

# Richard Jolly's Parents

Fertherston—Delia—Their neighbors

## FERTHERSTON JOLLY

Fertherston Jolly, a son of James and Kisiah Jolly, married Delia Burton Wright, a daughter of Abner Wright and Annie Martin Wright, a daughter of Martin Martin and Dicey Hicks Martin. They lived in Cleveland County, North Carolina, where they owned land upon which he farmed. He was a good father. He tried to provide well for his wife and his children. He could boast that he always paid his debts, that he was well liked by his neighbors to whom he was always ready to render a kindness.

For many years he operated a regular blacksmith shop and in that he attended to the shoeing of horses and the repairing of vehicles and tools.

He joined the church at Camp Creek and was baptized by Rev. Brison Padgett. He was born in 1811. He married when he was about twenty-one years of age. His wife was about twenty years old at the time.

They had eight children, Marion Martin, Kisiah Ann, Richard Meredy, G. W., William Winston, Elizabeth Jane, Columbus Miles and Abner Jolly.

Marion Martin., the oldest son of Fertherston Jolly, married Martha Scruggs, a daughter of Robert Scruggs and lived with her a year before he marched off to war. After receiving wounds from a bursting cannon at Shelby, he volunteered in Christopher Love's company from that place. He died of disease at Suffolk in Virginia. Two children were left. Summy died in Arkansas; the daughter married George Humphries and lives near Camp Creek church. Martha lives with them. She is now eighty-nine years old. She is the sister of Robert Scruggs who was shot in the Civil War so that his mouth was disfigured. He served as revenue officer for many years and for that reason was disliked by some. He was a trusted officer and game to the last inch. With him, Jake Davis and Scott Jolly, I did the first work in the Ku Klux Klan in 1868.

Kisiah married Draton Helton. They had no children.

George Wright Jolly served throughout the greater part of the Civil War under the Confederate flag. Just before the surrender he deserted and went over to the Yankees. After a while he went to Mississippi and thence to Oklahoma where he died. He married Jane Duff Jolly, a daughter of his uncle, Hood Jolly. Winston Jolly served as a sixteen-year old soldier in the Civil War. He came home and soon afterwards went to Mississippi where he married a young lady by the name of Dilliard. From there he went to Oklahoma. They had two boys and four girls. So far as I know they are living in Oklahoma. William was killed after his wife died.

Bill or William or "Big-Footed Bill," is the business man in Ardmore Oklahoma, and is doing well. He has ten children, all going to school. Their names are: Bertie, Julia, Robert, Frank, Grant, Josie and Dacie. Two are twin girls. All are living in Oklahoma and Texas. "May the Lord bless them," is the wish of R. M. Jolly.

Elisabeth Jane married Lawson Humphries, a son of Daniel and Maranna Humphries of

Cleveland County, North Carolina. They lived together for thirty years before they parted and came back home. He married again before he died; Jane went to her children in Texas and lived with her son, Daniel Fertherston. She is buried there. Her children are D. F., Essie Amanda, Beatrice, Richard, [and] Arkey.

Columbus Jolly was a son of Fertherston and Delia Burton Wright Jolly. He married Nannie McCraw in Mississippi. She was a faithful Christian beloved by her neighbors. She left him for her home in heaven twenty years ago. Twice that space of time he has lived with only one lung. He is yet living and is a great comfort to me. I get a letter from him about every three months. I answer his letters promptly. If he does not answer in time, I send a note asking if he has any postage.

Columbus Jolly had seven children: George, Ella, Frank, Effey, Eta, Preston and Florence. Preston is dead. George married a Rowland. Eta married a McCarver. Effey never married and is now in Arkansas. Frank married a Miss Bolin; Florence married Pierd Buchanan and lives in Arkansas. The others live in Mississippi and are doing well. May the Lord help them is my prayer. Addie married John Spane; she is dead.

Abner died while he was a child and was buried at the old Jolly graveyard.



## DELIA BURTON WRIGHT JOLLY

**D**elia Burton Wright, daughter of Abner Wright and Annie Martin Wright was born near Cowpens battleground, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, May 16, 1816. Her father, Abner Wright was born in Union County, South Carolina on the Pacolet River.

My mother was Delia Burton Wright, who was born after Abner Wright, her father's, death. The mother then took the three children, Polly, William Winston and Delia, to her brother's [John Martin's] home near Thicketty Mountain where they were reared. Delia was the pet of my uncle, who taught her to dance. It is said that she was as graceful and as versatile as any dancer on the floor.

She grew up with her brother and shared his pleasures. She could wrestle with any boy of her size. There is a very interesting story told of her prowess in a wrestle with one Hughey Price. He challenged her to wrestle with him one night as they, with her brother, returned from a corn shucking. She completely vanquished him when she threw him the second time on a black-jack sapling.

She possessed an unusually full and resonant voice. Often did she sing for the children who gathered for the treat. She was very fond of singing her favorites, "Sweet William," "Pretty Polly" and "Mr. Bull Cock," which were always well received by her audiences.

At the age of nineteen she married my father, Fertherston Jolly, in 1820. She reared eight children.

To her now I lay down at her feet in the memory of a loving and kind mother, a helpful wife, and an earnest pilgrim in the world.

During the war my mother, Delia Burton Jolly, organized a company of ladies at the mouth of Sandy Run. She was elected Captain, Elizabeth Champion first lieutenant; Sarah Champion, sound lieutenant; Lucrecia Surratt, third lieutenant; Emmeline McCraw, drummer. They drilled once a week,

and learned to execute all the movements of the school of the soldier. That was, so far as I know, the only company of women organized during the war. I am proud to state that my mother was the captain.



## NEIGHBORS OF FERTHERSTON JOLLY

**T**he neighbors of Fertherston Jolly within a radius of two miles in the year 1856 were as follows:

Cabard McCraw and Polly McCraw lived east, just across Surratt creek.

Gilbert Surratt and Lucrecia Irvin Surratt.

Martin Harris and Silva Bridges Harris.

Thomas Harris and his first wife, a Blanton; second, Matilda Watkins; third, Susan Wood.

Rice Harris, a son of Martin and Louisa Byers Harris a daughter of John Byers.

P. P. Goforth lived on the road to Union County.

Barney Huskey and wife.

Daniel Humphries and wife.

Nathaniel Jones and wife lived to the Southwest.

Billy Humphries lived to the Southeast.

Bill Humphries lived to the Northeast.

From 1842 to 1856 the following were neighbors of Fertherston Jolly in a radius of five miles: George Champion, Moore Hamrick, Bowen Bridges, Aaron Bridges, Calvin Holland, William McSwain, Billy Hollins, Sr., Elisha Byers, Abner McCraw, Reuben McCraw, Sammie McCraw and Samuel Young.

