## WINFIELD SCOTT ROBERTS FAMILY (#868)

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Pg. 314 – Winfield Scott Roberts (Uncle Scott) was born on Mine Lick Creek near Roberts Switch, Putnam



County, Tennessee on 8 Nov. 1858. He was named in honor of Winfield Scott, who was Chief of Staff of the American Army at the time leading into the Civil War. Uncle Scott's father had been named for a Revolutionary War hero. Evidently the family held military leaders in high regard. Uncle Scott is the son of Francis Marion Roberts and Sarah E. (Richardson) Roberts. He married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Franklin around 1882. Lizzie is the daughter of David Edward Lafayette Franklin and Laura Ann (Stewart) Franklin. Lizzie was born in Putnam County on 5 Aug. 1855.

(**Pictured**: Winfield Scott Roberts)

Scott and Lizzie built a home on, what is now, Robert Road in the Roberts Switch Community. They raised their family in this house. Later the home-place would be passed to their son, William Daily Roberts, and then to their grandson, Harvey Winfield Roberts. This house is over 100 years old and is still standing on Roberts Road.

Scott and Lizzie had nine children. Six lived to adulthood and had families of their own. The nine children, form oldest to youngest,

were: Lummy (b. About 1883), Virgil (b. 9 April 1884), William Daily (b. 28 Feb 1886), Lettie Lassie Thenie (b. 25 Jun 1891), Manda A. (b. May 1892), Claude Edward and Laura Maud (b. 3 May 1893), Sarah Roshie, (b. 1 Feb 1896), and Harva Francis (b. About 1903).

Scott was a farmer all his life. From time to time, he cut cross-ties and other wood products that were loaded onto the railroad at Roberts Switch. At the time, this was about the only means of obtaining hard currency. He, like his forefathers, would produce a "run" of moonshine from time to time to provide for the family.

Lizzie was a dedicated homemaker, mother, and a woman of good reputation. They were honest and hardworking and raised their family to be the same.

Scott died 1 April 1918. Lizzie died 25 June 1910. After Lizzie died, Scott married Jemima Suzanne "Susie" Brown on 1 Jun 1911. They had no children. Scott and Lizzie are buried in the Stewart Cemetery near Cookeville.

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## WILLIAM DAILY ROBERTS FAMILY (#867)

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



Pgs. 313 & 314 – William Daily Roberts was born at Roberts Switch, Putnam County, Tennessee on 26 February 1886. He is the son of Winfield Scott Roberts and Elizabeth J. (Franklin) Roberts. He married Pearl Dona Kinnard on 11 Nov. 1905 at Boma, Putnam County, Tennessee. Pearl is the daughter of Pleasant Bohanan Kinnaird and Margaret Elizabeth (Lowe) Kinnaird. Pearl was born at Boma on 7 November 1891.

(**Pictured**: William Daily Roberts & his wife Pearl Dona (Kinnard) Roberts).

Daily and Pearl lived on Tightfit Road in Boma during the early years of their marriage. They also lived for some period of time at a location on Hopewell Road in Boma. Daily's father died on 1 April 1918. Eventually the estate was settled and Daily and Peal assumed ownership of his daddy's farm at Roberts Switch where they lived the remainder of their lives. This house built by Winfield Scott Roberts and currently owned by his grandson Harvey Winfield Roberts, is over 100 years old and is still standing on Roberts Road.



Daily and Pearl had 16 children. Three were still-born or did not survive long enough to receive names. The 13, who were named, include Leonard that was born about 1907 but only lived a few days. Lillian Louella was born 14 Feb. 1916 and died 17 Mar 1916. Avery Glenn was born 9 Oct. 1928 and died 2 Dec. 1928. All other children lived to adulthood and had families. These were Carrie Etmo (b. 21 Oct. 1909), Clavis (b. 8 Oct. 1911), Effie Reubena (b. 1 Dec. 1914), Iria Alene (b. 16 Jan. 1917), Winnie Mae (b. 16 Jan. 1919), William Eugene (b. 16 Jan. 1921), Arb C. "Abe" (b. 11 Sep 1922), Reba Lataine (b. 22 Apri 1924), Harvey Winfield (b. 16 Oct. 1926), and Herbert Franklin (b. 6 Oct. 1929).

(Pictured: Daily and Pearl Roberts family summer of 1930).



Daily was a self-sufficient farmer all his life. From time to time, he cut cross-ties and other wood products that were loaded onto the railroad at Roberts Switch. At the time, this was about the only means of obtaining hard currency. Occasionally he would produce a "run" of moonshine to provide necessities for the family. He was adamant in his self-sufficiency and would not allow his family to participate in any welfare programs available at that time. He was not spiritually inclined during his early life, but in his later years he baptized and spent a lot of time on the front porch and under the tree in the front yard reading the Bible and visiting with family and friends.

(Pictured: Pearl cooking on her wood stove).

Pearl was a dedicated mother and homemaker. Besides birthing, she provided primary nurture to the children, kept the house, made and maintained their clothing, and used all available techniques in preserving the garden produce for her family. She liked to chew Fish hook tobacco and was noted for her dry sense of humor, i.e., she once commented that she "got pregnant every time Daily walked through the house". They were poor by today's standards, but

managed to own a sizeable farm and provide food, clothing, shelter, and character development for their family. They were honest and hardworking and raised their family to be the same.

Daily died 7 Feb 1968. Pearl died 18 March 1977. They are buried in the Smellage Cemetery at Boma, TN

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## **HERBERT FRANKLIN ROBERTS FAMILY (#862)**

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Pgs. 311 & 312 – Herbert Franklin Roberts was born at Roberts Switch, Putnam County, Tennessee on 6 October 1929. He is the son of William Daily Roberts and Pearl Dona (Kinnard) Roberts. He married Reba Faye Sullins on 7 March 1953 at Ringgold, Georgia. Reba is the daughter of Sam Denton Sullins and Hattie Mai (Russell) Sullins. Reba was born on 9 November 1936 in the Sullen's Hollow of the Jared Community.

(**Picture**: Herbert Franklin Roberts and wife, Reba Raye (Sullins) Roberts).

Herbert and Reba built a home on Roberts Road in the Roberts Switch Community on a portion on what was the Daily Roberts farm.

Herbert and Reba had three children, Danny Kaye, Jimmy Ray, and Ronald Franklin "Ronnie". Danny was born 15 April 1954 at the Smith County Hospital in Carthage, Tennessee. He married Pam Mills of Baxter. Pam is the daughter of Earl Mills and Hazel (Montgomery) Mills of Baxter. Danny and Pam have two children, Christy and Joseph of Baxter. Jimmy was born 25 December 1956 at the Smith County Hospital in Carthage, Tennessee. He married Barbara Judd of Rickman, Tennessee. Barbara is the daughter of the late William F. "Bill" Judd and Louise (Breeding) Judd of Rickman. Jimmy and Barbara have two children, Jimmy Ray Jr. and Heather Reno. Ronnie was born 16 January 1959. He married Kathy Blaylock. Unfortunately, Ronnie was killed in a mining accident at the New Jersey Zinc Company mines in Gordonsville, Tennessee six weeks after his wedding, on 26 February 1983.

Herbert served in the U. S. Army 1950-1952. During the Korea Conflict he was station in Seoul, South Korea. After his tour in the Army, Herbert worked for TRW and retired from that company after 30 years. After retirement, he continued to manage the family's farm lands and was killed in a logging accident 5 May 1997 on one of their farms on Mine Lick Creek. He is buried in Smellage Cemetery at Boma.

After Herbert's death, Reba married Arthur Hancock. Arthur is the son of Amos and Bessie (Rittenberry) Hancock. Arthur has two sons, Leonard and Timothy. Leonard is married to Diana Moss. They have one daughter, Katlin. Timothy has two sons, Christopher and Timmy.

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## **REBA LATAINE ROBERTS FAMILY (#864)**

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Pg. 312 - Reba Lataine Roberts was born at Roberts Switch, Putnam County, Tennessee on 22 April 1924. She was the daughter of William Daily Roberts and Pearl Dona (Kinnard) Roberts. She married William Sanker Abney on March 12, 1945 in Fraser, Michigan. William, better known as Bill, was the son of Spencer Abney and Ettie (Ogg) Abney of Sidpantata, Kentucky. Bill was born in Rock Castle County, Kentucky on July 11, 1900.

Both Bill and Reba had moved to Michigan to work. It was while working at the Budd Wheel Company, Detroit, Michigan, that they first met. At the time Budd Wheel was making airplane parts for World War II planes. Bill served in World War II prior to meeting and marrying Reba. Bill and Reba lived in Roseville, Michigan for the first 19 year of their marriage. In 1964 they built a new home in Warren, Michigan and

lived there together. Bill died on November 11, 1981 (Veterans Day). Reba lived alone in Warren until she became ill and moved to numerous nursing homes in Michigan and finally back to Tennessee and then to Kentucky, where she died on December 1, 1998. Both Bill and Reba are buried at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Mt. Clemens, Michigan.



Bill and Reba had two children. Linda Kay Abney (Proctor) was born 16 June 1946 in Detroit, Michigan and William Rickey Abney born 18 January 1952 in Detroit, Michigan.

Reba was a homemaker while Bill continued to work at the Budd Company as an inspector until his retirement in 1967. Reba was very frugal with money, which allowed the family to live comfortably in a blue-collar neighborhood. Early in their marriage Bill and Reba were known to have shared their home with numerous family members, who had come north to work in the automotive industry. They had a basement apartment where families lived. Reba was known for her beautiful flower gardens and Bill for his fried chicken and wonderful vegetable gardens. Reba canned during the summer. Most of their friends were from the south either Tennessee or

Kentucky. The meals that were prepared in the Abney Home were always Southern.

Even though Reba lived most of her adult life in Michigan she always called Tennessee home. She looked forward to going "back home to see Mammie Roberts" for months on end. She loved her Mammie dearly and finally came to peace with her relationship with her father, Dailey, near his death. Every spring Mammie would send a dried March Rose (Daffodil) in a letter as spring always came much sooner in Tennessee than Michigan. On Memorial Day Reba would always be sad as she wanted to be home on "Decoration Day" and made sure she sent money home for flowers for the graves of relatives. Submitted and compiled by: Linda K. Proctor, 4928 Waynes Blvd, Lexington, KY 40513.

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