

## MAHAN – JUDD FAMILY

Wolfman

Hello,

I'm trying to find some info on my cousin Clarence Garrett Mahan's family. He was the son of Anson Lafayette Mahan and Celia Pauline Judd of Putnam County. Celia's sister, Leitha Catherine (Judd) Rice-Hickey, was my great-grandmother.

Clarence told me a few years ago, before he passed away, that some of his family was raised by relatives up in Roane County. I need to find out which ones, and the circumstances, for another cousin who's trying to find out. I don't remember any of the details Clarence told me, as it was so long ago!

Hope you can help!

Regards,

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I finally located the info I was looking for, and hope you can add this to your records.

Rebecca Isabelle Judd, Celia Pauline's sister, married Roscoe Mahan. After Rebecca died in 1908, Roscoe took their son Willie Mahan up to Harriman, in Roane County, as Roscoe was working there in the coal mines. Roscoe met a woman up there, and remarried. They had three more children: Isaac Mahan, Velma Mahan, and Margaret Mahan. Roscoe Mahan died November 7, 1915 and Anson Lafayette Mahan was contacted to come and get Willie. When he got there, Roscoe's second wife, the mother of the other three children, had died one week after Roscoe. As a result, he brought all four of the children back to Baxter, where they were raised by great-great grandfather and grandmother William Henry Harrison and Louisa (LaFever) Judd, and then great-grandaunt Celia and Anson Lafayette Mahan, Roscoe's brother.

Willie Mahan was Clarence Garrett Mahan's first cousin.

Rebecca Isabelle Judd - born 14 April 1878 near Baxter, Putnam County, TN. She married Roscoe Mahan about 1905 or 1906 in Putnam County. She died November 1, 1908, and buried William Judd Cemetery, Baxter, Putnam County, TN.

Their son William Carl "Willie" Mahan - born June 1, 1907 Baxter, Putnam County, TN. He married Callie Mae LaFever, 26 August 1925 in Putnam County, TN. Callie was the daughter of George Washington LaFever and Ora Belle Wilhite. She was born December 11, 1906 in Sparta, White County, TN and died April 21, 1990 in Cookeville. She was buried at Perkins Cemetery in Putnam County. Willie Mahan was a U.S. Army veteran. He died February 13, 1970 and buried Wm Judd Cemetery.

Roscoe Mahan married (2) Margaret "Maggie" Shaw, in Harriman, Roane County, TN in 1909. Their children:

1. Isaac Mahan - born about 1910 in Roane County, TN.
2. Velma Mahan - born about 1912 in Roane County, TN
3. Margaret Mahan - born about 1914 in Roane County, TN. She married a Mr. Dunn.

Leitha Catherine (Judd) Rice was my great-grandmother. Her second husband was William Travis Hickey, brother of Thomas Mattison "Matt" Hickey. Travis Hickey's first wife was Melissa Carolyn Rice, daughter of William "Billy" Rice and Nancy Catherine Gambrell. She died in early 1915, and was buried at Rice Cemetery in White County, just outside Burgess Falls State Park. Travis and Leitha were married, if I recall correctly, about December 12, 1915 in Putnam County. Leitha's husband, William AUGUSTUS Rice (I think "Andrew" was a nickname. He was enumerated on the 1880 census as "Andrew", but my grandfather

said his middle name was "Augustus"), was the great-grandson of John A. Rice (1815 - 1837) and Sarah Howell (1815 - 1877). John A. Rice's brother, William Rice Jr. (1820 - c.1865) was the grandfather of both Melissa Carolyn Rice, and Matt Hickey's wife Mary Etta Rice, who were sisters.

Rev. William Henry Harrison Judd was the son of Rev. Nathaniel Jackson Judd (1807 Adair County, KY - 1885 Putnam County, TN) and Rebecca Nancy Grimes (1813 Ashe County, Nc - 1890 Putnam County, TN), grandson of John Judd (1768 Pittsylvania Co. VA - October 1823 Adair County, KY and Polly (maiden name unknown), and great-grandson of Rowland Judd Sr. (1723 Fillongley, Warwickshire, England - 1806 Reddies River, Wilkes County, NC).

Louisa Ann LaFever Judd was the daughter of Andrew LaFever Jr. (1814 - 1857), granddaughter of Andrew LaFever Sr. (1774 - 1847), and great-granddaughter of Abraham LaFever ("Layfevers"), born 1750, probably Augusta County, VA - died 1803 Wayne County, Kentucky) and wife, Catreneh (c.1752 - ?).

I greatly appreciate your help.  
Will

From: "Michael and Audrey Lambert" <[mhlambert@yahoo.com](mailto:mhlambert@yahoo.com)>  
Subject: Re: Anson Lafayette Mahan family - Putnam County, TN

Hi Will,

I am not really familiar with this family but I looked in some of my books and traced the family from the 1910 census to the 1930 census and this is what I found:

**1910 census 8th Civil Dist., Cookeville & Smithville Roads, Putnam Co., TN:**

Dwl: 41

Anson L. Mahan is head of household, 45 yrs. old, KY, farmer, md 4 yrs. to Sealy, 26 yrs. old, TN (2 children born, 1 child living). Child: Clarence Mahan, 3 yrs. old, TN.

**1920 census 8th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN:**

Line: 93 Dwl: 83

Anson Mahan is head of household, 58 yrs. old, KY (parents both born in TN) Farmer, General Farm md to Celia, 37 yrs. old, TN (parents both born in TN). Children: Clarence, 18 yrs. old, TN; Orance, dau. (sp), 6 yrs. old, TN & Willie Mahan, nephew, 11 yrs. old, TN.

**1930 census 8th Civil Dist., Cookeville & Smithville, Roads, Putnam Co., TN:**

Line: 82 - Dwl: 48,

Anson L. Mahan is head of household, 64 yrs. old, KY (parents both born in TN) Farmer, General Farm md (40 yrs. old 1st marriage) Celia, 48 yrs. old, TN (parents both born in TN) (24 yrs. old 1st marriage). Children: Clarence G. (Garrett), 24 yrs. old, TN; md (20 yrs. old 1st marriage); Ora M., dau., 16 yrs., old; Hattie, daughter-in-law, 24 yrs. old, TN (parents both born in TN) (20 yrs. old 1st marriage); Lorine, granddaughter, 3 yrs. old, TN; Reba L., granddaughter, 1 yr. old, TN & Bertha C., Mahan, granddaughter, 3/12 yrs. old, TN.

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

Judd Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN located in the 8th Dist., Putnam Co., near the water plant. At one time called the Bussell Cemetery.

Anson L. Mahan, b. 16 June 1865, KY - d. 2 January 1935

Celia Mahan, b. 2 April 1882, TN - d. 20 September 1968

**Source: Genealogical Records by Lela B. Winfree**

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Leitha Catherine Judd, b. 2 August 1877, Putnam Co. TN - d. 10 January 1941, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, d/o William Henry Harrison Judd & Louisa Ann Lafever. Leitha Catherine Judd was buried in the William

Judd Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. She md 1st William Andrew Rice 1894 at Putnam Co., TN. He was born 1 April 1871, Overton Co., TN, s/o Marion Rice & Mary Ann Myers. William died 5 March 1909, Putnam Co., TN and he was buried in the Grimes Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Leitha md second unknown.

Children: Henry Clay Rice, Rev. Wesley A., Rice, Mary Louise Rice, Alta M. Rice, William Logan Rice & Andrew D. Rice. (dates and husbands are listed..)  
Celia Pauline Judd, b. 2 April 1882 at Baxter, Putnam Co., TN - d. 20 September 1968 at Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, s/o William Henry Harrison Judd & Louisa Ann Lafever, and was buried at William Judd Cemetery...no more information.

I was looking at the info on the Henry M. Kerr/Carr fellow, and it mentioned a William Harrison CARR born about 1788 first wife Martha RICE....

[http://www.ajlambert.com/carr/stry\\_hmk.pdf](http://www.ajlambert.com/carr/stry_hmk.pdf)

I am wondering if perhaps my ancestor William B. Rice of White County, TN (1794-1845) could have been Martha's BROTHER? William lived less than a mile from Cane Creek, along the Falling Water River. The Howell's lived on Cane Creek as well, and William Rice's land adjoined a Kerr/Carr there, as well as adjoining the southern boundary of William King's 1,000 acre tract of land, and also Elijah Hitchcock's property..

This may help us figure out William Rice's ancestry if indeed Martha Rice Carr was his sister.

He was in White County by 1814 in Capt. William Williams' company.

Could very well be a connection. I think William Harrison Carr was the 1st Circuit Court Clerk of the short-lived Putnam County that was temporarily abolished about 1844 and then reestablished in 1854.

Thanks,  
Will Smith

### **Ora Mai (Mahan) Billings Obt.**

**MURFREESBORO** – Funeral services for **Ora Mai Mahan Billings**, of the Johnson's Chapel community of DeKalb County, were held Saturday, April 3, at the love-Cantrell Funeral Home in Smithville. Burial was in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Sparta.

Mrs. Billings died Thursday, April 1, 1993, at the Murfreesboro Health Care Center after an extended illness.

**The daughter of the late Anson and Celia Judd Mahan**, she was a Putnam County native and a homemaker.

Her family includes three sons, Lloyd Billings of Baxter, Berle Billings of Smithville and Joel Billings of Byrdstown; seven daughters, Sue Dearemen of Florida, Loretto Sharritts, Rebecca Lorange, Keye Fedak and Sarah Corley, all of Murfreesboro, Sharon Hargrove of McMinnville and Elizabeth Napier of Dowelltown; **one brother, Clarence Mahan** of Baxter; two sisters, Mary Medley of Nashville and Sarah Thomas of Silver Point; 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by **her husband, Clyde Billings**.

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