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Hornady Brothers



Brothers and World War I soldiers (Lto R) Henry Carr Hornady and William Clifford (Willie Cliff) Hornady prior to departure for Europe, ca. 1917

Photograph property of William Clifford Hornady, III. Photograph courtesy of Gary Burton.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Bicentennial Grant And More

The year 2019 has found us looking and planning ahead.

- The Alabama Bicentennial Commission has awarded PHA with a Bicentennial Community Grant of \$2500. Our proposal suggested:
- Some 2019 programming be centered around the soon-to-be released *The Old Federal Road in Alabama*, An Illustrated Guide, Kathryn H. Braund, Gregory A. Waselkov, and Raven M. Christopher, contributors.
- In addition, a program may reflect circumstances and personalities driving the formation of statehood for Alabama.
- We will work with Pintlala Elementary and Hooper Academy to educate about local sites of historical interest and the basics about statehood.
- Beyond the scope of the grant, a suggestion was made by Judge Trippy McGuire that we consider a new historical marker about the Meredith Murder on the Pinchona Creek. The murder influenced the beginning of the Redstick War.
- Oral histories from residents of Bibb Fork will be posted soon on the website. Margery Henry has been extremely helpful with this project.

Don't miss the quarterly meeting of PHA on January 20. Sculptress Clydetta Fulmer will be much more than interesting. She is amazing.

Gary Burton, President

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Lowell Thomas Hataway (1932-2018)

Long-time PHA member L. T. Hataway passed away at his home on October 26, 2018 after a lengthy illness. He was always helpful to and supportive of the Pintlala Historical Association. Our sincere sympathy to the Hataway family.

New Members 2018	DUES FOR 2019 ARE CURRENTLY DUE		
The following became members in 2018 and have not previously been listed in a newsletter:	PLEASE COME PREPARED TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 TH . DUES ARE ONLY \$15.00 PER HOUSEHOLD. MEMBER- SHIPS MAKE GREAT GIFTS—JOIN FOR YOUR		
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Brenda McAllister, Hope Hull	JANUARY.		
Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Henry, Hope Hull			
Mr. and Mrs. Foster Hays, III, Montgomery	THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! WE APPRECI-		
M. Frank Ellis, Letohatchee	ATE EACH AND EVERY MEMBER!		

PHA Program for January, 2019

Pintlala Historical Association will meet on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at Pintlala Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 2:30. Our program will be presented by Clydetta Fulmer, a local free-lance artist and neighbor of Pintlala residents. Her studio on Butler Mill Road "Longview" is housed in an original church building built by her great grandfather in 1916. If I am not mistaken, PHA has had a tour of her studio many years ago.

Clydetta is a versatile artist, working in media including pencil drawings, pastel and oil paintings, but her primary focus in on creating commissioned clay sculptures that are ultimately cast in bronze. Her works are owned and exhibited by a wide range of venues. Clydetta shares, "In my career I have completed more than one hundred commissioned sculptures. More than forty of these have been public sculpture commissions." Of these works, there are ten full length life-sized figures of adults, fourteen full-length life-sized figures of children, thirty life-sized portrait busts, three heroic sized portrait busts, two miniatures, twelve half life-sized figures of children and twenty-five bas reliefs.

Her work is represented in Pintlala at the Public Library and in Montgomery in several locations, but the most prominent are life-sized figures of Major Lemuel Purnell Montgomery, located at the County Courthouse and for whom Montgomery County is named.

Her current commission is a life-sized figure of General Richard Montgomery for whom the City of Montgomery is named. Confusing! Pays to know your history.

Clydetta earned a B. A. degree in art from Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee in 1970.

We are proud to have her working in our community!

Alice Carter

Program Chairman



Clydetta Fulmer Photograph courtesy Clydetta Fulmer.

Pvt. Henry Carr Hornady and a Pine Cabinet Have Heart-Rending Past

This past November 11, 2018 our country marked the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day when World War I officially ended. *The Lowndes County Historical and Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Volume 53, Number 2, October 2018, reproduced selected articles from *The Citizen-Examiner* regarding Lowndes County in World War I. One article featured a copy of a letter from Henry Carr Hornady to his family. This letter caught my attention, as he is the uncle of PHA member, Jack Hornady. Who, by the way, turned 90 years old on November 3, 2018. Further research brought to light a tender human-interest story from The Great War.

William Madison Hornady and his wife, Ida Cheetum Hornady, of Fort Deposit, Alabama were parents of nine children. Their oldest was son, Henry Carr Hornady, born August 5, 1886. H. C., as called by the family, registered for the draft from Lowndes County, Alabama on June 5, 1917. His younger brother by seven years, William Clifford (Willie Cliff), also entered into service of his country. The Hornady parents received a loving letter from soldier Henry Carr on November 21, 1918. This letter arrived at the home of his parents seventeen days AFTER their son died of pneumonia at age 32 on November 4, 1918 at an unknown location in France. One can only imagine the flow of tears from Ida and William Madison after reading H. C.'s loving sentiments regarding his family and his own efforts to keep the Allied forces strong. The November 21st "Dear Mama" letter was published in the Lowndes County newspaper, *The Citizen-Examiner* on December 15, 1918. Location of the original letter is currently unknown. The following letter was transcribed from the *The Lowndes County Historical and Genealogical Society Quarterly.* H.C. wrote :

Dear Mama and All:

I know you are wondering what has become of your soldier boy. All I can say is that he is still living and getting along as well as can be expected. So far have been blessed and am trusting in the Lord that I may come through and some day be back with the loved ones at Home Sweet Home—then I will tell you all about it. So I'm not complaining and trying to be as considerate as possible and not worry too much about things that we cannot help. Am trying to take care of myself best I can.

I wonder what has become of Cliff. Is he over here somewhere or still in the States?

Our Division has been fighting on the front for over a month. If anything happens to me you will know it some way, so don't worry. I feel like that surely some time in the near future this awful struggle will be over and all of us that are living will soon be back to you again. So you must look on the sunny side and think what it means, for we are winning and winning fast.

Will write you as often as possible. Try and make papa take good care of himself, and that it won't be many more months until I will cross the big sea again coming home, then we will all be happy and so contented, having won the Big War.

I wonder if all the family are fortunate enough to be well. Haven't had any mail in two months or longer. Am beginning to want to hear from home and all the news. Of course I wish you all a very Merry Xmas, and if you just won't worry you will have it.

Mamma, kiss all the family for me and when I get back I will kiss you for it.

You all should be overjoyed over the success of our Allies and know that you are. So don't get blue and think that everything will not turn out right.

Will do the best I can.

Your dear son,

It was not rare that letters from loved ones serving in Europe would arrive to grieving families after their deaths—just the nature of mail deliveries from afar in the early 1900s. As H. C. wrote, he had not received mail in over two months. It has not been determined the date of notice for H. C.'s death.

Hornady's Life Prior to European Service

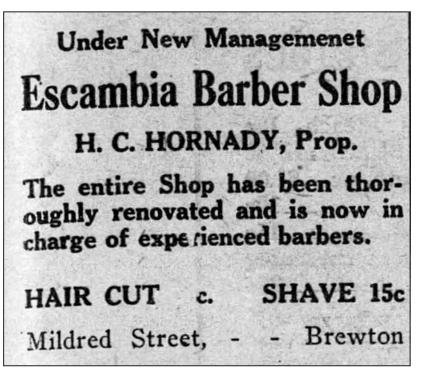
What little that is known of Henry Carr Hornady's life prior to his War experience includes an ad from *The Brewton Standard* of May 18, 1916:

H.C.'s WWI Draft Registration card dated June 5, 1917 confirms his business as a barber but in Evergreen, Alabama. He lists himself as single and his prior military service was with the Alabama National Guard as a private for four years. He verified that he was not exempt from the draft. The Lowndes County Draft Board Registrar who witnessed Hornady's information was David Hurst. Hurst's written description of Hornady was: of medium height, slender build, with dark brown eyes and dark brown hair. He was a generous and patriotic person as indicated by The Brewton Standard Newspaper published March 22, 1917 when they listed donors who funded war medals for soldiers serving in Company G in the Mexican War. H. C. Hornady donated 50 cents to the Fund, which was a typical donation amount. This must have been during his tenure as a barber in Brewton.

Eleven months after he was officially listed with the Lowndes County Draft Board, Henry Carr Hornady was inducted into active military service on May 25th, 1918. According to a listing of men inducted into service and found on ancestry.com, the men named boarded a train bound for Camp Sevier, Greenville, South Carolina on the same date.

The United States found it necessary to quickly build an army equipped to defeat Germany in WWI. The U.S entered the "War to end all Wars" in April 1917 under the presidential leadership of Woodrow Wilson. The construction of U. S. training camps were mostly located in the south due to warmer weather condi-

Lowndes County Draft Board Registrar's Report, June 5, 1917, Source: <u>https://www.fold3.com/</u> <u>image547893041</u>



Barber shop ad from *The Brewton Standard*, May 18, 1916 Source: <u>http://</u><u>newspapers</u>.com/image244809436

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tions. One of these, Camp Sevier, was located in Greenville, South Carolina where a 1,900-acre facility was opened to troops in July 1917 and closed in April 1919. Camp Sevier ultimately was of importance to Greenville in terms of growth. The Army had paved the national highway from Greenville to Camp Sevier making it the first paved road in Greenville County.

Along with the list of men, including Henry Carr, being entrained for Camp Sevier, the younger brother of H.C., Willie Cliff, was found posted. By looking at the date of the train ride to Camp Sevier and the date of embarkation from New York, H. C. Hornady remained at Camp Sevier for two months. Where or when Willie Cliff was sent was not found.

Henry Carr can be located on a census of Enlisted Men, Machine Gun Co., 322 Infantry, Privates section found on Ancestry.com. Another document found at the same source is a Passenger List for the U. S. Army Transport Service. Pvt. Hornady is number 118 on the list of men sailing from New York on the *SS Orduna* on July 31, 1918. No port of destination was given. The Orduna was constructed as an ocean liner in 1913-14 in Belfast, Ireland, leased to Cunard Lines and requisitioned in WWI as an auxillary cruiser and troop transport ship. The Orduna was declared "Out of Service" in November 1950.

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Alabama World War I Service Records, Alabama Department of Archives and History Digital Collections, Military, World War I by county and name.

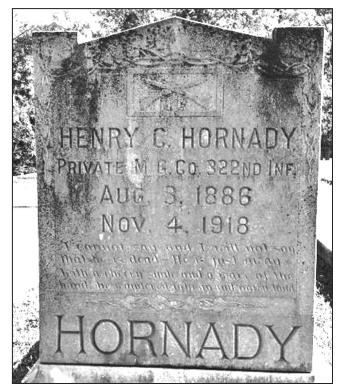
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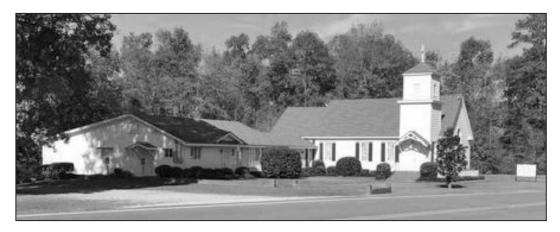
Source: https://www.ancestry.com

Death of Pvt. H. C. Hornady

It has already been established that Pvt. Henry Carr Hornady died on November 4, 1918 as stated on an Alabama World War I Service record card found at Alabama Department of Archives and History online digital records. The location of his death has remained unknown other than "somewhere in France". The cause of death is listed as pneumonia, not battle injury. It is worth noting that the Influenza Pandemic was raging globally in 1918-1919. Martin Gilbert in *The First World War: A Complete History* states on page 437 that "More American soldiers were to die of influenza in France than by the bullets of the enemy". The influenza virus spread quickly from the close contact of soldiers on troop ships, close quarters of military camps and soldiers in the muck of trench warfare. Men's systems were weakened and often pneumonia would set in. This was most likely the situation for machine gunner Hornady. It has not been documented as to when William Madison and Ida Hornady were notified of their son's death. A memorial service for Henry Carr was held at Little Sandy Ridge Presbyterian Church around mid-December, 1918. The church and cemetery are located on Lowndes County Road 79.



Tombstone for Henry Carr Hornady, Little Sandy Ridge Cemetery, Lowndes County Road 79. Photographs courtesy of Gary Burton



Sandy Ridge Presbyterian Church

Process of Repatriation of Deceased

Prompt return of war casualties was not possible during World War I. Temporary graves were prepared for soldiers as near as possible to where they died. It was not until after 1920 that remains were brought back to the United States. The U. S. government elected to offer families a choice of having a burial in an overseas military cemetery or a national cemetery in the U.S. If families chose to hold burial services in the soldier's hometown, the government would pay transportation cost for remains and for a military headstone. This was a tough decision for Ida and William Madison after missing their son for three long years.

Ancestry.com provides a database for U. S. Army Transport Service, Passenger Lists, 1910-1939. Pvt. Henry Carr Hornady is located on the manifest for the *USAT Wheaton* sailing from Cherbourg, France to the port at Hoboken, New Jersey on May 1, 1921. Hoboken had been designated as a port of embarkation for nearly two million American troops in 1917-1918. Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces, General John J. Pershing, promised the troops a swift ending to the fight to come. His rallying cry was "Heaven, Hell or Hoboken" by Christmas of 1917. However, the supposed "War to End All Wars" drug on for another year with the Armistice finalized on November 11, 1918 at 11 A. M. (known as the signing on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). There is a discrepancy regarding the date of repatriation of Henry C. Hornady. A form found in the Gold Star Database attributes Hornady's return to Hoboken as April 30, 1921.

Soldiers on the funeral ship, *USAT Wheaton,* were listed by name, rank, original Company, person of contact and address. This symbolized the soldier's dignity—they were not unknowns. Their caskets were respectfully placed in wooden shipping cases, covered with an American flag and placed in the ships hold for transport back to the U.S.

Where Pvt. Hornady had been temporarily buried has not been located. His pine casket case has stenciled letters "Cemetery 14" inside. Efforts to locate a Cemetery 14 in France have as yet not been successful. The *Montgomery Journal* published a small notice on May 17, 1921 announcing that the family had been notified that H. C.'s casket had arrived from France and would be shipped to Ft. Deposit, Alabama for burial. The Presbyterian Church at Little Sandy Ridge did not keep interment records, thus it is unknown when the actual burial service for Pvt. Hornady was held. A lovely marker was installed with the following engraved sentiment:

I cannot say and will not say That he is dead—He is just away With a cheery smile and a wave of the Hand. He wandered into an unknown land.

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Hornady Family Pine Cabinet

At some point in time, a family member took apart the pine shipping case for Pvt. Hornady's casket and constructed a kitchen cabinet and painted it gray and white. The wood in the paneled doors is not original to the case. The cabinet stayed with Ida and William Madison in Ft. Deposit until after William's death in 1930 and Ida's move to Pintlala. Ida lived in the Adkin Mosley/Dr. Claude Powell home on the Old Pintlala Road (currently owned by Austin Wilsford). Ida died in 1956 and the beloved family cabinet moved to the home of her son Willie Cliff Hornady and his wife Mildred. Its last Pintlala home was the former home of Adkin Mosley, one time sheriff of Montgomery County, located across Highway 31 from Mosley's Store. As of 2019, the Mosley/Hornady home is non-extant. The Hornady's had purchased the home from Carroll B. Mosley. The cabinet was located in the enclosed porch claimed by Willie Cliff as his bedroom. Cliff Hornady, III has vivid memories of all the grandchildren being instructed to never touch the cabinet as it held all of his grandfather's important papers. One can only imagine his attachment to the cabinet, which had brought his older brother home from WWI. Upon the death of Willie Cliff in 1972, the cabinet was moved to the home workshop of his son, William Clifford, Jr., on Dresden Drive in Montgomery. Cliff, Jr. eventually removed the gray and white paint from the cabinet and amazingly revealed stenciled letters on the cabinet. It was the original identifying information stenciled in black letters prior to its voyage on the USAT Wheaton. When the case was taken apart to be turned into a cabinet the boards were moved around so that the words are not in correct order. Among the decipherable words are: William M. Hornady, Cemetery 14, Ft. Deposit and possibly the French place-name: Cherbourg.

Today the cabinet is treasured in the home of William Clifford Hornady,III and his wife Betsy in the sun porch of their charming 1902 home in Verbena, Alabama. There it is used for storage.

The decision has already been made that one day the cabinet will go to Cliff, III's son Wesley Clifford Hornady.

The pine cabinet, once a casket shipping case for Pvt. Henry Carr Hornady, is loved and treasured, as it should be, by the Hornady Family. What a heritage left by H.C.



Pine cabinet made from wooden casket case for Pvt. Henry Carr Hornady,ca. 1921. Owned by William Clifford Hornady, III. Photograph courtesy Gary Burton



L to R: William Clifford Hornady III and Jack Hornady, great nephew and nephew of Henry Carr Hornady with pine cabinet. (toys on top not associated with cabinet). Photograph courtesy Gary Burton.



Stenciling that was on the original casket case. After being rebuilt, words and letters have been moved around. Photograph courtesy Gary Burton

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Plymouth Rock to Sprague, Alabama By Richard W. McLaney

This is the story of one of my mother's ancestral lines 400-year journey from the time they arrived in America to present day. I wish we had this long of a period for all of my family lines, but this journey was drilled into us as kids by my grandmother Norman. Before this writer gets too old, I want to pass this story on to my kids and grandchildren as well as all of those relatives who can jump on at various' points as their relatives appear. It begins with my ninth great grandfather aboard the Mayflower.

Edward Doty	md. 1635	Faith Clarke
1600-1655		1618-1675
England-Yarmouth, MA		England-Marshfield, MA

Edward Doty (sometimes appears as Dotey, Doten, Doughty, Dotte, etc.) was aboard the Mayflower when it left England heading for America. He came to America as an indentured servant to Stephen Hopkins. 102 passengers were aboard when the ship left England. Two died on the voyage, while half of the remaining died within months of landing at Plymouth Rock. Edward Doty was the 40th person to sign the Mayflower Compact.



Ricky McLaney with high school classmates the Smith brothers, Alva, Charlie Gray and Lonnie. Ricky's ancestor, Edward Doty, was an indentured servant to their ancestor Stephen Hopkins. So this is a 400-year friendship.

Edward Doty was part of the third expedition sent forth on December 16, 1620 from the Mayflower to explore the countryside. This expedition had the first encounter with the Indians at Cape Cod and also selected Plymouth as the site for the building of the first settlement. In 1624 after completing his indentured servitude he was granted land on Watson's Hill in Plymouth for a home lot. He was married to his first wife (unknown) between 1625-1634, but there were no children from this union. In 1635 Doty married Faith Clarke, the daughter of Thurston/Tristram and Faith Clarke, whose family arrived in Plymouth aboard the ship Francis in 1634.

Edward Doty joined the church in 1636. Doty had many real estate transactions and in later life was an owner of much property. He was one of the original purchasers of land that later became Dartmouth College. The oldest house in Plymouth is the Doty House, as is the oldest wharf.

Edward and Faith had nine children. Their fourth son, my eighth great grandfather was named Samuel Doty. Edward Doty drowned in Plymouth Harbor in 1655 and was buried at Yarmouth, MA. Faith Clarke married a second time to John Phillips in 1667. She died in 1675 and is buried at Winslow Burying Ground in Marshfield, MA. Descendants erected a monument there to her in 1989.

Samuel Doty	md. 1678	Jane Harmon
1643-1715		1657-1717
Plymouth-Piscataway, NJ		Saco, ME-Piscataway NJ

Samuel and Jane lived in Piscataway and both are buried there. They had extensive land holdings in the area. Samuel was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the militia. Samuel and Jane had thirteen children, their 6th child named James is my seventh great grandfather. Jane Harmon was the daughter of James and Sarah Harmon. This family had moved from Saco, Maine to Piscataway as Indians had attacked their home in Maine at the outbreak of King Philip's War (1675-1678).

James Doty	md. 1712	Phoebe Slater
1686-1739		1693-1745
Piscataway-New Provid	ence NJ	Piscataway-New Providence, NJ

Phoebe Slater was the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Bonham Slater (recognize that maiden name, Bonham). James and Phoebe had six children, of which the youngest was named Benajah, my sixth great grandfather. Phoebe's ancestor Edward Fuller was also on the Mayflower. James and Phoebe are both buried at New Providence.

Benajah Doty	md. 1744	Elizabeth Farr Doty
1723-1780		1725-1756
Piscataway, NJ-Onslow	v Co., NC	Burke Co., GA-Piscataway, NJ

Benajah was married first to Elizabeth Farr. Elizabeth was born in Georgia, with Cherokee DNA in her bloodlines, but made her way to New Jersey to marry Benajah Doty. They had three children, of which one was a daughter named Esther Doty, my fifth great grandmother. After Elizabeth's death, Benajah and his brother Benjamin moved to Onslow County, North Carolina in 1758. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Chatwin, and they had more children. She lived to be 102, had five husbands, and is buried in Hernando, Mississippi. Benajah was a Patriot of the Revolutionary War who earned the rank of Major. He was a Representative to the State Assembly in North Carolina, a delegate to the convention in 1776 and a member of the House of Commons in North Carolina.

This relative must be personally thanked as he made the move southward from New Jersey. If not for him I would have had a Jersey accent, may have been in the Jersey Mob, who knows what else!

Eleazor Brack	md . 1760	Esther Doty
1743-1802		1745-1806
Onslow Co., NC-Hephzi	bah, GA	Piscataway, NJ-Hephzibah, GA
(near A	Augusta)	

Eleazor fought in the Revolutionary War. His parents were George and Joan Brack. The Brack ancestors brought additional Cherokee DNA into the family. Eleazor and Esther had a daughter named Elvina, who is my fourth-great grandmother. The family was moving closer to Alabama.

Elijah Anderson	md. 1780	Elvina Brack
1750-1807		1763-1844
Onslow Co., N.CJef	ferson Co., GA	Onslow Co., N.CStrata, AL

Elijah was a Revolutionary War soldier. Elijah and Elvina had nine children. Elijah and his brother Elisha married two Brack sisters. In 1818 two of Elijah Anderson children married two Sellers brothers. In 1828 Elvina Brack Anderson loaded up all of the families and moved to Morganville, Alabama near Tyson. Alfred Sellers and his family later moved to Coosa County, Alabama. One of the children of Elijah and Elvina who married one of the Sellers' brothers was Lavinia Anderson, my third-great grandmother. The Anderson line had many Revolutionary War soldiers, and also brought in more Cherokee blood. William Calvin Sellers Jr. md. 1818 1790-1848 Onslow Co./NC-Morganville, AL (Concord Cem.)

Lavinia Anderson 1794-1843 Onslow Co., NC-Morganville, AL

Morganville, AL Onslow Co., NC-Morganville, AL (Concord Cem.)

William Calvin Sellers Jr. fought in the War of 1812 and the Indian Wars of 1836. William Calvin and Lavinia had ten children. Their oldest son was James Anderson Sellers, my second great grandfather. As previously stated, brothers William and Alfred had a double-wedding ceremony in Jefferson County, Georgia in 1818 to two Anderson sisters. The Sellers family settled near Morganville, just southwest of Mike Henry's farm toward I-65.

After Lavinia's death in 1843, WIlliam Calvin married 20 year old Mariah Trotter, a sister to his daughter-in-law Harriett Trotter Sellers. This second marriage is the one that Ronald Sellers, Mamie Sellers' husband, was descended from. Note that Lavinia's mother outlived her by one year.

James Anderson Sellers	md. 1844	Harriett Trotter
1819-1878		1828-1890
Griffin, GA-Fleta, AL		Griffin, GA-Fleta, AL

James arrived with his family in Alabama in 1828, settling near Morganville. When he and Harriett married in 1844 they moved to Fleta. Harriett was the daughter of Joseph Trotter and Martha Brooks Trotter. Martha's great-grandmother (Ball) was a half-sister to Mary Ball Washington. James and Harriett had ten children. Their oldest son, WIlliam Joseph Sellers Sr., was my great grandfather. These were the first of my Sellers ancestors to be buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery near Davenport, AL. Children from this marriage are also ancestors of the present day Davis Henry family, the Joe Poole family, the Tim Huffman family and many others.



James Anderson Sellers and Harriett Trotter Sellers, 1870s



Martha Brooks Trotter and Harriett Trotter Sellers, 1840s

William Joseph Sellers Sr.	md. 1871
1845-1921	
Fleta, AL	

Alabama Pool 1855-1895 Fleta, AL

William Joseph joined the Confederate Army at the age of sixteen, serving throughout the war with Company K, 53rd Alabama Cavalry. Alabama's parents were Alfred Pool and Letitia Boyd Pool. The Boyd family settled in Sprague, Alabama in 1822 on property still owned by Letitia's sister's descendent Ann Duncan Latham. J.W.T. Pool and Alfred Pool arrived in Alabama in the 1830s, their mother and younger brothers arrived in the 1840s. The later Poole's added the "e" to their name, as did all future generations. J.W.T. Pool sold 440 acres in the Fleta community to his brother Alfred for ½ of what he paid for it (\$500) as a wedding present. I still have in my possession the 1851 wedding ring of Letitia Boyd Pool.

William Joseph and Alabama Sellers had eight children, six girls and two boys. The six Sellers sisters were featured in a previous edition of the PHA Newsletter. Alabama died at the young age of 39. All of the younger children were raised with the assistance of Grandma Letitia Pool. The youngest child of the eight was my grandmother, Hattie Sellers. In the twenty plus years that Grandma Pool and William Joseph Sellers Sr. were raising his children my grandmother said there was much kidding that Grandma Pool had killed more Yankees with her "red devil lye soap" than her son-in-law had killed in four years of war.



William Joseph Sellers Sr., Alabama Pool Sellers, baby Zeverah Sellers (who later married Dr. Thomas Duncan), 1874

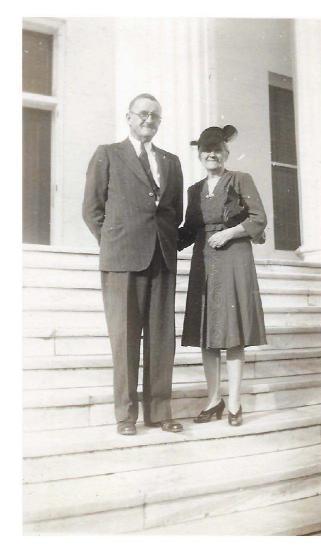


Alabama Pool Sellers and Martha Sellers

Richard Webb Norman	md. 1915
1877-1959	
Fleta, AL	

Hattie Sellers 1889-1956 Fleta, AL

Richard Webb Norman was the son of Henderson Hiram Norman and Elizabeth Tabitha Williams Norman. Henderson's father, Thomas Webb Norman, is buried in Waxahachie, Texas, where the family moved to in 1869. The family moved back to Alabama in 1874, except for a brother and sister. The mother is buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Montgomery next to her sister, Mary Myrick Mastin. Thomas Webb Norman's father was Job Norman who settled the Normandale area in 1818. Richard Webb and Hattie had four children. My mother, Hattie Norman, was the youngest. Richard Webb was a Postmaster at Fleta and ran the same country store that his father, Henderson Hiram Norman, had run. This store was featured in a previous edition of the PHA Newsletter. Both of my grandparents are buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.



Richard Webb Norman and Hattie Sellers Norman at the State Capitol, early 1950s

Cephus Knox McLaney Jr. md. 1943 1922-1980 Sprague, AL Hattie Sellers Norman 1923-2009 Fleta, AL-Sprague, AL

My father, Knox McLaney, served in the U.S. Army in World War II. He was discharged in August 1944 upon the death of his father. He was the only child of Cephus Knox McLaney Sr. and Zerah Larkin McLaney. He ran a country store that his father had run and served as Postmaster in Sprague for seventeen years. His mother served in the same role for 43 years. My mother worked for Royal Typewriter for a number of years, and she finished her career working for the Alabama State Senate. I am the middle child of three boys. My Dad often said his boys could have gone anywhere in life, but the fact that they all lived within six miles of him and my mother gave him the greatest pleasure.

Both of my parents are buried in our family cemetery at Sprague, of which I am the caretaker. My dad's parents and grandparents are buried there also.



Cephus Knox McLaney Jr. and Hattie Sellers Norman McLaney at Knox III and Trish's Wedding, 1967.

Richard Wayne McLaney	md. 1976	Lorraine Dawson
1848		1848
Sprague, AL		Montgomery, AL

Lorraine finished Lee High School, and we have been married 42 years. We have three daughters, Tyler, Susanna, and Kate. Lorraine's father was Clayton Boliver Dawson Jr., and her mother is Annie Belle Swinson Dawson (currently 90 years young). My career was spent working with the State of Alabama and the Butler County Economic Development Agency. I recruited companies to move to Alabama and worked with those existing companies to grow and prosper. Lorraine raised our three daughters until later in life when she worked as an insurance enroller for Colonial Life. Our daughter Tyler is married to David Strickland and are the parents of our wonderful grandchildren, Dawson, Parker, and Gracie. Tyler is the ultimate house mom, while David is a home builder. Susanna is a speech pathologist at Hillview Terrace Nursing Home. Kate is married to Joe Woddail, and is a history teacher at Park Crossing High School, while Joe is an exercise physiologist with a company based out of Nashville.



Ricky McLaney and Lorraine Dawson McLaney honeymooning at Pat O'Brien's in New Orleans, 1976

Here the Plymouth Rock to Sprague story is complete, now maybe the Good Lord will give me the ability to preserve more of my family's history in the future. A special thanks to my daughter Kate for typing this for her Dad!

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