



C. D. Williams and Paralee Williams

THE ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS  
OF  
C.D. AND PARALEE WEST WILLIAMS  
by  
Frank Williams III  
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Book II –  
A Brief History of Temperance Hall,  
Tennessee,  
compiled by Marjorie Hayes

Temperance Hall was home to many who made significant contributions to the development of DeKalb County. The Smith, West, Oakley, and Williams families were among those who were prominent in both business and social activities around Temperance Hall, TN.

Much has been written about Nicholas Smith. Therefore, this article will focus on the ancestors and descendants of C. D. Williams and his wife, Paralee West Williams

France (Frank) West, Jr. and his father moved from what was a part of Smith County, TN in the mid- 1830's and obtained land grants in Harrison Co., TX in 1839. The younger West moved back to Tennessee in 1850 to marry Martha Smith, the third daughter of Nicholas Smith. Francis and Martha apparently lived for several years in Temperance Hall, but in 1857, Francis obtained a second land grant in Harrison Co., TX. They left Tennessee to live in Texas through the Civil War until they returned to Tennessee in the 1870's, perhaps because of the illness and impending death of Martha's father, Nicholas, in 1877.

Charles M. Williams married Sarah Oakley and they made their home and raised their family in a valley along Oakley Road between Helton and Dowelltown. Of their 11 children, Charles De Matrius (C.D.) and Alvin (Uncle Al), and still remembered by many around DeKalb County. C. M. Williams was a farmer and taught his son, Charlie, much about the livestock trade, which would make his son a wealthy man in later years. Charleis was also wee-educated, having attended Burritt College in Spencer, TN bout 1880. In 1886, Charlie (C.D.) married Paralee Elizabeth West, the daughter of Francis and Martha West. That union produced five children: Lena, Ivan, Frank, Ferol, and Gladys. Charlie became a livestock agent, buying livestock throughout much of Middle Tennessee which he would then drive, or in later years ship by railroad from Hickman to Nashville. He owned a large tract of land lying along the Smith Fork Creek on which he built livestock barns to hold animals awaiting shipment and where he continued to

operate the old Caplinger-Smith mill. He also was involved in several businesses in Temperance Hall with Thomas Terry, J. B. Rose, and others. He was one of the original directors of the Bank of Temperance Hall.

In later years, however, Charlie lost much of his wealth. Large sums were embezzled by a business associate in a livestock commission agency in Nashville. Later, the bank of Temperance Hall failed during the Depression resulting in sizeable losses - - not only to himself but to others as well.

Of the five children of C. D. and Paralee Williams, Ivan died at age two. Lena married Herbert Young and they had four children: Esther, Ina, Charles and Louise. Frank Williams married Artie Barnes, daughter of Jesse Crockett Barnes, a wealthy distiller from Putnam County. They had three children: Dorothy, Elizabeth, Frank, Jr., and Jesse Charles. Frank became a pharmacist, having businesses in Hickman, Lebanon, and other towns. Gladys married Oliver Gwaltney of Gordonsville, TN and their children are: J. W., Frances, William, and Donald. Ferol married Perry Price and they lived in Lebanon where they raised four children: Wendell, Lenis Rose, Hoyt and Ruth Lee.

**Source:** Temperance Hall Remembers Book II – A Brief History of Temperance Hall, Tennessee, compiled by Marjorie Hayes

*\*See Chapters 3 & 8 for William "Bill" Ivy Gwaltney Sr., s/o Oliver Wendell Gwaltney & Gladys Inez Williams. He married Ann Miriam Shanks, d/o Luther "Luke" Alexander Shanks & Dona Florence Boyd.*

**Gladys Inez (Williams) Gwaltney**

b. 8 November 1902, TN

d. 19 July 1988, DeKalb Co., Smithville, TN

Husband: **Oliver Wendell Gwaltney**

Father: **Charles DeMarius Williams**

Mother: **Paralee West Williams**

Buried: Gordonsville Cemetery, Smith Co., TN

**Oliver Wendell Gwaltney**

b. 19 June 1899, Smith Co., Gordonsville, TN

d. 10 October 1992, Smith Co., Carthage, TN

Barber & Modern Woodmen of America Manager

Wife: **Gladys Inez Williams**

Father: **Jesse Gwaltney**

Mother: **Mattie Frances Gibbs**

Buried: Gordonsville Cemetery, Smith Co., TN,

located on Hickman Hwy. in the City of

Gordonsville. This perpetual care cemetery is under the management of J.L. Bass Funeral Home. It is one of the largest cemeteries in Smith County.

See Chapters 3 & 8

Jess Gwaltney's wife, Mattie Frances Gibbs Gwaltney died in Smith County Hospital. Her parents were Zack Gibbs, b. September 1848, Smith County, TN - d. 20 November 1940, Smith County, TN married Hettie Lucille Farmer, 28 November 1877. Hettie was born 10 October 1861 – d. 22 May 1926. She was the d/o of L.B. Farmer and Judy Shoemake. Zack and Hettie are buried on Pea Ridge in Smith County TN.

All the family called grandmother, Mattie Frances Gibbs, " Miss Matt ". She had a little grocery store in Gordonsville. William "Bill" Ivy Gwaltney Sr. used to wash her big store windows with vinegar and wadded up newspapers. He was the s/o Oliver Wendell Gwaltney & Gladys Inez Williams

There is a Smith County TN book called *From Whence We Came* about the GIBBS family and its relations , pub. 1988 by Ed Bevelheimer and J.B. Boulton. No index , but William "Bill" Ivy Gwaltney Sr. Gibbs' family is on p.83.

GORDONSVILLE CEMETERY SECTION IV #704, Gordonsville, Smith Co., TN

WILLIAMS, Charlie DeMarius, (1862 – 1951)

WILLIAMS, Paralee E., (1869-1931)

*\*See Chapter 3 & 8 for the family of Ann Miriam Shanks & William "Bill" Ivy Gwaltney Sr.*

**Ann Miriam Shanks** – b. 16 June 1927, Buffalo Valley, TN – *at home.*

**DAR member** - md 12 July 1948 – **William Ivy "Bill" Gwaltney**

b. 29 December 1927, Gordonsville, Smith Co., TN –

s/o **Oliver W. & Gladys Inez (Williams) Gwaltney**

*William Ivy Gwaltney Sr. was a elementary school principal, basketball coach, sold insurance for Modern Woodmen, (as did his father), worked in sales for medical companies.*

...**William "Bill" Ivy Gwaltney Jr.-**

b. 26 November 1949, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

md Regenia Ann Beene – b. 13 November 1953

...William Christopher Gwaltney –

b. 5 February 1968, Nashville, TN

...Stephanie Nicole Gwaltney –

b. 31 August 1972, Cookeville, TN

...**Margaret Ann Gwaltney** – b. 11 February 1954, Greenville, TN - md Patrick Lee Law – div.

...Alicia Dawn Law – b. 30 August 1972, Madison, TN  
md Joseph Duane Burns – b. 29 September 1972

...Alexandria Marie Burns – b. 12 August 2000, TN

...Ella Grace Burns – b. 1 July 2002 *on a Monday.*

...Aimee Melissa Law – b. 10 October 1976



Children of Oliver Gwaltney & Gladys Williams:  
L to R: J.W.; Frances; William Ivy; & Donald  
Gwaltney.



William Ivy Gwaltney & his  
wife, Ann Miriam Shanks  
Gwaltney

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