

**DESCENDANCY**  
**of**  
**JOHN ELDRIDGE WALL (b 1856)**  
**and**  
**MARY JANE BRECKENRIDGE "MOLLY" PICKARD (b 1860)**  
 John's parents were Thomas Meredith Thweatt Wall and Elizabeth H "Betsy" Clack  
 Molly's parents were Jesse Pickard and Elizabeth Melinda Crowell

**John Eldridge Wall**  
 is descended from **Joshua Wall** (c 1697) and **Martha [Wall]**  
 – see [{Section 4a}](#) --

With the marriage of **Mary Jane Breckenridge Pickard** and **John Eldridge Wall**  
 our **PICKARD** lineage joins our **WALL** lineage  
 – see [{Section 3b}](#) --

*Note 1: material in smaller type is written by Barbara Ann Fisher (BFE), wife of Karl Frederick Edler (KFE), while material in larger type is from our family history database maintained by KFE.*

*Note 2: numbers and letters we are using to identify individuals in this Section 4b are continued from Section 4a.*

*Note 3: names of direct ancestors of BFE are underlined.*

x. **John Eldridge<sup>5</sup> Wall<sup>1,2,5</sup>** was born 24 May 1856 DeKalb Co TN. He married M L **Walker** 1 Nov 1876 DeKalb Co; no children. We don't know her parents' names or anything else about her.

He married Mary Jane Breckenridge "Molly" Pickard 21 Feb 1882 Smith Co TN;<sup>4</sup> seven children born Algood, Putnam Co TN. Her parents were Jesse Pickard and Elizabeth Melinda Crowell, Section 3b.

John was owner of a livery and hauling business in Cookeville, Putnam Co. He died 14 Jul 1925 Algood, Putnam Co, age 69. Born 25 Oct 1860 Smith Co, Molly died 31 Jul 1934 Cookeville, age 73. They were buried Algood Cemetery, Algood.

John and Molly were called Pappy and Mammy by their children and grandchildren.

As BFE was writing these notes, our older son (Karl Frederick "Fritz" Edler III) recalled a story BFE's mother (JWF, Johnnie Epperson Wall Fisher) had told him about his great-grandmother. It seems Mammy was looking out the window one day when she was a young woman, and saw a very good looking man talking to two or three of her brothers. She decided at that moment, even before she had met him, that she would someday marry him. The man, of course, was Pappy, and they did marry and live happily ever after.

PAPPY'S EARLY LIFE -- JWF said Pappy was a handsome man, dark in complexion with blue-black hair. His childhood must not have been an easy one; he was only five years old when the Civil War started. Then his mother died before he was seven, leaving him and several other young children including a younger brother who was not yet four. Pappy's father and two older brothers were away at different times in the Confederate Army.

We know that Pappy's entire childhood and later life were much affected by hardships following the war. The family had a difficult time and Pappy did not have much opportunity. About a year and a half after Pappy's mother's death, Pappy's father married again and had four more children. We know very little about the life of Pappy and his siblings after their father's second marriage, see section 4a for the information we do have.

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PAPPY'S FIRST MARRIAGE -- Most of the family, including Mammy herself, did not know that Pappy had a first marriage. BFE knew about it because she was told by JWF, who was told by her older sister Ella Wirt Wall Bartlett. She doesn't know how Ella found out. While researching at the State Archives in Nashville TN in 1992, we found the marriage bonds for both of Pappy's marriages, but nothing about the first wife except her name (M L Walker, possibly Mary Lou Walker), and nothing to indicate when or how the first marriage ended.

For two reasons we believe the marriage didn't end with M L Walker's death. First, if Pappy had been a widower, there would have been nothing to keep secret. The second reason is a story BFE was told, about the first wife continuing to remain more in love with Pappy's little finger than with her second husband. Supposition: the first marriage ended in divorce, and Pappy never told Mammy, because divorce was often considered a disgrace in those days, and it was likely that she would not have accepted a divorced man. We doubt anything further will ever be known about this.

A STORY ABOUT PAPPY -- He was a good man whose life circumstances were not easy but who did his best. He was willing to help others and to do what needed to be done. Example: Pappy and some other men were near a drugstore or pharmacy when a man came out and started off on his horse in a hurry, with medicine for his sick child. A few minutes later the pharmacist rushed out, exclaiming in distress that he had discovered he had given the man the wrong medicine!

Without any hesitation, Pappy jumped on his horse and galloped as fast as he could after the first man. It was a long way and BFE thinks he did not quite catch up. Fortunately, however, there was some delay, perhaps the child was sleeping, and so Pappy got there with the message before the parents had given the medicine to the child.

PAPPY'S MIDDLE NAME -- While doing our research, we discovered that Pappy's middle name is the first name of his great-grandfather Eldridge Clack, and the maiden name of his great-great-grandmother Ann Eldridge Clack, Section 2. BFE believes JWF did not know where Pappy's name came from, since it was the sort of thing she would have told her if she had known.

Until recently BFE assumed Eldridge was just a name Pappy's parents liked; now it's exciting to her that it is an old family name handed down through the generations. Of course he could have been named after someone the parents admired, but she likes the idea of the old family name. His great-grandson David Eldridge Wall (son of Wilkes Hammock Wall, Jr) carries on the name.

BFE's GRANDMOTHER, MAMMY -- She died just before BFE was four years old, but she remembers her as a very old lady, with white hair, who still wore long dresses even though all the other women wore much shorter ones. She understand that her complexion was very fair. We have one closeup photograph of her at about 40 or 45, and it shows a handsome strong face.

An infant when the Civil War started, she was probably not as much affected by the war itself as by the years following. Certainly there were hardships during much of her growing-up years, and even her adulthood was significantly marked by these circumstances.

The typical hardworking wife of her times, Mammy had many household and mothering skills. She was a good cook and took pride in her housekeeping. JWF said that they always had starched and ironed white tablecloths. While Mammy probably had no worse a life than other women similarly situated, that life could not have been an easy one. When someone was sick, for instance, the burden could be heavy. There were times when more than one child was sick, at the same time or one after another. See Section 3b for more on Mammy's parents and their families.

MAMMY'S NAMES -- Mammy's family and friends called her Molly instead of Mary or Mary Jane. Although her footstone in the Algood Cemetery says Mollie, BFE believes her customary spelling was Molly. Within the family she was also sometimes called Robin.

Cousin James Thomas Wall thinks her third given name may have been spelled Breckinridge, after the Vice-President of the United States from 1856-1860, who was nominated for the Presidency by southern Democrats in 1860, the year Mammy was born. He's probably right, though BFE distinctly remembers it as Breckenridge. In the old days, spelling variations were common, even sometimes in the same person's signature on different occasions.

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MAMMY'S PERSONAL LIFE -- She did some needlework (we have a quilt she made), loved to read the Bible, and was held in high esteem by her children, children-in-law, and grandchildren. BFE believes that she was a good person whose life circumstances were not the easiest but who did her best. Perhaps the following story will illustrate her strength of character and devotion to her family.

She had been kneeling one night by the bedside of a very sick child, and was so exhausted she fell asleep. When she woke, the fire had gone out in the grate, which was the only heat source in the room. She was so cold, and so stiff from the position she had been in, that she had to roll across the floor to the hearth to get the fire going.

Mammy's influence on JWF was very strong, and naturally this had an effect on BFE too. She knows of only one small failing. BFE's father (CCF, Claire Cole Fisher) confided to her that, at the time he first met her, Mammy was not on speaking terms with her next door neighbor. BFE has no idea how this situation came about. JWF always portrayed her mother almost as a perfect person, and BFE honestly doesn't think too many people are perfect. She is intrigued to know what goes into one person's makeup that she would be thought of so highly by another person. Wouldn't it be great to have a time machine?

THEIR MARRIAGE -- Mammy's and Pappy's marriage date is usually given as 21 Jan 1882. We found, however, the date 21 Feb 1882 on their Smith Co TN marriage bond in the microfilm records of the state archives. Pappy and his younger brother (Sterling B Hartwell Wall) signed to pay twelve hundred and fifty dollars to the state of Tennessee if there should "appear any lawful cause why" Pappy and Mammy should not marry.

There was no choice as to the amount of the bond; it was printed on the form and everyone had the same amount. Hardly anyone would have had so much money in those days, so it was probably a custom to pay a fee to a bondsman. The part BFE doesn't understand is why Tennessee would get the money, unless it could be to make up for whatever the state might ultimately have to spend for Mammy's possible future support as an unmarried woman; we don't know.

THEIR LIFE TOGETHER -- Pappy's occupation BFE recalls hearing most about from JWF is that he had a livery stable for some years and did very well operating it. The livery was first on the courthouse square and later by the depot. We have a copy of a photograph of the depot area showing the livery building. A painting has been made from the photo, and is on display in one of the local banks (we have a copy of the painting, too).

Cousin James thinks Pappy may also have had an inn, but BFE doesn't remember any stories about Mammy helping to maintain such a place, and it seems like the sort of thing she would have heard. Perhaps it could have been a case of their renting spare rooms to travellers who needed a place to stay, or perhaps Pappy just sometimes took certain individuals, whom he especially liked and with whom he became friends, home with him.

At any rate, the livery was a success and the family moved into a fine big house. There was a large hall running from front to back on each floor, and they were very proud of the house and happy with it. Unfortunately, they were not able to keep it and had to move to a much smaller house. JWF said her father knew how to make money but did not always know how to manage it. Losing the big house was especially disappointing to Mammy and to JWF. What they perceived as a "come down" affected the rest of their lives negatively.

CHILDREN -- Pappy and Mammy were very strict parents, especially in Pappy's later years when he was not well. This was hard on JWF, who was young and wanted to do things with her friends. One story is that she wanted to play basketball, and was practicing with the team, wearing bloomers. Her oldest brother (Jeff Estel Wall) climbed up and looked in the window. He told their parents, and she never again played basketball or did similar things. Another story is that her sister Ella went with a group of friends on a hayride from the livery. Pappy looked in, before they got started. Though Ella was trying to hide, he saw her and, in front of all her friends, made her get out of the wagon.

Pappy's and Mammy's youngest child (Eddie Lucille Wall) died at seven months old, and Mammy said that she thought she would never get over it. Only a little over a year later, they lost their oldest child (Ammie Elizabeth Wall) just before she would have been twenty, and then Mammy said that she knew what "never getting over it" really meant. No day passed, after that, that she and Pappy did not think of Ammie.

Although there is no family tradition of an eighth child, we think that there may have had been one, perhaps stillborn or dying soon after birth. This is based on a curious item we found for their family in census records. Mammy is listed in the 28 Jun 1900 census as having borne seven children, with six living. (Mammy's youngest child was not yet born, and the oldest child was still living.) We think an eighth child may have been between the first two children, because of the time interval between them as contrasted to the intervals between the other children. Of course, perhaps Mammy misunderstood the question, or perhaps the census taker made a mistake but, if there really was an eighth child, we wonder why it wasn't mentioned.

- a) Ammie Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> **Wall** was born 28 Oct 1882 -- see page 4b-5.
- b) Ella Wirt<sup>6</sup> **Wall**, born 14 Mar 1886, married Norman S **Bartlett** -- see page 4b-6.
- c) Jeff Estel<sup>6</sup> **Wall**, born 15 Aug 1888, married Vera Gertrude **Jenkins** -- see page 4b-9.
- d) James Henry<sup>6</sup> **Wall**, born 9 Feb 1891, married Myrtle Mae **Mason** -- see page 4b-11.
- e) Wilkes Hammock<sup>6</sup> **Wall**, born 26 Aug 1893, married Neta Ozenia **Williams** -- see page 4b-14.

f) Johnnie Epperson<sup>6</sup> Wall (JWF) was born 25 Dec 1896.<sup>3</sup> She married Claire Cole "Bud" Fisher (CCF) 14 Jul 1923; two daughters, Barbara Ann (BFE) and Martha Claire, Section 16.

Bud was born 20 Feb 1897 Lincoln NE. His parents were Alexander Wadden Fisher and Edith Avanelle Cole.

Bud died 1 Feb 1966 Arlington Co VA, age almost 69. Johnnie died 26 Jan 1985 Centreville, Queen Anne's Co MD, age 88. They were buried Algood Cemetery, Algood, Putnam Co TN.

With the marriage of **Johnnie Epperson Wall** and **Claire Cole Fisher**  
our **WALL** lineage joins our **FISHER** lineage  
-- see [{Section 7}](#) --

g) Eddie Lucille<sup>6</sup> **Wall** was born 25 Dec 1900. She died 31 Jul 1901 Algood, age seven months, and was buried Algood Cemetery, Algood, Putnam Co TN.

Eddie Lucille was born on Christmas Day, JWF's fourth birthday. Eddie was just seven months old when she died of diphtheria, or perhaps another contagious childhood disease.

BFE doesn't know why she was named Eddie (or why JWF was named Johnnie), except that Southern parents frequently gave their daughters masculine names. In this case, it seems a little unfortunate, for Eddie is buried in the family plot in the Algood cemetery with only "Eddie" on the footstone marking her grave.

The footstone is at the position for an adult grave rather than a child's, and casual visitors (or later-generation family members who might not know about her) probably assume she was a grown boy or a man.

**AMMIE ELIZABETH WALL (b 1882)**from page 4b-4

Ammie's parents were John Eldridge Wall and Mary Jane Breckenridge "Molly" Pickard

**a)** Ammie Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> **Wall** was born 28 Oct 1882 Algood, Putnam Co TN. She died of tuberculosis 6 Oct 1902 Cookeville, Putnam Co, age almost 20, and was buried Algood Cemetery, Algood.

Ammie's life was a little less than twenty years, and it ended long before BFE was born, but she feels like she remembers her because she was talked about so much. In fact, she was almost revered in the family, by her siblings as well as her parents, and she was never allowed to be forgotten.

She was the favorite daughter and grew up to be a lovely young woman. In a large framed photograph in the home of our own daughter (Hilde Melena Edler Souweine), Ammie was beautiful, with dark hair and very fair skin. She was sick a long time and died of consumption (tuberculosis). She was engaged to be married and was buried wearing her engagement ring, BFE thinks it was set with pearls.

In conversations and stories, Ammie was always held out as the epitome of what a daughter should be, and BFE never could tell what was really true and what was fond recollection as time went by. At any rate, her parents never got over losing her, and her influence on her siblings and their children continued to be very strong.

Cousin James Thomas Wall told us about a beautiful and touching description of Ammie's death in "Dr Tom", the autobiography of Dr John Thomas Moore, a well known and much admired physician in Algood. The following is from this book:

"...tuberculosis was our greatest killer, attacking young adults more than any other age. In this case it came on as usual, insidiously and silently like a thief in the night. The great white plague infected Ammie, the oldest daughter in the family, a lovely girl, her mother's darling, the flower of the family. She became an invalid for months and months.

"...I was there when this day came. I was positive this was it. I felt I should be frank and honest as Ammie, although practically pulseless, practically gone, her mind seemed clear and I could hear and understand her voice. She said, mildly without excitement, 'Doctor, I feel queer. Can I get over this?' 'No, Ammie, I am afraid not.'

"'Doctor, you do not think it will be today, do you?' Her respiration was getting shorter and more difficult and her voice weaker. I said, 'Yes, Ammie, I think today.' For a few seconds she seemed to rally, called the family to her bedside, throwing her arms around each one separately and telling them to meet her in Heaven.

"'Good bye, Mammy and Pappy. Good bye, Jeff. Good bye, Jim. Good bye, Will. And Ella, and Johnnie.' Then she smiled and was quiet. This was the end and I was there.

"The unusual thing about this case was the orderly way it was done. Without apparent excitement or noise which is very often the case at times like this."

(Note: this book is interesting to read and tells a lot about life in the Algood-Cookeville area during the latter part of the nineteenth century. The only things we have altered in the quotation are the paragraphing and the spelling of some names.)

**ELLA WIRT WALL (b 1886) and NORMAN S BARTLETT (b 1879) and their descendants**  
from page 4b-3

Ella's parents were John Eldridge Wall and Mary Jane Breckenridge "Molly" Pickard

Norman's parents were Josiah Bartlett and Lucy Ann Young

**b) Ella Wirt<sup>6</sup> Wall**, born 14 Mar 1886 Algood, Putnam Co TN, married Norman S **Bartlett** 10 Feb 1904; two daughters. Born 6 Aug 1879, he was son of Josiah Bartlett and Lucy Ann **Young**.

Ella and Norman were divorced after Jan 1920. She died 26 Jun 1955, age 69, while visiting her younger daughter in Georgia, and was buried Algood Cemetery, Algood.

Cousin James Thomas Wall told BFE that Ella's middle name was the name of a neighbor family, but we don't know anything about them. They must have been noteworthy in some way, because the name was passed on (although spelled differently) to Ella's niece Anita Wert Wall.

In any case, Ella was BFE's favorite relative. She was always cheerful, telling jokes and generally being fun. She did have an odd sense of humor, and BFE remembers her teasing her when she was little. She wanted to have a baby sister, but Ella told her that, if she had a baby sister, she would push her doll buggy off the bluff. This made her cry, but she knew Aunt Ella loved her. All this remembering about fun and good times might not be surprising if one did not know her life had been full of tribulations, including losing her eyesight.

CHILDHOOD -- She and her siblings grew up in what must have been a typical small town family of their times, much influenced by the hardships suffered by their parents and their parents' families during and following the Civil War. Her older sister (Ammie Elizabeth Wall) was a model daughter, and BFE suspects that Ella may have been a little rebellious in response. She evidently chafed a bit at family rules; there is one story of her going with a (boy) friend on a hayride without telling her parents. She and her friend were with a group which had hired a wagon from the livery of her father. He looked in the wagon to see if she was there and, although she hid behind some others, made her get out of the wagon.

HER HUSBAND'S FAMILY -- Just before she was eighteen, Ella married Norman S Bartlett. BFE liked hearing her mother (JWF, Johnnie Wall Fisher) tell about Norman's father Josiah, a real entrepreneur. He developed several businesses, including a mill, and also had a fine house, all on the same tract. JWF remembered liking to go there when she was a child, and talked about how nice it was. The Hickory Hills Mall in Antioch TN is on the site today.

"Old Mr Bartlett" was married four times and had children with more than one of his wives. BFE thinks Norman was from the first marriage. Sadly, there was a tragic ending to the story, which we hope we are telling correctly. Returning from a trip, Josiah murdered his fourth wife (who was considered very homely) and the man he suspected of being her lover.

-- see page 4b-8 for some information about the BARTLETT family --

CHILDREN -- Ella and Norman had a daughter, Ammie Lucy "Ooney" Bartlett, about a year and a half after they were married. Although Norman's family was well off, he and Ella were quite poor. They lived in the country near Antioch. It was a long trip for Mammy when she went to help with the new baby. JWF remembered going along when she was eight years old.

BFE thinks Ella and Norman did not have a happy life together, and that he may even have mistreated her, but they stayed married until some time after the birth of their second daughter, Jane (later Jayne) Wall Bartlett, fourteen years after her older sister.

Because of the age difference, the older daughter was probably like an aunt or a second mother to the younger daughter. Ella had a difficult time both before and after her divorce. We don't know any details of how she got along, but she lived with Ooney for many years and probably was supported by her.

HEALTH PROBLEMS-- In addition to her other troubles, Ella nearly died from a bad case of smallpox when BFE was little. Her loss of vision was caused by having diabetes and failing to follow exactly the prescribed diet. She took the illness in stride, however, and administered insulin to herself via needle, even later on when she couldn't see.

She was amazing in her attitudes about life despite being blind. BFE remembers she visited in Arlington VA when BFE was a teenager. Ella wanted to "see" some of the sights of Washington DC, and her father (CCF, Claire Cole Fisher) drove them around. She talked and talked about how wonderful it was to "see" the Washington Monument and other famous places.

Family fortunes improved as time went by but Ella continued to live with Ooney. She was on a visit to her daughter Jayne in Georgia when she died unexpectedly, probably of a heart attack.

As an example of perseverance and good spirits in spite of adversity, Ella deserved the regard in which she was held by her family and by others who knew her.

i) Ammie Lucy<sup>7</sup> "Ooney" **Bartlett**, born 12 Jul 1905, married Aliston McNairy **Sirls** and married Emmett G **McGee Jr** -- see page 4b-20.

ii) Jane (later Jayne) Wall<sup>7</sup> **Bartlett**, born 2 Dec 1919, married Harold **Horner**. She died 12 Jul 1987, age 67.

When she grew up, Jane changed the spelling of her name to Jayne.

BFE remembers her as a fine looking woman, tall and dark, beautifully dressed and perfectly groomed. With regard to appearance, manner and what might be called presence, she looked upon Jayne with the same admiration as she did her older sister.

Because of the age difference, Jayne may have felt a little overshadowed by her sister. If so, that would not have been surprising under the circumstances, but was unfortunate, for Jayne was a lovely and remarkable person in her own right.

MARRIED LIFE -- She and Harold were married for many years. He was an army hospital administrator. When BFE was in college, she visited them in Fort Monroe VA. They were so nice to her, and she remembers what a good cook Jayne was. Once in a while BFE still mixes up a carrot salad she served and showed her how to make.

Later Jayne and Harold lived in many interesting places, including Germany and Japan. We enjoyed keeping in touch with her. For example, when they lived in Munich, she sent us Bavarian dirndl fabrics. (BFE made clothing for herself and others involved in international folk dancing, one of our major hobbies.) It was so exciting to have a source for authentic material, and we really appreciated her going to this effort for us. Actually, we were a little bit jealous of her getting to experience life in other countries!

After Harold retired from the army, he continued in the field of hospital administration, and they lived for a long time in Centerville TN. BFE didn't know Harold very well, but everyone said he was such a good man. She remembers especially that he was so pleasant and nice to all our relatives. JWF talked about how Harold would laugh at all the family jokes, whether or not he knew the people or the events.

Jayne visited JWF at different times in later years. BFE remembers Jayne spontaneously giving a set of beautiful yellow dishes to JWF, who liked them so much.

Jayne lived alone for several years after Harold died of cancer. Then she became ill and also died of cancer after lingering for some time.

We so much wish she could have lived longer and that we could have been with her more.

**-- Some information about the BARTLETT family --**  
referenced on page 4b-6

**I. JOSEPH<sup>1</sup> BARTLETT,**<sup>13</sup> born about 1768 in KY, married Millicent **Rice** about 1795 in TN, eleven children. He died about 1838, age about 80.

- A. Isaac **Bartlett**, born about 1797; married Nancy [Bartlett].
- B. Nathan **Bartlett**, born about 1799, married Kesiah [Bartlett]. He died 1862, age about 63.
- C. Jesse **Bartlett** was born about 1802. He died before 1830.
- D. William **Bartlett**, born 1804, married Esther **Lynn**. He died 1871, age 67.
- E. Evan **Bartlett**, born about 1806, married Maria **Maxwell**. He died 1881, age about 75.
- F. Polly **Bartlett**, born about 1808, married Josiah **Marchbanks**.
- G. Betsy **Bartlett** was born 1809.
- H. JOSHUA **BARTLETT** was born 4 Feb 1811, below.
- I. Elisha **Bartlett** was born about 1813.
- J. Joseph **Bartlett** was born about 1815.
- K. Henry **Bartlett** was born about 1817. He died about 1838, age about 21.

**H. JOSHUA<sup>2</sup> BARTLETT**, born 4 Feb 1811 Jackson Co TN, married Anna **Anderson** about 1832 Jackson Co; ten children born Buffalo Valley TN. Her parents were Thomas Anderson and Judith **Robinson**. Joshua died 16 Sep 1881 Buffalo Valley, age 70.

1. James Leonard<sup>3</sup> **Bartlett** was born about 1835. He died about 1851, age about 16.
2. Gallant<sup>3</sup> **Bartlett**, born 28 Mar 1837, married Nancy **Davis** 28 Oct 1856 Laurel Hill, DeKalb Co TN; nine children. Her parents were Henry Jackson Davis and Susanna Caroline **West**. See page 4b-16 for connection with family of Neta Ozenia **Williams**.
  - a. Columbus Nathan **Bartlett**, born 1857, married Malinda C **Johnson** 1882. He died 1935, age about 78.
  - b. Albert Francis **Bartlett**, born 1859, married Clema Alice **Goan** 1879. He died 1948 Cassia Co ID, age 88.
  - c. Sylvanus Wales **Bartlett**, born 4 Jun 1861, married Arizona **Vaughn** 11 Jul 1891, and married Theresa Elizabeth **Hoggard** 16 Jul 1899. He died 15 Feb 1947 American Fork, Utah Co UT, age 85.
    - i. Jeffrey Hobart **Bartlett**, born 9 Sep 1900, married Erma **Worley** 26 Nov 1930 New York NY.
      - a) Janet **Bartlett** married (--?--) **Moravec**. She has helped us with Bartlett family information.
  - d. Mary Arminta **Bartlett**, born 1865, married Samuel A **Wilmoth** 1886. She died 1936, age about 81.
  - e. Ardella Angeline **Bartlett**, born 1868, mar'd Zacharias Taylor **Webb** 1886; died 1953 Eugene OR, age c75.
  - f. Arizona Venoy **Bartlett**, born 1871, married Daniel Price **Danner** 1886; died 1950 Twin Falls ID, age c79.
  - g. Milton Bunyon **Bartlett** was born 1873. He died 1879 Overton Co TN, age about 6.
  - h. Milus Porter **Bartlett**, born 1875, married Ova **Bilbrey** about 1895. He died 1968 Twin Falls ID, age 93.
  - i. Ella Ettie **Bartlett**, born 1878, married William Edward **Boatman** 1895. She died 1964 Twin Falls, age 86.
3. Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> **Bartlett**, born 8 Jul 1838, married Leroy Anderson **Vaughn**. She died 12 Jun 1904, age 65.
4. John Calvin<sup>3</sup> **Bartlett**, born 6 Aug 1844, married Mary **McDowell**. He died 1904, age about 60.
5. Rebecca<sup>3</sup> **Bartlett**, born 6 Mar 1848, married Wade **Jones**. She died 23 Mar 1928, age 80.
6. Permelia<sup>3</sup> **Bartlett**, born about 1850, married Thomas **Bates**. She died about 1938, age about 88.
7. Mounts Gore<sup>3</sup> **Bartlett** was born about 1851. He died about 1859, age about 8. He may have been named for Mounce Gore, a well-known person in the area, see Section 3a for a little information on the Gore family.
8. **JOSIAH<sup>3</sup> BARTLETT**, born 4 Sep 1856, twin of Inga, married Lucy Ann **Young** 1 Nov 1879. He died 10 May 1922, age 65.
  - a. **NORMAN S BARTLETT**, born 6 Aug 1879, married Ella Wirt **Wall** -- see page 4b-6.
9. Inga<sup>3</sup> **Bartlett**, born 4 Sep 1856, twin of Josiah, married Robert Miller **Davis** 28 Jan 1874 Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co TN. She died 29 Mar 1930 La Jara, Conejos Co CO, age 73.
10. Mary Frances<sup>3</sup> **Bartlett**, born 3 Sep 1858, married John Warner **Judd** 16 Dec 1880 Buffalo Valley. She died 22 Apr 1936 Baxter, Putnam Co, age 77, buried Odd Fellows Cemetery, Baxter. Rev 04/06

**JEFF ESTEL WALL (b 1888) and VERA GERTRUDE JENKINS (b 1889) and their descendants**  
from page 4b-3

Jeff's parents were John Eldridge Wall and Mary Jane Breckenridge Pickard

Vera's parents were Virgil Jenkins and Mary Susan Apple

c) Jeff Estel<sup>6</sup> **Wall**<sup>5</sup> was an evangelistic singer and musician. Born 15 Aug 1888 Algood, Putnam Co TN, he married Vera Gertrude **Jenkins** 7 Jun 1908 Cookeville, Putnam Co; two sons. Her parents were Virgil Jenkins and Mary Susan **Apple**. Jeff died 10 Jun 1978 Cookeville, age 89. Born 21 Nov 1889, Vera died 6 Apr 1988, age 98. They were buried Cookeville Cemetery, Cookeville.

Although Jeff was born more than twenty years after the Civil War, his upbringing was definitely influenced by the hardships experienced by his parents and their families during and following the war. He was a handsome man, tall and straight, with dark hair that was almost black.

Jeff took over the operation of the Freight and Livery Stable by the depot in Cookeville, from Pappy (his father). Our cousin James Thomas Wall said Jeff told him he carried by wagon all the materials for the post office (later Federal Building) that had come in by freight train. On the personal side, Jeff was well known as a fox hunter.

He and Vera married young, when she was eighteen and he was not yet twenty. They worked together much of their lives, and always seemed like a great couple. They were the only people BFE ever knew who were married such a long time, only about two weeks less than seventy years.

THEIR CAREER -- Jeff decided when he was 29 years old to work full time as a revivalist singer. For many years, he and his wife and their two sons collaborated in this, with Vera and son Don on the pianos, Jeff on the trombone, son Estel on the violin, and all singing. Jeff led the singing for Billy Sunday, and during the 1930s teamed up with Brother House for the House-Wall Revivals all across the south, from Texas to North Carolina. James said Jeff told him that, right after he began his revivalist career, he ran into his father on the Cookeville Square, and that Pappy (a lifelong Primitive Baptist) offered to convert to Methodism if that would help Jeff's career.

The meetings where Jeff and Vera appeared must have been quite splendid, with all the music and excitement. BFE has a vague memory of going to one when she was about four, but can't remember any details except that it was in a tent and full of people. From hearing Jeff at later times, she knows he sang in a magnificent baritone and played the trombone beautifully. Vera accompanied him on the piano and organ, and sometimes sang with him or by herself.

For many years, later on, they had a weekly radio broadcast on Sunday mornings, especially aimed at people who could not attend church, and this continued even after they had stopped travelling to meetings. They had an organ, as well as a piano and other equipment, in their home and made tapes there for the program. They enjoyed entertaining civic clubs in their home, always climaxing programs with music. Don said his father felt called by God to sing the gospel, and that many souls were blessed by that ministry down through the years.

AUNT VERA -- We don't know anything about Vera's family, except that BFE has a vague memory of her father, Pappy Jenkins, as an old man when he lived with her and Jeff. While she was unusual among women of her day in having a career, BFE believes much of Vera's time was spent as a typical housewife and mother. She remembers her as very busy and very kind.

Her son Don said that, in her younger days, she was an artist at handpainting. Unfortunately, most of her paintings were destroyed while in unsuitable storage. Vera was also a champion horseback rider, winning many blue ribbons. In later years she was quite active in the Music Club and Home Demonstration community work. She taught piano and organ, and also had six grades of music students in the Public Grade School in Cookeville.

Toward the end of her life, Vera lived in a nursing home for several years. Her son Don said that, when she died, she would have been 100 years old on her next birthday, but that can't be correct unless there has been a mistake on her birthdate.

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i) Estel Jenkins<sup>7</sup> **Wall**, born 13 Aug 1909 Putnam Co TN, married Robbie Nan **Pointer**. They divorced and each married again. -- see page 4b-21.

ii) Donald Pickard<sup>7</sup> "Don" **Wall**<sup>1,2</sup> was born 27 Aug 1911 Cookeville, Putnam Co. He graduated from the Nashville Conservatory of Music, and was a church organist and music director.<sup>1</sup>

He married Ruth [Wall] before 1942; they were divorced.

He married Daisy Dimple **Lee** 4 Aug 1948. Born 4 Mar 1909 Cookeville, she died 7 Dec 1975 Fort Lauderdale FL, age 66, after a long illness.

He married his third wife 29 Oct 1977.

Don died 8 Mar 1996 Cookeville, age 84, and was buried Cookeville Cemetery, Cookeville.<sup>18</sup>

BFE's earliest recollection of Don as an individual was in 1942 when she was on a trip to Tennessee with her family. They were visiting at his parents' home, and Don and his first wife Ruth were there. They were addressing invitations to the opening of a new beauty salon they had together, and everyone helped. He was skilled and very popular with his patrons as "Mr Don".

BFE remembers especially how musically talented Don was. He would play, sing, and whistle beautifully at parties. He was a very handsome man and, to the end of his life, always looked much younger than his actual age.

WARTIME EXPERIENCE -- During World War II Don was in the navy, an enlisted seaman assigned as a chaplain's assistant on the *USS Haven*, a hospital ship that served in the Pacific campaign toward the end of the war,<sup>16,17</sup> and in Japan after the end of the war.

Don received three stars for battles in which he had served, and related that one ship was sunk under him. He was in the water for nearly two hours before rescue. After the war, Don served various churches in Tennessee and Florida as organist and choir director, and loved his work.

HIS THIRD MARRIAGE -- His third wife had had two earlier marriages. With her first husband she had a son and two daughters. After 25 years, they divorced. She married again, but her husband died seven years later.

Although Don had no children of his own, he very much enjoyed his relationship with his stepchildren and stepgrandchildren.

He and his third wife lived in Florida for some time, but returned to Cookeville for his last years. As of 2006, his widow was living in Signal Mountain TN near one of her daughters.

Don wrote many letters home while in the navy, and continued his habit of family correspondence. He was very much interested in family history and was most helpful to us in gathering material. We wish we could have lived closer together.

**JAMES HENRY WALL (b 1891) and MYRTLE MAE MASON and their descendants**  
from page 4b-3

James' parents were John Eldridge Wall and Mary Jane Breckenridge Pickard  
Myrtle's parents were Thomas Eli Mason and Louverny Morris

**d) James Henry<sup>6</sup> "Jim" Wall** was born 9 Feb 1891 Algood, Putnam Co TN. He married Myrtle Mae **Mason** 27 Aug 1918; five children. Her parents were Thomas Eli Mason and Louverny "Lou" **Morris**.

Born 27 Aug 1898, Myrtle died about 1933, age 34. Jim died 16 Dec 1951 Sparta, White Co TN, age 60. They were buried Highland Cemetery, Sparta.

– see page 4b-13 for some information on the MASON and MORRIS families --

Jim was tall; BFE's mother (JWF, Johnnie Wall Fisher) was very proud of the fact that her father and all three of her brothers were six feet tall. Jim was the first of JWF's siblings to die (not counting the two sisters who died young), probably of a heart attack.

He had a Dodge/Plymouth automobile dealership, which we assume did well ordinarily, but which caused a severe problem for him and his family during World War II. JWF told BFE that Jim had financial problems during the war because of his principles. There were very few cars available for civilians, and he would not do things that other dealers sometimes did in order to get cars. It was a custom of our family to be strict in matters of belief, so this was not surprising, but it must have been hard.

After reviewing these notes, my cousin James Thomas Wall gave BFE some additional information. He said Jim was hurt playing football at Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon TN, and always walked with a slight limp. This injury kept him from serving in the military in World War I. Despite that, Jim went across the street from the automobile dealership to his father-in-law's house, up a steep flight of stairs every day to check on him.

James also told BFE that his father (Wilkes Hammock Wall Sr) said that Jim, when a young man, "went over to Sparta to stay two weeks, and stayed the rest of his life". He became an institution in Sparta, serving as ringmaster for many years at the White County Fair. After his death it became the "Jim Wall Memorial Fair".

AUNT MYRTLE -- BFE's cousin Donald Pickard "Don" Wall also reviewed these notes and gave us similar information. When he was young, Don spent quite a bit of time with Jim and Myrtle. He said he (Don) liked to chauffeur Myrtle around, "in a new Dodge whenever she wanted one". Both Don and JWF said Myrtle was very pretty. Sadly, she suffered from tuberculosis, beginning about 1920, and died when she was only 34. Don said he lived with Jim for a while after Myrtle died, to help with the children.

BFE's relationship with Jim's children wasn't as close when she was little as her relationship with some of the other cousin family groups. This wasn't because she didn't love them, or didn't have any fun with them, but because they lived in Sparta, 18 miles away from Cookeville where most of the other relatives lived. Her family didn't go to their house, or they come over, very often. Jim's children called BFE's mother "Aunt Johnnie", whereas her Cookeville nieces and nephews called her "Sissie" (short for "Sister", used by the adults).

They were also different because they didn't have a mother in the family after Myrtle died. Jim brought up his five children alone. BFE remembers Bertha; their long-time African-American housekeeper, who served as substitute mother during the daytimes. BFE liked her, but thinks her cousins didn't always mind her and do what she said as they got older. Anyhow, BFE loved them and thought of them almost as siblings.

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**i) Mary Louise<sup>7</sup> Wall**, born 22 Jun 1919, married Jake (Jacob?) **Smithson**. She died 5 Aug 1998, age 79, and was buried Spring Hill Cemetery, Madison, Davidson Co TN.

Mary Louise was affectionately called "Mease" by BFE's parents, and we have some pictures of her swimming with them when BFE was little. She saw Mease only once as an adult when her daughter, a beautiful child, was about five.

Many years after the daughter was born, there was a sad time for Mary Louise when her second child was born. She had a difficult time and the baby boy didn't live.

**(a)** a daughter<sup>8</sup> **Smithson** was born about 1937. She married and had two children.

**ii) Cavama** (later Kavama) Elizabeth<sup>7</sup> "Kay" **Wall** was born 22 Feb 1921. She married John "Johnny" **Liebermann** Jr 13 Apr 1945; two children. They divorced 1972, and later Johnny married again. Born 23 Sep 1918 New Jersey, he died Jan 1987 Greensboro NC, age 68. Kay died 6 Feb 2007 Loudoun Co VA, age almost 86.

Cavama came to Washington DC to be a "Government Girl" about 1944, and lived for some time with BFE's family in Arlington VA. She met Johnny, a security guard at the Pentagon where she worked. They lived in several places in the Washington area, mostly in northern Virginia. He designed and made model railroad cars and related equipment, and had a store in the city. Later he did the work at their home.

After the divorce, Kay had several jobs, including (BFE thinks) sales in a dress shop in Seven Corners VA.. When she retired, she lived in a house her son owned in Fairfax Co VA. Very active, she attended classes at the nearby community college and participated in various activities. We were impressed with her resourcefulness and good spirits, and we miss her.

**(a)** a son **Liebermann** was born 2 Oct 1946 Washington DC.

**(b)** a daughter **Liebermann** was born 18 Jun 1954 Arlington VA.

**iii) Jimmie Mae<sup>7</sup> Wall**,<sup>23,24</sup> born 28 May 1923 White Co TN, married John Martin **Taylor**; two children. She died 19 Apr 1995 Hermitage, Davidson Co TN, age 71, and was buried Highland Cemetery, Sparta, White Co TN.

Jimmie was tall and attractive, with the dark hair and coloring of several women in the family. She and her husband John lived in a number of places and had interesting experiences while he was in military service.

Cousin James told BFE that John retired as an Air Force colonel and later had a position in Sparta, perhaps city manager or director of the chamber of commerce, but died about 1993 or 1994. Only a year or so after John died, Jimmie moved to Nashville and hoped to settle into a new phase of her life. Sadly, she became very ill before she had completed the move, and died shortly afterwards.

**(a)** a daughter<sup>8</sup> **Taylor** was born 3 Mar 1947. She married and had two children.

**(b)** a son<sup>8</sup> **Taylor** was born 12 Jan 1953. He married; children not known to us.

**iv) Thomas Mason<sup>7</sup> Wall**, born 3 Dec 1924, married Bennie Jean **Clark** -- see page 4b-22.

**v) Peggy Ann<sup>7</sup> Wall**, born 14 Mar 1926, married Charles **Wilson**, William **Larkin**, and David **Curtis** -- see page 4b-23.

**-- Some information about the MASON, WILLHITE and MORRIS families<sup>21,22,91</sup> --**  
 referenced on pages 4b-11 and 4b-18

**I. WILLIAM MASON**, born about 1799 in KY, married Anna **Broyles**.

**A.** Elihu **Mason**, born 24 Jan 1834, married Sarah Canzady **Willhite**; one child. Her parents were Reuben Willhite and Julia Ann **Wisdom**, below. Secondly, Elihu married Sarah's sister Janet Tabitha **Willhite**; at least eight children. Born 11 Feb 1848, Janet died about 1900, age about 53. Elihu died about 1904, age about 70.

**1.** Thomas Eli **Mason**, born 17 Sep 1872, married Louverny "Lou" **Morris** 13 Nov 1897; two children. Thomas and Lou were second cousins, once removed. Her parents were William R Morris and Catherine **Willhite [Anderson]**, below. Thomas died 29 Aug 1952, age 79. Born 8 Oct 1875, Lou died 31 May 1956, age 90. They were buried Highland Cemetery, White Co TN.

**a.** Myrtle Mae **Mason**, born 27 Aug 1898, married James Henry **Wall** -- see page 4b-11.

**b.** Allie Belle **Mason**, born 6 Sep 1900, married Jesse McNeal **Hayes** 2 Jul 1916; one child. Jesse died Dec 1919. She married William Matthew "Will" **England** 23 Mar 1920;<sup>92</sup> one child. Allie Belle died 14 May 1923, age 22. Will married Verla **Norris**; two children. Born 18 Jun 1893, he died 1 Sep 1935, age 42. Born 19 Apr 1900, Verla died 23 Apr 1991, age 90.

**i.)** Willard Lincoln **Hayes** was born 2 Jun 1917, below.\*

**ii.)** Will Thomas **England**, born 13 Feb 1922, married Clarence Albert **Barron** 5 Nov 1939; two daughters, who married and had children. Clarence was born 22 Feb 1914. His parents were Charlie Cline Barron and Alice Hester **Byrd**.

**I. REUBEN WILHITE Sr**, born 1768 White co TN, married Mary **Yager**. He died 1862, age about 94. Born about 1778 White Co, she died 1870, age about 92. Their families were from Second Germanna Colony in VA.

**A.** Solomon **Willhite**, born 1797, married Jannet Rebecca **Sliger**; eleven children. He died 1862, age 64.

**1.** Reuben **Willhite**, born 1818, married Julia Ann **Wisdom**; two children.

**a.** Sarah Canzady **Willhite**, born 17 Feb 1844, married Elihu **Mason**, above.

**a.** Janet Tabitha **Willhite**, born 11 Feb 1848, married Elihu **Mason**, above.

**i.)** Thomas Eli **Mason**, born 17 Sep 1872, married Laverny "Lou" **Morris**, above.

**B.** John **Wilhite**,<sup>93</sup> born about 1800, may have married a daughter of William **Williams**, page 4b-18.

**C.** Benjamin **Willhite**, born 1805, married Nancy C **Pistole**.

**1.** Catherine **Willhite**, born Jul 1843, married William **Anderson**, who died in the Civil War. She married William R **Morris**; five children. His parents were George William Morris and Elizabeth **Walker**, below.

**a.** Louverny "Lou" **Morris**, born 5 Oct 1875, married Thomas Eli **Mason**, above.

**I. ABSALOM MORRIS.**

**A** George William **Morris**, born 1809 Campbell Co TN, married Elizabeth **Walker** about 1834; seven children. Her parents were William Walker and Sarah **Hill**. George owned two slaves, and moved to White Co TN after 1843. He "died in Service CSA" 15 Jul 1862, age about 53. Born 22 Dec 1811 Washington Co VA, Elizabeth died 28 Apr 1903 White Co TN, age 91, buried String Town Cemetery.

**1.** William R **Morris**, born 10 Jul 1843 Campbell Co TN, was in 25<sup>th</sup> Inf CSA. He married Catherine **Willhite [Anderson]** 6 Jan 1867 White Co TN; five children. Her parents were Benjamin Willhite and Nancy C **Pistole**, above. Catherine died 3 Oct 1882, age 39. William married Louraney **Clark** 29 Jul 1885; two children. He died 30 Jan 1926, age 65. Born 24 Feb 1844, Louraney died 5 Dec 1929, age 85. He and both wives were buried Cherry Creek Presbyterian Cemetery.

**a.** Louverny "Lou" **Morris**, born 5 Oct 1875, married Thomas Eli **Mason**, above.

\* WILLARD LINCOLN HAYES, born 2 Jun 1917, married 28 Oct 1939. He and his wife had four daughters, who married and had children.

He spent most of his working life in military and civilian engineering with the US Navy. He and his wife and BFE's parents were close friends. BFE's family always loved them and felt them to be "cousins" although technically there's no kinship. They lived in suburban MD and would come over to Arlington VA frequently.

After he retired, he and his wife lived near Sparta, White Co TN and KFE and BFE visited them in 1992. At that time we were most impressed by his wife's 102-year-old mother, who lived in a separate house on the old family farm. Willard set up the fire department's emergency radio relay system, which was a major help to the whole region. He died 31 Jul 2003, age 86, after a tractor accident.

**WILKES HAMMOCK WALL (b 1893) and NETA OZENIA WILLIAMS (b 1897)**  
**and their descendants**  
from page 4b-4

Wilkes' parents were John Eldridge Wall and Mary Jane Breckenridge Pickard

Neta's parents were John Douglas Williams and Lula Florence Davis

e) Wilkes Hammock<sup>6</sup> "Will" (or Willie) **Wall**, born 26 Aug 1893 Algood, Putnam Co TN, married Neta Ozenia **Williams** 21 Nov 1920 Cookeville, Putnam Co TN. Her parents were John Douglas Williams and Lula Florence **Davis**.

Will was Clerk and Master, Chancery Court, 1948 and 1953 Cookeville.<sup>32</sup> He died 10 Mar 1953, age 59. Born 4 Mar 1897, Neta died 2 Jul 1989, age 92. They were buried Algood Cemetery, Algood.

Uncle Willie's son James Thomas Wall told us that his father's middle name was the last name of a circuit judge who stayed at his parents' home whenever he was in Cookeville, and who was there the night Willie was born. It was a custom in the family to name children after people who were famous or were admired by the parents. We haven't found any information about the judge. On our May 1997 trip to Chatham Co NC, we found in the 1775 courthouse minutes a mention of Lamberth Hammock. We wonder if this man could possibly be an ancestor of Judge Hammock.

Willie grew up in what must have been a typical small town family of the times, considerably influenced by the effects of the Civil War and its aftermath on his parents' families. Like his brothers, he was tall and good looking. He and BFE's mother (JWF, Johnnie Wall Fisher) were always close. BFE remembers a beautiful silver thimble her mother always cherished, which Willie gave her when she was a young girl.

**MILITARY EXPERIENCE** -- During World War I, Willie was in the army overseas, and was seriously affected by his battlefield experiences. JWF said he came home a changed person. BFE doesn't know exactly what she meant, but he was very nervous the rest of his life. At some point while he was young, he worked for a while on the ranch of Threet kinfolk, probably Ollie Burton Threet, probably in Lovell, Big Horn Co WY. Willie told his son James that sometimes the snow piled up over the ranchhouse door and they had to crawl out an upstairs window. See Section 4a for more on the Thweatt/Threet family.

**BUSINESS EXPERIENCE** -- James told us how his father was active in a number of businesses. For example, in the 1920s he founded the Hoover truck lines (or maybe the name of it was Ragland-Potter). Later he was a partner, with Robert Lowe, in the Lowe & Wall Coal Company which had several mines around Monterey and Wilder TN. He also owned the Salem Oil & Gas Company (natural gas), and had mineral rights to about 50 thousand acres when he died.

Willie also held several government posts. He was elected to the position of Trustee of Putnam Co in 1928. James recalled a little story about his election. It was customary in those days for an incumbent to be elected to a second term rather automatically, but Willie said he had only run for one term and that was all he would serve. In 1935 he was appointed District Director of the WPA and served in that capacity until about 1941 when it was discontinued. He was then director of the local unemployment office (called the employment office) about 1941 to 1946, and was appointed Clerk and Master for Putnam Co in 1948.

**MARRIAGE** -- After the war, Willie and Neta met on a blind date at an ice cream parlor in Algood, but they may have known each other when they were young as they both lived on Wall Street in Algood. James thinks it may have been an "arranged" date. At any rate, they married and lived happily ever after.

Their house had some features BFE thought very special, such as the furnace under the hall floor, where you could stand and feel the warm air and let it blow your dress up around you. Willie and Neta had planned the house carefully. For example, the doorways from the hall to the master bedroom and to the nursery were arranged so the two rooms were almost connecting. They ate on the back porch in warm weather, and BFE thought that was great.

They lived outside the city limits, two miles from the courthouse. They and their neighbors felt that was far enough that they would never be bothered by the city limits expanding. Now their house is in a well settled suburban part of the city, but it was a farm then. There was a lane (now a paved street) to a barn and a tenant house. BFE remembers the tenants were very proud of having a radio, and played it rather loudly if they thought a visitor would hear. There were pigs; her cousins had to take the food scraps ("slop") to them. Also, there was a gas well and so they had gas for their cooking stove without having to pay anything for it.

Their oldest son (Wilkes Hammock "Hank" Wall Jr) had a pony and wagon. This was really child heaven as far as BFE was concerned. She loved going to her uncle and aunt's house anyway, and playing with their children, especially the two youngest who were near her age. They were her closest cousins and, as she was an only child until the age of seven, it seemed to BFE they were almost her siblings.

NETA'S FAMILY lived in Algood near Willie's family. She had an older brother, Bethley, and six younger sisters (Hallie, Maybelle, twins Irma and Nannie, plus Winnie and Kathleen who died young, and another infant sister who lived only about 24 hours). We have some information about Neta's family, page 4b-16.

Neta's mother, Mammy Williams, was a seamstress, so it was natural that Neta would sew a lot. One thing that was fun when BFE went to their house was that they had a lot of costumes and the children could dress up in them. Neta had made most of them for the older children to wear in recitals and plays. Two or three were sort of large coveralls of black sateen, with orange or yellow moons and stars, and she liked these the best. The older cousins had probably had the part of Nighttime in a play, or perhaps the outfits were for Halloween.

NETA'S DAILY LIFE -- BFE was always impressed with how busy Aunt Neta was and how much she had to do, with five children, to me such a large family. She cooked three meals every day, and made cornbread or biscuits or some other type of bread for each one of them. She did a lot of canning, making preserves, etc. BFE remembers that she did the family washing in the yard if it was nice weather, or inside the garage if it was cold. She liked to do various kinds of handwork.

All this must have taken some serious managerial skills, for they had only one bathroom and all five children to get ready for school each morning. Many years later she added a second bathroom upstairs and made part of the back porch into a laundry room. She probably wished they had been able to do this in the early years!

JWF said that Neta would have preferred working in an office rather than staying home and keeping house. BFE thought it was remarkable that, if this was the case, she did such a good job of all the household chores, something BFE admires. She found out a few years ago that Neta had taken college courses by correspondence and had received a diploma or certificate of accomplishment.

HER OTHER INTERESTS -- Very sociable, Neta was good at visiting people in the hospital and going to funerals and such. She sent BFE a birthday card every year until she was over 50 years old, and probably did this for many others. She thought it was so wonderful that she cared enough about her to remember her day. Yes, this is sentimental, but BFE really loved her and this meant a lot to her. Neta's style was very down to earth. Everyone in the family knew they could come to Neta's house and stay. Still true (2006); keeping the house is so important to her children that they have not sold it.

HER CAREER -- Although Neta had worked a short period when her first three children were small, it was when all her children were grown that she at last had her chance for a career. She began by helping in Willie's office (Clerk and Master of Putnam County) as a legal secretary, and when he died she was appointed to fill out his term. She did such a good job that she kept being reappointed, and didn't retire until she was eighty years old.

There just aren't, and never have been, many woman as successful as Neta in managing both family and career. She was so remarkable they had a big retirement party for her. JWF and her daughters sent flowers and wished they could have gone.

AFTER RETIREMENT -- She lived alone as a widow, with assistance as she grew older provided mostly by her children, especially her oldest son who lived next door. In her last years her eyesight failed and she had to give up many of her activities but worked out some adaptations. She had a large machine which magnified so she could read her mail and, until her eyesight grew still worse, even do crossword puzzles. In fact, she kept on doing them even when someone had to read them to her.

All her life, Neta was an alert and involved person. The last time BFE saw her, about a year before she died, she was feeble and couldn't do much, but was definitely a part of family conversations and events. She liked to sit on the front porch and watch the traffic, with her cordless phone so she wouldn't miss out on any calls.

- i) Wilkes Hammock<sup>7</sup> **Wall**, born 27 Jul 1921, married Elizabeth **Taft** -- see page 4b-27.
- ii) a daughter<sup>7</sup> **Wall** was born 8 May 1923. She married and had four children.
- iii) a daughter<sup>7</sup> **Wall** was born 6 Jan 1925. She married and had three children.
- iv) a son<sup>7</sup> **Wall**, born 23 Aug 1931, married Jane Peake **Kirkpatrick** Aug 1965 Virginia Beach VA; two children. Her parents were Raleigh Crittendon Kirkpatrick and Nan Lee **Peake**. Jane was interested in genealogy and became quite expert when she lived in the Washington area, capably researching for others as well as exploring her own and her husband's families. Later, she graciously shared her records with us. Born 16 Nov 1940 Norfolk VA, she died 22 Sep 2001, age almost 61.
- v) a son<sup>7</sup> **Wall** was born 10 Sep 1933.

## THE FAMILY OF NETA OZENIA WILLIAMS

### Part 1 -- THE DESCENDANCY OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH WEST

- I. WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> WEST,<sup>38</sup>** born about 1616 Buckinghamshire, England; married Elizabeth [West].
- A. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> WEST,** born about 1642 England, married Ann **Gilpin**.
- 1. JOHN<sup>3</sup> WEST,** born 28 Oct 1690 Long Grandou, Buckinghamshire, married Elizabeth **Beisley** in England.
- a. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> WEST,** born about 1724 Upper Providence PA, married Sarah **Gropper**.
- i. ISAAC<sup>5</sup> WEST,<sup>38,44</sup>** born about 1745, below.
- i. ISAAC<sup>5</sup> WEST,<sup>38,44</sup>** born about 1745, married Margaret **Russell** about 1766. He married Susanna **Anderson** about 1769 Orange Co NC. His children were Abner, Solomon, and:
- Barnabus<sup>6</sup> **West**, born about 1766, married Sally **Wallace** 2 May 1787 Lincoln Co NC.
- STEPHEN<sup>6</sup> **WEST**, born 29 Dec 1767, below.
- Catherine<sup>6</sup> **West**, born about 1768 in SC, married John **Barnhill** 1786 Greenville Co SC. She died abt 1841, age 55.
- Mary<sup>6</sup> **West**, born about 1770 in SC, married William **Belk** 10 May 1792 Lincoln Co NC. His parents were John Belk and Susanna **Chamberlain**, page 4b-17.
- Pheobe<sup>6</sup> **West**, born about 1770 in SC, married Isaac **Green** 1795 SC. She died 3 Sep 1868 Greenville, Greenville Co SC, age about 98, buried White Oak Baptist Cemetery, Greenville.
- Reuben<sup>6</sup> **West**, born about 1772 in SC, married Susanna **Belk** (sister of William Belk, above) about 1793.
- William<sup>6</sup> **West**, born about 1774 in SC, married Elitha **Lewis** 19 Oct 1795 Lincoln Co NC.
- Isaac<sup>6</sup> **West**, born about 1775, married Hanna **Russell** 1802, went to Lavaca Co TX. She died 1864, age about 89.
- Pheriba<sup>6</sup> **West**, born about 1776, married John **Rees** Jan 1797.
- John<sup>6</sup> **West**, born about 1776, married Sarah **Walker** about 1798 Dickson Co TN. He died 1798, age about 22.
- Anderson<sup>6</sup> **West**, born about 1781, married Sarah **Trebbs** 1804.
- Nancy<sup>6</sup> **West**, born about 1783, married Jeremiah **Ward** 1807 in SC.
- Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> **West**, born about 1786, married Samuel **Sparks** 1806. He died about 1814. She died before 1840.
- b) STEPHEN<sup>6</sup> WEST,<sup>38,52</sup>** born 29 Dec 1767, married Mary **Belk** 1787. He died 19 Sep 1856 Jackson Co TN, age 88, buried Hatcher Hall Cemetery, Overton Co TN. Her parents were John Belk and Susanna **Chamberlain**, page 4b-17.
- Isaac<sup>7</sup> **West**, born 1790 Lincoln Co NC, married Mary Magdeline **Swallows** 17 Nov 1808. He died 26 Sep 1836, age 46, buried Roaring River Cemetery, Overton Co TN.
- Betsy<sup>7</sup> **West** was born 1792 in NC.
- SUSANNA CAROLINE<sup>7</sup> **WEST**, born 5 May 1795 in NC, below.
- Jemima<sup>7</sup> **West**, born 18 Nov 1795 Lincoln Co NC, married Jesse **Stewart**. She died 1862 Todd Co KY, age 67.
- Mary<sup>7</sup> **West**, born 8 Apr 1800 in NC, married Jacob **Davis** 1815. She died 5 Sep 1896 KY, age 96.
- John<sup>7</sup> **West**, born 2 Jun 1801 in NC, married Mary **Brown** about 1821. He died 25 Oct 1882, age 81, buried West Cemetery, Putnam Co TN.
- Sarah Ann<sup>7</sup> "**Sally**" **West**, born 1804 in NC, married William **Bilbrey**. She died Oct 1882, age about 78, buried Bilbrey Cemetery, Overton Co TN.
- Barney<sup>7</sup> (Reuben) **West** was born 1807 in NC.
- Stephen<sup>7</sup> **West** Jr, born 1 Aug 1809 Overton Co TN, married Eliza **Brown** 5 Jan 1831. He died 2 Oct 1905, age 96.
- Catherine<sup>7</sup> **West**, born Apr 1811, married Tinch **McCormick**. She died 7 Oct 1860, age 49.
- Fannie<sup>7</sup> **West** was born about 1815.
- iii) SUSANNA CAROLINE<sup>7</sup> WEST,<sup>38,46,63</sup>** born 5 May 1795 in NC, married Henry Jackson **Davis** 25 Jan 1813 Overton Co TN. She died 19 Aug 1885 Cookeville, Putnam Co TN, age 90, buried West Cemetery, Putnam Co. Born 11 Dec 1794 NC, he was son of Robert Davis.
- Stephen<sup>8</sup> **Davis**, born 1815, married Katherine **Fite** 1837. He died 1904, age about 89.
- William M<sup>8</sup> **Davis**, born 28 Nov 1815 Overton Co TN, married Margaret Bilbrey. He died 30 May 1883, age 67.
- Daughter Susannah Caroline **Davis**, born 1842 Putnam Co TN, married William Ensor **Huddleston** 1868.
- Celia<sup>8</sup> **Davis**, born 1819, married Isaac **Brown** about 1839. She died 1858, age about 39.
- Isaac<sup>8</sup> W **Davis**, born 1820, married Betsy **Carr** about 1840. He died 1887, age about 67.
- Polly<sup>8</sup> **Davis**, born 1822, married Matthias **Grimes** about 1842. She died 1880, age about 58.
- Jacob Hamilton<sup>8</sup> **Davis**, born 30 Nov 1823 Cookeville, married Nancy **Bartlett** 1843; he died 17 Dec 1868, age 45.
- John M<sup>8</sup> **Davis**, born 1825, married Emaline [Davis] about 1905. He died 1868, age about 43.
- Henry Allen<sup>8</sup> **Davis** was born 1827. He died about 1836, age about nine.
- Annie<sup>8</sup> **Davis**, born 1829, married Thomas **Foster** about 1849. She died 1852, age about 23.
- Sally<sup>8</sup> **Davis**, born 1831, married Jacob **Judd** Putnam Co TN. She died about 1852, age about 21.

**THE FAMILY OF NETA OZENIA WILLIAMS, continued**

**Part 1 -- THE DESCENDANCY OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH WEST, continued**

(Children of Susanna Caroline West and Henry Jackson Davis, continued)

Martha<sup>8</sup> **Davis**, born 21 Oct 1833, mar'd Thomas **Thompson** 1853 Jackson Co TN; she died 26 Nov 1889, age 56.

Nancy<sup>8</sup> **Davis**, born 2 Apr 1836 Overton Co TN, married Gallant **Bartlett** 28 Oct 1856 Laurel Hill,

DeKalb Co TN.<sup>36,46,66</sup> His parents were Joshua Bartlett and Anna **Anderson** -- see page 4b-8.

James Lowry<sup>8</sup> **Davis**, born 23 May 1838 Jackson Co TN; married Catherine **Bartlett**.

COLUMBUS JACKSON<sup>8</sup> **DAVIS**, born 8 Aug 1840 Jackson Co, below.

Franklin McGrady<sup>8</sup> **Davis** was born 1844 Cookeville TN. He died in infancy.

(n) **COLUMBUS JACKSON<sup>8</sup> DAVIS<sup>38</sup>**, born 8 Aug 1840 Jackson Co TN, married Almira **Pendergrass** 29 Mar 1860. He was in the Confederate army. Born 1841, she was daughter of Jesse Pendergrass and Ann **Witt**. Columbus Jackson died 7 Feb 1916 Putnam Co TN, age 75.

Lillie Pearl<sup>9</sup> **Davis** died in infancy.

Mrs H M **Richie<sup>9</sup>** of Hale Center TX.

Demps<sup>9</sup> (Dempsey?) **Davis** of Bovena TX.

Travis<sup>9</sup> **Davis** of Grenada TX.

George<sup>9</sup> **Davis** of Lubbock TX.

Mrs Payton **Peck<sup>9</sup>** of Lubbock.

Mrs Alpheus **Judd<sup>9</sup>** of Lubbock.

LULA FLORENCE<sup>9</sup> **DAVIS** was born 13 Jun 1875 Putnam Co TN, below.

Jesse<sup>9</sup> **Davis**, married "Mattie" [Davis]; at least one son.

Erastus<sup>9</sup> **Davis**.

(viii) **LULA FLORENCE<sup>E</sup> DAVIS**, born 13 Jun 1875 Putnam Co TN, married John Douglas **Williams**. His parents were Ransom E Williams and Nancy **Elrod**, page 4b-18. John died 1 Jan 1936 Algood, Putnam Co, age 65. Lula died 7 Nov 1958 Algood, age 83.

Bethley<sup>10</sup> **Williams**, born 1894, married Golda **Gragg**. He taught Industrial Arts at Tennessee Tech and later at Georgia Tech.<sup>68</sup> He died 1952, age about 58.

NETA OZENIA<sup>10</sup> **WILLIAMS**, born 4 Mar 1897 Algood, married Wilkes Hammock **Wall** -- see page 4b-14.

Hallie<sup>10</sup> **Williams**, born 1899, married Bill **Stamps**, one daughter. Hallie died 1988, age about 89.

Maybelle<sup>10</sup> **Williams**, born about 1902, married Asbury **Pittman**.

Erma<sup>10</sup> **Williams**, twin of Nannie, born 1908, married Relland **Maynard**.

Nannie<sup>10</sup> **Williams**, twin of Erma, born 1908, married Winston **Williams**.

Winnie<sup>10</sup> **Williams**, born about 1910, married Osmar **Brown**. She died about 1934, age about 24.

Kathleen<sup>10</sup> **Williams** was born 1917. She died 1965, age about 48.

-- THE BELK FAMILY --

John<sup>1</sup> **Belk** married Susanna **Chamberlain**, who was born 1739 in NC. Three of their eleven children married children of Isaac **West**. John and Susanna's children were Elizabeth, Lavina, Liddy, Nancy, John and:

William<sup>2</sup> **Belk**, born about 1762, married Mary **West**, page 4a-16.

Mary<sup>2</sup> **Belk**, born 30 Jun 1765 in NC, married Stephen **West**, page 4a-16.

Sally<sup>2</sup> **Belk**, born about 1769, married Charles **Rutledge**.

Chamberlain<sup>2</sup> **Belk**, born about 1774, married Nancy **Beal**.

Susanna<sup>2</sup> **Belk**, born about 1776, married Reuben **West**, page 4a-16.

Payton<sup>2</sup> **Belk**, born about 1778, married Betsy **Sutton**.

*Note 1: We have so far been unable to find a connection between this Belk family and that of Mary Louisa Belk, who married Nathan Thweatt Wall, Section 4a. We have not found the parents of Mary Louisa.*

*Note 2: An interesting member of the Belk family was James P Belk, Esquire, who was born 4 Feb 1765 and died 9 May 1876, age 111. He was present with his father at the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence in May 1775, and was present himself at the 100th anniversary of that signing in 1875. We believe he may have been a nephew of the John Belk above.*

## THE FAMILY OF NETA OZENIA WILLIAMS, continued

## Part 2 -- THE DESCENDANCY OF WILLIAM WILLIAMS AND JUDITH BAKER

*Note: unless otherwise stated, most of the information on this page is from Ms Jackie Smith.<sup>69</sup>*

**I. WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> WILLIAMS**, born about 1760 in SC, married Judith **Baker**; at least seven children. He may have served as a Militia Captain 1806. He came to TN from Edgefield District SC, and in the early 1800s bought half of a land grant from William Christmas of Murfreesboro, 320 acres. William Williams died about 1846 White Co TN, age about 86, buried Walker's Cove, near Sparta, White Co. He and Judith may have had daughter who married John **Wilhite**, page 4b-13. Other children include Arthur, Daniel, Jacob and:  
 Mary<sup>2</sup> **Williams**, born 1786 in SC, mar'd Henry **Burton** 1803 White Co TN; she died 1853 DeKalb Co TN, age 67.  
 ISAAC<sup>2</sup> **WILLIAMS**, born 1792 in SC, below.  
 JOSIAH<sup>2</sup> **WILLIAMS**, born 22 Apr 1797 in SC, below.

**B. ISAAC<sup>2</sup> WILLIAMS**, born 1792 in SC, mar'd Lucy **Walker**. Her parents John Walker and Elizabeth **Jarvis**, below.  
 William<sup>3</sup> **Williams**, born 1822 White Co TN, was a blacksmith Desoto Co MS 1850.  
 Chasen<sup>3</sup> **Williams**, born 1824 White Co TN, was a farmer 1850.  
 Permissia<sup>3</sup> **Williams** was born 1830 White Co.  
 Eppanetus<sup>3</sup> **Williams** was born 1832 White Co.  
 Denzia<sup>3</sup> **Williams** was born 1834 Desoto Co MS.  
 Arana<sup>3</sup> **Williams**, also known as Orana, was born 1836 Desoto Co.  
 Plecila<sup>3</sup> **Williams** was born 1838 Desoto Co.  
 Aramenta<sup>3</sup> **Williams** was born 1840 Desoto Co.  
 Christine<sup>3</sup> **Williams** was born 1842 Desoto Co.  
 Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> **Williams** was born 1850 Desoto Co.

**C. JOSIAH<sup>2</sup> WILLIAMS**, born 22 Apr 1797 Edgefield Co SC, married Nancy **Walker**; six children born White Co TN. He died 24 Sep 1868 White Co, age 71, buried Cherry Creek Cemetery, near Sparta, White Co. Nancy was born 16 Jul 1797 in KY, daughter of John Walker and Elizabeth **Jarvis**, below.  
 Hannah<sup>3</sup> **Williams** was born about 1820. She died about 1848 White Co, age about 28.  
 JOHN WALKER<sup>3</sup> **WILLIAMS**, born 7 Oct 1821, below.  
 Harrell<sup>3</sup> **Williams** was born about 1823.  
 Lucy<sup>3</sup> **Williams** was born about 1825.  
 Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> **Williams** was born about 1829.  
 Caroline<sup>3</sup> **Williams** was born about 1834 .

**2. JOHN WALKER<sup>3</sup> WILLIAMS**, born 7 Oct 1821 White Co TN, married Mary Lou Vicia **Geer** 25 Dec 1845 White Co. Her parents were Ransom and Mary Geer. Mary Lou died about 1859. John was not on the 1870 census, and the children were shown as living with his parents. John had at least two more wives, whom he divorced.<sup>72</sup> "His own mother sued him in the TN Supreme Court for selling her farm out from under her."<sup>72</sup> Warrants for his arrest were issued in White Co, so he went to Mississippi. He died 11 Oct 1910, age 89<sup>71</sup>. Neta Williams Wall was never told about her true great-grandfather. Ransom E Williams' obituary incorrectly stated him to be the son of his grandfather Josiah Williams.

RANSOM E<sup>4</sup> **WILLIAMS**, born May 1843 White Co TN, below.  
 Thomas<sup>4</sup> **Williams** was born about 1846 White Co.  
 Andrew Jackson<sup>4</sup> **Williams** married Lula **Snodgrass**.  
 Columbus<sup>4</sup> **Williams** married Susan **Coatney**.  
 Harold<sup>4</sup> **Williams** married Mary **Golden**.  
 Nancy C<sup>4</sup> **Williams** married John H **Chaffin**.

**a. RANSOM E<sup>4</sup> WILLIAMS**, born May 1843 White Co TN, married Nancy **Elrod**. Born 1850 in TN, she was daughter of Jiles and Jane Elrod. Ransom died after 1900, age at least 57.

JOHN DOUGLAS<sup>5</sup> **WILLIAMS**, born 20 May 1870 Windcliffe, Putnam Co TN, married  
 Lula Florence **Davis**

-- see page 4b-17.

## -- THE WALKER FAMILY --

David **Walker** Sr was born about 1715 Surrey Co NC. He died 1775, age about 60.

David **Walker** Jr, born about 1741 Surrey Co, married Ann [Walker].

John **Walker**, born 15 Oct 1761 Surrey Co, married Elizabeth **Jarvis**, at least two daughters. Her parents were John and Lucy Jarvis. Born 2 Dec 1775, Elizabeth died 7 July 1837, age 61. John Walker died 31 Oct 1850, age 89. They were buried Walker Family Plot, White Co TN.

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**AMMIE LUCY BARTLETT (b 1905) and ALISTON McNAIRY SIRLS (b c1902)  
and their descendants**

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Ammie Lucy's parents were Ella Wirt Wall and Norman S Bartlett

Aliston's parents were John Sirls and Hattie [Sirls]

i) Ammie Lucy<sup>7</sup> "Ooney" **Bartlett**, born 12 Jul 1905 Antioch, Davidson Co TN, married Aliston McNairy **Sirls** about 1924; one child. They were divorced.

Secondly, Ooney married Emmett G **McGee** Jr about 1943. She died 7 Aug 1987 Hendersonville, Sumner Co TN, age 82, and was buried Summer Memorial Gardens, Gallatin, Sumner Co. Later, Emmett married again. Born 14 Apr 1912, he died 4 Jan 2000, age 87.

We have recently found a small amount of information about the Sirls family. In the 1920 census of Davidson Co TN, Aliston is living with his parents, John Sirls (born c1885) and Hattie [Sirls] (born c1888), on Antioch Road. He is shown as age 18, so we think he was born about 1902. In the 1930 census, he is shown as age 28, living with his wife Ammie L, age 24, and their child, age 5, with his parents on Mountainview Road.

We think John's parents were James Sirls (1832-1908) and Nancy M [Sirls] (1836-1915). Earlier we thought Aliston's middle name, McNairy, might be a family name, but now think it was in honor of someone.

Ooney and BFE's mother (JWF, Johnnie Epperson Wall Fisher) thought of each other as sisters, because they were only eight years apart in age and were together a great deal when they were young. In fact, Ooney and her own sister (Jayne Wall Bartlett) called JWF "Sister", as did their mother and Ooney's son.

Ooney was a major relative and important in BFE's life, too. From her viewpoint, she was more of an aunt than a cousin, because she was already an adult when BFE was born and had a son older than BFE. As she grew up, the families always kept in close touch and spent as much time together as possible. Ooney sent BFE a birthday card every year and, even after she was an old lady herself, she looked forward to her card and felt good that she still loved her enough to remember her day.

EXCELLENT QUALITIES -- She was a marvelous woman, one of the most impressive BFE has known. In appearance, she was truly handsome. Tall, dark, and the epitome of impeccable grooming, she was always well dressed, even in the days when she hadn't much to spend on herself and made up for it by cleverness and creativity. She had her own striking style, almost classic yet up to date, definitely not trendy. BFE has often wished that she had her presence.

Excellent appearance alone wouldn't inspire BFE's feelings for her, of course. The real reason she admires her is that she coped with so much adversity and came through it so splendidly. Through sheer determination, she supported herself and her family, accomplished a great deal, and did it all with style.

CHILDHOOD AND YOUNG ADULTHOOD -- We don't know much about her childhood except that, when she was fourteen, her sister Jayne was born and their parents separated not long afterwards. Due to the rather unusual age difference, Ooney was a sort of second mother for Jayne. Their family life, unfortunately, may not have been too happy because they were not very well off financially and her father may have had a drinking problem. At eighteen, Ooney married Aliston McNairy Sirls. They were divorced several years later while their son (Wilkes McNairy "Billy" Sirls) was small.

Later on, Ella and Jayne lived with Ooney and Billy for many years, and how she handled this is one of the most interesting things about her. It must have been very hard for her to have so much responsibility, beginning when she was still quite young. As far as we know, she was the sole support, both financially and otherwise, for her mother and sister as well as for herself and her son.

HER CAREER -- She worked in an office, first for the federal government, then as secretary to the State Comptroller for twelve years. She didn't have a chance for more education to prepare for another field, but we believe she advanced very well in her career. BFE remembers a newspaper picture of her and some other women office workers on the steps of the state capitol building. The others in the group were all several years younger than she, but you would never know it from the picture. She was definitely the best looking.

At some time during those years, she had a brief singing career, with "Kay Wall" as her professional name. We know she sang on the radio at least once, because BFE remembers gathering around to hear her.

SOME CHALLENGES -- Along with the normal happenings in an active family, we know Ooney had some trying times when there was sickness. Examples we know of are Ella's serious illness with smallpox, and Billy's broken leg after being struck by a car while riding his bicycle.

Nevertheless, with Ooney's ability to keep her head, and with Ella around to be funny and to do as much as she was able, we're sure those years couldn't have been all bad. BFE remembers having a good time when they visited. Only five years apart, Jayne and Billy grew up like siblings and, in the end, everyone emerged triumphant.

HER SECOND MARRIAGE -- In 1943 Ooney married Emmett G McGee Jr while he was in the army. BFE remembers JWF being concerned about their age difference (he was thirty-two and she was thirty-eight), but their happy marriage lasted over forty years. They were one of the most compatible couples BFE has ever known, enjoying each other's company with, as the saying goes, never a cross word between them.

HER HOUSES -- After BFE's family moved from Tennessee, Ooney rented their Nashville house (the "Homey House") at 4308 Brush Hill Road, and later bought it from them. She and Emmett built a very nice house on the same lot, closer to the bluff above the Cumberland river. By doing it this way, they didn't have to move until the house was finished and she could be at the construction site every day. The family visited them when BFE was seventeen and the house was lovely. She remembers her playing the piano for them.

Quite a few years later (1952-53), they built another nice house overlooking Old Hickory Lake on a different part of the river. Her style in both these houses was like her personal appearance -- almost classic yet individual. Each house looked like a beautifully designed museum, set off by her impeccable housekeeping. She invested great thought and attention to detail in her houses. BFE remembers how she installed in the guest bathroom of the second house a large very unusual old-fashioned wooden piece. It had a big mirror and some shelves, and was both functional and most decorative.

THEIR LIFE TOGETHER -- When she was on a 1975 business trip in Atlanta, BFE flew to Nashville for the weekend before going home. Ooney picked her up at the airport and she stayed with them overnight, then they both took her to Cookeville to see the folks there the next day, so she had a chance to see them in action. They really were a great couple.

EMMETT McGEE -- was an excellent stepfather and stepgrandfather. We don't know much to tell about his own background or his personal interests. Some time after Ooney's unexpected death, he married Maxine ("Maxie"), who was born in Texas. She and her late husband had known Ooney and Emmett for many years.

Billy and his family kept in close touch with Emmett and Maxie. They came to see us when we visited in 1992, and it was great to see the real affection among all of them.

(a) Wilkes McNairy<sup>8</sup> "Bill" **Sirls** was known in the family as Billy. Born 13 Dec 1924, he married Suzanne **Sandidge** 28 Feb 1947; three children. Her parents were Kent Sandidge Jr and Mildred **Regen**. Born 20 Jun 1927, Suzanne died 13 Dec 2005, age 78, and Billy died 8 Oct 2006, age 81. They were buried Sumner Memorial Gardens, Gallatin, Sumner Co TN.

-- See page 4b-23 for some information about the SANDIDGE family --

Billy was special to BFE, like an older brother. His mother Ooney and hers were like sisters, so she was with his family a lot when she was a child. She always felt close to him even though he was enough older that they didn't play together.

He spent 3-1/2 years in the Navy during World War II. Fascinated by the military and its many opportunities, he joined the Army Reserve and remained active there and in the National Guard a total of 26 years. He said he was "one of a rare breed in the military who held all enlisted grades, four Warrant Officer grades, and retired as a Colonel."

Billy and Suzanne lived in a trailer on campus while he attended college in Cookeville, completing his four year engineer's degree in three years. BFE remembers visiting them and their first baby about 1948, and being impressed that it was such a neat place to live (a few years later we lived in a similar campus trailer ourselves). They later had two daughters, and lived in and near Nashville.

Suzanne was an active member of the Clark Chapter of the DAR and the Methodist Church. For many years she volunteered with the Red Cross and the County Memorial Hospital. She loved reading, and traveled the world with her husband and family. Her son said she enjoyed life, shopping, and collecting.

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**ESTEL JENKINS WALL (b 1909) and ROBBIE NAN POINTER (b 1913) and their descendants**  
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Estel's parents were Jeff Estel Wall and Vera Gertrude Jenkins

Robbie Nan's parents were Robert Taylor Pointer and Althea Catherine Smith

i) Estel Jenkins<sup>7</sup> **Wall**<sup>15</sup> was born 13 Aug 1909 Putnam Co TN. He married Robbie Nan **Pointer**; two daughters. Her parents were Robert Taylor Pointer and Althea Catherine **Smith**. Estel and Robbie Nan were divorced. He married again, and he and his second wife had a son. Estel died 23 Jan 1992 Cookeville, Putnam Co, age 82, and was buried 25 Jan 1992 Cookeville Cemetery. Cookeville.

Estel was one of BFE's "older cousins" and more like an uncle for her, because she played with his two daughters when she was little; they were almost her age. They lived in a small house on the drive into his parents' house and BFE liked going there. For many years Estel was in the television repair business. He was one of the first people in the area to do that.

ROBBIE NAN was born 29 Oct 1913. She was, according to a snapshot of her holding BFE as an infant, a very attractive young woman. Unfortunately, we don't know much about her as a person. She had three sisters, Mary Della Pointer, Jean Pointer, and Peggy Pointer. Some time after her divorce from Estel, Robbie Nan married Lester **Ketchersid**. She died 5 Dec 1977, age 64.

ESTEL'S SECOND MARRIAGE -- He and his second wife lived across the street from his parents, after they moved into Cookeville. Along with other relatives, BFE visited there after the 1985 funeral of her mother (JWF, Johnnie Wall Fisher). Before that, she had heard what a wonderful person his second wife was, so hospitable and loving to all Estel's relatives, and she found out it was all true. JWF was very fond of her, and BFE especially remembers hearing JWF saying she had never known a woman as proud of a child as Estel's wife was of their son.

Estel was a respected member of the community and known as a fine man. Sadly, he died unexpectedly. He had had an operation for removal of a kidney, which of course everyone was concerned about, but he seemed to make a good recovery. Then cancer, BFE thinks of the larynx, was discovered and he was gone in only two weeks. He was always a handsome man and his brother Donald Pickard Wall said that, even in his coffin, Estel looked so good.

Estel and his second wife were married for 40 happy years. BFE remembers a picture of them in the newspaper when they had been married for thirty. While Estel was in the hospital during his final illness, his wife moved into a house in town, which they had looked forward to sharing. She continued to live there for several years, and we visited her there in 1992. Just being with her, and listening to her talk about Estel and her life with him, was inspiring.

Later she married Lecil P **Huffer**, and they continued to live in Cookeville. He had a 50-acre cattle farm on Roaring River in Overton Co TN. Born 19 Jan 1923, he died 27 Jul 2002, age 79.

(a) Ruth Ann<sup>8</sup> **Wall**, as an adult called Ann, was born 1931 Cookeville, Putnam Co TN. She married John V **Minor** Jr; two daughters and one son. Ann died 16 Apr 1996 DeKalb Baptist Hospital, DeKalb Co TN, age about 65. Born 4 Oct 1926, John died 3 Dec 1999, age 73.

Ruth Ann and BFE kept in touch by correspondence through their teen years. She later dropped her first name and was called Ann. She and her husband John lived on Center Hill Lake near Sparta. She came to Cookeville to see us when we visited there in 1992. She was interested in the family information we were working on.

When Ann's first grandchild was an infant, they had a five-generation picture made -- Estel, Ann, her daughter, the baby, and Estel's parents Jeff and Vera. It was in the paper, because not too many families can have such a picture! BFE thought it was great, and it was good they took it when they did because Jeff died not too long afterwards.

Besides their daughters and son, Ann and John had a baby who didn't live, probably 1960. BFE remembers seeing a picture of its little casket.

(b) a daughter<sup>8</sup> **Wall** was born 14 May 1933 Cookeville, Putnam Co TN. She married; two children.

(c) a son<sup>8</sup> **Wall** was born 9 Dec 1955 Cookeville. He married; two children.

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**THOMAS MASON WALL (b 1924) and BENNIE JEAN CLARK (b 1928) and their descendants**  
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Mason's parents were James Henry Wall and Myrtle Mae Mason

Bennie Jean's parents are not known to us

iv) Thomas Mason<sup>7</sup> **Wall**, called Mason, was born 3 Dec 1924. He married Bennie Jean **Clark**; two sons. He died 28 Jul 1965, age 40. Born 1 Feb 1928, she died 25 Sep 2000, age 72. They were buried Highland Cemetery, Sparta, White Co TN, he in the Wall plot and she in the Clark plot.

Mason was always called by his middle name, which was his mother's maiden name. In high school he was the star halfback on the football team, to the delight of his father. As a Corporal in World War II (Co E, 157th Inf), Mason was captured by the enemy and interned near Munich for over a year, undergoing many hardships. Cousin James Thomas Wall reviewed these notes and added some information. He said that Mason was working on a prison farm in Austria or Bavaria and was gored by a boar hog, which left him with a permanent limp.

James also said that, after the war, Mason thought he would take advantage of the GI Bill and enroll in college in Cookeville. He drove over on registration day, found the long queues not to his liking, returned to Sparta and never went to college at all. He eventually took over his father's automobile dealership, but James didn't know whether Mason had had other work before.

Mason married Bennie Jean Clark, whom everyone said was a very sweet person. They had two little boys, who were very young when their father died. We don't know whether there was actually any truth in it, but BFE's parents seemed to think Mason's death may have been related to the care, or lack thereof, he received in the veterans' hospital.

BFE's mother said that Mason, in his wheelchair (after surgery, not long before he died), wanted to hold the little 6-year-old in his lap one more time. James said one of the sons had a golf scholarship at the University of Tennessee and became a teaching pro at a club in Sparta or perhaps McMinnville.

(a) a son<sup>8</sup> **Wall** was born 17 May 1954. He married; one stepchild.

(b) a son<sup>8</sup> **Wall** was born 22 Oct 1960. He married; two children.

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Billy had a successful career in the insurance business. Although his son-in-law joined him years ago in the Sirls-London Insurance Agency in Gallatin, Billy enjoyed staying involved. Full of energy, he always had many additional interests, willingly providing his time and services for the betterment of local, state, and national organizations. For many years he was an active Boy Scout volunteer, and he did much volunteer work with the American Red Cross, participating in and managing disaster teams. He was a member of the First Methodist Church, served as president of the Gallatin Lions Club, and was a 32nd degree Mason, and Shriner. He also found time to help us with our family history project.

He and Suzanne were a very handsome couple. They traveled extensively and had lots of interesting souvenirs from some rather exotic places. In Gallatin, one of their shared activities was remodeling and adding on to their house, which we enjoyed seeing on a wonderful visit with them several years ago. We were impressed with their furniture which, except for carefully selected antiques, they had custom made.

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**PEGGY ANN WALL (b 1926) and CHARLES WILSON and their descendants**  
and  
**PEGGY ANN WALL and WILLIAM LARKIN and their descendants**  
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Peggy's parents were James Henry Wall and Myrtle Mae Mason  
Charles' parents and birthdate are not known to us  
William's parents and birthdate are not known to us

v) Peggy Ann<sup>7</sup> **Wall**,<sup>77</sup> born 14 Mar 1926, married Charles **Wilson**; two daughters. She married William **Larkin**; one son. She married David **Curtis**; no children known to us. She died 21 Apr 1996 Nashville, Davidson Co TN, age 70, and was buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Nashville.

Her real name was Peggy, not short for anything. Because her mother was ill so much, she was just called the baby, and somehow wasn't formally named for a long time. She liked the name Peggy, and BFE's mother said she named herself, perhaps when three or four years old.

BFE felt sorry for her because her mother had died when she was only about six. She was the youngest in the family and had to shout to make herself heard over the older children. One day when BFE was visiting at her house when they were little, she and BFE played together. There was a stove, or a fireplace with a metal hood, in the room where we were. Peggy showed her how you could hold a broken crayon against the warm metal edge and soften it. Then you could mend it, and she has never forgotten that.

(a) a daughter<sup>8</sup> **Wilson** was born 7 Sep 1948. She married and had two children.

(b) a daughter<sup>8</sup> **Wilson** was born 19 Feb 1951.

(c) a son<sup>8</sup> **Larkin** was born 11 Oct 1954. He married and had a child.

**-- Some information about the SANDIDGE family --**  
**referenced on page 4b-20**

*Note: much information is available about this family; we hope this brief summary is of interest.*

**I. John Sandidge**, born about 1666 in England, married Mary [Sandidge], who was born about 1670.

**A. William Sandidge Sr**, born 10 Jul 1698, married Anne **Pulliam**, who was born about 1702.

**1. William Sandidge Jr**, born about 1724 Spotsylvania Co VA, married Elizabeth **Graves**.<sup>\*</sup> He died Jul 1777 Albemarle Co VA, age about 57. Born 14 Feb 1720, she died 26 Jan 1826, age 105.

**a. Capt John Sandidge**,<sup>\*</sup> born 25 Nov 1760 Albemarle Co, served in the Revolutionary War. He married Mary **Wood**<sup>\*</sup> 13 Nov 1783 Albemarle Co. He died 27 Jul 1832, age 71.

**i General Pleasant Sandidge**,<sup>\*</sup> born 19 Oct 1791 Albemarle Co, married Elizabeth Jones **Edwards**.<sup>\*</sup> He died 3 Jul 1849, age 57. Born 20 Feb 1797, she died 7 Jun 1867, age 70.

**a) Henry Clay Sandidge**, born 9 Feb 1830, married America **Allen**. Born 27 Jul 1842, she died about 1895, age about 53. He died 2 Sep 1816, age 86.

**i) Kent Sandidge Sr**, born 16 May 1872, married Hattie McMillan **Williams**. Born 11 Sep 1876, she died 18 Jun 1942, age 65. He died 9 Dec 1959, age 87.

**(a) Kent Sandidge Jr**, born 9 Jun 1897, married Mildred **Regen**. Born 10 Jan 1900, she died 15 Oct 1987, age 87. He died 1 Feb 1993, age 95.

**(i) Suzanne Sandidge** was born 20 Jun 1927 Nashville, Davidson Co TN.

<sup>\*</sup> buried Sandidge Cemetery, on Howard Curry Farm, DAR Cemetery Rd, near Newt, Green Co KY.<sup>94</sup>

## **WILKES HAMMOCK WALL (b 1921) and ELIZABETH TAFT (b 1921) and their descendants** from page 4b-15

Wilkes Hammock's parents were Wilkes Hammock Wall and Neta Ozenia Williams  
Elizabeth's parents were Dake Taft and Nannie Coleman

i) Wilkes Hammock<sup>7</sup> "Hank" **Wall** Jr, born 27 Jul 1921 Cookeville, Putnam Co TN, married Elizabeth **Taft**; two children. She was born 21 Jul 1921 Sparta, White Co TN. Her parents were Dake "Mose" Taft and Nannie **Coleman**. Hank and Elizabeth were divorced. He later married Jere [Wall], who had a porcelain doll making business. They were divorced. He died 12 Mar 1990 Cookeville, age 68, and was buried Algood Cemetery, Algood, Putnam Co.

BFE's parents (JWF, Johnnie Wall Fisher, and CCF, Claire Cole Fisher) always had a special fondness for Hank. He was their first nephew, at least the first one born after JWF was an adult, and she and CCF liked to have him come stay with them whenever they could. They didn't have me, their first child, until they had been married seven years, so they enjoyed a sort of surrogate parenting with Hank.

Presumably this gave his parents a bit of help, too, as they had other children in the next few years. JWF often recalled fondly a scene, which probably happened more than once, when Hank was quite little. His father let him out of the car and he ran up the walk calling eagerly to them, carrying a bundle of diapers under his arm.

He continued to visit JWF and CCF as he grew older, so he was around a good deal after BFE was born. She thought of Hank then (and still does) as her older brother. Due to the age difference, she doesn't suppose they actually did many things together. She does remember his pony and wagon at his parents' house.

The only incident of his growing up that she remembers specifically was that he hurt himself in a swimming accident (at the "Crystal Plunge" in Nashville) when he was visiting us as a teenager. He was having fun and unthinkingly put something on a lifeguard's chair and dove off hurriedly. It shifted position as he did, and he struck the bottom of the pool, breaking his neck. It must have been pretty bad, BFE remembers his father coming and all the adults being very distressed. Fortunately, he made a marvelous recovery. He wore a neck brace for a long time. She remembers him wearing only the back part of it when he was dressed to go out, and JWF fussing at him for this, but we guess in the long run it didn't hurt him.

MARRIAGE -- He and Elizabeth Taft were married when they were quite young. They lived next door to his parents for many years. Their house was small but nice. BFE remembers a very attractive kitchen done in yellow, and that they had provided a space to build in a fireplace in the living room. They were divorced after being married quite a long time, and we're not sure what happened to Elizabeth, except that we think she married again and in January 1999 was still living in Cookeville. We liked her and were sorry to lose touch.

Hank's short second marriage was to a woman whose name was Jere (pronounced "Jerry"). All we know about her is that she had two daughters, and a small business making the most beautiful porcelain dolls. Once when BFE visited she showed her the dolls and the large workroom added onto the back of the house. She was very impressed and was personally disappointed that she and Hank did not stay together.

CAREERS -- Except for two years in the Pacific Theatre with the marines in World War II, Hank was a rural letter carrier all his life until he retired in 1978. He then began a second career as maintenance manager for the First United Methodist Church in Cookeville, a position he held for the rest of his life.

SERVICE -- He was always involved in a variety of service projects. For example, among his posts with the Middle Tennessee Boy Scout Council, he served as a District Commissioner and received a Silver Beaver award. He was a dedicated blood donor to the Red Cross and a member of its 15-gallon club. He was a longtime member of the well known and active Backsliders Class at the church and served a term as its president.

From the program for his memorial service (written by his brother James Thomas Wall): "Perhaps the best way to sum up the life of Hammock Wall is to say that he was 'on call' -- on call for service to anyone in the community that needed him. All over the community he was continually doing things for people who had difficulty doing things for themselves. His trips to Nashville on medical errands for others were legendary."

On a personal level, his living next to his mother during her widowhood, and looking after her when she had lost most of her vision and needed help, was material in enabling her to continue living in her home. He could check on her each morning and each evening. This meant a lot to his siblings, none of whom lived close enough to do this regularly.

Less than a year after his mother's passing, Hank suddenly became ill and died only two weeks later, of a sub-arachnoidal aneurism. This apparently came about as a result of some condition he had had from birth, which had not caused any trouble earlier. Naturally losing him was hard on his siblings, who kept hoping for improvement until the last. No one could believe he would be gone so quickly, while he was so young and vigorous. Even at our distance we could hardly believe it.

- (a) a daughter<sup>8</sup> **Wall** was born 10 Jan 1941 Cookeville, Putnam Co TN. She married; two children.
- (b) a son<sup>8</sup> **Wall** was born about 1943 Cookeville, Putnam Co TN. He married; no children.

*This is the last page of text about our WALL lineage  
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2. FGR, Thomas Meredith Thweatt Wall.
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21. Correspondence and interviews with Opal Geneva Hale Hayes and Christine Hayes Miller of Sparta TN.
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