

## JON DAVID CLAY LOFTIS

Lineage of Jon David Loftis.....

**William Loftis**, the 4<sup>th</sup> child of **Laban Loftis** (1760-1850) & **Elizabeth Holcombe** (1769-1859). He was born 7 May 1801, SC – d. 16 February 1875, Jackson Co., TN. He md 3 April 1828, Jackson Co., TN **Elizabeth “Betsy” Loveall**, b. 10 March 1802, TN – d. 9 December 1874, d/o David Loveall. Both are buried in the Loftis Family Cemetery on Morrison’s Creek, Jackson Co., TN. William Loftis was granted 21 acres of land adjoining David Loveall’s on Blackburn Fork on 16 July 1840. He also owned 1000 acres on Blackburns Fork, jointly with Roland C. Dill, brother of Ermilla “Millie” Dill, w/o John L. Loftis, brother to William.

...**Labin (Laban) Jasper Loftis**, b. 20 January 1836, Jackson Co., TN – d. 18 December 1905, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, fifth child of William Loftis & Elizabeth “Besty” Loveall. He married on 9 August 1857, Jackson Co., TN, , b. 27 or 29 December 1840/41, Jackson Co., TN – d. 16 June 1916, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, d/o Abner H. Chaffin & Elizabeth Young.

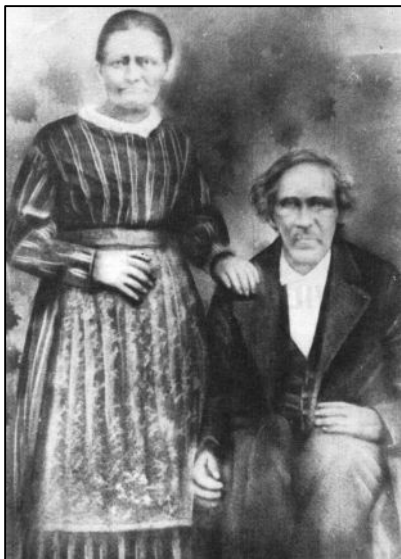
...**Henry Clay Loftis**, b. February 1881, Sumner Co., TN – d. 25 September 1948, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN – d. 25 September 1948, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN with brain hemorrhage. He md 17 December 1904 in Cannelton, IN to Ella Bell Lamar, b. 2 May 1884, Utility, Hancock, Co., KY – d. 14 March 1960, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN of cancer, d/o Edward Lee and Susan Ann Lambert Lamar of Utility, Hancock Co., KY. Both are buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Nashville, TN.

...**Earl Chaffin Loftis**, b. 27 June 1905, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN – d. 29 November 1965, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Nashville, TN in his parent’s plot. He md 2 August 1927 in McMinnville, TN to Clara Lorene Sullins, b. 11 June 1911, DeKalb Co., TN, d/o Jess Sullens & Minnie Vickers. Earl Chaffin Loftis acquired the nickname “Goofy” as a Lad and was better known from then on as “Goofy” than by his given name. He had little schooling but was an extremely gifted man. He made a living as a sign painter but could paint anything. He was also a good carpenter, enjoyed politics and ran for office, both city and state, a number of times. He knew people all over Davidson County and was well liked by all.

...**Henry Clay Loftis**, b. 27 December 1947, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN md 22 December 1972, Lynn II. Pollard, d/o Marian Menzel & Leon Pollard.

...**Jon David Clay Loftis**, b. 26 Nov. 1973, Davidson Co., TN md unknown

...Jon David Clay Loftis II



**William Loftis**, the 4<sup>th</sup> child of Laban Loftis & Elizabeth Holcombe and his wife **Elizabeth “Betsy” Loveall**

## LABORN JASPER LOFTIS



(The following obituary appeared December 18, 1905 in the Jackson County Sentinel, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN. Copied from the "Jackson County, Births & Deaths" at the TN State Library). Loftis and the Descendants of Laban Loftis, by Jimmie R. Loftis & Bobbie H. Bryant, pg. 193). *(Photo: Laban Jasper Loftis and Louisa Chaffin Loftis).*

**Laborn Loftis**, formerly a well known citizen of this county and brother o four townsman, David Loftis, died at his home in West Nashville, TN December 18, 1905 at two o'clock a.m. at the age of 69 years, 10 months, and 28 days, having been born January the 20, 1836 in Jackson County, TN and lived here most all the time until the fall of 1871, when he moved to New Middleton, TN and then to Gallatin, TN and from there to Nashville.

The family from which Mr. Loftis came is one of the oldest and most prominent in Jackson County having been identified with its interests and connected with its history ever since the foundation of the county. His grandfather, Laborn Loftis, died November 8, 1850 and his grandmother, Elizabeth Loftis died December 29, 1859.

**William Lofits** was born May 1, 1801 and died February 16, 1875. Elizabeth Loftis was born March 10, 1802 and died December 9, 1874. They had born to them nine children, four boys and five girls to wit: J. P. Loftis age 77 years, 11 months and 11 days now living in Texas. Mrs. Malinda Loftis age 75 years, 7 months, 10 days, now living in Missouri. David Loftis, age 73 years, 9 months, and 28 days, now living in Gainesboro, Tennessee. Mrs. Nancy Mayberry, age 70 years, 11 months, and 18 days, now living in Missouri. Laborn Loftis, who died at Nashville. J. H. Loftis who died at the age of 60 years in Texas, having been born July 23, 1838. Mrs. S. E. Chaffin, age 64 years, 10 months, and 28 days, now living in Kansas. Mrs. R. M. Loftis, age 61, 11 months, and 13 days, now living in Missouri, Mrs. P. M. Harley, age 59 years 3 months, and 2 days, now living in Nashville.

Laborn Loftis was married to Liz Chaffin before the war between the States and his wife and several children survive him, all of whom are married except one daughter.

This December 18, 1905....Henry P. Loftis.

Dr. Henry P. Loftis of Gainesboro, TN was a nephew of Labin Loftis and son of David L. Loftis, Labin Jasper's brother.



### **Family of Laban Jasper Loftis**

Front row: Minnie Ada and Angeline Loftis.

Middle row: Sara Louisa Loftis, Laban Jasper Loftis, Louisa Chaffin Loftis, Nancy Joannah Loftis.

Back row: Maria Louise Loftis, Henry Clay Loftis, Martha Minerva Loftis, Newton Jasper Loftis, Polly Elizabeth Loftis.

### **HENRY CLAY LOFTIS**

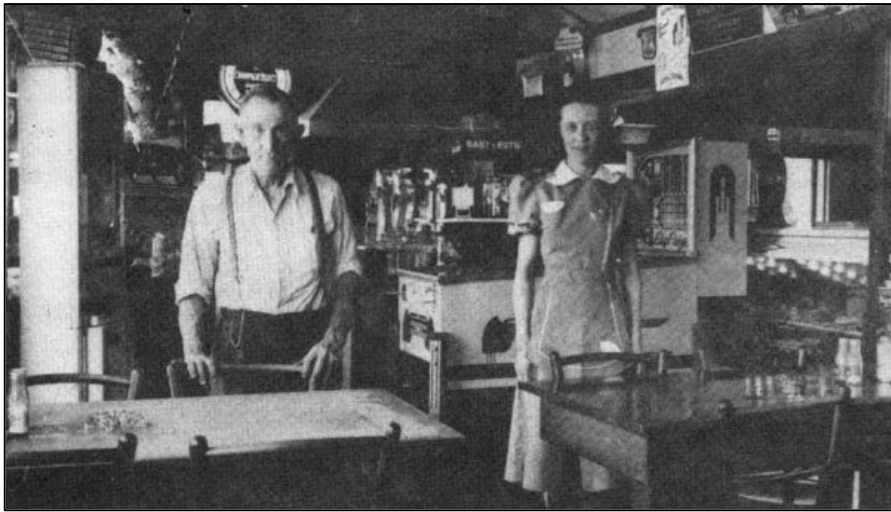
When **Henry Clay** was born he was given a name. Instead, he was called Bud or Red and when he was older he named himself, choosing Henry Clay. He was a fairly tall man with dark auburn hair. A carpenter by trade, he had his own shop in back of his home on Charlotte Ave., in West Nashville, TN as well as working for the railroad. He loved carpentry and made many things in his shop such as furniture, etc. He worked on many of the fine old homes and many commercial projects in Nashville and surrounding areas. He built his homeplace and many other buildings located on the property willed to him by Laban Jasper Loftis. About 1926 he built a lunch wagon styled after the old wooden railroad cars he had built when working for the railroad and he named it Loftis Lunch. Later it acquired the nickname of Loftis Pie Wagon and this stuck thru the years. He and Ella ran the "Pie Wagon" and she did all the baking and cooking. All of their children worked there at least part of their younger life and their daughter, **Nina Ruth** still carried on the family tradition until her death in 1990. The property is still in the Loftis family today.



### **Family of Henry Clay Loftis**

Henry Clay Loftis married Ella Bell Lamar.

L to R: Children: Earl Chaffin Loftis, Herman Gibson Loftis, and Theodore "Ted" Loftis. Front: Nina Ruth Loftis.



**LOFTIS "PIE WAGON"**  
 Located at 4107 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN

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"Miss Nina" Loftis Roland and County Music Stars George Jones and Randy Travis. Photo taken in Loftis Pie Wagon, 4107 Charlotte Avenue in Nashville, TN. This picture appeared in Rolling Stones magazine in September, 1989. Loftis and the Descendants of Laban Loftis, by Jimmie R. Loftis & Bobbie H. Bryant, pg. 229.

**Henry Clay Loftis** with a 75 lb. watermelon in front of Loftis Pie Wagon, 4107 Charlotte Avenue in Nashville, TN. Other person is unidentified.

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Earl Chaffin Loftis and his wife  
Clara Lorene Sullens/Sullins.

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**Children of Earl Chaffin & Clara Lorene Sullins**

L to R: Betty Jo Loftis md Walter Benjamin White; Howell Brandon Loftis md 1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Felts – md 2<sup>nd</sup> Doria Ann Hannah – md 3<sup>rd</sup> Gladys Byron; Warren Bell Loftis md Wilma Sue King; Joseph Dean Loftis died in a motorcycle accident; Earl “Doonie” Chaffin Loftis Jr., md 1<sup>st</sup> Cordia? – md 2<sup>nd</sup> Patsy Charline Hall; Mary Louise Loftis md Paul Terry Smith; Henry Clay Loftis md Lynn I. Pollard; Judy Ann Loftis md Stephen Shroder.

Misti Loftis Brown is the d/o Stephen Shroder & July Ann Loftis. Misti Brown is now the author and compiler of the “Cousin by the Dozens” newsletter and does an excellent job of keeping the Loftis up to date on the family.

\*See Loftis Reunion, Loftis family sheets, stories etc. at:  
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Jon David Clay Loftis &  
his son  
Jon David Clay Loftis II.