

THE GWARTNEY FAMILY TREE

By Mrs. Clint (Grace) Nichols

The Gwartney family was a good sized family - I believe 12 or 13 children.

Great, great Grandmother was Hattie Kessenger. George Gwartney was born in 1824; he was the oldest, I think. There was John Gwartney, Anthony Gwartney, my daddy, Jim Gwartney, Alfred Gwartney, Margaret Gwartney, Julia Ann, Angeline, Elizabeth Gwartney, the daughter of Frank, Eliza who died in Indiana - Eliza was Eliza Hathaway. I remember when she died but I never saw her. She never came to Arkansas so far as I know.

James Gwartney was born in Indiana on May 17, 1850 and died September 12 in Arkansas in 1870 of typhoid fever.

Laura Ann Gwartney (Hassel) was born in Indiana on January 16, 1857. Mother and Daddy were married 18 years and six months. They had a family of nine children who lived to be grown. Five of them were: Dora Gwartney Hart, Maggie Gwartney Nichols, Robert R. Gwartney, Jess J. Gwartney, and Grace Ann Gwartney Nichols. Anthony, Mary Francis, Franklin and Iceota all died in infancy.

My mother and father were united in marriage on April 4, 1872 in Velopen, Indiana. To this union were born 9 children: Mary Frances January 6, 1874; Iceota, June 3, 1875; Emma Dora, March 18, 1876; Henry Anthony, August 29, 1878; Maggie Nettie August 1, 1880; R. R. Gwartney, Nov. 25, 1883; and Jess J. Gwartney, March 23, 1886; and Grace Ann Gwartney, August 19, 1889.

We lived in what was called Garden Hollow in the Donevan School District until I was nine years old. A man - Mr. Boggs - came through there. He was a carpenter and a very good one. That is how Mother met him. After our house was built Mr. Boggs was home very little as his work took him away so much. Mother had one son, Leo, by Mr. Boggs. He lived to be about three years old. He was darling, I thought.

One of the Nichols boys, Earl who was Clint's brother, and his family who was Fay Cahoun finally bought the Gordon Hollow place. Earl passed away in 1969. Leo was born on June 17, 1895 and died September 21, 1897.

I was married to Clint Nichols in 1906. Jess Gwartney, my brother, and I had a double wedding ceremony in Pineville, Missouri. We were married by a Methodist minister. We drove in separate buggies to Pineville and back. Went home to Mother Nichols for our evening supper, then to a literary at the Hiwasse School house, then on out to Mothers and upstairs to sleep. Jess and Maggie were in one bed and Clint and me in the other bed. Next day I moved my belongings out to Clint's home which wasn't far away. Jess and Robert, I'm quite sure were living in our home place in the Hollow and Jess and Maggie went there to live for the time being.

Clint and a cousin, Luther Galyeon decided to go to Washington to see about work. Luther Galyeon and Pearl Hatcher had been married in March after Clint and me were married in January, so we were starting out on Lifer's Adventures together.

About this time, I think, Jess and Maggie decided on Mexico so that is where they landed. We goth no farther than Kansas City. Jess and Maggie had some differences am sorry to say but finally got back together and lived in California where quite a family was born. Lucian, about Harold's age, was born in Mexico, in May 1907. Lucian didn't live but two or three years. He is burried in Mexico. They had Maxine, Little Jess, and Dean. Beulah and Euiah and Dean are all still living in 1971. Jess passed away May 24, 1961 and Maggie in 1963.

Grace Gwartney, youngest of Laura and James Gwartney family and she went to Donevan School in the Hollow. Frank Macoytee was the teacher and Brinegar was one too. I remember Jess went to the same School, too. I went to the last school at Donevan and to the first school in Hiwasse. I think I was 9 years the first year at Hiwasse to Mr. Brinegar. Robert didn't stay long in Hiwasse; ran away in the night. But Jess surprised us and stayed two summers to help plow the crops.

We had several upsand downs after Mother married Mr. Edwards. You would expect that with two families living together.

Sister Maggie worked out for other people so much. In 1900 Maggie married Walter Nichols, a cousin of my dear husband, Clint Nichok. Only two children are left of the Edwards family - Zona Edwards and myself of Laura Gwartney's family. Mother was 74 years-9 mths when she died in 1931.

I had six children, all living in 1971. I live alone - have since I lost my darling in 1964. I am looking forward to a happy home with my loved ones all gathered together over yonder. Won't all of you prepare for that time, too? I have six children 12 grandchildren; and 16 great grand children.

May God bless and save each one of you who is not sure of his salvation. I know in whom I have believed. I know He is able to keep that which I have comitted unto him.