

JAMES MADISON LOFTIS LINE

James Madison (Matt) Loftis b 13 Feb 1811 near Tigerville, Greenville Co, SC d 1902 Jackson Co, TN. He was the 8th Child of Laban Loftis (b 1760 MD d 8 Nov 1850 Jackson Co, TN) and Elizabeth Holcombe Loftis (b 1770 MD d 29 Dec 1859 Jackson Co, TN). James Madison arrived in Jackson Co, TN on a wagon train with his parents and other brothers and sisters in late 1816 or early 1817. He lived with his parents on Morrison's Creek Branch of Roaring River, 6 miles East of Gainesboro, Jackson Co, TN. Descendants lived on original Loftis property on Morrison's Creek until 1972. He married 22 Mar 1832 Jackson Co, TN to Sarah Elvira Dowell b 13 Feb 1810-11 Jackson Co, TN d 15 Feb 1897 Jackson Co, TN and daughter of John and Sarah Hickman Dowell. They are both buried in the Loftis Cemetery on Morrison's Creek. He served in the Confederate Army as a Pvt., G Co., 13th Cavalry Bn. during the Civil War. "Matt" and Sarah had eleven children plus rearing one grandson Charlie (Peyor) Millard Loftis.

The children are as follows:

1)	John Martin Loftis	b 15/18 Feb 1833	Jackson Co, TN
2)	Reuben Hickman Loftis	b 16 Feb 1835	Jackson Co, TN
3)	Frances America Loftis	b 17 Jan 1837	Jackson Co, TN
4)	Sarah E. Loftis	b 6 Mar 1839	Jackson Co, TN
5)	P.W. Loftis	b 7 April 1842	Jackson Co, TN
6)	James Madison Loftis (Jr.)	b 8 Mar 1844	Jackson Co, TN
7)	Clerry Tennessee Loftis	b 5 Feb 1846	Jackson Co, TN
8)	George Rufus Loftis	b 21 Nov 1848	Jackson Co, TN
9)	Sophie E. Loftis	b 13 Feb 1851	Jackson Co, TN
10)	Parsetta (Parzetta) Loftis	b 25 Feb 1855	Jackson Co, TN
11)	Infant	born and died	Jackson Co, TN

Charles (Charlie) Millard (Peyor) Loftis, said to be a grandson and showing in the 1870 and 1880 Census records at age 5 years and 15 years, respectively was raised by his grandparents. Also note a Sarah Pryor, orphan, age 36, in the home of John Martin Loftis in the 1880 Census.



James Madison Loftis and Sarah Elvira Dowell



The William Francis "Billy" Gentry family. Left to right, front row: William Francis "Billy" Gentry, holding his grandson Herman Gentry; his wife, Angeline Loftis Gentry; John Preston Gentry, Brunetta Mayberry Gentry, wife of John Preston, holding their son; and Noah Hensley and wife, Pearsettia Gentry Hensley, holding their child. Standing, left to right: America Gentry Hensley, Henderson Brown Gentry, William Jackson Gentry, Linus Roscoe Gentry, Matthias Gentry, and Lester D. Gentry. Courtesy Hurshal Riddle, 355 Lone Oak Dr., Cookeville, TN.