



Picture taken ca. 1878: Family of Meredith Jurdan Gentry

Back Row L to R: William Riley Stokes Gentry, Robert Simon "Bob" Gentry, unidentified person, Bolliver Houston Gentry & Betty Gentry Anderson.
Front Row L to R: Julia Ann Gentry Maxwell holding daughter Ada, Meredith Jurdan Gentry & his wife, Frances Ann Shanks Gentry, Alvin Gentry,
Nancy Jane Gentry Vaughn holding son Amos Jurdan "Jord" Vaughn.

*Note: The unidentified person came with the company making the pictures.

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Meredith Jurdan Gentry – b. 2 October 1823, Jackson Co., TN - d. 8 January 1897, TN –
s/o Robert Gentry & Nancy Harris -
md 25 April 1848, 1st **Frances Ann Shanks** – b. 20 February 1828, VA- d. 29 April 1890 -
Both Buried: Bloomington Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN
d/o **William Simon & Margaret “Peggy” (Maddux) Shanks** – sister of Craven Shanks.
md 2nd **Josephine Maxwell Shanks** – b. 28 July 1824, Fauquier Co., VA – d. 23 May 1906, TN
d/o **William Simon & Margaret “Peggy” (Maddux) Shanks** – Josephine is buried:
Bartlett Hollow on the Blanchard Duke Farm, Putnam Co., TN
Mededith was in the Union Army during the Civil War, Co. B, 1st TN Mtd. Inf., Union Army.
**Sisters Josephine M. Shanks & Frances A. Shanks md the same man.*
**See William Simon Shanks Family Story for complete family listing.*
**See Gentry Family Bible*

Children of Meredith Jurdan Gentry & Frances Ann Shanks:

...**Robert Simon “Bob” Gentry** – b. 15 April 1849, TN – d. 19 September 1924 –
md 1st Maudie Clanthia Bockman – b. 18 March 1858 – d. 18 December 1893
md 2nd 9 September 1894, Putnam Co., TN, Lucinda M. “Lucy” Franklin –
b. 13 July 1875 – d. 18 August 1907 – d/o David Edward L. “Edd” Franklin
Buried: Bloomington Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN
...Jaims Gentry – b. April 1883, TN
...Franses Gentry – b. May 1884, TN
...Mandy Gentry – b. May 1886, TN
...Clarrin Gentry – b. April 1888, TN
...Napolean Gentry – b. April 1891, TN
...Roxey Gentry – b. March 1893, TN
...Mary Gentry – b. 1899, TN
...**Margaret “Betty” Elizabeth Gentry** – b. 1 October 1850, TN – d. 19 March 1940 - md 1 November 1867 –
1st Elbert Dodson - md 2nd Walter Robinson “Uncle Walt” Anderson – b. 22 August 1843 – d. 12 April 1928,
s/o Thomas Shirley Anderson Jr. & Louisa Alexander - Margaret is buried: Bloomington Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN
Walter Robinson Anderson is buried: Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

...**Nancy Jane Gentry** – b. 15 April 1852, Jackson Co., TN – d. 16 November 1926 - md William Cullom Vaughn –
b. 30 July 1855, Putnam Co., TN – d. 15 November 1944 – Both Buried: Bloomington, TN
...Rutha F. Vaughn – b. ca. 1877, TN
...**Amos Jurdan “Jord” Vaughn** – b. 4 September 1879 – d. 9 February 1952 – md Josephine “Josie” M. Gipson –
b. 26 September 1872 – d. 11 November 1956 – Both Buried: Double Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.
... **Julia Ann Virginia Gentry** – b. 23 March 1854, Putnam Co., TN – d. 24 December 1920 - md William Cullom Maxwell –
b. 30 December 1854, Putnam Co., TN – d. 12 April 1922 – s/o David Wood Maxwell & Mary Elizabeth Shanks.
Both Buried: Maxwell Cemetery – N I-40, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN
...**Ada Houston Maxwell** – b. 5 August 1878, Putnam Co., TN – d. 30 March 1969 – md 1st Rev. Thomas Granville Savage –
b. ca. 1849 – 11 November 1900 – *Thomas was a Methodist minister.* - Both Buried: Maxwell Cemetery – N I-40, Baxter,
Putnam Co., TN – Ada md 2nd Andrew Foster Byers – b. 14 January 1846 – d. 19 June 1920 -
Andrew was wounded in the Civil War.
...Joseph Allison Gentry – b. 22 May 1856
...Snowden Petway Gentry – b. 3 May 1858
...**Bolivar S. “Bolliver Hosten” Gentry** – b. 18 December 1861, TN – d. 2 May 1925 – md Julia Gibson – b. May 1868
Buried: Bloomington Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN
...Fannie Gentry – b. April 1890, TN
...Mand Gentry – b. May 1892, TN
...Charley Gentry – b. April 1895, TN
...Nan “Mae” Gentry – b. March 1898, TN
...**William Riley Stokes Gentry** – b. 12 January 1862, TN– md Margaret “Maggie” Elizabeth Swan –
b. 23 September 1866 – d. January 1940
...Frances Gentry – b. July 1882, TN
...Mertle M. Gentry – b. February 1887, TN
...Mary J. Gentry – b. March 1889, TN
...Willie H. Gentry – b. June 1891, TN
...Martha C. Gentry – b. August 1893, TN
...Jessey G. Gentry – b. January 1896, TN
...Clantha Gentry – b. March 1836, TN
...**Alvin Gentry** – b. 9 October 1864, TN
...Cornelia or Parmelis Josepheus Gentry – b. January 1867, TN

...Eliza Frances Gentry – b. May 1868, TN

Frances A. Shanks married Meredith Jurdan Gentry on 25 April 1848. Meredith J. Gentry was a son of Robert Gentry & Nancy Harris. Their children were: Robert Simon, who married Mottie Bockman; Margaret Elizabeth; Nancy Jane, who married William Cullom Vaughn; Julia Ann Virginia, who married William Cullon Maxwell; Joseph Allison; Snowden Petway; Bolliver Houston, who married Julia Gibson; William S., who married Maggie Swan; Alvin, Cornelia Josepheus; and Eliza Frances.

*See Gentry Family Bible. *See Chapter 7- Meredith Jurdan Gentry.

*Sisters Frances A. Shanks & Josephine M. Shanks md the same man.

Margaret “Peggy” (Maddux) Shanks was born in 1803 in Fauquier County, Virginia, and died 1 November 1867 in Putnam County, TN. Some of the descendants of Wm. Simon Shanks and Margaret “Peggy” (Maddux) Shanks are as follows:

Mary Elizabeth Shanks was born 13 February 1826 and married David Wood Maxwell, also a son of Samuel Maxwell. David W. Maxwell was born 5 March 1822. Their children were: Martha A., who married William Newton Allison; Margaret F., who married Sam Patton; Joel W., who married (1) Lucinda Adeline Taylor and (2) unknown; Jane E.; William Cullon, married Julia Ann Virginia Gentry; James Thomas, married Martha A. Harris; Tennessee Bell, married (1) Mag E. Gibson and (2) Dona Wilkinson.

Source: Jackson County, Tennessee – 1850 census - Dist. 12

Dwl: 379 Family: 379 Line: 3

Meradith J. Gentry 26 M Farming (Value of Real Estate, 200) TN (*Meredith Jurdan Gentry, s/o Robert Gentry & Nancy Harris*).
(*Meredith md 1st Frances Ann Shanks and 2nd her sister, Josephine Maxwell Shanks*).

Frances 22 F VA (*Frances Ann Shanks, d/o William Simon & Margaret “Peggy” (Maddux) Shanks*).
Robert 1 M TN (*Robert Simon “Bob” Gentry md Lucinda M. “Lucy” Franklin*).

Source: Putnam County, Tennessee - 1860 census – Dist. Double Springs, Tennessee

M. J. Gentry 37 M TN *Meredith Jurdan Gentry, s/o Robert Gentry & Nancy Harris. Meredith md 1st Frances Ann Shanks and 2nd her sister, Josephine Maxwell Shanks.*

Frances A. 32 F VA *Frances Ann Shanks*

Robert S. 11 M TN *Robert Simon “Bob” Gentry md Lucinda M. “Lucy” Franklin.*

Margaret E. 9 F TN

Nancy J. 8 F TN

Julian V. 6 F TN

Bolivar H. 7/12 M TN

Source: Putnam County, Tennessee – 1870 census - Dist. 11

Dwl: 123 Family: 123

M. J. Gentry 45 M W Farmer (Value of real estate, 2000) TN *Meredith Jurdan Gentry, s/o Robert Gentry & Nancy Harris. Meredith md 1st Frances Ann Shanks and 2nd her sister, Josephine Maxwell Shanks.*

Frances 42 F W Keeps House VA *Frances Ann Shanks, d/o William Simon & Margaret “Peggy” (Maddux) Shanks*

R.S. 21 M W Farm Laborer (Value of real estate, 150) TN *Robert Simon “Bob” Gentry md Lucinda M. “Lucy” Franklin.*

Nancy J. 18 F W TN

Julia V. 16 F W TN

Bolivar H. 10 M W TN

Alvin G. 5 M W TN

Parnelia J. 3 F W TN

Eliza F. 1 F W TN

Census Place: 1880 - District 6, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 143A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Meredith GENTRY	Self M	M	W	57	TN	
	Occ: Gospel Preacher	Fa: VAMo: VA				
Frances GENTRY	Wife F	M	W	54	VA	
	Occ: Keeping House	Fa: VAMo: VA				
Bollivar GENTRY	Son M	S	W	20	TN	
	Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: TNMo: VA				
John GENTRY	GSon M	S	W	9M	TN	
	Fa: TNMo: TN					

Census Place: 1880 - District 6, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 143B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Robert GENTRY	Self M	M	W	30	TN	
	Occ: Farmer	Fa: TNMo: VA				
Collantha GENTRY	Wife F	M	W	22	TN	
	Occ: Keeping House	Fa: TNMo: TN				
William GENTRY	Brother	M	S	W	18	TN
	Fa: TNMo: VA					
Alvin GENTRY	Brother	M	S	W	15	TN
	Fa: TNMo: VA					
Samuel MAXWELL	Other M	W	W	59	TN	
	Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: VAMo: VA				

(Samuel Maxwell)

Martha Jane Shanks (1830 – 1905) married **Robert Gentry, Jr.**, brother of **Meredith Jurdan Gentry**. They were sons of **Nancy Harris and Robert Gentry Sr.** Martha Jane and Robert Gentry are buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

1860 Census –Putnam Co., TN Dist. 9 – Pekin

Dwl: 1030 Family: 1030 Line: 32

Anderson, Thomas Jr. 42 M Farmer (Value of real estate, 3,500) – (Value of personal estate, 3,300) TN
(*Thomas Shirley Anderson Jr., s/o Thomas Shirley Anderson Sr. & Judith “Judy” Juda” Robinson – md Louisa Alexander*)

Anderson, Louisa 36 F TN

(*Louisa Alexander, d/o Reuben B. Alexander & Elizabeth Johnson*)

Anderson, Angeline 18 F TN (*Angeline Anderson md Capt. Prettyman Jones, s/o Byrd Smith Jones & Hannah Johnson*)

Anderson, Walter 16 M TN (*Walter Robinson Anderson md 1st Thurmalia Tucker – md 2nd Mary Lucinda Leftwich – md 3rd Margaret Elizabeth Gentry*).

Anderson, Paul 15 M TN (*Paul Anderson md Elizabeth “Bettie” Carr*)

Anderson, Martha 13 F TN (*Martha Anderson md Joseph Jones, s/o Byrd Smith Jones & Hannah Johnson*)

Anderson, Fannie 11 F TN

Anderson, Catherine 9 F TN (*Catherine Anderson md Samuel Alexander Leftwich*)

Anderson, Jane 8 F TN (*Jane Anderson md Simon Obadiah “Bud” Evans*)

Anderson, Ann 8 F TN

Anderson, Franklin 6 M TN

Anderson, MaryLine 5 F TN (*Maryline Anderson md Jesse Garner*)

Anderson, Almata 2 F TN (*Almeta Anderson md Robert E. Johnson*)

1870 Census –Putnam Co., TN Dist. 9

Anderson, W.R. 25 M W Farmer (Value of real estate, 2000) (Value of personal estate, 600) TN

Anderson, Permelia 20 F W Keeps House TN

Anderson, Paul 0 M W 1/12 May TN *Paul Anderson – b. 27 May 1870 – d. 4 February 1873: Buried: Carr-Anderson Cemetery, Located on the Oscar Tucker property behind Ewin & Edith Tucker Carr’s home on Tucker Ridge, Putnam Co., TN).*

Anderson, Paul 22 M W Farm Laborer TN (*Paul Anderson, b/o Walter Robinson Anderson. He md Elizabeth “Bettie” Carr*).

Anderson, Catherine 18 F W Domestic Servant TN

(*Catherine Anderson, sister of Walter Robinson Anderson. She md Samuel Alexander Leftwich*)

Anderson, Franklin 13 M W At Home (Value of personal estate, 200) TN (*Franklin Anderson, b/o Walter Robinson Anderson*).

Census Place:1880 - District 11, Putnam Co., Tennessee

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
W. R. ANDERSON	Self	M	M	W	36	TN

(*Walter Robinson Anderson, s/o Thomas Shirley Anderson Jr., & Louisa Alexander*).

Occ: Farmer Fa: TN Mo: TN

Mary ANDERSON	Wife	F	M	W	31	TN
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(*Mary Lucinda Leftwich, d/o Louis T. Leftwich & Elizabeth Cross*).

Occ: Keeping House Fa: VAMo: TN

William STORES/SHORES	Other	M	S	W	11	TN
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Occ: Farm Worker Fa: TN Mo: TN

1900 Census – Putnam Co., TN - Dist. 11

Dwl: 27 Family: 27

Anderson, Walter Head M W August 1843 56 Married (12 yrs. married) Farmer TN TN TN

(*Walter Robinson Anderson, s/o Thomas Shirley Anderson Jr., & Louisa Alexander*).

Anderson, Margaret E. Wife F W May 1848 52 Married (12 yrs. married) 0-0 (0 children born, 0 children living) TN TN TN

(*Margaret “Betty” Elizabeth Gentry, d/o Rev. Meredith Gentry & Frances Ann Shanks*).

Gentry, Roxy Niece F W May 1894 6 Single TN TN TN

Farece, John M W September 1879 20 Single TN TN TN

1900 Census – Putnam Co., TN - Dist. 16

Dwl: 40 Family: 42

Gentry, William R. Head M W January 1862 38 Married (19 yrs. married) Farmer TN TN TN

(*William Riley Stokes Gentry, s/o Rev. Meredith Gentry & Frances Ann Shanks*).

Gentry, Magga E. Wife F W September 1866 33 Married (19 yrs. married) 8-7 (8children born, 7 children living) TN TN TN

(*Margaret “Maggie” Elizabeth Swan, d/o Judy Swan*).

Gentry, Frances Dau F W July 1882 17 Single At School TN T N TN

Gentry, Mertle M. Dau F W February 1887 13 Single At School TN T N TN

Gentry, Mary J. Dau F W March 1889 11 Single At School TN T N TN

Gentry, Willie H. Dau F W June 1891 8 Single At School TN T N TN

Gentry, Martha C. Dau F W August 1893 6 Single TN T N TN
Gentry, Jessey G. Dau F W January 1896 4 Single TN T N TN
Gentry, Clantha Dau F W December 1898 1 Single TN T N TN
Swan, Judy Mother-in-Law F W March 1836 64 Widow TN TN TN

1900 Census – Putnam Co., TN - Dist. 18

Dwl: 54 Family: 54

Gentry/Jentry, Bolivar Head M W May 1860 40 Married (13 yrs. married) Farmer TN TN TN
Gentry/Jentry, Julie Wife F W May 1868 32 Married (13 yrs. married) 8-4 (8 children born, 4 children living) TN TN TN
Gentry/Jentry, Fannie Dau F W April 1890 10 Single TN TN TN
Gentry/Jentry, Mand Dau F W May 1892 8 Single TN TN TN
Gentry/Jentry, Charley Son M W April 1895 Single TN TN TN
Gentry/Jentry, Nan “Mae” Dau F W March 1898 2 Single TN TN TN

1900 Census – Putnam Co., TN - Dist. 18

Dwl: 55 Family: 55

Gentry/Jentry, Robert Head M W January 1860 40 Married (15 yrs. married) Farmer TN TN TN
(Robert Simon “Bob” Gentry, s/o Meredith Jurdan Gentry & Frances Ann Shanks).
Gentry/Jentry, Lucil Wife F W January 1875 25 Married (15 yrs. married) 10-8 (10 children born, 8 children living) TN TN TN
(Lucinda M. “Lucy” Franklin, d/o David Edward L. “Edd” Franklin).
Gentry/Jentry, Jaims Son M W April 1883 17 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN
Gentry/Jentry, Franses Dau F W May 1884 16 Single At School TN TN TN
Gentry/Jentry, Mandy Dau F W May 1886 14 Single At School TN TN TN
Gentry/Jentry, Clarrin Dau F W April 1888 12 Single At School TN TN TN
Gentry/Jentry, L. Gutha Dau F W May 1889 Single At School TN TN TN
Gentry/Jentry, Napoleon Son M W April 1891 9 Single At School TN TN TN
Gentry/Jentry, Roxey Dau F W March 1893 7 Single At School TN TN TN -
Gentry/Jentry, Mary Dau F W 1899 1 Single At School TN TN TN

1910 Census – Putnam Co., TN - Dist. 11

Dwl: 9 Family: 9

Anderson, Walter R. Head M W 68 Married (21 yrs. married) Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

(Walter Robinson Anderson, s/o Thomas Shirley Anderson Jr., & Louisa Alexander).

Anderson, Margaret E. Wife F W 59 Married (21 yrs. married)

(Margaret “Betty” Elizabeth Gentry, d/o Rev. Meredith Gentry & Frances Ann Shanks).

Gentry, Roxy Niece F W 17 Single TN TN TN *(Roxy Gentry, d/o Robert Simon “Bob” Gentry & Lucinda M. “Lucy” Franklin).*

Census Place: 1920 District 18, Putnam Co., TN

Line: 76 Dwl: 36 Family: 38

Anderson, Walter Head Owns Farm 75 M W Married TN TN TN

(Walter Robinson Anderson, s/o Thomas Shirley Anderson Jr., & Louisa Alexander).

Anderson, Margaret Wife 69 F W TN TN VA

(Margaret “Betty” Elizabeth Gentry, d/o Rev. Meredith Gentry & Frances Ann Shanks).