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## **Don't Miss Our Annual Meeting Oct. 17-18, 2008, at Days Inn, Chesterfield Mall, Midlothian, VA**

A block of 25 rooms have been reserved for BFA. Rate is \$74.00 per night. Free continental breakfast each day. To reserve, call the motel at 804/794-4999.

**FRIDAY NIGHT.** 7 p.m. at hotel's **Chesterfield Room** meeting room. Meet Your Kin, and bring any items you choose to display or discuss.

**SATURDAY** enjoy the complimentary breakfast at the hotel.

**Bus Tour.** Be ready to **tour at 9 a.m.**, in front of the hotel. Arrangements have been made for a large or small bus, or passenger vans, depending on the number of persons going. **Cost per person will be \$25.**

Mary Warren will act as our tour guide, and take us to Jean Pierre's first land in Virginia, Manakin Town, his grave site, and on to settlements of his children in Cumberland and Buckingham Cos., VA. On the tour we will eat lunch at a restaurant.

**7 p.m.** General meeting at the hotel in their **Chesterfield Room.**

**SUNDAY.** We are making enquiries to see if Buckingham Baptist Church is holding services that day. If so, some of you may want to attend as a group.

This church was organized by Rev. Rene Chastain, Jr., whose wife was Ann Ford, granddaughter of Jean Pierre, and the Fords, Chastains, and Bondurants were early members.

### **NEW MEMBER:**

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### **SAMUEL T. BONDURANT AND SARAH E. BARNETT**

New member T.A. Sams brings in a new lineage for the family. His ancestor Samuel was

grandson of Thomas and Margaret A. Drury Bondurant of Boone Co., KY, and son of Joseph Bondurant and Martha Tharp who died in IL.

Samuel T. was born 9 Dec. 1834 in Menard Co., IL, died 18 Feb. 1883 Edwards Co., IL, and on 15 Nov. 1860 in Douglas Co., IL, was married to Sarah E. Barnett, born 8 Nov. 1842 Coles Co., IL, died 17 May 1880 Edwards Co., IL.

Their daughter Mary Emma Bondurant, born 18 July 1873 Douglas Co., IL, died 5 June 1942 in Chicago Heights, IL. On 3 Oct. 1889 in Edwards Co., IL, she married Charles Kerr Handley, born 8 April 1858 Edwards Co., IL, died 5 Sept. 1920 Chicago Heights, IL.

Their son Samuel E. Handley was born 28 July 1890 Edwards Co., IL, died 11 Dec. 1951, Garrett, IN. On 13 May 1911 he married in Chicago Heights, Lily H. Hassel, born 19 March 1886 Christiana, Norway, died 22 Nov. 1945 in Valparaiso, IN.

Their daughter Lucille Caroline Handley, born 14 June 1915 South Chicago Heights, IL, died 28 Jan. 1976 in Valparaiso, IN. On 3 Feb. 1943 in Fort Wayne, IN, she was married to Henry Sams, born 16 Oct. 1907 Olive Branch, IL, died 3 April 1977 Valparaiso, IN. Theirs is a large family:

Thomas Allen Sams, born 13 Dec. 1950 Valparaiso, Porter Co., IN.

Paul E. Sams married Justine A. Bridwel and Polly Yates

John D. Sams married Kathleen R. Grunwald

Ruth A. Sams married Simon R. Walters

Martha L. Sams married Anthony W. Colvin

William R. Sams married Kathy D. White and Sonja Nimo

Lila G. Sams

Herbert G. Sams married Paula E. Kissinger and Margaret Walters

Shirley R. Sams married James J. Navarro.

Thomas Allen Sams married 1st Martha E. Pletka, born 1 March 1956, Logansport, IN, daughter of Frank J. Pletka, Sr. and Violetta Weaver. Their children:

Nathan Allen Sams, born 25 Jan. 1976, married Hollie L. Combs, their daughter is Lilyanna E. Sams, born 14 April 2000.

Crystal Renee Sams born 22 Jan. 1979.

Second wife was Betty Ann Johnson, married 19 Jan. 1991 Valparaiso, IN, divorced, no children.

Third wife is Betty G. Miller, married 9 June 2007 Trail Creek, IN.

### **MARENGO COUNTY, ALABAMA, BONDURANTS**

Randolph Currie, e-mail: curjax@accessledo.com, has been tracing intermarriages of Bondurants and Leonards. Two children of Golding Leonard and Nancy Pearson married Bondurants -- Henry Garland Leonard and Frances Eliza Leonard. Who were the parents of their Bondurant spouses?

There were many land patents in Marengo Co. issued to Jesse H. Bondurant and Joseph Bondurant, but the earliest patent was issued to Mrs. Martha Bondurant in 1826, and in the 1830 census she had a flock of children. There were a few patents to William A. Bondurant in Marengo, Co.

Frances E. Leonard became the wife of JOSEPH BONDURANT, and lived mostly in Mobile, AL. Joseph died intestate in 1850, but fortunately Fanny left a will:

Mobile Co., AL, Will Book 3, pages 5-7, dated 30 May 1857.

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WILL OF FRANCES ELIZABETH BONDURANT, widow.

Sons William Henry and Joseph Bondurant.

Daughters Elizabeth Ann, Mary Roxanna, Florence Leonard, Adela Elouisa (youngest).

Son-in-law Erastus S. Perryman.

James Chievers (Chivers), Fanny's first cousin, of Wilcox Co., AL, was agent on behalf of the estate, consisting of 160 acres. Witnesses were Hamilton Ballentyne and Powhatten C. Collins. Joseph Bondurant and wife Frances were buried at Magnolia Cemetery, Mobile, as were most of their children. James Chivers was the son of Frances G. Pearson who died in Wilcox Co., AL. The Perryman and DeLoach families which connect to this branch are also relatives of Mr. Currie.

Henry G. Leonard married MARTHA A. BONDURANT. They were in Marengo Co., AL in 1840, in Chickasaw Co., MS 1850. Henry obtained 160 acres in Chickasaw Co. in the mid-1840s. Children with them in 1850 census were: Mary E., George G., Oscar H., and Leonodes [sic] W. Leonard, then the family seemed to disappear. Martha (Patsy) Bondurant Leonard died before 31 Dec. 1846 when her slave property was sold. Heirs and distributees were:

Mary E. Lee, widow, and child of decedent Martha

James M., child of decedent, living in Mobile, AL

Joseph, child of decedent, living in Mobile, AL

Jesse H., child of decedent, living in Mobile, AL

Elizabeth Ringgold, wife of Benjamin Ringgold, residing in Marengo Co., AL

Eliza Eskridge, wife of Samuel Eskridge, residing in Marengo Co., AL

Children of George Bondurant, child of decedent and probably the eldest, who was deceased:

Jack Bondurant, Marengo Co., AL

William Bondurant, Marengo Co., AL

Martha, wife of Henry Garland Leonard, residing in MS

Irenea, wife of James Curtis, residing in Butler Co., AL

George, Marengo Co., AL

Mary, Marengo Co., AL

Jane Bondurant Rains, deceased, whose children were:

Martha Rains, under 21

John Rains, under 21

Virginia Rains, under 21

Narcessa Pickering, deceased, formerly Narcessa Cunningham and first Narcessa Bondurant, all of Marengo Co., AL

Sarah Long, formerly Sarah Cunningham, wife of John H. Long, he of full age

William Cunningham, of full age

George Cunningham, minor

Mary Cunningham, minor

Gordon Cunningham, minor

Robert Henry, non-resident of Alabama, location unknown.

Children of Ann Stratton, deceased, wife of Peter Stratton

Robert Stratton

Stephen Stratton  
 Moseby [sic] Stratton, under age 21  
 Charles Stratton, under age 21  
 William Stratton.

Henry O. Leonard (was this Oscar H.?) was in Yalobusha Co., MS after 1880, and seems to have been the same age. In other records he appeared as Henry Oscar Leonard. William A. Bondurant was also in Yalobusha Co. after 1870.

The will of George P. Bondurant (1824-1879), who died in Yalobusha Co. showed that he was a retail merchant of dry goods in Coffeerville, MS. He may have been in business with his brother William A. Bondurant (1819-1905). George P. Bondurant does not appear to have ever married. In 1870 Census he was living with Wina J. Farley. George's will was signed 31 July 1878, Yalobusha Co., and proved the following March 1879. His will names a brother W.A. Bondurant, nieces Ida Lovyou [sic] and Anna Moore, and a nephew H.O. Leonard. A.H. Lovejoy married Mary J. Bondurant 17 Dec. 1857 in Yalobusha Co. George was buried in Coffeerville Cemetery next to his brother W.A. Bondurant, and Ethel Leonard, daughter of H.O. Leonard.

These records show that George P. Bondurant had a brother William A. Bondurant, and both were almost certainly brothers of Martha A. Bondurant Leonard (born ca. 1818) and Joseph Bondurant (1809-1850) of Mobile, AL. All had been born in VA. **Are their parents known?** Other family members seem to be Jesse H. Bondurant, and Martha Bondurant [sic], both of whom secured land in Marengo Co., Section 6, Township 15 N, Range 3E, where Henry G. Leonard also had land. Land patented in the name of JESSE H. BONDURANT was issued to JOSEPH BONDURANT according to General Land Office records [GLO].

**Do you know anything about this group?**

**Editor's Note:** For Martha to be entitled to patent, she must have been a widow, so her husband William Bondurant, son of John Peter Bondurant, and Mrs. Martha (Patty) Walton Mosby, must have been dead by 1826.

William Bondurant's wife was Martha W. (Patsy) Walton, daughter of Robert Walton and Mary Ann Hobson. Patty, William's mother, was his wife Patsy's aunt. William and Patsy married in Cumberland Co., VA 15 Jan. 1793. William was born in VA, moved with his parents to KY, returned to VA to marry. We do not know when he was born, or died (or where).

The 17 children of William and Martha W. (Patsy) Walton Bondurant:

Mosby, died infancy

William, died Pensacola, FL age 17

Frances, married James M. Chievers, to AL

Ann T. (Nancy) married 28 Feb. 1815 Cumberland Co., VA, Peter Stratton.

George W. married 28 Aug. 1815, Cumberland Co., VA, Arrena Flippen

another William, died infancy

Hezekiah M., died about 1840, but he married 27 Nov. 1828, Marengo Co., AL, E. Ann Williams

Narcissa married twice, both in Marengo Co.: George Cunningham, Sr., and Samuel Pickering  
 Martha Jane, married 2 Oct. 1828 Marengo Co., John Rains

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Eliza A. married Samuel G. Etheredge or Eskridge

Mary Langhorn (Polly L.) born about 1796, married 22 Dec. 1817 in Cartersville, Cumberland Co., VA, Charles Pearce Lee

Robert was born about 1805, no further information

Joseph H. was born 8 March 1809 VA, died 1 June 1850 Mobile, AL, buried Magnolia Cem. He married 17 June 1828 **Frances Elizabeth Leonard**.

Jesse H. born 1810, died 1894, possibly in MS. No further information.

Elizabeth L., born about 1812, died 1853, married 1st Joseph H. Forniss, m. 2nd Marengo Co. Benjamin Ringgold.

James Madison, born 1814 Cumberland Co., VA, died 9 Nov. 1865, Millerton, Fresno Co., CA. He married 5 Dec. 1839 in Clarke Co., AL, Dionysia Murrell.

John A. Bondurant born 1816, no further information.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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**JOHN N. BUNDREN.** The children are a bit mixed up in this census, but they have with them Theron (listed as Faron) A., Femis, Lela B., Charles K., and G. W. who was only 8 months old. Cemetery records of the Johnston Cemetery in Randolph Co., AR show Mary Lucinda Bundren, daughter of Louis Manning and Belle Seagraves, was born 24 Nov 1889 and died 25 Oct 1941. In 1942 John Norman Bundren registered for the WW II draft. He was a resident of rural Biggers, Randolph Co., AR. He was age 59 and reported that he was born 26 Jul 1882 in Howell Co., MO. The contact person was Mrs. Leta Belle Luter. John Norman was self-employed. He was 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighed 155 pounds. His eyes were blue and his hair was gray. His complexion was light. AR marriage records show that John Bundren married in 1942 in Randolph Co., AR Minnie Manning. Minnie was a sister to John's 1<sup>st</sup> wife. The catalog of the Hite Cemetery in Randolph Co., AR shows that Minnie Bundren, daughter of Louis Manning and Belle Seagraves, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of John Bundren, was born 22 Jun 1892 and died 14 Apr 1956. Her inscription appears on the same stone as that of her mother. Belle Seagraves was the daughter of Vincent Seagraves and Caroline Waddle. She first married Louis Manning and then married William A. Kerley. She was born 1869 and died 6 Jul 1942. John Norman Bundren, son of George W. Bundren and Cansada Hollingshed, born 26 Jul 1881 and died 23 Feb 1951 was buried with his first wife in the Johnston Cemetery, Randolph Co., AR. [Children]

**Theron A. Bundren** was born about 1910 in AR. She married in 1931 in Randolph Co., AR, Acel Dalton. The Randolph Co., AR GenWeb site shows that Acel F. Dalton was a teacher in the schools in Reyno for about 16 years. About 1946/1947 he was living in St. Louis where he held the civil service job of assistant lay inspector for the federal government. Files posted on Ancestry.com indicate that they had 2 children (because they may be still living, the names are not included).

**Themous R. Bundren** is listed in one census as Thomas and in another as Femis. He was born 1912 in AR. He was residing with his parents in Randolph Co., AR in 1930 although he is listed

as a daughter. On 11 Sep 1937 he married Vera M. Segraves in Clay Co., AR. Both are buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Pocahontas, Randolph Co., AR. Themous "Buck" Bundren, son of John N. Bundren and Mary L. Manning, was born 8 Aug 1911 and died 5 Sep 1992. Vera May Seagraves/Bundren, daughter of Mont Seagraves and Myrtle Boling, was born 25 Jun 1920 and died 19 May 2005. The SSDI includes both Themous R. and Vera M. and confirms these dates. It also shows that the last residence for both was Pocahontas, Randolph Co., AR. The following obituary appeared in *The Jonesboro Sun*, 21 May 2005:

POCAHONTAS -- Vera Mae Bundren, 84, of Pocahontas died Thursday, May 19, at her residence. Born at Biggers, she was a homemaker. Survivors include a son, Don Bundren of Ravenden; a daughter, Delphine Kennedy of Metropolis, Ill.; a brother, Sonny Segraves of Pocahontas; two sisters, Juanita Cavenar and Eva Lea Barnes, both of Pocahontas; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Themous R. "Buck" Bundren, and her parents, Mont and Myrtle Boling Segraves.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at McNabb Funeral Home, with Gaylon Russell, Don Clayton and Glenn Chadwick officiating. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery at Pocahontas. Active pallbearers will Danny Walls, Matt Walls, Rick Fort, B.J. Fort, Johnny Segraves, Monte Segraves, Jeremy Presley and Michael Overby.

Honorary pallbearers will include Jim Luter, Terrill Luter, Mike Caldwell and Howard Barr. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Pine Grove Baptist Church Furnace Fund.

**Lela Bell Bundren** was born about 1916 in AR. She was living with her parents in Randolph Co., AR in 1930. In 1936 she married Noel D. Luter in Randolph Co., AR. In 1942 her father listed her as Mrs. Leta Belle Luter and identified her as the person who would always know his address. It seems likely that the Jim and Terrill Luter listed in the obituary immediately above as honorary pallbearers were their children (or grandchildren). The SSDI shows that Noel D. Luter was born 1 Nov 1911 and died 28 Nov 1995. No last residence was listed, but his card was issued before 1951 in AR. Lela B. Luter, according to the SSDI, was born 8 Mar 1916 and died 14 May 1996. No last residence was listed, but her card was issued 1953-1954 in MO. They may have resided in the 1990s in North Little Rock, AR.

**Charles K. Bundren** was born about 1920 in AR. He was residing with his parents in Randolph Co., AR in 1930. AR marriage records show that Charlie Bundren married Essie Ingram in 1942 in Randolph Co. Tombstones in the Masonic Cemetery in Pocahontas, Randolph Co., AR include that of Essie Victoria Bundren, daughter of Floyd Ingram and Rosetta Coe and wife of Charley N. Bundren. She was born 30 Mar 1924 and died 1 Dec 1997. Charles is also buried in the Masonic Cemetery as Charley N. Bundren. The stone shows that he was born 9 May 1919 and died 8 Nov 2004. The SSDI confirms Essie's dates of birth and death and Charley N.'s date of death but shows that he was born 19 May 1919. The last residence for both was the city of St. Louis, MO.

**G. W. Bundren** (probably George Washington). He was born in 1929 in AR and was listed with his parents, John and Mary Bundren, in 1930 in Randolph Co., AR. The SSDI includes a G. W. Bundren who was born 18 Aug 1929 and died 23 May 2004. His last residence was Saint Peters,

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Saint Charles Co., MO.

**Olive A. Bundren** was born Dec 1885, according to the 1900 census of Howell Co., MO. She was living with her father and stepmother/aunt when this census was taken. No further information has been located about her.

**Ethel A. Bundren** was born Feb 1887 in MO, according to the 1900 census of Howell Co., MO. This entry seems to show her given name as Ethel A. Ancestry.com World Tree (Hollingshad/Sparks) shows her as Eathel and gives her birth date as 20 Feb 1887. No other data have been located pertaining to her.

**Phillip H. Bundren** was born 10 May 1889 in Pottersville [Howell Co.], MO, according to his WW I registration. According to AR marriage records, he married in 1909 in Randolph Co., AR, Atley Cook. He registered 5 Jun 1917 in Randolph Co., AR as a resident of Biggers, AR [Reyno Precinct]. He was age 28 with a wife and 5 children. He was a self-employed farmer. Physically he was of medium height and build with brown eyes and black hair. In 1920 he was residing in Reyno Twp., Randolph Co., AR at the age of 30. He was a farmer. With him was his wife Atley [sic], age 28 born AR. Also in the household were 3 children – Ulys age 9, Faly age 7, Johnnie age almost 5, Weldon age 2 years and 7 months, and Wilma age 2 years and 7 months. All of the children were born in AR. Also with them were Mary Cook, age 60, born AR, widow, mother-in-law, and Jim Cook, age 27, born AR, brother-in-law, farm laborer working out. In 1930 Philip and Atley were residing in Reyno, Randolph Co., AR where Phillip was a truck driver for a wholesale oil business. With them were 5 children – Ulyses, Faye, Lemuel, and the twins Weldon and Wilma. In 1942 Philip Howard Bundren registered for the WW II draft as a resident of Reyno, Randolph Co., MO. He stated that he was 52 years old. He was born 10 May 1889 in Siloam Springs, MO. The contact person was Mrs. Atley Bundren. He was employed by F. E. Belford of Reyno. He stood 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighed 175 pounds. His eyes were brown and his hair was also brown. His complexion was dark. The SSDI shows that Phillip Bundren was born 10 May 1889 and died Apr 1972. His last residence was Reyno, Randolph Co., AR. The SSDI shows that Atley Bundren was born 20 Nov 1890 and died Sep 1974. Her last residence was also Reyno, Randolph Co., AR. The Randolph Co., AR GenWeb site shows that Athely C. Bundren died about 19 Sep 1974 at the age of 83 in Reyno. Philip Howard Bundren, son of George Bundren and Consada Hollingshed, was born 10 May 1889 and died 27 Apr 1972. He was buried in the Johnston Cemetery, Randolph Co., AR. Atley Bundren, daughter of Johnny Cook and Mary Carr, and wife of Phillip Bundren, was born 20 Nov 1890 and died 12 Sep 1974. She, too, was buried in the Johnston Cemetery.

**Ulyses H. Bundren** was born in AR. The SSDI shows that he was born 27 Apr 1910 and died 1 Jun 1988. His last residence was Pocahontas, Randolph Co., AR. Ulyses Herbert Bondurant, son of Phillip Bundren and Atley Cook, was born 27 Apr 1910 and died 1 Jun 1988. He was buried in the Johnston Cemetery, Randolph Co., AR.

**Faye Bundren** was born about 1913 in AR. AR marriage records show that she married in 1929 in Randolph Co., AR, John Lamb. The catalog of the Johnston Cemetery, Randolph Co., AR

shows that Bonnie June Lamb, daughter of John P. Lamb and Faye Bundren, was born 19 Apr 1935 and died 1 Nov 1950. The following obituary, which appeared in *The Jonesboro Sun* 25 Apr 2004, shows that she had a second husband and a surviving daughter, but whether Colleen's surname was Lamb or Rose is unknown at this time.

POCAHONTAS – Faye Bundren Rose, 91, of Pocahontas died Thursday, April 22, at Randolph County Medical Center. Born in Reyno, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include one daughter, Colleen Loftis of Pocahontas; three stepdaughters, Bobbie Brown, Patsy Penn and Roberta Clements, all of Pocahontas; two grandchildren, Sheila Campbell and Blake Campbell; 10 step grandchildren; 19 step-great-grandchildren; and one step-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husbands, John Lamb and Bob Rose; one daughter, Bonnie Lamb; one sister; and three brothers.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Randolph Memorial Gardens at Pocahontas, with Gerald Fears officiating.

McNabb Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Lemuel Bundren was born about 1915 in AR. A news article originally published 4 Nov 1926 which appears on the Randolph Co., AR GenWeb site states: "Lem, the small son of Mr. & Mrs. P. H. Bundren was seriously injured when he and two other children were playing at the Phoenix Gin in Reyno." However, he survived. AR marriage records show that Lem Bundren married in 1933 in Randolph Co., AR Geraldine Bryant. The catalog of the Johnston Cemetery, Randolph Co., AR includes an entry for a Bundren infant, daughter of Lem, who was born and died 16 Jan 1936. The catalog also includes the following notice taken from the Pocahontas Star Herald of 23 Jan 1936: "The death of the infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lem Bundren occurred at St. Bernards Hospital in Jonesboro last Thursday shortly after birth. Interment was at the family burying site in the Johnstontown [sic] Cemetery." The SSDI does not seem to include Lemuel, but Geraldine is there. She was born 3 Apr 1914 and died 3 Mar 2002. Her last residence was Corning, Clay Co., AR.

**Weldon Bundren**, twin to Wilma, was born about 1917 in AR, according to the 1930 census. The catalog of the Johnston Cemetery, Randolph Co., AR shows that Weldon Bundren, son of Phillip H. Bundren and Atley Cook, was born 6 May 1917 and died 28 Mar 1982. The SSDI has basically the same dates of birth and death, but adds that his last residence was Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., TX although his card was issued before 1951 in AR.

**Wilma Bundren**, twin to Weldon, was born about 1917 in AR, according to the 1930 census. No other data have been found about her. However, if the date on Weldon's headstone is accurate, then we can assume that Wilma was born 6 May 1917. The obituary of her sister Faye, which appears above, indicates that Wilma was deceased before 22 Apr 2004.

**George W. Bundren** registered for the WW I draft as a resident of Craighead Co., AR on 5 Jun 1917. He reported that he was born 1 May 1892 in Siloam Springs [Howell Co.], MO. He was age 25, a resident of Cork, AR. He indicated that he was self-employed but working at a handle factory. Perhaps he was the owner of the business? He was married, but did not report having any children. He was of medium height and slender build with brown eyes and black hair. He reported that he was missing one thumb. He was enumerated in 1920 in Cash in Little Texas Township, Craighead Co., AR. He was age 28 and identified himself as the owner of a handle



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mill. With him were his wife Cora, age 31, and a daughter named Lois Osborn who was age 13. It seems probable that this was actually his step-daughter and that Cora had been married before. The is somewhat supported in the 1930 census of the same location which shows that George 1<sup>st</sup> married at the age of 26 but Cora first married at the age of 16. Whether the wife George reported in 1917 was Cora or another lady is unknown. What these census records indicate is that George had no surviving children.

In 1942 he registered for the WW II draft as George Washington Bundren, a resident of Cash, Craighead Co., AR. He was age 49, having been born 1 May 1892 in Howel Co., MO. The contact person was Cora Bundren of Cash, AR. He was self-employed. He was 5' 8 ½" tall and weighed 125 pounds. His eyes were brown. His hair was gray. His complexion was ruddy. He also reported that the thumb was off his right hand.

**Lee Benson Bundren** was born about 1894 in MO. According to AR marriage records, he married 1916 in Randolph Co., AR, Mayme McKinsey. He registered for the WW I draft as Lee Benson Bundren. He was a resident of Biggers [Randolph Co.], AR when he registered 5 Jun 1917. He stated that he was born 12 Oct 1893 in Siloms Springs [Howell Co.], MO. He was age 23. He was a self-employed farmer supporting a wife. He was of medium height and build with gray eyes and brown hair. In 1920 he and Maymie were residing in Reyno Twp., Randolph Co., AR where Lee was a farmer. Maymie was age 22 born AR. With them was a son Lee Elmo, aged 2 years and 2 months born AR. They have not been located in the 1930 census. Data posted at <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/cemeteries/cgi-bin/cemetery.cgi> shows that Lee B. Bundren is buried in the Sunny Lane Cemetery, Del City, Oklahoma Co., OK. According to interment records he was born 12 Oct 1893 and died or was buried 28 Nov 1953. Buried beside him is his wife, Mayme. She was born 29 Jun 1897 and died or was buried 25 Mar 1944.

**Lester H. Bundren** does not appear in the census records, but he is buried in the same location as Lee Benson. According to data posted at <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/cemeteries/cgi-bin/cemetery.cgi>, Lester was born in 1894. He died in 1939 and was buried in the Sunny Lane Cemetery, Del City, Oklahoma Co., OK. Buried beside him is Cathryn (Wilson) Bundren. She was born 30 Dec 1897 and died or was buried 5 Jan 1954.

**Alberta F. Bundren** was born May of 1896, according to the 1900 census. AR marriage records show that Berta Bundren married in 1914 in Randolph Co. Earnest Graham. In 1920 they were living in Current River Twp., Randolph Co., AR. Earnest was age 24 born AR (both parents born TN). He was a farmer. Berta was age 23. With them was a son named Howard who was age 10 months born AR. In 1930 they were farming in the same general location. Earnest was age 33; wife Berta was age 32. With them were two sons: Howard age 11 and Roy age 9. Both were born in AR. Records of the Masonic Cemetery in Pochontas, Randolph Co., AR show that Ernest B. Graham, son of James Graham and Joanna Tatum, was born 28 May 1895 and died 16 Jan 1981. The SSDI confirms his date of birth, but shows that he died Jan 1982. His last residence was Biggers, Randolph Co., AR. Bertha Frankie Graham, daughter of G. W. Bundren and Conzada Holligshed and wife of Ernest B. Graham, was born 18 May 1896 and died 9 Aug 1988, according to the cemetery catalog. The SSDI confirms her birth date but shows that she died 8 Aug 1988. Her last residence was Biggers, Randolph Co., AR.

Howard Graham was born about 1919 in AR. The SSDI includes Howard Graham born 4 Mar 1919 and died 31 Aug 1993. His last residence was Biggers, Randolph Co., AR. Roy Bransford Graham, according to the catalog of the Masonic Cemetery, Pochontas, Randolph Co., AR, was the son of Earnest Graham and Berta Bundren. He was a sergeant in the US Army in WW II. He was born 11 Oct 1921 and died 2 Dec 1983.

**Lena G. Bundren** was the only known child of George W. Bundren and his second wife, Martha J. Hollingshad/Davis/Byers/Collins. She was born about 1903, according to the census records. In 1920 she was residing in Current River Twp., Randolph Co., AR with her widowed mother Mattie Bundren and her half-sister Thieraly Collins. At that time Lena was age 17. In the 1930 census she was living alone in Biggers town in Randolph Co., AR at the age of 24. She was single. She was also the postmaster for the town. She does appear in the SSDI as Lena Bundren, so it is likely that she never married. That record shows that she was born 21 Jan 1901 and died Oct 1970. Her last residence was Biggers, Randolph Co., AR. The catalog of the Johnston Cemetery shows that Lena G. Bundren, daughter of George W. Bundren and Mattie H. Hollingshad, was born 21 Jan 1901 and died 30 Oct 1970. She was buried in the Johnston Cemetery, Randolph Co., AR.

**Mary Elizabeth Bundren** was the second child born to Philip Bundren and Caroline S. Briggs. Her parents are identified on her death certificate. She was born 6 Apr 1860, most likely in Howell Co. She may have been born after the death of her father. She was living in Howell Co., MO with her mother and stepfather, Thomas G. Middleton in 1870. Mary E. Bundon married 5 Dec 1875 Howell Co., MO Henry D. Tabor. Ancestry.com World Tree (BrandonCarr 04-08-2006) shows that Henry D. Tabor was born 2 Dec 1854 in Pottersville, Howell Co., MO. He was the son of Andrew V. Tabor born 12 Mar 1817 in McMinn Co., TN (1880 census shows NC) and died 5 May 1890 in Pottersville, Howell Co., MO. Andrew V. Tabor's wife was Ruhaney Collins born 20 Oct 1822 in IN (1880 census) died 3 Jan 1899. Both are buried in the Pottersville Cemetery, Howell Co., MO. The Ancestry.com file shows that Henry Tabor and Mary Bundon had 7 children: Dora, Norman, Andy, Oscar, Maggie, Otto, and Cordelia A. Henry Tabor died 18 Aug 1891 in Pottersville, Howell Co., MO and was buried there in the Pottersville Cemetery (Ancestry.com World Tree [John Collins]).

The catalog of this cemetery, posted at [http://www.interment.net/data/us/mo/pottersville\\_cemetery.htm](http://www.interment.net/data/us/mo/pottersville_cemetery.htm), confirms this date and shows that

Henry was the husband of Mary E. Tabor. Ancestry.com World Tree (66651) shows him as Henry Davis Tabor and lists 8 children for him and his wife Mary Bunden: Dora born about 1876 in Pottersville; Cordelia Delia born about 1878 in Pottersville; Theodore Norman born Sep 1880 in Pottersville; Andrew G. born Apr 1882 in Pottersville; Arthur Raymond born 12 Mar 1884 in Crider, Howell Co., MO; Margaret A. born Jan 1886; Otto H. born 8 Feb 1888 in Crider d. 5 Nov 1903 in Crider; and Henry born 8 Aug 1890 in Crider. This file also has additional information about most of these children.

About 1894 Mary Bundren/Tabor married a widower named James K. Mitts who had children by his previous wife. Ancestry.com World Tree (Hollingshad/Sparks) shows him as James Knox Polk Mitts. In the 1900 census, Mary E., born Apr 1860, was with James K., born Aug 1844, residing in Spring Creek, Howell Co., MO where James was farming. In their home were three Mitts children all born in or before 1883 and 4 Tabor children – Norman F., Andrew G., Maggie A., and Otto H. – all born in or before 1886. Also in the home was Adam W. Mitts born Feb

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1898. Apparently he was the son of James K. Mitts and Mary E. Bundren/Tabor.

The 1920 census shows James and Mary Mitts in the same location. James was still farming. This record verified that both James and Mary had been married twice. With them were their son Adam age 12 and daughter Eve age 9. MO death records for Howell Co. show that James Mitts died 1 Oct 1916 of cerebral apoplexy. He was born 11 Oct 1845 in TN. The informant was Mrs. Mary Mitts of Crider, MO. He was buried in the Mitts Graveyard, Howell Co., MO. Curiously, there is a second death certificate for him, but it was recorded in Ozark Co. It presents basically the same information but the cause of death was paralysis of the ocular muscle due to affections of the periphial or central portion and the informant was Gerrard Hollingshed of Silom Spring, MO.

Death records show that Mary Elizabeth Mitts, who was residing near Crider, MO where she had lived all her life, died 24 Aug 1919. She was born 6 Apr 1860 in MO to Philip Bundren born TN and Caroline S. Briggs born TN. She was the widow of James K. Mitts. The cause of death was either an ulcer or cancer of the stomach. She had been ill for about a year and 6 months. The informant was Eva Mitts of Crider, MO. Her place of burial is listed only as Howell Co., MO. Ancestry.com World Tree (John Collins) shows that Mary Bundren/Tabor/Mitts was buried in the Mitts Cemetery, Dora, MO. The town of Dora is actually in Ozark Co. which adjoins Howell Co. on the west. In the 1900 census Mary reported that she had had 11 children of whom 9 were still living; in 1910 she reported that she had had 13 children but only 7 were still living. This requires some exploration. First, we know that between 1900 and 1910 she had one additional child, a daughter named Eve. However, she apparently had one other Mitts child during this decade who did not survive. Also, two of her Tabor children apparently died during this decade. According to the Ancestry.com file cited above, one of these was Otto H. Tabor who was born 8 Feb 1888 and died 5 Nov 1903. We also know that 2 of her children were deceased before 1900. Given the rhythm of birth dates of her Tabor children (i.e., a child born every other year until Henry Tabor's death), it seems likely that the two deceased children reported in 1900 were Mitts children, both born and died between 1894 and 1900. The following information about Mary Elizabeth's children has been drawn mainly from Ancestry.com World Tree (66651):

Dora Tabor was born about 1876 in Pottersville, Howell Co., MO. She married 29 Mar 1894 in West Plains, Howell Co., MO Samuel H. Morris. However, it appears that this marriage was brief. Sometime between 1894 and 1897 she married Harry Grant. By him she had two children – Veda born about 1898 in MO and Muriel. Nothing more is known about either Dora or Harry, although Dora reportedly died in Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO.

Veda Grant was born about 1898 in MO. About 1912 probably in MO she married Onie Large. He registered 5 Jun 1917 in Nelson Co., ND for the WW I draft as a resident of Pekin, ND. He was born 25 Aug 1889 in KS, age 28. He was a machinist employed in Bergen Twp., Nelson Co., ND. He was married with wife and 3 children. He claimed exemption on the basis of supporting the family. He was tall and slender with dark blue eyes and brown hair. In the 1920 census Onie and Veda were residing in Benson Co., ND. Onie was a farmer aged 28 born in KS. Veda was age 22 born in MO. With them were 3 children – Muriel age 7 born MO, Earl age 5 born OK, and Dorothy age 3 years

and 3 months born ND.

Note that Veda apparently married at the age of 14 and had a child by the time she was 15. Apparently by 1930 one or both of the parents were deceased or the family was separated because all three of the children were residing with their aunt Nora Large/Kneble in Owen Township, Kay Co., OK. In addition, the household included another Large child, Billie Large, age 8 born ND. Thus, Veda was apparently alive in 1922 when she gave birth to this child.

Muriel Grant has not been located in any census records. She reportedly married (given name unknown) Davenport. Her sister Veda apparently named her first child after Muriel, but whether this indicates that Muriel was deceased prior to the birth of Muriel Large is unknown.

Cordelia Delia Tabor was born about 1878 in Pottersville, Howell Co., MO. She married 27 Feb 1896 in West Plains, Howell Co., MO, S. T. Tilson. The 1900 census of Spring Creek Twp., Howell Co., MO seems to show him as Samuel F. Tilson born Dec. 1872 in TN. Delia is listed as having been born Feb. 1879. With them were two sons – Thedora M. Tilson age 2 and John A. Tilson age 3 months. However, by 1910 one or both of these parents were apparently deceased or the family was divided because both of these sons were residing with their uncle John E. Tilson and his wife Martha J. in Howell Co., MO although Thedora was listed as Mathew. They were still living with their uncle and aunt in the 1930 census in this same location. In this census John A. was listed as Allen.

Theodore Mathew Tilson was born Dec? 1897 in MO. He was with his parents in Howell Co., MO in 1900, but in 1910 and 1920 he was living with his uncle John E. Tilson in Howell Co., MO. On 12 Sep 1918 he registered for the WW I draft as Thedor Matthew Tilson (recorded as Thedo Mathue). He reported that he was born 13 Mar 1898 and was age 20. He was farming for J. E. Tilson in Howell Co., MO. He was tall and of medium build with brown eyes and brown hair. He listed John Allen Tilson as his nearest relative.

John Allen Tilson was born Oct 1899 in MO. He, like his brother, was with his parents in Howell Co., MO in 1900 but with his uncle John E. Tilson in 1910 and 1920. He also registered for the WW I draft on 12 Sep 1918. He was born 30 Oct 1900 and was age 18. He was a resident of Howell Co., MO where he was farming for J. E. Tilson. He listed Thedo Mathue Tilson as his nearest relative. He was short and of medium build with brown eyes and brown hair. The card was sign as Jhon [sic] Allen Tilson.

Theodore Norman Tabor was born Sep 1880 in Pottersville, Howell Co., MO. He married 20 Sep 1908 in West Plains, Howell Co., MO Birdie Riley who was born 1884 in Winsville, MO. They were residing in Spring Creek Twp., Ozark Co., MO from 1910 to 1930 where Norman was engaged in farming. They had 7 children. Norman died Mar 1954 in Crider, Howell Co., MO and was buried in the Union Grove Cemetery, Howell Co., MO. Ancestry.com World Tree (Tracing My Roots) shows that Birdie Riley/Tabor died in 1981 in West Plains, Howell Co., MO and was buried in the Union Grove Cemetery (<http://www.interment.net/>). Beulah F. Tabor was born about 1909 (8 months old in 1910 census) in Crider, Howell Co., MO (the family was residing in Ozark Co.,

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MO in 1910, however). She was still with the family in 1920 at the age of 10.

However, by 1930 she was apparently either married or deceased.

William Earnest Tabor was born 13 May 1911 in Crider, Howell Co., MO (the family was residing in Ozark Co., MO, however, at the time of his birth). He was not with the family in the 1930 census. He died 12 Feb 1967 and was buried in the Union Grove Cemetery, Howell Co., MO (<http://www.interment.net/>).

Alvin T. or Alva Tabor was born about 1916 probably in Ozark Co., MO. He was still with his parents in the 1930 census of Ozark Co. at the age of 14.

Lester E. Tabor was born about 1919. He was still living with his parents at the age of 11 in the 1930 census of Spring Creek Twp., Ozark Co., MO.

Everett M. Tabor, according to Ancestry.com World Tree (Tracing My Roots), was born 7 Jan 1921 in Ozark Co., MO. He married 1.) in 1946 Howell Co., MO Doris Yarborough and had 2 children. Doris H. Tabor, born 17 Jan 1930, died 26 Jul 1949 and was buried in the Union Grove Cemetery, Howell Co., MO ([http://www.interment.net](http://www.interment.net/)). He married 2) (given name unknown) Jones.

Everett M. Tabor died 23 Jan 1980 and was buried in the Union Grove Cemetery, Howell Co., MO (<http://www.interment.net/>).

Clark Tabor was born about 1923 in MO, probably Ozark Co. He was still with his parents in the 1930 census.

Ella Mae Tabor was born about 1926 in MO, probably Ozark Co. She was living with her parents in the 1930 census in Ozark Co.

**Andrew G. Tabor** was born Apr of 1882 in Pottersville, Howell Co., MO. He married 26 Dec 1908 in West Plains, Howell Co., MO Lucy Williams. According to Ancestry.com World Tree (Keene, Donaldson, Spickler, Tabor, Ruebenack, Wadley, and more), she was born 20 Apr 1890 in Ozark Co., MO. They had 4 children.

In the 1920 census Andrew, his wife, and their four children plus a nine-year-old nephew named Tom Dobbs were residing in the city of Olympia, Thurston Co., WA. Andrew was a baggage agent at the N. R. Depot. Lucy was age 29. Madge was 10, Howard was 8, Mary was 6, and Vera was 3 years and 3 months old. All of the children were born in MO except Howard who was born in NM. Ancestry.com World Tree (Keene, Donaldson, Spickler, Tabor, Ruebenack, Wadley, and more) shows that Lucille (Lucy) Williams/Tabor died 9 Jun 1920 in Olympia, WA and was buried 12 Jun 1925.

In the 1930 census, Andrew and his 4 children were residing in Hoquiam city, Grays Harbor Co., WA. Andrew was doing some kind of work [hovelhouseman?] for the rail road. Madge was 20, Howard W. was 18, Mary E. was 16, and Vera was 13. All were born in MO except Howard who was born in NM. The "Washington Death Index, 1940-1966" includes an Andrew Tabor who died 15 Apr 1946 in Tacoma, WA at age 63, but there is no way to be sure from the on-line data that this is the right person. According to Ancestry.com World Tree (Keene, Donaldson, Spickler, Tabor, Ruebenack, Wadley, and more), Andrew was buried in Olympia, WA.

Ancestry.com World Tree (Kentucky Roots) shows that Andrew Garfield Tabor died 15 Aug 1946 in Olympia, Thurston Co., WA. The file also shows that Andrew Garfield Tabor was buried in the Masonic Park Cemetery, Tumwater, Thurston Co., WA.

Madge Louise Tabor, according to Ancestry.com World Tree (Kentucky Roots) was born

30 Sep 1910 in Deepwater, Henry Co., MO. She married 8 Feb 1931 in Centralia, Lewis Co., WA Alfred Wesley Whitener who was born 11 May 1911. Madge died 7 Nov 1996 in Mason Co., WA (Ancestry.com World Tree [Keene, Donaldson, Spickler, Tabor, Ruebenack, Wadley, and more] shows death at Mason General Hospital, Shelton, WA and burial 12 Nov 1996 in the Shelton Memorial Park, Shelton, WA). Ancestry.com World Tree (Kentucky Roots) shows that they had 7 children, but for privacy only information on one is included

Wilson Wesley Whitener was born 28 Jul 1949 in Shelton, WA. He died 20 Jun 1998 in Shelton, WA and was buried 24 Jun 1998 in the Shelton Memorial Park, Shelton, WA. He married twice. His first wife was (given name withheld) Schlottmann. They had 3 children. With his second wife (name withheld) he had 2 children.

William Howard Tabor, according to Ancestry.com World Tree (Keene, Donaldson, Spickler, Tabor, Ruebenack, Wadley, and more) was born 6 Feb 1912 in Silver City, NM. He married in 1931 Stella Jewell Smith born about 1916 in Olympia, WA. William died 6 Jun 2000 in Springfield, Greene Co., MO. Ancestry.com World Tree (Kentucky Roots) shows that they had 6 children

William A. Tabor born 17 Dec 1932 in WA  
 living Tabor (female) married (given name withheld) Dummitt  
 James H. Tabor born 13 Feb 1939 in WA  
 living Tabor (female) m. (given name withheld) Harper and had one child –  
 Michael Harper

Andrew L. Tabor born 16 Jun 1848 died Feb 1991

Jerry Lynn Tabor born 12 Jul 1950 died 19 May 2000 in Olympia, Thurston Co., WA

Mary E. Tabor, according to Ancestry.com World Tree (Kentucky Roots) was born 18 Oct 1913 in MO. She married (given name not stated) Peoples. She died 9 Dec 1997 in Washougal, Clark Co., WA.

Vera Tabor, according to Ancestry.com World Tree (Kentucky Roots) was born 24 Sep 1916 in MO. She married (given name not stated) Daly. She died 1 Aug 1998 in Olympia, Thurston Co., WA.

**Arthur Raymond Tabor**, according to Ancestry.com World Tree (Kentucky Roots) was born 12 Mar 1884 Crider, Howell Co., MO. He married 22 Dec 1907 in Crider, Howell Co., MO Athra Dell Davis who was born 5 Sep 1892 in Pottersville, Howell Co., MO. They had eight children. Arthur died 12 Nov 1959 in Ponca City, Kay Co., OK, but he was buried in Oxford, Sumner Co., KS. Athra Dell died 1 Nov 1968 in Sumner, Lawrence Co., IL but she, too, was buried in Oxford, Sumner Co., KS.

Flo Evelyn Tabor was born 19 Feb 1909, according to Ancestry.com World Tree (Tracing My Roots). She married 1.) Harry Kershner and 2.) Eugene Fry. She was buried in Oxford, Sumner Co., KS.

Floyd Wilson Tabor was born 31 Oct 1910, according to Ancestry.com World Tree (Tracing My Roots). He married 1.) Agnes Mae Jennings and had 1 child; he married 2.) Alice Mae Flanigan and had 2 children.

Harlin Eugene Tabor was born 21 Jan 1913 and died 18 Apr 1913 in Pottersville, Howell Co., MO, according to his death record. The cause of death was epidemic cerebral spinal

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fever. The report also says he had portuasis almost since birth. He was buried 19 Apr 1913 in the Pottersville Cemetery. However, he does not appear in the catalog of this cemetery, so he may have no headstone.

Alice Elizabeth Tabor was born 1 Sep 1914, according to Ancestry.com World Tree (Tracing My Roots). She married Joe Kaiser who was born in Czechoslovakia. She died in 1955 in Wellington, Sumner Co., KS

Golden Virginia Tabor was born 12 Aug 1916 in Pottersville, Howell Co., MO, according to Ancestry.com World Tree (Tracing My Roots). She married 10 Nov 1931 in Newkirk, OK, Basil Raymond Bruner, who was born 13 May 1907 in Keysport, Bond Co., IL. He died 2 Apr 1991 in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., KS. They had 5 children, but for privacy reasons only 2 are identified.

Earl Jean Bruner was born 18 Mar 1933 in Oxford, Sumner Co., KS. He married (given name withheld) Carle and had 4 children. He died 18 Jul 1992 in Denver, CO but was buried in Oxford, Sumner Co., KS.

Raymond Jack Bruner was born 16 Oct 1934 in Oxford, Sumner Co., KS. He married (given name withheld) Crain and had 3 children. He died 16 Mar 1995 in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., KS. He was buried 20 Mar 1995 in Oxford, Sumner Co., KS.

living Bruner (female) married (given name withheld) Moreland and had 2 children.

living Bruner (female) married (given name withheld) Davis and had 6 children.

living Bruner (female) married (given name withheld) Bowlsby and had 2 children.

Arthur Neal Tabor was born 17 Jun 1918, according to Ancestry.com World Tree (Tracing My Roots). He married 1.) Jackie Tribble; he married 2.) Judy (surname unknown). He was buried in Oxford, Sumner Co., KS.

Marjorie Meirial Tabor was born 16 Sep 1920 in West Plains, Howell Co., MO. She married 5 Jul 1940 in Belle Plaine, Sumner Co., KS, Donald Claude Ratcliff and had 2 children.

Ruth Jane Tabor was born 28 Sep 1924. She married Raymond King who was born 25 Feb 1921 and died Apr 1967. They had 10 children. She married 2.) Joe Tinker. The following list of children and information about their births, deaths, and burial places is taken from Ancestry.com World Tree (Kentucky Roots).

(given name withheld) King (female)

Nancy Faye King born 19 Jul 1942 died 25 May 1955 in Sumner Co., KS buried Prairie Lawn Cemetery, Wellington, Sumner Co., KS

Jerry Lance King born 2 Nov 1943 died 24 Nov 1960 in Summitt Ridge, CO. A note attached to Ancestry.com World Tree (Pierson/Wiles Clan) states that "after the remaining family resettled in CO, their oldest son, Jerry, apparently having car trouble was found dead under a front wheel."

(given name withheld) King (female)

Judy Darlene King born 19 May 1946 in Farmington, San Juan Co., NM died 1 Jan 1979 in Hanksville, Wayne Co., UT. She did marry and have 1 child.

Ronald Wade King born 18 Dec 1948 died 25 May 1955 in Sumner Co., KS

buried Prairie Lawn Cemetery, Wellington, Sumner Co., KS  
 Billy Wayne King born 17 Jan 1950 died 25 May 1955 Sumner Co., KS buried  
 Prairie Lawn Cemetery, Wellington, Sumner Co., KS  
 Victor Alan King born 9 Jul 1951 died 25 May 1955 in Sumner Co., KS buried  
 Prairie Lawn Cemetery, Wellington, Sumner Co., KS  
 Richard Raymond King born 11 Feb 1953 died 16 May 1997 Colorado Springs,  
 El Paso Co., CO  
 Barbara Anne King born 21 Jun 1954 died 25 May 1955 Sumner Co., KS buried  
 Prairie Lawn Cemetery, Wellington, Sumner Co., KS

A careful look at the death dates of these children shows that 5 of them died on the same day in Sumner Co., KS. The following brief article appeared in the *Great Bend Daily Tribune* (Great Bend, KS) on 26 May 1955:

***Tornado Adds Tragedy to Oxford, Kan., Family***

*Oxford, Kan. (AP) – A tornado brought tragedy Wednesday night to a farm family whose activities already had been disrupted by illness. Five of the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond King were killed when the storm destroyed their home three miles north of here.*

The mother, Mrs. Ruth Jane King, and two other children, were in a Wellington, Kan, hospital. The father was not at home. He was taken recently to the Kansas Tuberculosis Hospital at Norton, Kan.

This issue of the paper reported that this twister was “the worst killer in Kansas history.” It virtually wiped out the town of Udall, KS, killing 55 people, and killed 17 people in Blackwell, OK.

**Margaret A. “Maggie” Tabor** was born Jan 1886. She married 19 Jan 1910 in West Plains, Howell Co., MO Orville Wilson. In 1920 Orville, Maggie, and their 4 daughters were residing in Howell Co., MO. However, by 1930 they had moved to Olympia Precinct, Thurston Co., WA. Ancestry.com World Tree (Kentucky Roots) shows that Orville was buried in the Mitts Cemetery, Howell Co., MO. They had 6 children (names of first four children are from census records and Ancestry.com World Tree [Tracing My Roots], which also shows the other two children):

Velma D. Wilson was born about 1911 in MO.

Thelma R. Wilson was born about 1913 in MO.

Eve or Eva L. Wilson was born about 1918 in MO.

Prudence Wilson was born about 1919 in MO.

Shannon Wilson does not appear in the census records and no birth or death information about this child appears in the Ancestry.com files.

unidentified Wilson does not appear in the census records and no birth or death information about this child appears in the Ancestry.com files.

**Otto H. Tabor** was born 8 Feb 1888 in Crider, Howell Co., MO. He died there 5 Nov 1903.

**Henry Tabor** was supposedly born 8 Aug 1890 in Crider, Howell Co., MO. He was not listed with his siblings in the household of his mother and stepfather in the 1900 census. Thus, it seems likely that he died before 1900.



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**Adam W. Mitts** was born Feb 1898 in MO (1900 census). He was the eldest surviving child of James W. Mitts and Mary Elizabeth Bundren/Tabor. He registered for the WW I draft on 12 Sep 1918 in Howell Co., MO as William Adam Mitts. He was born 29 Apr 1898 and was age 20. He was residing in Crider, Howell Co., MO where he was a self-employed farmer. His nearest relative was Susan Rodella Mitts of Crider. He was of medium height and build with blue eyes and red hair.

In the 1920 census, William A. Metts age 21 and Susan R., age 19, were residing in Howell Co., MO with their month old daughter Bonnell. By 1930 Adam and Della had moved to Hominy Township, Osage Co., OK. In addition to their daughter Bonnell, the family included Edgar age 7, Nettie age 4, and Elbert or Albert, age 1 year and 2 months. All three of these additions were born in OK.

**Eve or Eva Mitts** was born about 1901 in Howell Co., MO. She was still living in Aug of 1919 when her mother died because she was the informant listed on Mary Elizabeth Mitts' death certificate. In 1920 she was age 18 and single. She was residing with her married half-sister Maggie Wilson and Maggie's husband and family in Howell Co., MO. She is unlocated in 1930 census. She may have married or died during the 1920s.

Deceased child Mitts, born between 1902 and 1910, and was deceased by 1910.

1920 census, Howell Co., MO Spring Creek Twp.

Orville Wilson	36	KY	KY	KY	farmer	gen farming	
Maggie A.	33	MO	MO	MO	wife		
Velma D.	9	MO	KY	MO	dau.		
Thelma R.	7	MO	KY	MO	dau.		
Eva L.	2 4/12	MO	KY	MO	dau.		
Prudence	11/12	MO	KY	MO	dau.	plus	
Eva Mitts	18	MO	TN	MO	sister-in-law	single	

1930 census, Thurston Co., WA Olympia Precinct

Orville Wilson	48	KY	KY	KY	laborer	lumber mill	1 <sup>st</sup> m. age 26
Maggie	44	MO	MO	MO	wife		
Velma	19	MO	KY	MO	dau.		
Thelma	17	MO	KY	MO	dau.		
Eve	12	MO	KY	MO	dau.		
Prudence	11?	MO	KY	MO	dau.		

1930 census, Jasper Co., MO Joplin city

Archie Provance	31	MO	WV	MO	line foreman	electric co.	1 <sup>st</sup> m. age 24
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Clara	26	MO	MO	MO	wife	1 <sup>st</sup> m. age 20
Archie R.	5	MO	MO	MO	son	
Clyde R.	3 11/12	MO	MO	MO	son	
Donald L.	1 8/12	MO	MO	MO	son	

[plus]

James E. Kelly	56	MO	MO	MO	father-in-law	div carpenter construction 1 <sup>st</sup> m. age 20
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[plus]

Clyde G. Mitts	25	MO	MO	MO	brother-in-law	single, lineman electric co.
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