



THE BURKETT FAMILY



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SEATED: Isaac Newton Huggins and his wife Nancy Ann Burkett Huggins. WITH HAND ON SHOULDER: Daughter Winnie Golden Huggins; BEHIND HER (left to right) Son Robert Delton Huggins and his wife Ethyl Adamson Huggins; Daughter Lellye Ray Huggins; Son William Floyd Huggins; and Son Charles T. Huggins, the father of Dr. Clyde G. Huggins. NOT SHOWN is the oldest son Ulysses Blaines Huggins but that is his daughter Irene standing between her Grandparents. Irene was born in 1909 so a guess would be that this photo was made around 1911. It was made in The Old Home on the Given Property in Liberty, Tenn.

New - and plentiful - data from Clyde "Sid" Huggins

Last year I wrote about the fact that our relative in Louisiana, Dr. Clyde "Sid" Huggins was working on getting his information caught up to date. He purchased a new computer program and, after much work, has now provided me with information on 138 additional relatives! He also provided the above picture of his grandparents including his father.

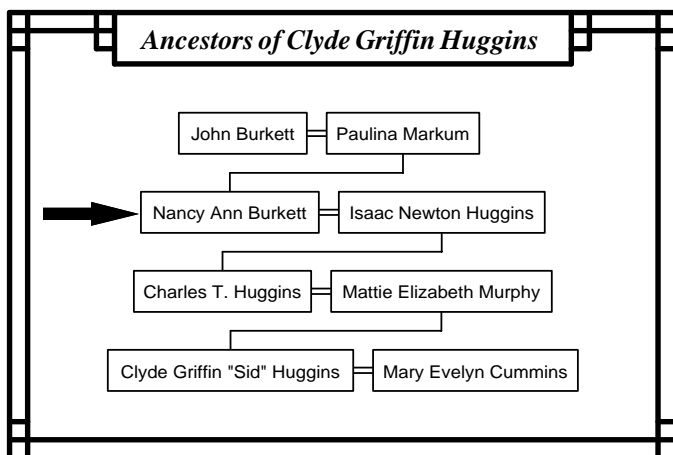
On page 3 I have provided a Family Tree which shows the relationship of his grandmother, Nancy Ann Burkett, to the other Burketts.

Sid wrote to also tell me that, in early November, he and his wife Evelyn spent a week on Lake Travis near Austin, Texas and, during that time, spent a most enjoyable two day visit with Nita Jaynes in Goldthwaite. He also tells me he got some good data on *two (2) generations prior to Henry Burkett and Mary Epley!!* AND he got some additional pictures!

It will take some work on his part to sort it all out but he has promised to forward the information and pictures just as soon as he can and, naturally, I will then share it with everyone else.

But I must say, the evidence seems to be mounting that, prior to Henry Burkett, the name seems to have been Burkhart. Sid Huggins tells me that when he asked some German speakers to pronounce Burkhart it came out sounding very close to Burkett. So it may well be that someone who could write spelled it the way it sounded and, once it was written down somewhere, maybe by a county clerk, then it was simply repeated by copying from one document to another since the early Burketts could not read or write and therefore had no way of knowing how the name was being spelled. Naturally, we're going to keep working on this and hopefully be able to substantiate it one way or the other.

Going back to Sid Huggins, the Tree shown below and the one on the following page shows how we are related. As you will see by looking at both Tree's, Nancy Ann Burkett was Sid's Grandmother, Almon Lee Burkett's Aunt and my great grandaunt.



Well, maybe you can't see she is my great grandaunt but, if she is my grandfather's aunt, she would be my Mother's grandaunt and then my great grandaunt. Or to say it in the reverse, my grandfather Almon Lee Burkett is her nephew, my mother is her grandniece and I am her great grandnephew. I know it gets confusing but just remember that "grand" comes first as in grandfather; then the next step becomes "great" as in great grandfather. Okay. Now let's go to the next page and look at the family tree which shows our relationship very clearly.

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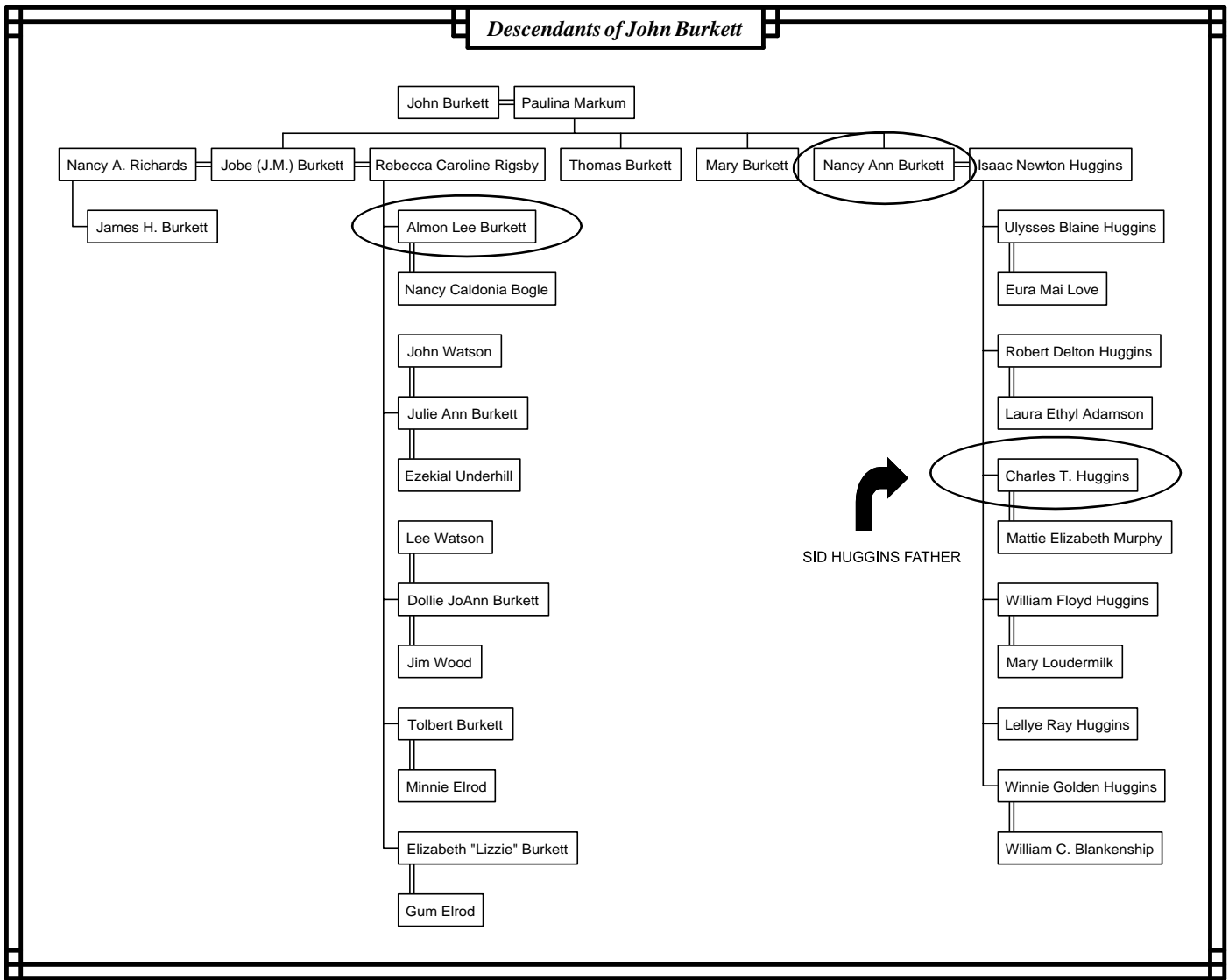
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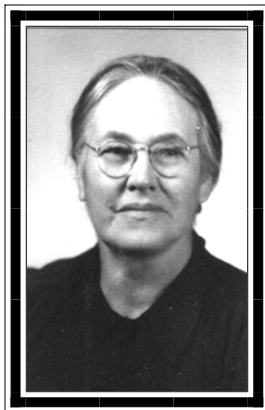
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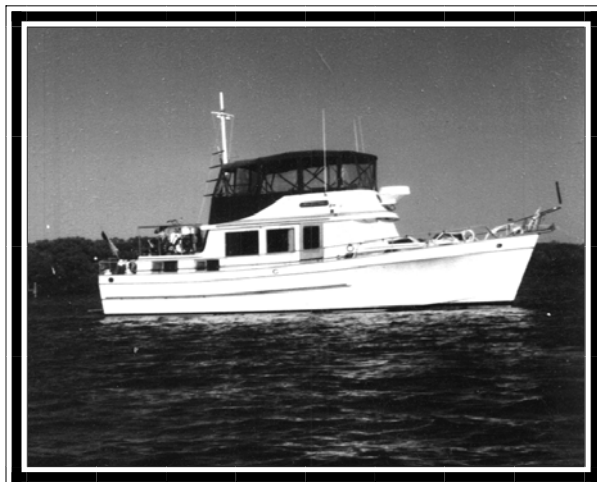
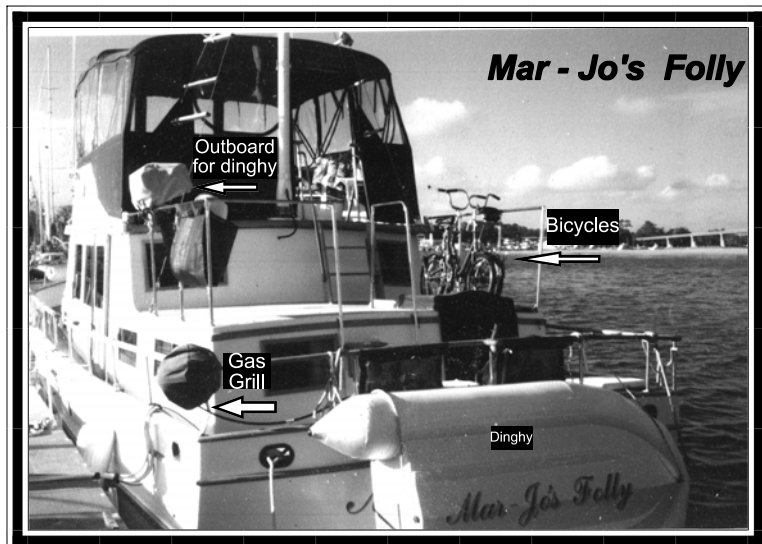
I believe the two (2) Tree's present a pretty clear picture so we'll wait until Sid is able to provide me with the additional information and pictures he got during his visit with Nita Jaynes. And speaking of Nita, I did find a couple of pictures I have not shared so they are below.



This is Nita Jaynes mother, Anna Louise Burkett Jackson. She was born at the Williams Ranch, Brown/Mills County, Texas in 1883. She died in 1977 in Lubbock, Texas and was the oldest daughter of Joseph Lafayette Burkett, a son of Jacob Lorenza Burkett, a son of Henry Burkett, Sr.



This picture was taken 11-25-78 of Willard Grady Jaynes and StellaB "Nita" Jaynes.



At anchor

It's Retirement and Fun Time ! -

Years of planning and hard work went into the above picture! I don't know when I have seen two people so dedicated and determined to reach an objective. But my sister, *Joan*, and brother-in-law Marvin "Marv" McMahon did it. Now they are enjoying the benefits and fun from all that planning and hard work.

Although they have had the boat for several years - it's referred to as a motor yacht and is 44 feet long - it was only last September that they both retired and took to the water for lengthy periods. Before going further, let's look at the name and how it came to be. Just look at their names and you have part of the answer - MARvin - JOan. Some of their friends said, "Why that's *folly* to put money into a boat like that and how often would you use it?" and it became "MAR - JO's FOLLY."

Well, time has proven their friends wrong because they have really used and enjoyed it. I believe it was last October they left Virginia Beach and headed down the intra-coastal waterway to Florida, stopping many times enroute. Sometimes they tied up at a dock space overnight but many nights were spent at anchor. And that's where the dinghy and motor could be used if they wanted to go ashore for shopping, phone calls, laundry or whatever. In the photo on the left, you are looking at the bottom of the dinghy which tilts up and is secured while they are underway. Storage is always at a premium on a boat and, for that reason,

the bicycles are rather unique. I had never seen any like them. Loosening or tightening three or four wing nuts either sets them up for riding or folds them in about three ways for storage. They come in handy in marina's when they tie up at a dock space.

I caught up with them in Daytona Beach and spent an enjoyable weekend at the marina. There was a fair sized farmers market within walking distance - it's a BIG marina - and I went with Jo to buy fresh vegetables. Among the many other vegetables, she bought some okra which she fried - good old Burkett food!

They left Daytona and continued down the Intra-coastal waterway - I believe they call it the ICW - coming across Lake Okeechobee in south Florida and are currently at Ft. Myers on the west coast where I have also visited them. She told me the other day they had fifteen (15) to twenty (20) Manatee's swim back into the little cove of the Marina where they are docked and, of course, everybody gathered to watch them.

Toward the end of February they will move a little farther north to Punta Gorda where there will be some type of boat gathering or convention. They're having fun and making lots of new friends just as Basil and Mildred Banks did when they had their RV. Too bad we didn't have the Newsletter going when they were traveling because they went *everywhere* and I bet they could have told us some stories!

Well, have fun you two, and enjoy! You earned it! ■

Martha had a party - Surprise, that is!

Martha Majors Teague, that's who. She's the daughter of Ova Burkett Majors and the granddaughter of Almon Lee Burkett. And she has some of that Burkett in her that some of the others of us also have. She doesn't know when to keep her mouth shut! What did she do? Well, she told somebody she had never had a surprise party in all her 64 years. Now that was a mistake because word got around about what she had said and it just happened that she had a birthday coming up - December 30. So being the sneaky devils that they are, Susan Campbell, daughter of Audy Majors who is one of Martha's brothers, made the suggestion to give her a surprise party. Audy got on the phone to other relatives and from there it just fell into place. But there's more.

Ten (10) days before her birthday, one of her cousins, Loretta Patterson, gave Martha a surprise luncheon with ham, potato salad, vegetable tray, white coconut birthday cake and more! So now Martha was thinking that's the only party she was going to get. But there's even more.

On Saturday night, December 30, Martha was thinking niece Gail Campbell and her husband Roy were taking her to dinner along with her brother Audy and his wife Sandy. Not so! This was to be the night of the **big surprise party**. Gail and Roy kept Martha occupied while everybody was gathering at Audy's house and *there was a gaggle of people there*. In order to hide the cars from Martha when she arrived with Gail and Roy to "pick up Audy and Sandy", everybody had to park behind Audy's house. To do that, they had to drive over Audy's lawn and I want to tell you it has to be somebody pretty special for Audy Majors to let *anybody drive over his lawn!* And I believe I can produce several witnesses who will vouch for that! Just by coincidence - or was it mental telepathy - I decided to call Audy that night and happened to call just as the party was getting started. Well, when the phone was answered, there was no doubt in my mind but what there was a party going on and it included a camcorder so there is a nice record of the event. There were so many there I'm not going to attempt to list them all here but, as I said, it was a gaggle! Sorry I missed it!

Martha, it's a little late but I hope you enjoyed every minute of it and, hon, you're a fine cousin who deserved not one but two surprise parties. Question - will you be more careful about what you say from now on?! You have to watch Burketts, you know! (And this being the Burkett Family Newsletter I'm not going to say anything about the Majors!) ■

This years Reunion -

Mark it on your calendar now! It will be the third Saturday in June which is the 15th and will be at the same location as last year. Many relatives, including myself, thought that it was an excellent place and even better than where we had been having it which was pretty good itself.

I am extremely hopeful that we will be able to have some relatives this time who have not attended before. I am in touch with some now and hope to be in touch with even more between now and then.

One of our newly contacted relatives lives in Birmingham, Alabama and I passed this on to John Almon Carroll who has been in touch with her by phone and plans a personal visit soon. She is the granddaughter of Palmo Watson and the great granddaughter of Dollie JoAnn Burkett and Lee Watson.

We have many relatives in Tennessee who I have simply been unable to contact due to the volume of work in dealing with and recording information on other relatives. As I have begun to catch up, this has left time to start contacting those I knew about but just didn't have the time until now. But mark your calendar now for June 15 and I will provide details on how to locate the park in the May issue of our Newsletter. ■

The following is an actual statement made on an insurance form by a driver attempting to describe the accident in as few words as possible.

*The pedestrian had no idea which way to run,
so I ran over him.*



Apollo 13 and Jim Lovell -

The recent release and publicity about the movie, *Apollo 13*, brought back some memories of the days when Jim and I served on the Board of Directors of our National trade association - the North American Telecommunications Association or NATA as we referred to it.

NATA is headquartered in Washington and we had quarterly Board meetings and an annual trade convention sponsored by NATA which grew to be a big event. I remember in Dallas in 1971 we had about 65 people attend the meeting. By 1985 when the annual trade show was held in Dallas, we had almost 10,000 attend. One hospitality event, sponsored by NEC of America, cost them \$125,000 for one evening! All of us were quite naturally proud of the growth of NATA and the annual trade show.

Since we were a national association, the Board of Directors came from all sections of the country. For example, Jim lived in Chicago at that time. Because of this sectionality, I can't say that any of us were exactly "bosom buddies" but we all

had a common interest and got a great deal of pleasure out of serving on the Board.

We naturally talked during our break and lunch periods but more so in the evening at dinner and I had the opportunity on more than one occasion to speak with Jim about his experiences. Surprisingly, as I think back, we never discussed the situation as shown in the movie. I guess we were reluctant to press him about it preferring to talk about more pleasant things such as how the earth looked both going to the moon and coming back as well as the training required to make such a trip.

Anyway, somebody decided I should be given an award for the work I had done the year of 1979 on behalf of our Association and Jim was selected to present it. The work consisted primarily of visiting Senators and Congressmen and presenting our view of how the Telecommunications Industry should be treated.

The engraving on the medallion reads "Outstanding Service Award -NATA- 1979" and, quite naturally, I am proud of it and knowing Jim.

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WAR
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This is to Certify that

OSCAR F. HUNTER
William A. Pope & Company

*has participated in work essential to the production
of the Atomic Bomb, thereby contributing to the suc-
cessful conclusion of World War II. This certificate is
awarded in appreciation of effective service.*

6 August 1945



Thurgood Marshall
Secretary of War

Washington, D. C.

This is a document I knew nothing about until I went through my Mother's papers after she died. It was presented to my stepfather, Oscar Frank Hunter, who was married to my mother for 37 years. He never spoke to me about his work at Oak Ridge, Tennessee and it never dawned on me to ask. It may have been because I did not get discharged from the Navy until June 1946 and the war had been over almost 11 months. They were living in Knoxville when I was discharged but I didn't make any connection with him working at Oak Ridge and the Atomic bomb. Probably there had been something in the newspaper after the end of the war but the interest had died out by the time I got home. The date on the certificate, August 6, 1945, was when the first bomb was dropped. - Oliver Webb

As the deed below shows, Almon Lee Burkett's grandfather on his mother's side for whom he was named, Almon Rigsby, sold him and his mother approximately 48 acres of land in 1879. At that time he was only 4 years old. However, as shown below, it was not recorded until 1884 at which time he was 9 years old. Where the family was living at the time his grandfather sold them this property is unknown but the assumption is made that, if they were not already living on this property, they then moved here and made it their home because, as you will see later, it remained in their possession until 1904.

In the Deed shown below, to get a feeling for the distance, a "pole" equals 16½ feet.

Almon Rigsby to Deed	I hereby convey to Almon Burkett my grandson and Rebecca C. Burkett my daughter & their heirs forever for the consideration of seventy five dollars to me in
Almon Burkett & Rebecca C. Burkett	hand paid the receipt which is acknowledged all of my right and title to the following tract of land lying in the 7th District of Cannon County, Tennessee and Boundred as follows: Beginning at a Chestnut standing on H Tittles North Boundry line 37 poles East of his Beach corner North to Rigsbys corner running thence East with said Tittles line 79 poles to a stake & pointers at Tittles North East corner thence North 2½° East 12 poles to a Black Walnut by Bryfords corner. Then North 44 poles to a stake and pointers on the ridge then North 40° West 20 poles to a Chestnut oak then North 2° East 16 poles to a clayroot N.C. Rigsbys corner then North 80° West 6 poles to a stake then North 85° West 20 poles to a Chestnut then North 75° West 11½ poles to 2 small oaks then South 43° West with said N.C. Rigsbys line 68 poles to a large oak on the ridge then South 10° East with the ridge 33 poles to a bunch of Sourwoods on said hill then South 40° East 16 poles to the beginning containing 48 acres more or less and I covenant that I am seized and possessed of the said land and have a right to convey it and I warrant the title against all persons whomsoever this 20th day of November 1879.

Witnesses: J.M. Bryford
B.F. Elrod
J.Y. Hipp

his
Almon x Rigsby
mark

State of Tennessee	I, W.A. Moody, Register of said county of Cannon do hereby certify that the above Deed & Clerks Certificate thereon was filed at my office this 15th day of June 1884 at 2 P.M. so noted in Note Book E page 37, Registered in Book U page 147.
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W.A. Moody, Register

On September 8, 1904, Almon Lee Burkett, his wife Nancy Caldonia Bogle, and his mother, Rebecca Caroline Rigsby Burkett, sold the above 48 acres to Paschal Bogle as shown in the deed on a following page. Paschal Bogle paid one hundred dollars for the property; \$24.54 cash, \$37.73 due 12/25/1905 and \$37.73 due 12/25/1906. At the time of sale, Almon Lee was 29 years old, had been married for 9 years and had 4 daughters; Ova, Tildie, Elisabeth who died as a baby, and Ara. Ara was the youngest and was just over 2½ years of age. According to family legend, they were all born in Tennessee. Leva was the next child and she was born 5/12/1905, just 8 months after the sale of the property and, according to family legend, was born

in Huntsville, Alabama.

Why did they sell the property? That's the question I had in mind when I saw the above deed. From here on, the answer will be a mixture of assumptions, family legend, a conversation with Laura Burkett Durham, and more questions.

First, let's review some known facts. Almon Lee Burkett was the oldest and had 3 sisters and 1 brother. The sisters were Julie, Dollie, and Lizzie and the brother was Tolbert. At the time the property was sold, their ages were: Julie (28); Dollie (27); Tolbert (21); and Lizzie (17). I don't have Julie and Dollie's marriage dates but given their ages of 28 and 27, I am assuming they were married by now. According to Laura, Lizzie

married in 1901 at the age of 14 so she was already married and, of course, Almon Lee was already married so that only left Tolbert who would not marry until August of 1906 when he was 23.

So the situation was that, in 1904, there was only Tolbert, unmarried, Almon Lee with 3 young daughters, his wife Nancy Caldonia, and his mother Rebecca to farm the property since their father Jobe had died in 1900. But according to what Laura Durham (one of Tolbert's daughters) remembers, her father and grandmother Rebecca lived with Lizzie on some Elrod property - Lizzie had married Gum Elrod - so that left only Almon Lee Burkett to farm it by himself.

It just may be that was one of the main reasons for selling the property - he couldn't or didn't want to handle it all by himself and who knows what he might have heard about Huntsville. (I believe the Dallas Cotton Mill was built in 1891.) Anyway, they sold the property and sometime between September 1904 and May 12, 1905 they moved to Huntsville because Leva was born in Huntsville on May 12, 1905. They remained in Huntsville until they returned to Tennessee sometime prior to October 27, 1907 when Martha Caroline was born and family legend says she was born in Tennessee as were the two brothers born after her, Gentry J.B. and Audy.

To piece all of this together we have to start with some questions. Who was the Paschal Bogle who bought the property? Why did they return to Tennessee? Where did they live when they returned to Tennessee? When did they return to Huntsville the second time? Why did they return to Huntsville? One of those moves to Huntsville may have been due, at least in part, to the fact that Nancy Caldonia Bogle, Almon Lee's wife, had developed pellagra and needed medical attention. This information came from a conversation with Gentry J.B. Burkett. (Pellagra is a disease marked by dermatitis, gastrointestinal disorders and central nervous systems and associated with a diet deficient in niacin and protein.)

To answer these questions will require some educated guesses. First, the Paschal Bogle who bought the 48 acres from Almon Lee Burkett and his mother was George Paschal Bogle, a younger

brother of Nancy Caldonia Bogle, Almon Lee Burkett's wife. Through attending the Bogle reunions, we have learned that what we Burketts refer to the property near Sugar Tree Knob as "the old Burkett home" is referred to as the "old Bogle place" by Bogles still living near Sugar Tree Knob. Perhaps we now have the answer since both a Burkett and a Bogle owned the same property. Was it the property located near Sugar Tree Knob? It would seem so since Jobe died in 1900 while the 48 acres was still owned by his wife and son and he is buried at Sugar Tree Knob. Tildie died in 1908 and is also buried at Sugar Tree Knob and her death took place *after* the property had been sold to Paschal Bogle and after the family had been to Huntsville and returned. Therefore, it is possibly a safe assumption they returned to the same property they had sold.

Why did they return to Tennessee? This answer, as with some of the others, borders on mere speculation but family talk had it that there was some type of offer made to Almon Lee Burkett if he would come back and help farm it. If so, Almon Lee could have decided it could be done because whereas before it was just him alone, there was now Paschal who could help. And it could also have been that things weren't going too well for them in Huntsville. And it could also be that this first move to Huntsville was because of the pellagra suffered by Nancy Caldonia and it had now been success-fully treated. But return they did - and they remained until probably sometime in 1913 or early 1914, a period of 6 to 7 years. Audy, the last born child, was born there January 22, 1913 and records show that the oldest daughter, Ova, was married in Huntsville March 16, 1914.

Why did they return to Huntsville? Here again, family talk has it that Almon Lee had difficulty getting along with "someone" on the property. According to this family talk, Almon Lee got so angry one time that he threw a hammer into the woods to keep from hitting this "someone" with it! If true, it would now appear that this "someone" was more than likely Paschal Bogle since he now owned the property. Is this true? I don't know and I doubt if we will ever be able to find out. Even if true, it could be that it wasn't the single reason for

moving back to Huntsville. By now, even though one daughter, Tildie, had died from blood poisoning, he had six (6) children to support and the boys were still too young to be of any help - Gentry J.B. was born in 1910 and Audy was born in 1913. And it could even be that now was when Nancy's pellagra made its appearance. And maybe he found out he could get a good job at the Cotton Mill plus the fact that Ova, who was about 18 by then, could also probably go to work at the Cotton Mill. So it could be a combination of reasons and probably was.

So what have we learned? Almon Lee Burkett and his mother owned the 48 acres from 1879 until 1904 - a period of 25 years. Almon Lee had married Nancy Caldonia Bogle December 16, 1895 so they had lived on the property almost nine years before it was sold. Almon Lee and his mother sold the 48 acres to Paschal Bogle and Almon Lee moved his family to Huntsville where they stayed approximately 2½ years. They moved back to Tennessee, stayed about 6 years and then returned to Huntsville in late 1913 or very early 1914 where they remained.

It was interesting to note that while Almon Rigsby purported to "sell" the 48 acres to his daughter and grandson - he specified a price of \$75.00 - no mention was made in the deed of the husband and father, Jobe Burkett. A guess would be that Almon Rigsby really "gave" the land to his grandson and daughter because, if he had intended to sell it and Jobe Burkett was going to have to pay for it, it seems logical that Jobe would have insisted that his name be on the deed. But who really knows?

Shown below is the Deed whereby Paschal Bogle purchased the property. If you will look closely, you will notice that one of the trees had now become a stump!

 Rebecca C. Burkett A.L. Burkett We hereby convey to Paschal Bogle and wife for one hundred dollars and paid as follows twenty four and 54/ dollars in hand paid and the Receipt of same is hereby acknowledged one Note for thirty seven and 73/ due Dec 25-1905 and one Note for thirty seven and 73/dollars Due Dec 25-1906 the following tract of land lying in the 7 District of Cannon Co Ten beginning on a chestnut **stump** on H Tittles N.B. line 37 poles East of his beech corner N. @ Rigsbys Corner thence East with said Tittles line 79 poles to a stake and pointers @ N.E. corner thence N 2½° E 12 poles to a Black Walnut by Bryfords corner thence N 44 poles to a stake and pointers on

the Ridge thence N 40° west 20 poles to a chestnut Oak thence N 2° E 16 poles to a clayroot @ N.C. Rigsbys corner thence N 80° W 6 poles to a stake thence N 85° W 20 poles to a chestnut thence N 75° W 11½ poles to 2 small Oaks thence South 43° west with said N.C. Rigsbys line 68 poles to a large Oak on the Ridge thence S 10° E with the Ridge 33 poles to a bunch of Sourwoods on said hill thence S 40° E 16 poles to the Beginning containing forty eight acres more or less and we covenant that we are seized and Possessed of the said land and have a right to convey it and we warrant the title against all lawful claims this Sept. 8 1904.

Attest N.G. Maddox A.L. Burkett
 N.C. Burkett
 her
 Rebecca C. x Burkett
 mark

 State of Tennessee Personally appeared before me N.G. Maddox Notary Public in and for said county A.L. Burkett Rebecca C. Burkett the bargainors with whom I am Personally acquainted and acknowledges that he executed the annexed Deed for the purposes therein expressed and *N.C. Burkett wife of A.L. Burkett having appeared before me privately and apart from her husband the said N.C. Burkett acknowledged the execution of the annexed Deed to have been Done by her freely voluntarily and understandingly without compulsion or constraint from her said husband and for the purposes therein contained.* witness my hand and seal of office this day of Sept 8 1904
 N.G. Maddox Notary Public

 Registers Office Oct the 10 1904
 State of Tennessee I, W. R. Harris Register for said Cannon County Do certify that the foregoing warrantee Deed and certificate are registered in said office in Deed Book A-4 Page 555 that they were filed Sept the 14 1904 at 2 o'clock P.M. and entered in Note Book E Page 236
 W.R. Harris Register

NOTE: I added the italics in the Notary Public statement above to emphasize what was required of Nancy Caldonia Burkett. In the Deed title box in the column to the left, I did not mis-spell the Bogle name - it was actually written that way, Blöge. Throughout these documents I attempted to copy the exact way they were written including capitals. ■

The following is an actual statement made on an insurance form by a driver attempting to describe the accident in as few words as possible.
I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep causing the accident. (No wonder he was sleepy!)

*In Memory Of***Robert J. "Bobby" Smith**

Bobby was born December 3, 1973 and died October 21, 1995. Services were held October 24 at the McInerney Funeral Home in Chicago, Illinois with Private Interment at St. Mary Cemetery, Grave 8, Lot 38, Block 8, Section Z. He was the grandson of Herbert Lee Majors.

*You are not forgotten, loved one
Nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.
We miss you now, our hearts
are sore
As time goes by we'll miss you
more.
Your loving smile, your
gentle face,
No one can fill your vacant place.*

Though this announcement is belated, we could not let his passing go unannounced because, after all, he was one of us.

Dollie Mullican Watson, 92

McMinnville resident and Warren County native Dollie Mullican Watson, 92, died January 5 at River Park Hospital.

A homemaker and a member of Central Church of Christ, she was the daughter of Ozias Denton and Eva Patterson Mullican and was preceded in death by her husband, D. Palmo (Shorty) Watson in 1988; and one son, Ralph Watson in 1992.

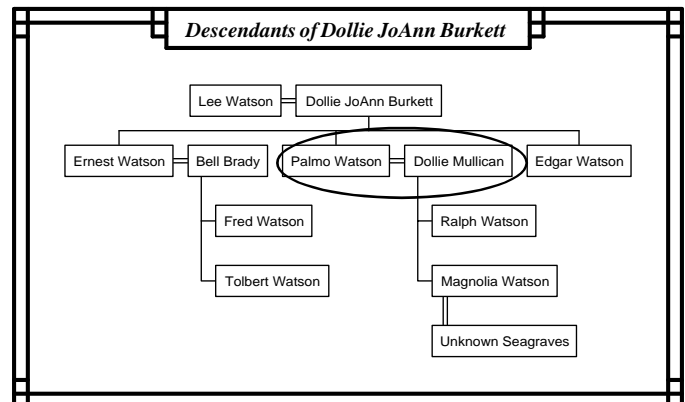
She is survived by one daughter, Magnolia Seagraves of Birmingham, Alabama; two sisters Katy Wood of Nashville and Ruth Hildreth of McMinnville; two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at High's Chapel with James Gammon officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. View Cemetery. Visitation begins at 11:30 a.m. today at High's.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

From the *Southern Standard* Jan.7, 1996

The chart below shows that Dollie Mullican was the daughter-in-law of Dollie JoAnn Burkett and Lee Watson.

***One Hundred Years Ago -***

To give you an idea of the changes which have taken place, here are a few facts from the year 1896.

Gold was discovered near Alaskan border(8/17)

Grover Cleveland was the President.

The population was 70,885,000.

The electric stove was invented.

The rotary-disc plow was invented.

Flour was \$.13 for 5 pounds.

A dozen of eggs cost \$.19.

A half gallon of milk cost \$.14.

A first class postage stamp was \$.02.

George Burns was born January 20.

Moving pictures were first shown on a public screen in New York City(4/23)

The first college basketball game was played on December 10.

The first auto accident in U.S. occurred (5/30)

(But the first auto insurance policy was not issued until February 1, 1898!)

Some popular songs: *A Hot Time In The Old Town....Sweet Rosie O'Grady.....I Love You In The Same Old Way.....El Capitan.* ■

Another actual statement made on an insurance form by a driver attempting to describe an accident in as few words as possible.

An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished.

The Historians Corner



Well, I have once again upgraded the computer software program. It will now accommodate *two million people and 99 generations!* I believe that might take care of us for the foreseeable future, don't you?! It also allows me to do some other things which were important so size wasn't my only reason.

The recent snow storms brought back a memory of my Uncle J.B. Burkett. It was in 1969 and I was headed for Seattle. I always went through St. Louis and on this particular trip became snow-bound overnight there in St. Louis. I went upstairs in the terminal and found me a bench to sleep on since I had several hours to wait for the snow to let up and for them to clear the runways. The bench I found was directly in front of where the escalator came up from downstairs. I went to sleep and woke up about 6:30 in the morning. Just as I was opening my eyes, someone was coming up the escalator and, as they came into view, much to my surprise it was my Uncle J.B. who was just as surprised as I was! He said, "Sonny Boy, what are you doing here?!" (I always kidded him about calling me "Sonny Boy" telling him it was because he couldn't remember my name!) We went downstairs for breakfast and then both left about the same time because they had cleared the runways by then. I have forgotten where he had been but believe he had been somewhere on business. But it was certainly a pleasant surprise to run into him when both of us were away from home like that.

In the last issue of our Newsletter, I spoke of me and Audy Majors visiting Laura Burkett Durham and Frances Burkett Watson in McMinnville. During that visit, Laura mentioned several times that Almon Lee Burkett had a half-brother that she heard little about but very clearly remembered, "Uncle Jim." I went through my notes and, sure enough, found this relative she spoke of. If you will look back to Page 3 at the

chart, you will see that Jobe Burkett was married twice. His first wife was Nancy A. Richards and their only child was the "Uncle Jim" that Laura remembered. I have very little additional information about either of them but will start to research this.

Received a very nice letter from Ronda Williams, daughter of Marlene Burkett Evans, who not only sent me some family info but also corrected some errors I had made. I wish I could get more like that. Thanks, Ronda!

Several times I have mentioned the importance of identifying and protecting your pictures. Now I have found one of the best ways to do that. The last two (2) pages of this issue contain info I received in the mail. Along with these pages I received a sample and it offers the best and cheapest solution I have seen. They not only offer various sizes which will not damage your photo's but you will also receive two (2) ring binders with your minimum order of 100. If you order by phone there should be no problem but, if you order by mail, be sure to cover my name and address and insert your own.

In this issue I have included several "personal interest articles" such as my sister and brother-in-laws retirement; my acquaintance with Jim Lovell; and my stepfathers certificate for working on the atomic bomb program. People are what the family is - not just data. If you have a story, send it to me.

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