

John Harvey Chaffin
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John Harvey was born in Jackson County, Tennessee January 17, 1845, son of **Benjamin Franklin Chaffin** and **Rebecca Lovall Chaffin**, married **Nancy Caroline Williams** (b. February 13, 1846, White County, Tennessee; d. January 12, 1931, Jackson County, Tennessee), daughter of **Johnny Williams**.

He was born with a severe birth defect (club feet). It was not to be a handicap in his life. His preliminary education was in the schools of Jackson County, Tennessee and then, a graduate of Burreitt College, Spencer, Tennessee. He served as Register of Deeds (1876-1884), County Court Clerk (1884-1906) for Jackson County. Both were members of the Church of Christ. John H. Chaffin departed this life November 26, 1909, and along with his wife are buried in the Pharris Cemetery in Jackson County, Tennessee.

Their children were 7 in number. They are: **John Franklin Chaffin** (b. May 24, 1871; d. September 18, 1908) married first, **Nancy E. Birdwell** on October 20, 1889. They had 2 children, **James Whitman Chaffin** and **Lola Essie Chaffin**. He married second, **Susan Naomi Isabell Burgess**. They had 1 son, **Lewis Chaffin**.

Riley Columbus Chaffin (b. May 4, 1874; d. December 4, 1922) married **Dicy Lavonia Fox** on September 3, 1893. They had 6 children: **John Wesley Chaffin**, **Garrett Chaffin**, **Flora Chaffin**, **Everette Chaffin**, **L. A. Chaffin**, and **Olee Chaffin**.

Ollie Chaffin (b. June 26, 1880; d. November 7, 1968) married James Morton **Dennis, II (Jim)**. They had 3 children: **Ethel Dennis**, **Ola Caroline Dennis**, and **James Morton Dennis, III**.

Nannie Chaffin (b. 1886; d. 1903) married Frank **Birdwell**. They had no children.

Martha Angeline Chaffin (b. October 10, 1883; d. December 5, 1970) married **Alfred Cleveland Kirby**. They had 5 children: **Amy Kirby**, **Averette Kirby**, **Lyda Kirby**, **Donald Kirby**, and **Dalton Kirby**.

Marion Chaffin killed by a pile of wood accidentally dropped at age eleven (11).

Mary Chaffin died in infancy.

**See Story of James Whitman Chaffin.*

**See Chapter 3, Johnny William Anderson- s/o Dillard Paul Anderson & Cora Bell Chaffin.*

**See Chapter 4, James Whiteman Chaffin – s/o John Frank Chaffin & Nancy Ann E. Birdwell.*

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