

James Whitman Chaffin

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**James Whitman Chaffin** (b. January 13, 1892; d. February 17, 1930) owned and farmed the farm of his great-grandfather, **Benjamin Franklin Chaffin**, located on what is now known as the Tom Anderson Road. He was the oldest child of **John Franklin** and **Nancy E. Birdwell Chaffin**. He had one sister, **Essie Chaffin** who married first, **Clarence Loftis**. Following his death, she married **Caleb Birdwell**. James Chaffin had one half brother, **Lewis Chaffin**, whose mother was **Susan Naomi Isabell “Bell” Burgess**.

He married **Sally Loma Gentry** (b. May 31, 1895; d. March 4, 1969) September 28, 1913. Loma grew up on Morrison’s Creek and was the daughter of **Hickman** and **Harriet Loftis Gentry**. She was a lover of music and always taught the children and grandchildren the rudiments of music. James and Loma Chaffin worshipped at the Antioch Church of Christ for a lifetime. Both are buried in the Pharris Cemetery in Jackson County.

Their children are **Willie Opal** (b. February 17, 1917; d. April 5, 1986) md **Vestal Chaffin**; **Ila Mae** (b. February 15, 1917) md **Johnny William Anderson**; **Vyda Elizabeth** (b. October 23, 1923) md **Henry Clay Anderson**; **Anna Marie** (b. October 27, 1927) md **Durell Loftis**.

James Chaffin was about 5’10” and weighing about 150 lbs. He had black hair and always wore a mustache. The log barn and frame house he built remains today.

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

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

*\*See Story of John Harvey Chaffin.*

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Front Row L to R: Nancy Caroline Williams Chaffin and Vyda Chaffin.  
Second Row: James Whitman Chaffin holding Anna Marie Chaffin, Sally Loma Gentry, Willie Opal Chaffin, Ila Mae Chaffin.