

GWALTNEY-WILLIAMS FAMILY

Smith County History

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Oliver Wendell Gwaltney, (June 19, 1899) married Gladys Inez Williams (November 8, 1902) on May 19, 1919 at a Methodist Church in Wilson County. Both had attended Gordonsville High School and the Preparatory Department of Cumberland University. Oliver was well known throughout the area for his baseball pitching ability and Gladys for her scholarship while in school and outstanding homemaking ability including cook, gardener, and seamstress.

Oliver moved to Gordonsville in 1914 from Stonewall. His father joined Mr. Smith in the milling business. His mother Mattie Frances Gibbs (October 29, 1878 - April 23, 1964) was the daughter of Zach Gibbs (1850-1940) and Hettie Farmer (1861-1926). Her grandparents were Frank Farmer and Judy Shoemake (1825-1901) and Bill Gibbs and Epsy Vaden. They were farmers from the Stonewall, Elmwood and Pea Ridge area.

Oliver's father was Jesse William Gwaltney from Hickman (July 5, 1878 - June 26, 1919). Jesse's father Arch Gwaltney (October 21, 1838 - February 13, 1903) married Mary Jane Baird (November 9 1843 - January 24, 1927). They had nine children. His grandparents were James Gwaltney (April 10, 1802) and Lucy Upton and Josia Baird and Minerva Cochran. Oliver's great, great grandfather John Gwaltney (December 19, 1775) married Elizabeth Carroll (February 5, 1783) of Virginia. They had fourteen children. Jessie William and Mattie Frances married December 12, 1897.

Gladys Inez Williams Gwaltney was the daughter of Charlie DeMot Williams of DeKalb County (November 9, 1862 - October 19, 1951) and Parilee Elizabeth West, who was born in Texas, moved to Tennessee when a child and settled in DeKalb County (August 7, 1869 - January 29, 1931) who married April 29, 1886. Her parental grandparents were Charlie Williams and Sarah Oakley. Great grandparents Andrew Williams and a Miss Allen from North Reasonover from Virginia. Gladys's maternal grandparents were Frank West whose family lived in Texas (June 1, 1819 - June 9, 1899) and Martha Smith (September 3, 1829 - September 14, 1899) who were married February 11, 1850 and had eleven children with only three living to adulthood. Great grandparents West are unknown. Nicholas Smith was born in Carter County in East Tennessee and moved to Wilson County two miles west of Alexandria (December 2, 1801 - February 12, 1877) married Sarah Compton December 12, 1822, and had five children. After her death, he married Penelope Summers February 17, 1836 and they had nine children. Nicholas Smith died at his home in Temperance Hall. A life long Baptist, he built the church at Mr. Zion and sleeps just as near the church as possible. His request was to dig his grave under the widow near the pulpit where he sat. Gladys' great, great, grandparents were Daniel Smith (February 27, 1778 - ?) and Mary Grandstaff (January 15, 1785 - ?). They married January 15, 1801 and had seven children.

Oliver and Gladys have four children. Frances Lee (February 18, 1923) married William Mose Hunter, who have one daughter Marcia Anderson of Chicago and has three children Michael William (December 4, 1977), Brent Hunter (June 7, 1980) and Jennifer Lee (September 23, 1982). J. W. Gwaltney (March 9, 1924) married Rebecca Wilburn of Hartsville and have one daughter Jessie Lynn (February 20, 1952) who married Joe Eddins, one daughter Cary (November 1970). Howard Donald Gwaltney (April 12, 1925) is divorced with no children. William Ivy Gwaltney (December 29, 1927) married Miriam Shanks of Buffalo Valley and have two children, Margaret Ann (February 11, 1954) married Patrick Law, has two daughters Alicia and Aimie. William Ivey Gwaltney, Jr. (November 26, 1949) married Regina Bean of Nashville and has two children Chris (February 5, 1968) and Nicole (1972).

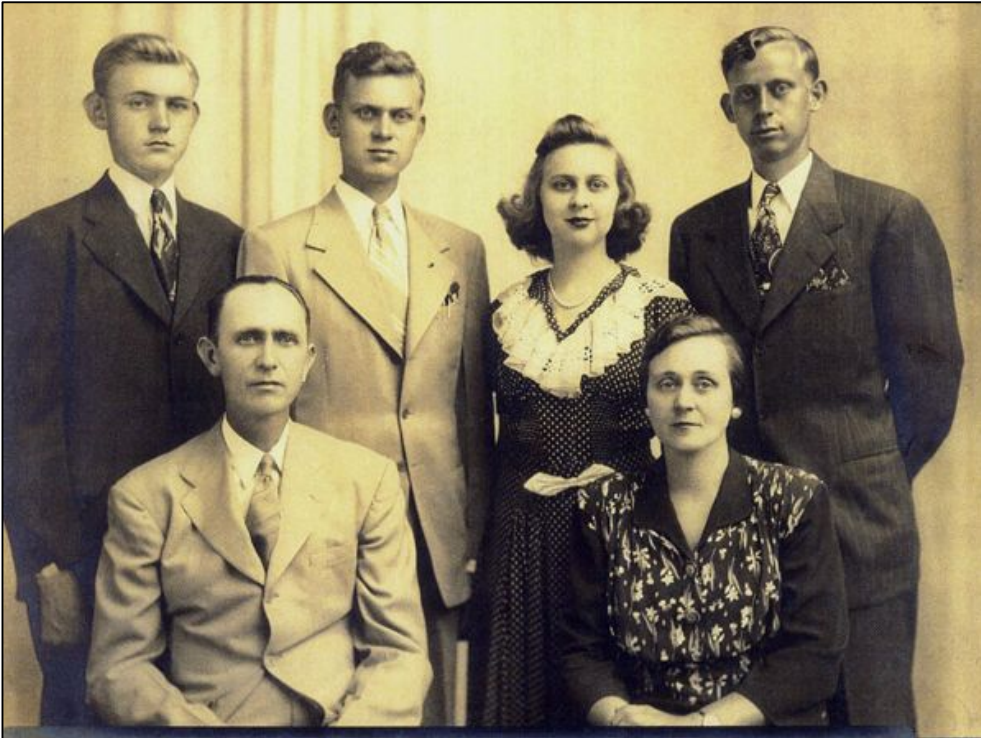
The Gwaltney family of Welsh origin, came from Wales earlier than 1700. The Welsh name was Gwaltmai.

Oliver and Gladys lived on Main Street in Gordonsville from 1919 to 1965 in the house purchased by his parents Jesse and Mattie. Part of the 13 room two-story house was built in 1890 by Tom Hogin on land bought from Billy Baird. It was remodeled and added to, sold to a Mr. A. Lee who sold it to Jesse Gwaltney. In 1965 they built a small brick home next door at which time they sold the big house.

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William Ivy Gwaltney & Ann Miriam Shanks: see chapters 3 & 8 & Luke Alexander Shanks Family Sheet.
Also see Simon Shanks and Shanks History in the Shanks family files.



Family of Oliver Wendell Gwaltney & Gladys Inez (Williams) Gwaltney

Front: Seated: Oliver Wendell Gwaltney & Gladys (Williams) Gwaltney.

Back Row: L to R: William "Bill" Ivy Gwaltney Sr.; Howard Donald Gwaltney;

Frances Lee (Gwaltney) Hunter & Jesse Williams "Jay" Gwaltney.



Howard Donald "Doodle" Gwaltney
US Navy, Fireman First Class (1943-1946).



L to R: Howard Donald "Doodle" Gwaltney & his brother Jesse Williams "Jay" Gwaltney, sons of Oliver Wendell Gwaltney & Gladys Inez Williams.