

The Andrew Swallows Family

Stray Leaves from Putnam County History
by Mary Hopson, pgs. 200 & 201
Courtesy Paula Swallows Stover, Rickman, TN

Andrew Swallow (the final "s" was later added) was born in Berks County, PA on April 17, 1760. He died on September 30, 1843 and is buried in Overton County in the Roaring River Cemetery. In September 1777, during the Revolutionary War, he enlisted in the continental army where he served for two months during which time he fought near Philadelphia, PA. He found both tours of duty as a substitute (someone paid him to serve in their place, which was common practice in those days for those who could afford it). Andrew Swallow enlisted again in 1779 and served for one year as a wagoner, hauling ammunition between Reading, PA and White Plains, New York. In the spring of 1780 he moved to Wythe Co., VA where he again enlisted and served one month as a private in Capt. Buchanan's Virginia Company. He enlisted in February 1781 and served two months, then later in the year he again served two more months.

After the Revolutionary War ended in 1781, Andrew moved to North Carolina and then to Tennessee. He is believed to have come to Overton County about 1818 or 1819. He received a Revolutionary pension beginning the 4th of March, 1831 in the amount of \$26.66 annually. In his application, he stated that during the war he had seen General George Washington on several occasions.

In the spring of 1785, Andrew married Catherine Kinder, 1755-1847. Catharine had a son named Reuben Finley. She and Andrew had seven children: Jacob Swallows (Feb. 11, 1786) who married 1st Sarah Copland (1786), the daughter of Col. Stephen Copeland, 1756-1835 (he was the first white settler in Overton County) and 2nd Rachael____. Jacob fought in the War of 1812 in the Battle of New Orleans under the command of General Andrew Jackson. He also served under General Jackson in the Indian Wars. Andrew and Catherine's other children were: Mary Magdelina "Polly" Swallow, 1788-1863, who married Isaac West; Elizabeth Swallows (Jan. 18, 1790); Isaac Swallows (Feb. 7, 1792); Catherine Swallows (Jan. 15, 1794); Rachael Swallows (Feb. 18, 1796); and Jemima Swallows (Oct. 23, 1800).

One of Jacob Swallow's sons was Isaac Swallows, 1808-1894. He married Frances Hammock, 1812-1897. Isaac and Frances had nine children: Jacob W. Swallows (he moved to the Muddy Pond area near Monterey); William Swallows, Mary "Polly" Swallows, Dicie Swallows, Andrew Jackson Swallows, James Swallows, Isaac Swallows, Jr., Reuben Swallows, and John Swallows.

Andrew Jackson Swallows married Catherine Moore. They had three children: William Stanton Swallows, Andrew Forrest Swallows, and Martha G. Swallows.

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The William Stanton Swallows Family

William Stanton Swallows, 1861-1945, was one of three children born to Andrew Jackson Swallows (1840) and Elizabeth Catherine Moore Swallows, 1839-1919. Andrew Swallows later left his family and moved to Missouri and then settled in Batesville, Arkansas where he again married. Catherine Moore Swallows then married Rev. W. J. Anderson. *William Stanton Swallows and Catherine Moore got divorced.*

On September 16, 1883, William Stanton married Sara Catherine Hanna Miranda Emeline Dodson Gentry, 1860-1894. Miranda was the daughter of Rev. Thomas Richard Dodson, 1820-1893, and Martha Ann Johnson Dodson, 1821-1906, and the widow of Elias Gentry. Miranda and Elias had two daughters, Sara Ida Ova Gentry Thompson, 1877-1969, who was married on May 2, 1896 to Bryrd C. Thompson, 1876-1956, they lived on Minor Hill, Tennessee; and Mary Emey Lucretia Ann Gentry, 1881-1962, who was married on September 7, 1902, to Millard Cleveland Carr, 1884-1940.

When Miranda's father, Rev. Dodson, moved to this area from Hamblen County, Tennessee, he bought several hundred acres of land in what is now known as the Dodson Chapel Community. There he built a store that included a post office, and he named the community Miranda after his daughter.

After William Swallows married Miranda, he served as the store manager and the postmaster of Miranda, Tennessee for several years until he sold the store to John Edward Judd in 1894, after Miranda's death. William Swallows was a State Senator in the 54th General Assembly of Tennessee from 1905-1907. He was a Justice of the Peace in Overton and Putnam counties for 36 years, 20 years in Overton and 16 in Putnam. Following the death of his wife, he moved his family to Baxter, Tennessee where he served as trustee and chairman of the board of Baxter Seminary for 25 years. He was a member of the Methodist Church from early manhood.

William and Miranda had five children:

Arthur Franklin Swallows, 1886-1968, who was married to Mary Ingabird Gibbons, 1890-1962; Thomas Dewitt Talmadge Swallows, 1890-1986, who was married to Margie Mason, 1897-1965. Martha Elizabeth "Mattie" Swallows, 1888-1967. Mattie never married; Joseph "Joe" Carter Swallows, 1891-1951, who married Amanda Francis Byers; and, Rose Leila Swallows, 1894-1894.

Miranda died of tuberculosis the day after her baby and was buried at Dodson Chapel near her parents and her first husband.

On August 5, 1896, William married Ida Sophia Freeman, 1872-1935, the daughter of Wiley and Margaret Livingstone Freeman. William and Ida had nine children:

Ruthie Alice Swallows Lee, 1898

Vada Catherine Swallows Pope Grace, 1901

William Simpson Swallows, 1903-1906

John Isaac Swallows, 1905-1977

Lidda Pearl Swallows Allison, 1907. She md Zina David Allison, s/o Sam B. Allison.
Charles Howard Swallows, 1910-1967

Jacob Paul Swallows, 1912-1967

Vera Margaret Swallows Medley, 2 March 1914. She md Charles Morris Medley,
s/o Ernest Medley & Micheal Martelia "Telia" Anderson. "Telia" was the d/o Lewis
Monroe Anderson & Matilda Isabelle Wallace).

James Carl Swallows, 1918. He md Marie Austin, they lived in Baxter, TN.

William Stanton Swallows married for a third time on August 30, 1936, to Margie Willett
Freeman, the widow of Early Freeman and the daughter of John Willett.

Story courtesy of: Paula Swallows Stover, Rickman, TN.

1920 Census – 20th Civil District – Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 24 Family: 24 Line: 8 –Baxter Town

Swallows, William S. Head M W 58 Married (21 yrs. old 1st marriage) Farmer General Farm TN TN TN
(William Stanton Swallows, s/o Andrew Jackson Swallows & Elizabeth Catherine Moore).

Swallows, Ida Wife F W 47 Married TN VA TN (Ida Sophia Freeman, d/o Wiley Freeman & Margaret
Livingston).

Swallows, Vada C. Dau F W 19 Single Teacher TN TN TN (Vada Catherine Swallows md Pope Grace).

Swallows, John I. Son M W 14 Single TN TN TN (John Isaac Swallows).

Swallows, Pearl Dau F W 12 Single TN TN TN (Lydia/Lidda Pearl Swallows md Zina David Allison, s/o
Sam B. Allison).

Both Buried: Judd Cemetery, 8th Dist., Putnam Co., TN – They had no children).

Swallows, Charles H. Son M W 9 Single TN TN TN (Charles Howard Swallows).

Swallows, Jacob P. Son M W 7 Single TN TN TN (Jacob Paul Swallows).

(Jacob Paul Swallows md Carmen: Both Buried: Crestlawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN).

Swallows, Vera M. Dau F W 5 Single TN TN TN (Vera Margaret Swallows, md Morris C. Medley, s/o
Ernest Medley).

Swallows, Carl Son M W 1 11/12 Single TN TN TN (James Carl Swallows).

1920 Census – 20th Civil District – Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 184 Family: 186 Line: 95

Medley, Earnest Head Owns Home M W 34 Married Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

Medley, Telia Wife F W 28 Married TN TN TN

Medley, Arnold Son M W 11 Single TN TN TN

Medley, Morris Son M W 9 Single TN TN TN

Medley, Lamar Son M W 3 Single TN TN TN

Medley, Ruth Dau F W 2/12 Single TN TN TN

1930 Census – 20th Civil Dist. Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 112 Family: 112 Line: 58 – Lived on Mine Lick Rd. – Baxter Town

Medley, Earnest Head Owns Home M W 44 Married (22 yrs. old 1st marriage) Farmer General Farm
TN TN TN

Medley, Telia Wife F W 39 Married (16 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN

(Micheal Martelia "Telia" Anderson, d/o Lewis Monroe Anderson & Matilda Isabelle Wallace).

Medley, Morris Son M W 18 Single TN TN TN

(Morris Charles Medley md Vera Margaret Swallows, d/o William Stanton Swallows & Ida Sophia
Freeman).

Medley, Lamar Son M W 19 Single TN TN TN

Medley, Ruth Dau F W 10 Single TN TN TN

Medley, Louise Dau F W 6 Single TN TN TN

Medley Roy Son W M 1 Single TN TN TN

1930 Census – 20th Civil Dist. Putnam Co., TN - Baxter Town– Baxter Seminary Lines 1 to 11.

Dwl: 104 Family: 107 Line: 13 – Sparta Rd.

Swallows, W. S. Head Rents Home M W 68 Married (21 yrs. old 1st marriage) Farmer TN TN TN
(*William S. Swallows*).

Swallows, Ida Wife F W 58 Married (24 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN
(*Ida S., w/o William S. Swallows*).

Swallows, Pearl Dau F W 22 Single TN TN TN (*Lydia Pearl Swallows*).

Swallows, Charlie Son M W 20 Single TN TN TN (*Charles H. Swallows*).

Swallows, Paul Son M W 18 Single TN TN TN

(*Jacob Paul Swallows md Carmen: Both Buried: Crestlawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN*).

Swallows, Vera M. Dau F W 16 Single TN TN TN

(*Vera Margaret Swallows, md Morris C. Medley, s/o Ernest Medley*). (*Vera Swallows Medley & Morris Charles Medley had a daughter named Billie Carol Medley*).

Swallows, Carl Son M W 11 Single TN TN TN (*James Carl Swallows*).

Swallows, Vada Dau F W 29 Widow TN TN TN (*Vada Catherine Swallows md Pope Grace*).

Swallows, Calvin Grandson M W 5 Single TN TN TN



The William Stanton Swallows Family

Seated, left to right: Martha Elizabeth “Mattie” Swallows, William Stanton Swallows, second wife, Ida Sophia Freeman, Arthur Franklin Swallows, and Thomas Dewitt Talmadge Swallows. Standing: Joseph Carter Swallows, Ruthie Alice Swallows Lee, Charles Howard Swallows, John Isaac Swallows, Vera Swallows Medley, Jacob Paul Swallows, and James Carl Swallows. Back row: Vada Catherine Swallows Pope Grace, and Lidda Pearl Swallows Allison.

Picture courtesy of Paula Swallows Stover, Rt. 10, Box 114, Cookeville, TN.

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Source: William Stanton Swallows

Boundaries1 Be it further enacted, That the corporation limit of the town of Baxter shall be as follows:
Baxter, Putnam Co., TN

<http://www.cityofbaxter.com/information/docs/TownCharter.pdf>

Beginning at the mouth of a branch where it empties into the Mine Lick Creek, being a corner of the Baxter Seminary property; thence up said branch No. 84 E. 400 feet to a stake on the south corner of the **W. S. Swallows residence**; thence south 82 ½ E. 1250 feet to the east side of the Baxter and Sparta Road, a the mouth of a lane; thence with said lane N. 75 E. 495 feet to the end of a street; thence with said new street N. 12 W. 900 feet to the corner of J. A. Harris' land; thence with said Harris' land N. 620 feet to a lane leading to J. A. Harris' dwelling to the Buffalo Valley Road; thence with said lane on the west side north 22 ½ W. 650 feet to the Buffalo Valley Road in the center of an alley running between N. A. Shanks and G. T. Medlin; thence with said alley N. 1 ½ W. 343 feet to a stake; thence N. 2 E. 171 feet to a stake, it being the northwest corner of the P. H. Julian lot; thence N. 70 E. 386 feet to a stake on the east side of a street; thence with said street S. 1 W. 460 feet to a stake on the north side of the Cookeville and Buffalo

Valley Road, it being the southwest corner of the C. C. Simpson lot; thence with his south boundary line N. 37 E. 110 feet to a stake; thence N. 78 E. 242 feet to a stake on the east side of a street in J. A. Isbell's land; thence with said street N. 1 E. 850 feet to a stake; thence N. 89 W. 343 feet to a stake; thence N. 4 E. 1000 feet to a stake in the right-of-way on the north side of the Tennessee Central Railroad; thence with the north side of the right-of-way S. 57 W. 700 feet to a stake; thence leaving right-of-way and running N. 135 feet to a stake; thence S. 77 W. 814 feet to a stake, it being the southeast corner of the John Williams lot; thence N. 1 E. 327 feet to a stake; thence with the north boundary line of said Williams through the lands of Willie Bradford, J. W. Rush, C. M. Wallace and A. R. Judd N. 89 W. 2,750 feet to a red oak in the northeast corner of the land belonging to Albert Ellis; thence N. 83 W. 1,275 feet to a stake on the west side of Baxter and Carthage highway; thence with the west side of said highway S. 23 E. 40 feet to the corner of Homer Winfree's farm, D. B. Boyd's garden fence; thence S. 40 W. 200 feet to a stake; thence west of the turnpike 266 feet and running parallel with turnpike 266 feet and running parallel with turnpike S. 25 E. 400 feet to a stake; thence S. 44 E. 500 feet to a stake; thence 51 E. 630 feet to a stake; thence S. 4 W. 395 feet to a stake in the west boundary line of Petway Nichols tract; thence S. 4 W. 1,100 feet to a stake in the north boundary line of the J. M. Bounds tract; thence S. 29 W. 974 feet to a stake north of W. A. Beatty's residence; thence S. 18 1/2 E., crossing the center of railroad at 486 feet and 1,243 feet west of the 82nd mile post 1,180 feet to a W. B. Clevenger's southwest corner north of the Cookeville and Buffalo Valley Road; thence on the north side of the road with W. B. Clevenger's south boundary line N. 56 E. 400 feet to a stake; thence N. 65 E. 860 feet to a stake; thence N. 25 E. 508 feet to a stake near the mouth of a small branch, the beginning. (Ch. No. 35, art. 111, pr. acts 1915, ch. 653, sees. 1, 2, pr. acts 1917 as amended by ch. No. 282, sec. 1, pr. acts 1949.)

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