

## John Tilford Jernigan By Mrs. Thomas Ray Hunter

In the early 1900's John Tilford Jernigan and Mahulda Jane (Thompson) Jernigan moved their family from the Tightfit Hollar near Boma, Tennessee to the Double Springs Community about six miles west of Cookeville, Tennessee in Putnam County. They had ten children. One of the ten died before she was one year old. The other nine lived to marry and raise families. Their names are as follows: Grady Jernigan, Sally Jernigan Boyd, Mandy Jernigan Maynard, Vinnie Jernigan Moss, Virgie Jernigan Beard, Flossie Jernigan Goolsby Martin, Avo Jernigan Loftis, Pearl Jernigan Allison, and Genia Jernigan Maxwell. John Jernigan taught school in his younger years and later became a Justice of the Peace. According to his youngest daughter, Genia, he prosecuted many civil cases both at the court house and later at home after he became disabled. Double Springs was a lively little community during this time. It boasted having it's own post office, depot, livery stable, saloon, hotel and grocery stores. There were also two churches. They were the Double Springs Church of Christ and the Double Springs Presbyterian Church. Mr. Jernigan's front yard was a pole yard running all the way to the railroad tracks. Out of his yard, he donated land for a street known today as Church Street.

Most of the Jernigan children married and left the area with their spouses. The three who spent the most time in Double Springs are Avo, Pearl and Genia.

Avo married Otis Loftis a deputy sheriff who was killed in the line of duty. He attempted to serve a warrant and was shot through the door. He only lived about three months after his youngest child was born. Mrs. Avo Loftis and their children Johnny Ray, Jack, Geraldine and Burton lived in Double Springs for many years. Johnny Ray married Jo Ann Pendergrass of Double Springs. He died in his early forties, but his wife and four of his five children still live in or near Double Springs. His children are Mike, Steven, Judy, Mark and Alan.

Pearl Jernigan married Denver Allison. She was a Putnam county school teacher. She taught at several Putnam County Schools including Double Springs. They had two children, Carolyn Burbulla and Robert Hall Allison. The Allison family have resided in Detroit Michigan for approximately forty six years. Genia Jernigan married Walter William Maxwell. He was a cattletrader, farmer, and a preacher. They lived at the Jernigan home place in Double Springs. Mrs. Maxwell was a homemaker. They raised three foster children for several years. They were Mrs. Maxwell's nieces and nephew. Their names are J.B. Goolsby, Dorothy June Goolsby Martin Hardy, and Robbie Lee Goolsby Martin Harbin, J.B. is now deceased. Dorothy lives in San Antonio, Texas and Robbie (Bob) in Mobile, Alabama. Mr. And Mrs. Maxwell had two natural children. They were Betty Jo and Brenda Gail. Betty married Thomas Ray Hunter and they live at Double Springs. They have two children David Thomas Hunter and Mary Beth

Hunter Sliger. David married Jenny Jones and they have two children, Brittany and Meagan. Mary Beth married Danny E. Sliger. Brenda has been deceased since 1980. She was a school teacher in Warren County for ten years. Her children Jonathan Phillip and Susan Gail live in McMinnville, Tennessee with their father Phillip Stout. *\*I was told that John Tilford Jernigan would prosecuted many civil cases at home. John would not allow his children to listen to his cases so they would get up in the attic of the house and listen there.*



Walter & Genia Maxwell at their home in Double Springs.



Robbie Lee "Bob" Goolsby, John Ray Loftis, Geraldine Loftis, Jack Douglas Loftis, Dorothy June "Dot" Goolsby and J.B. Goolsby in the back.



MISS BRENDA GAIL MAXWELL

### Miss Brenda Gail Maxwell Engaged To Jerry Phillips Stout

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maxwell of Double Springs, announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Gail, to Jerry Phillip Stout, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stout of Granville. The wedding will take place March 1, at the Community Church in Double Springs.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Central and received her B. S. degree in Office Management at Tennessee Tech. Presently she holds a secretarial position at the Citizens Bank.

Miss Maxwell is the granddaughter of Mrs. Tina Maxwell of Baxter, the late Mr. Maxwell, and the late Mr. and Mrs. John T. Jernigan.

Mr. Stout is a graduate of Jackson County Central High School in Gatesboro and now is a student at Tennessee Tech where he is a Health and Physical Education major.

He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hop McElbroom and the late Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Stout.

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Brenda Gail Maxwell holding on right Steven Wayne Loftis, on the left Michael Ray Loftis. Sons of John Ray & Jo Ann (Pendergrass) Loftis.



Betty Jo, holding Brenda Gail Maxwell. Betty Jo married Thomas Ray Hunter. Brenda married Jerry Phillips Stout.



Betty Jo Maxwell