

# Descendants of John Hampton Owens

## Generation No. 1

1. JOHN HAMPTON<sup>2</sup> OWENS (*HOLLEY*<sup>1</sup>) was born 08 Mar 1856 in Alabama<sup>1,2</sup>, and died 04 Mar 1922 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>3</sup>. He married (1) MARY CATHERINE GILMORE Bet. 1877 - 1878 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>4</sup>. She was born 05 Jan 1858 in Alabama<sup>5</sup>, and died 04 Nov 1901 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>5</sup>. He married (2) MALINDA CAROLINE SPEARS 10 May 1906 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>6</sup>, daughter of LEWIS SPEARS and ELIZA UNKNOWN. She was born Sep 1880<sup>7,8</sup>, and died Jun 1925 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>9,10</sup>.

Notes for JOHN HAMPTON OWENS:

Dates from tombstones at New Home Baptist Church Cem., Marl, Alabama. Grandson Dewey Harvey Owens, son of John Walton Owens, thought his grandfather's middle name might be Hamilton, but wasn't sure. (Hampton' came from Rebecca Newsom Dobson book - not verified.) In 1860, he had 2 middle initials, both H's.

It is not known exactly when John H Owens moved to Holmes County, Florida, or how long he stayed. He was enumerated there on the Florida State Census of 1885, and all three of his sons, James H (6) John W (3) and William J (1) were listed as born in Alabama. The 1900 census lists all his children as born in Alabama, even Oscar, who it says was born in Oct 1885. The 1910 census says John W was born in Florida. So at least one or more of his children could have been born in Florida.

Four of his sons married 4 daughters of John D Weeks.

**1880 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama**, 19 June, pg 643A, #217.

John H. OWEN	Self	M	Male	W	23	AL	Farming	GA	GA
Mary C. OWEN	Wife	M	Female	W	22	AL	Keeping House	GA	AL
James H. OWEN	Son	S	Male	W	1	AL		AL	AL

At #203-5: Martha J, Martha Ann, Daniel Owens

At #206: Daniel F Powell

At #216: Perry and Martha Danley

**1885 Florida state census Holmes Co**, 30 June, orig pg #30, microfilm frame 724 #244:

J H Owen	28	farming (no marks in columns for being unable to R/W)	Fl	Al	Al
M C	25	(no marks in columns for being unable to R/W)	Al	Ga	Al
J H (m)	6	(James H)			
J W (m)	3	(John W)			
W J (m)	1	(William J - died 1896)	All ch. b	Al	(although 1910 census has John W b. Fla!).

At #230: D J Owen (Daniel Irvin).

At #247: J C Owen (who?). Other neighbors are Gilmans, Tadlocks, Morisons, Braxsons, Spears.

See notes on Daniel Owens for Holmes County items.

**1885 Farm Schedule**, pg 27, same year shows he owned farm, 25 acres, land & buildings worth \$450. He was enumerated adjacent to JS Stafford and 2 entries away from JD Powell (should be JT Powell, son of Daniel F) and 7 entries from T Sumbling (Thecolier Summerlin, brother to IQ Summerlin who married Lottie Ann Powell, dau of Daniel F). Brother-in-law Thomas Owen Pope was 11 entries away on pg 26. John appears to be in Hurricane Creek area. Brother Daniel was on pg 31.

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### **1900 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, June, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 184A, #243:**

Owens, John H	45 (Mar 1855)	farmer, owns farm free, can R/W	Al Al Al
Mary C	43 (Jan 1857)	married 22 yrs, can R/W	Al Al Al
John W	18 (Dec 1881)	sgl, farm laborer, can R/W	Al Al Al
Oscar	14 (Oct 1885)	farm laborer, can R/W	Al Al Al
Grover C	12 (Oct 1887)	farm laborer, can R/W	Al Al Al
Minnie L	10 (Oct 1889)	farm laborer, can R/W	Al Al Al
Everett	9 (July 1892)		Al Al Al
Effie M	6 (Dec 1893)		Al Al Al
Eddie L	6 (Dec 1893)		Al Al Al
Simeon M	3 (Sep 1896)		Al Al Al

At #242: Luke S & Eliza Spears family with dau Malinda C, age 19 (his soon-to-be second wife)

### **1910 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, 20-21 Apr, Precinct 14 (Gilmore's), pg 176a, #64:**

John H Owen	54	m2, 3 yrs, farmer, owns farm free, can R/W	Fl! Ga Ga
Malinda C	28	m1, 1 child/1 living, can R/W	Al Al Al
Everett	17		
Effie M	16		
Eddie L	16		
Sim M	13	all children can R/W, all born Al	
Guss	1 9/12		

### **1920 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, 9 January, Precinct 14 (Gilmore's), Cook Ferry Rd, pg 226A, #41:**

John H Owen	70	owns farm, no mtg, can R/W	Al US US
Malindy	39	cannot R/W	Al US Al
Edie (sic, son)	26	laborer, widowed can R/W	Al Al US
Sim (son)	24	can R/W	Al US Al
Gussie (son)	11	can R/W	Al US Al
Wilmer (son)	7	cannot R/W	Al US Al

At #42: son Oscar

Who is this? Doesn't fit any of the John H people that I have:

### **1930 US Census, Geneva County, 14 Apr, Precinct 5, Slocomb, Smith St., pg 54B, #121/126:**

Owens, John H	48	1st mar@22, owns, \$3000, mail carrier RFD
Annie J	47	1st mar@21
John D	15	

More About JOHN HAMPTON OWENS:

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

More About MARY CATHERINE GILMORE:

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

More About MALINDA CAROLINE SPEARS:

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

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Children of JOHN OWENS and MARY GILMORE are:

2. i. JAMES HOLLIS<sup>3</sup> OWENS, b. 11 Dec 1878, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 26 Sep 1955.
3. ii. JOHN WALTON OWENS, b. Dec 1881, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 1954.
- iii. WILLIAM J OWENS, b. 01 Nov 1883, Alabama<sup>11</sup>; d. 07 Jan 1896.

Notes for WILLIAM J OWENS:

Buried at New Home Cem., near Samson, Alabama.

4. iv. OSCAR C OWENS, b. 04 Oct 1885, Alabama; d. 18 Aug 1939.
5. v. GROVER C OWENS, b. 04 Oct 1887, Alabama; d. 29 May 1912.
6. vi. MINNIE LEE OWENS, b. Oct 1889, Alabama.
7. vii. EVERETT OWENS, b. 30 Jul 1892, Alabama; d. 29 Aug 1967.
- viii. EDDIE LEE OWENS, b. 19 Dec 1893, Geneva County, Alabama<sup>12,13</sup>; d. 23 Nov 1983, Pensacola, Escambia, Florida<sup>14,15</sup>; m. (1) UNKNOWN WIFE, Bef. 1920; m. (2) AMY GERTRUDE POWELL, 14 Jan 1923, Geneva County, Alabama<sup>16</sup>; b. 19 Jul 1897, Geneva County, Alabama; d. 24 Sep 1961, Geneva County, Alabama<sup>17</sup>.

Notes for EDDIE LEE OWENS:

In a phone conversation with Dewey Harvey Owens in Mar 1985, he told me that Eddie had died in Pensacola, Florida. Dobson has, on page 259, 'ca Jan 1901' for his birthdate, but he was twin to Effie (see 1900 census in father's notes). Also, the middle name Lee came from this same page in Dobson's book (not verified).

SSDI: <http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi> :

Name	Birth	Death	SSN	Issued
EDDIE OWENS	19 Dec 1893	Nov 1983		
Last Residence	Last Benefit		SSN	Issued
32505 (Pensacola, Escambia, FL)	32505 (Pensacola, Escambia, FL)		266-38-6700	Florida

**1920:** Eddie was in his father's household in Geneva County, widowed.

**1930 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 9 Apr, Precinct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 157B, #92 (farm):**

Owens, Eddie L	38	mar@31, farmer, owns, can R/W, WW vet	AI AI AI
Amie G	32	mar@25, can R/W	AI AI AI
Charles C	6	AI AI AI	
Thelma M	5	FI AI AI	
William T	4	FI AI AI	

#79-84: Marcus, Tup, Sam Weeks, etc

#96: John S Stafford and Amanda

Notes for AMY GERTRUDE POWELL:

First name, birth data from Dobson, p 262 and 259. Not found on SSDI.

- ix. EFFIE MAY OWENS, b. 19 Dec 1893, Alabama<sup>18</sup>; d. 29 Aug 1913.

Notes for EFFIE MAY OWENS:

Buried at New Home.

8. x. SIMEON MARTIN OWENS, b. Sep 1896, Alabama; d. 1960.

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Children of JOHN OWENS and MALINDA SPEARS are:

- xi. GUS<sup>3</sup> OWENS, b. Abt. 1908.
- xii. WILMER WILEY OWENS, b. 06 Dec 1911, Geneva County, Alabama<sup>19,21</sup>; d. 17 Jun 1992<sup>20</sup>; m. LAVADA BEE NOLIN<sup>21</sup>; b. 08 Sep 1921<sup>22</sup>; d. 09 Feb 1945<sup>22</sup>.

Notes for WILMER WILEY OWENS:

[www.rootsweb.com/~algeneva/cemeteries/limespringscem.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~algeneva/cemeteries/limespringscem.htm) :

Lime Springs Cemetery (T1n, R19e, S12 3 miles SW of Samson on Highway 153)

Wilmer W OWENS 12-6-1911 \_\_\_\_\_  
Lavada B OWENS 9-8-1921 2-9-1945

SSDI at <http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi> :

WILMER W OWENS 06 Dec 1911 17 Jun 1992 (last res: not specified) (last benefit: none specified) 264-14-7926 Florida

1930 US Census, Geneva County, 8 Apr, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, ED 3-21, New Home Rd, pg 279B, #84/87:

Spears, Lewis S	89 wid., 22@first marriage, no occ., veteran, cannot R/W	Al Al Al
Gatsy A	52 sgl, cannot R/W	Al Al Al
Burke, Hardy	40 son-in-law, 20@first marriage, farmer, veteran	Al Al Al
Burke, Mary V	56 daughter, 36@first marriage, cannot R/W	Al Al Al
Owens, Wilmer	18 boarder, farm laborer (his grandson)	Al Al Al
Alford, Mary	60 boarder, divorced, 20@first marriage	Al Al Al

Owens family data obtained in 1997 from Billy Ray Owens, son of Dewey Harvey's brother Woodrow Wilson Owens, has Gus married to Bernice Rivenbark and Betty Tucker, and Wilmer Wiley Owens married to Levador Bee Nolin and Lucille Griggs.

More About WILMER WILEY OWENS:

Burial: Lime Springs Cemetery, Samson, Geneva County, Alabama<sup>22</sup>

More About LAVADA BEE NOLIN:

Burial: Lime Springs Cemetery, Samson, Geneva County, Alabama<sup>22</sup>

- xiii. DIXIE MAY OWENS, b. 25 Feb 1913<sup>23</sup>; d. 25 Nov 1913<sup>23</sup>.

Notes for DIXIE MAY OWENS:

Buried at New Home.

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2. JAMES HOLLIS<sup>3</sup> OWENS (*JOHN HAMPTON*<sup>2</sup>, *HOLLEY*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>24</sup> was born 11 Dec 1878 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>25,26</sup>, and died 26 Sep 1955<sup>27,28</sup>. He married LILLIE BELLE WEEKS 14 Nov 1901 in Geneva County, Alabama, daughter of JOHN WEEKS and MINERVA WEEKS. She was born 16 Jun 1884 in Alabama<sup>29,30</sup>, and died 22 Jan 1953<sup>30</sup>.

Notes for JAMES HOLLIS OWENS:

Birth and death dates taken from stones at New Home Cem. My notes from marriage records have 14 Nov 1901, but Warrine Sheppard Hathaway's compilation has 13 Nov 1901. One of us has a typo.

Row 1: Is Betty also his daughter?

Double stone:

Owens, James H    11 Dec 1878    26 Sep 1955    (James Hollis, son of John H Owens)  
Owens, Lillie B    16 Jun 1884    22 Jan 1953    (Lillie Belle, dau of John Duncan Weeks)

Double stone

Alford, Marion Bruce 6 Aug 1919    one date only    Father; married 29 Dec 1939  
Alford, **Sybil Owens** 10 Mar 1921    one date only    Mother; on back of stone: Our children: Charles Alton, Ethelene P; our grandchildren: Stacy Lynn, Shannan Renee, Shellie Leigh, Charles Joseph, Michael Charles, David Bruce

Double stone:

Thompson, Carl William "Tommy" 28 Jan 1931    15 May 2003    US Air Force, US Army  
Thompson, **Betty Owens**                    20 Sep 1931                    Married 2 Nov 1950;  
on back of stone: children: James "Jim", Elizabeth "Muff"; grandchildren: Jamie, Katie

(Maybe this is not John H's son James - - birth month is different.)

**1900 US Census, Geneva County**, 19 June, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 181B, #202:

Thames, John T 29 (Dec 1870) mar. 6 yrs, farmer, rents, all can R/W    Al Al Al  
Frances                    21 (Mar 1879) 3 children/3 living                    Al Al Al  
Columbus                    4 (Aug 1895)  
Willer J? (dau)            2 (Aug 1897)\*\*\*This is the Willa Pat who married Wm Cabot Powell, buried at Liberty Chapel.  
John S                    1 (Mar 1899)  
**Owens, James** 22 (May 1878) boarder, teamster    all in household Al Al Al  
Gilmore, George 21 (Apr 1879) boarder, teamster

At #203: Jackson (75) and Sallie (64) Weeks family

At #204: William (66) and Sarah M (56) Owens family (Reuben Albert, Wm Cleveland, etc.)

At #206: John W (45) and Susan (43) Gilmore

At #209: Daniel & Frances M Owens

**1910 US Census, Geneva County**, 20 Apr, Precinct 14 (Gilmore's), pg 175B, #53:

Owens, James H 31    m1, farmer, owns farm, can R/W    Al Al Al  
Lillie B                    25    m1, mar. 8 yrs, 4 children/4 living, can R/W    Al Al Al  
James J 6, Versie L (m) 4, Nettie V 3, Hopson 11/12    - all born Al

At #55 are Sam & Queen E Weeks. At # 56 are John D & Manurva Weeks.

**1920 US Census, Geneva County**, 14 Jan, Precinct 14 (Gilmore's), pg 228A, #85:

Jim H Owens 41, owns farm/mtg, can R/W, self & parents b. Al  
Bell                    35 (she and all children can R/W)  
James 16, Virsey (son) 14, Nettie 12, Hobson (son) 9, Bonnie 8, Tup (son) 6,  
Ernest 4 11/12, Kate 9/12

At #84 is John W Owens.

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At #81 is Sara Owens, 77, widow (probably of William W Owens)

**1930 US Census, Geneva County**, 11 Apr, Piney Grove Precinct, Samson town, pg 249, #201/217:

Owens, James H	51	1st mar@25, farmer, owns	Al Al Al
L Bell	45	1st mar@17	Al Al Al
Nettie	23	dau	
Hobson	20	son	
Tup	17	son	
Earnest	14	son	
Lillie B	10	dau	*** Is she the same person as Kate (9/12 in 1920)?
Sibyl	9	dau	
Reba	7	dau	
Erline	5	dau	
Wilmer H	0	son	all children born Al

At #197/213: James H Owens 26 and Fay 30, no children - probably his son James (James J in 1910).

More About JAMES HOLLIS OWENS:

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

Children of JAMES OWENS and LILLIE WEEKS are:

- i. JAMES J<sup>4</sup> OWENS, b. 09 May 1903<sup>31,32</sup>; d. 14 Feb 1971<sup>32</sup>; m. KAY SMITH<sup>32</sup>; b. 13 Jan 1899<sup>32</sup>; d. 25 Sep 1995<sup>32</sup>.

Notes for JAMES J OWENS:

From personal visit to cemetery:

**Traveller's Rest Cemetery, Samson, Alabama**, Owens plot:

James J. Owens	5/4/1903	2/14/1971
Fay Smith Owens	11/13/1899	9/25/1995
James Neal Owens	6/19/1930	10/7/1969
Perry J Owens	12/19/1950	4/10/2002

**1930 US Census, Geneva County**, 11 Apr, Piney Grove Precinct, Samson town, pg 249, So. Johnson St., #197/213:

Owens, James H	26	1st mar@26, rents \$10, salesman, produce	Al Al Al (middle initial as written)
Faye	30	1st mar@29 no children	Al Al Al

At #201/217: his parents, James H Owens 51 and L Belle 45

Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, **Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930**, (1996), pg 59:  
**Owens, James J to Fay Smith**, 08/15/1929, 14-156

More About JAMES J OWENS:

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

More About KAY SMITH:

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

- ii. VERSIE L OWENS, b. Abt. 1906<sup>33</sup>.

Notes for VERSIE L OWENS:

Same person?

Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, **Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930**, (1996), pg 59:  
Owens, Versie Lee to Irene Thompson, 19 Oct 1925, Bk 12, pg 312

- iii. NETTIE V OWENS, b. Abt. 1907<sup>33</sup>.

Notes for NETTIE V OWENS:

Same person?

Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, **Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930**, (1996), pg 147:  
Owens, Nettie to Arnold Maloy, 12 Oct 1930, Bk 14, pg 477

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iv. HOBSON OWENS, b. Abt. May 1909<sup>33</sup>.

v. BONNIE OWENS, b. Abt. 1911<sup>34</sup>.

Notes for BONNIE OWENS:

Same person?

Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, Geneva County, **Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930**, (1996), pg 147:  
Owens, Bonnie to Charnel M Speed, 21 Aug 1927, Bk 13, pg 239 (not found on 1930 census)

vi. TUP OWENS, b. 06 Mar 1913<sup>34</sup>; d. 12 Jun 1987<sup>35</sup>; m. RUBY LEE UNKNOWN<sup>35</sup>; b. 24 Sep 1915<sup>35</sup>; d. 30 Jan 1987<sup>35</sup>.

More About TUP OWENS:

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

More About RUBY LEE UNKNOWN:

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

vii. ERNEST OWENS, b. Abt. 1914<sup>36</sup>.

viii. LILLIE B (KATE?) OWENS<sup>37</sup>; b. Abt. 1919<sup>38</sup>.

ix. SYBIL OWENS, b. 1921<sup>39,40</sup>; d. Aft. Oct 2003; m. MARION BRUCE ALFORD<sup>40</sup>, 29 Dec 1939<sup>40</sup>; b. 06 Aug 1919<sup>40</sup>; d. Aft. Oct 2003.

Notes for SYBIL OWENS:

At New Home Cemetery (surveyed 3 Oct 2003):

Row 1

Double stone:

Owens, James H 11 Dec 1878 26 Sep 1955

Owens, Lillie B 16 Jun 1884 22 Jan 1953

Double stone

Alford, Marion Bruce 6 Aug 1919 one date only Father; married 29 Dec 1939

Alford, Sybil Owens 10 Mar 1921 one date only Mother

on back of stone: Our children: Charles Alton, Ethelene P

our grandchildren: Stacy Lynn, Shannan Renee, Shellie Leigh, Charles Joseph, Michael Charles,

David Bruce

Double stone:

Thompson, Carl William "Tommy" 28 Jan 1931 15 May 2003 US Air Force, US Army

Thompson, Betty Owens 20 Sep 1931 Married 2 Nov 1950

on back of stone: children: James "Jim", Elizabeth "Muff"; grandchildren: Jamie, Katie

More About SYBIL OWENS:

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

More About MARION BRUCE ALFORD:

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

x. REBA OWENS, b. Abt. 1923<sup>41</sup>.

xi. ERLINE OWENS, b. Abt. 1925<sup>41</sup>.

xii. WILMER H OWENS, b. 1930<sup>41</sup>.

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3. JOHN WALTON<sup>3</sup> OWENS (*JOHN HAMPTON*<sup>2</sup>, *HOLLEY*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>42</sup> was born Dec 1881 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>43,44</sup>, and died 1954<sup>45</sup>. He married LOUVENY IOLA WEEKS<sup>46</sup> 02 Dec 1903 in Geneva County, Alabama, daughter of JOHN WEEKS and MINERVA WEEKS. She was born Jan 1886 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>47</sup>, and died 1984.

Notes for JOHN WALTON OWENS:

John W's middle name from Dewey Harvey Owens, 1985 phone conversation (also from 1997 letter from Billy Ray Owens, son of Woodrow Wilson Owens). Buried at New Home, dates from stone. Three unnamed infants' graves in plot: son 2 Jun 1904 - 3 Jun 1904;  
son 2 Jun 1904 - 14 Aug 1904;  
dau 31 Dec 1906 - 20 Jan 1907.

**1900:** still at home; see father's notes

**1910 US Census, Geneva County, 20 Apr, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 175B, #60:**

John W Owens 28 m1, farmer, owns farm free, can R/W Fl (abt 1882!) Al Al  
Louvenny I 22 m1, 6 yrs, 6 children/3 living, can R/W Al Al Al  
Dewey H 4, Mayomy 2, Hubert 9/12. Al

At #64: his father, John H Owens and Malinda C.

**1920 US Census, Geneva County, 15 Jan, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, Cook's Ferry Rd, pg 228a, #84:**

Johnnie W Owens 38 owns farm free, can R/W Al Al Al \*\*\*indexed as Owen  
Ola 33 can R/W Al Al Al  
Dewey 14, Mayomie 12, Hubert 10, Wilson 8, John D 6, Dessie (dau) 3 ?/12  
all children born Alabama;  
also hired man Silas Walls 28 wid.

**1930 US Census, Geneva County, 4 Apr, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 276A, #25/25:**

Owens, John W 47 1st mar@20, farmer, owns Al Al Al  
Louveny I 44 1st mar@17 Al Al Al  
Hubert L 20 farm laborer Al Al Al  
Dunk J (son) 16 Al Al Al  
Dessie M (dau) 14 Al Al Al  
James T 10 Al Al Al  
Gatha (son) 3 10/12 Al Al Al

At #26: James J Willis and Mary F, widow of Grover C Owens, and her sons Raymond and Ralph

More About JOHN WALTON OWENS:

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

More About LOUVENY IOLA WEEKS:

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

Children of JOHN OWENS and LOUVENY WEEKS are:

- i. UNNAMED TWIN<sup>4</sup> OWENS, b. 02 Jun 1904<sup>48</sup>; d. 03 Jun 1904<sup>48</sup>.

More About UNNAMED TWIN OWENS:

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

- ii. UNNAMED TWIN OWENS, b. 02 Jun 1904<sup>48</sup>; d. 14 Aug 1904<sup>48</sup>.

More About UNNAMED TWIN OWENS:

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

9. iii. DEWEY HARVEY OWENS, b. 15 Jul 1905; d. Dec 1994, Chipley, Washington County, Florida.



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- iv. UNNAMED GIRL OWENS, b. 31 Dec 1906<sup>48</sup>; d. 20 Jan 1907<sup>48</sup>.

More About UNNAMED GIRL OWENS:

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

- v. MAYOMIE OWENS, b. Abt. 1908.  
vi. HUBERT L OWENS<sup>49</sup>, b. Abt. Jul 1909.  
10. vii. WOODROW WILSON OWENS, b. 11 Sep 1911.  
viii. JOHN DUNK OWENS<sup>50</sup>, b. 08 Nov 1913.

Notes for JOHN DUNK OWENS:

Only one date on large monument in plot with John W & Iola: "An educator who loved friends, children, plants and animals."

More About JOHN DUNK OWENS:

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

- ix. DESSIE OWENS, b. Abt. 1916.  
x. JAMES T OWENS, b. Abt. 1920<sup>51</sup>.

Notes for JAMES T OWENS:

Same person?

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

NARA WWII Enlistment Records:

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 20425286

NAME **OWENS#JAMES#T**

RESIDENCE: STATE 41 ALABAMA

RESIDENCE: COUNTY 061 GENEVA

PLACE OF ENLISTMENT 4178 SAMSON ALABAMA

DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY 25

DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH 11

DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR 40

GRADE: ALPHA DESIGNATION PVT# Private

GRADE: CODE 8 Private

BRANCH: ALPHA DESIGNATION MD# Medical Department - For Enlisted Men of the Medical Department (includes Enlisted Men of the Medical Department on Duty with the Dental Corps)

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SOURCE OF ARMY PERSONNEL 7 National Guard

NATIVITY 41 ALABAMA

YEAR OF BIRTH **20**

RACE AND CITIZENSHIP 1 White, citizen

EDUCATION 4 4 years of high school

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION 831 Undefined Code

MARITAL STATUS 6 Single, without dependents

COMPONENT OF THE ARMY 4 National Guard (Officers, Warrant Officers, and Enlisted Men)

- xi. GATHA A OWENS, b. Abt. 1926<sup>52</sup>.

4. OSCAR C<sup>3</sup> OWENS (*JOHN HAMPTON*<sup>2</sup>, *HOLLEY*<sup>1</sup>) was born 04 Oct 1885 in Alabama<sup>53,54</sup>, and died 18 Aug 1939<sup>55</sup>. He married (1) MINNIE V JONES 27 Jul 1904 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>56,57</sup>. She was born 05 Nov 1884, and died 06 Sep 1920. He married (2) QUEEN OLLIE WEEKS<sup>58</sup> 16 Apr 1922<sup>59,60</sup>, daughter of JOHN WEEKS and MINERVA WEEKS. She was born 30 Nov 1899 in Alabama<sup>61,62</sup>, and died 11 Oct 1974<sup>62</sup>.

Notes for OSCAR C OWENS:

Buried at New Home. Four children's graves in plot with Oscar and 2 wives. Also there is Edward Howard Owens (14 Mar 1923 - 9 Nov 1972, Florida, PFC, US Army WWII), son of Oscar and second wife.

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**1910 US Census, Geneva County**, 20 Apr, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 175B, #59:

Oscar C Owens 24 married 3 yrs, owns farm, no mtg, can R/W AI AI AI  
Minnie L 22 first marriage for both, 2 children/2 living, can R/W AI AI AI  
Wiley 3, Exer R I (dau) 1 7/12 both b. AI

At #60 is John W & Louvenny I. Owen. At #64 is John H & Malinda C Owen.

**1920 census Geneva County**, 8 Jan, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 226A, #42:

Oscar Owens 34 farmer, rents farm, can R/W FI US US  
Minnie 32 can R/W AI AI AI  
John W 13, Irene 11, Ozy (dau) 6, Victoria 5, Ocy (dau) 8/12

All children born Alabama. At #41 is John H & Malinda Owens.

At #43 is Cleveland Owens (Wm Cleveland (Clea), son of William Owens).

At #50 is (Reuben) Albert Owens, son of William Owens.

**1930 census Geneva County**, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, New Home - Stephens Farm Road, pg 281A, #113:

Owens, Oscar C 45 age 19@first marriage, farmer, rents AI AI AI  
Ollie 30 age 20@first marriage AI AI AI (Queen Ollie Weeks)  
Osie 10 dau  
Edward H 6 son  
Fred M 4 1/12 son  
Marie 2 9/12 dau  
Dorthey 10/12 dau

Next door at #112: J Wiley Owens (24) and Annie (23).

More About OSCAR C OWENS:

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

More About QUEEN OLLIE WEEKS:

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

Children of OSCAR OWENS and MINNIE JONES are:

- i. JOHN WILEY<sup>4</sup> OWENS, b. Abt. 1906<sup>63</sup>.

Notes for JOHN WILEY OWENS:

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

**1930 census Geneva County**, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, New Home - Stephens Farm Road, #112:

Owens, J Wiley 24 mar. at age 18, rents, farmer AI AI AI  
Annie 23 mar. at age 18 AI AI AI  
Clinton (son) 3 2/12, Grady? (son) 1 1/12, Joyce (dau) 1/12

Next entry at #113: Oscar C Owens (45) and Ollie (30).

- ii. EXIE IRENE OWENS, b. Abt. Sep 1908<sup>64</sup>.

Notes for EXIE IRENE OWENS:

Same person?

Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, **Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930**, (1996), pg 147:

Owens, Exie Irene to Fred McClellan, 04/29/1928, Bk 13, pg 415

- iii. OZY OWENS, b. Abt. 1913<sup>64</sup>.
- iv. VICTORIA OWENS, b. Abt. 1914<sup>64</sup>.

Notes for VICTORIA OWENS:

Same person?

Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, **Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930**, (1996), pg 147:

Owens, Victoria to Esker Hulon Hyde, 5 Oct 1929, Bk 14, pg 213

- v. OCY OWENS, b. Abt. Apr 1919<sup>64</sup>.

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Children of OSCAR OWENS and QUEEN WEEKS are:

- vi. EDWARD HOWARD<sup>4</sup> OWENS, b. 14 Mar 1923<sup>65</sup>; d. 09 Nov 1972<sup>65</sup>.

More About EDWARD HOWARD OWENS:

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

- vii. FRED M OWENS, b. Abt. 1926<sup>66</sup>.  
viii. MARIE OWENS, b. Abt. 1928<sup>66</sup>.  
ix. DOROTHY OWENS, b. Abt. 1929<sup>66</sup>.

5. GROVER C<sup>3</sup> OWENS (*JOHN HAMPTON*<sup>2</sup>, *HOLLEY*<sup>1</sup>) was born 04 Oct 1887 in Alabama<sup>67,68</sup>, and died 29 May 1912<sup>69</sup>. He married MARY FRANCES POWELL<sup>70</sup> 05 Jul 1908 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>71</sup>, daughter of JOHN POWELL and QUEEN GILMORE. She was born 12 Feb 1882 in Florida<sup>72,73</sup>, and died 21 Jun 1963<sup>73</sup>.

Notes for GROVER C OWENS:

Buried at New Home. Per phone conversation (10 Mar 1985) with Dewey Harvey Owens, son of John Walton Owens, Grover Owens drowned in 1912 trying to swim across the Pea River. Dewey knew Grover's son Ralph.

Buried next to John H and Mary C at New Home:

Willis, Mary Frances	12 Feb 1882	21 June 1963
Owens, G C	4 Oct 1887	29 May 1912

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

Owens, Grover C to Mary Powell 07/05/1908 7-64

**1910 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama**, 19 Apr, Hardy's Bridge stricken through, renamed Hacoda, pg 190A, #45:

Owens, Grover	22	m1, laborer in lumber mill, rents house, can R/W	AI AI AI
Mary	28	m1, 1 yr, 1 child	FI AI AI
William R	7/12		AI

More About GROVER C OWENS:

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

Notes for MARY FRANCES POWELL:

**Dobson, pg 92:** referred to as Mary Owens Willis, child of John Thomas Powell & Queen Elizabeth Gilmore.

She is buried next to Grover C Owens at New Home Cemetery near Samson, row 8:

Willis, Mary Frances	12 Feb 1882	21 Jun 1963	
Owens, G C	4 Oct 1887	29 May 1912	(Grover C, son of John H and Mary C Gilmore Owens)
Owens, John H	8 Mar 1856	4 Mar 1922	(son of Holley Owens & Martha Jane Powell)
Gilmore, Mary C	5 Jan 1858	4 Nov 1901	wife of J H Owens; (Mary Catherine)
Owens, William J	1 Nov 1883	7 Jan 1896	son of J H & M C Owens

**1930 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama**, 4 Apr, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, Samson-Gilmore Schoolhouse Rd, pg 276A, #26 (farm):

Willis, James J	72	mar@21, no occ., rents	AI AI AI
Mary F	48	mar25@25	FI AI AI
Owens, Raymond	20	stepson, single, farm laborer	AI AI FI
Owens, Ralph M	18	stepson, single, farm laborer	AI AI FI
Willis, Annie M	10	dau, in school	AI AI FI
Willis, Earnest L	8	son, in school	AI AI FI

More About MARY FRANCES POWELL:

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

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Children of GROVER OWENS and MARY POWELL are:

- i. RALPH M<sup>4</sup> OWENS, b. 08 Aug 1911, Alabama<sup>73</sup>; d. 21 Jul 1960; m. RUBY COBB, 1932, Geneva County, Alabama; b. 07 Feb 1917<sup>73</sup>; d. 03 Mar 2000<sup>73</sup>.

Notes for RALPH M OWENS:

Buried at New Home. Per Dewey Harvey Owens, he was Grover's son.

Owens plot, double stone:

Owens, Ralph M      8 Aug 1911 21 Jul 1960  
Owens, Ruby Monk   7 Feb 1917  3 Mar 2000  
end Owens plot

More About RALPH M OWENS:

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

More About RUBY COBB:

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

- ii. WILLIAM RAYMOND OWENS<sup>74</sup>, b. 1909, Alabama<sup>75,76</sup>; m. MARGARET GAINNEY, 23 Nov 1930, Geneva County, Alabama<sup>77</sup>; b. Abt. 1901, Alabama<sup>78</sup>.

Notes for WILLIAM RAYMOND OWENS:

Cola Mae and Margaret were sisters. See 1920 census.

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

William R Owens married Margaret Gainey, 23 Nov 1930, Bk 14, pg 502

William H Owens married Cola Mae Gainey, 23 Nov 1930, Bk 14, pg 501

Alabama Death Index, 1908-59

Same person?

Owen, Raymond    d. Oct 1937, Vol 62, Cert.# 30609, Role 3

**6. MINNIE LEE<sup>3</sup> OWENS** (*JOHN HAMPTON<sup>2</sup>, HOLLEY<sup>1</sup>*) was born Oct 1889 in Alabama<sup>79</sup>. She married WILLIAM CLEVELAND OWENS<sup>80,81</sup> 13 Mar 1907 in Geneva County, Alabama, son of WILLIAM OWENS and SARAH COPE. He was born 12 July 1884 in Alabama<sup>82</sup>, and died 13 Dec 1961 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>83</sup>.

Notes for MINNIE LEE OWENS:

Not found on Alabama Death Index for Geneva County.

Notes for WILLIAM CLEVELAND OWENS:

They are not buried at New Home (at least they have no stones there).

Dewey Harvey Owens gave me the full name William Cleveland Owens as the man who married his aunt Minnie, sister to Dewey's father, John Walton. He was known as 'Clea'. Full name was also on Owens/Weeks family chart provided by Billy Ray Owens in 1997.

If William W Owens turns out to be a brother of Holley Owens', then William C and Minnie Owens were first cousins once removed, because he and John H were first cousins. William W had children over a span of 25 years, and William C was next to last, born when his first cousin John H was having children of his own.

**1910 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama**, 16 Apr, Precinct 12, Marl, Geneva-Samson Rd, pg 136A, #30:

W C Owens	24	m1, ramp boss at lumber mill	Al Ga Ga
Minnie	20	m1, 3 yrs, 1 ch/1 living, rent house	Fl Fl Fl
W. H. (son)	4?/12	or 6?/12	Al Al Fl

At #21: J R and Etta Owens.

At #31: W T Hammond and Charity with James Fountain as servant in their household

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**1920 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama**, 8 Jan, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 226a, #43/44:

Cleveland Owens	35	blocker in lumber mill, can R/W	AI US US
Minnie	30	can R/W	FI US US
William	10	can R/W	AI AI FI
Malcomb	5	AI AI FI	

At #38: Benjamin Park McDuffie

At #41: John H and Malinda Spears Owens; #42 Oscar & Minnie Owens.

At #44: Luke S and Gatsey Spears

**1930 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama**, 9 Apr, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, New Home & Stephens Farm Rd., pg 280B, #104/109 (farm):

Owens, William C	45	mar@22, farmer, rents, not a vet, can R/W	AI Ga AI
Minnie L	40	mar@17, can R/W	FI AI AI
William H	20	sgl AI AI FI (sic) mother & father's birthplaces reversed	
Malcomb L	15	AI AI FI (sic)	
John D	10	AI AI FI (sic)	
Juanita	7	AI AI FI (sic)	
Buster (son)	4 4/12	AI AI FI (sic)	
Christine	1 6/12	AI AI FI (sic)	

There is another William/Minnie Owens household in Geneva County in 1930:

**1930 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama**, 8 April, Precinct 6, Tate's Schoolhouse, Hartford and Esto Rd., pg 83B, #38:

Owens, William	45	mar@21, farmer, rents, not a vet, can R/W	AI AI AI
Minnie	46	age at 1st mar. not given, cannot R/W	AI Ga Ga

Children of MINNIE OWENS and WILLIAM OWENS are:

- i. WILLIAM H<sup>4</sup> OWENS<sup>84</sup>, b. 1909, Alabama<sup>85,86</sup>; m. COLA MAE GAINEY, 23 Nov 1930, Geneva County, Alabama<sup>87</sup>; b. Abt. 1912, Alabama<sup>88</sup>.

Notes for WILLIAM H OWENS:

**Geneva County, Alabama, Marriages 1898-1930** by Warrine Sheppard Hathaway, pg 59:

William H Owens married Cola Mae Gainey 23 Nov 1930 (Bk 14, pg 501)  
(Warrine Hathaway listing has her name as Lola Mae, but see census 1920-30)

William R Owens married Margaret Gainey same day (Bk 14, pg 502).

- ii. TEXIE LEE OWENS, b. 10 May 1912, Alabama<sup>89</sup>; d. 27 Sep 1913.

More About TEXIE LEE OWENS:

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

- iii. MALCOMB L OWENS, b. Abt. 1914, Alabama<sup>90</sup>.
- iv. JOHN D OWENS, b. Abt. 1920, Alabama<sup>91</sup>.
- v. JUANITA OWENS, b. Abt. 1923, Alabama<sup>91</sup>.
- vi. BUSTER OWENS, b. Abt. 1925, Alabama<sup>91</sup>.
- vii. CHRISTINE OWENS, b. Abt. 1928, Alabama<sup>91</sup>.

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7. EVERETT<sup>3</sup> OWENS (*JOHN HAMPTON*<sup>2</sup>, *HOLLEY*<sup>1</sup>) was born 30 Jul 1892 in Alabama<sup>92,93</sup>, and died 29 Aug 1967<sup>94</sup>. He married HETTIE MARVIE WEEKS 14 Feb 1912 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>95</sup>, daughter of JOHN WEEKS and MINERVA WEEKS. She was born 04 Aug 1897 in Alabama<sup>96,97</sup>, and died 12 Sep 1932<sup>97</sup>.

Notes for EVERETT OWENS:

Both Everett and Hetty Marvie buried at New Home.

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/holmes/military/1917l-r.txt> :

**World War I Draft Registration Cards** Same person?

Owens, Everett 30 Jul 1891 W Geneva AL Holmes FL

Owens, Everett 30 Jul 1891 W lives RFD Darlington AL Holmes FL

(There was also an Everett L Owens, b. Aug 1893, on 1900 Holmes census, son of widow Annie E.)

**1920 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama**, 16 Jan, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 228B, #96/100:

Everett Owens 27 farmer, rents, can R/W AI AI AI

Hettie 23 AI AI AI

Glenn 3 5/12 AI AI AI

John 2 11/12 AI AI AI

Hettie 2/12 AI AI AI

**1930 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama**, Gilmore's Precinct 14, Samson-Gilmore Schoolhouse Rd, pg 275B, #17:

Owens, Everett 37 age 19@1st marriage, farmer, rents AI AI AI

Hettie M 33 age 16@1st marriage AI AI AI

Glenn M 13 son

Hampton 11 son

Hettie I 10 dau

Adaline 7 dau

Eva N 4 2/12 dau

Ola B 1 8?/12 dau

Ray A 6/12 son

Rex W 6/12 son

Next door at #18: Dunk J 73 and Minerva 69 Weeks

At #16: Anguish & Mollie Powell

More About EVERETT OWENS:

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

Notes for HETTIE MARVIE WEEKS:

First name from 1900 census. See father's notes.

More About HETTIE MARVIE WEEKS:

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

Children of EVERETT OWENS and HETTIE WEEKS are:

- i. GLENN M<sup>4</sup> OWENS<sup>98</sup>, b. Abt. 1916<sup>99</sup>.
- ii. JOHN HAMPTON OWENS<sup>100</sup>, b. Abt. Mar 1917<sup>101</sup>.
- iii. HETTIE I OWENS<sup>102</sup>, b. Abt. Oct 1919<sup>103</sup>.
- iv. ADALINE OWENS, b. Abt. 1923<sup>104</sup>.
- v. EVA N OWENS, b. Abt. 1926<sup>104</sup>.
- vi. OLA B OWENS, b. Abt. 1928<sup>104</sup>.
- vii. RAY A OWENS, b. Abt. 1919<sup>104</sup>.
- viii. REX W OWENS, b. Abt. 1919<sup>104</sup>.

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8. SIMEON MARTIN<sup>3</sup> OWENS (*JOHN HAMPTON*<sup>2</sup>, *HOLLEY*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>105</sup> was born Sep 1896 in Alabama<sup>106</sup>, and died 1960<sup>107</sup>. He married LUCY DONNIE MCDUFFIE<sup>108,109</sup> 20 Nov 1927 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>110</sup>. She was born 1906<sup>111</sup>, and died 1973<sup>111</sup>.

Notes for SIMEON MARTIN OWENS:

Birthdate from 1900 census. Middle name from marriage records index. Known as 'Sim'.

**New Home Cemetery, Samson, Alabama:**

Owens, Simeon M	1896	1960	Father - Granddaddy
Owens, L Donnie	1906	1973	Mother - Grandmother
Owens, Infant baby boy	1935		only one date
Owens, Allen Wayne	1932	1934	

**1930 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, 8 Apr, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, ED 31-21, Ray's Ferry-Cook's Ferry Rd, pg 277B, #52/54 (farm):**

Owens, Sim	32	age 29@1st marriage, farmer, rents	Al Al Al
Lucy D	23	age 20@1st marriage	Al Al Al
Harmonds? K 1 8/12 son			Al Al Al name unclear; census copy very hard to read

More About SIMEON MARTIN OWENS:

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

Notes for LUCY DONNIE MCDUFFIE:

Same Donnie?

**1920 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 12 Jan 1920, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, Page 164A, #111/113 (farm):**

McDuffie, Angus F	44	widowed, farmer, rents	Al Al Fl
McDuffie, Annie	dau	16 s	Fl Al Al
McDuffie, Donnie	dau	15 s	Fl Al Al
McDuffie, James F	son	12 s	Al Al Al
McDuffie, Able	son	11 s	Al Al Al
McDuffie, Mira? May	dau	9 s	Al Al Al

More About LUCY DONNIE MCDUFFIE:

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

Children of SIMEON OWENS and LUCY MCDUFFIE are:

- i. HARMOND? K<sup>4</sup> OWENS, b. Abt. 1928<sup>112</sup>.
- ii. ALLEN WAYNE OWENS, b. 1932<sup>113</sup>; d. 1934<sup>113</sup>.

More About ALLEN WAYNE OWENS:

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

- iii. INFANT BOY OWENS, b. 1935<sup>113</sup>.

More About INFANT BOY OWENS:

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

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9. DEWEY HARVEY<sup>4</sup> OWENS (*JOHN WALTON*<sup>3</sup>, *JOHN HAMPTON*<sup>2</sup>, *HOLLEY*<sup>1</sup>) was born 15 Jul 1905<sup>114</sup>, and died 23 Dec 1994 in Chipley, Washington County, Florida<sup>114</sup>. He married (1) BESSIE L SPEARS 1925 in Geneva County, Alabama, daughter of NOAH SPEARS and LILLIE JONES. She was born 20 Jul 1909, and died 17 Sep 1972. He married (2) JOSIE SPANN 1973 in Geneva County, Alabama<sup>115</sup>. She was born 10 Jan 1906<sup>116</sup>, and died 15 Feb 1995<sup>116</sup>.

Notes for DEWEY HARVEY OWENS:

<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi>

#### **Social Security Death Index :**

DEWEY H OWENS 15 Jul 1905 - 23 Dec 1994 36477 (Samson, Geneva, AL) 32428 (Chipley, Washington, FL) 418-01-8946 Alabama

**1930 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama**, 8 Apr, Piney Grove Precinct, Samson town, Maloy St, pg 245A, #114/122 (not a farm):

Owens, Dewy H 24 mar@20, bottling at bottling plant Al Al Al  
Bessie L 20 mar@16 Al Al Al  
I/J? Bruce 3 11/12 Al Al Al

**Phone conversation with Dewey on 10 Mar 1985:** He was born 15 July 1905.

Married

- 1) Bessie Spears in 1925,
- 2) Josie Spann in 1973.

Children:

David Harvard Owens 21 Jul 1934 - 22 Jul 1980, killed in car wreck, buried at New Home;  
Bruce (59 yrs old at that time (so born abt 1925 --1926 according to 1930 census), a farmer, lived near Selma.

Dewey said his father was John Walton Owens, son of John H. Owens. John W married LouVeny Iola Weeks. Dewey thinks his grandfather's middle name was Hamilton. (Note: Other people say Hampton.) He remembers Dan Owens as his Uncle Dan, John H's brother. He knew Ralph Owens, who was his first cousin and son of Grover Owens. (Grover drowned in 1912 trying to swim across the Pea River.)

Dewey also knew Albert Owens and his brothers Clea and Red John. These were children of William and Sarah Owens (on the 1900 census), but Dewey did not know what relation, if any, to him. Clea (William Cleveland) married Dewey's Aunt Minnie Lee, daughter of John H Owens.

Dewey also 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 now (1985)). He said that Lucille knows all about the family history. She works in an orange juice plant.

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 Uncle Bill Owens who married Ida Rials. Dewey again mentioned Bill and Della's children Lee and Lucille Pettis (see Alto Lee Owens cemetery entry below). (I called Haines City, but found no Lucille Pettis.) 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. (Note added later: What if Bill and Della were divorced and she had to sign deed to make it legal? 1910 census shows Bill as a second marriage to wife Ida.)



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Dewey told me the story of what happened to John H's first wife, Mary. She was accidentally shot (in 1901) by a drunken Negro who was trying to shoot one of the McDuffie boys with whom he had been having some kind of argument. He shot into a group of people and the bullet hit Mary in the heart. She was about 44 and had 10 children aged 5 to 23. (Son James was married 10 days after his mother's death.) Dewey's father (John W) went to the hanging. Dewey thought this was the last Negro hanged around Geneva. Dewey said that his family always said the Owenses came from Ireland.

Notes for BESSIE L SPEARS:

**New Home Cemetery, Samson, Alabama**, adjacent plots:

Spears plot:

Vaughan, Hazel S	14 Aug 1932	15 Mar 2000
Spears, Ruth	21 May 1916	14 July 1932

Double stone:

Spears, Noah	7 Nov 1888	19 Apr 1968
Spears, Lillie B	4 Aug 1888	20 May 1968

end Spears plot

Owens plot, double stone:

Owens, Dewey H	15 July 1905	23 Dec 1994	(Dewey Harvey)
Owens, Bessie L	20 July 1909	17 Sep 1972	(Bessie Spears)

end Owens plot

**1910 Census, Geneva County, Alabama**, 19-20 Apr, Pct 14 Gilmore's, pg 175A, #44:

Spears, Noah	21	m1, 1 year, farmer, rents farm	Al Al Al
Bell	22	m1, 1 child/1 living	Al Al Al
Bessie L	8/12	Al	

At #41: Jackson 80 & Sarah 75 Weeks

At #42: Jim 53 & Rebecca 45 Weeks

At #9 on pg 173A: father, Lewis S Spears, wd, dau Gatsey, et. al.

Notes for JOSIE SPANN:

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

**Traveller's Rest Cemetery, Samson, Al**

A. Joe Spann	9/4/1912	1/3/1995
A. Foyette Spann	10/23/1909	1/8/1988
Bennie T. Spann	2/3/1904	10/23/1967 m. 5/7/1932
Josie M. Spann	1/10/1906	2/15/1995

More About JOSIE SPANN:

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

Children of DEWEY OWENS and BESSIE SPEARS are:

- i. ALICE<sup>5</sup> OWENS.
- ii. BRUCE OWENS, b. Abt. 1925-1926.
- iii. DAVID HARVARD OWENS, b. 21 Jul 1934; d. 22 Jul 1980.

Notes for DAVID HARVARD OWENS:

Buried at New Home. Killed in a car wreck, according to his father.

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10. WOODROW WILSON<sup>4</sup> OWENS (*JOHN WALTON*<sup>3</sup>, *JOHN HAMPTON*<sup>2</sup>, *HOLLEY*<sup>1</sup>) was born 11 Sep 1911<sup>17</sup>. He married LILLIAN B TILLERY, daughter of UNKNOWN RANDOLPH. She was born 22 Oct 1906<sup>18</sup>, and died 12 Mar 1995<sup>18</sup>.

Notes for LILLIAN B TILLERY:

From a letter to Wilda Murphy from her son Billy Ray Owens, August 1997:

"My mother was a Tillery from north Alabama (Jasper). She was 6 ft tall, fair skinned and copper red hair. Her mother was a Randolph. My greatgrandfather was William Brown Randolph. Fought in the Civil War. Was a captive 2 years. Came home to his plantation, had 11 children."

More About LILLIAN B TILLERY:

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

### *Endnotes*

1. Tombstone.
2. US Census 1860 Coffee County, Alabama, P.O. Elba, page 830-831 #549.
3. Tombstone.
4. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 184A, #243, married 22 years.
5. Tombstone.
6. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records, Bk 6, pg 180, by B A Messer, JP.
7. Tombstone, marker had year only.
8. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 183B-184A, #242, had Sep 1900 as birthdate, but she was listed as 9 months old on 1880 census taken as of 1 June.
9. Tombstone, year only; actually, there is not a stone, but in the mid-1980s, there was some kind of marker at her slab, but it is not there now (2003).
10. *Alabama Death Index, 1908-59*, Vol 28, Role 2, page 13557, has June 1925.
11. Florida State Census 1885 Holmes County, orig pg #30, microfilm frame 724 #244.
12. *Social Security Death Index*, (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com>), "Electronic."
13. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 184A, #243.
14. *Social Security Death Index*, (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com>), "Electronic," <http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi> .
15. Rebecca Newsom Dobson, *Possums Run Over Their Graves*, (orig. pub. 1985; reprinted 1995; Dobson Genealogy Consultants, Ozark, Alabama (dates are often suspect)), pg 259.
16. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930*, (1996), pg 59, Owens, Eddie L to Gertrude Powell 01/11/1923, Bk 11 pg 262; Dobson book *Possums Run Over Their Graves*, pg 259, has 14 Jan 1923. Which one is typo?
17. Rebecca Newsom Dobson, *Possums Run Over Their Graves*, (orig. pub. 1985; reprinted 1995; Dobson Genealogy Consultants, Ozark, Alabama (dates are often suspect)), pg 259.
18. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 184A, #243.
19. Online cemetery listing, [www.rootsweb.com/~algeneva/cemeteries/limespringscem.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~algeneva/cemeteries/limespringscem.htm) .
20. *Social Security Death Index*, (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com>), "Electronic."
21. Owens, Billy Ray, provider, Samson, Alabama, 1997, Owens/Weeks family charts of four Owens brothers who married four Weeks sisters, drafted by unspecified cousin, full name.
22. Online cemetery listing, [www.rootsweb.com/~algeneva/cemeteries/limespringscem.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~algeneva/cemeteries/limespringscem.htm) .
23. Tombstone.
24. Owens, Billy Ray, provider, Samson, Alabama, 1997, Owens/Weeks family charts of four Owens brothers who married four Weeks sisters, drafted by unspecified cousin, includes middle name Hollis.
25. Tombstone.
26. US Census 1880 Geneva County, Alabama, pg 643A, #217.
27. Tombstone.
28. *Alabama Death Index, 1908-59*, Vol 36, certif #17533, role 6.
29. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14 (Gilmore's), #241.
30. Owens, Billy Ray, provider, Samson, Alabama, 1997, Owens/Weeks family charts of four Owens brothers who married four Weeks sisters, drafted by unspecified cousin.
31. US Census 1910 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14 (Gilmore's), #53.
32. Online cemetery listing, <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jmg12/trc.html> .
33. US Census 1910 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14 (Gilmore's), #53.

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34. US Census 1920 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14 (Gilmore's), #85.
35. Tombstone.
36. US Census 1920 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14 (Gilmore's), #85.
37. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Piney Grove Precinct, Samson town, pg 249, #201/217, Lillie B was 10 but in 1920, Kate was 9/12; same person?
38. US Census 1920 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14 (Gilmore's), #85.
39. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Piney Grove Precinct, Samson town, pg 249, #201/217.
40. Tombstone.
41. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Piney Grove Precinct, Samson town, pg 249, #201/217.
42. Owens, Dewey Harvey, son of Louveny Iola Weeks, and nephew of Minnie Owens, wife of Wm Cleveland Owens, Dewey Harvey Owens' personal knowledge, phone conversation with Wilda Murphy abt 1985.
43. Tombstone.
44. Florida State Census 1885 Holmes County, orig pg #30, microfilm frame 724 #244.
45. Tombstone.
46. Owens, Dewey Harvey, son of Louveny Iola Weeks, and nephew of Minnie Owens, wife of Wm Cleveland Owens, Dewey Harvey Owens' personal knowledge, phone conversation with Wilda Murphy abt 1985.
47. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14 (Gilmore's), #241.
48. Tombstone.
49. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, middle initial L.
50. Tombstone, full name.
51. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama.
52. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, age 3 10/12.
53. Owens, Billy Ray, provider, Samson, Alabama, 1997, Owens/Weeks family charts of four Owens brothers who married four Weeks sisters, drafted by unspecified cousin.
54. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 184A, #243.
55. Owens, Billy Ray, provider, Samson, Alabama, 1997, Owens/Weeks family charts of four Owens brothers who married four Weeks sisters, drafted by unspecified cousin.
56. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930*, (1996), pg 59, Owens, Oscar to Minnie Jones, 07/27/1905, 6-15.
57. N/A
58. Owens, Billy Ray, provider, Samson, Alabama, 1997, Owens/Weeks family charts of four Owens brothers who married four Weeks sisters, drafted by unspecified cousin, full name.
59. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records.
60. Owens, Billy Ray, provider, Samson, Alabama, 1997, Owens/Weeks family charts of four Owens brothers who married four Weeks sisters, drafted by unspecified cousin.
61. US Census 1910 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, Sheet 3B, #56.
62. Tombstone.
63. US Census 1910 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, #59.
64. US Census 1920 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, #42.
65. Tombstone.
66. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Pct 14, Gilmore's, #113.
67. Tombstone.
68. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 184A, #243.
69. Tombstone.
70. US Census 1900 Holmes County, Florida, Hurricane Creek, pg 85A, #282, Tombstone has Mary Frances Willis.
71. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930*, (1996), pg 151, Bk 7, pg 64: Mary Powell and Grover C Owens.
72. US Census 1900 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 85A, #282.
73. Tombstone.
74. US Census 1910 Geneva County, Alabama, Hardy's Bridge stricken through, renamed Hacoda, pg 190A, #45, listed as William R.
75. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 276A, #26.
76. US Census 1910 Geneva County, Alabama, Hardy's Bridge stricken through, renamed Hacoda, pg 190A, #45, age 7 months.
77. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930*, (1996), Bk 14, pg 502.
78. US Census 1910 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 16, Hacoda (Hardy's Bridge crossed out), pg 190A, #39.
79. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 184A, #243.
80. Owens, Dewey Harvey, son of Louveny Iola Weeks, and nephew of Minnie Owens, wife of Wm Cleveland Owens, Dewey Harvey Owens' personal knowledge, phone conversation with Wilda Murphy abt 1985, gave full name of William Cleveland Owens.
81. Owens, Billy Ray, provider, Samson, Alabama, 1997, Owens/Weeks family charts of four Owens brothers who married four Weeks sisters, drafted by unspecified cousin, included his full name and dates.

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82. Ibid., but US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 181B, #204 has May 1886 as birth year.
83. Ibid., but note that **Alabama Death Index, 1908-59**, has an **unidentified W C Owens d. Sep 1939**, Geneva County, Vol 39, certif. #19402, role 3.
84. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, New Home & Stephens Farm Rd., #43.
85. US Census 1910 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 12, Marl, Geneva-Samson Rd, pg 136A, #30, age 4 months as of 15 April 1910.
86. US Census 1920 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 226a, #43/44, age 9.
87. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930*, (1996), Bk 14, pg 501, NOT PROVEN that he is same William, but likely.
88. US Census 1920 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 16, Samson-Darlington Rd, pg 244A, #45/46.
89. Tombstone.
90. US Census 1920 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 226a, #43/44, age 5.
91. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, New Home & Stephens Farm Rd., pg 280B, #104/109.
92. Tombstone, but WWI draft registration, Holmes Co., Fl says he was born 1891.
93. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 184A, #243.
94. Tombstone.
95. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930*, (1996), pg 59, Bk 8, pg 107: Owens, Everett to Marvie Weeks 2/14 1912.
96. US Census 1910 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, Sheet 3B, #56.
97. Tombstone.
98. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Gilmore's Precinct 14, pg 277B, Samson-Gilmore Schoolhouse Rd, #17, middle initial M.
99. US Census 1920 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, , Gilmore's, #96.
100. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Gilmore's Precinct 14, pg 277B, Samson-Gilmore Schoolhouse Rd, #17, name Hampton.
101. US Census 1920 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, #96.
102. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Gilmore's Precinct 14, pg 277B, Samson-Gilmore Schoolhouse Rd, #17, middle initial I.
103. US Census 1920 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, #96.
104. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Gilmore's Precinct 14, pg 277B, Samson-Gilmore Schoolhouse Rd, #17.
105. Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records, gives his middle name.
106. US Census 1900 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, pg 184A, #243.
107. Tombstone.
108. Tombstone, full name.
109. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, Ray's Ferry-Cook's Ferry Rd, #52/54.
110. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930*, (1996), pg 59, Bk 13, pg 308: Owens, Simeon Martin to Donnie McDuffie 11/20/1927.
111. Tombstone.
112. US Census 1930 Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 14, Gilmore's, Ray's Ferry-Cook's Ferry Rd, pg 277B, #52/54.
113. Tombstone.
114. *Social Security Death Index*, (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com>), "Electronic."
115. *Personal conversation*, with Dewey Harvey Owens, 1985.
116. Online cemetery listing, <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jmg12/trc.html> , copied 12 June 2003.
117. Tombstone, no death date on stone as of 2 June 2002.
118. Tombstone.