

THE ANCESTORS OF CHARLIE MEEKS

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Britain Meeks and his wife Emaline Rhea are the Patriarchs of Charlie Meeks family. (1) We find them listed in the 1850 Grundy County, Tennessee Federal Census records (2), living in District 7. Britain is 39, Head of household, Farmer and born in Tn, Emeline is 34 and born in Ga. All children listed are born in Tn: James, 1; Margaret, 16; Mary E., 14; John W ("Crip"), 11; Sarah J., 10; Thomas J., 9; Milly T., 7; George D., 6; Joseph C., 2; Elizabeth Rhea, 76, b: Va. (Elizabeth is Emaline's mother).

In the 1860 Grundy Co. Census, this family is living in District 8, Pelham. (3) Britten is 55, H, m, Farmer, 1000 property value, Tn; Emaline is 47, f, Ga.; Thomas J., 17, m, Farmer, Tn; Milly, 16, f, Tn; Joseph C., 12, m, Tn; Jerome W., 8, m, Tn; Josephine Starnes, 19, f, Tn; Elizabeth Easley, 84, f, Va. (Is Josephine Sarah J. listed in 1850? And did Elizabeth Rhea remarry to an Easley??)

Son John "Crip" Meeks had married Mary "Polly" Cope. In the 1844-1880 Grundy County Marriages by Charles A. Sherrill (4), we find the marriage license issued for John and Mary on June 7, 1857 but not returned. This was not an unusual happening due to the distance folks had to travel to the Court House.

John "Crip" and Mary are living in District 7, Pelham, in the 1860 Census records. (3) John is 21, m, Farmer, Tn; Mary, 18, f, Tn; Mary, 6 mos., f, Tn.

In the 1870 Grundy County Census records we do not find Britton or John "Crip" Meeks listed, due to an incomplete census survey. (5) But in the 1880 Grundy Census Emaline had died and Britton had remarried to Hannah M. ??? (6) They are living in District 1, Britton is 70, Farmer, Tn; Hannah M. 58, keeping house, Tn.

Son John "Crip" is living in District 7, he is 38, H, Farmer, Tn; Polly, w, 38, Tn; Mary, 20, f, Tn; T. (Thomas) J. (Jefferson), 17, m, Tn; Arizona, 16, f, Tn; Joseph, 15, m, Tn; James, 14, m, Tn; George, 12, m, Tn; Margaret, 10, f, Tn; Alfred, 8 m, Tn; Eudora, 7, f, Tn; Cloud (Clouse), 5, m, Tn; Lilly, 3, f, Tn.

We do not find Britton or Hannah in the 1900 Grundy County Census, but in District 7, son John "Crip" is listed. (7) John, H, Dec 1836, 58, married 42 yrs, Tn, Tn, Ga; Polly, w, Sept 1841, 58, 15 children, 12 living, Tn, Tn, Tn; Lilly, d, Mar 1879, 21, single, Tn, Tn, Tn; John V. (Vester), s, Feb 1884, 16, s, Tn, Tn, Tn; Bessie, d, Jan 1887, 13, s, Tn, Tn, Tn.

In the 1904-1916 Grundy County Marriages by John E. Sweeton we find this listing: John V. Meeks married Dollie Meeks (daughter of William Houston Meeks, Sr. and Norma Eudonia Idella Northcutt) (see "The Ancestors of Nannie "Doll" Meeks".) on March 15, 1905 by W.B. Pattie, J.P. (8)

In the 1910 Grundy County Census, John "Crip" and son John Vester are both living in District 3. (9) John ("Crip"), H, m, w, 75, married 1, 55 years, Laborer Farm, Tn, Tn, Tn; Polly, w, f, w, 69, married 1, 55 years, 15 children, 12 living, Tn, Tn, Tn.

(John V. (Vester), H, m, w, 28, married 1, 6 years, Laborer at Odd Jobs, Tn, Tn, Tn; Dollie (Nannie "Doll" Meeks) 27, f, w, 27, married 1, 6 years, 3 children, 3 living, Tn, Tn, Tn; Irene, d, f, w, 4, Tn, Tn, Tn; Charlie, s, m, w, 2, Tn, Tn, Tn; Bessie L., d, f, w, Tn, Tn, Tn.

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We do not find John "Crip" or wife Polly in the 1920 Grundy County Census but son John V. (Vester) is living in District 2.(10). John V., h, m, w, 37, married, Tn; Dollie, w, f, w, 37, m, Tn; Irene, d, f, w, 13, single, Tn; Charlie, s, m, w, 12, Tn; Beesaline, d, f, w, 10, s, Tn; Allen, s, m, w, 7, s, Tn; Clyde, s, m, w, 5, s, Tn; Joe L., s, m, w, 1 year 4 months, s, Tn.

"The Meeks Family History" Book, published in 1993 shows this information on John Vester Meeks and Dollie Meeks Meeks.(1) John V. born Feb 1884 , mar. Mar. 1905 Nannie "Doll"Meek s. Their children were:

- 1: Charlie Meeks m. Sparta Campbell*
- 2: Bessaline Meeks m. Bee Sweeton*
- 3: Allen Meeks m. Lorine Nunley*
- 4: Clyde Meeks m. Beulah Mae Smith*
- 5: Joe Meeks m. Arizona Campbell*
- 6: John Meeks m. Mabel _____*
- 7: James Meeks m. Edna Roberts*

In the 1926-1938 Grundy County Marriages we find this listing: Charlie Meeks married Sparta Campbell on July 4, 1929, by Rev. Sam Bone. (11)

Also in the "Meeks Family History" Book we find the following:

Charlie Meeks, b.: 1908, d: 1965: Sparta Campbell; children: Becky; Ruth; Grady; Claudia; Billy Charles married Leona Sanders and had a child named Hagan Meeks(1)

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- 2: 1850 Grundy County, Tennessee Federal Census by Goins and Hobbs*
- 3: 1860 Grundy County, Tennessee Federal Census by Goins and Hobbs*
- 4: 1844-1888 Grundy County, Tennessee Marriages by Charles A. Sherrill*
- 5: 1870 Grundy County, Tennessee Federal Census by Goins and Hobbs*
- 6: 1880 Grundy County, Tennessee Federal Census by Goins and Hobbs*
- 7: 1900 Grundy County, Tennessee Federal Census by Goins and Hobbs*
- 8: 1904-1916 Grundy County Tennessee Marriage Records by John E. Sweeton*
- 9: 1910 Grundy County, Tennessee Federal Census by Goins and Hobbs*
- 10: 1920 Grundy County, Tennessee Federal Census by Dola S. Tylor*
- 11: 1926-1938 Grundy County Tennessee Marriages by John E. Sweeton*
- 12: Researched and compiled by Mona G. Moreland, Feb. 2005*

THE ANCESTORS OF SPARTA CAMPBELL

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In the 1870 Grundy County Federal Census records we find the following information: Zebulen Campbell, 27 yrs. old, Head of household, born Tn.; Jane, 26, wife, born Tn.; James F(Floyd)., 10, m, born Tn.; Ann, 8, f, born Tn.; Josephine, 6, f, born Tn.(1) In 1880 Zebedee is 40, H, b. Tn.; Jane, 29(?), w, b. Tn.; Annie, 11,d,b. Tn.; Dovey 10,d,b. Tn.; Floyd, 18, s, b. Tn. (2)

In the 1874-1894 Grundy County Tennessee Marriages, we find this information, James Campbell and Sarah Ann Scott were married on Jan. 5, 1880 by W.L. Parks, J.P.(3)

In the 1900 Grundy County Tennessee Federal Census James and Sarah are living in District 8 and the following information is shown: James Campbell, H, Oct. 1860, 39, M 22yrs., Farmer, b. Tn.; Sarah, w, Jan. 1862, 37, 9 children, 9 living, b. Tn.; Hilary, s, Jan. 1881, 19, s, b. Tn.; Milas, s, May 1883, s, 17, s, b. Tn.; Cleveland, s, Mar. 1885, 15, s, b. Tn.; Franklin, s, May 1887, 13, s, b. Tn.; Tobias, s May 1890, 10, s, b. Tn.; Allie, d, June 1892, 7, s, b. Tn.; John, s, June 1894, 5, s, b. Tn.; Odyst, s, Jan. 1897, 3, s, b. Tn.; Robert L., s, Feb. 1899, 1, s, b. Tn.(4)

In 1910 James was 50, m 1, 32 yrs., m., Laborer, b. Tn.; Sarah, 49, 32 yrs., m., 9 children, 9 living, b. Tn.; Miles, 26, s, b. Tn.; Frank, 22, s, Coal miner, b. Tn.; Tobe, 20, s, Coal miner, b. Tn.; Alley, 15, d, b. Tn.; John, 14, m, Coal miner, b. Tn.; Oddist, 13, m, b. tn.; Drew, 10, m, b. Tn.(5)

By the 1920 Grundy County Tennessee Census was taken Miles Campbell had married Bessie ????. Miles is 33, H, b. Tn.; Bessie, 26, w, b. Tn.; Sparta, 7, d, b. Tn.; Celo,5, s, b. Tn.; Timy A., 2 yrs. 10 mos., d, b. Tn.; Arizona, 2 mos., d, b. Tn.(6)

In The Meeks Family History Book, we find this information: Charlie Meeks, b. 1908 and died 1965. He married Sparta Campbell on July 4, 1929 by Rev. Sam Bone. (See The Ancestors of Charlie Meeks). Charlie and Sparta had the following children: Becky, Ruth, Grady, Claudia, and Billy Charles. Billy Charles married Leona Sanders and had a child, Hagan Meeks.(7)

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