

JAMES H. LOFTIS OBT.

b. 23 July 1838, AR – d. 9 December 1898, Rogers, Bell Co., TX, md on the 19th of August 1880, Jackson Co., TN to **Nancy Eveline "Nannie" Johnson**, b. 29 November 1860, Jackson Co., TN – d. 22 May 1949, Rogers, Bell Co., TX, both buried in Rogers Cemetery, Rogers, Bell Co., TX. Nancy Eveline "Nannie" Johnson, d/o **William Samuel Johnson** (1831-1884) & **Susan Ann Harris** (1830-1909), both buried in Old Union Cemetery, Sparta, White Co., TN. James H. Loftis, s/o **William Loftis** (1801-1875) & **Elizabeth "Betsy" Loveall** (1802-1874), she is buried in Loftis Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN.

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