gentry, Henderson Brown Gentry, child in arms Clarence Loftis. Children on front L to R: Masco Hamlett, unknown Hamlett, Maggie Hamlett, Millard Mike Loftis, Emma Loftis, Marion Gentry, Carlos B. Gentry, & Luther Gentry. Picture taken from the book, *A Pictorial History of Jackson County, Tennessee* by the Jackson Co., Historical Society.

(con't list; children of James Madison & Sarah Elvira (Dowell) Loftis – see Chapter 12)

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