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John,

Momma said you did not have all of the Dykes family, she said you didn't have our line here tis!

John Wilkerson McCollum-Dykes, you have the info on his birth I sent you.

### **The Family of John Wilkerson McCollum Dykes**

John Wilkerson Dykes~born 17 June 1857 in Tarlton, Warren Co., Tn.

John married Nancy Jane Morton prior to June or July 1883. (Nancy Morton was the daughter of the Rev. John J. Morton and Mary Adaline Smith Morton.) Nancy Morton Dykes was born 25 Dec. 1865 and died 20 Apr. 1957 in Coalmont, Grundy Co., Tn.

John and Nancy's children were:

1: Mary Sue Dykes, born 29 Dec., 1883 in Grundy Co., Tn. and died 3 Mar. 1884 and is buried in the Philadelphia Cemetery, located in Grundy Co., Tn.

2: Anna Belle Dykes, born 11 Mar. 1885 in Grundy Co., Tn. and died 2 Sept. 1936 in Coalmont, Grundy Co., Tn. Anna Belle married David Murphy Griswold on 24 Apr., 1904 by W.K. Irvin, M.G., in Coalmont, Grundy Co., Tn.

3: Rosa Bee Dykes, married John B. Stephens and do not find them listed again in the Grundy County census. Rosa B. died 17 Nov. 1922 and unknown where she is buried. Do not know if Rosa and John had children.

3: Daisy Gustava Dykes, born 2 July 1895 and died 25 June, 1951 in Coalmont, Grundy Co, Tn. Daisy never married. \* A memory I have of Aunt Daisy, "Always on Christmas, my Momma had Granny Dykes and Daisy as guest. Momma served home made wine and Seagram's 7 mixed drinks. Aunt Daisy took Momma's drink and poured wine in it and hid from Granny Dykes, so she wouldn't know she was drinking." "Of course, Daisy got a little high and started giggling and Granny kept asking her what was so funny? This caused Daisy to giggle more." Momma was having a hard time not to break up and start giggling too, but she finally had to let go." Poor Granny Dykes never figured out what all the fuss was about." I hope I never lose the wonderful memories I have of Granny Dykes.

When I took my, to be first husband, to meet Granny Dykes, she interrogated him as to who his parents were, where did he work, how much money he made, etc., etc. I was so embarrassed at first, then I started laughing at the look on his face!!!

5: Louise Beth Dykes, b: 12 June 1901 and died 11 June 1978 in Monteagle, Franklin Co., Tn. Aunt "Weeze" married William Herbert Ross and they had nine children: Herbert Conrad, Norma Louise, John Carroll, Lew Allen, Beverly Ann, Joseph Morton "Joe", Eugene Wesley, Julia Elmyra "Judy" and her twin James Rudolph "Rudy" Ross.

Louisa's sister, Nancy Wilkerson Dykes married the brother of Herbert Ross.

6: Nancy Wilkerson Ross, b: 17 Apr. 1907 in Coalmont, Tn. and d: 19 Mar 1964 in Coalmont, Grundy Co., Tn. She married Albert P. Ross and they had 7 children: Albert Larry, Iris Christine, John Jacob, Rosemary, Bettye Janice, Jerry Ivan and Nancy Carole Ross.

Note: The parents of Wm. Herbert and Albert P. Ross were John William Ross and Mary Jane Smith.

## **The Family of Anna Belle Dykes and David Murphy Griswold con't:**

Tom and I had four children:

1: Mona Lee Moore b: 30 Dec. 1955 in Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co.,Tn.

Mona Lee married 1<sup>st</sup>. David Douglas in Gainesville, Fl. Mona Lee and David had two children:

1: Emily Anne Douglas b: 16 Aug 1983 in the Riverside Hospital, Jacksonville, Duval Co., Fl.

Emily graduated from college in 2007 and is advancing her education in Florida to obtain her Masters Degree in Library Science. Emily isn't married.

Mona Lee divorced David Douglas and later remarried to John McDougal Brittingham

2: Stuart Kabota Douglas b: 9 July 1985 in the Riverside Hospital, Jacksonville, Duval Co., Fl.

Stuart also graduated from college in 2007 and is also advancing his education in Florida to obtain his Masters Degree also. Stuart also isn't married

2: Thomas Davis Moore, Jr. b: 30 Nov 1958 in Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co.,Tn

Thomas isn't married. Thomas graduated from High School at Clay County High School, Orange Park, Clay Co., Fl. . Thomas was in a surfing accident when he was 19 years old which left him a Quadriplegic. He attended college in Jacksonville, Fl and after graduation he worked for the City of Jacksonville as a computer programmer. He continued working until his health worsened and he had to give his job up. He lived in Jacksonville a few years more until he moved back to his Father's farm in Gruetli, Grundy Co., Tn. where he still resides.

Thomas is a strong and very determined person and I am so very proud of him. He never had complained about his condition, always has a smile for folks and loves his nephew, Stuart, and his nieces Emily and Olivia.

3: Anna Evelyn Moore was born Dec. 1, 1962 in Grant Hospital, Columbus, Franklin Co., Oh.

Anna was raised in Canal Winchester, Ohio, Sewanee ,Franklin Co., Tn, Orange Park, Clay Co.,Fl., and Jacksonville, Duval Co., Fl. Anna was murdered on March 14, 1983. Her body was taken back to Tennessee and she is buried in the family plot at the Fall Creek Cemetery located in Laager, Grundy Co., Tn. Anna never married.

4: Claire Kathrene Moore was born on Oct. 29, 1965 in Emerald Hodges Hospital, Sewanee, Franklin Co., Tn. Her family moved to Orange Park, Fl. where she attended Kindergarten through 12 th. Grade at Orange Park, Fl High School. Claire enroll in college at Middle Tennessee State University where she obtained her B.S. degree and now teaches French in Duval Co., Fl Schools.

Claire married Jeffery, "Jeff", Randall Cowart on 25 Nov. 1994 in Jacksonville, Duval Co., Fl.

Their only child, Olivia Mae Cowart was born Aug. 3, 2002 and she lives with her Mother now as she and Jeff are separated and in the process of divorcing.

Jeffery, "Jeff", Randall Cowart's parents are Jon Robert Cowart and Mary Ruth Baird Cowart of Jacksonville, Fl.

Tom and I divorced in 1973 and I remarried on Oct. 15, 1975 in Kingsland, Ga. to Paul Emerson Gove. Paul and I had no children and we divorced in Jacksonville, Duval Co., Fl in 1979.

I met my husband, Karl Philip Moreland in the late summer of 1981 and we married in Winchester, Fredrick Co., Va, on 27 Nov. 1981. Karl has two children by his 1<sup>st</sup> wife. They are Krista Kay and Mark Allen Moreland . Krista Kay and Mark Allen were later adopted by their stepfather and took the last name of Hoffman. Karl has three grandchildren.

Karl and I have lived in Fla., Pa., W Va., and have found the spot we want to live till we pass on, Duncan, Oklahoma. We both keep in close touch with our families.

After Anna Vivian Louise Griswold Sweeton divorced my Dad, Carl Wilson Sweeton she married by J.D. Nysewander, Minister to Alton Thomas Douglas" Doug" Goforth on Aug. 20, 1949 in Dalton, Whitfield, Ga. and to this marriage there are two daughters After their daughter Nancy Jane was born Anna and Doug divorced. They later remarried on Apr. 1, 1955 by Rev.

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Allen Hardinson in Monteagle, Franklin Co., Tn. Anna and Doug lived in Tracy City, Tn. until they moved to Denver, Co. in 1959. After Anna and Dough retired they moved back to the mountains of Tennessee where they had build a new home on the bluffs outside of the town Monteagle, Grundy Co., Tn. They lived happily for many years until Doug died of Cancer in Nashville, Davidson Co., Tn. Doug is buried in City Cemetery, Tracy City, Grundy Co., Tn. Doug served in the U.S. Army in WWII and kept up with his comrades until his death. He was my mentor, he taught me, **THAT IF YOU DO SOMETHING, "DO IT RIGHT" AND "IF YOU USE SOMETHING ALWAYS "PUT IT BACK WHERE YOU GOT IT!"** And he taught me that family was the most important thing in this life. Oh, how I miss him. His parents were John Anderson Goforth and Sarah Jane Carrick Goforth.

1: Nancy Jane Goforth was born on July 31, 1951 in Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., Tn. Nancy grew up in Tracy City, Grundy Co., Tn. until her parents moved to Littleton, Co. She graduated from High School in Littleton and graduated from college at Middle Tennessee State College. Nancy Jane was hired by the State of Tennessee Department of Human Services, where she retired.

Nancy Jane married Michael Wayne Blair on Dec. 29, 1973 and they divorced and there were no children by this marriage. Nancy Jane remarried in 1998 to Arthur Wade Daugherty. Wade was born and raised in Nashville, Davidson Co., Tn. Nancy and Wade have no children and they live in Nashville, Tn.

2: Anna Douglas Kathrene "Katie" Goforth was born on 16 July, 1957 in Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., Tn. and her family moved to Denver, Co. when she was young. Katie attended school in Littleton, Co. from 1<sup>st</sup>. grade through 12<sup>th</sup>. grade. She received her B.S. Degree from the University of Colorado at Bolder, Co. She worked at various jobs and bought her parents home in Littleton after they moved back to Tennessee. Later Katie moved to Tennessee to be close to her family and bought a home close to Nashville. After her father died she sold her home and Momma sold her home in Monteagle and they bought a home together in Franklin, Tennessee and lived there a few years. Momma got homesick for the mountain and her friends, so she purchased a small home in Tracy City and moved back to the mountain. Katie also purchased a home in Tracy City where she lives now. Katie teaches in an elementary school in South Pittsburg, Marion Co., Tn. now. Katie has never married.

4: Nancy Bernice Griswold born on 24 Feb 1924 in Coalmont, Grundy Co., Tn. Bernice married in Christ Episcopal Church by Father Adams Victor Floyd Gross on Nov, 30, 1940 in Tracy City, Grundy Co., Tn. Bernice and Victor had two sons:

1: David Edgar Gross b: May 9 1942 in Tracy City, Grundy Co., Tn. David married Peggy Ruth Shrum on Dec. 21 1963 in the United Methodist Church, Tracy City, by Rev. Jacob H. Gardner. David Edgar and Peggy have two sons:

1: John David Gross, born 12 Jan 1972 in Hendersonville, Sumner Co., Tn and John married Kelly Marie Thompson and they have two children: a son Austin David Gross and a daughter Abby Leigh Gross.

2: Allan Edgar Gross, born 9 Sept 1974 in Hendersonville, Sumner Co., Tn. If Allen has married I don't have a record of the marriage.

Peggy Ruth Shrum is the daughter of Taylor Shrum and Julie Harris Shrum.

David Edgar Gross died Oct. 20, 1998 in Hendersonville, Sumner Co., Tn and is buried in the Plainview Cemetery, Tracy City, Tn. David Edgar and my brother Carl David Sweeton were best of friends and dearest cousins. David Edgar died six weeks after my brother.

2: Michael "Mike" Victor Gross b: Oct 5 1943 in Tracy City, Grundy Co., Tn. Mike married Lura Faye Taylor in the in the United Methodist Church, Tracy City, by Rev. Jacob H. Gardner.

## **The Family of Anna Belle Dykes and David Murphy Griswold:**

David Murphy Griswold was the son of George Gilbert Griswold and Martha J. "Mattie" Bennett. He married Anna Belle Dykes on 24 April, 1904 by W.K. Irvin, M.G. (Minister of the Gospel), in Coalmont, Grundy Co., Tn. Of this marriage there were five children.

1: Maretta Ellene Griswold, b:7 Oct. 1907 in Coalmont, Grundy Co., Tn. Ellene died on 30 June 1921 in Hartford, Sebastian Co., Arkansas, possibly of Typhoid Fever. Her body was shipped back to Tennessee by train and during the shipment her body was lost, but eventually was found. Ellen is buried in the Altamont City Cemetery, Altamont, Grundy Co., Tn.

Have picture of Ellene and will send with this info.

2: David "Dave" Winfred Griswold was born 2 Aug. 1914 in Hartford, Sebastian Co., Arkansas and died 10 July 1996 in Winchester, Franklin Co., Tn. Dave served in the U.S. Army for 30 years, one of the places he served was in Germany during WWII and obtained the rank of Sergeant even though he only had one eye. As a child wearing a long dress, he was playing with his Mother's scissors and caught them in his dress and pulled them and they struck his eye. Dave also served in Korea, he was a cook in most of his time in service. Dave retired from the service of country with the rank of Master Sergeant.

Dave was married three times: 1: Orene Mills, who had been married before and had two girls, Dave loved these girls as if they were his own. Orene and Dave divorced. Then Dave married Wilma Schnider. Wilma had a stroke and died in Colorado Springs, Co. and is buried in the National Cemetery located in Denver, Co. Dave and Wilma had no children.

After Wilma died it was several years before he remarried to his 3<sup>rd</sup> wife, Mildred "Millie" Silverton. Millie had a son by a previous marriage but she and Dave had no children. After Dave died Millie stayed in Monteagle, Tn. until her health failed her and she moved to Hawaii to be near her son, and she died and is buried there.

David Winfred Griswold is buried in the City Cemetery, Tracy City, Grundy Co., Tn.

I will attach 2 pictures of Dave.

3: Anna Vivian Louise Griswold, born 1 Jan, 1917 in Hartford, Sebastian, Arkansas. Anna married 1<sup>st</sup> to Carl Wilson Sweeton. They married on Nov. 30. 1935 in Monteagle, Grundy Co., Tn. Carl Wilson Sweeton was the son of Charles Parker Sweeton and Abbie Davis Brown Sweeton.

To this union were two children:

1: Carl David Parker Sweeton,(Little Man) b:25 Dec.1936 in Tracy City, Grundy Co., Tn. Little Man married Linda Kay Campbell on Dec. 28, 1961 in Rossville, Walker Co., Ga. To this marriage was one son, David Edwin Sweeton, b:10 Dec. 1962 in Atlanta, Fulton Co., Ga. and died 31 Oct. 2002 in Newnan, Ga. David Edwin never married. David Edwin is buried in the Plainview Cemetery, Tracy City, Grundy Co., Tn. His mother, Linda, was the daughter of Ernest Campbell and Jewel VanHooser.

Little Man served in the U.S. Navy from 1954-1957 and one of his ships mission was the patrolling the Formosa Straits. After his tour of duty was over, Little Man went to Oklahoma City, Ok. to take Air Traffic Controller training. After finishing this training he was hired as an Air Traffic Controller at the Atlanta International Airport. When he retired he had obtained the position of Air Traffic Controller Supervisor.

Carl David Sweeton died of a Heart attack at his home on 2 Sept., 1998. He is buried in City Cemetery, Tracy City, Grundy Co., Tn.

2: Mona Griswold Sweeton b: 10 Dec. 1937 in Tracy City, Grundy Co., Tn. I married 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas, "Tom" Davis Moore, Sr. on 18 Mar., 1955 in Christ Episcopal Church in Tracy City, Grundy Co., Tn. Thomas Davis Moore is the son of James Horace Moore, Sr. and Mary Evelyn Northcutt Moore.

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on Feb 21 1964. Mike and Faye have two children.

1: Nancy Lynn Gross b: 29 Sept 1967 in Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co. Tn  
Nancy Lynn married Carlton Ray Parmley on Aug 6 1988 in Christ Episcopal Church, Tracy  
City, Grundy Co.,Tn.

Nancy Lynn and Carlton have two children:

- 1: Taylor Carrick Parmley birth date unknown
- 2: Megan Elizabeth Parmley birth date unknown

Lura Faye Taylor is the child of Everett Taylor and Martha Caldwell Taylor.

Victor Floyd Gross was the son of Edgar Harrison Gross and Ruby Willis Tate Gross.

John,

This turned out to be a memory of my family and our lives and not especially a genealogy  
project, and as such lots of tears flowed while composing it.

I will be attaching pictures of these families, a couple at a time. I hope this will extend you  
family research on our Dykes families. Any questions you have let me know and I will be glad to  
see if I can find answers for you.

Your far fetched Dykes cousin,

Mona

## Women of Grundy County: Nancy Jane Morton Dykes

by Anna G. Goforth

*Nancy Jane Morton was born December 25, 1865, the child of The Rev. John J. Morton (b. Jan. 10, 1829; d. March 16, 1905) and Mary Adaline Smith Morton (b. Jan. 10, 1833; d. July 22, 1909). The family lived in Tarlton Valley, where John Morton held church services in their home. He later founded the First Methodist Church in Tarlton, where he, his wife, and his children are now buried. Their children:*

<i>James Carroll Morton</i>	<i>b. 10 June, 1853</i>	<i>d. 3 August, 1951</i>
<i>md. Charity Woodlee</i>	<i>b. 5 April, 1861</i>	<i>d. 18 August, 1951</i>
<i>William (Wid) Morton</i>	<i>b. 20 February, 1856</i>	<i>d. 25 May, 1944</i>
<i>md. Elmira Dykes</i>	<i>b. 29 September, 1860</i>	<i>d. 19 August, 1949</i>
<i>Monroe Morton</i>	<i>birth and death dates unknown</i>	
<i>md. Susan Brown</i>	<i>b. 1858</i>	<i>d. 1910</i>
<i>George Washington Morton</i>	<i>b. 19 November, 1861</i>	<i>d. 2 Nov., 1946</i>
<i>md. Prudence Dykes</i>	<i>b. 15 November, 1869</i>	<i>d. 21 Oct., 1901</i>
<i>Nancy Jane Morton</i>	<i>b. 25 December, 1865</i>	<i>d. 20 April, 1957</i>
<i>md. John Wilkerson Dykes</i>	<i>b. 17 June, 1857</i>	<i>d. 19 November, 1919</i>
<i>Elias (E.J.) Morton</i>	<i>b. 14 April, 1870</i>	<i>d. 19 April, 1950</i>
<i>md. Rosa Bess</i>	<i>b. 12 July, 1878</i>	<i>d. 5 April, 1961</i>
<i>Mary E. Morton</i>	<i>b. 17 September, 1873</i>	<i>d. 30 July, 1937</i>
<i>md. George F. Clendenon</i>	<i>b. 10 August, 1869</i>	<i>d. 24 December, 1948</i>

### *Children of John Wilkerson Dykes and Nancy Jane Morton Dykes:*

*Anna Belle Dykes, b. 11 March, 1885; d. Sept. 2, 1936; m. David Murphy Griswold. Ch: 1) Marietta Ellene, 2) David Winfred, 3) Anna Vivian, 4) John Vernon, 5) Nancy Bernice.*

*Rosa Bee Dykes, b. July 2, 1890; d. Nov. 17, 1922; m. John B. Stephens*

*Daisy Gustava Dykes, b. July 2, 1895; d. June 25, 1951; Never married*

*Hallie May Dykes, b. April 4, 1898; d. Nov. 19, 1898; Died young*

*Louise Beth Dykes, b. June 12, 1901; d. June 11, 1978; m. Herbert Ross. Ch: 1)*

*Herbert Conway, 2) Norma Louise, 3) John Carroll, 4) Lew Allen, 5) Beverly Ann, 6)*

*Joseph Morton, 7) Eugene Westley, 8) Julia Elmyra, 9) James Rudolph.*

*Nancy Wilkerson Dykes, b. April 7, 1907; d. March 19, 1964; m. Albert Ross. Ch: 1)*

*Albert Larry, 2) Iris Christine, 3) John Jacob, 4) Rosemary, 5) Bettye Janice, 6) Jerry*

*Ivan, 7) Nancy Carole.*

**Women of Grundy County: Nancy Jane Morton Dykes (con't)****Memories of Grannie Dykes**

After the death of her husband, Nancy Jane Dykes (Grannie Dykes) was left to raise three children. She ran three boarding houses, one in Coalmont called "The Wigwam", one in Tracy City at the Stepp Place, and then later, the "Big Onion" in Coalmont. Boarders were travelling salesmen, miners, and railroaders. One man boarded at the Big Onion for over seven years.

I have many fond childhood memories of the Big Onion. The Big Onion was huge, with five bedrooms but no bathrooms. The home was heated by fireplaces in the living room, downstairs bedroom, dining room, and by a woodburning stove in the kitchen. The Home Comfort Stove had a warming oven and a reservoir to keep water hot. Grannie Dykes would take an "eye" off, put a big iron kettle down in the hole, and cook the most wonderful foods--dried beans with ham hocks, green beans with little new potatoes and maybe several pods of new okra or yellow squash cooked on top of the beans. Grannie always had a bowl of sliced onions on the table for her midday meal; I asked Willie Mae (Curtis) Mullican if that was the reason Grannie's boarding house was called The Big Onion--"Well, of course!"

I remember that big old house with the stairs just made for sliding down. There was a finial at the end that kept you from sliding off. Under the stairs, Grannie kept apples wrapped in paper to last her all winter. I suppose there were other foods stored there, but I only remember the apples and canning jars full of vegetables, berries, and other fruits. Grannie had a cow, chickens and pigs. She bought fresh beef from meat vendors who came by wagon each Saturday. We'd have steak for breakfast the following Sunday morning. In November when it was hog killing time we had tenderloin with biscuits and milk gravy ...no knowledge then of cholesterol or fat being bad for you! It must not have made any difference back then; all the Mortons lived to be in their nineties! Grannie lived to be 93. Her children were not so fortunate; most died of cancer and only Aunt Weeze (Louise Dykes Ross) lived to be 70.

**Women of GrundyCounty: Nancy Jane Morton Dykes (con't)**

I can remember some of the meals we had at Grannie's house--big bowls of mashed or fried potatoes, homemade pickles, pepper relish and chowchow, cornbread or biscuits, beans, fried round steak, ham or chicken fried or stewed with dumplings. Several of Grannie's granddaughters and great grand-daughters still make chicken and homemade dumplings. My sister Bernice Gross is noted for her chicken and dumplings, as is Ann Brazelton's daughter Sharon. Sharon always brings a big pot of chicken and dumplings to the Ross Reunion. Janice Ross Oliver says, "You'd better get in line early to get some!"

Other foods we have tried to duplicate are Grannie's apple cobbler, apple stack cake and fried apple pies. Bernice recently made a stack cake from dried apples Esther Hembree had given her, and after tasting it we all said, "That just about does it!", a saying handed down from Pib Campbell. But that's another story!

A big pantry held all the dishes Grannie used when the boarders gathered to eat. A lot of those dishes eventually ended up under the back steps! It was Grannie's daughter Daisy's job to carry the dishes from the dining room to the kitchen for washing. If Daisy carried too many at a time and they crashed, she would pick up the pieces, go out the back door, and shove the broken dishes up under the steps of the house. Apparently Grannie had so many dishes that she never noticed the loss!

Some of our best times at Grannie's house were with Bill Sparkman, a boarder who played the piano. He could play almost any song from memory, and we would gather around the piano and sing. When Bill didn't play, Aunt Weeze or Mama would, although my mother was trained to play the organ. Aunt Weeze played the piano beautifully.

Granddaughter Ann once said, "Grannie Dykes was my idol." Except for short periods, none of Grannie's children lived with her after their marriages, but all lived nearby. Our mothers were busy with babies and household chores, and Grannie just took us all under her wing. I cannot remember her ever scolding or fussing at me, although I am sure she did. She was a strong-willed woman, very outspoken, with powerful beliefs about what she thought was right. She thought you should go to church, pay your bills, save your money, obey your parents and elders without question, and work for what you got. In fact, Grannie Dykes was the idol of all her grandchildren.