

ERNEST HASKELL, SR., AND DELLA MAE AUSTIN #601

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Pg. 227 – Ernest Haskell Austin, Sr., born 4 Jan. 1888 in the O'Connor Community of White County was the son of William Edward "Bill" Austin b. 10 Jan. 1860 and Mary Florence Jernigan Austin b. 5 June 1863. He was the grandson of John Austin Sr., b. 6 Jan. 1779 and Rachel Denny b. 1784. John Austin Sr. and his brother, Nathaniel, settled in White County in 1807.



Ernest Haskell, Sr., moved with his family to Putnam County near Baxter when he was quite young. He was m. 5 May 1910 to Della Mae Brown b. 15 May 1893, of Putnam County. She was the daughter of James Wolford and Gilla Ann Steakley Brown. For several years they lived in CA where he worked in the oil fields. When in Baxter he owned and operated a farm and did carpentry work.

(Pictured: Ernest Haskell Austin Sr. & Della Mae Austin).

Haskell and Mae were the parents of Opal Austin Bradford b. 28 July 1912, was married to Hubert Bradford and was the mother of Ralph Lee Bradford and Sondra Faith Bradford Hawkins; Anna Lee Austin Perry b. 28 June 1915, was married to John William Campbell and was the mother of John William "Bill" Campbell. Later she married John Perry and two daughters were born, JoAnn Perry Everett and Lynn Perry Watkins; James Edward Austin b. 30 Sept. 1918, was married to Wilma Sewell and was the father of three sons, Jim Ed Austin, Dale Austin and Tom Austin; Ernest Haskell Austin, Jr. b. 7 April 1924, was married to Marianne Roesler and the father of two sons, Michael Austin and Donald Austin; Mabel Joyce Austin Moore b. 18 Feb. 1927, was married to J. Edward Moore and the mother of Joe Ed Moore and Lisa Moore Will-Yoder.

Della Mae passed away 21 Feb. 1927 when Mabel Joyce was three days old. She was buried in the Double Springs Cemetery, Highway 70, Putnam County, TN.

Ernest Haskell later married America Slinger and had one daughter, Carlene Austin Robinson, who was married to Willard Robinson of Alabama. She is the mother of Betty Ann Robinson Nash, Harold Robinson, Joyce Robinson Nix and twins, Dwight Robinson and DeWayne Robinson.

Haskell and brother Arthur were close neighbors and worked together on many projects whether carpentry or farming. Arthur owned a farm also and they worked together much of the time. They owned a team of mules that worked together. 'Jack' belonged to Arthur and 'Tobe' belonged to Haskell. Both brothers were mild mannered and never known to even have an argument. They were both story tellers of 'tales' and past experiences. Much laughter prevailed when they were present. The whole family as well as friends enjoyed their company.

Ernest Haskell passed away 16 June 1951 at the age of 63. He was buried on Father's Day in Double Springs Cemetery on Hwy. 70, Putnam County, TN.

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