

Richard M. Jolly's Uncles and Nephews

Barney—D. L.—Jesse—Thomas—Meredy—Hood
Willis—Noah

BARNEY JOLLY

(Uncle)

Barney Jolly, son of James Jolly and his first wife, Pasey Logan, had five children. Jackson went to the West. Houston married Missy McCraw. He served in the Civil War, guarding prisoners in Salisbury, North Carolina. He was a progressive farmer in his day. Three children: Burroughs married Pacy, a daughter of Harvey Allison and had several children. His son, Monroe, was accidentally killed by his own gun. He was a hard worker and a good citizen.

Mack, son of Houston, the son of Barney and Posie Jolly, married a daughter of John Byers, who lived near Camp Creek Church. He has improved the old home place, on which he lives, until it produces abundantly and looks like a different place.

Samuel (Sammie) Allison married Lucrecia Jolly, a daughter of Houston and Missy Jolly. They were hard workers and reared a family of children. They bought early a part of the Natty Jones lands, which, in the days of high priced lands, he sold. He is now retired, and lives in Gaffney. He and his wife cling to the Baptist faith. Zealous Christians are they, as they are helpful neighbors ready on the dot to lend a hand to any worthy undertaking.

Samuel's father, Harvey Allison, married Sarah, a daughter of Reuben and Rachel Gaston Blanton. They live in Cleveland County, North Carolina, where they reared a large family of children, Sarah, David, Robert, Louisa, Nacia, Louis, Martha, Lucrecia. Nacia and Louis are twins. There are many grandchildren of this family.

Fred Jones, a son of Percy, whose father was Quiller Jones, married Martha Allison, a daughter of S. A. and Lucrecia Allison, a daughter of Houston and Melissa (Missy) Jolly, a daughter of Baird McCraw whose mother was Kisey Tate. S. A. Allison was the son of Harvey and Sarah Allison, a daughter of Reuben and Rachel Blanton, in turn a daughter of Rachel Gaston. Fred lives on the old Jones place six miles from Gaffney with his good wife and children, Rameth, Daisy Louisa, Anna May, Beatrice, Flourie and Edna.

James married Saliner Humphries. Polly did not marry. Burroughs died in war.

Barney married Betsey Goslin the second time. To them were born Stevenson and Hood. Stevenson married Margaret Davis. They had three children. He was a strong youth and was ready to tackle all comers, honest and attentive to his own interests. He served throughout the Civil War as a brave soldier. Hood married a Scruggs, the widow of Wilkes Scruggs and the daughter of Bob Martin, a descendent of Martin Martin and Dicey Hicks. Wilkes Scruggs had been killed in the Civil War. He left some children, Letitia and Pink. Hood lost an arm in battle, returned home and married Mrs. Scruggs. George, son of D. L. Jolly, lives with his wife Letitia Scruggs Jolly near Camp Creek on his own farm which he carefully and profitably cultivates. He is a man of few words, but what he does say

is to the point. Pink Scruggs married and has reared a large family, affording the members a liberal education. There are two doctors among them.

Raney never married. Linde married Billy Paris. Sarah married — Green. Kisiah married Mat Green. John married Bob Scruggs' daughter. Bill married Little Dick Roberts' daughter.

Louis Jolly, son of Barney, married a daughter of George Mills of Polk County, North Carolina, and lived near Fingerville, South Carolina. He worked hard and was able to accumulate property. At one time he had deposited \$1000 in the Bank of Fingerville. It failed and he has been afraid of banks ever since. However, that does not keep him from keeping money on deposit in the bank of Chesnee, South Carolina.

He served in the Civil War, ran away to volunteer at sixteen years of age, and was wounded in the leg. That gave him a great deal of trouble in his old age. Besides that cancer developed on his face, and he lost his sight. When he used to see me coming, he would yell:

“What are you coming here for? By the devil, I have not a thing to eat, nor a thing to feed an old horse, but God bless you, I will give you the best I have.”

That was Louis Jolly. His children have lived well and are prosperous citizens. God bless them all.

He has departed this life, and was buried at Big Springs,

General Scotty Jolly, son of Barney, wedded Nancy Emily Paris near Cowpens Battleground, a place where cattle were herded on account of the pea-vines which grew in profusion around, It was here that General Morgan administered a good licking to Tarleton in the Revolution. Scotty is a well-to-do farmer and landowner. He is now almost blind. His wife has been to him an especially fine helpmate. They have brought up a large family in the ways of right.



MEREDY JOLLY

(Uncle)

Meredy Jolly, son of James and Kisiah, married Nancy Logan and lived at the mouth of Sandy Run creek in Cleveland County. Both were Baptists and reared the following children:

Leander married — Moore, a daughter of Thomas Moore of Cleveland County, North Carolina. Billy White, a cousin of my first wife, married one of their daughters and lives near Shelby, North Carolina.

Missy married David Hamrick, son of Moore Hamrick of Cleveland County. They had several children.

Dulcenia married Carter Burgess and went West.

Hilary married — Matheny. He served in the Civil War and was killed at Gettysburg. He had one child, Hilary, who now lives on Broad River.

Lucinda was not married but had a daughter, who married Mart Martin, son of Billy and Nancy Martin. Marty is a grandson of Richard and a great great grandson of Martin Martin. They have six children.

Thomas married — Burgess and went West after he returned from the army. Cameron did not marry. He was killed at Gettysburg.

Clarke served in the Civil War, died near Richmond and was buried there. Mack and Emily both married Goodes.

When Meredy's first wife, Nancy, died he married Mrs. Mary White, a daughter of Billy Wood. They had one boy, Hilsey. Her two boys by former marriage were Billy and Richard.

I have often visited at my uncle's home. I distinctly recall that I was once sent to his house to borrow a set of balances with which to weigh something. On the way I had to go through a pasture. When I started back I asked Aunt Nancy to let Dulcenia go back with me through the pasture because in it was a ram that was fond of butting unfamiliar youngsters. We had not gone far before he saw us, and with head down he started towards us. We both broke for a small tree nearby. However, he hit me before I could get up the tree, knocked me down then waited a step away for me to arise. No sooner was I on my feet before I was down again. Dulcenia, alarmed, yelled at him, but he shook his horns at her as if to say, "This is my fight." When she saw blood trickling down my face she called to me to lie still, but I was becoming angry. I started to arise, but, when he started at me I dropped back to the ground and caught him by the wool as he came. With him we ran to the fence where I turned him loose, and went to the house where Aunt Nancy washed the blood off my face.

Hillary Jolly is the son of Leander Jolly whose parents were Meredy Jolly and wife, Nancy Logan Jolly. He is the great grandson of James Jolly. He married a daughter of Frank Moore who was a son of Thomas and Peggy Moore. He lived near Sandy Run with such neighbors as: William McSwain, William Champion, Calvin Holland and Billy Holland. Frank married a Neale.

Thomas Moore was a great jumper. His hobby was to tie a silk handkerchief loose around his waist, slip it off, then ask two man to hold it up. Then he would run and jump through it, leaving it still tied. He always had something doing. Consequently there was never a dull minute where he was. He was fond of his dram, but never became intoxicated. He was considered by his friends a good man.



HOOD JOLLY (Uncle)

Hood, the son of James and Kisiah Jolly, married Malina Hamrick, a daughter of George Hamrick, Sr., whose first wife was Phoebe Wright. Hood moved to Sand Mountain, Alabama, thence to Blue Springs, Mississippi.

George Hamrick and Phoebe had three daughters and a son: Judo married Charlie Blanton; Melinda married Hood Jolly; Parthanancy married Goode; Wright married Ellen Peeler. George Hamrick's last wife was the widow of Abner Wright and a daughter of the Revolutionary Martin

Martin. Juda and Charles Blanton, of Cleveland County, reared the following children: Abner, Burrell, William, John and Elisa.

These are the names of Hood Jolly's children: Bob, who lives near Blue Springs, Mississippi, has reared a large family, owns his own home, is a good worker and a great man to buy and sell cattle: the writer once in his life tried to buy a lot of cows, steers from him. Here are the rest of their names: Thomas, Jim, lee, Sam, Jane, Duff, Mary, Creasy, and Ellen. They are scattered over Oklahoma, Mississippi and Arkansas.



JESSE JOLLY *(Uncle)*

Jesse, son of James and Kisiah Jolly, wedded Sallie, daughter of Benjamin and Polly Hughes. He was a farmer and provided well for his family. His wife was beloved by all. Their children, Porch, son of Jesse, married Lucindia, a daughter of James Moore, before the war. He was killed in action.

Asberry, son of Jesse, married a daughter of James Moore. He served in the Civil War and died fighting.

Amos, son of Jesse, married Sallie, daughter of Abram Lovelace. He was killed in battle also. Their children are Timothy, Noah and Kisey. Timothy married — Beeson the first time. His second wife lives in Gaffney. He was a shoemaker and farmer.

Noah Jolly married a daughter of “Bud” and Eade Lee, the latter of which was a daughter of Andrew and Betsey Blanton. She was a daughter of James and Kisiah Jolly.

John, son of Jesse, married a McBrayer. He also was killed in the war. He had no children.

Crawford, son of Jesse, married Mrs. Lucrecia Hamrick, a widow, a daughter of Thomas and Betsey Jolly. He serve in the Confederate army. He alone of all the boys of Jesse returned. His captain was Plato Durham, who was instrumental in getting President Grant to pardon all members of the Ku Klux Klan. He bought land from John Ray at Muddy Fork. Lucrecia's child by her first husband was named James Hamrick. He lives at Boiling Springs, North Carolina, a splendid and loyal citizen.

Lucinda and Betsey, daughter of Jesse, resolved to live single. They lived together in their home at the mouth of Sandy Run until the Lord called one of them to Him. The other is living now with another sister.

Susan, daughter of Jesse, married Louis Hamrick, a son of Moore Hamrick. They live near Mount Pleasant church.

Emmeline, daughter of Jesse, married Berry Hawkins, a blacksmith. They have two boys living near Fair Forest, South Carolina.

Jane, a daughter of Jesse, married James Hamrick, a son of Henry, a son of Moore Hamrick. She was industrious and honest. After her death he married a Mode. Together they have earned their own home and reared two children who are now in school. Moore Hamrick married a daughter of William

whose wife, Femilia, was a Biggerstaff. With her he lived near the Holland schoolhouse in Cleveland County, and reared a large family: Griffin, a legislator; Leander, a school teacher; Oliver, Justice of the Peace and County Commissioner; Sallie, who married B. G. Jolly, whose first wife was Nina Elomer; Elizabeth never married; Leander Holland married Lucinda Lee; Amanda married Henry Hamrick. Polly, daughter of Jesse, married Crowder Pruett. He lived in the neighborhood of his kin, Thomas and Giney Pruett. Crowder was much attached to his church, a Baptist by faith, He has been dead several years. Polly and her daughter, a widow of Charles Hamrick, live together. May God bless her and keep her.

Arraner, a daughter of Jesse, married Thompson Barnette, with whom she moved to Texas.

Audry, son of Jesse, married Hester, a daughter of Mary Brownlee. They have three children, Mary Blanche; Jack Audry is in the mercantile business and is unusually successful; and Frances Willard.



THOMAS JOLLY AND WIFE, BETSEY MOORE (Uncle)

Thomas Jolly married Betsey Moore, a daughter of Thomas Moore of Cleveland County. He was a good farmer and lived near his father, James Jolly. During the Civil War he was called out to hunt deserters. After the war, he improved his farm and was helped in his efforts by his good wife before she died and was buried in the Jolly graveyard.

He again married Elminey Durham of Cleveland County who had some land to which he moved. She was frugal and helped to accumulate much property. She was anxious for all things to be exact, a quality which caused people to call her queer. The death angel called her and left Thomas again alone.

For the third wife he had Arraner Ray, once a wife of Hughie Ray and a daughter of Bill Humphries. This union was not happy or satisfactory. Under her influence his property was dissipated. Whereupon he went to live with his children. However, such an arrangement could not last. He could not accept favors gracefully and finally was compelled to follow his wife to the poor house, although his children tried to save him that last degradation.

It grieves the writer to put this down because Thomas lived to be about ninety-five years of age. I have visited pleasantly in his home and was with him on Klux Klan raids, I know that he was brave as a lion. I trust that his great soul is at rest in heaven.

His children by his first wife were: Knott, Lucrecia, Sis, Brive, Stanford, Preer and Petsey. Knott served in the Civil War. His record as a soldier was splendid. He gave his life to his Southland. Lucrecia first married a Hamrick by whom she had one child who married Austin Turner and the second time, her cousin, Crawford Jolly, son of Jesse and Sallie Jolly. Crawford owned land in Cleveland County, North Carolina. His wife was as good if not better than he. He was a member of Capt. Plato Durham's company in the Civil War. In line of duty as a scout he received a bullet in his shoulder,

which was never extracted. To them were born six children; Jane, who married Frank, son of Alfred Pritchard with whom she lives on a part of his father's land, and to whom she bore several children: Melissa, who married — Hoard, and lives in the Piedmont neighborhood on their own land; Nettie, who married and lives in Gaffney; Solon, who married — Ware, and lives in Kings Mountain; Jesse, whose whereabouts are unknown to the writer.



D. L. JOLLY (Uncle)

DL., a son of James and Kisiah Jolly, married first Polly McCraw, a daughter of Sammie McCraw. He was a farmer and rented for many years the Cowpens Furnace lands. He served against the Cherokee Indians in 1837 when they were pushed into territory beyond the Red river. He was fond of hunting wild game and bees, as well as trapping wild hogs. He got the greater part of his meat in that way.

His marriage was quite an unusual one. He and Polly went out to find a goose nest and were married. They did not return to her house but went on to his father's home.

He was to our present ideas eccentric. He would take his dram, but could not endure a drunkard. If he was set down to a cold meal, he became insulted and would never return again; if he visited anyone, and his host went about his work he shook the dust of the place from his feet forever.

He and Polly had two children: Noble and George. She died at the birth of the latter. Then D. L. married Beckey Blanton. They had three children: William, Jesse and Martha.

He bought the lands which he had been cultivating so long when his first two boys were large enough to work. They were good people, helpful neighbors and useful citizens.

Noble married a cousin, — McCraw, a daughter of Ben McCraw. He served in the Civil War, and according to John Godfrey, made a good soldier. He moved to Texas where he still lives. He is blind and is getting on the western side of life. May God bless him.

George was not old enough to go to the war, but remained at home to take care of his grandmother. He now lives on the farm left him by his uncle, Benson, who did not return from the army. He married Letitia Scruggs, a daughter of Wilkes and Ivey Martin Scruggs.

Martha did not marry. She remained with her mother. She bore a daughter and son. The former married and lives in Cleveland County, North Carolina. The son is counted among the best farmers in Piedmont Baptist Church. He works hard and is trying to educate his children.

William was fond of rabbit hunting. He and his twin brother, Jesse, were inseparable on these hunts. They also did much hard work on the farm. Before he married he farmed in the West two or three years. He went back again with his wife but did not remain long. On his return his father gave him fifty acres of land and helped him build a house. He has always been a hard worker and has reared a splendid family.

Jesse married — Moore, a daughter of Billy and Dicey Hicks Moore, a granddaughter of

Martin Martin. He now lives near Cowpens battleground.

“Mug” Jolly, a grandson of Lewis and Beckey Jolly, lives near Piedmont Church. He is a prosperous farmer and a splendid citizen. He bids fair to accumulate much wealth.



WILLIS JOLLY

(Nephew)

Willis Jolly, Sr., a son of Jesse Jolly and Sallie Hughes Jolly, a daughter of Benjamin and Polly Hughes, took for a wife — Bridges. He was a grandson of James and Kisiah Jolly. He is one of six boys of Jesse's who did not return from war. He served in the Civil War, and, I believe, was killed at Gettysburg. He left a widow and five children to mourn him. Jesse, Columbus, Willis, Jane and Ellen are their names.

Jesse married Della Estonia. One child, C. A., blessed them. Be married Sue Lewis the second time. To them a girl was born. She lives with her father in North Carolina.

Willis lives near Forest City, North Carolina, The following are his children: Hoover, Ralph, Furman, Ernest, Constance, Pearl, Mabel and Willis, Jr His first wife was a Sullivan; his second, a Bailey. He is a prosperous farmer' and carpenter and lives happily and contented.

Jane, daughter of Willis Jolly, married — Tate. They live near the old home place.

Ellen, daughter of Willis Jolly, Sr., married — Matheny.



NOAH JOLLY

(Grand-nephew)

Noah was the son of Amos Jolly of Jesse and Sallie Jolly. Noah's father [Amos] married Lucinda Lovelace. He was killed at Gettysburg, a member of the 28th Volunteer regiment, and a good soldier. Noah has a large family which now lives on the P. W. Humphries place in South Carolina. He is a good farmer, a splendid neighbor and an active member of the Baptist church.

