## DAVID HAGGARD FAMILY (#715)

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Pg. 265 – David Haggard was born in 1961 to Lennell and Frances Montgomery Haggard in Warren Co., TN. His paternal grandparents were William Tyee and Maggie V. Bates Haggard who lived in Putnam County at one time, and resided there when Lennell was born. His maternal grandparents were Dallas and Martha Ann Ford Montgomery of the Baxter area of Putnam County.

David attended elementary and middle school in DeKalb County. After graduating from DCHS, he



enrolled in Mortuary School. He then spent five years in mortuary work. Next he was employed at Federal Mogel in distribution for fourteen years. David has been self-employed for the last nine years. He and Jeff Hooper purchased DeKalb Memorial Gardens Cemetery along with its grave digging services.

David met Vicki Sue Adcock at the Mt. Herman Baptist Church, the place where their wedding later took place. Vicki was born in 1966 to Harwood "Woody" and Linda Sue Robinson Adcock in DeKalb County. Her paternal grandparents were Milburn Aldon and Candis Pink Cantrell Adcock of the Jefferson Community. Vicki's maternal grandparents were Edward and Lucille Fuson Robinson.

Vicki worked part time at Webb's Drugstore while attending DCHS. After graduating and marring, she has also worked part time at Cantrell's Clothing Store for the past twenty years. During this same time, she had taught preschool and eight years ago began working as a substitute teacher for the DeKalb County School System.

David and Vicki have two children, David Ryan and Katie Sue. The family worship with the Smithville Church of God. (For more information their heritage see the following articles: "William Tyree Haggard," "Pinkney Titus Haggard," and "Carolyn Ashburn – The Late Years.")

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## LENNELL AND FRANCES HAGGARD FAMILY (#716)

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Pg. 265 – Lennel was born Nov. 27, 1929 in Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN. His parents were William Tyree and Maggie V. Bates Haggard. Lennel was the youngest of ten children. (See other Haggard articles for more information).

Lennel wed Frances Elva Jean Montgomery. She was born Nov. 18, 1940 in Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Frances was the daughter of Dallas Oakley and Martha Ann Ford Montgomery. She has eleven siblings: Edith Montgomery Maxwell (deceased), Modena Montgomery Bray, James Montgomery, Olean Montgomery Mahan, Mary Kathleen Montgomery Podgorski, Roy Montgomery, Harlan Montgomery, Nancy

Montgomery Goff, Connie Montgomery Moss Williams, Jeff Montgomery, and Roger Dale Montgomery (deceased).

On Feb. 11, 1961 Frances rode to Cookeville with her mother. They parked in front of the courthouse. Frances sat in the car while her mother went inside to take care of some business. When Martha Ann returned to the car, she found her daughter missing. Lennell had come by and picked up Frances. When he brought her home she was Mrs. Lennel Haggard. They had eloped. She was twenty and he was thirty-one years old.

Three children were born to this union: David Lynn Haggard, Katie Sue Haggard, Caelin Riley Crips, and Landon James Crips.

Frances attends the Smithville First Freewill Baptist Church. Frances worked at the local garment factory, Smithville Manufacturing, until it closed. She then worked with the cafeteria staff at Smithville Elementary until she retired at sixty-five.

Lennell worked at Shelton's in McMinnville and J. E. Johnson Chevrolet, before opening his own body shop in Smithville. After retiring he became a part-time worker at one of DeKalb County's sanitation collection facility. This was his favorite job because he could be a part-time democrat talking politics with all who stopped. Lennell died Sept. 8, 2008 and was laid to rest in DeKalb Memorial Gardens.

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#### PINKNEY TITUS HAGGARD (#717)

**Source**: Heritage of Putnam County Tennessee – 2008 by Putnam County Heritage Book Committee and County Heritage Inc.

Pgs. 265 & 266 – **Titus Haggard** lived in Putnam County about 36 years. He was born 1-1-1860 in DeKalb Co., TN to Jessie Hoggard/Haggard (b. 6-11-1883, Knox Co., TN) and his wife Elizabeth Coggin (b. 10-27-1827, Montgomery Co., NC). Titus's grandparents were William Alexander and Jane Oglesby

Hoggard and Willis and Eunice Ann Calloway Coggin.

Pinkney Titus Haggard Family

**Titus married Roxzanna "Roxy" Robertson** in 1880. Roxy was born 2-6-1855 in DeKalb County, TN to Henry and Celia Rafeaty Robertson. Before moving to Putnam County, they lived in Love's Valley, Wolf Creek, and the Center Hill Dam area. They were Methodists.

Roxy bore Titus nine children, five of whom lived to adulthood. The five were: William Tyree, Fellie Marvin, Oscar Lafayette, Lillie Mae and Bertie. They were born in DeKalb County and attended school at Wolf Creek and Long Branch.

Titus's mother died in January of 1892. Titus had a stroke in the early 1900's; his doctors told the family not to upset him. Therefore, they all did whatever he said.

On 10-8-1914 Titus purchased a 125 acre farm located in Dry Hollow near Buffalo Valley. The farm had 3 houses, a large barn and 2 springs. His entire family moved there. Tyree (b. 1887) and his family moved

into one of the smaller homes, while Titus moved his wife and the other four children into the "big House". Their mailman was Babe Smith; and he traveled on horseback.

Titus's 3 sons logged the land, selling them at Buffalo Valley. They also did the farm labor. The income was used to make the three \$1000 annual payments on the farm.

Titus's son, Oscar, (1888-1987) married Bertha Stewart 7-23-1915 and brought his bride to his parent's home. Two of Oscar's children were born there. About 1917, he purchased the Helms 125 acre farm that joined his father's and moved his family there. Meanwhile, Titus's Dad died 12-29-1916. Next, Bertie married James Fant Maynard in November 1918. They moved to DeKalb County and reared 4 children. In 1929, when the bank went broke Titus was the only Haggard with money in the bank.

In late fall of 1930, Lillie Mae (1892-1943), Titus's other daughter, wed Sam Anderson. They moved to the Hopewell Community of Putnam County. They had no children. When Roxy became ill in 1930, Oscar's eldest daughter and her husband moved in with them. Roxy died 1-2-1931 and was buried in Smellage Cemetery.

In July of 1931, **Fellie** (1882-1973), Titus's eldest son, went to church services one night at the local Church of Christ. He came home with a bride. At age 49, Fellie had **wed a neighbor, Donna Walker**. They had one child that died young. In the fall of 1931, Titus re-married. **He wed a widow, Flora Carr**, who had one daughter. Titus had to deed her 50 acres with a house before she agreed to marry him. She left shortly, but kept the land and rented the house.

Titus died 12-14-1950 in the Lebanon hospital. Story submitted by Ryan Haggard, Murfreesboro, TN

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# TINA ROSE HAGGARD (#718)

**Source**: Heritage of Putnam County Tennessee – 2008 by Putnam County Heritage Book Committee and County Heritage Inc.

PG. 266 – Tina is the youngest child of Lennell and Frances Montgomery Haggard who were born in Putnam County. She was born in Smithville, TN. Tina attended the local schools graduating from DreKalb County High School as did her two siblings, David Lynn and Virginia Ann. While working at Star Manufacturing, she met a local man Melvin L. Crips.

Melvin's father is Melvin L. Crips, Sr., whose parent's were Jinx Robert and Goldie Crips. His mother is



Landon, Melvin, Caelin, and Tina Crips

Beverly D. Redmon, and her mother was Charlie Mae Braswell Foster.

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Melvin and Tina began saving for a church wedding after deciding to marry. A few months before their wedding while on a date, Melvin said we ought to marry now. Tina asked about the church wedding. He joked and said they would keep it a secret, and go on with the planned wedding, also. Tina and he kept teasing about it. The couple decided to follow through with their secret marriage. They went out on the following Saturday morning as planned. When Melvin asked where they were going, Tina, without hesitating, said Woodbury where her parents had wed when they eloped. Reaching their destination, they immediately ran into a relative at the courthouse. After

swearing him to secrecy, they were wed. This giggling couple went shopping for a wedding dress. When at the mall Tina saw a beautiful bedroom set. She pointed it out to Melvin. He agreed it was nice, but said it would have to be a later purchase since they were saving for the wedding. Tina couldn't forget about the

suit. They discussed the possibility of using their savings toward the purchase of the furniture. Being a wise man, Melvin said he would agree on whatever she decided. After considering the pros and cons over the weekend, Tina decided that she had rather have the furniture. The next evening the couple went and purchased matching wedding bands. The returned to their vehicle, waited for a romantic song on the radio, and placed the rings on each other's fingers while reaffirming their love. Tina and Melvin returned to her home (now their home) and first called her parents. Her dad, Lennell, declared it to be the smartest thing he had heard. The giggling had alerted Frances that something was going on. After telling the two families that they had been married for two weeks, they went and purchased the bedroom suit. They took a honeymoon next and later purchased her engagement ring. Tina thinks this backward order of marrying has proven well suited for them.

Melvin is now employed at Cantrell's Furniture, and Tina works at the offices of DTC Communications, in Smithville. This couple has two sons; Caelin Riley and Landon James. The family worships at the Smithville Church of God. One can only wonder if this will not someday be the scene where this couple renews their wedding vows in formal style.

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## WILLIAM TYREE HAGGARD (#719)

**Source**: Heritage of Putnam County Tennessee – 2008 by Putnam County Heritage Book Committee and County Heritage Inc.

PG. 266 – The **Tryee Haggard family** lived in Putnam County TN from 1914 through the 1930s. He was



the farm.

born in 1887 to Pinkney Titus and Rozzanna Robertson Haggard in DeKalb County, TN. He attended school at Wolf Creek and Long Branch and was brought up as a Methodist. His parents had nine children, but only he and four others lived to adulthood. **He married Maggie V. Bates** about 1909. Their first 3 children, William Jessie (b. 1910), Toy (b. 1912) and Jewell C. (b. 1914) were born in DeKalb County, TN.

Tyree's father purchased 125 acres in Dry Hollow near Buffalo Valley in October 1914. Tyree moved his family to this farm at the same time his father's family moved there. The farm had 3 houses and Tyree's family occupied one of the smaller ones. He and his brothers, Fellie and Oscar, cut timber, hauled it to rail yard in the valley to sell to Mr. Winfrey. They also worked

Maggie bore Tyree seven more babies before tragedy struck his family. These seven children were: Ruby P (b. 2-25-1915), Ruthie (b. 1918), Ola T. (b.12-30-1919), Verble "Verbee" (b.11-30-1921), Lorene (b.1922), William Bell (b. 1924) and James Edd (b.1925). Before sunrise on December 8, 1925, Tyee's home caught fire. Four children slept upstairs, three of whom escaped. Jessie burned his feet and legs as he swung down from an upstairs window. Jewell and Toy jumped out and Jewell injured her shoulder. Maggie was sitting up in a chair with the baby Edd and they got out. Lorene suffered burns to her hands.

Tyree went back for the others, but his clothes caught fire. He doused himself in the watering trough and headed back. Ruby was at the top of the stairs calling for her PaPa to get her. Ola and Verbee also downstairs could not be reached. Tyree was heard by the family singing "I'm bound for the promise land" as he tried desperately to find a way to reach those last 3 children trapped inside the burning home. "this father was badly burned over most of his body and all of his clothes had been consumed," related a family member.

The big house in which Tyree's dad's family lived was used as a hospital for the family. Nearby doctors, family and neighbors came to help. Some cared for the injured during the day or night; some brought food and prepared it; some brought bed lines or clothes or spare household items. This went on for weeks.

After the family healed physically and emotionally, they were blessed with another child, Lennell (b.1929). (It was said that Tyree walked the hillsides many night for years afterwards, when he could not sleep.)

When the farms were sold years later, Tyree took his share and moved back to DeKalb County. There, he and his wife resided until their deaths.

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