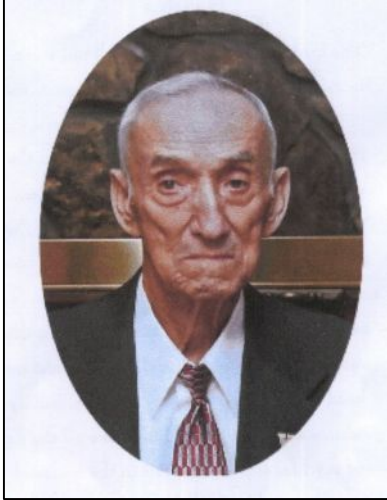


JOHN EDWARD SCRUGGS OBT.
b. 9 December 1922 – d. 27 July 2009

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Mr. John Edward Scruggs, age 86 of the Clubb Springs community of Smith County, died Monday, July 27, 2009 at St. Thomas Hospital, Nashville. Mr. Scruggs was born December 9, 1922 in the Clubb Springs community, the son of the late Edna Elizabeth Bellar and Robert Allen "Bob" Scruggs. A sister, Doris and her husband, Sam Haile of Castalian Springs, preceded him in death.



After Pearl Harbor, every young man was required to register for service at the age of 18. He was called into service on February 25, 1943, entering the United States Army as a PFC and rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Ribbon with three bronze service stars, the American Theater Ribbon and the Bronze Star Medal. He served 11 months in Northern France and Central Europe before his discharge on November 5, 1945.

He was married to Geneva Gentry on August 4, 1945. He was saved on August 16, 1945 and united with the New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church and has been an active member since that time and was a deacon for several years. He was a long time farmer and drove a bus for the Smith County educational system and later worked several years with the Smith County Highway Department.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Geneva Gentry Scruggs; daughter and son-in-law, Gail Scruggs Hewitt and Robert "Bobby" Hewitt of Carthage; granddaughter, Nicole Hewitt Williams and her husband, Bobby of Brush Creek; grandson, John Scott Hewitt and his wife, Shelly of Lafayette; two great-granddaughters: Kendall Nicole Williams and Abigail Elizabeth Hewitt; sister, Willodean Scruggs of Buffalo Valley.

Services for Mr. Scruggs were held at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 with Elder Charles Allen Gentry and Elder Ricky Holland, officiating. Interment, with military honors, was held in the Smith County Memorial Gardens, Carthage, with Elder Jason Wheeley, officiating. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Bonnell Glover, Harold Dillard, Alex Driver and Bradley Huddleston, deacons of New Macedonia Church, James Dillard, Billy Charles Gibbs, Jimmy Braswell, Steve Armistead and Jack Fitzpatrick. Active were nephews: Barry White, David Gentry, Bobby Gentry, James Edward Smith, Eddie Glover, Donald Gentry and Gary Lynn Croslin. Memorials may be made to the New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Bass Funeral Homes, Gordonsville Chapel, directors.

George Washington Scruggs – b. ca. 1848, s/o **James A. Scruggs**.

He md **Sallie Clark** – b. 2 March 1849, TN, d/o **Isham Clark & Roxie Ann Dillard**, d/o Williard Dillard, s/o George Poss Dillard.

Children of George Washington Scruggs & Sallie Clark were:

Melissa Lee Scruggs "Aunt Melissa" – b. 15 August 1870, TN

Willie A. Scruggs – b. 9 February 1872, TN

Worth Scruggs "Uncle Worth" – b. 14 August 1875, TN – md **Maggie Saxton**

Ada Scruggs – b. 1 August 1877, TN – d. 25 June 1925 – 1st w/o **John Rankin Denny**, md 2 August 1898, Smith Co., TN, he md 2nd Marena Norma Carr.

Samuel B. Scruggs – b. 9 August 1880, TN

Minnie Leola Scruggs "Aunt Minnie" – b. 18 June 1884, Club Springs, Smith Co., TN – md 20 December 1909, Club Springs, Smith Co., TN, Snowden Jackson Fitzpatrick – b. 19 December 1885, Chestnut Mound, TN, s/o William Campbell Fitzpatrick & Celillie Jane Tubbs

Children: Sallie Marie, Brooks Scruggs & Lillie Muriel Fitzpatrick
Robert A. Scruggs – b. 25 September 1886, TN – md Edna Bellar – b. ca. 1890
Martha Buchanan – b. 31 December 1890, TN

*See Scruggs Family – Denny family stories & Chapter 5 at:

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