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Mart and Martha Clark Witt, was born 10-04-1870 in Lee County, Virginia. She married Ulysses Simpson Grant Legg in 1892. They raised a large family of nine children in Keokee. The children in order of birth were: 1) Malinda Nervesta Bell, born 1893, married James Clay. 2) James Knox Polk, born 1895, married Bertha Mae Parsons. These were my grandparents. 3) John Laney Walker, born 1897, married Ella Ruth Marrs. 4) Susan Martha Elizabeth, born 1899, married Radford Barnett. 5) Oscar Martin, born 1901, died an infant. 6) Grace Loretta, born 1902, married James Roy Parsons. 7) Dorthula Aza Ole, born 1905, married Angelo Toney. 8) Ota Grant, born 1909, died an infant. 9) Gladys Virginia Evelyn, born 1911, married H. Jerome Farmer, Sr.

Sally was well liked by everyone and although she faced some hard circumstances during her lifetime she maintained a sweet disposition. She died in 1937 and U.S.G. died in 1957. Both were buried in the Grant Legg Cemetery in Keokee.

In the above picture standing left to right: Jim Clay, Malinda Legg Clay, John Legg and Susan Legg. Seated left to right: Grant Legg, Grace Legg, Knox Legg, Dorothy Legg, Sarah Frances Witt Legg and Gladys Legg is the baby. *Submitted by Stephen C. Smith, 1629 Clifton Downs Ct., Kennesaw, Ga. 30144*

WILLIAM WOODSON, SR. (1801 - 1884)

William Woodson, Sr., son of John Pleasants Woodson and Elizabeth Y. Davidson, owned land in Lee Co., Va., Claiborne Co., Tenn., and Bell Co., Ky. His wife was Ann Peavely or Pebely. They had children: John, Elizabeth, Sarah Jane, Martha, Parthenia, Mary, Andrew, and William Woodson, Jr. Sarah Jane married Sterling Cox Kincaid; Elizabeth m. Judge David K. Young; Andrew m. Mossie Kincaid; William Woodson, Jr., m. Lucy Anne Hoskins (sister of William G. Hoskins).

William G. Hoskins married Mary Ann Kincaid, daughter of Sarah Jane Woodson and Sterling Cox Kincaid.

William and Anne Peavely Woodson were buried on the Woodson farm at Gibson Station, Va. A large impressive monument was erected at their grave, with this inscription: "Plain, honest, frank, industrious, charitable to the poor; united by love they lived a long happy and successful life and died among a generous people."

In later years this stone was torn down and defaced. William Woodson Hoskins of Bluefield, W. Va., a descendant of William Woodson, Sr., is working on plans to have the stone removed and put into good shape, and having it placed in the Meador Cemetery in Harrogate, Tennessee, in the plot of William G. Hoskins and wife, Mary Anne Kincaid, granddaughter of William and Anne Peavely. Mary Anne Kincaid and William G. Hoskins were married in the home of William Woodson, Sr. at Gibson Station, Va.

A small marker is to be placed on the Woodson farm at Gibson Station, Va., on the site of the original monument, to show the real burial spot of William Woodson, Sr., and wife, Anne Peavely. *Submitted by Mrs. William W. Hoskins*

YEARY, BENEDICK

Benedict Yeary born ca 1732 died ca 1802 came to Lee County, Virginia, ca 1782, when records indicate he settled on Station Creek with his wife, Mary. They were granted tracts of land by acts of the Virginia General Assembly as a Land Office Treasury Warrant. These patent grants totaled 600 acres. During the American Revolution, Benedict Yeary hauled provisions from the Holston area to Powell's Valley. This service probably enabled him to gain favor in receiving these land grants. On 18 Dec 1794 the Virginia General Assembly enacted an order for – "building a wagon road from the Block House . . . to Benedict Yeary (Eries) in Lee County."

Benedict transferred land to William, his second son, on 1 June 1802. William was born ca 1760-'70 and married Elizabeth Hubbard (ca 1772-1865). In addition to his father's lands William acquired considerable land by grant and by purchase. He eventually bought acreage in the Sugar Run Community and lived there until his death August 1842. Elizabeth's family was so well established here that part of the area was known as Hubbard Springs. William was appointed by John Tyler, Gov. of VA and later Pres. of US, as Lee County Justice of Peace. He also served two terms in the VA State Legislature. William and Elizabeth had thirteen children. I descend from their fourth child, Henry 1798-1881. He married ca 1820's Ruth Russell (8 Jan 1796-9 May 1889). Ruth was the daughter of John and Rachel Hobbs Russell. Rachel was the great-granddaughter of Vincent Hobbs. Both the Russell and Hobbs families were pioneers of Southwest Virginia. Henry and Ruth raised nine children on their Sugar Run farm. Their eighth child was my great-great-grandfather, Marquis Lafayette Yeary born 9 May 1837. In 1857 he married Louisa Blankenship born 4 Aug 1839. Louisa was the daughter of Arthur and Lavina Jane Blankenship. She was the 14th of Arthur's 19 children. Lafayette, often spelled Leafaitte in family materials, reflects his mother's French heritage as the Hubbards (Hubert) were French Hugenotts. Lafayette and Louisa had an extremely close relationship. They ran a large boarding house near the train depot in Hubbard Springs. Here they raised six children. Their home was the center of community activity. In their elderly years Louisa was ill for a long time. They both had prayed that their happy life would end together if the Lord willed. During the winter of 1922 one of Lafayette's cows gave birth to twin calves. In an effort to save the calves he dragged each one to nearby water to clean and revive them. This exerted effort on his part on this cold night caused him to become ill and on 25 May 1922 Lafayette died of pneumonia. Louisa became ill then and thirty minutes after

Lafayette and Louisa Blankenship Yeary

Lafayette's death, she died! All of this excitement caused a visiting daughter Ollie Querry, to give premature birth to a son. Lafayette and Louisa are buried in the Bethel Cemetery. An ironic sidenote about the boarding house the Yearys ran: On 2 June 1909 my maternal grandparents, Henry Clint and Bobbie Colli Williams, spent part of their honeymoon in this house enjoying the miner springs nearby.

Lafayette's son I descended from was Henry Marquis Lafayette Yeary known as Mark. He was born 24 May 1867 died 7 Nov 1948. He married Mary Frances Harber born 24 Dec 1865 died 24 Mar 1946. Her parents were Wallis and Ellen Harber. Mark had a large farm in Sugar Run which he operated until arthritis made him bedfast. Mark and Mary Frances are also buried in Bethel Cemetery. Their daughter, Myrtle Elizabeth, born 22 Nov 1890 died 12 Aug 1968, married Joe Sephus Hedrick on 4 July 1908 in Cumberland Gap, TN. Sephus was born 25 Nov 1884 in Harlan County, KY, and died 26 June 1973. They had nine children and farmed in the Mt Moriah Community where his parents, George Washington and Nancy Ledford Hedrick had settled. Sephus and Myrtle are buried in the Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Their son, Earl, is my father. My sons, Shane and Tim Spence, are the ninth generation of our family to proudly live in Lee County. *Submitted by Virginia Hedrick Spence*

SOLDIERS

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS BURIED IN OR NEAR LEE COUNTY, VA

1. James Baldwin in a graveyard near the old Fred Davis house, just over the Tennessee line.

2. Archibald Bales and wife, his 4 children, 1785, buried near the Duff house in upper Lee Co. All killed by Indians.

3. Jonathan Bales and wife, children, in the old Bales Graveyard, 5 miles from Rose Hill, on Martin's Creek.

4. Captain George Ball (wife killed by the Indians) is buried in the Ball cemetery 4 miles from Ewing, across the field from the Ball home where Fred Frank Stickley now lives.

5. John Ball, under rock cliff, behind Cliffton Neff house. He requested this where the Indians would not bother him.

6. Moses Ball and wife Elizabeth Yeary are buried in the Ball Cemetery, same place as Capt. George Ball, his father.

7. David Chadwell, who established Chadwell Station in VA, is buried in the Breastworks Cemetery on a hill overlooking Tazewell, Tenn.

8. William Ewing and wife Sarah Hix Wynn Ewing. Ewing Graveyard across the road from the Friendship Church, 5 miles from Jonesville.

9. Major George Gibson (wife Elizabeth Smith) buried in the Gibson Graveyard in a field back of the old Fort Gibson Station.

10. Captain Joshua Hobbs, near Dryden, VA, Lee County.

11. Vincent Hobbs and wife somewhere near Dryden.

12. Jacob Thomas and wife Louise Schulyzre, buried in what is now the Presbyterian Graveyard, Papersville, VA, 3 miles northeast of Bristol, VA.

13. John Thomas and wife, Martha Vermillion Thomas, graveyard on hill near the Chambers home on the Virginia-Tennessee line.

14. Wilson Vermillion and wife Nancy McNiel Wilson, somewhere in Lee County, near Jonesville, VA.

15. Henry Yeary and wife, Elizabeth Croxsdale, graveyard behind Harry Rowlett's Yeary Graveyard.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSIONERS LISTED IN 1840 LEE CO. CENSUS

Boggs, Enoch, 91; Carmack, William, ??; Crabtree, Jacob, 81; Ely, William, 91; Gilbert, Samuel, ??; Marion, Samuel, 94; Mills, Francis, 83; Smith, Edward, 89; Submitted by Rosie Kincaid, Rose Hill, VA

Michael Soul Hines & Sarah Frances Hancock Hines

John Houston, (Brother of Sam Houston) of Houston, Texas. (First Governor of Texas).

My father was the oldest son of Robert Henry and Sarah Smith Hines. His name being Robert Henry Hines was the oldest of ten children: Margaret, Elizabeth, Sarah, Abram, John, Jim, Will, Michael*, Ben and my father, Robert Henry Hines.

My father's uncle, Michael, was a doctor. He had a son, Dr. Branard Hines, of Montgomery County. He practiced around Blacksburg and Cristiansburg.

My mother's people were of French Descent. (This was in the time of the Revolutionary War). I have a straight course through the D.A.R. Her father, Alison Jeter, had two uncles, Gideon and Ransome Jeter. One lived to be one hundred and the other near one hundred. Grandfather Jeter was a Captain in the Civil War. The names of my brothers and sisters are: Robert Alison Hines; Sarah Elizabeth Hines Peters; Mary Lucy Hines (died at 18 years) not married; James Henry Hines; Dianna Hines (died at 2 years); Lavenis Ellen Hines (never Married); Alice Virginia Hines Hoskins; Michael Joseph Hines; Margaret Catherine Hines Deadmore; Penelope Ann Hines (Nellie) Ireson; Thomas Jerome Hines; Emery Milton Hines.

This was dedicated by me as the last member of this family living. I did the best I could to remember. It is all you will ever have. Penelope Ann Hines Ireson

Michael* This is Michael Soul Hines, Father of J. R. Hines, presented in another article in this book.

Submitted by Becky Jones, Jonesville, VA

W. R. (DUB) HINES (1927-1988)

Walter R. "Dub" Hines, born in Lee county April 3, 1927, died Saturday morning, February 27, 1988, at his home in Jonesville.

Mr. Hines graduated from Jonesville High School in 1944, which he followed by a tour of duty with the U.S.Navy in the Pacific Theatre. While in college to study accounting and business administration (1946-49) he married Frances Perkins (1948) and the couple had five children, eight grandchildren.

In addition to periods of working as a merchant (1950-53) and private business (1977-80 and 1981-83), Mr. Hines distinguished himself by serving Lee County in several capacities, including postmaster at Jonesville (1961-75) after 10 years of employment as rural carrier in the Jonesville area.

Mr. Hines was appointed Lee County Administrator in January 1984 and served until June 30, 1985, when he was appointed Lee County Registrar and served one year in that office.

He was hired in July of 1987 to direct the federal Head Start Program in Lee County.

Charles Calton, Lee County Court Clerk, said, "I have known Mr. Dub Hines many years and considered him a very close personal friend. I know that Dub was a person who was interested in helping people and dedicated to the principles for which he stood. I feel Dub will be greatly missed by many of his friends in Lee County."

Lowell Williams, former principal at Jonesville High School, and longtime friend of Mr. Hines [illegible] with supporting the school in every way, saying he had participated in plays, skits, etc., to raise money for the band, for stage curtains, etc. "If we had a problem and needed help from the community, Dub Hines was called on," he said, adding, "he even provided automobile transportation to take kids to various programs."

Williams remembered the coldest football game in history for the school which was played against Pound when Mr. Hines came out in spite of his health problems and announced the play off, greatly pleasing the crowd. "It won't be the same at the games," he said "without Dub's wit and style and his way of announcing a game that made visitors go away feeling good about the school."

He remembered when the band was started again at JHS in 1963 after an absence of about 15-20 years, when Mr. Hines asked the band director to tell him how much money he needed and how many days he had to get it, then he'd proceed to raise the money, as much as $1,000 in a 24 hour period.

Williams said on one occasion when the school was planning to hire a coach, he asked Mr. Hines how he felt, as a close patron of the school and as the father of a son in school. "He was someone you felt you could turn to," said Williams. "He and Ben Davidson and some others you can always count on. He wanted to be part of the school.

"He was loyal to the school and wanted it to do well. He furnished the school with some good kids. All his kids went to school at Jonesville. They were

Dub Hines (W. R.)

good school citizens. Dub was proud of them and we are, too."

Civic and fraternal organizations to which Mr. Hines belonged and offices held include: Jonesville Lions Club - Secretary and President: Lambert-Fleanor-Bays American Legion Post, Commander; Jonesville Volunteer Fire Department; Jonesville Band Boosters Club - President; Preston Lodge #47 AF&AM, all offices and District Deputy Grand Master; Lee Royal Arch Chapter, all offices and District Deputy Grand High Priest; Cyrene Commandery, and Kazim Shrine Temple.

Dub was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Jonesville. *Prepared by Tom R. Jones, Jonesville, Va; Submitted by Frances Hines, P.O. Box 303, Jonesville, Va*

HOBBS

In 1735, three Hobbs brothers, Beal, William, and Vincent migrated from England to Maryland. William moved to North Carolina. Beal and Vincent remained in Maryland where Vincent married Mary Shelby, a relative of General Evan Shelby. They lived upstream above tidewater, on the southern shore of the Potomac River.

Sometime later, Vincent and Mary with their family, went to Guilford County, North Carolina where their daughter, Rachel was born in 1767. She married John Russell, and they remained in North Carolina a few years, during the Revolutionary War, aiding the American colonies.

Eventually, the Vincent Hobbs family came to the area near the present city of Bristol, Va., Tenn. on the north fork of the Holston River, now known as Benham, Va. Here the Hobbs family lived on the adjoining farm to John Benham, who married their daughter Mary (Polly). Benham was a large land owner and he built a fort from which a few Revolutionary War soldiers were discharged.

General Evan Shelby lived at Sapling Grove, presently known as Bristol, Va., Tenn. He had a fort and a trading post. It was an important place at that time. From there, General Shelby, his sons and the Hobbs men engaged in Indian expeditions and fought in the Revolutionary War. Previously, Vincent, Sr. was in the Battle of Point Pleasant.

In 1780, the Hobbs family moved to Powell Valley. Most of the married children with their families also came to the settlement known as Turkey Cove.

Vincent and Mary purchased a 330 acre farm in 1793, located on both sides of Powell River, two miles south of Dryden, VA. They built a three story log house and lived their remaining years on this farm. They are buried there. Their children: 1. James went west to Missouri; 2. Abner migrated to Collins River in middle Tennessee; 3. Ezekiel remained on the north fork of the Holston River. He married two or three times and fathered 23 children; 4. Thomas' destiny is unknown.; 5. William was killed by Indians at Cumberland Gap, probably burned at the stake.; 6. Job lived in the midwest but spent his last years in Marshall County, Arkansas, still living at the age of 102 years; 7. Vincent, Jr. was a notorious Indian fighter, having fought Indians in Tazwell and Russell Counties before coming to Turkey Cove. His most noted feat was killing Chief Benge at Stone Gap and freeing his captives, the wives of Peter and Henry Livingston. Vincent's two brothers, Job and Absolom were among the twelve men who waylaid Benge and his party. This was the last Indian raid on Virginia soil. Later Vincent went to middle Tennessee to live. There he killed Chief Buck Elk; 8. Absolom; 9. Rachel married John Russell; 10. Mary (Polly) married John Benham. They brought the Benham apple from Maryland. 11. Rebecca married William Blanton.

Absolom, the youngest child, was 16 years old when the family arrived in Turkey Cove. He bought his farm across the river from his father's home by floating two loads of wild cherry timber down stream from Virginia to Florence, Alabama for which he received $600.00.

Absolom married first, Susan Helvey. Their children: 1-4. Henry, Levi, Absolom, Jr. and John West went to Indiana before the Civil War.; 5. William was killed by a horse in Kentucky; 6. Job married Susan Flanary, married second, Mary Jones. Job was the father of sixteen children. He remained in Turkey Cove, living on the Lovelady Trail; 7. Rebecca married John Orr. They lived in this area, 8. Mary (Polly) married James Abbey. They lived in Indiana; 9. Susannah. No record.

Absolom married second, Mary Olinger, daughter of John C. Olinger. Their children: 1. Peggy married Eli Buckles in Wise County, VA.; 2. Vincent married Clarenda Creech and were the parents of eight children. He was a Confederate soldier, was captured and died in a Yankee prison while his children were still very young.; 3. Jacob married Lucinda Sword in Virginia. They went to Indiana before the Civil War.; 4. Clinton, at the age of 17, went to Indiana. He left home wearing a large shawl his mother had made. He traveled a month following paths and streams.; 5. Caleb married Nancy Sallings in Scott County, Va. He remained there. He was a Confederate soldier.; 6. Joshua Ewing (J. E.); 7. David Crockett was a Confederate soldier. He trained sixteen year olds and had them ready to go into the army. David went to Indiana and became a successful farmer.

Captain J.E. Hobbs joined the Confederate Army in Lee County. He served in the 64th Regiment of the Virginia Mounted Infantry, Company A, under Col. Campbell Slemp. He was in the Battles of Saltville, Jonesville, and Cumberland Gap.

After the Civil War was over, J. E. Hobbs married first, Emily Flanary. Their children: 1. Rosa married George Pennington.; 2. Zack Elbert mar-

died Elizabeth Ely.; 3. Mary D. married Tatum Ely.; 4. David Creed Clark married Martha (Mattie) Crabtree.; 5. Dewitt Ewing married first, Mary Vandeventer, married second, Hattie Ely.

J.E. Hobbs married second, Mary Fletcher Crabtree, no children.

Following the Civil War, J. E. Hobbs began his farming career. His first venture was to borrow money from a relative to buy hogs to fatten on the corn he had grown on rented land. He and his work hands drove the hogs to Bristol, VA to be shipped to Baltimore, Maryland. He received enough money to repay what he had borrowed and enough to buy more hogs to be fattened. After much planning, and working long hours, he became a successful farmer and began to get established financially. *Submitted by Jessie H. Myers, R. 1, Box 358, Dryden, Va. 24243; Sharon Peters, P.O. Box 64, Dryden, Va. 24243; Clyde W. Hobbs, Rt. 1, Dryden, Va. 24243*

CLARENCE JOHN HOBBS

Clarence John Hobbs, son of Joel and Sarah Ann (Sullivan) Hobbs was born 8 Dec. 1894, in the Wallens Creek Community, Jonesville, Lee Co. Va. He was the sixth child of Joel and Sarah Ann.

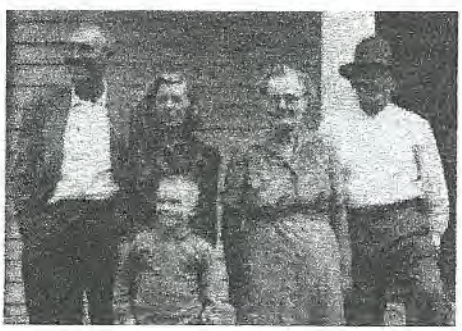
Clarence spent his early years in Lee Co. At the age of twenty he went to Kansas where some of his brothers lived. He stayed in Kansas a few years, then returned to Virginia, where he married 5 Jan. 1918, in Jonesville, to Hazel Pearl Warner, born 11 Dec. 1895, Wallens Creek Community, Jonesville, Va., daughter of George G. and Sarah C. (Weddle) Warner.

They spent their early married years in Lee Co. Their first child, Robert Clarence Hobbs, born 17 March 1919 and died 25 March 1919. He is buried at the Warner Cemetery, Jonesville. Clarence was in World War I, in France when Robert was born.

Their second child, Albert Ewing Hobbs, born 24 Nov. 1920 and died 30 Nov. 1920. He is also buried in the Warner Cemetery, Jonesville.

Their third child, Charles Franklin Hobbs, born 5 June 1922, Jonesville, Va. He was killed in a tractor accident in March 1978. He married Ruby Nell Lyttle, Nov. 1956. Daughter of John and Parolee Lyttle. They have one son, Charles Franklin Hobbs Jr., born Oct. 13, 1958. Charles Jr. married Carol Faith Hope. They have two children Charles Franklin III, and Mary Kathleen "Katie" Hobbs.

After this they moved back to Kansas and lived near Hiawatha. They were living there when their fourth child was born. Sara Marie Hobbs, born 4 June 1930 in Horton Kansas hospital. She married Paul Roberts, 8 Oct. 1954, he died 28 Sept. 1956. She married James Vincent Viviani 17 Oct. 1957, divorced Aug. 1977. She continues to make her



Charles, Ruby Nell, Pearl, Clarence, Charles, Jr.

home in Miami, Florida.

The family moved back to Lee Co. when Sara was three.

Clarence and Pearl moved to Tennessee in 1935, but again returned to Jonesville in 1939, where they remained. They bought a farm in the Flatwoods Community in 1940. They were living there when Pearl passed away, 30 July 1968. Clarence later went to live with his daughter Sara in Miami, Florida, where he passed away 20 Aug. 1978.

Clarence and Pearl are both buried in the Warner Cemetery, Jonesville, Virginia. *Submitted by Sara Viviani, 55 N.E. 151 St., Miami, Fl. 33162, 305-944-1678*

JEROME HOBBS

Jerome Hobbs was born about 1839 in Lee Co. Va. s/o George Washington and Catherine (Blubaugh) Hobbs. Jerome spent his entire life in S.W. Va. He was married 10 Aug. 1860, to Jemima Kaylor born about 1839, d/o Hiram and Catherine (Fleenor) Hobbs. Their first son, my husbands grandfather, Joel was born 15 May 1861, near Abingdon, Wash. Co. Va. (History elsewhere on Joel). Jerome and Jemima's second child, William Washington, born about 1864, married 21 Aug. 1884, Sarah L. Bevins. Hiram Kaylor the next child was born about 1866. His first wife Nancy __; second wife Orpha

Jerome & Jemima Hobbs

__. No children. They may have raised a nephew. We have a picture of Hiram and a woman and boy, do not know which wife. Jerome and Jemima's daughter, Aritta "Rettie" born 11 May 1868, married 29 Feb. 1888, Wash. Co. Va. Robert (Bob) David Bradley Hutton, s/o Leonard and Dorcus (Perdue) Hutton. They had several children. Isaac E. or Iziack next born about 1872. No information on him. Catherine "Carrie" was next. Think she married Will Davidson, they had boy Roby and girl Reta. We have picture of Rita and Roby when small. No other information on them at this time. Jerome and Jemima's last child Jennie, not sure on this. Would like more information on these children.

My husband's Aunt Elsie (Hobbs) Hopkins, Rose Hill Va. Daughter of Joel, can remember her grandparents Jerome and Jemima. At this time we do not know where they are buried. Elsie has helped a lot with our research on family. For this we are so grateful. History by Estelene Hobbs. *Submitted by John Hobbs, Powhattan, Ks. 66527*

JOEL HOBBS

Joel Hobbs, was born 15 May 1861, Wash. Co. Va. s/o Jerome and Jemima (Kaylor) Hobbs. Joel married 28 Dec. 1882, Sarah Ann Sullivan, daughter of Hardin and Frances "Franky" (Johnson) Sullivan (old spelling) Swellavin. Joel and Sarah lived in Wash. Co. where their first three children were born. Then Wise Co. Va. where the next two children were born. After that moving to Lee Co. where they spent the remaining years of their lives.

Children: 1. Ida Ethel, 21 Feb. 1883 near Abingdon, Wash. Co. Ida married 8 Feb. 1900, Caleb Houston Ball, born 7 Feb. 1875 Rose Hill Va. Ida and Houston Children: A. Mae Annette, 27 July 1901, Lee Co.; B. Elsie Laura, 27 March 1903, Powhattan, Kansas Brown Co.; C. Ethel Ozelma, 11 May 1905, Powhattan, Ks.; D. Earl Leroy, 23 April 1907, Colby, Ks. Thomas, Co.; E. Dorothea Alta, 25 Dec. 1908, Colby, Ks.; F. Estil twin to Dorothea 25 Dec. 1908, died at birth.; G. Maurice Eugene, 11 Feb. 1913, Powhattan, Ks.; H. Eva Lois, 5 May 1916, Fairview, Ks.; 2. Lee Jerome 11 Sept. 1885, Wash. Co. Va. Lee married 27 Aug. 1912, Emeline Munsey. No children. Lee died in 1977.; 3. Warren Crawford 18 Sept. 1887 Wash. Co. Va. (History elsewhere on Warren); 4. Wilmer L. March 1890, Big Stone Gap, Wise Co. Va. Wilmer married Mary Landon.; 5. Jesse 15 Nov. 1892, Wise Co. Va. Jesse married 8 Dec. 1912, Katherine Emily Munsey d/o Samuel and Althea Caldonia (Ramchett) Munsey. Their children: A. Martin, 5 March 1914, Lee Co. Va.; B. Ida, 26 Nov. 1915, Lee Co.; C. Jennie Marie, 2 Oct. 1917, Powhattan, Ks.; D. Robert Lee "Lester", 10 March 1920, Powhattan, Ks.; E. Billy Dale "Dale", 9 Oct. 1921; F. Velma Jean, 4 April 1923, Fairview, Ks.; G. Jesse Houston, 11 April 1925, Powhattan, Ks.; H. Betty Lou, 4 May 1927, Powhattan, Ks.; I. Eudora Belle "Toots", 19 Jan. 1933, Powhattan, Ks.; J. Loren Wayne, 15 July 1939, Robinson, Ks.; K. Larry Elbert, 27 Dec. 1941, Robinson, Ks.; 6. Clarence John, 8 Dec. 1894, Jonesville, Va. Lee Co. Clarence married 5 Jan. 1918, Hazel Pearl Warner, d/o George G. and Sarah C. (Weddle) Warner. Clarence died, 20 Aug. 1978, and is buried Warner Cemetery.; 7. Fannie, 2 June 1896, Rose Hill, Va. Lee Co. Fannie married 7 Nov. 1921, W. J. Fletcher. She later married Thurmond Minton.; 8. Laurance, 24 Sept. 1898, Laurance married Laura Johnston.

Sarah Ann died 14 Feb. 1901, Rose Hill, Lee Co. Va. Joel remarried Ella Jane Phipps. (Seperate History on Joel and Ella) Joel died 12 Sept. 1942. Rose Hill, Lee Co. Va. Joel and Sarah are both buried Speaks Chapel Fee Cem. near Rose Hill.

My husband Paul, did not know where his grandparents were buried. In April of 1980, our trip to Lee Co. Va. with the help of his Aunt Elsie (Hobbs) Hopkins, we found the Cem. About the only way to get to it, is to walk up to it. Such a beautiful place to look out over the country.

History by Estelene Hobbs. *Submitted by, Paul Hobbs, 406 N.E. 90th St., K.C. Mo. 64155*

JOEL HOBBS

After Joel's first wife Sarah died, Joel remarried, 29 May 1902, Ella Jane Phipps, born 4 March 1866, d/o Newton and Margaret Phipps. Joel and Ella made their home in the Rose Hill area of Lee Co.

Their children: 1. Guy, 16 Feb. 1903, died Aug.

Ida, Lee, Sarah, Joel, Warren, Wilmer Hobbs

1903 and is buried Speaks Chapel Fee Cem. by his Dad.; 2., Lora Edith, 26 June 1904, Lora married Stephen Lee. Lora died 25 Aug. 1986; 3. Ernest Theadore, 11 July 1906, Ernest married Venna D. Saylor.; 4. Estie or Estey, 13 April 1908, Estie married 26 May 1928, Mary Depew. They made their home in Maryland, where Estie died 15 Aug. 1958. Mary continues to live in Maryland.; 5. Elsie Mae, 29 Nov. 1914, Elsie married 17 Sept. 1943, Oscar Hopkins. Their children: A. Betty Sue, 1 Jan.

Joel & Ella Hobbs

1946. Betty married, 3 June 1967, in Dryden, Va. William Ray Newman. They were later divorced.; B. Patty Lou, 16 Oct. 1947. Patty married, 4 June 1966, Dan Cecil Flanary. They have two children, Richard Preston, 6 April 1968, and Patricia Ann, 3 April 1974. They live in Maryland.

Elsie moved into Rose Hill, Va. Sept. 1989, where she keeps busy with her home and huge garden. She also pieces quilt tops.

Joel died, 12 Sept. 1942, and is buried with Sarah in the Speaks Chapel Fee Cem. Ella Jane died 3 Feb. 1945, and is buried Thomas Cem. near Rose Hill. Ella Jane's parents are buried there also. History by Estelene Hobbs. *Submitted by Elsie Hopkins. P.O. Box 303, Rose Hill, Va. 24281*

LENNIE HOBBS

Lennie Hobbs was born on November 23, 1903. Her father and mother were: Leftridge E. Hobbs and Adelia Seals. Leftridge Hobbs' mother and father were: David Luther Hobbs and Mary E. Marcum. Adelia Seals' father and mother were: Jimmie Seals and Matilda Barker. All of these lived in Lee County.

The children of Jimmie Seals and Matilda Barker were: Adelia, Virginia, Azzie, Warner, Jim, Albert, and Haden.

The children of David Luther Hobbs and Mary Elizabeth Marcum were: Margaret, Sally, John, Leftridge, Hanson, Charles, and Tom.

The children of Leftridge Hobbs and Adelia Seals were: Caleb, Virginia, James, Minnie, Birty, Lennie, Elizabeth, Janetta, and Golden.

Lennie Hobbs married Everett A. Whisman on December 24, 1922. Their children were: Della, Meredith, Mildrd, Evelyn, and James.

Lennie Hobbs Whisman died on March 27, 1985. (See the Whisman family) *Submitted by Della Farrer, 5705 SR 8, Auburn, Ind. 46706*

LEO C. HOBBS

Leo Cecil Hobbs was born on September 4, 1938, to Earl Taft Hobbs and Rebecca Jane Middleton Hobbs of Hagan, Virginia. To Earl and Rebecca were born 12 children: Leonard, Wilma, Helen, Earl Jr., Betty Jean, Herman, J. M. (electrocuted, while working as a lineman in Kentucky on February 27, 1954), Leo, Noble Clyde (died at birth, June 26, 1940), Barbara Ann, Bessie Sue, and Chester. His grandparents were Jobie Hobbs and Gillie Crouse Hobbs and Mose Middleton and Maudie Kirk Middleton. His father, Earl, died January 24, 1955, following a heart attack. His mother Rebecca, died in a Cincinnati, Ohio, hospital on December 14, 1975. Leo married Joyce Mae Everett of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, on November 3, 1962. She is the daughter of Henry Marshall Everett and Nellie Mae Munson Everett of Elizabethtown, and is the youngest of six children. To this union was

Sergeant Major Leo C. Hobbs

born four children: Leo Cecil Jr., Marc Alan, Shawn Taft, and Travis Marshall. Leo Jr. is 28 years old, is married to the former Deserie Waters of Plattesburg, New York. They have three sons; Leo Cecil III, Christopher Eugene, and Joshua Alexander. They reside in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and Leo Jr. supply company. Marc is 26 years old, is married to the former Teresa Lee Weathersby of San Diego, California. They have two children; Melissa Renee and Ryan Mitchell. Marc works for General Electric in Louisville, Kentucky, and is attending the University of Louisville, pursuing a degree in business management. Shawn is 21 years old, single, and living at home. He works for Winn Dixie in Elizabethtown, and has been there since a senior in high school. Travis is 15 years old, a freshman in high school and an honor student. His dream is to become a veterinarian. Leo was working at Crownsville Mental Hospital in Crownsville, Maryland, when he was drafted into the United States Army in April of 1961. He served with distinction for 30 years, retiring on May 1, 1991. While stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he met his wife, Joyce. After a short courtship of three months, they were married in Gallatin, Tennessee. During a 30 year military career, they were separated only a total of four years of which the family could not accompany him. While stationed in Germany, they visited France, and London, England. Leo was on temporary duty to Morocco, Fort Irwin, California, and Fort Lee, Virginia. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam and Korea, three years in Schweinfurt, Germany, and three and one half years in Wiesbaden, Germany, where he was the dining facility manager of the second largest dining facility in the United States Army. Leo was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort Riley, Kansas, Fort Belvoir, Virginia and culminated his military career at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he was the Food Service Advisor to Fort Knox and Director of Logistics Sergeant Major. He received four awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, four Army Commendation Medals, 10 Good Conduct Medals, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Ribbon, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and National Defense Service Ribbon. Leo is working at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, as a Supervisor in Food Service. Joyce has worked at Fort Knox for seven years, where she is a Military Personnel Clerk for ROTC, processing awards for active duty personnel. They live in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. *Submitted by Joyce M. Hobbs, 2379 Hutcherson Lane, Elizabethtown, Ky.*

ROBERT JASON HOBBS

Robert Jason Hobbs was born on January 7, 1976, at the Hiawatha Hospital, Hiawatha, Kansas.

Robert Jason Hobbs

to Robert Roy and Jane Alice (Reynolds) Hobbs. At the time of this publication, he is a Freshman at Sabetha High School, Sabetha, Kansas, and lives with his mother in Fairview, Kansas. *Submitted by Robert Hobbs, Rt. 1, Fairview, KS 66425*

ROBERT ROY HOBBS

Robert Roy Hobbs, grandson of Warren and Grovia (Moore) Hobbs, who were raised in Lee County, Virginia, was born on February 1, 1954, at the Hiawatha Hospital, Hiawatha, Kansas, to Roy Paul and Roberta Jean (Hixson) Hobbs of Kansas

Robert, Anita, & Megan Hobbs

nearer her parents, Roy Mitchell and Anna Elizabeth (Hayes) Hixson. Robert, better known to most as either Bobby or Bob, attended Oak Park High School, Kansas City, Missouri, until his Junior year, when he went to Hiawatha, Kansas, to live with his grandparents, the Hixson's. He graduated from Hiawatha High School in 1972. He then worked at the Fina Station and Meyers Lumber Company. On January 6, 1973, at the Fairview Christian Church, Fairview, Kansas, he married Jane Alice Reynolds, daughter of Maurice and Bonnie Reynolds. To this marriage was born two children, Bridget Faith, on July 12, 1973, and Robert Jason, on January 7, 1976, both born at the Hiawatha Hospital, Hiawatha, Kansas. In 1978, Bob and Jane were divorced and Bob moved back to Kansas City, Missouri in 1982. He formed a corporation, J & B Maintenance, Inc. in 1985, consisting mainly of lawn care and janitorials. In that same year he moved to Ferrelview, Missouri, and in 1986, married "The girl next door," Anita Jean Lamb. This marriage took place in a grove of trees near the Marriott Hotel at the Kansas City International Airport, Kansas City, Missouri. Anita, known by the nickname "Jeannie," was born on August 28, 1956, at the Warrensburg Hospital, Warrensburg, Missouri, to William George and Betty Lou (Akers) Lamb. Bob and Anita had a daughter, Nicole Dewease, born prematurely February 18, 1988, at the Kansas University Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas, who died on March 23, 1988, while still in the hospital. On May 4, 1989, a second daughter was born premature, but healthy, at North Kansas City Hospital, North Kansas City, Missouri, and named Megan Elizabeth. *Submitted by Anita Hobbs, 220 Third Street, Ferrelview, MO 64163*

WARREN CRAWFORD AND GROVIA ANN (MOORE) HOBBS

Warren Crawford was born September 18, 1886, the third child of Joel and Sarah Ann Sullivan Hobbs of Washington Co. His family later moved to Lee Co.

Joel and Sarah had 8 children. Ida, Lee, Warren, Wilmer, Jessie, Clarence, Francies, and Lawrance. Sarah died in February 1901. Joel remarried Ellc Jane Phipp, they had 5 children, Guy, Lora, Ernest, Estie, Elsie, Elsie still lives in Jonesville.

As a boy, Warren attended school through 6th grade. He had to work helping his brother Lee raise tobacco. Later, Warren went to Colby, Kansas where his sister Ida Ball lived. They moved to Powhattan, Kansas, where Warren worked on the farm.

Warren served in WW I. After the war, his Lee Co. roots takes him back, where he met the girl of his life, Grovia a neighbor. My father said they left lovenotes for each other in the woodshed, because Grovia's father didn't want them to go together.

Warren returned to Kansas and rented a farm.

family to Trough, S.C., where they worked in the mill.

April 22, 1920, Warren married Grovia Ann Moore, daughter of Walter Emmitt and Rebacca E. Mize Moore. Grovia was born August 1, 1900.

On their way to Kansas, they stopped to see his brother Lee. As they crossed the Powell River, the boat capsized and sank. They lost everything except the clothes on their back.

Warren and Grovia made their first home 2 1/2 miles north of Powhattan, Kansas, farming.

Warren and Grovia had 8 children, Elizabeth Lee Filley, Feb. 16, 1921; Emma Ruth Bates, Nov., 10, 1922; Geneva Geraldine, Aug. 31, 1924; Ray Donald, Sept. 7, 1926; Roy Paul, June 4, 1928; Edith Dorathy Johnson, June 28, 1931; Walter Clyde, Feb. 9, 1933; Anna Marie Corley, Nov. 14, 1943, Geneva died at age 3.

As a child, I remember my father loved to read. In the evening he sat at the table reading the paper and helping us children with our school work. He could do arithmetic, algebra and geometry in his head faster then we could with a pencil. He never forgot his Virginia Roots for he and brother Jessie loved hunting with their coon hounds, and fishing to his death.

Grovia, Warren Hobbs

The Hobbs' lived all their married life around Powhattan. Warren farmed and in later years worked at Powhattan Grain Elevator until he retired to the farm.

Grovia died April 8, 1963. She was buried in the family plot at Powhattan Cemetery. Warren continued living on the farm 1 1/2 miles west of Powhattan until his death on June 12, 1974. He was buried beside his wife and daughter.

Warren was descendant of Vincent Hobbs, Sr. whom came from England in 1735; settling first in Maryland and coming to Lee Co. about 1770. Vincent Hobbs, Sr. most notable descendant was his son. Vincent Jr. was an Indian fighter; he killed Indian Benge who had terrorized and murdered settlers in Southwest Virginia. The Virginia Legislature voted him a Silver mounted rifle for his bravery.

The part on Vincent Hobbs is from the book Early Settlers Lee Co., topic Hobbs and Benham page 572. *Submitted by Emma Ruth Bates, P.O. Box 2010, Sparks, Nv. 89431*

HOBBS-JOHNSON

I, "Edith" Dorothy was born 28 June 1931 near Powhattan, Kansas Brown Co. d/o Warren and Grovia (Moore) Hobbs, descendant of many Lee Countains. I attended twelve years of school in the Powhattan School System. After graduating from High School, I went to Bethany Hospital, K.C. Kansas, as a Student Nurse. While there I met Don Johnson. We were married 8 Sept. 1950 in the Powhattan Methodist Church.

In Oct. 1950 it was a joy for my husband and me to take my parents to Lee Co. Va. where they had grown up, to visit relatives. Our first stop was my father's brother Lee and wife Emma. We continued on to his brother Clarence and wife Pearl, and cousins Charles and Sarah Marie Hobbs. We visited my mother's brother Herbert Moore and wife Fannie cousins Coy and Gray and their families. Also mother's cousin Maude. We visited several scenic places. We were greatly impressed by the beauty of the Mountains, which we do not have in Kansas. We continued into Tennessee near Bulls Gap, my mother's father Emmett Moore and his second wife Lillie. This was the only time I saw my Grandfather Moore. Something I remember about him was that he chewed tobacco and used a spittoon, something I had never seen before. I also remember Grandma

Warren Hobbs Family

Lillie's biscuits how good they were. Grandma Lillie gave Don and me her special feather bed to sleep on. We visited mother's brother Uncle Guy and Family and her sister Aunt Betsy and family. Those memories of visiting family are so special to me.

Our first little Johnson to arrive, was Donnie Raymond Tusher Johnson II, born 15 Jan. 1952. Our second blessing, Annalee Ruth, arrived 29 June 1954. Two more sons were born to us; David Richard, on our Seventh Wedding Anniversary, 8 Sept. 1957. And last, but not least, Duane Robert arriving 1 April 1959.

Donnie was married 29 Aug. 1981 to Carol Hicks, Carol has a daughter Jennifer 6 years old, from a previous marriage. They make their home in LaCygne, Kansas. Annalee makes her home in San Diego, Calif. She works for the American Red Cross. David lives Rural Powhattan, Kansas. Duane attends College in Nebraska.

We would love to visit Lee Co. again sometime and also Charlston, South Carolina, Middleton Place, Arthur Middleton's home which is my Husband Maternal Genealogy line.

We purchased my parents home place in Rural Powhattan which is our present home.

Although my Mother raised a large family, she was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. She was an especially kind person.

One of the last memories I have of my father when he was in the Hiawatha, Kansas Hospital, prior to his death, a friend visiting him was introduced to me as a man from Lee Co. Va. My father was always proud to say he was a Lee County, Virginian. History given by Edith (Hobbs) Johnson. *Submitted by, David Johnson, Rt. 1, Powhattan, Kansas 66257*

HOBBS-KELLY

Paula granddaughter of Warren and Grovia (Moore) Hobbs, Warren and Grovia moved to Kansas from Lee Co. after they were married. Paula was born 23 Dec. 1961, d/o Paul and Jean (Hixson) Hobbs. She attended grade schools in the Kansas City area, and Park Hill High. Paula is employed at St. Lukes Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

Pat & Paula Kelly and Sara Hobbs

Paula married 2 June 1990, K.C. Bryan Patrick "Pat" Kelly born 11 Oct. 1961, s/o Carl and Imogene (Kier) Kelly. Pat is employed by a Law firm in Kansas City and in the U.S. Navy Reserves.

Paula has one child, Sara Anne Hobbs born 21 Aug. 1981. Pat, Paula and Sara make their home at 6003 E. 149 St. Grandview, Mo. *Submitted by Paula Kelly, 6003 E. 149 St., Grandview, Mo.*

HOBBS-MIDDLETON

Earl Taft Hobbs and Rebecca Jane Middleton were married August 29, 1923, at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee. They were both residents of the Hagan community. He was the son of Job and Gillie Crouse Hobbs. Rebecca was the daughter of Mose and Maudie Kirk Middleton.

Earl Hobbs was born in Hagan where his father, Job, had settled to farm land purchased from his aunt Nancy Ann Grabeel Milam who moved with her family to Missouri. Job was from Pennington Gap, Virginia while his wife, Gillie, was from Hagan.

Job carried the U.S. mail for 29 years, some of

Rebecca and Earl Hobbs

them on horseback, and was the first mail carrier out of Cumbo, Virginia. He also farmed and ran a general store. In addition, he was a staunch Republican. In 1930, he erected a new home on the site of the original house of aunt Nancy Ann Grabeel Milam. This house still stands and two of Job's daughters, Golden Lamb and Ruby Thomas, still reside there. This property has now been owned by

Job Hobbs, Bill Lamb, Earl, Jr., Gillie Hobbs

the family for at least six generations.

Rebecca Hobbs was born in Harlan County, Kentucky. The Middleton family moved on to Pulaski County, Kentucky, and eventually settled in Hagan.

Earl and Rebecca Hobbs lived their married life in the Hagan community. Earl farmed, ran a general store, and did electric line construction work. To this union was born 12 children, 11 of whom lived to maturity. These children were Leonard, Wilma Ruth, Helen, Earl, Jr., Betty Jean, Herman, Noble, Leo, J. M., Barbara Ann, Bessie Sue, and Chester.

Although Earl died on January 24, 1955, and Rebecca died on December 14, 1975, the home place is still owned by their descendants and a

family reunion is held there every July. Earl and Rebecca are buried in the Milam-Hobbs Cemetery in Hagan along with two sons, Noble, who died in infancy, and J.M., who died in an electrical construction accident at the age of 17. *Submitted by, Linda Hobbs la Cour, granddaughter, of Earl and Rebecca Hobbs, Box 737, Midway, Ky. 40347*

HOBBS-MILLER

Paul a descendant of many Lee Countains, was born 4 June 1928 near Hiawatha, Kansas Brown Co. s/o Warren Crawford and Grovia Ann (Moore) Hobbs. Paul first married Roberta Jean Hixson d/o Roy and Elizabeth (Hays) Hixson. Children: Robert, 1 Feb. 1954, Michelle Denise 30 Jan. 1958, Paula Jean, 23 Dec. 1961. History elsewhere on these.

Paul later remarried 24 July 1971, Estelene June (Miller) Minor, born 26 June 1934, near Purdin, Missouri Linn Co. d/o Norman Everett and Ivie Emerine (Walters) Miller. One of Estelene's Gr-grandmothers came from Virginia.

Estelene first married Oliver Kenneth Minor, s/o Don Athol and Nora Jane (Overstreet) Minor. Children: 1. Linda Lou, 8 Jan. 1954, Brookfield, Mo. Linda married 17 Aug. 1973, Earl Herman Jackson born 20 Oct. 1952. s/o Earl Herman Sr. and Cosette Bertha (Gordon) Jackson, children, Kenneth Earl, 20 June 1976 Chicoppe, Jeremy Phillip, 14 Nov. 1978, Ft. Worth, Texas, Matthew Ryan, 26 March 1981, Chicoppe and Lisa Katherine "Katie" 19 Jan. 1987, Chicoppe. Linda and Earl make their home, 17 St. Jacques Ave. Chicoppe, Mass.; 2. Ronnie Douglas, 7 March 1957, Brookfield, Ronnie died 10 March 1957, and is buried Cemetery Purdin, Mo.; 3. Kenneth Leslie "Les" 23 Feb. 1958. Les married 25 Sept. 1981, Gail Lynn Vanderford, born 22 Oct. 1956, d/o Arnold and Maxine (Horton) Vanderford. Children: Leslie Nicole, 6 March 1983, Michael Adam, 27 Aug. 1984. Les and Gail make

Estelene & Paul Hobbs

their home, 506 Lindberg, K.C.; 4. Kevin Scott, 10 March 1959. Kevin married 22 Sept. 1984, Kris Denius. They divorced. Kevin makes his home, 7303 N.W. Locust Dr. Parkville, Mo.; 5. Lisa "Karen," 31 May 1960, Karen married 30 July 1982, Douglas Dean Stephens, born 31 May 1960, s/o Russell and Millie (Walton) Stephens. Doug and Karen make their home in Holt, Mo. They are looking for their first baby Stephens any day now.; 5. Kyle Edwin, 13 Sept. 1967 K. C. Kyle makes his home in the New Mark Townhouses. One of their grandfathers came from Va.

Estelene worked for Fleming Wholesale Groc. two years in IBM Dept. Carried mail as a Sub Rural Carrier for ten years and drove a school bus six years. Hobbies: Family, Genealogy, Crocheting, sewing and traveling.

Paul attended grade school in the Powhattan District and one year of high school, then one year of high school at Atwood Community High, Atwood, Kansas. Paul worked for farmers in the area that year and also a cafe in town. Paul came to Kansas City in 1951 working for Auto Transport, then the Bus Co. He worked for Belger Cartage fourteen years and T.W.A. twenty-one years. Paul is retired from the Teamsters as and over the road driver.

In 1974, Paul and Estelene purchased a farm in Linn Co. that had belonged to a Gr-Gr-Aunt of Estelene's. It has been in the family over one hundred years.

Paul and Estelene are members of the Glenwood Baptist Church.

Paul and Estelene reside at 406 N.E. 90th St. K.C. Mo. 64155. They keep busy with home and family, farm, and traveling. *Submitted by, Karen Stephens, Rt. 3, Box 131, Holt, Mo. 64648*

HOBBS-PENDLETON

My parents, Earl Taft Hobbs, Jr. and Maurice Pendleton Hobbs, were both reared in Lee County.

Maurice Pendleton Hobbs was born October 23, 1926, along with a twin brother, Morris, in Shawanee,

Earl Hobbs, Jr.

Tennessee to Bedford and Lucy Wolfenbarger Pendleton. She was one of thirteen children and was reared on Sugar Run. Maurice attended the area schools and graduated from Flatwoods High School. She worked in northern Ohio during World War II and, after returning to Sugar Run, met my father, Earl, Jr.

Earl, Jr., often known as June, was born January 30, 1930, to Earl, Sr. and Rebecca Middleton Hobbs in Hagan. He attended Hagan school and Thomas Walker High School. Earl, Jr. spent many days helping his grandfather, Job Hobbs, farm but began line construction work upon finishing his schooling.

Maurice and Earl were married September 26, 1949, in Middleboro, Kentucky and Earl continued working line construction, the young couple moving 31 times in 7 years.

On July 17, 1952, their only child, Linda Kay, was born in Lancaster, Kentucky.

In 1956, Earl and Maurice moved to Brownstown, Indiana and began a construction company, Line Contracting Company. Today this company works throughout Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia, often doing work in the Lee County area.

Another company, Brownstown Electric Supply was formed in 1970 and this company now does business throughout Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, and Illinois selling high voltage electrical supplies. The main office is in Brownstown, with two in Kentucky and several located elsewhere.

Today, while still in construction, Earl enjoys

Maurice Pendleton Hobbs

raising Polled Hereford and Saler cattle. He breeds, shows, and sells them in many states and owns several farms, one being Hobbs Polled Hereford Farm in Lee County. He has also bought several tracts of land that were once owned by his beloved grandfather, Job Hobbs.

While Maurice was a full time mother and housewife, she also kept company books for Line Contracting for many years. Today she is active in her church, Brownstown Baptist, and many community activities. She is also an avid golfer and bowler.

Linda was educated in the Brownstown Schools and graduated from Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, with a degree in English. She received her Masters of Education in Reading at University of Louisville. She taught Secondary English and Remedial Reading for several years in Jefferson County, Kentucky and Scott County, Kentucky.

On August 1, 1981, Linda and Rick la Cour of Lexington, Kentucky were married in Brownstown. Today they are parents of two children, Gunner, born March 3, 1984, and Lucy Taft, born February 1, 1988. Lucy Taft is named for her maternal great-grandfather and grandfather Earl Taft, Jr. and Sr. and her maternal great-grandmother, Lucy Pendleton.

Linda today is a full-time mother. Rick, after many years in the thoroughbred horse business, now operates the Midway, Kentucky office of Brownstown Electric Supply. The la Cours reside in Midway where they are active in their church and community affairs.

Although I have never lived in Lee County, it has always seemed like home to me. I have such good memories of trips to visit both sets of grandparents

Linda Hobbs, Lucy Taft, Rick, & Gunner la Cour

and all of the relatives and kind folks there. I try to make several trips back a year so my children can know their relatives and the special quality of life there. I only wish none of the family had ever left and that we'd all lived there together. Someday it is my hope to have a place of my own in Lee County, where my roots are. *Submitted by Linda Hobbs la Cour, P.O. Box 737, 304 South Winter, Midway, KY 40347*

HOBBS-REASOR

Morgan Bayless Hobbs and Melissa Mae Reasor were married June 1, 1940, by Rev. Robertson in lower Lee County. They were my parents. Daddy was born December 29, 1896, one of ten children of Joseph Henry Hobbs and his wife, Emma Pride Bayless, who lived at Rose Hill. He had a farm between Rose Hill and Ewing, traded cattle and worked in the stock yard at Ewing. He also carried the mail in young adult life. I remember him as being a very loving, kind, fun father. He was known throughout the area as a very fine, honest man. I remember when he made more profit than he had anticipated on a cow he bought from a lady over in the country. He went all the way back over there and

Morgan Bayless Hobbs

gave her part of the money. On May 26, 1950, which was five days before my ninth birthday, he was killed in an automobile accident. He had gone to look for me a pony for my birthday that day. The show of grief by his friends and family was tremendous. Even now, forty-one years later, people speak of him with great love. Mama always said he was perfect.

Mother was born Melissa Mae Reasor on September 11, 1906, and grew up in upper Lee County a few miles out of Big Stone Gap. She was one of four children of John Jay and Beatrice Reasor. Her father was a member of the state legislature. She went to Lee Baptist Institute at Pennington Gap in high school and graduated from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee. After college she moved to lower Lee County and taught high school at Rose Hill and Ewing for thirteen years combined before she married Daddy. They were married almost ten years, and a year after his death, she started teaching again, but in elementary school. Over all the years she taught two and sometimes three generations from the families. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ewing where she played the piano, taught Sunday School and was active in the W.M.U. and Bible School. She was a member of the Lovelady Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was a member and president of the local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Honorary Teachers' Sorority. In addition to the above, she ran the farm and worked very hard. I remember her with great love, respect and admiration. She retired after over thirty years of teaching. She died September 28, 1978, after a long fight with cancer. Mother was a great person. She was so caring, versatile, interesting, and so much fun. I

Melissa Mae Reasor Hobbs

always enjoyed her stories about such things as her travel and work in New England before she was married and funny things in life.

Claudette Willis came and lived with us after Daddy's death, and she was and is still very special. She and I have had our families and live in Knoxville, Tennessee.

My roots in Lee County are so grounded in good values, good education and love that I hold my heritage very dearly. I was born the day before my parents' first wedding anniversary and named Emma Bea for both grandmothers. I moved away after college but still go back to Lee County and love it and its people very much. It's a beautiful place, as they say about people, "both inside and out." *Submitted by Emma Bea Hobbs Stallings, 425 East Fox Den Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917, (615) 966-5793*

HOBBS-SHELBY

Vincent is my husband's Lee Co. Pioneer coming to Lee Co. Ca 1770, settling in the Powell Valley. Vincent along with two brothers, William and Beal immigrated to the states from England ca 1735. Vincent first settled in Maryland. There he married Mary "Hannah" Shelby ca 1740. They had ten children.

At the time Vincent and Hannah settled in the Powell Valley they endured many Indian raids, one where they lost a son.

Vincent Jr. ca 1746 was in the Virginia Militia and was promoted to Capt. In a battle with the Shawnee Tribe, he killed their Chief Benge. After that the Government awarded him a Silver Rifle.

Ezekiel being one of Vincent sons, was in the Revolutionary War. Ezekiel had 23 children, thirteen by one wife and 10 by last.

My husband Paul and I looked many times, on

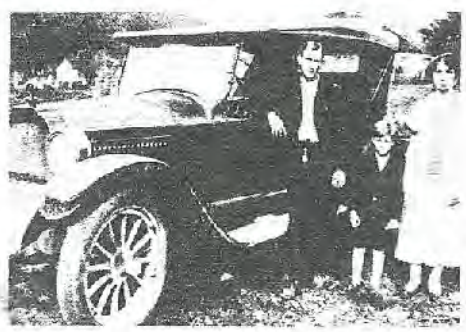
Fourth Generation Grandchildren of Vincent Hobbs Joel's Children

our trips to Virginia for Ezekiel's grave. Finally in April 1989, we were able to locate the cemetery, but not the grave as all that is left is stones. No fence and the cattle walk over it. We had heard that it was one of the most beautiful spots in Virginia. We agree. It is located close to Mendota, Wash. Co. on what was once a two thousand acre Hobbs Plantation. You have to walk a swinging bridge over the N. Fork of the Holston River and then walk about a mile and climb a mountain. I had never walked a swinging bridge before and wasn't sure I could, but we were determined to find the grave site, we did. After we reached the top, the view is just something you cannot describe. We came back to it in Nov. 1990 so we could get the view with a camcorder. We are planning another trip to Wash. and Lee Co. Jonesville, Va. in Sept. 1992 for the two-hundred year celebration of Lee Co.

Paul's line from Vincent, son Ezekiel, his son George Washington, his son Jerome, His son Joel, his son Warren, Paul's father. History by Estelene Hobbs. *Submitted by Estelene Hobbs, 406 N.E. 90th St., K.C. Mo. 64155*

SHELBY HOBBS

Shelby Hobbs 1815-1897 born on Holston River



Shelby Hobbs II, Laura Pearson Hobbs, Earl E. Hobbs

near Mendota in Washington County, Va., son of Ezekiel and Elizabeth Lilly Hobbs, and grandson of Vincent Hobbs the immigrant; came to Lee County before 1835. He married in Lee County, 21 Oct. 1835, Margaret Blubough, daughter of Jacob Blubough an immigrant from Germany. They had two children; Martha Ann 1836 and a son 1838. The story is that Margaret was trying to swim a horse across rain swollen Powell River with the nine or ten month old baby in her arms. The bridle broke, the horse panicked, and all perished.

About 1842 Shelby Hobbs married second Lucinda Zion 1819-1880 daughter of William and Mary France Zion. Their children were: John Z. Hobbs 1844-1864 a Civil War prisoner died of typhoid at Camp Douglas, Ill.; Elizabeth Hobbs 1845 married Jim Webber; Nancy Hobbs 1847 married Jessie Burton; Hampton Hamilton B. Hobbs 1849-1927 a Civil War veteran, also a prisoner at Camp Douglas, Ill. He took care of his brother John and was with him when he died; William France Hobbs 1850 married Martha Harper Tyler Hobbs 1851-1854. Another son who died in infancy in 1853; Zion Hobbs married Mary Patterson; James Jesse Hobbs 1859 married Mary Matilda Gates; lived in Colt, Arkansas; Jasper B. Hobbs 1861; Newton D. Hobbs 1863-1864

Shelby Hobbs married third in Lee County 2 July 1882 Susan Rivers; one child Alpha Hobbs.

Hampton Hamilton B. Hobbs 1846-1927 married in Lee County 26 July 1868 Amanda J. Collinsworth b. 1847, daughter of Thomas and Ester Blubough Collinsworth. They lived in Dryden. Their children were: John Silas Hobbs 1869-1943 married in Lee County 1892 Belle Asburry. They lived in Seminary; Martha J. Hobbs 1871 married Floyd Stewart and lived in the Crab Orchard; Calidonia Hobbs 1873-1898; Dorthula Doctie Hobbs 1874-1962 married Aaron Floyd Hobbs; lived in Rushville, Indiana; Joseph E. Hobbs 1876 married Emaline Bishop; lived in Wise County; Alexander D. Hobbs 1877 died young; Alamanda Hobbs 1879-1966 married Alfred Robbins; lived in Wise County; Lillie Hobbs 1881 married Conley Rhoten; lived in S.C.; Etta Hobbs 1886-1933 married Samuel Ward; lived in Turkey Cove, Lee Co.; Millard Crockett Hobbs 1883-1958 married Vera Pearson, daughter of John and Rosa Olinger Pearson lived in Crab Orchard, Lee Co., Shelby B. Hobbs II 1890 1954 married Laura Pearson, a sister of Vera; lived in Crab Orchard, Lee Co.

Hampton H.B. Hobbs is buried in the Sigma Cemetery, Crab Orchard, Amanda C. Hobbs is buried in the Barker Cemetery near Dryden. *Submitted by Earl E. Hobbs, 6 West Circle Drive, Bristol, Va. 24201, 703-669-2287; Son of Shelby B. and Laura Pearson Hobbs h in Lee Co.*

STERLING BERTHA HOLT

My Granddaddy, Sterling Elbert Holt, was born 19 July 1896 in Hancock Co., TN to William Nelson Holt (b. 15 October 1865, d. 29 July 1921) and his second wife, McHalley Elizabeth (Betty) Livingston Singleton (b. 26 January 1861 Mississippi, d. 5 November 1945 Hancock Co., TN)

Sterling Holt married Bertha Lucinda Vaughan 28 November 1920. Bertha was born 8 August 1901 in Hancock Co., TN & died 12 March 1973 Lee Co., VA. She was the daughter of William Vaughan (b. 17 February 1864, d. 27 May 1935, m. 8 October 1882) & Susan Alice Deboard (b. 22 June 1866, d. 24 January 1946). Sterling & Bertha were married by a neighbor and life long friend the Rev. Clinton Green in Hancock Co., TN. Sterling moved his family to Lee Co., in 1925 seeking work in the mines. He worked at the mines at Bonny Blue & Benedict. Later, Sterling farmed, ran a dairy, and traded cattle.

The Holts' first home in Lee Co. was in Pennington Gap, where they lived for thirteen years. In 1938, the Holts moved to the Skaggs Hill Community where they made their home until 1947. In 1947, Sterling bought a farm and dairy on US

Russell Coat of Arms

24, 1908; c. Huston Roop b. Sep. 23, 1909, c. Fay Roop b. Jan 26, 1912; c. Hagan Roop b. Mar. 13, 1914 d. Mar. 6, 1952; c. Creed Roop b. May 28, 1916; c. Thelma Roop b. Aug. 19, 1918; c. Elizabeth Roop b. Mar. 15, 1921; c. Minnie Iris Roop b. Dec. 28, 1923 d. Jun. 1984; c. Mary Irene Roop b. Dec. 23, 1923 d. Feb. 19, 1924; c. Minnie Jane Russell b. Aug. 20, 1878 d. Mar. 7, 1964, m. Charles Thomas Roop b. Oct. 15, 1872 d. Dec. 18, 1941; c. Mary Elizabeth Roop b. Sep. 19, 1897 d. Oct. 26, 1960; c. William Rhea Roop b. Apr. 18, 1899 d. Feb. 3, 1965, m. Jeanette Miler; c. Dorothy Roop, m. Hillard Reed; c. Charles Rhea Reed; c. Joann Roop, m. Jerry Roof; c. Glenda Roof, m. Steve Little; c. Jean Roop, m. John Miller, c. Dan Miller, m. Michael Miller; c. Ethel Blanch Roop b. Aug. 23, 1901 d. Sept. 20, 1988; c. Charles Paul Roop b. Jan. 6, 1904 d. Jan. 9, 1988, m Maude Draughn, c. Don Roop, c. Dick Roop, m. Betty Graves; c. Richard Roop; c. Anna Roop; c. Alton Thomas Roop b. Aug. 28, 1906 d. Jan. 25, 1985 m. Alice Warner c. Helen Roop, m. Gene Chadwell; c. Richard Chadwell; c. Roger Chadwell, m. Susan Shanks; c. J.T. Chadwell; c. Annie Rose Roop b. Jan. 6, 1909, m. Howard Simmons; c. Tommy Simmons, m. Sylvia Shinault; c. Kimberly Simmons; c. Amy Simmons; c. Alice Catherine Roop b. Nov. 12, 1910 d. Oct. 28, 1988; c. Gladys Virginia Roop b. Sept. 20, 1912; c. Harold Russell Roop b. Oct. 15, 1920, m. Jerline Middleton; c. Charles H. Roop, m. Brenda Cheek, c. Aaron Roop; c. Edwin R. Roop, m. Karen Marrs; c. Sara Roop; C. Keith Roop.; c. Emily Catherine Russell 1869-1955 m. Charles Campbell Blankenship b. Jul. 24, 1861 *Submitted by William Russell, Rt. 4, Box 642, Jonesville, VA 24263 Gladys Roop, Rt. 3 Box 61, Jonesville, VA.; Faye R. Yeary, R. 4, Jonesville, VA*

HASCUE DOCK RUSSELL

Hascue Dock Russell was born October 1, 1909 in Jonesville, Virginia and deceased April 5, 1971. He was the youngest of three children born to William Andrew Russell and Ellen Mae Bonham Russell. His grandparents were Alex Russell and Elizabeth Baumgardner Russell and Andrew K. Bonham and Alice Gilliand Bonham. The eldest child was a sister, Alice Elizabveth Russell, who was never married. She graduated from Jonesville High School and Radford College. Miss Alice was an educator in the Lee County schools for over forty years. She was deceased in 1976. The other sibling was a brother, Bascom Ewing Russell. He carried on the Russell family tradition of farming. He worked and lived on the family farm until his death in 1981. The farm is still owned by one of the next generation of Russells, the son of Bascom.

The Russell brothers, Hascue and Bacom, married sisters, Hazel and Florence Robbins. They were the daughters of William Arthur Robbins and Jessie Vesta Terry Robbins. Their grandparents were Tennessee Robbins and Mary Ann Allen Robbins and J.C. Terry and Martha Garrett Terry. There were six Robbins children. They are listed in order of birth and married name included: Eula (Speck), Mary (Bledsoe), Ruby (Eagle), Edna (Williams), Florence (Russell), Hazel (Russell), Ralph, Charles Buford (Ford), Glen (Hallie Perry), Houston (Mae Delph).

Hascue Russell and Hazel Robbins, born May 10, 1918, were married October 2, 1938. They both attended grade school at Millers Chapel. Hascue graduated from Jonesville High School in 1927. He worked for the Virginia Highway Department and farmed a part of the Russell farm where he and Hazel lived and reared their two children, Lawrence and Ella Sue.

Lawrence Aston Russell born May 10, 1939, graduated from Jonesville High School in 1957, exactly thirty years after his father. Lawrence is an assistant fire chief in Noblesville, Indiana. He married Geraldine Ann Landes, born January 9, 1943, on November 20, 1960. They have four children: (1) Kathryn Sue - May 7, 1961, married Lawrence Boren - August 6, 1983; Children: Katlyn Rae - May 10, 1986, Andrew Russell - September 27, 1987; (2) Sally Ann - March 13, 1963, married Mark Schildmeier - April 5, 1986; Children: Eric Michael - Janaury 10, 1988, Ellen Marie - December 31, 1989.; (3) Wanda Diane - May 16, 1965, married Donald Goodwin - February 17, 1990; (4) Carl Wayne - August 1, 1968.

Ella Sue (Susie) Russell Matthews, born September 28, 1940, graduated from Jonesville High School in 1958. She is also a gradnate of Hiwassee College and Union College. Susie is a teacher in New Jersey where she lives. Ella Sue Russell and Wayne Herbert Matthews married Febraury 15, 1964 and divorced March, 1976. They have one child, Craig Wayne Matthews, born September 20, 1969.

The Russell and Robbins families have been active members in the Millers Chapel Methodist Church and community for many years. Relatives of past generations that still live in the area, continue to carry on the work of those before us by attending and taking an active role in the church. *Written and Submitted by Ella Sue Russell Matthews, 121 Miller Road, Lakewood, New Jersey 08701*

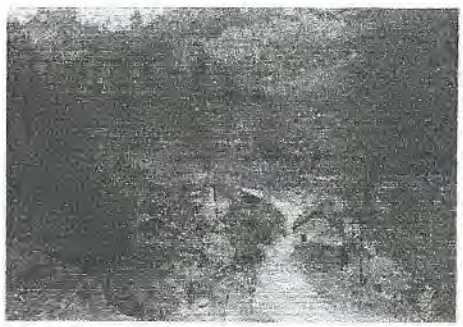
JOHN RUSSELL

John Russell is recorded in the federal census of 1790 as a resident of the Salisbury District of Guilford County, North Carolina with a wife and four children. He was married to Rachel Hobbs, September 13, 1783, a daughter of Vincent and Mary Hannah (Shelby) Hobbs who at the time was living in Washington County, North Fork of the Holston River. Rachel was born November 24,

John Debo Russell's Family and Neighbors Processing Wool

1761 or 1767.

John Russell and his family moved from North Carolina to Virginia sometime after 1790 and took up residence on the North Fork of the Holston River in Washington County. Records indicate that he was living at that location in 1794 but later moved to Lee County and settled on Cane Creek where he acquired land by patent and purchase. He lived at this place until his death August 3, 1838. He is listed as a member of the militia during the War of the Revolution in Guilford County, North Carolina. He



Home Place of John Debo Russell 1907

was known as Captain Russell.

Rachel (Hobbs) Russell died February 25, 1830 and after her death John Russell married Frances Ely, June 5, 1831, a widow of Joseph Ely. Rachel was born November 26, 1778. (Recorded in Russell Family Bible and Lee County Marriage Book 1, Page 1).

John Russell I and Rachel (Hobbs) Russell had 12 children. (The children's names are listed in the Russell Family Bible now in the possession of Misses Mae and Eda Russell).

John Russell, Jr., 3rd oldest child of John Sr. and Rachel was born September 21, 1788 in Guilford County, North Carolina and died March 3, 1859. He married Margaret (Peggy) Stewart (Stuart) around 1808, the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Stuart.

After the death of Peggy, John Russell (now John Russell Sr.) married Eliza Logan after a marriage agreement which stated that in the event of his death (John Russell Sr.) all property would be invested in the children from his first marriage.

John Russell Sr. and Margaret had nine children. (all are listed in the Russell Family Bible); John Debo Sharp Russell, the second oldest was born February 16, 1813 and died 1886. He was married first to Elizabeth H. Smith, a widow, on March 26, 1835 who was born January 19, 1801 and died June 8, 1876. She was the daughter of Edward and Martha (Flanary) Pennington. After the death of his first wife, Elizabeth H. Smith, John Debo Sharp Russell married Rebecca Bishop, November 16, 1880. Rebecca Bishop was born April 14, 1835. No issue by this marriage.

John Debo Sharp Russell and Martha (Flanary) Pennington had 10 children. These children are listed in the Russell Bible. These names may also be found listed in the book, *"Early Settlers of Lee County, Virginia and Adjacent Counties, Volume II."* (Compiled by Hattie Bird Muncy Bales and may be found in the Lee County Library).

John Debo Russell the 7th oldest, was born November 10, 1852 and died April 9, 1932. He married Flora Lee Tritt October 15, 1890. Flora Lee was born September 30, 1869 and died July 28, 1963. She was the daughter of Samuel and Helen (Horton) Tritt. John Debo Russell and Flora Lee had 12 children and in the interest of brevity only one daughter will be mentioned here.

Bertha Golden Russell was born February 27, 1899 and died January 3, 1984. She married Zack C. Flanary, a World War I Veteran. (see Flanary Family). *Submitted by Violes L. Flanary, Dryden, VA Phone 546-3628. Violes L. Flanary: Carl N. Flanary*

SAGE

James Sage, the immigrant, came from a little town in the general area of Bristol, England, to London, according to his diary, where he was "a baker for his majesty, King George III." In 1772, he recorded in his diary that he sailed for America in 1772. In 1780, he married Lovis Ott. The next we heard from him was from his widow's pension claim which was not filed until the early 1850's when she testified that he had left his discharge in "a pair of leather breeches at Valley Forge."

James and Lovis had twelve children, one of