

Family Group Sheet		Husband's Full Name				Ray Kirk Loftis			<a href="http://www.ajlambert.com">http://www.ajlambert.com</a>	
		Date of:	Day	Month	Year	Town	County	State or Country	Additional Info.	
Information Obtained From:		Birth:	12	July	1881	TN			Vol. XI, No. 1	
Loftis and The		Marriage:	28	January	1904	Jackson Co., TN			Winter of 1986	
Descendants of Laban		Death:	16	January	1920	Fox Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN			Upper Cumberland	
Loftis. By Jimmie R.		Burial:	18	January	1920	Jackson Co., near Gainesboro, TN			Genealogical Mag.	
Loftis & Bobbie H.		Places of Residence: Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN								
Bryant. – Joann Loftis		Occupation:			Religion:			Military Record:		
(Pgs. 344 - 347).		Other wives			Ruth Alice Birdwell b. 20 July 1882 – d. 10 February 1904 – m/o Lona Etta Loftis					
Family Search		His Father:			Reuben Hickman Loftis			His Mother: Harriett Montgomery Johnson		
<a href="http://www.familysearch.org">www.familysearch.org</a>										
Batch # 5003916		Wife's Full Maiden Name Clara "Claire" Jeanette Birdwell								
Dona Lee (Loftis) Lyle		Date of:	Day	Month	Year	Town	County	State or Country	Additional Info.	
Stray Leaves by		Birth:	2	December	1890	Jackson Co., TN			Ray Kirk Loftis md	
Mary Hopson, pg.280.		Marriage:	28	January	1904	Jackson Co., TN			Sisters, 1 <sup>st</sup> Ruth Alice	
Compiler: <a href="http://ajlambert.com">ajlambert.com</a>		Death:	24	November	1965	Davidson Co., Nashville, TN			Birdwell on 19 May 1900.	
Audrey J. Lambert		Burial:	Lot 125A – Grave #3			Woodlawn Cemetery, Nashville, TN				
39721 Timberlane		Places of Residence: Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN – Nashville, TN								
Sterling Heights		Occupation:			Religion:			Military Record:		
Michigan, 48310		Other husbands:								
		Her Father:			Jones M. Birdwell, TN			Her Mother: Virginia Ann W. Jackson		
Sex:	Children's Full Names:	Date of:	Day	Month	Year	Town	County	State or Country	Additional Info.	
F	1. Lona Etta Loftis	Birth:	7	October	1901	TN			Children: James	
		Marriage:	5 December 1923, TN			(Lona is the d/o Ray Kirk Loftis &			Loftis, Mary Lee,	
	Full Name of Spouse:	Death:	16 May 1970			Alice Ruth Birdwell).			Lois Marie &	
	Alvin Jackson b. 23 Jan 1901 d. 7 Dec 1987	Burial:	Both Buried:			Wilson Co. Cemetery, Lebanon, TN			Paul Kenneth Jackson	
M	2. Milton Otis Loftis	Birth:	9	June	1905	Jackson Co., Tennessee			Children: John Ray,	
		Marriage:	26 August 1925			Putnam Co., Tennessee			Jack Douglas,	
	Full Name of Spouse:	Death:	29 September 1934			Tennessee			Audrey Burton &	
	Essie Avo Jernigan	Burial:	Both Buried:			Smellage Cemetery, Boma, TN			Geraldine Loftis	
M	3. Leo Vestil Loftis	Birth:	20	July	1908	TN			Children: Mitchell	
		Marriage:	24 March 1928			Putnam Co., TN to Annie Anderson			C., Lawrence M. &	
	Full Name of Spouse:	Death:	13 August 1990						Harold Loftis	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Annie Anderson 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lassie "Lascenia" (Spivey) Bailey – b. 22 March 1905 d. 7 January 1992	Burial:	Both Buried: Chapel of Dyer Funeral Home, Cookeville, TN Wed., 15 August 1990 Officiating: Paul Wilmouth & Charles Lemons			Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Buffalo Valley Rd. Putnam Co. Tennessee Both Leo & Lassie Loftis are buried here.			Lassie is the d/o Henderson & Betty Florence Purcell Spivey. Lassie md 1 <sup>st</sup> Walter Allen Bailey.	
M	4. Clyde Mitchell Loftis	Birth:	26	October	1910	TN				
		Marriage:	1934						Children: Clydene	
	Full Name of Spouse:	Death:	26 July 1984			Madison, Tennessee			Mitchell Loftis	
	Hattie Thelma Gregory	Burial:	Hermitage, Tennessee			Hermitage, Tennessee				
M	5. Clarence C. Loftis	Birth:	29	January	1913	TN			Child:	
		Marriage:	21 October 1933			White Co., TN			William "Billy"	
	Full Name of Spouse:	Death:	7 March 1976			Middle name could be "Charles"			Charles Loftis	
	Ona Beatrice Mills	Burial:	Both Buried:			Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, MI			b. 19 March 1935	
F	6. Dona Lee Loftis	Birth:	2	July	1915	TN			Children: Barbara	
		Marriage:	1934						Sue (Lyle)Campbell	
	Full Name of Spouse:	Death:	30 July 2001			Goodlettsville, TN			& Joe Edward Lyle	
	Ponder Robert Lyle b. 27 April 1912 d. 9 October 1987	Burial:	1 August 2001 Both Buried:			Woodlawn Cemetery, Nashville, TN Garden Sermon on the Mount – Lot 125A # 1 & 2			Joe lives in Franklin, TN	
F	7. Lola Bea Loftis	Birth:	13	July	1917	Putnam Co., TN			Hit & Run Car	
		Death:	1936 Hit & Run Driver Buried:			Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN			accident , TN	

CHILDREN CONTINUATION SHEET for FAMILY GROUP No.		
Husband's full name	Ray Kirk Loftis	
Wife's full maiden name	Clara Jeanette Birdwell	



Leo & Lascenia “Lassie” (Spivey) Loftis.



Milton Otis holding Audrey Burton, & Essie Avo (Jernigan) Loftis.



Dona Lee, Clara Jeanette (Birdwell) Lola B., Mamie Lou, a friend; & Essie Avo Loftis.



Clyde Mitchell Loftis



Alvin & Lona (Loftis) Jackson



Lona Etta Loftis



Girls basketball team, 1929-1930, Double Springs School. Left to right: Nell Tucker, Nell Ligon, Dona Lee Loftis, Opal Kirby, Melverdia Farley, and Johnnie Tucker.



Standing: Dona Lee (Loftis) Lyle, & Jack Douglas Loftis. Children: Barbara Sue & Joe Edward Lyle.



Lola B. Loftis, killed in a hit & run car accident.



Clarence C. Loftis



Milton Otis Loftis



L to R: Clarence & Beatrice (Mills) Loftis, Dona (Loftis) & Ponder Lyle, Essie Avo (Jernigan) Loftis, Leo & Lassie (Spivey) Loftis.



Milton Otis, Jack, Clyde & John Loftis; Alvin & Mary Lee Jackson



Barbara Sue Lyle; mother Dona Lee (Loftis) Lyle



Clara Jeanette (Birdwell) Loftis



Mary Lee & Lois Jackson



Geraldine (Loftis) Denny & Lassie (Spivey) Loftis



L to R: John holding Burton, Jack & Geraldine Loftis



Dona (Loftis) Lyle, Ponder Lyle; husband & Opal Kirby



L to R: Barbara Sue, Joe Edward Lyle, Clara (Birdwell) Loftis & Essie Avo (Jernigan) Loftis



L to R: Dona Lee, John Ray, Jack Douglas & Lola B. Loftis.



L to R: Jack Douglas Loftis, Clara (Birdwell) Loftis & John Ray Loftis

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L to R: James Noah Jackson, his wife Mary Myrah (Jackson) Jackson, their son Alvin Jackson, his wife Lona Etta (Loftis) Jackson.



L to R: Geraldine (Loftis) Denny & Lona Etta (Loftis) Jackson. Infant is Ronald Timothy Denny. Ronald is tied to his chair with a rope so he doesn't fall out while the picture is being taken. Geraldine's dress was made out of flowered material that used to be a flour sack. She called it 'flour sack dress'.



Alvin & Lona Etta (Loftis) Jackson



L to R: Clarence & Beatrice (Mills) Loftis with their son William "Billy" Loftis.



L to R: Lola Loftis, Beatrice (Mills) Loftis and Geraldine (Loftis) Denny.



Loftis Family at Milton Otis Grave. L to R: Clara Jeanette (Birdwell) Loftis, John Ray holding Audrey Burton, Jack Douglas, Geraldine, & Lola B. Loftis, & Dona Lee (Loftis) Lyle.



Ponder & Dona Lee (Loftis) Lyle



L to R: Jackson Children: Mary Lee, Paul Kenneth, & Lois Marie, Lona (Loftis) & Alvin Jackson.



Barbara Sue Lyle, d/o Ponder & Dona Lee (Loftis) Lyle.



L to R: Ronald Timothy Denny, Clara Jeanette (Birdwell) Loftis holding Joe Nelson Denny & Geraldine (Loftis) Denny.



Mary Lee Jackson, daughter of Alvin & Lona Etta (Loftis) Jackson.



L to R: Lassie (Spivey) Loftis, Beatrice (Mills) Loftis, Ponder Lyle & Essie Avo (Jernigan) Loftis.



L to R: Audrey June Denny, Essie Avo (Jernigan) Loftis holding Linnie Gail Wallace, Audrey Burton (Loftis) Wallace holding Terry Wallace.



Clara Jeanette (Bird



Clara Jeanette (Birdwell) Loftis and her sister  
Loony (Birdwell) Flatt

After Ray Kirk Loftis died, Clara Jeanette (Birdwell) Loftis spent her last years living with her daughter Dona Lee (Loftis) Lyle and husband Ponder Robert Lyle. Clara had diabetes, lost her legs and became blind.

Dona Lee Loftis Lyle took care of her. They lived at 753 Windsor Green Blvd., Goodlettsville, TN.

Clara Jeanette Birdwell Loftis is buried next to Dona Lee Loftis Lyle and her husband, Ponder Robert Lyle:  
Woodlawn Cemetery, Nashville, TN  
Garden Sermon on the Mount

Clara's husband, Ray Kirk Loftis died years earlier and is buried in Fox Cemetery, near Gainesboro in Jackson Co., TN. It has been told that Ray Kirk Loftis was baptized in a wagon before he died.

A lot of the Loftis family originate from this area of Jackson Co., TN. Most of the Loftis's are descendants of Laban Loftis.



Sisters: Birdwells - Martha; Clara Jeanette, Mary, &  
Luna "Loony" (Birdwell) Flatt.

Loony (Birdwell) married Mr. Flatt, they had 2 children, Haskel & Viola Flatt – Haskel md ? and had 3 children, Jean, Kenneth, & Harold Flatt – Vloa married Virgil Wheeler and had a son named Huston Wheeler who married Bobby June Ragland. Their address is Virgil & Vloa Wheeler – 570 Flatt-Wheeler Rd., Baxter, TN 38544.

**Census Place: 1880 District 9, Jackson Co., Tennessee**

Dwl: 29 Family: 29 Line: 45

Source: FHL Film 1255264 National Archives Film T9-1264 Page 199C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Hickman LOFTIS</b>	Self	M	M	M	45	TN

*(Reuben Hickman Loftis, f/o Ray Kirk Loftis. Reuben was the s/o James Madison "Matt" Loftis & Sarah Elvira Dowell).*

Occ: Farmer Fa: SC Mo: KY

<b>Harriett LOFTIS</b>	Wife	F	M	W	43	TN
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Occ: Keeping House Fa: TN Mo: TN

*(Harriet Montgomery Johnson, d/o Samuel Johnson & Nancy Maranda Jones).*

John M. LOFTIS	Son	M	S	W	22	TN
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Occ: Works On Farm Fa: TN Mo: TN

*(John Martin Loftis md Mary Etta Dowell).*

James M. LOFTIS	Son	M	S	W	15	TN
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Occ: Works On Farm Fa: TN Mo: TN

*(James Madison Loftis md 1<sup>st</sup> Lula Anderson, md 2<sup>nd</sup> Ida Hamilton, md 3<sup>rd</sup> Brunette Brooks).*

Pierce W. LOFTIS	Son	M	S	W	13	TN
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Occ: Works On Farm Fa: TN Mo: TN

*(Pierce Winchester Loftis md 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Barbara (Polly Betty) Chaffin, md 2<sup>nd</sup> Mimie (Nancy) Ollie Chaffin, md 3<sup>rd</sup> Clara Roberts).*

Wm. S. LOFTIS	Son	M	S	W	10	TN
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Occ: Works On Farm Fa: TN Mo: TN

*(William Sanford Loftis md Virgia Freeman).*

Mary B. LOFTIS	Dau	F	S	W	4	TN
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Fa: TN Mo: TN

*(Mary "Bettie" Bell Loftis md Mills West)*

Nancy J. LOFTIS	Dau	F	S	W	2	TN
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Fa: TN Mo: TN

*(Nancy Jane Loftis md Irvin Wooten).***Census Place: 1880 District 12, Jackson Co., Tennessee**

Dwl:1 Family:1 Line: 8

Source: FHL Film 1255264 National Archives Film T9-1264 Page 230D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Jones BIRDWELL</b>	Self	M	M	W	29	TN <i>(Jones M. Birdwell)</i>

Occ: Farmer Fa: TN Mo: TN

<b>Virginia BIRDWELL</b>	Wife	F	M	W	26	TN <i>(Virginia Ann W. Jackson)</i>
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Occ: Keeping House Fa: TN Mo: TN

Nancy BIRDWELL	Dau	F	S	W	10	TN <i>(Nancy Ann Elizabeth Birdwell)</i>
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Fa: TN Mo: TN

Mary BIRDWELL	Dau	F	S	W	8	TN <i>(Mary Ann Birdwell)</i>
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Fa: TN Mo: TN

Tirnie BIRDWELL	Dau	F	S	W	6	TN <i>(Timie/Tirnie Birdwell)</i>
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Fa: TN Mo: TN

Vaden BIRDWELL	Son	M	S	W	4	TN <i>(Vaden Birdwell)</i>
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Fa: TN Mo: TN

Millard BIRDWELL	Son	M	S	W	6M	TN <i>(Ben Millard Birdwell)</i>
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Fa: TN Mo: TN

**1900 Putnam Co., TN Census – 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist.****Dwl: 48 Family: 50 Line: 58**

Loftis, Pierce Head M W October 1866 33 Married (6 yrs. married) Farmer TN TN TN

*(Pierce Winchester Loftis, s/o Reuben Hickman Loftis & Harriett Montgomery Johnson)*

Loftis, Mimie Wife F W May 1874 26 Married (6 yrs. married) (4 children born, 3 children living) TN TN TN

*(Mimie "Nancy" Ollie Chaffin, d/o Benjamin Bartlett & Frances A. Chaffin)*

Loftis, Lola B. Dau F W February 1892 7 Single At School TN TN TN

Loftis, Chester Lee Son M W December 1894 5 Single TN TN TN

Loftis, Nathan B. Son M W January 1897 2 Single TN TN TN

Loftis, Jones C. Son M W November 1899 6/12 Single TN TN TN

**Dwl: 48 Family: 51 Line: 64** *(Ray Kirk Loftis & Ruth Alice Birdwell, sister of Clara Jeanette Birdwell).***Loftis, Ray** Head M W 17 July 1882 Married (# of yrs., married, 0) Farm Laborer TN TN TN

(Ray Kirk Loftis, s/o Reuben Hickman Loftis & Harriett Montgomery Johnson)

**Loftis, Alice** Wife F W July 1882 17 Married (# of yrs., married, 0) TN TN TN (*Ruth Alice Birdwell, 1<sup>st</sup> w/o Ray Kirk Loftis*)

**1900 Jackson Co., TN Census - 12th Civil Dist.**

Dwl: 125 – Family: 129 Line: 35

**Birdwell, Jones** Head M W October 1850 49 Married (30 years married) Farmer TN TN TN (Owns Home)

**Birdwell, Virginia** W. Wife F W June 1853 46 Married (30 years married) – (10 children born, 8 children living) TN TN TN

Birdwell, Haywood Son M W June 1886 13 Single TN TN TN

**Birdwell, Clara** Dau F W December 1888 11 Single TN TN TN

Birdwell, Olive M. Dau F W August 1891 8 Single TN TN TN

(*Fell off a stone fence, went crazy and died.* <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~birdtracks/>)

Birdwell, Martha M. Dau F W July 1893 6 Single TN TN TN

**1910 CENSUS – PUTNAM CO., TN – Civil Dist. 5**

Dwl: 50 Family: 50

**Jackson, Alec** Head 26 M W M1 (10 yrs. married) Farmer Own Farm TN TN TN

**Jackson, Hester** Wife 26 F W M1 (10 yrs. married) (6 children born, 4 children living) TN TN TN

**Jackson, Alvin** Son 9 M W Single TN TN TN (*Alvin Jackson md Lona Etta Loftis, d/o Ruth Alice Birdwell & Ray Kirk Loftis*).

Jackson, Effie Dau 6 F W Single TN TN TN

Jackson, Albert Son 3 M W Single TN TN TN

Jackson, Edna B. Dau 18/12 F W Single TN TN TN

**1910 CENSUS – JACKSON CO., TN – Civil Dist. 12**

Dwl: 90 Family: 90

**Ray K. Loftis** Head M W 28 Married 2 (6 years married) Farmer TN TN TN

(*Ray Kirk Loftis, s/o Reuben Hickman Loftis & Harriet Montgomery Johnson*)

**Clara Loftis** Wife F W 20 Married 1 (6 years married) ( 2 children born, 2 children living) TN TN TN

(*Clara Jeanette Birdwell, d/o Jones M. Birdwell & Virginia W. Jackson*)

Lona E. Dau F W 8 Single TN TN TN

**Milton O. Loftis** Son M W 4 Single TN TN TN

Leo B. Loftis Son M W 1 10/12 Single TN TN TN

**1910 CENSUS – JACKSON CO., TN – Civil Dist. 12**

Dwl: 81 – Family 81

**Birdwell, Jones M.** - 62 Head M W M2 (married twice) Farmer TN TN TN

**Birdwell Virginia** - 57 Wife W F M2 (married twice) 11 Yrs. (number of years married this time)

(5 children born to marriage and number of children living unknown) TN TN TN

Birdwell Asby H.- 22 Son M W TN TN TN

Birdwell Martha J. – 15 Dau. F W Single TN TN TN

Birdwell Harmon E. – 9 M W Grandson TN TN TN

Rector, Alexander Washington– 40 M W Son-in-Law M1 (20 yrs. = number of years married) Farmer TN TN TN

Rector, Mary Ann -39 W F Dau (*daughter of Jones M. & Virginia Birdwell*) M1 (20 yrs. = number of years married)

(8 children born to marriage and number of children living is 6) TN TN TN

Vally L. -20 W F G Dau Single TN TN TN

Ervin H. -18 W M G Son Single TN TN TN

Lester C. -16 W M G Son Single TN TN TN

James O. -9 W M G Son Single TN TN TN

Nannie E.- 7 W F G Dau Single TN TN TN

Jessie B. -7/12 W M G Son Single TN TN TN

**1920 CENSUS – PUTNAM CO., TN – Civil Dist. 5**

Dwl: 50 Family: 50

**Jackson, Alexander** Head 37 M W M Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

**Jackson, Hester** Wife 36 F W M TN TN TN

**Jackson, Alvin** Son 19 M W Single Laborer in a Rubber Factory TN TN TN

(*Alvin Jackson md Lona Etta Loftis, d/o Ruth Alice Birdwell & Ray Kirk Loftis*).

Jackson, Effie Dau 16 F W Single TN TN TN

Jackson, Albert Son 13 M W Single TN TN TN

Jackson, Bulah Dau 10 F W Single TN TN TN

Jackson, Willie Son 8 M W Single TN TN TN

Jackson, Arvin Son 5 M W Single TN TN TN  
Jackson, Pearl Dau 3 5/12 F W Single TN TN TN  
Jackson, Ovella Dau 2/12 F W Single TN TN TN

**1920 CENSUS – PUTNAM CO., TN – Civil Dist. 7**

Dwl: 208 Family: 212 Line: 1

**Ray Loftis** Head M W 37 Married Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

**Claire Loftis** Wife F W 30 Married TN TN TN *Clara Jeanette Birdwell, d/o Jones Birdwell & Virginia Ann W. Jackson.*

Lona Loftis Dau F W 18 Single Farm Laborer Home Farm TN TN TN *Lona Etta Loftis md Alvin Jackson*

**Otis Loftis** Son M W 14 Single Farm Laborer Home Farm TN TN TN *Milton Otis Loftis md Essie Avo Jernigan*

Clyde Loftis Son M W 9 Single Farm Laborer Home Farm TN TN TN *Clyde Mitchell Loftis md Hattie Thelma Gregory*

Clarence Loftis Son M W 7 Single TN TN TN *Clarence Loftis md Ona Beatrice Mills*

Dona Lee Loftis Dau F W 4 5/12 Single TN TN TN *Dona Lee Loftis md Ponder Robert Lyle*

Lola B. Loftis Dau F W 1 5/12 Single TN TN TN *Lola Bea Loftis*

**Virginia Birdwell** Mother-in-Law F W 67 Widow TN TN TN

*Virginia Ann W. Jackson, d/o Edward Silas Jackson & Elizabeth “Besty” Howell. Virginia md Jones M. Birdwell.*

**1930 CENSUS – STEWART CO., TN - Civil Dist. 6**

Dwl: 109 Family: 120 Line: 33

**G. Le Lyle** Rents Head M W 41 Married (20 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Work on Farm TN TN TN

**Edner Lyle** Wife F W 39 Married (18 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) TN TN TN

**Ponder Lyle** Son M W 17 1912 Single TN TN TN *Dona Lee Loftis md Ponder Robert Lyle*

Earl Lyle Son M W 15 1914 Single TN TN TN

Graham Lyle M W Son 14 1915 Single TN TN TN

Genever Lyle F W Dau 12 Single TN TN TN

Levy (sp. ?) M W Son 10 Single TN TN TN

Dorothy P. Lyle F W Dau. 4 9/12 Single TN TN TN

G. Le Lyle Jr. M W Son 1 8/12 Single TN TN TN

**1930 CENSUS – PUTNAM CO., TN – DIST. 7 – Double Springs - Gainesboro**

Dwl: 155 Family: 159 Line: 22

**Otis Laftice (Loftis)** Head Rents M W 24 Married (20 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN *(Wrong spelling in census as Laftice). (Milton Otis Loftis, s/o Ray Kirk Loftis & Clara Jeanette Birdwell)*

**Essie A. Laftice (Loftis)** Wife F W 29 Married (21 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN *(Essie Avo Jernigan md Milton Otis Loftis) Ancestry.com spelled name Erea A. Laftice – should be Essie Avo Loftis)*

**John R. Laftice (Loftis)** Son M W 3 Single TN TN TN *(John Ray Loftis md Betty Joan Pendergrass)*

**Jack D. Laftice (Loftis)** Son M W 1 Single TN TN TN *(Jack Douglas Loftis md Joyce Marie Burns)*

**1930 CENSUS – PUTNAM CO., TN – DIST. 7 – Double Springs – Hwy #24**

Dwl: 135 Family: 139 Line: 16 Ancestry.com image: 15

**Clara J. Loftice (spelling should be Loftis)** Head F W 40 Farming General Farm TN TN TN

*(Clara Jeanette Birdwell, d/o Jones M. Birdwell & Virginia Ann W. Jackson) (Jeanette Birdwell md Ray Kirk Loftis).*

**Clarence C. Loftice (Loftis)** Son M W 17 TN TN TN *(Clarence C. Loftis md Ona Beatrice Mills)*

**Dona L. Loftice (Loftis)** Dau. F W 15 *(looks like 14 should be 15)* TN TN TN

**Lola B. Loftice (Loftis)** Dau. F W 11 *(should be 13)* TN TN TN

**1930 CENSUS – PUTNAM CO., TN – DIST. 7 – Double Springs – Hwy #24**

Dwl: 137 Family: 131 Line: 25 - \*See Chapter: 11 – [www.ajlambert.com](http://www.ajlambert.com)

**Noah L. Loftice** (spelling should be Loftis) Head M W Rents 45 (22 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Farmer TN TN TN

*(Noah Lee Loftis, s/o James Madison Loftis Jr. “Crippled Jimmie”, s/o James Madison “Matt” Loftis Sr. & Sarah Elvira Dowell)*

**Cora C. Loftice (Loftis)** Wife F W 37 (15 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) TN TN TN

*(Cora C. Chaffin, d/o Abner Hill Chaffin & India Belle Sliger)*

Sarah B. Loftice (Loftis) Dau. F W 22 TN TN TN *(Sara Belle Loftis md Ernest D. Loftis)*

Beulah J. Loftice (Loftis) Dau. F W 20 TN TN TN *(Beulah Jane Loftis md Lonnie B. Gentry)*

James O. Loftice (Loftis) Son M W 18 TN TN TN *(James Oliver Loftis md Mytle Louise Allen)*

Doliver Loftice (Loftis) Son M W 15 TN TN TN *(Doliver Branton Loftis md Laura Catherine Ragsdale)*

Della M. Loftice (Loftis) Dau. F W 13 TN TN TN

*(Della May Loftis md 1st Lattie B. Gentry – md 2nd Joseph Walter Powers – md 3rd Charles Andrew Graham)*

Vela A. Loftice (Loftis) Dau. F W 11 TN TN TN *(Vela Alice Loftis md Elroy Alton Lester)*

Vola C. Loftice (Loftis) Dau. F W 9 TN TN TN *(Vola C. Loftis md Charles Earl Norton)*

Donald E. Loftice (Loftis) Son M W 6 TN TN TN (Donald Everett Loftis)  
Daniel J. Loftice (Loftis) Son M W 4 5/12 TN TN TN (Daniel J. Loftis md Edith Z. Gentry)  
Lola F. Loftice (Loftis) Dau. F W 1 1/12 TN TN TN (Lola Frances Loftis md Boyd R. Spurlock)

**1930 CENSUS – DAVIDSON CO., TN – Civil Dist. 4 – Old Hickory Town: Debow Street**

House No.: 811 No. of Dwl.: 354 No. of family in order of visitation: 448 Line: 46 Ancestry.com: Image 43

Tidwell, Jesse W. Head Rents M W 23 Married (20 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Textile Machine Mechanic Rayon Mills TN TN TN

Tidwell, Lois Wife 21 F W Married (19 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) TN TN TN

Tidwell, Charles Son M W Single 1 2/12 TN TN TN

House No.: 811 No. of Dwl.: 354 No. of family in order of visitation: 449: Line: 49

**Jackson, Alvin** Head M W 29 (22 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Textile Machine Mechanic Rayon Mills TN TN TN

**Jackson, Lona** Wife F W 28 (21 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) TN TN TN *Lona Etta Loftis md Alvin Jackson*

**Jackson, Mary L.** Dau. F W 11/12 Single TN TN TN *Lois Marie Jackson md Ray Bogle Jr.*

**Loftis, Clyde** Brother-in-Law M W 19 Single Stock Boy Payon Mills TN TN TN *Clyde Mitchell Loftis md Hattie Thelma Gregory*

**1930 CENSUS – WAYNE CO., MI – Precinct 13 – Detroit City: Ward of City: 9 – Block #497: Theodore Ave.**

House No. 2142 No. of Dwl: 154 No. of family in order of visitation: 266 Line: 31 Ancestry.com image: 27

**Loftis, Leo** Head M W Rents 23 Married (19 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Laborer Public Works TN TN TN

*Leo V. Loftis md 1<sup>st</sup> Anna “Annie” Anderson md 2<sup>nd</sup> Lascenia “Lassie” (Bailey) Spivey, d/o Henderson & Betty Florence (Purcell) Spivey*

**Loftis, Anna** Wife F W 19 Married (15 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) TN TN TN

**Loftis, Clarence** Son M W 3 Single TN TN TN *Mitchell Clarence Loftis md Aileen Salvors*

**Loftis, Lawrence** Son M W 4/12 MI TN TN

House No. 2142 No. of Dwl: 154 No. of family in order of visitation: 267 Line: 35 Ancestry.com image: 27

Borgonia, Stanley Head M W Rents 48 Married (38 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Butcher Meat Shop Poland Poland Poland

Borgonia, Anna Wife F W 45 Married (35 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Poland Poland Poland

Borgonia, Walter Son M W 8 Single MI Poland Poland

**NAME: Ray K. Loftis:** [http://www.tngenes.net/deaths/php/get\\_recs.php](http://www.tngenes.net/deaths/php/get_recs.php)

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 16 Jan 1920 (b. 12 July 1881, Jackson Co., TN)

**DATE OF DEATH:** 16 Jan 1920 (d. 16 January 1920, Jackson Co., TN)

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** TN

**AGE:** 37y

**CAUSE OF DEATH:** “I attended February 10, 1919 to January 15, 1920, died of Chronic Pulmonary Tuberculosis”

**ATTENDED BY:** J. J. Allison, M. D., Bloomington Springs, TN

**OCCUPATION:** Farming

**SPOUSE:** md 1<sup>st</sup> Alice Birdwell & md 2<sup>nd</sup> Clara Jeanette Birdwell (sisters)

**CEMETERY:** Fox Graveyard – 18 January 1920

**UNDERTAKER:** J. E. Birdwell

**FATHER:** Unknown (*Reuben Hickman Loftis*)

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**

**MOTHER:** Unknown (*Harriett Montgomery Johnson*)

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**

**REGISTRAR:** J. T. Jernigan (*John Tilford Jernigan*)

**CERTIFICATE: 288**

**COUNTY:** 7<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

<http://tngenes.net/deaths/index.html>

**Source:**

Jackson County, Tennessee Marriage and Death Records

Transcribed by Shelta R. McCarter Shrum & Betty C. Meadows Scott: 1998 & 2000

Ridge Runner Publications and Genealogy Research, 5700 Hwy. 52W, LaFayette, TN 37083-3268

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However, we ask that for verification and documentation you refer to the following microfilm rolls:

Roll #25 Jackson County Clerk Deaths 1881-1912

Vol 1 & 2 Jackson Co., TN Marriages September 1872-1886

Roll #26 Vol. 3 & 4 Jackson Co., Marriages Oct 1886 – January 1894

Roll #27 Vol. 5 & 6 Jackson Co., Marriages January 1895 – 1903

Roll #28 Vol. 7 & 8 Jackson Co., Marriages June 1903 – 1910

Roll #29 Vol. 9 & 10 Jackson Co., Marriages August 1910 – September 1918

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**Loftis, R.K.** (Groom) married: 19 May 1900 **Alice Birdwell** (Bride)

(Ray Kirk Loftis, s/o Reuben Hickman Loftis & Harriet Montgomery Johnson)  
 (Ruth Alice Birdwell, d/o Jones Birdwell & Virginia Jackson) (Sister of Clara Jeanette Birdwell).  
**Loftis, R. K.** (Groom) married 28 January 1904 **Clara Birdwell** (Bride)  
 (Ray Kirk Loftis, s/o Reuben Hickman Loftis & Harriet Montgomery Johnson)  
 (Clara Jeanette Birdwell, d/o Jones Birdwell & Virginia Jackson) (Sister of Ruth Alice Birdwell).

**Source: Social Security Death Index Search Results:**

NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	LAST RESIDENCE	LAST BENEFIT	SSN	ISSUED
ALVIN JACKSON	23 Jan 1901	09 Dec 1987 (V)	37122 (Mount Juliet, Wilson, TN)	(none specified)	409-01-9394	TN
LEO V LOFTIS	20 Jul 1908	13 Aug 1990	(not specified)	(none specified)	362-03-8661	MI
CLYDE LOFTIS	26 Oct 1910	Jul 1984	37115 (Madison, Davidson, TN)	22019	408-03-4948	TN
CLARENCE LOFTIS	29 Jan 1913	Mar 1976	48215 (Detroit, Wayne, MI)	(none specified)	381-10-0159	MI
PONDER R LYLE	28 Apr 1912	09 Oct 1987 (V)	37072 (Goodlettsville, Davidson, TN)	(none specified)	408-05-3612	TN
DONA L LYLE	02 Jul 1915	30 Jul 2001 (V)	37072 (Goodlettsville, Davidson, TN)	(none specified)	412-32-4437	TN
ONA B. LOFTIS	08 Oct 1918	23 Mar 1996	48079 Saint Clair (Saint Clair, MI)	(none specified)	365-30-5807	MI

(V)=(Verified) Report verified with a family member or someone acting on behalf of a family member.  
 (P)=(Proof) Death Certificate Observed.

**Source Information:**

Michigan Department of Vital and Health Records. Michigan Death Index, 1971-1996 [database on-line] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 1998.  
 Original electronic data from: Michigan Department of Vital and Health Records. Michigan Death Index, Lansing, MI, 1971-.  
 Michigan Death 1971 – 1976  
 Name: William C. Loftis *William “Billy” Charles Loftis md Patricia “Pat” Agnes Templeton.*  
 Birth Date: 19 March 1935  
 Death Date: 13 October 1996  
 Gender: Male  
 Residence: St Clair, St. Clair, Michigan

**Source Information:**

Michigan Department of Vital and Health Records. Michigan Death Index, 1971-1996 [database on-line] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 1998.  
 Original electronic data from: Michigan Department of Vital and Health Records. Michigan Death Index, Lansing, MI, 1971-.  
 Name: Ona B. Loftis  
 Birth Date: 08 October 1918  
 Death Date: 23 March 1996  
 Gender: Female  
 Residence: St Clair, St. Clair, Michigan

**Source:** Year: 1930; Census Place: District 7, Putnam, TN - Roll: 2268; Page: 9A; Enumeration District: 9; Image: 1109.0.

Name: **Otis Laftice** (should be **Milton Otis Loftis**)

Age: 24  
 Estimated birth year: 1905  
 Birthplace: Tennessee  
 Relation to Head-of-house: Head  
 Race: White  
 Home in 1930: District 7, Putnam, Tennessee

**Source:** Jackson County Tennessee Cemetery Inscriptions 1801 – 2003

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**FOX CEMETERY FLATT & DYER ROAD**

Civil Dist. 12. From Gainesboro take Hwy 56 go toward Baxter. Turn right on Flynn’s Creek Road. At the bottom of the hill turn left on the Flatt & Dyer Road. Cemetery is on the left up on a hill. Cemetery has also been called Fox and Chaffin. A lot of obits calls for the Rash cemetery and some call for the Fox Cemetery. Last visited 10 October 2002.

**Jones M. Birdwell** – b. 16 October 1849, NC – d. 4 January 1917, s/o John Harvey Birdwell & Martha Chaffin.

**Virginia W. Birdwell** – b. 11 July 1852, TN – d. 5 May 1928, d/o Edward Jackson & Elizabeth Howell.

**Ray Kirk Loftis** – b. 12 July 1881, TN – d. 16 January 1920, TN, s/o Reuben Hickman Loftis & Elizabeth Montgomery/Morgan Johnson.  
 He married sisters, Ruth Alice Birdwell & Clara Jeanette Birdwell, daughters of Jones M. Birdwell & Virginia W. Jackson.

**Source:** Putnam County Tennessee Cemeteries by Maurine Patton

SMELLAGE CEMETERY, Boma, Putnam Co., TN

**Loftis, Lola Bea – b. 13 July 1917, TN – d. 1936, Davidson Co., TN**

*(d/o Ray Kirk Loftis & Clara Jeanette Birdwell. Lola B. was killed by a hit and run driver).*

**Loftis, Essie Avo Jernigan** – b. 21 February 1901, Putnam Co., TN – d. 30 April 1962,

Mt. Clemens, Macomb Co., MI – DC: Local File No. 294, MI Dept. of Health.

*(d/o John Tilford Jernigan & Mahulda “Hulda” Jane Thompson) (\*See John Tilford Jernigan).*

**Loftis, Milton Otis** – b. 9 June 1905, Jackson Co., TN – d. 23 September 1934, TN

DC #21085 - *(Death Certificate: 23 September 1934 – Tombstone: 29 September 1934, TN –*

*s/o Ray Kirk Loftis & Clara Jeanette Birdwell). \*See Family Sheet: Milton Otis Loftis –*

Death Certificate of Ray Kirk Loftis: #288

STATE OF TENNESSEE

State Board of Health – Bureau of Vital Statistics – Certificate of Death: #288

1. Place of Death: Putnam County – 7<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., City of Double Springs.  
Registration District No. 47027  
Primary Registration District No. 7
2. Full Name: **Ray K. Loftis**
3. Sex: Male
4. Color: White
5. Married
6. Date of Birth: 12 July 1881
7. Age: 3
8. Occupation: Farming
9. Birthplace: Tennessee
10. Name of Father: Blank
11. Birthplace of Father: TN *(Jackson Co., Tennessee)*
12. Maiden Name of Mother: Blank *(Harriett Montgomery Johnson)*
13. Birthplace of Mother: TN
14. The above is true to the best of my knowledge: J.E. Birdwell of Double Springs, TN
15. Filed: 26 January 1920: J. T. Jernigan *(John Tilford Jernigan, f/o Essie Avo Jernigan who md Milton Otis Loftis, s/o Ray Kirk Loftis).*
16. Date of Death: 16 January 1920
17. I hereby certify, That I attended deceased from 10 February 1919 to 15 January 1920. That I last saw him alive on 15 January 1920 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7 a.m.. The Cause of Death was as follows: Chronic Pulmonary, Tuberculosis, duration: 3 years, 1 month. Contributory: don't know. Signed: J. J. Allison M.D.: 26 January 1920, Bloomington Springs, TN.
18. Length of Residence: Blank
19. Place of Burial or Removal: Fox Graveyard: Date of Burial: 18 January 1920.
20. Undertaker: J. E. Birdwell

Death Certificate of Clara Jeanette Birdwell Loftis: Verification of Death Facts: Actual DC cannot be obtained.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

State Board of Health – Bureau of Vital Statistics

1. Name of Decedent: **Clara Jeanette Loftis**
2. Sex: Female
3. Date of Death: 24 November 1965
4. Age at time of Death: 74
5. Social Security Number:
6. Date of Birth: 2 December 1890
7. Place of Birth: TN
8. Was Decedent Ever in the Armed Forces: No
9. Place of Death: Davidson Co., Nashville, TN
10. Facility Name and Address: Nashville Metropolitan Convalescent Hospital, 3247 Lakeshore Dr.
11. Marital Status: Widowed
12. Spouse's Name: Deceased
13. Decedent's Occupation – Kind of Business: Housewife
14. Decedent's Residence: Old Hickory, TN
15. Race: White
16. Education:
17. Father's Name: Jones Birdwell
18. Mother's Name: Virginia Jackson

19. Informant's Name: Mrs. Ponder Lyle
20. Informant's Relationship: Not listed
21. Mailing Address: 3247 Lakeshore Dr., Old Hickory, TN
22. Method – Place of Disposition: Burial
23. Funeral Director: Madison Funeral Home
24. Embalmer: Not listed
25. Name and Address of Funeral Home: Madison Funeral home, Madison, TN
26. Medical Examiner's Name and Address:
27. Physician's Name and Address: R.R. Crowe MD, 2715 Hamilton Rd., Nashville, TN
28. Date Certificate Filed: 26 November 1965

Tennessee Department of Health Office of Vital Records, Nashville, TN: Verified by Sharon M. Leinbach on 8 November 2004.

**Source:** Jackson Co., TN Loose District/Chancery Court Papers  
Reel #92, Loftis - Lynn, A.  
Vol: 1839-1915

#### CLERK & MASTER'S REPORT OF LAND SALE.

27 July 1895.

The land from the estate of H. P. Loftis was sold, subject to the homestead rights of the minor heirs, to L. S. Anderson for \$1510.00.

THE ORIGINAL BILL IN THE NATURE OF A CROSS BILL OF R. V. BROOKS of Jackson Co. TN against James M. Loftis as Administrator of Hic P. Loftis, deceased, and in his own right, John M. Loftis, Sam J. Loftis, Pierce Loftis, Willie Loftis, N. J. Loftis, Mary Loftis, **R. K. Loftis** & Harriet Loftis, all citizens of Jackson Co. TN & James A. Williams of Jackson Co.

5 Dec. 1891.

. . . H. P. Loftis died intestate in Jackson Co. TN on or about the 20th of Nov. 1890, **leaving as his widow and relict defendant Harriet Loftis** and the other defendants, except James A. Williams, as his only children and heirs at law . . .

Deposition taken: 22 Aug. 1893.

#### LOFTIS, J. M., ADMR. OF LOFTIS, HARRIET & H. P.

COUNTY, 1896.

Deposition taken: no date, probably 1896 -bp.

DEPOSITION: L. S. ANDERSON.

/s/ L. S. Anderson

THE PETITION OR BILL OF COMPLAINT OF HARRIET LOFTIS of Jackson Co. TN against John M. Loftis of Putnam Co. TN, James M. Loftis of Macon Co. TN, S. J. Loftis of parts unknown to complainant, Pearce Loftis, Willie Loftis, N. J. Loftis, Mary Loftis, **R. K. Loftis**, the last four of whom are minors and complainant is their general guardian, R. V. Brooks, Washburn & Cason, Sam Sliger, G. R. Loftis, Admr. of Tennessee Gentry, dec'd & Norris Crowder, all of Jackson Co. TN.

THE BILL OF COMPLAINT OF R. K. LOFTIS of Jackson Co. TN by James M. Loftis, next friend, resident of Macon Co. TN against B. A. Butler of Jackson Co. TN, Mary West & Miles West of Barren Co. KY, Nannie Wooten & her husband G. I. Wooten & Willie Loftis of Macon Co. TN.

29 Oct. 1898.

. . . **Harriet Loftis died, leaving minor children as follows:** Willie Loftis, Nannie Loftis, since married to G. I. Wooten, Mary Loftis, since married to Miles West and **R. K. Loftis, the complainant, the youngest, who was sixteen years old on the 12th day of July 1898.**

**Source:** Bullets, Fire, Moonshine and The Bible: Life in Jackson County, TN From 1903-1907: Vol. 1,  
Transcribed by Shelta R. McCarter Shrum.  
Pg. 76: Gainesboro Sentinel, Thursday, June 7, 1900:

**May Marriages:** Marriage Licenses were issued to the following in this county during May, to wit: J. L. Martin to Maggie Harley, M. B. Young to Addie Childs, S. R. Johnson to Fannie Trisdale, **R. K. Loftis to Alice Birdwell**, Andy Lambert to Nancy J. Davison, Wade Bean to Carrie Young, L. B. Anderson to Cora James. (*Ruth Alice Birdwell was the 1<sup>st</sup> w/o Ray Kirk Loftis he later md her sister Clara Jeanette Birdwell, daughters of Jones M. Birdwell & Virginia Ann W. Jackson*).

**Source:** Bullets, Fire, Moonshine and The Bible: Life in Jackson County, TN From 1903-1907: Vol. 2,  
Transcribed by Shelta R. McCarter Shrum.

Pg. 13: Gainesboro Sentinel, Thursday, February 5, 1903:

MAYFIELD

**Vaden Birdwell has just returned for a visit to his sister, Mrs. Ray Loftis, who is lying at the point of death, at Clenny.** (*Vaden Birdwell was the b/o Alice Ruth Birdwell who md Ray Kirk Loftis. Vaden Birdwell md Maggie C. Pippin. Ray Kirk Loftis, s/o Reuben Hickman Loftis & Harriett Montgomery Johnson. Ray Kirk Loftis married sisters, Alice Ruth Birdwell & Clara Jeanette Birdwell, daughters of Jones M. Birdwell & Virginia Ann W. Jackson*).

**Source:** Bullets, Fire, Moonshine and The Bible: Life in Jackson County, TN From 1903-1907: Vol. 2,  
Transcribed by Shelta R. McCarter Shrum.

Pg. 14: Gainesboro Sentinel, Thursday, February 12, 1903:

CLENNY, February 10.

**Mrs. Ray Loftis died last Friday of that dreaded disease, consumption.** Her remains were interred in the family cemetery of T. J. Rash's. She was a Christian lady and one who was liked by everybody. Her short life was Christ like, and her last words were, be good and meet me in heaven my home. She leaves many friends to mourn her death. (*This is the obt. of Alice Ruth Birdwell – b. 20 July 1882, Jackson Co., TN – d. 10 February 1904, TN. She was the first w/o Ray Kirk Loftis – b. 12 July 1881, TN – d. 17 January 1920, Jackson Co., TN. They were married 21 May 1900, Jackson Co., TN. Ray Kirk Loftis md Ruth's sister Clara Jeanette Birdwell on 28 January 1904. According to the recorded dates Ruth Alice Birdwell died on 10 February 1904, after her husband married her sister Clara Jeanette Birdwell*).

**Source:** Bullets, Fire, Moonshine and The Bible: Life in Jackson County, TN From 1903-1907: Vol. 2,  
Transcribed by Shelta R. McCarter Shrum.

Pg. 68: Gainesboro Sentinel, Thursday, February 4, 1904:

IVY GAP, February 1.

**Ray Loftis and Clara Birdwell were married last Thursday, Esq. Jackson officiating.** (*Ray Kirk Loftis was the s/o Reuben Hickman Loftis and Harriett Montgomery Johnson. This marriage was the 2<sup>nd</sup> for Ray and took place on the 28 January 1904. He was married first to Alice Ruth Birdwell on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 1900. Alice Ruth & Clara Jeanette Birdwell were sisters*).

**Milton Otis Loftis Memorial Record: Biography:** Milton Otis Loftis was born in Jackson Co., TN June 9, 1905. He was the oldest child of Ray Kirk Loftis and Clara "Claire" Jeanette Birdwell. He had three brothers, Leo Vestil, Clyde Mitchell & Clarence C. Loftis and two sisters, Dona Lee Loftis Lyle & Lola B. Loftis and also a half sister, Lona Etta Loftis Jackson. His parents moved from Jackson Co., TN to White Co., TN when he was small, later they moved from White Co., TN to Putnam Co., TN. His father died in Putnam Co., TN when he was about 15 years of age. He lived with his mother until he was 19 years old and help support the family. He married Essie Avo Jernigan on 26 August 1925. She lived in Double Springs, Putnam Co., TN at the time. Milton Otis rented a farm and farmed for several years and worked on the roads in Putnam Co. He was appointed Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Alex Burton and worked in this service until he died on September 23, 1934 from gunshots wounds. His children are: John Ray Loftis md Betty Joan Pendergrass, Jack Douglas Loftis md Joyce Marie Burns, Geraldine Loftis md Tim Denny & Audrey Burton Loftis md Exel "Shorty" Wallace. John Ray Loftis, b. 15 August 1926, Double Springs, TN – d. 23 April 1971, TN, Jack Douglas Loftis, b. 10 November 1928, Double Springs, TN – d. 20 January 2002, Eastpointe, MI, Geraldine Loftis Denny, b. 25 October 1930, Double Springs, TN – d. 17 January 2002, Clinton Twp., MI & Audrey Burton Loftis Wallace, b. 3 April 1934, Double Springs, TN. Essie Avo Jernigan Loftis was left to survive without the help of her husband with 4 children to feed and take care of. She did the best she could with the help of her sons. Essie Avo Loftis was the sweetest person you could ever meet. Her family moved to Michigan and she moved with them till her death. We all called her "Grannie", I was only nine years old when she died of the heart attack in Michigan.



DuPont High School, Old Hickory, TN



Protestant Hospital, 20<sup>th</sup> & Church Street,  
Nashville, Davidson Co., TN,  
now called Mid-State Baptist Hospital

### MARRIAGES:

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Jackson Co., TN, pg. 128: R. K. Loftis married 28 January 1904, Jackson Co., TN to G. Clara Birdwell).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Lebanon, Wilson Co., TN, pg. 450: Alvin Jackson married 5 December 1923, Wilson Co., TN to Lona Loftis).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 309, #3090: Otis Loftis married 26 August 1925, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Avo Jernigan. By whom married: W. R. McBroom, Justice of the Peace).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 466, #4573: Leo Loftis married 24 March 1928, Putnam Co., TN to Annie Anderson. By whom married: B. L. Douthist).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, White Co., TN, pg. 34: Clarence Loftis married 21 October 1933, White Co., TN to Beatrice Mills).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Jackson Co., TN, pg. 269, #148 – Walter Bailey married 25 July 1920, Jackson Co., TN to Aline Langford).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Jackson Co., TN, pg. 525 – Walter “Wattie” A. Bailey married 14 October 1925, Jackson Co., TN to Lassie Spivey).

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(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Jackson Co., TN, pg. 158 - R. K. Loftis married 21 May 1900, Jackson Co., TN to Alice Birdwell)

### **Loftis, Lola Bea – b. 13 July 1917, TN – d. 9 January 1936, Davidson Co., TN**

(d/o Ray Kirk Loftis & Clara Jeanette Birdwell. Sister of Milton Otis Loftis. Lola B. was killed by a hit and run driver). (Newspaper article: Lola B. Loftis, seventeen year old student at DuPont High School, Old Hickory, TN, leads the list of automobile accident victims in Davidson County for 1936. Miss Loftis, first in the county to die as a result of a traffic accident, was struck down near her home in Old Hickory Wednesday night by a hit-and-run driver. She died at a local hospital Thursday afternoon). (Source Death Cert. # 290, 1<sup>st</sup> Dist



**Lascenia "Lassie" (Spivey) Bailey Loftis Obt.**

b. 22 May 1905, Jackson Co., TN – d. 7 January 1992, Putnam Co., TN, md 2<sup>nd</sup> to **Leo Vestil Loftis**, b. 20 July 1908, Jackson Co., TN – d. 13 August 1990, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Ray Kirk Loftis** (1881-1920) & **Clara Jeanette Birdwell** (1890-1965). Lascenia "Lassie" (Spivey) Bailey Loftis, d/o **Henderson Parmer "Henry" Spivey** (1878-1944) & **Betty Florence Purcell** (1881-1960). Leo Vestil Loftis md 1<sup>st</sup> on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 1928, Putnam Co., TN to **Annie Jewel (Anderson) Loftis** (1910-1983). Lascenia "Lassie" (Spivey) Bailey Loftis md 1<sup>st</sup> on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 1925, Jackson Co., TN to **Walter Allen Bailey**, b. 3 April 1898, Jackson Co., TN – d. 15 June 1954, Sumner Co., TN, s/o **Henry Herman Bailey** (1851-1920) & **Amanda Evelyn "Mandy" Finn** (1869-1944). Walter Allen Bailey is buried in Bushs Chapel Cemetery, Gallatin, Sumner Co., TN. **Walter Allen Bailey** also md on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 1920, Jackson Co., TN to **Alene (Langford) Bailey**, b. 22 February 1903, Jackson Co., TN – d. 31 January 1923, Jackson Co., TN.

\*See Leo Vestil Loftis Obt.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Jackson Co., TN, pg. 269, #148 – Walter Bailey married 25 July 1920, Jackson Co., TN to Aline Langford).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Jackson Co., TN, pg. 525 – Walter "Wattie" A. Bailey married 14 October 1925, Jackson Co., TN to Lassie Spivey).

(1940 census, 9<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Hollow Track, Sumner Co., TN: Dwl: 219 – **Walter Bailey** is head of household, 43 yrs. old, TN, md to **Lassie Bailey**, 40 yrs. old, TN. Children: Floyd Bailey, son, 22 yrs. old, TN).

**COOKEVILLE** – Funeral services for Lassie C. Loftis, 86, of Cookeville will be held Thursday, January 9, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Dyer Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Loftis died Tuesday, January 7, 1992, in Cookeville General Hospital.

A native of Jackson County born March 22, 1905, she was the daughter of the late Henry P. and Betty Purcell Spivey.

A member of Double Springs Church of Christ, she was a homemaker.

Her family includes a son, Walter Bailey of Michigan; three stepsons, Lawrence and Mitchell Loftis, both of Michigan, and Harold Loftis of Maryland; four sisters, Ruth Wood, Grace Sledge and Juanita Spivey, all of Nashville, and Modine Walker of Michigan; 17 grandchildren and 20 greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Loftis, and a daughter, Louise Haney.

The family is receiving friends at the funeral home.

Charles Lemons will officiate at the services.

**Leo Vestil Loftis Obt.**

b. 20 July 1908, Jackson Co., TN – d. 13 August 1990, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md 1<sup>st</sup> on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 1928, Putnam Co., TN to **Annie Jewell (Anderson) Loftis**, b. 22 Sept. 1910, Jackson Co., TN – d. 22 August 1983, Warren, Macomb Co., MI. Leo Vestil Loftis md 2<sup>nd</sup> **Lascenia "Lassie" (Spivey) Bailey**, b. 22 May 1905, Jackson Co., TN – d. 7 January 1992, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Henderson Parmer "Henry" Spivey** (1878-1944) & **Betty Florence Purcell** (1881-1960). Leo Vestil Loftis, s/o **Ray Kirk Loftis** (1881-1920) & **Clara Jeanette Birdwell** (1890-1965). (Children of Leo & Annie (Anderson) Loftis are: Mitchell Clarence Loftis md Aileen Salvers; Lawrence Milton Loftis md Donna F; and Harold Loftis).

\*See Lascenia "Lassie" (Spivey) Bailey Loftis Obt.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 466, #4573: Leo Loftis married 24 March 1928, Putnam Co., TN to Annie Anderson. Signed by Leo and Otis Loftis).

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Leo V. Loftis, 82, of Cookeville, will be conducted tomorrow, August 15, at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Dyer Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Loftis died Monday (August 13, 1990) in Cookeville General Hospital.

Son of the late Ray and Clara Birdwell Loftis, he was born July 20, 1908 in Jackson County.

Mr. Loftis was retired from Uniroyal and was a member of the Double Springs Church of Christ.

His family includes his wife, Lassie Spivey Loftis of Cookeville; three sons, Mitchell and Lawrence Loftis, both of Michigan and Harold Loftis of Maryland; one step-son, Walter Bailey of Michigan; one sister, Dona Lee Lyle of Goodlettsville; 17 grand-children and 20 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Junior Chaffin, Kenneth Haney, Mark, Mike, Alan and Steve Loftis.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 4 p.m. today.

Charles Lemons and Paul Wilmoth will officiate at the services.

**Dona Lee (Loftis) Lyle Obt.**

Obituary – Tennessee Newspaper  
(1915-2001)

Dona Lee (Loftis) Lyle of Goodlettsville, TN died at the age of 86 on Monday July 30, 2001. Mrs. Lyle was a longtime member of the Old Hickory Church of Christ and the Goodlettsville Church of Christ, and an employee of Dupont for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ponder Robert Lyle. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Lyle) Campbell and her husband Jerry, her son, Joe Edward Lyle and his wife Brenda; grandchildren, Darren Robert Lyle, Jennifer Susan Lyle, Brian Joseph Lyle, Benecia Ann Campbell, Lyle Edward Campbell, Kerry Lynn Campbell, and Keith Alan Campbell; ten great grandchildren. Her remains are at Cole & Garrett Funeral Home, Goodlettsville, TN, where the family will receive friends today, Tuesday, July 31, 2001 from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2001 with Rev. Charles Baugh & Rev. John Holland officiating. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Nashville, TN. Family & friends will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Elders and Deacons of the Goodlettsville Church of Christ. Cole & Garrett, (615) 859-5231 24 Hour Obitline, (615) 859-0300.

**Lola B. Loftis Obt.**

Lola B. Loftis, age 17, daughter of Mrs. Clara Loftis, who was born and reared in this community, was struck by a hit and run driver near her home in Old Hickory, TN, Wednesday, January 8, and died several hours later in a Nashville hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday by Brother Garner, pastor of the Church of Christ of Old Hickory, and Brother Cooke, of Cookeville, TN.

Lola B. and her mother moved to Old Hickory about six months ago, where she has been a student at DuPont High School. It was a breathless shock to all the relatives and friends to hear of the sudden death of Lola B., as we all know she was kind and sympathetic to all. She honored the aged as well as young. You always felt impressed by being in her presence. But most of all she chose to be a Christian follower of Christ, which means more than anything in this world. She is like a rose planted by a stream of water; she will not wither away in our memories. There will always remain a kind impression in our heart for her.

She leaves to mourn her loss, a mother, Mrs. Clara Loftis, two sisters, Mrs. Ponder Lyle and Mrs. Alvin Jackson, both of Old Hickory, three brothers, Clyde Loftis, of Old Hickory, Clarence and Leo Loftis, both of Double Springs, and many relatives and friends.

A father (Ray) and brother (Milton Otis) preceded her in death.

She was laid to rest in the Smellage Cemetery, near Boma.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 16 January 1936.

<http://www.ajlambert.com>