

MARGARET ANNE (ELLIS) GENTRY (#418)

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Pgs. 140 & 141: **Margaret Ann Ellis** was born 3 December 1885 to Joseph Allison Ellis (b. 12 January 1860 – d. 11 January 1919) and married 11 December 1879 to Mary Ellen Harris (b. 29 July 1861 – d. 6 January 1944). There were 3 children born into this marriage, Oaker Dillard (b. July 1882) married 18 August 1903 to Maudie A. Hayes, d/o Dick Hayes and Sarah E. Harris; Margaret Dick Hayes and Sarah E. Harris; **Margaret Anne married Walter Leslie Gentry** 8 February 1903; and Clarence G. (b. 1890) married Ocie _____.



(Pictured: Margaret Anne (Ellis) Gentry).

Margaret Anne's **grandparents were Elijah S. Ellis Jr.** (b. 5 June 1815 in NC – d. 25 February 1879) married 1839 to **Margaret Jane "Peggy" McCaleb**, (b. in NC 11 June 1815 – d. 16 April 1900). There were 7 children born into this marriage, Elvira Clementine (b. 6 November 1840), Robert D. "bob" (b. January 1844), Juda Ann (b. 28 June 1849 – d. 20 August 1899), Samuel L. (b. 6 August 1853), Millard Filmore (b. 1 August 1855), Joseph Allison, and William Brownlow

"Billy" (b. 15 January 1864 – 28 March 1936).

Margaret Anne's **great grandparents were Elijah S. Ellis Sr., Margaret Medlin: and John McCaleb and Catherine Allison.**

Mary Ellen was the daughter of Larkin F. Harris (b. 13 February 1824- 25 June 1913) **married Annie L. Gentry** in 1846. Annie (b. 18 June 1826 – d. 29 July 1908) was the **d/o Robert Gentry and Nancy Harris** who were married about 1808. Robert was born 1789 and died 1840-1850. Nancy was born 31 December 1790 and **died 10 April 1840.**

Source: Jackson County, Tennessee – 1850 census - Dist. 12 – Enumerated 26th day of September 1850.

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Nancy Gentry 60 F W VA *Nancy (Harris) Gentry, w/o Robert Gentry.*

Herald Gentry 15 M W TN *Herald Gentry*

Wiley Gentry 12 M W TN *Wiley Gentry md Minerva Elizabeth "Nevie" McCaleb, d/o Capt. Samuel Vanransalear Asiel*

Silo Moore McCaleb & Eleanor "Nellie" Rhea Ray.

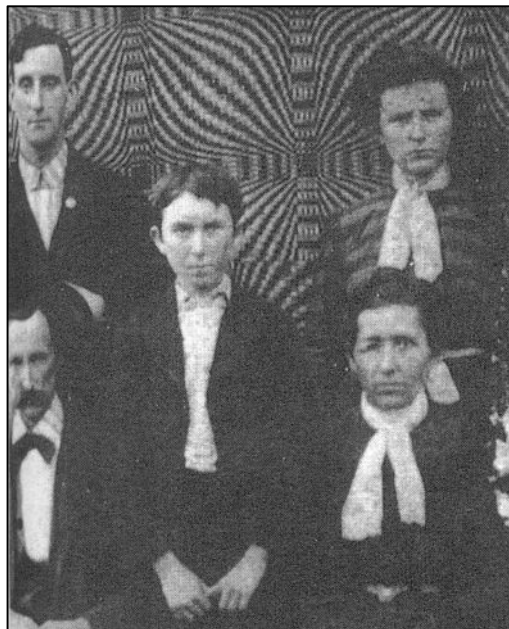
The Ellis, Harris, McCaleb, Allison, and Gentry families were all pioneer families in what is now Putnam County.

My thoughts go back as a child born 15 September 1941 in Cleveland, TN. My grandmother Margaret Ann, Aunt Katheryn, and Uncle Bailey Palmer would come to visit us when Bailey and Katheryn who lived in Detroit, MI would bring my grandmother who never drove a car to visit. This was a special time for me as my grandmother would always bring me a small gift, sometimes a half dollar coin; boy was I rich. As a small boy going to the store with 50 cents to spend, you were rich. This was during WWII when things we take for granted now were hard to get. Another time my grandmother sat me down, told me it was time I learned to tie my shoes. She made me over and over till I could tie them by myself; then she gave me 2 half dollar coins, great memories.

As I grew older in the summer time we would go to visit her in Baxter. I remember my mother, Mona Elizabeth, would always tell us children when we would go by a road that goes to where she was born, Double Springs. Margaret Anne lived alone, as my grandfather died when my oldest brother was three days old. July 1931. I always enjoyed staying at my grandmother's. She would let me go to the overflowing spring to get water for the house. Later a hand pump was drove just outside the back door; then inside plumbing made it easier for her. I remember also, she would give me a dime to go to the store to get her a tin of "Garret's Snuff". With the change I could buy candy; boy did I have it made. The store was on Fourth Ave. off Buffalo Valley Rd., owned by Howard and Clara Alexander. The store was Alexander's Grocery, opened 17 November 1953, and they ran it until January 1977; sold it, after Howard died from a heart attack, to Freddy Judd and is now called L & J Market. The information about Alexander's Grocery was given to me by a cousin, Joe Elmore. Thanks, Joe.

Now in the golden years of my life, living with my wife Barbara, I have two sons, Darryl, the oldest, now runs the business (Shelton Cleaners) and is married to Janet Stocker, who teaches school in Caledonia, MS. Two grandchildren – Kristen (b 11 December 1988) attends the University of MS and Evan (b 4 August 1996). Johnny is a draftsman for A & S Construction Company. He married 1) Tracy Simpson 8 May 1999, 2) Betty Mae Shaw (b. 1 April 1956) who is employed at Lowndes County Sheriff's Office; four stepchildren, De'Andra (b. 4 September 1967) married 1) Todd Allen Kuchel 2) Rich Matthews, live Dallas, TX, Blaque (b. 29 March 1987), Bryant (b. 31 December 1989), Bailey (b. September 1994), Katie (b. 25 May 1997); Mark (b. 27 February 1970, married Cristy Thomas, Kayla (b. March 1989), Courtney (b. 27 July 1990), 2) Pam Baker, Tiffany (b. 29 September 1993, Deane (b. 30 November 1995; 3) Angela Hester, Nathaniel (b. 6 March 1999, Mallory (b. 10 October 2000; Tanner (b. 22 September 1871) married 1) Billy Beard, son Tyler (b. 7 November 2002, now married to Chris Tate, Cassie (b. 27 June 1873) married 1) Quint Brock, Barbara Victorian (27 October 1991), Noah Reed (b. 15 December 2000, 2) Keith Brown; thirteen step grandchildren.

At an early age I was able to be self employed. After forty-seven years in the dry cleaning business, I am now retired. I volunteer one day a week at Baptist Memorial Golden Triangle Hospital. I am an Election Commissioner for our city, Columbus, MS. I am also the Chairman of Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery. My wife Barbara is employed at Baptist Memorial Golden Triangle Hospital in medical records.
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(Pictured: Joseph Allison Ellis family: Bottom, Left to Right: Joseph Allison Ellis, Mary Ellen (Harris) Ellis; Top Left: Oaker Dillard Ellis; Center: Clarence G. Ellis; Top Right: Margaret Anne Ellis.

WALTER LESLIE GENTRY FAMILY (#419)

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Pg. 141: **Walter Leslie Gentry** was born 5 October 1883 to **Silas Henry Gentry** (b. 30 October 1857 – d. 11 January 1932) and **Mary Robertson Maxwell** (b. 7 September 1859 – d. 18 January 1947). These two families were pioneers in what is now Putnam County.

Walter Leslie Gentry married Margaret Anne Ellis 8 February 1903; there were 8 children born into this family:

- 1) Everette Lee Gentry (b. 24 May 1904 – d. 7 May 1975) married 20 February 1923 to Leora Madlene Robinson. There were 10 children born into this family. Reba Evelyn (b. 18 January 1924) married Ray Perry; Ralph Edward (b. 2 March 1926) married Marjorie Earlene Cantrell 28 November 1946, Mesa, Arizona. Kenneth Ray (b. 21 June 1928) married Josephine Mary Cantarella 2 July 1950, Phoenix, Arizona. Margaret Ann (b. 18 October 1931) married Charles Franklin Tumpower 21 May 1953. Harold Leslie Dee (b. 20 October 1935 – d. 16 November 1983) married Elane Ruth Eckel. Joyce Hazel (b. 17 February 1938) married Jimmie Ray Ellit Marilyn Dale (b. 31 January 1940). Twins, Linda Marlene (b. 8 March 1944) married Charles Celaya, June 1994; Lila Darlene (b. 8 March 1944) married Gary Sutton. Douglas Gary (b. 23 March 1948).
- 2) Vinnie Mary Gentry (b. 24 December 1906 – d. 21 February 1926) married Haskel Farley.
- 3) Hubert Eskel Gentry (b. 1 January 1907 – d. 7 February 1937) married Maude Fox (b. 15 September 1908 – d. March 1993). They had a son Robert Gentry (b. 14 November 1932- d. 27 January 1991).
- 4) Pearl Dean Gentry (b. 19 June 1911 – d. 4 April 1926).
- 5) Mona Elizabeth Gentry (b. 25 November 1913 – d. 12 August 1996) married John Henry McElrath (b. 1 April 1908 – d. 18 July 1984) 26 July 1930. There were 5 children born into this family: David Henry (b. 8 July 1931 – d. 30 August 2006) married Frances Muriell Roberts (b. 14 February 1936 – d. 8 June 1990) 15 July 1952; Donald Rhea (b. 29 July 1932 – d. 29 November 2006) married Mildred E. Harvey (b. 14 September 1936) 2 March 1953; Mary Deanna (b. 9 June 1938 – d. 15 March 2004) married Cleatis Stanford (b. 27 November 1941) 29 April 1961; Clyde Royce (b. 15 September 1941) married Annette Welch (b. 13 February 1940), 2nd Barbara Irene Bryant Tilley (b. 29 August 1944) 30 April 1998; James Milton (b. 29 April 1951 – d. 7 January 2000) married Margie Poole 18 November 1969, 2nd Cheryl Lynn Heartly 3 January 1982.
- 6) Vivian Irene Gentry (b. 14 September 1916 – d. 29 September 1918).
- 7) Susie Katheryn Gentry (b. 12 April 1920 – 13 January 1992) married Bailey Logan Palmer (b. 4 June 1916 – d. 23 June 1965) 29 January 1942. Three children were born to this family: Ellen Ann (b. 31 March 1944) married Robert Ray Cantu 19 December 1964; Stephen Bailey (b. 15 June 1951) married Gayle Steffey; Brian Logan (b. 18 December 1959) married Denise Sinkmajor.
- 8) Berley Rhea Gentry (b. 13 December 1922 – d. 11 April 1975) married Vinnie Carr Shanks (b. 2 August 1917) a son by previous marriage, Fred (b. 14 October 1946), Alan Rhea (b. 25 January 1956).

Story submitted by Darryl McElrath. Researched by Clyde Royce McElrath.

Note: Vennie Vadell (Carr) md 1st Fred William Shanks, b. 28 January 1918, Baxter, TN – d. 6 June 1948, Nashville, TN. He is buried in the Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. Vennie Vadell (Carr) Shanks than md 2nd Berley Rhea Gentry).

*See Gentry files at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>



Some of Walter and Anne Gentry's family. Top: Walter Leslie Gentry and Margaret Anne (Ellis) Gentry. Bottom: Mona Elizabeth (Gentry) McElrath, Susie Katheryn (Gentry) Palmer and Berley Reha Gentry.