

Descendants of Andrew Jackson Gray

Generation No. 1

1. ANDREW JACKSON² GRAY (*JOSEPH*¹) was born 18 Jan 1838 in North Carolina^{1,2,3}, and died 18 Sep 1908 in Geneva County, Alabama. He married (1) BETHANY E KNIGHT⁴ 19 Jan 1860 in Worth County, Georgia. She was born Abt. 1842 in Georgia, and died Bef. 1870. He married (2) ELIZABETH MILLS Bef. 1870⁵. She was born 03 Jan 1839 in Florida⁶, and died 03 Aug 1908 in Geneva County, Alabama⁷.

Notes for ANDREW JACKSON GRAY:

Tombstone has birthdate of 1836, which seems unlikely -- 1838 seems more likely. AJ's date varies a lot, between 1836-39. In 1850, he was listed as 11, giving birth year of 1838-39. In 1860, he was 23, giving 1836-37. His 1870 age of 31 gives 1838-39 again. His 1880 age was unclear, and I have not located him in 1900. His 1900 pension application said he was 62, giving birth year of 1838. His brother John C gave his own birth date as 1839 three different times on his pension applications and only once as 1840, but many of John's census ages look like 1840.

1860 US Census, Worth County, Ga, 9 July 1860, Isabella P.O., pg 1047:

#309 Gray, Jackson 23 NC
Bethany 18 Ga
Adjacent to Joseph Gray

1866 Alabama State Census, Coffee County, TWP 1 R21, pg 33:

Gray, A J 2m (-10); 1m (20+); 1f (20+)
Between Mary Ann Cowan and A J Cumbaa.

Unknown whether wife was Bethany or Elizabeth. My guess is Elizabeth, and boys would have been Will Smith (b. abt 1861) and Fene; on 1870 and 1880 censuses, Fene was apparently born abt 1866-67.

1870 US Census, Mitchell County, Ga, 8 July 1870, pg 28-29:

#414 Gray, Andrew J 31 NC
Elizabeth 28 Al
William 9, Felix 3 both born Al

1880 US Census, Berrien County, Ga, District 1157, pg 613A:

#364 Gray, Jack 42? NC (NC NC - from LDS listing)
Elizabeth 41 Al (Ga Ga - from LDS listing)
Phelix 13 b. Al, John 6 b. Ga, Mattie 2 b. Ga (LDS has 14 for Phelix' age)
(Will is missing. See notes for him.)

1900: AJ not located. Elizabeth, divorced, in household of son Jack, Jr.

Application for the Relief of Confederate Soldiers and Sailors, Geneva County, Alabama (summary):

A J Gray ... resident citizen of Geneva County ... resided in said state on the first day of January, 1899; enlisted as a private, in Company D, in the 54 Ala Regiment on the 20 day of Sept, 1861, at Geneva... honorably discharged from such service on the <blank> day of May 1865 ... now unable to make a living by manual labor on account of crippled hand... 62 years of age ... post office address is Marl, Alabama; that he does not own property either in his own name, nor that of his wife, to the value of four hundred dollars

(\$400); that his annual income does not exceed four hundred dollars (\$400), and that he has no children upon whom he can depend for support. Your petitioner files herewith a complete schedule of all the property owned by himself and wife. ...<lines omitted> signed A J Gray (his 'x' mark) 19 May 1900

G W Leddon, Sr and J N McDuffie attested that they had personal knowledge of said service. A R Chapman, MD and W D Campbell signed note: "We have examined applicant and find him with a crippled hand and not able to do anything with it and has nothing and no one to support him."

Schedule of property filed: no real estate; personal property (household and kitchen furniture) \$25.00.

**Note: Gladys Watson Gray thought that A J had not served in the Civil War, because he had a crippled hand from being stung by a stingaree (sting ray? jelly fish?). It made his hand draw up and wither.

Of 15 Mar 1906, A J Gray and W M Stafford attested to confederate service of George W Leddon by affidavits attached to application for his pension .

<http://www.trackingyourroots.com/gulfrangers.htm> (copied 22 January 2003):

Company D, 4th Confederate Infantry, - 1st Regiment Alabama, Tennessee & Mississippi Infantry (Became Co. E. 54th Ala. Inf. Regt.). Served at Island #10 in Tennessee and surrendered there in April, 1862. Men taken prisoners, but exchanged In Sept. 1862.... Muster roll includes:

Gray, Andrew J. - age 23.

Gray, Daniel J. - age 25; discharged- due to illness (WRM note: see my notes on Daniel's and brother John C's CSR.)

The "Gulf Rangers" were formed on 14 September, 1861, in Geneva, Coffee County (later Geneva County), Alabama, by Captain Henry Wesley Laird. After mustering in Montgomery, Alabama, they became part of the First Alabama Regiment, and were sent to Island #10 in Tennessee....

Note: George W and Jacob W Leddon, James Neal McDuffie and John C Cowan were also in this unit.

No CSR found for A J Gray in Co D or E of 4th or 54th Al Inf.

More About ANDREW JACKSON GRAY:

Burial: Leddon Cemetery, Marl, Geneva County, Alabama

Notes for BETHANY E KNIGHT:

Birthdate calculated from 1860 census, Worth Co., Ga., age 18. She and A.J. lived next door to Joseph and his family.

Marriage license in Worth Co., Marriage Book 1854-1883, pg 75

(<ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/ga/worth/vitals/marriages/bka.txt>).

Nothing more is known about her. May have died before 1866, as the 1866 census showed 2 boys in household that may have been Elizabeth's Will and Fene.

Notes for ELIZABETH MILLS:

Birthdate of 1839 from tombstone. Buried at Eden Baptist Church with son William Walter Smith and his wife, Fannie.

Her birth year and place are uncertain, varying a lot on censuses. In 1870, she was 28, giving a birth year of 1842. In 1880, she was 41, giving 1839. Birthdate on 1900 census Geneva County, Ala: Jan 1847, age 53, divorced.

Census entries of both 1870 and 1880 indicate that Elizabeth was born in Alabama, but 1900 census reports Florida. Census entries of both 1920 and 1930 for dau Mattie B Gray Danley indicate that her mother was born in Florida. Census 1900 and 1910 for her son Jack say she was born in Florida. Other entries say Al or Ga.

From Grandpa's Silver Trunk website at <http://www.knology.net/~toniab/CoffCoGuards.html>

From list of members of the Coffee County Guards (no date):

W. W. MILLS

Any connection to Elizabeth?

Applications by her son William Walter Smith for Geneva County medical license twice state his birthplace to be Daleville, Alabama, 1861. Are the following people possibilities? (All census entries P.O. Newton)

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Smith, Samuel W. W. -age 36; born Sumter Dist., S. C.

Note: AJ and Daniel J Gray, George W and Jacob W Leddon, John C Cowan were in this same unit.

Note: William Walter Smith said on all census entries that his father was born either Al or FL.

The following couple was not found on 1870 index in Dale, Coffee, Henry or Geneva counties, so maybe it could be Elizabeth Mills. Maybe he died in the war.

1860 US Census, Dale County, Alabama, 26 June, P.O. Newton, page 509, #26:

Smith, William	24	farmer	---	\$100	Al
Elizabeth	18				Al

Related?

on 21 June, page 503, #35:

Mills, W B	26	farmer	\$4500	\$7700	Fla
Emily R	26				Ga
Thomas H?	or A? 2,	Mary E	9/12		Al
Henry H?	or A? 23,	Thomas S	17	farm laborers	Ga
C E (f)	15				Fla

on 1 Aug, page 593 #646:

Mills, Josiah	20	farm laborer	---	\$30	Al
Clancy (fem)	30	SC,	William	10	Al
Antley, Nancy	75				SC

on page 602, #710:

Smith, W W	47	farmer	\$2285	\$15, 120	Ga		
Jane E	44				Ga		
James F	19	farm laborer,	Nancy A	17 (idiot),	Benj. J 12,	Winfield W C 9	all born Ga
Caroline E	7,	William O F 5,	Stephen J 2				all born Al

More About ELIZABETH MILLS:

Burial: Eden Baptist Church Cemetery, Geneva County, Alabama

Children of ANDREW GRAY and ELIZABETH MILLS are:

2. i. FELIX GREENE³ GRAY, b. 17 Jul 1867, Alabama; d. 28 Jan 1917.
3. ii. ANDREW JACKSON GRAY, JR, b. 04 Mar 1872, Georgia; d. 04 Feb 1934, Geneva County, Alabama.
4. iii. MATTIE BEULAH GRAY, b. Jan 1877, Georgia; d. 1947, California.
5. iv. HATTIE L. GRAY, b. Jul 1880, Georgia; d. 23 Oct 1956, Panama City, Bay County, Florida.
6. v. MARY ETTA GRAY, b. 05 Mar 1886, Alabama; d. 14 Dec 1960, Panama City, Bay County, Florida.

Generation No. 2

2. FELIX GREENE³ GRAY (*ANDREW JACKSON*², *JOSEPH*¹) was born 17 Jul 1867 in Alabama⁷, and died 28 Jan 1917⁷. He married LILA SMITH⁸ 01 Dec 1892⁹, daughter of WILLIAM SMITH and MARY SWORD. She was born 02 Nov 1871 in Georgia¹⁰, and died 13 Jan 1964¹⁰.

Notes for FELIX GREENE GRAY:

Source of middle name Green: Alan Gray, greatgrandson of F G Gray, grandson of Fene's son Roy.

Name shown as Phelix or Felix on 1870 Mitchell Co. Ga, 1880 Berrien Co. Ga. (see father's notes) and 1910 Walton County, Fl census entries. Handwritten on funeral home record: Fenix. Always known as Fene. My grandmother Etta Gray Owen never mentioned any other name for him but Fene. She didn't say how it was spelled.

Fene's and children's middle names, his marriage and children's family data provided by greatgrandson Alan Gray.

Alabama state census of 1866 shows father A.J. Gray with wife and 2 boys under age 10. Fene could have been infant born in 1866 instead of Jun 1867 as given on 1900 census or Jul 1867 as shown on tombstone.

1900 Geneva County, Ala. census in Precinct 11, Beaver Dam, #216:

Gray, F G 32 b. 7/1867 Al NC Al married 7 yrs
Lilla 28 b. 11/1871 Ga Ga Ga 6 children living/6 born
Lolla 6 (8/1893), Edgar 5 (9/94), Kava 4 (2/96), Q (Cue) 3 (3/1897),
Ruth 1 (12/1898), Roy 3/12 (2/1900) all children born Al

1910 Walton County, Fla. Soundex entry: 038 115 - 151

Gray, Felix G 42 Al ? Fl
Lila 38 Ga
Lola E 16, Edgar D 15, Kara V 14, Cue G 13, Eva R 11, Roy O 10, Horrace G 9, Mary E 6 -- Ala
Ross McDonald (son) 2, Theodore Taft NR -- both born Fl

1920 Covington County, Alabama, 22 Jan, Pct 9 Florala, pg 81b, no street given, #430:

Gray, Lila 38 widow, owns house, can R/W, Ga Ga Al
Edgar D 25 (salesman/ hardware store)
Kava 23 (salesman, general merchandise),
Roy O 19 (delivery man/ furniture store)
Ruth 21 (saleslady/ millinery store),
Horace 17 (no occupation), -- all born Ala
Ross 12
Taft 10 -- last 2 born Fl, in school, all can R/W

More About FELIX GREENE GRAY:

Burial: Chapel Hill Cemetery, Florala, Covington County, Alabama

Notes for LILA SMITH:

1900 census Geneva County Precinct 11, Beaver Dam, #216, gives her birthdate as 11/1871, as does her

funeral record from Evans-Brown Funeral Service in Florala, Al (2 Nov 1871 - 13 Jan 1964). Tombstone at Chapel Hill Cem has 2/2/1871.

Originally from Randolph County, Ga, according to her greatgrandson Alan Gray, grandson of her son Roy. Have photograph provided by Marvin Dorman Gray, Alan's cousin, grandson of Betty Gray Lowery.

More About LILA SMITH:

Burial: Chapel Hill Cemetery, Florala, Covington County, Alabama

Children of FELIX GRAY and LILA SMITH are:

- i. LOLA ESTELLE⁴ GRAY, b. 27 Aug 1893, Alabama; d. 14 Nov 1918; m. OLLIE PERKINS.

Notes for LOLA ESTELLE GRAY:

Husband's name from tombstone.

More About LOLA ESTELLE GRAY:

Burial: Chapel Hill Cemetery, Florala, Covington County, Alabama

- ii. EDGAR DOLPHUS GRAY, b. 01 Sep 1894, Alabama; d. 13 May 1991; m. BERRA TEMPLE.
- iii. KAVA VERA GRAY, b. 24 Feb 1896, Alabama; d. 25 Aug 1926; m. JAMES MADISON WILLIAMS; b. 16 Sep 1878; d. 26 Jan 1924.

Notes for KAVA VERA GRAY:

More About KAVA VERA GRAY:

Burial: Chapel Hill Cemetery, Florala, Covington County, Alabama

Notes for JAMES MADISON WILLIAMS:

<http://www.knology.net/~toniab/Chapelh.txt> :

Chapel Hill Cemetery, Florala, Alabama

(All adjacent)

WILLIAMS, Sgt. Clyde C	6-19-1894	1-3-1974	dhs
WILLIAMS, Lida Viola	4-29-1896	7-16-1980	
WILLIAMS, Mack W	4-27-1859	10-29-1941	
WILLIAMS, Anna M	1865	1951	
WILLIAMS, Silas Lee	1877	1937	
WILLIAMS, Francis P	2-23-1853	8-14-1929	
WILLIAMS, T J	10-15-1848	6-11-1924	
WILLIAMS, J. Madison	9-16-1878	1-26-1924	
WILLIAMS, Kava Gray	2-24-1896	8-25-1926	
PERKINS, Lola Estelle Gray	8-27-1893	11-14-1918	w/o Ollie Perkins
GRAY, Cue G	3-30-1897	7-29-1918	Pvt Co F 167th Inf
GRAY, Lila	11-2-1871	7-13-1964	
GRAY, F G	7-17-1867	1-28-1917	

More About JAMES MADISON WILLIAMS:

Burial: Chapel Hill Cemetery, Florala, Covington County, Alabama

- iv. CUE GREENE GRAY, b. 30 Mar 1897, Alabama; d. 19 Jul 1918.

Notes for CUE GREENE GRAY:

Tombstone at Chapel Hill, Florala: Private Co. F., 167th Infantry. Died in WWI. Cue and his brother Edgar were in same unit in WW I - - Rainbow Division. (The 4th Alabama and 69th New York (Irish) both fought in Civil War. Both Units became part of the 167th Infantry.)

History of Geneva County, Alabama by Jamsey J Collins, no date (probably 1967-68) but foreword says material was collected 1943-50. Page 75 refers to 1967 edition of Outstanding Personalities of the South. Dedicated to 1968 centennial of Geneva County. Page 87 refers to 'last Jan 1967':
pg 122: mentions Cue E Gray in list of Geneva County soldiers who died in WWI.

From list of WWI casualties who reported Alabama as their home of record (copied 16 June 2003):
<http://www.angelfire.com/al/vaetowah/wwi.html> :

Gray, Gue G. PVT Hacoda 28-Jul-18, cause of death: DW (means? died of wounds?) Army

A family legend has it that Cue was not actually killed in the war, but deserted in France. Supposedly, his brother Roy received a post card from him from Canada. Cue's mother received a pension because of Cue's "death". No one knows if this story is true. A body was brought home and buried.

More About CUE GREENE GRAY:

Burial: Chapel Hill Cemetery, Florala, Covington County, Alabama

- v. EVA RUTH GRAY, b. 09 Dec 1898, Alabama; d. Nov 1970; m. DAN KOONCE.

Notes for EVA RUTH GRAY:

Lived in Montgomery in 1980s.

- vi. ROY ORMAN GRAY, b. 12 Feb 1900, Alabama; d. 01 May 1973; m. ATRICE ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, 24 Jun 1925; b. 12 May 1908.

Notes for ROY ORMAN GRAY:

Lived in Mobile.

- vii. HORACE GREELY GRAY, b. 23 Oct 1901; m. WILLIE JACKSON.
viii. MARY ELIZABETH GRAY, b. 01 Dec 1903; d. Nov 1978; m. (1) TALTON COLUMBUS LOWERY¹¹, 13 Sep 1919; b. 17 Nov 1897¹¹; d. 16 Jul 1969¹¹; m. (2) JAMES LAWRENCE MCDONALD, Bef. 1937.

Notes for MARY ELIZABETH GRAY:

Reported by Alan Gray (or his cousin Marvin Dorman) to have been buried at the national cemetery in Pensacola, but her name (as Lowery or Lowry) not found on cemetery list at
http://www.interment.net/data/us/fl/escambia/barranat/barrancas_lobly.htm .

- ix. ROSS MCDONALD GRAY, b. 14 Jun 1907; d. Nov 1979; m. MATTIE LOU POWELL; b. 1906.

Notes for ROSS MCDONALD GRAY:

"McDonald" was a family name on Lila's side.

- x. THEODORE TAFT GRAY, b. 15 Mar 1909; d. 17 Mar 1966; m. ANNA LEE JONES; d. 1999.

3. ANDREW JACKSON³ GRAY, JR (*ANDREW JACKSON*², *JOSEPH*¹) was born 04 Mar 1872 in Georgia¹², and died 04 Feb 1934 in Geneva County, Alabama^{13,14}. He married MARY VALDORA (DORA) BREWER Abt. 1894. She was born 13 Apr 1879 in Florala, Covington County, Alabama¹⁴, and died 13 Sep 1956 in Geneva County, Alabama^{15,16}.

Notes for ANDREW JACKSON GRAY, JR:

Birthdate from tombstone. (Have picture of tombstone.) 1900 census Geneva County gives birthdate Mar 1874, age 26, married 6 yrs. All children's birthdates came from Dora Gray's Bible (via Eugene Gray), 1985.

1900 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, Pct. 12 (Marl) #19:

Gray, Andrew J 26 (Mar 1874) married 6 yrs, farmer, owned farm, no mtg Ga Al Fl

Mary V	20 (Apr 1880)	2 children born/2 children living	Al Fl Fl
Earnest D	5 (Feb 1895)		Al Ga Al
William J	11/12 (June 1899)		Al Ga Al
Gray, Elizabeth	53 (Jan 1847)	divorced, 8 ch/7 living	Fl NC NC
Gray, Hattie L	20 (July 1879 - but not on 1880 census!)	sister, single	Ga Al Fl
Gray, Mary E	17 (Mar 1883)	sister, single	Al Al Fl

1910 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, 16 Apr 1910, Pct. 12 (Marl) #36:

Gray, A J	36, first marriage,	Ga SC Fl
Dora	30, first marriage,	Fl Unknown Unknown
Earnest	14, Willie 12, Nellie 9, Bertha 5, Eugene 2	all born Al

1920 US Census, Geneva County, AL, ED 111, Beat 12, pg 189b, #141:

Gray, Jackson	47 owns farm free, all can R/W	Ga Ga Ga
Dora	35	Al Al Al

Willie J 20, Bertha 15, Eugene 12, Clarence 9,

Leo (dau) 6 11/12, Cleo (dau) 4 1/12, Bonnie R 6/12 - all children born Al

(All the children's ages as of 1/1/1920 agree with the reported birth years except Clarence, who should have been 8, and Cleo, who should have been 3 1/12. Are their reported birth years correct?)

1930 Census, Geneva County, AL, 14 April, ED 18, Sht 89 (Soundex entry) and sht 5B (Ancestry.com image), Bedsole to Stephens Farm Rd, pg 236B, #88:

Gray, Jackson	58 married at age 20, farmer, owns farm, has radio,	Ga
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Mary D	52 married at age 14	Al
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Willie J (son)	30, Clarence V 19, L Leow (dau) 17, Bonnie R 10	Al
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Same Jack Gray? The Calhouns were neighbors in Marl area.

Holmes County Marriage Book 2, pg 195:

Calhoun, C A and Ibra Beatrice Laird, 21 May 1916 by B J Castellow, MG
wit: Jack Gray & Mrs Weeks

More About ANDREW JACKSON GRAY, JR:

Burial: Leddon Cemetery, Marl, Geneva County, Alabama¹⁶

Notes for MARY VALDORA (DORA) BREWER:

Alabama Death Index has her death date as 24 Sep 1956 (Vol 37, cert. #18108, role 5).

Father: John Leroy Brewer. Did not make a note of where I got her father's name and that she was born in Florala. Possibly from her Bible, where I got her children's info. or from Eugene Gray, her son.

Personal report, from stories told by Mirtie Owens Baughman and Clarence Gray, Feb 1985:

Aunt Dora was given to wild temper tantrums whenever someone crossed her. She often threw things and beat her children with whatever was handy when she was angry, including a firestick (poker) with which she almost smashed Bertha once. She often beat her fists on the wall and screamed. She claimed that doing that drove the devil away.

Once when Granma Etta Gray Owens was very sick in bed, Dora went by to visit and told Etta that her

sickness was due to the devil in her and that she should beat her fists on the wall and scream to get rid of him. Aunt Mirtie told Dora that her mother did not have any devil in her and she didn't want Dora coming around there saying that.

Dora belonged to some religion that forbade medicine and doctors. She was very serious about her religion. Once when her daughter Bertha was down with malaria chills and fever, Bertha persuaded her Uncle Rich Owens to sneak some Grover's Chill Tonic and aspirin to her because her mother would not give her anything. Bertha had been deathly ill for a couple of weeks. After her Uncle Rich sneaked medicine to her, she recovered.

Dora's daughter Cleo died at age 5, possibly because no doctor or medicine was allowed her. When Uncle Jack, her husband, was dying of cancer, her son Gene sneaked medicine past Dora whenever he could.

Dora's temper fits often took the form of running up and down the road, hitching rides in cars and going off somewhere until someone went to get her.

She never let her daughters go anywhere or do anything for pleasure. Once when Bertha and Leo disobeyed her and went somewhere with their Uncle Rich Owens and his family, Dora went out to the fields and lay down and stayed there until someone went and coaxed her in. She liked to go sit or lie in the field when she was angry.

When she would scream and beat the wall, Uncle Jack would say quietly "Now, Dorie, don't do that". He often sat in the corner and whistled while she was raging. He had a little tune he whistled during those times. As soon as the boys were old enough to work the farm, Uncle Jack found work at some distance away. He would work away for a week at a time and come home on weekends.

When Aunt Hattie had her baby while she lived with Jack and Dora (Hattie was not married), Dora was jealous of the attention that Jack and Hattie's mother (who was also living with them) paid to Hattie's baby instead of Dora's baby. She also resented the fact that Jack's mother (Elizabeth Mills Gray) more or less took control of the raising of Dora's oldest child because Dora was little more than a child when she had him.

When she wasn't in a temper, Dora was as sweet and good a person as anyone could want. She would do anything for anybody as long as it didn't involve medicine or doctors. And she was crazy about Uncle Jack.

More About MARY VALDORA (DORA) BREWER:
Burial: Leddon Cemetery, Marl, Geneva County, Alabama¹⁶

Children of ANDREW GRAY and MARY BREWER are:

- i. ERNEST DOW⁴ GRAY, b. 01 Feb 1896, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 26 Jun 1979; m. (1) IDA ARANT, 1918, Geneva County, Alabama; d. Abt. 1920; m. (2) ETHEL TRANT, 1922, Geneva County, Alabama¹⁷; m. (3) LEITHA M. HORNSBY, 1928, Geneva County, Alabama¹⁸.

Notes for ERNEST DOW GRAY:

Information on this family provided by Gladys Watson Gray, 1985.

1900 US Census, Geneva County gives Ernest's birthdate as Feb 1895, not 1896.

1920 US Census, Walton County, FL, ED 145, Sht 11, line 10 (Soundex entry), (#124):

Gray, Earnest 23 Al

Ida 20 Fl

May be Geneva Lumber Camps (starting with #89, according to census abstract accessed from <http://www.knology.net/~toniab/page2.html> .)

1930 US Census, Geneva County, AL, 11 April, Precinct 16, Hacoda, Hacoda & Florala Rd, pg 302b, #154:

Gray, Earnest D 35 first mar@23, stump driller/naval stores, vet of WW Al Ga Fl
Letha M (wife) 18 first mar@17 Al Al Al
Maxine 0/12 Al Al Al

Is this the same Ernest Gray?

Holmes County Marriage Book A, pg 230:

Hale, J B and Padgett, Sallie: 20 Aug 1916 by J F Register, MG
Wit: Columbia Padgett & Earnest Gray

From the Dothan Eagle, Sun, Feb 16 19?? (Xerox copy cut off):

Ernest Gray Feted at Birthday Dinner

Samson - - Ernest Gray was honored Feb 2 on his 80th birthday at the Lytle Community Center with a dinner served buffet style.

His children and grandchildren attending were Mrs Maxine Holland and son Gabe, Mr and Mrs Jack Summerlin and son Greg all of Geneva, Mrs Shirley Lindsey and daughter Sheila Foxworth, Geneva, Mrs Charles Brackin and daughter Linda of Newton, Miss Merline Gray of Dothan.

Brothers present were Mr and Mrs Clarence Gray of Niceville, Fla., Mr and Mrs Eugene Gray of Marl, Mr and Mrs Jack Gray of Samson Rt 2, a brother-in-law and wife, Mr and Mrs James Hornsby of Enterprise.

Approximately 150 relatives and friends attended.

From the Dothan Eagle, Sun, Feb 15 1976:

Ernest Gray Feted on 81st Birthday

Samson - - Ernest Gray was honored Sunday at the Lytle Community Center on his 81st birthday. His children were hosts for the dinner.

Children include Mrs Maxine Britt and husband of Ozark, Mrs Mavis Lindsey of Thomaston, Ga, Mrs Avis Summerlin and Jack, Mrs Marie Brackin, Newton, Mrs Myrlene Wiggins and Bryan of Dothan.

Granddaughters are Sheila Foxworth, Glenda Brackins, grandsons, Gregory Summerlin, Gade Mims, Roger Mims, Mr and Mrs Eugene Gray, nephews and niece, Mr and Mrs Terrell Gray, Geneva, Mr and Mrs Jack Gray and family. Others, Mr and Mrs A W Foxworth, Geneva, Mrs James Hornsby and Mrs B C Stokes of Coffee Springs.

Notes for IDA ARANT:

Died in childbirth.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flholmes/leonia.htm> :

Gray, Ida Arrant no dates

More About IDA ARANT:

Burial: Leonia, Holmes County, Florida¹⁹

Notes for LEITHA M. HORNSBY:

- ii. WILLIAM JACKSON GRAY, b. 17 Jun 1899, Geneva County, Alabama²⁰; d. 08 May 1984²⁰; m. MAGGIE B MICHAUX²⁰, 1932, Geneva County, Alabama²¹; b. 08 Jun 1901²²; d. 12 Jul 1985²².

Notes for WILLIAM JACKSON GRAY:

Name on tombstone is Willie Jackson. (Have picture of tombstone.)

Personal report, from stories told by Mirtie Owens Baughman and Clarence Gray, Feb 1985:

Willie was accused of getting Maggie Michaux pregnant, but he denied it for a long time. Maggie's brother went after Willie and they fought each other, chasing round and round a tree. Willie's brother Clarence stepped in to stop the fight. In the scuffle, Maggie's brother tried to shoot Willie, but Clarence got in the way and was shot in the arm.

Jack Gray told Willie that he would stand by him if he was not guilty, but if he was guilty, there was nothing he could do. Eventually, Willie admitted to it, and he and Maggie were married in 1932.

More About WILLIAM JACKSON GRAY:

Burial: Leddon Cemetery, Marl, Geneva County, Alabama²²

More About MAGGIE B MICHAUX:

Burial: Leddon Cemetery, Marl, Geneva County, Alabama²²

- iii. NELLIE MAY GRAY, b. 03 Dec 1901, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 1984; m. LEE BOGGS; b. Abt. 1899, Alabama²³.

Notes for NELLIE MAY GRAY:

1920 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, 6-7 Jan, Beat 10 (Geneva town, Jacobson Square), pg 149b, #122:

Boggs, Lee A	21	rents, laborer in sawmill, can R/W	Al Al Al
Nellie	18	cannot R/W	Al Al Ga
Edna C	27/12	Al	

At #121: Aaron and Viola Clemmons Calhoun, from Marl.

Leddon Cemetery, Row 3:

Plot:

Unmarked adult slab

Lewis, Edna Mae Boggs 8 Nov 1922 - 16 Feb 1993

end plot

(Note: It has been reported, probably by Gladys Watson Gray, that Nellie Gray Boggs, dau of A J Gray, Jr and Mary Valdora Brewer, is also buried at Leddon, with no marker.)

More About NELLIE MAY GRAY:

Burial: Leddon Cemetery, Marl, Geneva County, Alabama

- iv. BERTHA LEE GRAY, b. 26 Oct 1904, Geneva County, Alabama; m. (1) RUDOLPH WISE, 12 Jul 1926; d. Bef. 1936; m. (2) CLISTON RHODEN, 26 Jun 1936, Frostproof, Polk County, Florida; b. 1911; d. 29 Nov 1980, Frostproof, Polk County, Florida.

Notes for BERTHA LEE GRAY:

Lived in Frostproof, Fla., 1985.

Notes for CLISTON RHODEN:

Parents: Aaron Rhoden and Margaret Christy

- v. TERRYL EUGENE GRAY, b. 29 Dec 1907, Geneva County, Alabama²⁴; d. 07 Jul 1989²⁴; m. GLADYS REBECCA DABNEY^{24,25}, 1929, Geneva County, Alabama²⁶; b. 15 Sep 1911²⁷; d. 24 Jun 1993²⁷.

Notes for TERRYL EUGENE GRAY:

Gene and Gladys provided all the information on their children and grandchildren. Birthdate from Dora Gray's Bible was Dec 30, 1907 but tombstone has Dec 29. Have picture of tombstones. Obituary of Willis Jackson Gray spells Gene's and son's first names as Terrell.

1930 census Geneva County, AL, ED 17, Sht 247(Soundex entry):
Gray, Eugene T 22
Gladis 18

More About TERRYL EUGENE GRAY:
Burial: Leddon Cemetery, Marl, Geneva County, Alabama²⁷

Notes for GLADYS REBECCA DABNEY:
1920 Geneva County, Alabama, 14 January, Gilmore's precinct, pg 227b/228a, #78/79 (farm):

79	Dabney, Willis	57	farmer, rents	SC Va SC
	Martyanne	34	FI US AI	
	Carl	9	AI SC FI	
	Gladys	7	AI SC FI	
	Eava	6	AI SC FI	
	Cathlean	4 6/12	AI SC FI	
	William M	88	father	Va Ireland Va

From the Dothan Eagle, Saturday, June 26, 1993:

Samson - - Gladys Rebecca Gray, 81, of Samson, Rt 2 (Open Pond Community) died Thursday, June 24, 1993, in Flowers Hospital after a brief illness.

The funeral will be 10 AM today from the chapel of Pittman Funeral Home of Geneva with the Revs. Richard Hayes and John Bryan officiating. Burial will be in Leddon Cemetery with Pittman Funeral Home of Geneva directing.

Survivors include one daughter, Rebecca Haynes, Samson, Rt 2; two sons, Jack Gray, Samson, Rt 2, Terrell Gray, Geneva; two sisters, Katheleen McCall, Geneva, Eva McDuffie, Samson, Rt 2; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

More About GLADYS REBECCA DABNEY:
Burial: Leddon Cemetery, Marl, Geneva County, Alabama²⁷

- vi. CLARENCE DEMASCUS GRAY, b. 26 Apr 1911, Geneva County, Alabama; m. GLADYS ODESSA WATSON, 1932, Geneva County, Alabama²⁸; b. Abt. 1913²⁹; d. 04 Nov 2003.

Notes for CLARENCE DEMASCUS GRAY:
Lived in Crestview, Fla., 1985.

Notes for GLADYS ODESSA WATSON:
Gladys supplied much of the info on the families of A.J. Gray, Jr. and children.

Obituary (paper?):

Gladys Watson Gray of Crestview, Fla, and formerly of Geneva, passed away Tuesday, Nov 4, 2003, in Crestview. She was 90.

Funeral services will be 11 AM Friday, Nov 7, at Bottoms Garden Chapel Funeral Home with the Rev Raymond Williams officiating. Burial will follow at Leddon Cemetery. Visitation will be 10 to 11 AM Friday.

Survivors include three daughters, Wauree Holmes of Enterprise, Gail Young of Crestview, Fla, and Mae Nell Miller of Crestview, Fla; two brothers, Emmitt Watson of Elba, and James Watson of Haines City, Fla; two sisters, Eva Mae Smith of Elba, and Bonnie Quattlebaum of Geneva; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Bottoms Garden Chapel Funeral Home of Geneva, 334-684-2982, is in charge of arrangements.

More About GLADYS ODESSA WATSON:
Burial: 07 Nov 2003

- vii. LEO (JOAN) GRAY, b. 29 Jan 1913, Geneva County, Alabama; m. (1) UNKNOWN SMITH; m. (2)

- LOUIS C. JONES, 1930, Geneva County, Alabama.
- viii. LILLIE CLEO GRAY, b. 20 Mar 1916, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 29 Oct 1921, Geneva County, Alabama³⁰.

Notes for LILLIE CLEO GRAY:
Alabama Death Index has her name as Lila Cleo.

More About LILLIE CLEO GRAY:
Burial: Leddon Cemetery, Marl, Geneva County, Alabama

- ix. BONNIE REECE GRAY, b. 10 Jul 1919, Geneva County, Alabama; m. GEORGE QUATTLEBAUM, 1944, Geneva County, Alabama.

Notes for BONNIE REECE GRAY:
Lived in Geneva County, 1985.

4. MATTIE BEULAH³ GRAY (*ANDREW JACKSON², JOSEPH¹*) was born Jan 1877 in Georgia³¹, and died 1947 in California. She married JAMES THOMAS DANLEY 1892, son of OLIVER DANLEY and MARTHA HOLLEY. He was born 26 Feb 1870 in Geneva County, Alabama³², and died 02 Feb 1952 in El Cerrito, Contra Costa County, California.

Notes for MATTIE BEULAH GRAY:

Birthdate from Gladys Watson Gray. 1880 census, Berrien Co., Ga.: age 2. Married when she was 13 years old. Moved to Texas for some years, then to California. All info about her children comes from Mertie Owen Baughman and Gladys Gray's family records, February 1985, and Texas 1900 and 1910 census.

There has always been a story in the family about how Aunt Mattie and Uncle Tom Danley had to go off to Texas because he had killed someone. As Aunt Mirtie Owens Baughman told the story, Tom and a black man raised sheep. The negro accused Tom of stealing his sheep, and Tom is supposed to have shot and killed him. Afraid for his life, Tom and Mattie and their small son, Perry, left on mule and wagon, with Grandpa Jack Gray going along to protect Mattie and Perry while Tom followed nearby through the woods, either on foot or by mule. They got to Texas, where the other children except Frankie and J C were born, and lived there for years. When all the children were grown and married, they all packed up and left for California. His Uncle Frank Danley lived in California and wanted them to come out.

It could be that they spent some time in Panama City, Florida before going on to Texas. Perry is said to have been born there and there is some question that Bernon may also have been born there instead of Texas. Or it could be that they lived in Panama City for a time after they first married, before moving back to Alabama and having to leave there.

Mirtie thought Mattie and Tom met at church in Alabama. Tom asked Jack Gray for her in marriage and he said, "Take her on." Mattie was 13 years old (1930 census says 14 yrs old). That would make it about 1890 - 1892.

1900 US Census, Texas, Tyler County, Precinct 2, West of Railroad, pg 150B, #86:

Danley, James T	29 (Feb 1871)	m 8 yrs, railroad laborer, rent house, both can R/W	Al Al Al
Mattie B	22 (Jan 1877)	3 ch/2 living	Ga Ga Ga
Perry E	5 (Sep 1894)		Fl Al Ga
Bervin J	1 (Jul 1898)		Tx Al Ga

1910 US Census, Texas, Liberty County, Precinct 4, Railroad Street in Dayton, pg 77A, #313:

Danley, James T	40	m1, 19 yrs, laborer, Ry (?=rr yard?)	Section	Al	Al	Al
Mattie B	33	m1, 6 ch/6 living	Ga	NC	NC	
Perry E	14	apprentice printer	--	Al	Ga	
Bervin J	11		Tx	Al	Ga	
Thomas D	8		Tx	Al	Ga	
Alice D	6		Tx	Al	Ga	
Mollie E	4		Tx	Al	Ga	
William H	1 8/12		Tx	Al	Ga	

1920 US Census, Texas (Ancestry.com image), Tyler County, 7 Jan, Justice Pct #2, ED 202, Sht 6B, pg ?, #105/109:

Danley, Tom	49	section hand on railroad	Al	Fl	Al
Mattie B	42		Ga	NC	Fl!
Thomas D	18		TX	Al	Ga
Mollie E	13		TX	Al	Ga
Harvey	9		TX	Al	Ga
Mattie B, Jr	8		TX	Al	Ga
Eula J	3 3/12		TX	Al	Ga
Franklin E	1 5/12		TX	Al	Ga

1930 US Census, California (Ancestry.com image), (no day) April, Humboldt County, Eureka TWP, 19 Bay View Avenue, pg ?, #40:

Danley, James T	60	rents, \$18 mo., radio, married at 21, no occ., not a vet.	Al	Fl	Al
Mattie	53	married at 14, both can R/W, do not live on farm	Ga	NC	Fl!
Perry (son)	33	married, mar. at 21, laborer in saw mill, not a veteran	Fl	Al	Ga
Thomas Dow (son)	28	single, laborer in saw mill	TX		
Mattie (dau)	18	single	TX		
Ula J (dau)	14	in school	TX		
Frank (son)	11	in school	TX		
Jay T (son)	5		TX		
Daphine L (grdau)	6		TX		
Dorothy (grdau)	4		TX		

Notes for JAMES THOMAS DANLEY:

Age 5 months (born January) on 1870 census Geneva County. Dates from Gladys Watson Gray.

Both the 1870 and 1880 censuses report that his name was James F (the F is clear). Did he change his name to Tom after he left Geneva County?

Children of MATTIE GRAY and JAMES DANLEY are:

- i. PERRY ERNEST⁴ DANLEY, b. 13 Sep 1894, Panama City, Bay County, Florida^{33,34}; d. 09 Oct 1980; m. (1) SINE LEE PHILMAN; m. (2) MABEL LORENA TAYLOR.
- ii. BERVIN JACKSON DANLEY, b. 17 Jul 1898, Warren, Tyler County, Texas^{34,35}; d. 27 Apr 1969, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California; m. (1) EDNA UNKNOWN; m. (2) OLLIE ELIZABETH WALLIS, 20 Jan 1919, Woodville, Tyler County, Texas; b. 10 Jul 1903, Zwolle, Sabine Parish, Louisiana; d. 29 Jul 1979, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California.

Notes for BERVIN JACKSON DANLEY:

Also called Bernon and Jack. May have been born before parents left P.C., Fla. All his family data came from Gladys Watson Gray's notes. Mirtie Owens Baughman also mentioned that he had a daughter Marguerite, who died 1982/83. Unknown whether Ollie was first or second wife.

More About BERVIN JACKSON DANLEY:

Burial: Santa Clara County, California

More About OLLIE ELIZABETH WALLIS:

Burial: Santa Clara County, California

- iii. THOMAS DOW (SHORTY) DANLEY, b. 28 Dec 1900, Warren, Tyler County, Texas^{36,37}; m. OLLIE ELIZABETH WALLIS, Aft. 27 Apr 1969³⁸; b. 10 Jul 1903, Zwolle, Sabine Parish, Louisiana; d. 29 Jul 1979, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California.

Notes for THOMAS DOW (SHORTY) DANLEY:

Mirtie Owens Baughman thought that Shorty had never married but Rease Owens Corpuz agreed that he had married Ollie after Bervin died.

More About OLLIE ELIZABETH WALLIS:

Burial: Santa Clara County, California

- iv. ALICE D DANLEY³⁹, b. 12 Oct 1903^{40,41}; d. 17 Jun 1981; m. (1) CARL WILLIFORD; m. (2) FRANK HOLMES, Bef. 1920⁴².

Notes for ALICE D DANLEY:

Married Carl Williford after sister Mollie died. Alice helped nurse Mollie when Mollie was sick for a long time before she died.

Notes for CARL WILLIFORD:

Married Alice after Mollie died.

- v. MOLLIE DANLEY, b. 15 Apr 1906^{43,44}; m. CARL WILLIFORD.

Notes for MOLLIE DANLEY:

They lived in Richmond, California, near Berkely and Oakland, per Mirtie Owens Baughman.

Notes for CARL WILLIFORD:

Married Alice after Mollie died.

- vi. WILLIAM HARVEY DANLEY, b. 12 Aug 1909, Dayton, Liberty County, Texas^{45,46}; m. LILLIAN ROSE MUNSON.
vii. MATTIE BEULAH DANLEY, b. 24 Sep 1912, Dayton, Liberty County, Texas^{47,48}; m. WALTER HEINTZ.

Notes for MATTIE BEULAH DANLEY:

Lives in Eugene, Oregon (about 1985).

- viii. EULA JANE DANLEY⁴⁹, b. 16 Sep 1916, Warren, Tyler County, Texas^{50,51}; m. (1) ALFRED DIAS; m. (2) UNKNOWN CONNOLY; m. (3) UNKNOWN SOUSA.

Notes for EULA JANE DANLEY:

Lived in or near Eureka, California. Had two children, a boy and a girl

- ix. FRANKLIN ERNEST DANLEY⁵², b. 05 Aug 1918, Hicksbaugh, Tyler County, Texas^{53,54}.

Notes for FRANKLIN ERNEST DANLEY:

Handbook of Texas Online: <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/print/HH/hrh32.html>:

HICKSBAUGH, TEXAS, four miles southeast of Warren in south central Tyler County, was probably established in 1917 by the Loderick (or Lodwick) Lumber Company at the same time that the East Texas and Gulf Railway was chartered. <end excerpt>

- x. JAMES THOMAS (J.T.) DANLEY, b. 05 Jul 1924, Texas^{55,56}; m. (1) GLADYS UNKNOWN; m. (2) LOLA SMITH.

5. HATTIE L.³ GRAY (*ANDREW JACKSON*², *JOSEPH*¹) was born Jul 1880 in Georgia^{57,58}, and died 23 Oct 1956 in Panama City, Bay County, Florida⁵⁹. She married WILLIAM B NICHOLSON Aft. 1910.

Notes for HATTIE L. GRAY:

Death date provided by Sherl Horne Morden as reported by Smith Funeral Home of Panama City, Fl.
Tombstones not erected until sometime in the 1990s.

Birthdate given as Jul 1879 on 1900 census Geneva County, but she is not on the 1880 (June) census of Berrien Co., Ga with her family. Age given as 20 and 23 in 1910 (appears twice on 1910 Geneva County census).

1900: in household of brother Jack Gray; see his notes.

1910 US Census, Geneva County, Al, 15 April, Piney Grove Precinct 13, Samson town, ED 110, pg 159B, Paillin? Street, house #20:

Frisco?, Frank 44
Lizzie 50 mar. 14 yrs
Berta Lee, 8, John F

also boarders:

Hattie Gray 20 (should be 29) widow, servant in private f., can R/W Al Al Al
Mae Gray 6

1910 US Census, Geneva County, Al, 19 April, ED 110, Piney Grove Precinct 13, Samson town, Pea River Street, pg 161B, #64/57:

(This would be Acie Washington Danley and Georgia Alabama Holley.)

A W Dannely 55 mar 38 yrs, farmer, owns house free Al Al Al
Georgia A 51 14 children/13 living Al Ga Al
Dovie (dau) 19 sgl (Mourning Dove)
Bealy? (dau) 12
Goaty (son) 10
Dory (son) 8
Calley (dau) 6
Clessy (son) 3 all children born Al

also boarders:

Hattie Gray 23 divorced, servant in private house, can R/W Al Al Al
Mae Belle Gray 6

1920 - 1930: not found as Hattie Nicholson on Ancestry.com census index.

Bay County Marriages microfilm roll 2, Vol. 2 (1913-1919), page 298 has marriage (license #595) of Miss Mae Gray and Samuel Adler, 14 Apr 1917 by notary public Chas. C. McClure. (Does not indicate whether the couple is white or colored.) Hattie's Mae would have been only about 13 at that time, so not likely.

Found among Aunt Hattie's personal items after her death:

1. a card reading: Wm. B. Nicholson, master mason, West Fla Lodge #210
Dec 27, 1943 Molino, Fla.
2. a registration card from The Medical Center, Pensacola, Fla
Mrs. W. B. Nicholson, 705 N. Wentworth St, Brownsville, Fla (no date)
3. a 1944 Red Cross membership card, war fund contribution \$1.00,
in name of Mr. A O Owens
4. a photo of an older man and a young woman; on back of photo is
Mrs. W P Nicolson, B 705 Wentworth, Pensacola, Fla

- Turn off Cervantes left at Pepper Bldg, Mrs. Brigett
(photo processed by Rox Photo Service, Pensacola, Fla, Nov 6, 1940
5. a photo of Aunt Hattie with a woman, a man and a little blond haired girl
(photo processed by Rox Photo Service, Apr 12, 1943)

Florida State Archives: Escambia County marriage records on microfilm go only to 1927 and are not indexed. Have not scanned them. Do not know when Hattie married Nicholson.

Personal report:

There is a lot of mystery about Hattie. In 1900, she and her sister Etta and their mother, Elizabeth Mills Gray, were living in Geneva with Hattie's brother Jack. Jack and Dora had two sons, Ernest and Willie, at the time. No other baby is mentioned for that household on the 1900 census. But Aunt Mirtie, Clarence Gray and Clarence's wife, Gladys, were all aware of the fact that Hattie had had a baby sometime during that period, which was some years before any of them were born. They had all heard stories of it. No one seemed to know what became of Hattie's baby. Clarence thought he had heard that it was a girl and that it had died.

The story is that Dora was not happy about the fact that so much attention was paid to Hattie's baby while Dora had one also. At some point, Jack is said to have driven Hattie from his house. No one knows what happened to her after that. Hattie is said to have had several husbands. (There is a Geneva County marriage license for a Hattie Gray and S C Mills in 1904, but that could be for the Hattie Gray in Ana Montero's line.) Hattie reportedly married several times, last to Nicholson. Had a son (or a stepson?) Arthur Nicholson (or Shultz?). No one knows what became of Mae Belle.

Around 1951-54, Hattie and Etta were reunited after not seeing each other for over 40 years. Hattie had been living in Pensacola. An article appeared in the Pensacola paper about the reunion of the two sisters. The article referred to an older sister who had died four years earlier. (Their sister Mattie is said to have died in 1947, so the article would have been in 1951.) Hattie then moved to Panama City, where she lived near Etta until her death. She lived in a trailer in the yard of the house of Jack and Bernice Owens Horne, where Etta also lived.

The following is a transcription of a faded photocopy of an undated clipping from the Pensacola News-Journal from about 1954. If the ages are correct, then this event would have taken place between March and July of 1954. Etta Gray Owens was born in 1886. Hattie Gray Nicholson was born about 1880. Their father and grandfather had arrived in the Marl area of Geneva County in the early 1860s. The clipping contains a photograph of the two elderly sisters. The photo in the photocopy is too darkened to be visible.

Panama City-Pensacola Sisters Meet After They Are 'Lost' for 41 Years by Marian Van Eit-n?

One of the happiest reunions ever occurred in Panama City two weeks ago when two sisters met after being separated for 41 years. Mrs. Etta Gray Owens, 68, of Panama City, and Mrs. Hattie Gray Nicholson, 73(?), of 765 N. Wentworth St., Pensacola, became separated when Mrs. Nicholson married and came to Pensacola and the rest of the family moved to other sections of Florida from their old home in Geneva, Ala.

Letters were not written and the family drifted apart after a few years, and then none knew where the others were.

"They each thought the other was dead," Mrs. Bessie White of Myrtle Grove, who was responsible for bringing them together again, explained, "and you can imagine how they felt when they met each other. "They just clung together for about 40 minutes". The women came to the News-Journal office this week arm (in arm?) with bright cheery smiles.

Mrs. White, a stepdaughter of Mrs. Nicholson, had read in the paper about the death of a Mrs. Callie Sellers and she noticed among the survivors a brother-in-law to Mrs. Nicholson. Learning this, she took Mrs. Nicholson to the old hometown of Geneva for the funeral, hoping to meet some of her family.

None of the family was there, but they did learn that Mrs. Nicholson's youngest sister was alive and living in Panama City. "All these years they had been just about a hundred miles apart and didn't know it," Mrs. White continued.

She said she then got in touch with the sheriff of Panama City because they didn't know the sister's address, and it turned out that the sheriff was a personal friend of Mrs. Owens. He delivered the message to her home about 10 miles from the city, and the next Monday a letter arrived in Pensacola.

"Learning where she lived," Mrs. White continued, "we took mother to Panama City and never a happier meeting has anyone seen." They were so happy they're staying together for about a month, recalling childhood experiences and remembering other members of the family, and declare precisely that such a separation will not occur again.

Caption under photo of the two sisters reads: Forty-one Years Apart --These sisters, Mrs. Etta Gray Owens (left), of Panama City, and Mrs. Hattie Gray Nicholson, Pensacola, met recently after being separated for 41 years. The happy reunion was in Panama City but the two now are in Pensacola and are pictured above looking at a picture of an older sister whom they learned after being brought together, had died four years ago. (News-Journal staff photo by Van Eit--.)

More About HATTIE L. GRAY:

Burial: Youngstown, Bay County, Florida

Child of HATTIE L. GRAY is:

- i. MAE BELLE⁴ GRAY, b. Abt. 1904⁶⁰.

Child of HATTIE GRAY and WILLIAM NICHOLSON is:

- ii. ARTHUR⁴ NICHOLSON.

6. MARY ETTA³ GRAY (*ANDREW JACKSON*², *JOSEPH*¹) was born 05 Mar 1886 in Alabama^{61,62}, and died 14 Dec 1960 in Panama City, Bay County, Florida. She married JOHN RICHARD OWENS 18 Aug 1901 in Geneva County, Alabama⁶³, son of DANIEL OWENS and FRANCES HAMMOND. He was born 06 May 1874 in Geneva County, Alabama, and died 02 Nov 1946 in Youngstown, Bay County, Florida.

Notes for MARY ETTA GRAY:

Birthdate from death certificate, although her birthyear was given as 1883 on 1900 census. Separated from husband before his death in 1946. Reportedly did not divorce. Could not locate her on Florida State Census 1945. Tombstone not in place until sometime in the 1990s.

More About MARY ETTA GRAY:

Burial: Youngstown, Bay County, Florida

Notes for JOHN RICHARD OWENS:

Reportedly buried at Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church near Samson and Marl, Al; no tombstone.

1910 US Census Geneva County, Al, 16 April, Precinct 12 (Marl), pg 136a, Geneva County & Samson Rd, #21:

J R Owens 33 laborer in lumber mill, married 8 yrs Al Ga Al;

M E 24 2 children living of 4 born Al Al Al

Floyd 4, Oscar 1&11mo.

They lived in a house, not a farm; does not say if owned or rented. (Entry #17 is sister Ann and Marion Shanks; #5 is brother William and Ida Owens; #3 is uncle G R Hammonds; #30 is W C and Minnie Owens; #31 is W T and Charity Hammonds.)

1920 US Census Washington Co, Fl, Precinct 17 (Greenhead), 18 Jan, microfilm frame 256, line 51:

John R Owen 47?, contractor hauling logs, rented house;

Etta 34

Floyd 14, Oscar 11, Myrtie 9, Bertie 7, Bernice 5, Reese 2; all children born Al.

1930 US Census, Bay County, Fl, 8 April, Precinct 13, Bay Head, ED 3-19, page ?, line 4, #59:

Owens, Richard J 55 mar. at age 25, rents, no radio, can R/W, laborer in sawmill Al Al Al

Etta 45 mar. at age 15, can R/W Al Al Al

Oscar 21 sgl, no occupation Al Al Al

Myrtie 19 sgl, no occupation Al Al Al

Bernice 15 sgl, no occupation Al Al Al

Johny R (dau) 13 sgl, no occupation Al Al Al

(At #85 on next page: Mansel D 61 and Lilla L 32 Mashburn with Land stepchildren, dau Eva R 17 & son Dempsy D, 1.)

Florida State Census 1935 Bay County Precinct 13, Bay Head, page 1, line 5:

Rich Owens 59, b. Ala, common sch, rents, logs

Etta 49, b. Ala " , , housework

Mertie 22, b. Ala " , , "

Rease 17, b. Ala " , , "

(Oscar Owens, NB & Bernice Horn and Floyd Owens are the next 3 entries. Adjoining families are: Colie and Vivian Ard, William Hall and sister Mollie and brothers Ralph and Noah, Manse and Lillie Mashburn with Land stepchildren, and A L and Sallie Cumbie, parents of Woodrow Cumbie of Hiland Park.)

Florida State Census 1945 Bay County Precinct 13, Bay Head, no page number:

Owens, Thomas F. 38 wood hauler, 4th grade education, Route 1 Panama City Ala

Ruby D. 29 5th grade education Ala

John R. 16 7th grade, student Ala

Ruth E. 11 6th grade, student Fla

*** Owens, John R 71 8th grade education, retired Ala

Could not locate Mary Etta Gray Owens on Florida State Census 1945.

Children of MARY GRAY and JOHN OWENS are:

- i. DANIEL JACKSON⁴ OWENS⁶⁴, b. 29 Jan 1902, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 17 Jul 1905, Geneva County, Alabama.

Notes for DANIEL JACKSON OWENS:

Died 17 Jul 1905 of spinal meningitis. Dates from tombstone at Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church near Samson and Marl, Al.

- ii. DAUGHTER UNNAMED OWENS⁶⁴, b. 09 Feb 1905; d. 14 Feb 1905, Geneva County, Alabama⁶⁴.

Notes for DAUGHTER UNNAMED OWENS:

Birth and death dates from tombstone at Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church near Samson and Marl, Geneva County, Al.

More About DAUGHTER UNNAMED OWENS:

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, Geneva County, Alabama

- iii. THOMAS FLOYD OWENS, b. 07 Jan 1906, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 04 Sep 1977; m. RUBY D JACKSON, 03 Apr 1927, Geneva County, Alabama^{65,66}; b. Abt. 18 Oct 1912, Samson, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 1969⁶⁷.

Notes for THOMAS FLOYD OWENS:

Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records, 1898 - 1930 by Warrine Sheppard Hathaway, pg 59:

Owens, T T to Ruby Jackson 4/3/1927 13-131 (transcription error - should be T F)

Johnnie Rease Owen gave the date of 22 Apr 1926. I have not seen the actual marriage record, yet. All children's data is from Rease, and has not been verified. Floyd's birthdate is uncertain: Rease gives 1907, but his age on 1910 census was 4; age 14 on 1920 census (taken on Jan 18, but ages were supposed to be as of Jan 1).

Buried at Mashburn Cemetery, but name does not appear on online cemetery survey at <ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/bay/cemetery/mashburn.txt> . (I have a picture of his stone.)

1930: Floyd not found in Florida or Alabama on Ancestry.com index

Florida State Census 1935 Bay County Precinct 13, Bay Head, page 1, line13:

Floyd Owens	26, b. Ala,	common sch,	rents,	logs
Ruby	23, b. Ala	"	,	housework
John	6, b. Ala		,	school
Yvonne	1, b. Ala			

(Rich Owens, Oscar Owens and NB & Bernice Horn are the preceeding 3 entries.)

Florida State Census 1945 Bay County Precinct 13, Bay Head, no page number:

Owens, Thomas F.	38	wood hauler,	4th grade education,	Route 1 Panama City	Ala
Ruby D.	29	5th grade education			Ala
John R.	16	7th grade, student			Ala
Ruth E.	11	6th grade, student			Fla
*** Owens, John R	71	8th grade education,	retired		Ala

Notes for RUBY D JACKSON:

Ruby's birthdate (from dau Yvonne) was first given as 1917. Either her date or John's date was incorrect, because his birth year was said to be 1927. On Mar 9, 2002 (at Bayou George reunion), I asked her if she could clarify her mother's birthdate. She couldn't remember precisely. Said her mother was 15 when she married in 1927. Said John was born one year and nine months after they married. Army records have John's birth year as 1928. From Apr, 1927 to Nov, 1928 is one year seven months. On 1945 Florida census, Ruby gave her age as 29, generating a birth year of 1915 or 1916. Census 1935 has her age as 23, generating birth year 1911 or 1912.

<ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/bay/cemetery/mashburn.txt> (copied 28 Dec 2002):
OWENS, Ruby D., 1912 d. 1969

More About RUBY D JACKSON:

Burial: Mashburn Cemetery, Bay County, Florida

- iv. OSCAR OTIS OWENS, b. 18 Apr 1908, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 10 Dec 1960, Macon, Bibb County, Georgia; m. (1) DAISY MAE GRICE, 05 Jan 1935, Bay County, Florida⁶⁸; b. Abt. 1911; m. (2) NETTIE MAE OWENS, 12 Jun 1943, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida⁶⁹; b. Abt. 1927⁷⁰.

Notes for OSCAR OTIS OWENS:

Ancestry.com

Georgia Deaths, 1919-98:

Name:	Oscar Owen
Death Date:	10 Dec 1960
County of Death:	Decatur
Gender:	M
Race:	W
Age:	52 years
County of Residence:	160
Certificate:	34733

Sometimes known as 'Runt'. Birth year sometimes disputed. Some family members thought he had been born 1910, but he was age 1 and 11/12 on 1910 census, taken 16 April, so he would have been born 1908. On 1920 census (as of Jan 1), his age was given as 11, which would be consistent. His tombstone at Mashburn Cemetery has 1908 - 1960, so whoever ordered the stone knew the correct year.

His Bay County, Florida marriage license to Annie Neoma Grice in 1935 gave his age as 25 and said that he was from Youngstown. It was Oscar's first marriage. Married by C.S. Russ, county judge. We don't know of any children from his first marriage, except for a son who died at birth about 1935, per Rease Owens Corpuz. Aunt Rease gave his first wife's name as Daisy Mae Grice. Yvonne Owen Cardwell also called her Daisy Mae. According to the Florida Divorce Index in the State Archives, Oscar and Annie Naomi divorced in Escambia County in 1942, #194-4566.

Oscar's second wife, Nettie Mae, was his first cousin. They were divorced. He died of a heart attack in Georgia, getting on the bus to go to Panama City, FL for Christmas. Family tradition has always said he died in Macon, but death record says Decatur County. Macon is in Bibb County. Bainbridge is the only town of any size in Decatur County. Need to see Death Certificate.

Florida State Census 1935 Bay County Precinct 13, Bay Head, page 1, line 9:

Oscar Owens	24, b. Ala,	common sch,	rents,	logs
Daisy	19, b. Fla	"	,	housework

At line 20 on the same page is:

James Grice	63, b. FL,	common sch,	rents,	farms
wife Mary	65, b. Ala,			housework
son Je- - -?	25, b. FL			fishing

Are these Daisy's parents?

From Yvonne Owens Cardwell, daughter of Oscar's brother Floyd, 26 Nov 1996:

Oscar Owen was drafted and sent to Camp Blanding, Ga on a bus. He arrived all bloody and bruised. During his physical exam, they asked him what had happened. He said: 'Well, hell, y'all drafted us to fight. We've been practicing all the way here.' They said he was crazy and sent him home.

Hernando County, Florida Marriage Records Index (microfilm, Florida State Archives):

Oscar Owens and Nettie Mae Owens, 12 June 1943, Brooksville, by E S MacKenzie, County Judge; wit: Mrs. Edward Ellis and Mrs. Marie Dukes

Daisy Owens and Melvin Young, 5 Dec 1936, Brooksville, By E S MacKenzie, County Judge; wit: Hale (or Hall?) Daniel and D M Johnson (unknown if this Daisy is Oscar's first wife)

Essie Owen and Ila Lou Carey, 18 Nov 1940, Bk 5, pg 41, wit: Marie Dukes and Alcus Dukes

More About OSCAR OTIS OWENS:

Burial: Mashburn Cemetery, Bay County, Florida

Notes for DAISY MAE GRICE:

Rease, Mirtie and Yvonne Owen all remember her name as Daisy Mae. Many years after her divorce from Oscar, she lived in Pensacola. Bernice used to visit her. Name on marriage license in Bay Co, FL is Annie Neoma Grice. Name on Florida Divorce Index 1942, Escambia County, is Annie Naomi. Yvonne (Cardwell) says Annie Neoma was an aunt of Daisy Mae's.

Excerpt from letter from Yvonne Owens Cardwell to Wilda Murphy 14 Apr 1998:

...And about Daisy Mae Owens. You know she was still living in the early 70's because Aunt Bernice

went to Pensacola and stayed with her for a week or so when she married that last man. His first name was Harlod. Can't remember his last but they had 4 or 5 kids. Her and Oscar has 1 it is buried up there side of my sister in Mashburn Cemetery. There is something wrong with that marriage record between her & Oscar because they was together before I was borned. Her and Mama was the best of sister-in-laws. Her and Oscar was living at Bayou George in the same pasture that Mama & Dad was in and Mama only had John at the time.

... It could be that Daisy Mae was her nickname but I don't believe it. She married that other man under this same name. They used to come visit us at Bayou George when she had 1 or 2 kids then. Now that Annie Naomi Grice was Daisy's aunt and her husband's name was Irroy or Irria (Ira?). Never heard his middle name but me and another neice of theirs played and was around them all the time because just a small yard between them and grandma & grandpa. We all called (them) Aunt Annie Naomi and Uncle Irria (Ira?).

Note from WRM: Yvonne had her own way of telling things, but her memories were interesting.

Hernando County, Florida Marriage Records Index (microfilm, Florida State Archives):

Oscar Owens and Nettie Mae Owens, 12 June 1943, Brooksville, by E S MacKenzie, County Judge; wit: Mrs. Edward Ellis and Mrs. Marie Dukes

Daisy Owens and Melvin Young, 5 Dec 1936, Brooksville, By E S MacKenzie, County Judge; wit: Hale (or Hall?) Daniel and D M Johnson (unknown if this Daisy is Oscar's first wife)

Notes for NETTIE MAE OWENS:

Estimate of her marriage date to Stone as after 1948: assume children with Oscar 2 years apart, starting in 1944.

- v. MIRTIE VICTORIA OWENS, b. 15 Nov 1910, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 26 May 1996, Lake Stevens, Snohomish County, Washington; m. CHARLES OTIS BAUGHMAN, 14 Aug 1941, Panama City, Bay County, Florida; b. Abt. 1898, Wampum, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania; d. Sep 1984, Florida.

Notes for MIRTIE VICTORIA OWENS:

Family tradition has her birthdate as 1911, but she was age 9 on the 1920 Washington Co, FL, census. Marriage license in Bay Co, FL, has name Myrtice, but she says that is not correct (although she signed it that way).

Mirtie met Charlie through her Aunt Mattie Gray and Uncle Tom Danley, since Mirtie wrote often to them. Mattie and Tom knew Charlie in California and told him about Mirtie in Florida, and the two began a correspondence that lasted three years. Charlie proposed by mail. Mattie and Tom's son, Perry Danley, Mirtie's first cousin, drove to Panama City, Florida, with Charlie. Mirtie met Charlie for the first time the day before they were married in the Panama City courthouse on 14 August 1941.

Four aunts of Perry's, sisters of Tom Danley, were at Gramma and Grampa Owens' house (John Richard and Etta Gray Owens) for a big fish fry to be held after the wedding. Little Mollie (possibly one of the aunts?) and Gramma picked up shells to take home from Magnolia Beach at Panama City, where they four spent the wedding night in a cottage. During the night, some of the shells came alive and could be heard crawling around on the surface they had been placed on. Later on, three of the aunts, Mirtie, Charlie, Perry and his girlfriend and the girlfriend's mother all rode back to Alabama in Perry's car and dropped off everyone but Mirtie, Charlie and Perry, who went on to Livermore, California.

She was buried at Machias Cemetery, Machias, Washington 3 June 1996 (Bauer Funeral Chapel, Snohomish, Wa. 98290).

- vi. BERTIE OLENE OWENS, b. 20 Jul 1912, Marl, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 29 Jun 1974, Orlando, Orange County, Florida; m. AMBERS AREY MURPHY, 20 Mar 1929, Hartford, Geneva County,

Alabama⁷¹; b. 31 Aug 1908, Geneva County, Alabama^{72,73}; d. 13 Apr 1952, Orlando, Orange County, Florida.

Notes for BERTIE OLENE OWENS:

Birthdate is uncertain. Her family tradition was that she was born in 1913, but Social Security Admin. used the 1920 census as basis for her official age. She was age 7 on 1920 census (which was supposed to be as of Jan. 1 of that year), Washington Co, Fl.

Died at home of dau Betty Sue Murphy Allen after 3-year illness (cancer, lymphosarcoma, later called non-hodgkins lymphoma).

SSDI: Murphy, Bertie 266-40-7644 (FL) b. 20 Jul 1912 d. Jun 1974; last res. Orlando, Orange, FL 32801

Mar 20, 1929 was a Wednesday, according to a diary of the flood that month in Heart and History of Holmes County, by Anna Paget Wells, pg 274.

More About BERTIE OLENE OWENS:

Burial: Evergreen Cemetery, Orange County, Florida

Notes for AMBERS AREY MURPHY:

Died in Orange Memorial Hospital 2 weeks after auto crash. SSN# 417-07-5144 issued in Alabama (source: SSDI at Rootsweb.com).

1930 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, 10 April, Precinct 12 (Marl), Rays Ferry-Geneva Road, ED 18, pg 233, #27:

Murphy, Ambers A	21	mar. at 21, rents farm, farmer, Al Al Al
Bertie O	17	mar. at 16 Al Al Al

Scanned all of Bay County on Florida State Census of 1945, but did not locate him and his family. Found two of his uncles: Walter Clemmons and Bernie Murphy around Panama City. At least three precincts were missing and many pages were faded to the point of being almost illegible.

More About AMBERS AREY MURPHY:

Burial: Evergreen Cemetery, Orange County, Florida

- vii. BERNICE INEZ OWENS, b. 13 Nov 1916, Geneva County, Alabama⁷³; d. 23 Nov 1977, Panama City, Bay County, Florida⁷³; m. NAPOLEON BLOXHAM 'JACK' HORNE, 03 Jul 1930; b. 04 Sep 1905⁷³; d. 01 Feb 1966, Panama City, Bay County, Florida⁷³.

Notes for BERNICE INEZ OWENS:

Tombstone has 1916 as birthyear.

Birth year uncertain. Family tradition has her born 1915, but she was age 5 on the 1920 census, Washington Co, Fl (ages supposedly as of 1 Jan 1920), and age 15 on the 8 April 1930 census. Social Security Death Index has her birthdate as 13 Nov 1916. SS# 266-20-5280.

Florida State Census 1935 Bay County Precinct 13, Bay Head, page 1, line 11:

N B Horn	29	b. Fla, common sch, rents, farms
Bernice	20	b. Ala " , , housework

(Her birthday was in Nov, so if she was already 20, she was probably born in 1914.)

Florida State Census 1945 Bay County, Precinct 14, Youngstown, no page number:

Horn, N B	39	born Fla, farmer, 7th grade education
Bernice	28	born Ala, housewife, 7th grade education (She was more likely 30.)
James T.	5	Shearlon G. 3, Callon G. age 0

More About BERNICE INEZ OWENS:

Burial: Youngstown Cemetery, Youngstown, Bay County, Florida

More About NAPOLEON BLOXHAM 'JACK' HORNE:

Burial: Youngstown Cemetery, Youngstown, Bay County, Florida

- viii. JOHNNIE REASE OWENS, b. 15 Jan 1918, Alabama⁷⁴; m. (1) J. C. MILES, 09 Oct 1937, Chipley, Washington County, Florida⁷⁵; b. 01 Jan 1916, Alabama^{76,77,78}; d. 08 Apr 1951, Bay County, Florida⁷⁸; m. (2) JOSE BRIGOLA CORPUZ, Abt. 1960; b. 1910, Phillipines.

Notes for JOHNNIE REASE OWENS:

Birthdate given by Rease. Family tradition does not agree with 1920 census.

Florida State Census 1945 Bay County Precinct 13, Bay Head, no page number (adjacent entry for C.W. and Mabel Gray, Chris Gray Hardy's family):

Miles, J.C. age 29, born Ala, farmer, 8th grade education

Jonnie R age 24, born Ala, housewife, 7th grade education

Marie L. 6, first grade, born Fla; Bettie Jean 5, born Fla.

Phone conversation with Rease Owen Corpus, January or February, 1998:

Uncle Ang (Owens) died 1947 on Mar 5 (Etta Gray Owens' birthday). Was working for Long's Dairy between Youngstown and Cairo, Fl. He also logged.

Rease's birth certificate shows Jody Owens' wife, Lela, as Rease's mother. (Lela had a baby the same day Rease was born. Their original birth certificates were recorded on same page. When Rease had her certificate issued, they put the wrong mother on hers.)

Rease was not named until she was nine days old. Nettie (Hammond Owens, her grandmother) wanted to name her John Richard, but Etta (her mother) did not want to do that. In order to give her at least the initials J. R., Etta named her Johnnie Rease.

More About J. C. MILES:

Burial: Springhill Methodist Church, Graceville, Jackson County, Florida

Endnotes

1. *Confederate Pension Application*, 1900, age 62.
2. US Census 1850 Dooly County, Georgia, age 11.
3. Tombstone, has 1836 as birthdate, which seems unlikely.
4. *Worth County, Ga marriage record*, License date 18 Jan 1860.
5. US Census 1870 Mitchell County, Georgia, pg 28-29, #414.
6. Tombstone, but 1900 census gives 1847 as birth year.
7. Tombstone.
8. Funeral record, provided by Evans Funeral Home, Florala, Alabama.
9. Gray, Alan (grandson of Fene Gray), *Fene Gray family data*, (email to Wilda Murphy, Jan 2003).
10. Tombstone.
11. Personal knowledge of Marvin Dorman, grandson of Mary Elizabeth Gray.
12. Tombstone.
13. *Alabama Death Index, 1908-59*.
14. Tombstone.
15. *Alabama Death Index, 1908-59*, Vol. 37, Certificate 18108, Role 5.
16. Tombstone.
17. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records, Vol 11, pg 120.
18. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records, Vol 13, pg 553.
19. Online cemetery listing, <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flholmes/leonia.htm>.
20. Tombstone.
21. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records.
22. Tombstone.
23. US Census 1920 Geneva County, Alabama, Beat 10 (Geneva town, Jacobson Square), pg 149b, #122.
24. Tombstone.
25. Obituary, Dothan Eagle, Saturday, June 26, 1993, middle name Rebecca.

26. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records, Vol 14, pg 29.
27. Tombstone.
28. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records, Vol 15, pg 219.
29. Obituary.
30. *Alabama Death Index, 1908-59*, Vol. 40, Role 2, Page 19625.
31. Gladys Watson Gray family data.
32. US Census 1870 Geneva County, Alabama, TWP 1 #49, listed as James F on both 1870 and 1880 censuses.
33. Gladys Watson Gray family data.
34. US Census 1900 Tyler County, Texas, Precinct 2, West of Railroad, pg 150B, #86.
35. Gladys Watson Gray family data.
36. Gladys Watson Gray family data, conflicts with 1910 census listing him as age 8.
37. US Census 1910 Liberty County, Texas, Precinct 4, Railroad Street in Dayton, pg 77A, #313, age 8.
38. *Personal statement*, Rease Owens Corpuz.
39. US Census 1910 Liberty County, Texas, middle initial D.
40. Gladys Watson Gray family data.
41. US Census 1910 Liberty County, Texas, Precinct 4, Railroad Street in Dayton, pg 77A, #313, age 6.
42. US Census 1920 Tyler County, Texas, Tyler County, 7 Jan, Justice Pct #2, ED 202, Sht 6B, pg ?, #105/109, does not appear with family.
43. Gladys Watson Gray family data.
44. US Census 1910 Liberty County, Texas, Precinct 4, Railroad Street in Dayton, pg 77A, #313.
45. Gladys Watson Gray family data, conflicts with 1910 census: he was already 1 yr 8 mo old - therefore born 1908.
46. US Census 1910 Liberty County, Texas, Precinct 4, Railroad Street in Dayton, pg 77A, #313, age 1 yr 8 mo.
47. Gladys Watson Gray family data, conflicts with 1920 census (age as of 1/1/1920), which lists her as age 8.
48. US Census 1920 Tyler County, Texas, Pct #2, ED 202, Sht 6B, pg ?, #105/109, age 8.
49. US Census 1920 Tyler County, Texas, Tyler County, 7 Jan, Justice Pct #2, ED 202, Sht 6B, pg ?, #105/109, listed as Eula J, age 3 and 3 mo.
50. Gladys Watson Gray family data.
51. US Census 1920 Tyler County, Texas, Pct #2, ED 202, Sht 6B, pg ?, #105/109, age 3 yrs 3 mo.
52. US Census 1920 Tyler County, Texas, Justice Pct #2, ED 202, Sht 6B, pg ?, #105/109, listed as Franklin E.
53. Gladys Watson Gray family data.
54. US Census 1920 Tyler County, Texas, Pct #2, ED 202, Sht 6B, pg ?, #105/109, age 1 yr 5 mo.
55. US Census 1930 Humboldt County, California, Eureka TWP, 19 Bay View Avenue, pg ?, #40, age 5.
56. Gladys Watson Gray family data.
57. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Pct. 12 (Marl) #19, gave birth year 1879, but she was not on the 1880 census entry for her family.
58. US Census 1880 Berrien County, Georgia, frame 613, #364.
59. Funeral record, Smith Funeral Home, Panama City, Fl.
60. US Census 1910 Geneva County, Alabama.
61. Death certificate.
62. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Pct. 12 (Marl) #19.
63. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records.
64. Tombstone.
65. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930*, (1996), pg 59, Book 13, pg 131, gives date of 3 Apr 1927.
66. Johnnie Rease Owens statement, of 22 Apr 1926 does not agree with Geneva County marriage record of 3 Apr 1927.
67. Tombstone, online cemetery listing, <ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/bay/cemetery/mashburn.txt>.
68. Bay County, Fl Marriage Records, Book 4, page 464.
69. Hernando County, Florida Marriage Records, Book 5, page 281 (CJ #522).
70. US Census 1930 Dale County, Alabama, Pct 3, #293.
71. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records, Book 4, page 6.
72. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 12 (Marl), ED 31-18, #27.
73. Tombstone.
74. Johnnie Rease Owens statement.
75. Washington County, Florida Marriage License, Book K, page 386.
76. Florida State Census 1945 Bay County, Precinct 13, Bay Head, no page number.
77. Florida State Census 1935 Bay County.
78. Tombstone.

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