

Descendants of Daniel Irvin Owens

Generation No. 1

1. DANIEL IRVIN² OWENS (*HOLLEY*¹) was born 20 Sep 1850 in Alabama¹, and died 18 Oct 1930 in Geneva County, Alabama². He married FRANCES MANETTIE HAMMOND Abt. 1870³, daughter of WILLIAM HAMMOND and MARY PRUETT. She was born 19 Oct 1854 in Alabama⁴, and died 15 Feb 1938⁴.

Notes for DANIEL IRVIN OWENS:

Buried at Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church near Samson, Al (from HWY 52, north on HWY 65 at caution light in Marl-Lytle area. Tombstone has birthdate of 20 Sep 1849, but he was not listed with his parents on 1850 census of Pike County. 1900 census has July 1849 as birthdate. Death certificate, J R Owens informant, has his birthdate as 9 Sep 1851.

All census entries middle initial looks like 'J', but some may have been 'I' (capital I and J often look just alike in hand writing), although 1860 Coffee County was definitely a "J". The Florida 1885 census has him as D J, but his son Irvin Angus is J A. Both letters J have lower loops below the line, but may have been intended as I's. His middle name was Irvin, according to death certificate info given by J R Owen. His tombstone has middle initial 'E' (for Ervin?). Alabama Death Index (Ancestry.com copy) has middle initial as 'T' - - was that mistranscribed from a J?

1870: Still in mother's household.

1880 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, 17 June, pg 642B, #205:

Daniel Owens 27 farmer Al Ga Ga
Nettie 25 Al Al Al
John R 6, William H 3, Angus 14 mo. all children b Al
(#206 is Daniel and Nancy C Powell.
#203 is widow Martha J Owens and daughter Elizabeth.)

1885: No stamped page numbers visible on copy of 1885 state census at Florida State Archives (Oct 2003); use original pg nbr. Frame numbers are barely or not at all visible at top of film above pages. Those frame numbers are used in the index.

1885 Florida state census, Holmes County, 30 June, microfilm frame 723, pg 29 #230:

D J Owen 35 farmer, cannot R/W Al Al Al
MF (wife) 30 cannot R/W Al Al Al
JR 11 (m), WH 9 (m), JA 7 (m), LF 4 (f); none can R/W Al Al Al

The first initial for Irving Angus is definitely a J - so maybe census taker made I's just like J's, or maybe the clerk who transcribed the field records to the book misinterpreted the I's.

Since neither Joseph A (Jodie) nor infant Daniel (b. July 1885) is listed here, Joseph's birthdate does not look good for either 1881 as shown on his tombstone, or 1885 as listed on 1900 census, unless he was twin to the infant Daniel who died and is buried at Campground Cemetery at Cerro Gordo.

At #228-229: Commander families HJ and NJ, and JW and LF (who also rented)

At #231: JR and AM Covington, with dau Martha Mozelle who married HC Gainous in 1903.

At #233: T H Pitman (54) & H(f) 36

At #238: James M Benton who was adj Ransom Powell's sons in 1900 and 1910.

At #244: J H (brother John H) and M C (Mary Catherine) Owen. (Letter J same as Dan's middle init.)

At #247: J C and T R Owen. Who are these last two?

On pg 31 of farm schedule for same year, it shows Dan Owens rented farm for share of products; acreage not given. Brother John H was enumerated on pg 27 adjacent to JS Stafford.

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Infant tombstone at **Campground Cemetery** in area that was once **Cerrogordo**, near **Westville, Florida**:
Daniel T, son of D & FM Owens, Born July 25, 1885, Died Sept 4, 1885. Foot marker has D.T.R.

It is not known exactly when Dan and John H went to Holmes County or how long they stayed. There was already a John Owens in Holmes by 1848-49 (see Tax and Jury lists below).

The book **Heart and History of Holmes County** by Anna Paget Wells has several relevant items.

Pg 243 Revised Jury List for the Year 1889:

Dan Owens

Rance Powell, Jr (Buried at Campground Cemetery, where Dan & Nettie's baby is.

Ransom, Sr was in Barbour Co in 1850. Any kin to Martha Jane?)

John Owens

T C Owen (Could this be the J C Owen on the 1885 census?)

H J Owen (On pg 735 of 1885 census.) This is Herschel J Owens.

J J Owens (On pg 695 (first page) of 1885 census adjacent Samuel Owens.) (Who were these last three?)

Pg 246-248 Holmes County's First Tax List 1848:

Samuel Owen (1885 pg 695: age looks like 24 but must be 74)

Matthew Owen

William Owen (Who were these? Were they related to Holley Owens?)

John Owens

Pg 312 Postmasters at Westville:

John H Owens appointed June 8, 1897

(Is this Dan's brother still there, or the other one? Dan's brother John was in Geneva in 1900.)

Millard M Owens appointed July 21, 1900

(also postmaster at Bonifay Mar 2, 1911 and May 19, 1920)

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flholmes/consolid1.htm> :

List of Holmes Jurors and Witness Certificates:

Owens, John 1849 Juror, Grand Jury

Owens, Matthew 1848 Juror, Petit Jury (Rmks: I endorse the within to Louis H Miller for my State Tax /s/ Mathew Owens; Pay the within to the bearer /s/ Louis H Miller)

1900 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, 20 June, ED 80, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 182a, #209:

Daniel Owen 50 (July 1849 - not likely - he was not on 1850 census),

farmer, owns farm free, cannot R/W AI AI AI

Frances M 45 (Oct 1854) mar. 30 yrs, 10 children/7 living, can read, not write AI AI AI

John W 25 (May 1875) (W should be R), single, laborer - logging, can R/W AI AI AI

William H 23 (Mar 1877) single, laborer - logging, cannot R/W

Irving A 21 (Apr 1879) single, teamster, cannot R/W

Joseph A 14 (Nov 1885) single, farm laborer, can R/W

Elizabeth 10 (Oct 1889), single, farm laborer, can R, not W

Martha A 7 (Aug 1892)

Mary L 5 (Feb 1895) all children b AI

1910 - not found in Florida or Alabama via Soundex; not in US via Ancestry.com indexing.

1920 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 11 (Beaver Dam), 19-20 Feb, pg 179, #335:

Daniel E Owens 67 rents farm, cannot R/W AI AI AI

Frances M 64 cannot R/W AI AI AI

Mary L 24 single, can R/W AI AI AI

(Entry # 336 is dau Anne and Marion Shanks. Entry #332 is dau Epsie E and William Dow Spears.)

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1930 US Census Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 12, Marl, 15 April, ED 31-18, Samson-Geneva Rd, #122:

Owens, Daniel E	78, rents, farmer, married at age 20, cannot R/W	Al Al Al
Frances M	74 married at 16, cannot R/W	Al Al Al
Mary L	33 single, can R/W	Al Al Al

Louie Asbury Owens 1992 remembered:

His grandpa Dan fell and broke his hip. There were complications, no antibiotics, and he lingered several weeks before he died. Also, his grandmother Nettie called grandpa 'Mr. Owen', never by his first name. Nettie and youngest daughter, Mary, lived together when Dewey and Bernice got married 14 Feb 1938. Nettie died there in Geneva. Louie has photographs of Dan, Nettie and family members.

More About DANIEL IRVIN OWENS:

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, Geneva County, Alabama

More About FRANCES MANETTIE HAMMOND:

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, Geneva County, Alabama

Children of DANIEL OWENS and FRANCES HAMMOND are:

2. i. JOHN RICHARD³ OWENS, b. 06 May 1874, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 02 Nov 1946, Youngstown, Bay County, Florida.
3. ii. WILLIAM HOLLEY OWENS, b. Mar 1877, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 1929, Geneva County, Alabama.
4. iii. IRVIN ANGUS OWENS, b. Apr 1879, Samson, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 05 Mar 1947, Bay County, Florida.
- iv. LAURA F OWENS, b. 14 Nov 1880^d; d. 05 Feb 1900.

Notes for LAURA F OWENS:

Dates from tombstone at Pleasant Ridge Church, Lytle, near Samson, Al. Stone is broken from its base. Has rounded top with carving of a dove that is also broken from the larger piece. Reads: Laura F daughter of D and FM Owens born Nov 14, 1880, died Feb 5, 1900.

More About LAURA F OWENS:

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, Geneva County, Alabama

5. v. JOSEPH ARTHUR OWENS, b. 1881, Alabama; d. 1966.
- vi. DANIEL T OWENS, b. 25 Jul 1885^d; d. 04 Sep 1885^d.

Notes for DANIEL T OWENS:

Infant tombstone at Campground Cemetery in area that was once Cerrogordo, near Westville, Florida: Daniel T, son of D & FM Owens, Born July 25, 1885, Died Sept 4, 1885. Foot marker has D.T.R.

More About DANIEL T OWENS:

Burial: Campground Cemetery, Westville, Holmes County, Florida

6. vii. ELIZABETH 'EPSIE' OWENS, b. 19 Oct 1889, Alabama; d. 22 Aug 1973.
- viii. MARTHA ANN OWENS, b. 30 Aug 1892, Alabama⁵; d. 22 Dec 1960⁶; m. MARION A SHANKS, 16 Jan 1910, Geneva County, Alabama⁷; b. 28 Feb 1890, Alabama^{8,9}; d. 28 Aug 1970¹⁰.

Notes for MARTHA ANN OWENS:

Dates from tombstones at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Lytle, near Samson, Alabama. We don't know much about Aunt Ann or whether she had children.

Feb 7, 1999: phone conversation with Bernice Roney Owens, widow of Dewey Hubert Owens: she said that Ann never had any children.

Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records, 1898 - 1930 by Warrine Sheppard Hathaway, pg 147:
Owens, Annie to Marion A Shanks 1/16/1910 7-337

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1910 Census, Geneva Co, Alabama, 15 Apr, Precinct 12, Marl, Geneva-Samson Road, pg 135B, #17:

M A Shanks 21 laborer at steam RR, rents house Al Al Ga can R/W
Annie 18 married 2 months Al Al SC (sic) can R/W
Dallas Brewer 20 male, boarder, log sawyer at lumber mill Ga Ga Ga

At #5: William & Ida Owens; at #21: J R & M E Owens

1920 Census, Geneva Co, Alabama, Precinct 11, Beaver Dam, pg 179B, #336/341 (not a farm):

(Incorporated place: Coffee Springs stricken through; Ancestry.com classifies this as Coffee Springs)

Marion Shanks 29 rents, laborer in turpentine, cannot R/W Al Al Al
Anne 26 can R/W Al Al Al

At #335/340 (farm): Daniel E & Frances M Owens

At #332/337 (farm): Wm Dow & Epsie E Spears

1930 Census, Geneva Co, Alabama, 12 Apr, Precinct 12, Marl, Ausley-Lytle Rd, pg 236A, #83:

Shanks, Marion A 40 mar@18, farmer, rents farm, a veteran, cannot R/W Al Al Al
Martha A 36 mar@16, can R/W Al Al Al

More About MARTHA ANN OWENS:

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, Geneva County, Alabama

Notes for MARION A SHANKS:

Birthdate from tombstone, but he was 21 on the 1910 census, 29 in 1920. Aunt Rease said that she was always told she was just an arm baby they carried when they went to meet Marion Shanks when he came home from the war.

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Geneva County, Alabama:

Shanks plot (behind Hammond plot) near Dan & Nettie, Jodie & Lela, etc:

Shanks, Marion A 28 Feb 1890 28 Aug 1970 PVT 9 Machine Gun BN, WWI
Shanks, Martha A 30 Aug 1892 22 Dec 1960

end plot

More About MARION A SHANKS:

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, Geneva County, Alabama

ix. MARY L OWENS, b. Feb 1895, Alabama¹¹; d. 19 Jan 1968.

Notes for MARY L OWENS:

Aunt Mary never married. I have some stories about her and some notes about her estate papers.

Feb 7, 1999: phone conversation with Bernice Roney Owens, widow of Dewey Hubert Owens, son of William Holley Owens: It was not Dewey who handled Mary's funeral; it was her sister Ep. Mary never owned a house. She lived with Nancy Powell, whose husband was a preacher. (Nancy Powell's father was Jim Crews, who was uncle to Ida Rials Owens, Dewey's mother.) Mary had nothing to live on but a very small Social Security check.

The person whose funeral Dewey handled was Marion Shanks, who had died in Tuskegee V.A. hospital. Marion was husband of Mary's sister Ann.

Other info from Bernice: she remembered Jody Owen's boy Woodrow who lived near her for a while, but returned to Florida and is dead now. She thought Jody had two boys.

Social Security Death Index (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/>):

MARY OWENS 04 Feb 1895 - Jan 1968 36109 (last residence: Montgomery, Montgomery, AL) (last benefit: none specified) 420-14-5396 Alabama

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2. JOHN RICHARD³ OWENS (*DANIEL IRVIN², HOLLEY¹*) was born 06 May 1874 in Geneva County, Alabama¹², and died 02 Nov 1946 in Youngstown, Bay County, Florida¹². He married MARY ETTA GRAY 18 Aug 1901 in Geneva County, Alabama¹³, daughter of ANDREW GRAY and ELIZABETH MILLS. She was born 05 Mar 1886 in Alabama^{14,15}, and died 14 Dec 1960 in Panama City, Bay County, Florida¹⁶.

Notes for JOHN RICHARD OWENS:

Known as "Rich".

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

1910 US Census Geneva County, Alabama, 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&11/12				

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 first cousin W C and Minnie Owens; #31 is uncle W T and Charity Hammonds.)

1920 US Census Washington County, Florida, Precinct 12, Greenhead, 18 Jan, pg 256, #53:

John R Owen	47	contractor hauling logs, rented house	Al	Al	Al
Etta	34		Al	Al	Al
Floyd	14				
Oscar	11				
Myrtie	9				
Bertie	7				
Bernice	5				
Reese	2				

***Note: Rich's first cousin Lizzie Pope Russell, her husband and 3 of her Huggins nephews also lived in Greenhead. Etta's first cousin Thomas B Long was also in Washington County, in Mattox Springs.

1930 US Census, Bay County, Florida, 8 April, Precinct 13, Bay Head, pg 261A, #59/61 (not a farm):

Owens, Richard J	55	mar. at age 25, rents, 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 Dempsey 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

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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

Children of JOHN OWENS and MARY GRAY are:

- i. DANIEL JACKSON⁴ OWENS¹⁷, 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. Framed photograph of him in possession on Yvonne Owens Cardwell washed away in a flood years ago.

- ii. DAUGHTER UNNAMED OWENS¹⁷, b. 09 Feb 1905, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 14 Feb 1905, Geneva County, Alabama¹⁷.

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, Bay County, Florida; m. RUBY D JACKSON, 03 Apr 1927, Geneva County, Alabama^{18,19}; b. Abt. 18 Oct 1912, Samson, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 1969²⁰.

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 Owens 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 gave 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 photo of his stone.)

1930: Floyd's family not found in Florida or Alabama via 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 preceding 3 entries.)

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

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

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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 and 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, but 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, Georgia; m. (1) DAISY MAE GRICE, 05 Jan 1935, Bay County, Florida²¹; b. Abt. 1911; m. (2) NETTIE MAE OWENS, 12 Jun 1943, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida²²; b. Abt. 1927²³.

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, certif #194-4566.

Oscar's second wife, Nettie Mae, was his first cousin. They were divorced. (**Florida Divorce Index** lists Oscar Owens and <blank> as divorced in Hernando County, Florida, 1953, certificate #696.) 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. One family member thought he died in Cairo, but that is in Grady County. Need to see Death Certificate. His mother, Etta Gray Owens, took to her bed at the news of his death, and died within a few days.

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?

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

Oscar Owens 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 - unlikely, as they married in Jan 1935.)

Essie ("Acie") 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 Owens all remembered 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. Yvonne (Cardwell) says Annie Neoma was an aunt of Daisy Mae's.

1920-30: No Daisy or Annie or Neoma/Naomi Grice in north or west Florida. In 1930, there was an Anna M Grice, 11, in Slocumb, Geneva County, Alabama, pg 50B.

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.

Notes for NETTIE MAE OWENS:

See her entry below with her family.

- 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.

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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 table 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, Alabama²⁴; b. 31 Aug 1908, Geneva County, Alabama^{25,26}; 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

1945 Florida State Census: Scanned all of Bay County on 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

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- vii. BERNICE INEZ OWENS, b. 13 Nov 1916, Geneva County, Alabama²⁶; d. 23 Nov 1977, Panama City, Bay County, Florida²⁶; m. NAPOLEON BLOXHAM 'JACK' HORNE, 03 Jul 1930; b. 04 Sep 1905²⁶; d. 01 Feb 1966, Panama City, Bay County, Florida²⁶.

Notes for BERNICE INEZ OWENS:

Tombstone has 1916 as birth year. 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, both time indicating 1914 as birth year. 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

Buddy turned 5 on 12 Dec 1944.

Sherl turned 3 on 19 Aug 1945. So census must have been taken between Aug 19 and Dec 12.

Carolyn born Jan 1945.

Jack Horne turned 40 on 4 Sep 1945. So: census between Aug 19 and 4 Sept.

More About BERNICE INEZ OWENS:

Burial: Youngstown Cemetery, Youngstown, Bay County, Florida

Notes for NAPOLEON BLOXHAM 'JACK' HORNE:

1920: still at home. See father's notes.

1930: not found via Ancestry.com indexing in Alabama or Florida.

More About NAPOLEON BLOXHAM 'JACK' HORNE:

Burial: Youngstown Cemetery, Youngstown, Bay County, Florida

- viii. JOHNNIE REASE OWENS, b. 15 Jan 1918, Alabama²⁷; m. (1) J. C. MILES, 09 Oct 1937, Chipley, Washington County, Florida²⁸; b. 01 Jan 1916, Alabama^{29,30,31}; d. 08 Apr 1951, Bay County, Florida³¹; 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 or 1930 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

3. WILLIAM HOLLEY³ OWENS (*DANIEL IRVIN², HOLLEY¹*) was born Mar 1877 in Geneva County,

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Alabama³², and died 1929 in Geneva County, Alabama. He married (1) DELLA A WEEKS³³ 23 Oct 1902 in Geneva County, Alabama³⁴, daughter of JOHN WEEKS and MINERVA WEEKS. She was born 12 Jul 1882^{35,36,37,38,39}, and died 09 May 1946^{40,41,42}. He married (2) IDA ELLA RIALS 08 Apr 1906 in Geneva County, Alabama, daughter of RICHARD RIALS and CATHERINE UNKNOWN. She was born Jan 1881⁴³, and died 1948.

Notes for WILLIAM HOLLEY OWENS:

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

Owens, William to Della Weeks 10/23/1903, Bk 3, pg 319

Owens, William H to Ida Rials 04/08/1906, Bk 6, pg 170

Both he and Ida buried at Traveller's Rest Cem, Samson, Geneva County, Al. Tombstone has dates 1887 - 1929, but he appears on 1880 census. Geneva County marriage record. Most info on this family is from conversation with William Carmichael Owens (July 1985). Some conflicting info from Sherl Morden notes of her visit with Louie Owens and Dewey's widow in Apr 1992 (e.g. Louie gave (Annie) Lora's birthdate as 1916 instead of 1920 and his own birthdate as 1920 instead of 1922). According to Louie, William Holley was killed in a car accident Sept 1928, but tombstone has 1929.

Phone conversation 10 Mar 1985 with Dewey Harvey Owens, son of John Walton Owens:

Dewey said that Bill Owens was first married to DELLA WEEKS, sister to Dewey's mother LouVeny. Bill and Della had a son, Lee, who is buried at Piney Grove, and a daughter Lucille who married Fred Pettis and lives in Haines City, Fla. (Fred is dead (1985)). He said that Lucille knows all about the family history. She works in an orange juice plant. (This info on Lucille proved to be incorrect.)

Phone conversation with Dewey 17 Sep 1988: Called him again to clarify which Bill Owens was married to Della Weeks. He said he thought it was his grandfather John Owen's brother's boy, who also had a son named Dewey. (Their mail used to get mixed up.) This sounds like my mother's Uncle Bill Owens who married Ida Rials. Dewey again mentioned Bill and Della's children Lee and Lucille (Pettis). (I called Haines City, but found no Lucille Pettis.) (Lucille did not marry Fred Pettus - Della married him. Lucille was Della and Fred Pettus' child.) But William H Owens and wife Della signed a deed to Dan Owens on 1 Feb 1904 and 18 Oct 1907. The William Owens who is Uncle Bill married Ida Rials 8 Apr 1906. Unless Uncle Bill was a bigamist, these 2 William H Owens can't be the same person. Dewey is over 80 years old. I think he is confusing some people in his memory. (Note added later: What if Bill and Della were divorced and she had to sign deed to make it legal? She would still be Della Owens until she married Fred Pettus. 1910 census shows Bill as a second marriage to wife Ida.) ***See notes on Della Weeks.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jmg12/Piney%20Grove%20Baptist%20Cemetary.html> :

Piney Grove Cemetery, Samson, Alabama

Alto Lee Owens 2/18/1903 - 5/17/1919 (note on the survey: Grandson of JB & MA Weeks)

Della F. Pettus 9/12/1882 - 5/9/1946

(Her son with Bill Owens.)

1910 US Census Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 12, Marl, Geneva Road, #5:

William Owens 35 SECOND marriage, owns farm no mtg, cannot R/W Al Al Al

Ida 24 first marriage, mar. 4 yrs, 1 child living of 1 child born can R/W Al Al Al

Nettie C 1 6/12? Al Al Al

Alpheus Jones 16 servant, laborer, working out Al Al Al

1920 US Census Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 12, Marl to creek - graded road, #36:

William Owens 44 owns farm no mtg, can R/W Al Al Al

Ida 38 Al Al Al

Katherine 11, William 9, Pearline 7, J T (son) 6, Lora 4 9/12, Dewey 1 7/12 Al Al Al

1930 US Census Geneva County, Alabama, 15 April, Precinct 12, Marl, Marl-Double Bridges Rd., pg

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239A, #131:

Owens, Ida E	49	widow, married at 23, can R/W	Al Al Al
Nettie C	21	dau, single	Al Al Al
William C	19	son, single	Al Al Al
Ida P	18	dau, single	Al Al Al
John T	16	son, single	Al Al Al
Annie L	14	dau	Al Al Al
Dewey H	11	son	Al Al Al
Louie A	9	son	Al Al Al

At #122: Dan & Nettie Owens

BLM land record:

WILLIAM H OWEN 12/31/1903 142.41 acres Cash Entry Doc# 19129 Land Office: Montgomery
SWSW 1-N 1-N 20-E St Stephens AL Geneva
SESE 2-N 1-N 20-E St Stephens AL Geneva
NWNW 12-N 1-N 20-E St Stephens AL Geneva
NENE 11-N 1-N 20-E St Stephens AL Geneva

More About WILLIAM HOLLEY OWENS:

Burial: Traveler's Rest Cemetery, Samson, Geneva County, Alabama

Notes for DELLA A WEEKS:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jmg12/Piney%20Grove%20Baptist%20Cemetary.html> :

Piney Grove Cemetery, Samson, Alabama, Highway 87 North

Minerva D. Weeks	2/16/1865	-	6/19/1955	
J.D. Weeks	9/12/1862	-	9/27/1943	Masonic Symbol
Alto Lee Owens	2/18/1903	-	5/17/1919	Grandson of JB & MA Weeks (Ala. Death Index has 15 May 1919 as his death date. Note included on the survey: Grandson of JB & MA Weeks, but Della's parents were John D and Minerva D ; Alto Lee her son with Bill Owens.)
Della F. Pettus	9/12/1882	-	5/9/1946	(9/12 should be 7/12 - See Owens/Weeks family chart and Phipps compilation.)
J.B. Weeks	12/10/1847	-	3/22/1918	
Matilda Weeks	7/3/1844	-	2/10/1916	Wife of JB

Geneva County, AL Tomb Records, Vols I & II, compiled by Mr and Mrs J R Phipps, Rt 6, Box 218, Dothan, Al 36301 (work done 1962-72). Vol II:

Piney Grove

Owens, James or Jane? (my notes are blurry) 11 Oct 1932 - 1 Mar 1943 beside Alto Lee Owens
(This person not listed in online listing above, which has "unreadable grave of infant".)
Pettus, Della F 12 Jul 1882 - 9 May 1946
Many Weeks family members.

1910 census entry: See her father's notes.

No marriage record found for them in Holmes County or in Geneva County.

1920 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 14-15 Jan, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 166A, #150/151:

Pettus, John F	30	farmer, rents, can R/W	Al Al Al
Della	37	can R/W	Al Al Al
Lucile	8	in school	Al
Minerva?	2	name very blurred	Fl

At #148/149 & 149/150 and #151/152: brothers Sam, Tup and Joseph B Weeks

More About DELLA A WEEKS:

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Burial: Piney Grove Cemetery, Samson, Geneva County, Alabama

Notes for IDA ELLA RIALS:

Middle name Ella from Sherl Morden notes from conversation with Dewey Hubert Owens in 1992. Census 1900 listed Ida E.

More About IDA ELLA RIALS:

Burial: Traveler's Rest Cemetery, Samson, Geneva County, Alabama

Child of WILLIAM OWENS and DELLA WEEKS is:

- i. ALTO LEE⁴ OWENS, b. 18 Feb 1903^{44,45}; d. 17 May 1919⁴⁶.

More About ALTO LEE OWENS:

Burial: Piney Grove Cemetery, Samson, Geneva County, Alabama

Children of WILLIAM OWENS and IDA RIALS are:

- ii. NETTIE CATHERINE⁴ OWENS, b. 08 Oct 1908; d. 1987; m. RALPH T WEEKS; d. 1987.

Notes for NETTIE CATHERINE OWENS:

Known as 'Cat'. Info on death is from Sherl Morden notes from conversation with Louie Owens when she and Mertie Owens Baughman visited him in April 1992. Notes say both Cat and Ralph buried at Sunset Mem Cem, Geneva. They had no children. They had lived at 311 N. John Glenn St in Geneva.

- iii. WILLIAM CARMICHAEL OWENS, b. 10 May 1910; m. RUTH COMMANDER, 1941, Geneva County, Alabama.

Notes for WILLIAM CARMICHAEL OWENS:

Known as Bill or 'Buster'. Info from conversation in 1985. Lived in Panama City, Fl. Geneva County marriage record.

Not found on **Social Security Death Index** (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com>), 28 Oct 2005.

Same person as his wife?

1930 Holmes County, Florida, pg 155A shows a Ruth Commander, age 10, dau of J D and Julia Commander.

Same person?

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad>

NARA WWII Enlistment Records online:

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 14069709
NAME OWEN#WILLIAM#C
RESIDENCE: STATE 41 ALABAMA
RESIDENCE: COUNTY 061 GENEVA
PLACE OF ENLISTMENT 4166 MONTGOMERY ALABAMA
DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY 13
DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH 01
DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR 42
GRADE: ALPHA DESIGNATION PVT
...
NATIVITY 41 ALABAMA
YEAR OF BIRTH 10
RACE AND CITIZENSHIP 1 White, citizen
EDUCATION 1 1 year of high school
CIVILIAN OCCUPATION 175 BANDSMAN, OBOE or PARTS CLERK, AUTOMOBILE
MARITAL STATUS 2 Married

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- iv. IDA PEARLINE OWENS, b. 06 Jan 1912; m. FRED ANDREWS, Abt. 1933.

Notes for IDA PEARLINE OWENS:

Known as Pearline. 1985 address: 500 N. Whitney, Geneva, Al. Can't remember if I talked with her or her brother, J T Owen. I think most of info on her came from him.

- v. JOHN THOMAS OWENS, b. 01 Nov 1914; m. (1) CLARA ELLIOTT, Abt. 1940; d. Abt. 1978; m. (2) VIRGINIA POOLE, Abt. 1970.

Notes for JOHN THOMAS OWENS:

Known as 'J.T.' Per Louie in 1992, John lived in Dothan then and had worked on the family history in the past.

- vi. ANNIE LAURA OWENS, b. 17 Nov 1916; m. TED MIXSON BECKHAM, 1935, Geneva County, Alabama.

Notes for ANNIE LAURA OWENS:

Feb 1999: Laura lives in Pensacola, FL according to phone conversation with Bernice Roney Owens, widow of Dewey Hubert.

- vii. DEWEY HUBERT OWENS, b. 11 Apr 1918, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 29 Dec 1986, Geneva County, Alabama; m. BERNICE RONEY, 04 Jan 1938?, Geneva County, Alabama; b. 04 May 1915, Henry County, Alabama.

Notes for DEWEY HUBERT OWENS:

Died of lung cancer, according to his widow Bernice Roney Owens.

SSDI: DEWEY OWEN **11 Apr 1918 Dec 1986** 36477 (Samson, Geneva, AL) 36477 (Samson, Geneva, AL) 422-16-3125 Alabama

Who is this Dewey Owens from SSDI? None found on 1930 census index.

DEWEY OWENS **03 Apr 1924 - 19 Jul 2002** (V) 36340 (Geneva, Geneva, AL) (none specified) 416-34-2096

Notes for BERNICE RONEY:

Phone conversation with her Feb 7, 1999. See notes on Mary L Owens. Bernice said that she and Dewey were one month short of their fiftieth wedding anniversary when he died in Dec 1986, but I have her marriage date as 1938. Had she forgotten or do I have the wrong date?

- viii. LOUIE ASBURY OWENS, b. 10 Oct 1920, Geneva County, Alabama⁴⁷; d. 24 Mar 1999⁴⁷; m. (1) RUBY LEE REEVES, 1948, Geneva County, Alabama⁴⁸; b. 14 Oct 1923⁴⁹; d. 14 Feb 1978⁴⁹; m. (2) LUDIE GLEN WRIGHT, Aft. 1984.

Notes for LOUIE ASBURY OWENS:

Birthdate is from Louie to Sherl Morden, April 1992 and tombstone. (Have picture of tombstones - they spell Owen without 'S'.) Louie was married to Ludie at the time of Sherl's visit. Louie referred to Pleasant Ridge Cem. area as Lizard Lope or Lytle (per Sherl). He remembered Aunt Ann and Uncle Marion Shanks. Said Ann could not pronounce 'photograph' - said 'fo-o-graph'.

I had a phone conversation with Louie in 1985. He lived with Cat & Ralph. His wife had died several years before.

In a phone conversation Feb 7, 1999 with Dewey's widow, Bernice Roney Owens, she said that Louie's second wife was dying of cancer in Florida, staying with a daughter there. Louie would not stay in Florida for long and was living by himself near Bernice.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jmg12/trc.html> :

Traveller's Rest Cemetery, Samson, Al

Louie A. Owen 10/10/1920 3/24/1999

Ruby L. Reeves Owen 10/14/1923 2/14/1978

Jimmy R. Owen 11/8/1952 7/9/1995

(wrm note: Jimmy Reeves Owen)

Was Wright his second wife's maiden name or from a previous marriage?

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<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

NARA WWII Enlistment Records:

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 34398836
NAME OWENS#LOUIE#A
RESIDENCE: STATE 41 ALABAMA
RESIDENCE: COUNTY 061 GENEVA
PLACE OF ENLISTMENT 4130 FT MCCLELLAN ALABAMA
DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY 07
DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH 11
DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR 42
GRADE: ALPHA DESIGNATION POT# Undefined Code
GRADE: CODE 8 Private
...
SOURCE OF ARMY PERSONNEL 0 Civil Life
NATIVITY 41 ALABAMA
YEAR OF BIRTH 20
RACE AND CITIZENSHIP 1 White, citizen
EDUCATION 2 2 years of high school
CIVILIAN OCCUPATION 427 OSTEOPATH
MARITAL STATUS 1 Single, with dependents
COMPONENT OF THE ARMY 7 Selectees (Enlisted Men)

More About LOUIE ASBURY OWENS:

Burial: Traveler's Rest Cemetery, Samson, Geneva County, Alabama⁴⁹

Notes for RUBY LEE REEVES:

Dates from tombstone at Pleasant Ridge Cem, Lytle, Geneva County, Alabama. Have picture of tombstone.

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/al/geneva/obits/rlreeves.txt> (copied 14 Mar 2004):

Obit of Ruby Lee Reeves Owen - Geneva Co., AL

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Mon, 1 Mar 1999 13:56:21 -0600

Obit of Ruby Lee Reeves Owen - Geneva Co., AL

The Dothan Eagle, February 15, 1978

Mrs. Ruby Owen

GENEVA-Mrs. Ruby Lee Reeves Owen, 54, died last night in a Dothan hospital.

Services will be 10 a.m. at the Pittman Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Louis Tingle officiating.

Burial will be in the Traveler's Rest Cemetery, Samson.

The body will be at the funeral home until time for services. The family will receive friends Thursday from 7 until 9 p.m.

The family requested flowers be omitted and suggested contributions to the Kidney Foundation.

Survivors include her husband, **Louie Owen**, Geneva; a son, **Jimmy Owen**, Geneva; seven sisters, Mrs. **Hattie Mae Spann**, Mt. Dora Florida, Mrs. **Bessie Ruth Whittle**, Downey, California, Mrs. **Sue McDuffie**, Dade City, Florida, Mrs. **Sybil Fowler**, Dothan, Mrs. **Gladys Owens**, Samson, Mrs. **Mattie Lou McGowan**, Mrs. **Irene Foxworth**, Geneva; two brothers, **Roy Reeves**, Geneva, **Watha Reeves**, Dade City; three grandchildren.

(Parents: Walter Monroe and Gertrude Johnson Reeves.)

More About RUBY LEE REEVES:

Burial: Traveler's Rest Cemetery, Samson, Geneva County, Alabama⁴⁹

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4. IRVIN ANGUS³ OWENS (*DANIEL IRVIN², HOLLEY¹*) was born Apr 1879 in Samson, Geneva County, Alabama⁵⁰, and died 05 Mar 1947 in Bay County, Florida^{51,52,53}. He married (1) BEULAH GILMORE 27 Mar 1902 in Geneva County, Alabama⁵⁴, daughter of JOHN GILMORE and SUZANNE BOWERS. She was born 01 Nov 1885 in Samson, Geneva County, Alabama⁵⁵. He married (2) STELLA WHITTON 11 Aug 1933 in Bay County, Florida⁵⁶. She was born Abt. 1900⁵⁶.

Notes for IRVIN ANGUS OWENS:

Known as Ang.

Bay Co, Fl marriage records book 4 page 292: Ang Owens and Stella Whitton married by C.S. Russ, county judge in Panama City, 11 Aug 1933; both were divorced; his age 47; her age 33; he was from Bay Head; signed with 'x'; she signed 'Whiddon'. (If he had actually been 47, that would have made his birthyear about 1886; he was actually more like 54.) See notes on Stella.

According to Dewey Hubert Owens, son of William Holley Owen, Uncle Ang was a logger, not a farmer. He moved around a lot and often lived in Florida, logging. The names, birthdates and mother of children are from information from his descendants Keith Smyer and Larry Owens.

Phone conversation with Rease Owens Corpus, January, 1998: Uncle Ang died 1947 on Mar 5 (Etta's birthday). Was working for Long's Dairy between Youngstown and Cairo, Fl. He also logged.

Florida Divorce Index 1927-1942, microfiche, Florida State Archives: no entry for Ang Owen(s). Maybe he and Beulah Gilmore were divorced in Alabama.

Florida Death Index 1877-1997, microfiche, Florida State Archives:

1947 Bay County Owens, Angus 1241-4921

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/bay/military/1917drf2.txt> :

Bay County, Florida - 1917-18 Civilian Draft Registration, Surnames G-O

File contributed for use in USGenWeb Archives by Raymond H. Banks, Rayhbanks@aol.com

Owens, Ervin Anger Apr 1885 W (no further information)
(Actually born Apr 1879. See 1880 census, Geneva: he was 14 months old.)

1910 US Census, Liberty County, Florida, Pct 5, Chester Schoolhouse, page 50A (page nbr obscured; last visible pg nbr is 48 - count forward to 50), name of incorporated place = Deer Hunt (stricken through), name of institution = sawmill, #6: (note: These are David Shirah's parents!)

Shira, William	25	first marriage, mar. 1 yr, log hauler, rents house	Ga Ga Ga
Jackie	19	first marriage, 0 children	Ga Ga Ga
Edenfield, Wesley	48	wid., laborer at odd jobs	Fl Ga Ga
Owens, Ang	28	sgl, log hauler at lumber mill	Al Al Al
Nelson, John	20	sgl, laborer at lumber mill	Ga Ga Ga

(note: Liberty County is between Calhoun County on the west and Gadsden, Leon and Wakulla counties on the east - towns are Bristol, Hosford.)

1910 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, Pct 13, Piney Grove (Samson), page 170B (East St), #374:

Gilmore, Jos. W	59	mar. 37 yrs, driver of log team, (Jas? definitely not John) owns house free, can R/W	Al Al Al
Sue A	55	7 children/6 living, can R/W	Al Al Al
Beula	25	divorced, (under "yrs mar.", 7 has been stricken through), # ch. not given	
Walter	7, William	5, John E 3 (listed as sons of head of house)	Al Al Al

also:

Cully, Marion (male) 18 single, boarder, laborer on log team, can R/W Al Al Al
(Note: see also **Holmes Co. census 1910**, pg 1097, #292/294 (Bonifay-Graceville Rd):
Marion Colley, 21, in household of widowed mother, Ada, and 3 siblings. Same one?)

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1920-1930: Ang not found in Florida or Alabama via Ancestry.com indexing.

Note: 24 Jan 2003. From Geneva County bulletin board on Rootsweb. Query from Larry & Amber Owens (warlock905@cfl.rr.com) dated 29 Mar 2002: Researching Angus Owens; we have his son John Angus Owens born 12/24/1906 in Samson, Al.

Reply by Keith Smyer (taw1981@yahoo.com) dated 31 Jul 2002: related to Angus through his mother, Evelyn. Her father was Walter Lee Owens whose father was Angus.

I emailed to both 23 Jan 2003. They replied and I sent them Owens data up to Ang's siblings.

Subj: Re: Picture of Ang

Date: 7/7/2003 11:12:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: taw1981@yahoo.com

To: Wildamurphy2@aol.com

Wilda, thanks for the photo. I showed it to my mother and she said that it resembled her Uncle Willie. She was too young to remember Ang but my Aunt is visiting next week so I'm hoping that she might recognize him. Have you gotten any verification yet?

I have seen that 1910 census. Walter was my grandfather. I was thinking that this was John W and his wife Susan N Bowers Gilmore because of the names and the ages are close. Marion Colley ended up marrying Beulah. It didn't last for whatever reason and she married two other times I believe.

I'll let you know what I find out from my Aunt next week. Thanks again.

Keith

Excerpts from letters from Yvonne Owens Cardwell to Wilda Murphy:

(Yvonne had her own way of telling things and her spelling was a little strange, but I have transcribed the letters exactly as written. Sometimes her facts were a little off, but her memories were interesting. She has Ang dying about 1946, but Aunt Rease (and Florida Death Index) said 1947. I don't have a death certificate for him. Just take it with a grain of salt.)

3/17/98

Wilda,

I have thought of a few other things after reading the rest of your papers you have added. Uncle Aing, my great uncle, Grandpa's brother -- his whole name was Angus Owens. His wife was Saddle. They had 3 sons: William, Hearld and Bud.

Dady used to talk about this all the time. Aing was bad to pitch drunks but only about ever 2 or 3 years apart. But a hard worker and a money saver. When he was ready to get on a drunk he would go buy him 2 gals. of homemade moonshine and he would go off in the woods and that is where he stayed until the drunk was over.

He saved money and would pack it in quart fruit jars and lid it and burry them. So when he died he was found in a mule stable where he had a stroke but it was just across the branch where my dad and mother finally bought the 40 acres at Bear Creek. But Aing died in the hosiptal in Panama City, Fl.

...

5/24/98

... Now about Uncle Angus. I been trying to think back and I believe he was found the year before grandpa his bro. passed or the same year but before Grandpa in Nov 1946 because he was not at Grandpa's fruneal. Dady Mama John and myself went. I do know uncle Angus spent Christmas with us in 1943, that was the first doll I had ever got for Christmas and uncle Angus took all his

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change out of his pockets and put in my doll's lap for a present.

But really Grandpa had already told me there was no Santa Claus. I was 9 years old but Christmas was never no fun anymore only to get a little fruit and candy.

But Uncle Angus worked up at Bear Creek across from where we did live in later years. But it was called Felix Longs place and they farmed or Uncle Angus did for them. So really no one ever knew when he fell and the mules stepped all over him or someone knocked him in the head but he was found in the mule stable and carried to the hospital which then would have been Panama City Hospital a small 1 called Nixons Hosiptal down on the corner of 5th and Magnonial Ave or Libesney (Lisenby?) on 11th but I don't think they had a Libesney all built. And he died the next day.

It was planting time is why he was in after the mules. . . .

Notes for STELLA WHITTON:

Marriage record gives her age as 33, previously divorced.

Is this the same Stella Owens who was married to Ang? Then these children are from her previous marriage and not really Owens. This is the area where Ang's brother John Richard and at least 3 of Rich's grown children lived in 1935 (pg 1, line 5) and where Ang reportedly lived when he died in 1947.

Florida State Census 1935 Bay County, Precinct 13, Bay Head, page 4:

Owens, Stella	35, b. Fl, degree of educ=none, rents, housework
Owens, J I (son)	12, b. Fl, grammar sch, , school
Owens, Cora (dau)	10
Owens, Walter (son)	5

Where was Ang? He did not die until 1947.

Children of IRVIN OWENS and BEULAH GILMORE are:

- i. WALTER LEE⁴ OWENS, b. 03 Nov 1902⁵⁷; d. 28 Jun 1964, Winter Haven, Polk County, Florida^{57,58}; m. MARY ROXIE ALFORD, 24 Dec 1924, Geneva County, Alabama⁵⁹; b. 06 Mar 1905; d. 06 Dec 1966, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida^{60,61}.

Notes for WALTER LEE OWENS:

Ang's son was named Walter Lee. The tombstone at New Home is Walter L, and the marriage record index is Walter Owens. The dates are right for this to be Ang's son. (Walter's identification confirmed by his grandson Keith Smyer of Tampa, Florida, via email 24 Jan 2003 and by his granddaughter Brigitte Francine Owens O'Neal in email and GEDCOM file of her family Aug 2004.)

There is a Bay County Fl marriage record, Book 9 (1844-1948), page 93 for **Walter Owens** and **Margaret Kearse**. Any connection?)

My file originally had a Walter Lee, Jr 1928-29, but I cannot locate my original notes that supported that. Neither Keith Smyer nor Brigitte Owens O'Neal have him, but both have Lucille Owens 1828-29. I am removing him from my file until I can locate my original source for that birth. The tombstone at New Home reads "children of Walter and Roxie, 1928-29 and 1925-27", no names.

More About WALTER LEE OWENS:

Burial: New Home Cemetery, Samson, Geneva County, Alabama

More About MARY ROXIE ALFORD:

Burial: New Home Cemetery, Samson, Geneva County, Alabama

- ii. WILLIAM HENRY OWENS⁶¹, b. 06 Apr 1905, Alabama⁶¹.
- iii. JOHN ANGUS OWENS⁶¹, b. 24 Dec 1906, Samson, Geneva County, Alabama⁶¹; d. 13 Dec 1975, Bartow, Polk County, Florida^{61,62}; m. MOLLIE LEVONIA BAKER⁶³, 21 Jan 1928, Bartow, Polk County, Florida⁶³; b. 06 Jun 1912, Williston, Levy County, Florida⁶³; d. 12 Jul 1950, Bartow, Polk County,

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Florida^{63,64}.

5. JOSEPH ARTHUR³ OWENS (*DANIEL IRVIN*², *HOLLEY*¹)⁶⁵ was born 11 Nov 1881 in Alabama^{66,67}, and died 1966⁶⁶. He married LELA MAE NICKLES 1911 in Geneva County, Alabama⁶⁸. She was born 06 Dec 1895 in Alabama^{69,70,71}, and died Nov 1976⁷².

Notes for JOSEPH ARTHUR OWENS:

Birthdate uncertain. SSDI give 11 Nov 1881. His tombstone gives birthdate of 1881, but 1900 census lists him as 14, born Nov 1885. Tombstone of infant brother Daniel T in Holmes County, FL (25 Jul 1885 - 4 Sep 1885) and the fact that Jodie is not listed in Dan Owens' household on the 1885 Florida census (taken as of 1 Jun 1885) indicate that neither 1881 nor 1885 is correct for Jodie's birthdate, unless he was twin to the infant Daniel, but both SSDI and 1900 census give November as his birth month..

The 1920 census (taken as of 1 Jan) listed his age as 36, giving a birth year of 1883. On the 1930 census, taken on 15 April, his age was 47, giving a birth year of 1881-2.

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Geneva County, Alabama:

Doublestone:

Owen, Jodie A 1881 1966 Father
Owen, Lela Mae 1895 1976 Mother

Doublestone:

Owens, William Victor 1914 1971
Owens, Cecil Wade 11 Feb 1911 9 Jun 1978

Jodie's tombstone has no 's' on Owen, but that of his son Victor spells Owens with an 's'.

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

Owens, Jodie to Lila Nickles 12/25/1911 8-49
Owens, Joseph to Etta Rivenbark 11/24/1906 6-316

The 1930 census says his age at first marriage was 26, which would be about right for when he married Lela if he was born in 1885, but if he was actually born in 1881, he would have been about 30 when he married Lela, and about 26 when Etta Rivenbark married somebody named Joseph Owens. Does this mean he had another wife before her, and was it Etta Rivenbark? See notes on 1910 census below.

Number of children and names unknown to most family sources. William C Owens (son of Jodie's brother William Holley Owens) of Panama City told me about Victor and Lum, but he didn't remember Nettie. His brother Dewey Hubert mentioned Woodrow, W.C and Nora to me in a phone conversation. Among the unidentified heirs of Mary L Owens in 1968 were:

Mrs. Marie O Black and
Mrs. Marie Frances Ely, both of the same address in Brooksville (Hernando County, FL),
Mrs. Linda Rimes and
Mr. Joseph A Owens, both of Brooksville, and
Mrs Nora Lee Hall of Orlando, FL.

It is common family knowledge that Jodie's daughter Nettie married her first cousin Oscar Otis Owens, son of John Richard, Jodie's brother. Oscar and Nettie brought their children Toots & Bubba to see us when I was a child and we lived in north Orange County, FL, but I don't remember anything about them. We never knew their real names. (4 Jun 2003: See notes on Nettie's daughter Linda Rimes for further identification.)

Feb 7, 1999 phone conversation with Bernice Roney Owens, widow of Dewey Hubert: she remembered Jodie's boy Woodrow had lived near her at some time in the past, but he moved back to Florida, and was dead now.

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1910: Not found. There is a Josephas Owens, 25, turpentine laborer, in Noblin's Precinct, pg 57B, in Geneva County, but he is married to Etta, 19, and has 18-mo-old Bessie L -- Etta Rivenbark married in 1906. On the next page, 58A, is a Willie Owens, 25, born in Florida, wife, Nora, and family. No other Joseph or Etta Owen(s) or right age married to Joseph found in Florida or Alabama in 1920.

1920 US Census, Dale County, Alabama, 7-9 Feb, Pct #3, pg 61B, #130:

Owens, Joseph 36 farmer, rents Al Al Al
Leila 25 Al Al Al
William 5, Lumie 3, Marie 11/12 Al Al Al

1930 US Census, Dale County, Alabama, 15 April, Pct #3, page?, line 91, #293:

Owens, Joseph A 47 mar. age 26, can R/W, rents farm Al Al Al
Leila 34 mar. age 14, can R/W Al Al Al
Victor 15 (cannot R/W), Lummie (son) 13, Marie 12 (both in school, can R/W),
Will J 9, Essie (dau) 7 (both in school), Esker (dau) 6, Nettie May 3, William T? 1/24 (sic)
(all children born Al)

Will J is probably Woodrow J (see SSDI on his notes). Essie (pronounced "Acie") and Esker (names blurred and marked as daughters) are actually boys, mentioned as uncles by Linda Owens Rimes on 4 June 2003. See Essie's marriage record below.

Since Victor's first name was William, then Jodie had at least 3 sons named William. Lum was short for William Columbus, the "W.C." reported by William C Owens of Panama City.

Who is this Joseph A Owens, born 1921?

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

NARA WWII Enlistment Records:

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 34448635
NAME OWENS#JOSEPH#A
RESIDENCE: STATE 41 ALABAMA
RESIDENCE: COUNTY 061 GENEVA
PLACE OF ENLISTMENT 4344 FT MCPHERSON ATLANTA GEORGIA
DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY 22
DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH 10
DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR 42
GRADE: ALPHA DESIGNATION PVT# Private
...
NATIVITY 41 ALABAMA
YEAR OF BIRTH 21
RACE AND CITIZENSHIP 1 White, citizen
EDUCATION 0 Grammar school
CIVILIAN OCCUPATION 819 Undefined Code
MARITAL STATUS 6 Single, without dependents
COMPONENT OF THE ARMY 7 Selectees (Enlisted Men)

Jodie's granddaughter Linda Rimes provided information on his children in a conversation with Wilda Murphy in June 2003:

William Columbus (known as WC, Lum and Lummie) married Ellen and had no sons.
Marie married Dukes (father of her children), Black and Steve Kerna and had 2 sons (1 died 1969 and 1 died abt 1990)
Essie married Jackie and had no sons
Victor and his wife, Cecil, were both deaf

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Nettie and Oscar's daughter "Toots" was Frances Marie and son "Bubba" was Joseph Arthur (same name as her father), who uses the surname Stone.

Jodie and Lummie were loggers and worked around logging mills. Lummie worked in Perry and Carabelle, Florida.

Nora Lee married A B Hall and lived in Auburndale or Winter Haven, Florida

Edith and Corrine were daughters of Jodie's. Edith had lived at Spring Hill, Florida.

Woodrow was "Uncle Dub" and had a son Woodrow Wayne Owens.

Linda thought there were 12 children, but I have only 11 accounted for, including Edith and Corrine, who do not show up on any census.

<http://www.ci.brooksville.fl.us/> Brooksville Cemetery:

2331	"Owen, Annie M."	09-24-1996	79	F	"Owen, Estate of Annie M."	Merritt
1667	"Owen, Carrie Louise"	08-18-1994	77	F	"Owen, Olive Lee"	Curry & Son
904	"Owen, Infant (Oscar?)"	11-15-1946	0		"Brooksville, City of"	Garnett
1667	"Owen, James C. Sr."	09-16-1976	0	M	"Owen, Olive Lee"	Gordon Brisson-Sanford
830	"Owen, Jane Culver"	12-27-1942	72	F	"Hawkins, Mrs. Charles E. (Lena)"	Garnett
1667	"Owen, Olive Lee"	08-02-1970	86	F	"Owen, Olive Lee"	Turner
1667	"Owen, Wade Hampton"	12-06-1940	63	M	"Owen, Olive Lee"	Garnett
2704	"Owens, Elouise"	12-06-2003	67	F	Special Use	Community
1670	"Owens, Eunice E."	08-13-1986	53	F	"Owens, William F."	Turner
2422	"Owens, Robert Lee"	12-19-1998	69	M	"Owens, Betty"	Brewer
1669	"Owens, William C."	12-08-1987	71	M	"Owens, William C."	Turner
1672	"Owens, Woodrow J."	12-31-1988	67	M	"Owens, Woodrow J."	Turner
531	"Owens, Woodrow Wayne"	09-27-1980	32	M	"Owens, Luci D."	Turner

More About JOSEPH ARTHUR OWENS:

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, Geneva County, Alabama

Notes for LELA MAE NICKLES:

Social Security Death Index (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/>):

LELA OWEN 06 Dec 1895 Nov 1976 33512 (Florida) (none specified) 421-16-0140 Alabama

1900 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, 8 June, Pct 5, Pate's Crossroads, ED 73, pg 67A, #79:

Nickles, Robert 39 (Mar or May 1861) married 16 yrs, farmer Ga Ga Ga
Sarah E 31 (Mar or May 1869) 9 children/9 living Al Al Al
Mary F 13 (Dec 1886), James 11 (Dec 1888), Georgie V (dau) 9 (Dec 1890),
Delidia A (dau) 7 (Oct 1892), Lizzie V 6 (May 1894), Lela M 4 (Dec 1895),
Erley S (son) 4 (Feb 1896 sic), Arthur F 2 (Mar or May 1898), Andrew 0/12 (May 1900) all Al

1910 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, 20 April, Pct 7 (St Paul?, no town name), ED 73, pg 21a, #62:

Nickles, Roberts S 49 m1, 26 yrs, farmer, owns mtg. farm, cannot R/W Al Al Al
Lizzie 41 m1, 13 children/13 living, cannot R/W Al Al Al
Georgia 19 can R/W
Olie (dau) 17 can R/W
Ola (dau) 16 can R/W
Lela 14 can R/W
Earlie (son) 13 cannot R/W
Arthur F 12 cannot R/W
Arten (son) 10 cannot R/W
Eddie 8, Jonus 6, Sammie R 4, Garland L (son) 2 all Al

More About LELA MAE NICKLES:

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, Geneva County, Alabama

Children of JOSEPH OWENS and LELA NICKLES are:

- i. WILLIAM VICTOR⁴ OWENS, b. 1914, Alabama^{73,74,75}; d. 1971; m. CECIL WADE; b. 11 Feb 1911⁷⁶; d. 09 Jun 1978.

Notes for WILLIAM VICTOR OWENS:

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Buried at Pleasant Ridge alongside Cecil Wade Owens. Tombstone spells Owens with an 's'. According to Linda Rimes, granddaughter of Jodie Owens, Victor was deaf. So was his wife, Cecil.

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Geneva County, Alabama:

Doublestone:

Owens, William Victor 1914 1971
Owens, Cecil Wade 11 Feb 1911 9 Jun 1978

More About WILLIAM VICTOR OWENS:

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, Geneva County, Alabama

Notes for CECIL WADE:

Buried at Pleasant Ridge alongside Victor Owens in plot next to Jody and Lela. Tombstone spells Owens with an 's'. Linda Rimes told me that Victor's wife was named Cecil.

Social Security Death Index (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/>):

CECIL OWENS 11 Feb 1907 - Jun 1978 36420 (Andalusia, Covington, AL) (none specified) 421-48-0738 Alabama

More About CECIL WADE:

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, Geneva County, Alabama

- ii. WILLIAM COLUMBUS OWENS, b. 20 Sep 1916, Alabama^{77,78}.

Notes for WILLIAM COLUMBUS OWENS:

Social Security Death Index <http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/>

W C OWENS 20 Sep 1916 05 Dec 1987 (V) 34601 (Brooksville, [Hernando, FL](http://www.ci.brooksville.fl.us/)) (none specified) 418-28-1450 Alabama

Brooksville Cemetery, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida (<http://www.ci.brooksville.fl.us/>):

1669 Owens, William C. O C-778-1 12/05/1987 71 M Owens, William C. Turner Funeral H

- iii. MARIE LUCILLE OWENS⁷⁹, b. 06 Feb 1919^{80,81,82}; d. 12 Mar 1986^{83,84}; m. (1) ALCUS DUKES, Bef. Nov 1940; m. (2) STEVE KERNA, Aft. Jun 1943; m. (3) UNKNOWN BLACK, Bef. 1986.

Notes for MARIE LUCILLE OWENS:

Social Security Death Index (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/>):

MARIE BLACK 06 Feb 1919 Mar 1986 33512 (Florida) (none specified) 264-07-0301 Florida

<http://www.ci.brooksville.fl.us/> (copied 27 July 2003):

Brooksville Cemetery (Is Harvard Linton Dukes Marie's son? Also Joseph Francis Kerna?)

Id #	Name of Deceased	Death/Buri	Age/Sex	Owner Name	Funeral Home
2740	Black, Alice	09-25-2004	72 F	Black, Alice	Luther Cason
156	Black, Arlthon	12-15-1981	71 M	Black, Esper	Turner Funeral
156	Black, Catherine Elizabeth	04-24-1989	78 F	Black, Esper	Turner Funeral
2174	Black, Cony	07-21-1992	76 M	Whatley, C. J.	Turner Funeral
156	Black, Frances Caroline	11-14-1954	70 F	Black, Esper	Garnett Funeral
156	Black, Manoah B.	07-15-1959	92 M	Black, Esper	Garnett Funeral
159	Black, Marie Lucille	03-14-1986	67 F	Black, Marie	Turner Funeral
159	Dukes, Harvard Linton	07/23/1970	30 M	Black, Marie	Turner Funeral
2704	Black, Sr., James Arthur	12-13-2003	71 M	Special Use	Community
1671	Kerna, Joseph Francis	00/00/1984		M Owens, Mrs. W. J.	(none listed)
***For some reason, the Joseph Kerna entry is no longer in this cemetery database.					
560	Dukes, Alcus J.	12/25/1995	80 M	Dukes, Alcus J.	Turner
560	Dukes, Alma Dale	05/23/1979	63 F	Dukes, Alcus J.	
561	Dukes, Kenneth Jay	02/26/1995	57 M	Dukes, Kenneth Jay, Est. of	Turner
562	Dukes, David Allen	02/12/1964	9 mo M	Dukes, William Howard	Garnett
562	Dukes, Mack Willard	03/26/1982	45 M	Dukes, William Howard	Turner
562	Dukes, Tom W.	10/14/1998	91 M	Dukes, William Howard	Merritt

***probably Alcus Dukes' brother (see 1910-1920 censuses Holmes County)

Social Security Death Index:

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ALCUS J DUKES 19 Feb 1915 25 Dec 1995 34605 (Brooksville, [Hernando, FL](#)) (none specified) 264-09-6476 Florida
TOM W DUKES 25 Apr 1907 14 Oct 1998 (V) 34601 (Brooksville, [Hernando, FL](#)) (none specified) 266-09-9108 Florida
DORIS B DUKES 25 Oct 1913 21 Apr 1989 34609 (Brooksville, [Hernando, FL](#)) (none specified) 267-10-1224 Florida

More About MARIE LUCILLE OWENS:

Burial: Brooksville Cemetery, Hernando County, Florida

Notes for ALCUS DUKES:

From the witness names on the marriage records below, I have made the assumption that Marie's husband's name was Alcus, although this has not been corroborated by any other data.

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**

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

1910 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, Precinct 2, Sandy Creek, pg 44A, #171/171:

Dukes, Allen	36	m1, farmer, rents	Ga Ga Ga
Dukes, Maggie	34	m1, 14 yrs, 5 ch/5 living	Fl Ga Fl
Dukes, Harell	11	Fl Ga Fl	
Dukes, Jannie	9	Fl Ga Fl	
Dukes, Rosa Lee	6	Fl Ga Fl	
Dukes, Tommy	3	Fl Ga Fl	
Dukes, Charles	1/12	Fl Ga Fl	

1920 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, Precinct 1, Hickory Hill, pg 135B, #45/46 (farm):

Dukes, Allin	47	farmer, rents	Ga Ga Ga
Maggie	44	Fl Ga Fl	
Haril (son)	21	Fl Ga Fl	
Roasell? (dau)	15	Fl Ga Fl	
Tom	12	Fl Ga Fl	
Charlie	10	Fl Ga Fl	
Alcus	4	Fl Ga Fl	

1930 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, Precinct 13, Moore's Mill, pg 191B, #15/16 (farm):

Dukes, Allen E	57	mar@22	Ga Ga Ga
Vick (wife)	47	mar@16	Al Al Al
Charlie	19	farm laborer	Fl Ga Fl
Alcus	14	not in school, can R/W	Fl Ga Fl

iv. WOODROW J OWENS, b. 06 Apr 1921^{85,86}; d. 28 Dec 1988, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida⁸⁶.

Notes for WOODROW J OWENS:

1930 census listed his name incorrectly as Will J, age 9. See father's notes.

Social Security Death Index (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/>):

WOODROW J OWENS 06 Apr 1921 28 Dec 1988 34605 (Brooksville, Hernando, FL) (none specified) 262-26-2439 Florida

Brooksville Cemetery, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida (<http://www.ci.brooksville.fl.us/>):

Id #	Name of Deceased	Death/Buri	Age/Sex	Owner Name	Funeral Home
1672	"Owens, Woodrow J."	12-31-1988	67 M	"Owens, Woodrow J."	Turner
531	"Owens, Woodrow Wayne"	09-27-1980	32 M	"Owens, Luci D."	Turner

More About WOODROW J OWENS:

Burial: Brooksville Cemetery, Hernando County, Florida

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- v. ESSIE OWENS, b. Abt. 1923⁸⁷.

Notes for ESSIE OWENS:
Same person on the SSDI?

ESSIE M OWENS 23 Aug 1923 15 Feb 2002 (V) 31407 (Savannah, Chatham, GA) (none specified)
255-36-4043 Georgia

- vi. ESKER OWENS, b. Abt. 1924⁸⁷. Not found on SSDI as of 28 October 2005.

- vii. NETTIE MAE OWENS, b. Abt. 1927⁸⁷; m. (1) OSCAR OTIS OWENS, 12 Jun 1943, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida⁸⁸; b. 18 Apr 1908, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 10 Dec 1960, Macon, Bibb County, Georgia; m. (2) JAMES R STONE, Aft. 1953.

Notes for NETTIE MAE OWENS:
Divorced from Oscar Owens in Hernando County, Florida, 1953, certificate #696.

Notes for OSCAR OTIS OWENS:
See his entry above.

More About OSCAR OTIS OWENS:
Burial: Mashburn Cemetery, Bay County, Florida

- viii. WILLIAM T OWENS, b. Abt. 1930⁸⁹.
ix. NORA LEE OWENS, b. 04 Sep 1931⁹⁰; d. 17 Jun 1992, Lake Alfred, Polk County, Florida⁹⁰; m. A B HALL.

Notes for NORA LEE OWENS:

<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/> :

NORA HALL 04 Sep 1931 - 17 Jun 1992 Last residence and benefit: 33850 (Lake Alfred, Polk, FL)
267-56-1197 issued Florida

- x. EDITH OWENS.
xi. CORRINE OWENS.

6. ELIZABETH 'EPSIE'³ OWENS (*DANIEL IRVIN*², *HOLLEY*¹) was born 19 Oct 1889 in Alabama^{91,92}, and died 22 Aug 1973⁹². She married WILLIAM DOW SPEARS 12 Jan 1908 in Geneva County, Alabama⁹³. He was born 26 Nov 1883⁹⁴, and died 30 Aug 1959⁹⁴.

Notes for ELIZABETH 'EPSIE' OWENS:

Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records, 1898 - 1930 by Warrine Sheppard Hathaway, pg 147:
Owens, Epsy to William Dow Spears 1/12/1908 7-11

Info about dau Frances came from William C Owens in Panama City. He did not know when she was born, but it had to be after the 1920 census, as she does not appear on it. According to Mirtie Owens Baughman, Aunt Ep died in either Opp or Dothan.

Notes from conversation with Rease Owens Corpuz, dau of John Richard Owens:

Ep and Dow Spears separated years before Ep's death. (Is this correct? They are buried together.) Their children were Irene, Doll, Theodry (boy), Wilbur and another boy (possibly killed in WWII). Note: No Woodrow or Wilmer Spear(s) or right age from Alabama or Florida found in NARA WWII Enlistment Records at <http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>.

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Geneva County, Alabama:

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Spear plot:

Spear, Roland	20 Apr 1923	2 Jul 1924	son of W D Spear
Spear, Theo	13 Dec 1920	16 May 1938	Son
Spear, Epsie E	19 Oct 1889	22 Aug 1973	Mother
Spear, William Dow	26 Nov 1883	30 Aug 1959	Father

end plot

1910 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, abt 28 April, Precinct 12, Marl, Geneva-Samson Road, pg 142A, #136:

W D Spear	26	m1, farmer, rents farm, can R/W	Al Al Al
Epsy	20	m1, married 2 yrs, can R/W	Al Al Al
Nettie Irene	2/12	Al	

1920 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, 19 Feb, Precinct 11, Beaver Dam, ED 110, pg 179a, #332:

Wm Dow Spears 36, owns farm with mtg, R/W Al Al Al

Epsie E 30, can R/W Fl! Al Al

Irene 10, Wilmer 7, Mary 4 6²/12, Woodrow 1 10/12

At #335: Daniel E and Frances M Owens; at #336: Marion & Anne Shanks.

1930 US Census, Covington County, Alabama, 4 Apr, Precinct 3, Opp, pg 265, #12:

Spears, William D 46 mar@21, rents@\$7, building carpenter Al Al Al

Epsie 39 mar@18 works in cloth room, cotton mill Al Al Al

Wilmer (son) 17 machine shop, cotton mill Al Al Al

Mary A 15, Woodrow 12, Theo 9, Frances (dau) 4 ?/12 Al Al Al

More About ELIZABETH 'EPSIE' OWENS:

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, Geneva County, Alabama

More About WILLIAM DOW SPEARS:

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, Geneva County, Alabama

Children of ELIZABETH OWENS and WILLIAM SPEARS are:

- i. NETTIE IRENE⁴ SPEARS, b. Abt. Feb 1910⁹⁵.

Notes for NETTIE IRENE SPEARS:

Same person?

Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930, by Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, (1996), pg 162:

Spears, Irene to Wilson Lawrence, 7 May 1927, Bk 13, pg 151

- ii. WILMER SPEARS, b. Abt. 1912⁹⁶.
- iii. MARY A SPEARS, b. Abt. 1915⁹⁶.
- iv. WOODROW SPEARS, b. Abt. Feb 1918⁹⁶.
- v. THEO SPEARS, b. 13 Dec 1920⁹⁷; d. 16 May 1938⁹⁸.

More About THEO SPEARS:

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, Geneva County, Alabama

- vi. ROLAND SPEARS, b. 20 Apr 1923⁹⁸; d. 02 Jul 1924⁹⁸.

More About ROLAND SPEARS:

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, Geneva County, Alabama

- vii. FRANCES 'DOLL' SPEARS, b. Abt. 1925⁹⁹.

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Endnotes

1. US Census 1860 Coffee County, Alabama, Elba #549, age 9. He was not listed on 1850 census, although tombstone has 20 Sep 1849 as birthdate. Death certificate, J R Owens informant, has 9 Sep 1851 as birthdate.
2. Tombstone.
3. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 182a, #209.
4. Tombstone.
5. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 182a, #209.
6. Tombstone.
7. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930*, (1996), pg 147, Book 7, pg 337.
8. Tombstone.
9. US Census 1910 Geneva County, Alabama, Marl, Geneva-Samson Road, pg 135B, #17.
10. Tombstone.
11. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 182a, #209.
12. Death certificate, Bay County, Florida, #21164.
13. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records.
14. Death certificate, Bay County, Florida, #44751.
15. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Pct. 12, Marl, #19.
16. Death certificate, Bay County, Florida, #44751.
17. Tombstone.
18. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930*, (1996), pg 59, Book 13, pg 131, gives date of 3 Apr 1927.
19. Johnnie Rease Owens statement, of 22 Apr 1926 does not agree with Geneva County marriage record of 3 Apr 1927.
20. Tombstone, online cemetery listing, <ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/bay/cemetery/mashburn.txt> .
21. Bay County, FL Marriage Records, Book 4, page 464.
22. Hernando County, Florida Marriage Records, Book 5, page 281 (CJ #522).
23. US Census 1930 Dale County, Alabama, Pct 3, pg 91B, #293.
24. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records, Book 4, page 6.
25. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 12, Marl, ED 31-18, pg 233, #27.
26. Tombstone.
27. Johnnie Rease Owens statement.
28. Washington County, Florida Marriage License, Book K, page 386.
29. Florida State Census 1945 Bay County, Precinct 13, Bay Head, no page number.
30. Florida State Census 1935 Bay County.
31. Tombstone.
32. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 182a, #209.
33. Owens, Billy Ray, provider, Samson, Alabama, 1997, Owens/Weeks family charts of four Owens brothers who married four Weeks sisters, drafted by unspecified cousin.
34. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records, Book 3, #319.
35. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 183B, #241.
36. US Census 1910 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 175B, #56.
37. Owens, Billy Ray, provider, Samson, Alabama, 1997, Owens/Weeks family charts of four Owens brothers who married four Weeks sisters, drafted by unspecified cousin, has date 12 Jul.
38. Online cemetery listing, <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jmg12/Piney%20Grove%20Baptist%20Cemetery.html> , has date 12 Sep - typo of 9 for 7?
39. Phipps, J R, Mr and Mrs, *Geneva County, Alabama Tomb Records and Index, Vols I&2*, (Dothan, Alabama, 1962-72), Vol II, confirms 12 Jul 1882 - 9 May 1946.
40. Owens, Billy Ray, provider, Samson, Alabama, 1997, Owens/Weeks family charts of four Owens brothers who married four Weeks sisters, drafted by unspecified cousin.
41. Online cemetery listing, <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jmg12/Piney%20Grove%20Baptist%20Cemetery.html> .
42. Phipps, J R, Mr and Mrs, *Geneva County, Alabama Tomb Records and Index, Vols I&2*, (Dothan, Alabama, 1962-72), Vol II.
43. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct #13, Piney Grove, pg 178B, #158.
44. Online cemetery listing, <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jmg12/Piney%20Grove%20Baptist%20Cemetery.html> .
45. US Census 1910 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 175B, #56, in household of his grandparents, John D and Minerva Weeks.

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46. Online cemetery listing, <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jmg12/Piney%20Grove%20Baptist%20Cemetery.html> , but Alabama Death Index, 1908-59 (from Ancestry.com), has Lee Owens, 15 May 1919, Vol 11, Role 2, Pg 584. Which one is typo?
47. Tombstone.
48. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records.
49. Tombstone.
50. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama.
51. Rease Owens Corpuz statement.
52. *Florida Death Index 1877-1997*.
53. *Florida Death Index 1877-1997*, doc #1241-4921, gives year only - 1947- under name Angus Owens.
54. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records.
55. Larry Dale Owens, *Grandson of John Angus Owens*, (email to Wilda Murphy, 5 Feb 2003), "Electronic."
56. Bay County, Fl Marriage Records, Book 4, page 292.
57. Tombstone.
58. Smyer, Keith, *Grandson of Walter Lee Owens*, (email, 24 Jan 2003).
59. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records.
60. Tombstone.
61. Smyer, Keith, *Grandson of Walter Lee Owens*, (email, 24 Jan 2003).
62. Larry Dale Owens, *Grandson of John Angus Owens*, (email to Wilda Murphy, 5 Feb 2003), "Electronic."
63. Smyer, Keith, *Grandson of Walter Lee Owens*, (email, 24 Jan 2003).
64. Larry Dale Owens, *Grandson of John Angus Owens*, (email to Wilda Murphy, 5 Feb 2003), "Electronic."
65. Rimes, Linda Owens, granddaughter of Joseph (Jodie) A Owens.
66. Tombstone.
67. US Census 1920 Dale County, Alabama, Pct #3, pg 61B, #130.
68. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records, index.
69. Tombstone.
70. *Social Security Death Index*, (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com>), "Electronic".
71. US Census 1920 Dale County, Alabama, Pct #3, pg 61B, #130.
72. *Social Security Death Index*, (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com>), "Electronic".
73. Tombstone.
74. US Census 1920 Dale County, Alabama, Pct #3, pg 61B, #130.
75. US Census 1930 Dale County, Alabama, Pct 3, pg 91B, #293.
76. Tombstone.
77. US Census 1930 Dale County, Alabama, Pct 3, pg 91B, #293.
78. US Census 1920 Dale County, Alabama, Pct #3, pg 61B, #130.
79. Online cemetery listing, <http://www.ci.brooksville.fl.us/> .
80. US Census 1930 Dale County, Alabama, Pct 3, pg 91B, #293.
81. US Census 1920 Dale County, Alabama, Pct #3, pg 61B, #130, age 11 months.
82. *Social Security Death Index*, (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com>), "Electronic".
83. *Social Security Death Index*, (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com>), "Electronic," for month and year.
84. Online cemetery listing, <http://www.ci.brooksville.fl.us/>, date could be burial date.
85. US Census 1930 Dale County, Alabama, Pct 3, pg 91B, #293.
86. *Social Security Death Index*, (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com>), "Electronic."
87. US Census 1930 Dale County, Alabama, Pct 3, pg 91B, #293.
88. Hernando County, Florida Marriage Records, Book 5, page 281 (CJ #522).
89. US Census 1930 Dale County, Alabama, Pct 3, pg 91B, #293.
90. *Social Security Death Index*, (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com>), "Electronic."
91. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 182a, #209, but 1920 census says she was born in Florida, which is possible, since her family was enumerated in Holmes County in 1885.
92. Tombstone.
93. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930*, (1996), pg 147, Book 7, pg 11.
94. Tombstone.
95. US Census 1910 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 12, Marl, Geneva-Samson Road, #136.
96. US Census 1920 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 11, Beaver Dam, pg 179a, #332.
97. US Census 1930 Covington County, Alabama, Precinct 3, Opp, pg 265, #12.
98. Tombstone.
99. US Census 1930 Covington County, Alabama, Precinct 3, Opp, pg 265, #12.