

## Wroten, Day and Allied Families

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We begin our journey in County Wiltshire, England in the 16th century when a gentleman named Sir William Wroughton was knighted on 11 May 1544 by the Earl of Hertford, and who was a son of Johannes Wroughton who died on 16 August 1496. The estate and manor house that became the property of Sir William Wroughton would become the village known as Wroughton and which remains in existence today.



Over the course of many generations the name Wroughton has undergone many spelling changes including those of *Wroten, Wrotten, Rhoden, Roaten, Routin, and yes, even ROTTON!*

**Left: At Wroughton, Helen Allingham (1848-1926)**

Our American progenitor was that of Hezekiah Wroten who came to the Virginia colony in the year 1619 on the ship Bona Nova. His future wife Margaret also came to the Virginia colony with her parents on the ship Warwick. Discussion continues about the correct lineage of their descendants; however, over the passage of time many of these descendants would move to other colonies and states. We continue the lineage at a later generation:

- Nehemiah Wroten, Sr., migrated to Orangeburg County, South Carolina where he was living in 1790. He died 28 May 1803, Barren County, Kentucky. He was married to Sarah and their first child was
- Isaiah Wroten, Sr., born 20 Jan 1771, settled with other family members in what was then Orangeburg County, South Carolina, but which in 1797 became Barnwell County. He died 26 Jan 1807 in Barnwell County and is buried in Denmark Cemetery with other family members. This site is now located in Bamberg County, South Carolina, which was created from part of Barnwell County in 1897.



### Markers for Isaiah Wrotten, Sr., and Rebecca Hickman Wrotten Quartermas

#### Denmark Cemetery, Bamberg County, South Carolina

The name of his first wife is unknown, but his second wife was Rebecca Hickman, daughter of John Hickman and Elizabeth Bright. She was born 23 Oct 1778 and died 23 June 1856, Barnwell District, South Carolina. Following the death of Isaiah Wrotten, Sr.. Rebecca married Peter Quartermus.

By the year 1814 many of the Wrotens, along with the allied families of Hickman and Bright, had resettled in Mississippi, and by 1830, we find them living in a number of south Mississippi counties including Lawrence, Copiah, Pike, and Franklin.

- Isaiah Wrotten, Jr.

Isaiah Wrotten, Jr., a child of the first wife of Isaiah Wrotten, Sr., was born ca. 1790. We find him first on the 1810 Federal Census of Barnwell County, South Carolina<sup>1</sup> with a wife and an infant daughter. He had arrived in south Mississippi by the year 1814 where he enlisted as "Isaiah Routine", Private, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Mississippi Militia, War of 1812. He appears in the Franklin County, Mississippi, for 1816. In 1820 he was living in Franklin County, Mississippi, with his wife, a daughter and two young sons. He died in 1829, according to the records of the late Daysidel Day Brister-Berryhill. He was married to Sarah Louisa (Winnie) Hickman, a daughter of Thomas Hickman and Rebecca Blitchington, and granddaughter of John Hickman and Elizabeth Hickman. The marriage of Isaiah Wrotten, Jr., and Sarah Louisa Bright produced three children:

1. Mary Eliza Wrotten appears as an infant in the 1810 Federal Census of Bamberg County, South Carolina. In 1820 she is living as a child. She later married Henry Day.

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<sup>1</sup> Isaiah Wrotten is indexed at Ancestry.com as "Josiah Roten".

2. William Wrote, (traditional son) appears as a child in the 1820 Federal Census of Franklin County, Mississippi. No further information.

3. Zachariah Wroten appears as a young child in the 1820 Federal Census of Franklin County, Mississippi. He later married Louisa Maria Clarke (See later)

In the year 1839, as best the record shows, Winnie, the widow of Isaiah Wroten, Jr., would move to Newton County, Mississippi, with her daughter Mary Eliza and son-in-law Henry Day. They did not come alone, however, bringing also Winnie's son Zachariah, likely her son William and bringing her parents, Thomas and Rebecca Hickman. According to the late Lee Elbert Johnson, Thomas Hickman bought a 160-acre tract of land two miles east of Decatur on what would have been 16th Section Land, and following his death and that of his wife Rebecca, sometime after the year 1840, the land was transferred to their grandson, Zachariah Wroten. It is likely that Mary Eliza and Henry Day also lived on that land during the early days of their marriage. Winnie died some after the year 1850 and it is thought that her son Zachariah lived on the land until his removal to Texas many years later.



### **Descendants of Mary Eliza Wroten and Henry Day**

Mary Eliza Wroten married 27 Mar 1827, Lawrence County, Mississippi, to Henry Day and they are shown as living in Lawrence County, Mississippi, and are shown by federal census records to be living in Lawrence County in 1830 and Newton County, Mississippi, in 1840.

Henry Day was born on 20 March 1800, South Carolina—died 12 January 1859, Decatur, Mississippi. Daysidel Day Bruister-Berryhill, despite a life-time of searching for his parentage, admitted in a letter to the author dated 7 February 2005:

“My Day files bulge with my findings—yet, I still can not prove parentage of Henry Day whose wife was Mary E. Wroten. Oh, yes, there's plenty of circumstantial evidence. I just wish for certainty.

“Henry, I believe was son of Henry and wife Mary Blitchington. He, along with other former Barnwell Co., South Carolina residents came to Newton Co., MS, about 1839 (Keens, Hickmans).”

This is only part of the mystery for Henry Day. When the author first approached his grave marker ca 1972, he remembers the name as “Henry C. Day”. The image was so powerful in his mind that he suspected Henry was a namesake for the political figure Henry Clay. Not so, of course, as history would show. Henry Clay belonged to a different era.

By 1995 Henry Day's marker had fallen and broken across the letters in his name. This was the image that Dr. Robert Ervin Smith and his parents Bonnie Addy Smith and Jackson Smith likely saw when they inventoried the cemetery and published their findings in Newton County, Mississippi: A Cemetery Census, 1782-1995, EBRs Publishing Company, 1995.



At a later date, Dr. Joseph C. Todd and Dickie Day picked up the broken fragments of Henry's grave marker, and from rubbings concluded that the name was "Henry E. Day", and on that basis, replaced the marker. A partial review of Daysidel Day Bruister Berryhill's records do not go beyond "Henry Day."

Mary Eliza and Henry moved from Lawrence County, Mississippi, following their marriage and are said to have lived briefly at McComb, Mississippi. They arrived in Newton County in 1839 in company with members of the Hickman family. According to Dr. Joe Todd, they lived briefly near the present site of Beulah Church before moving to the Chapel Hill community. Henry was a farmer and died in 1859. On 26 March 1855, Henry patented 120 acres of land in Section 9, Township 7, Range 12 E,

this land valued at 60 cents an acre.

Family records, combined with census records, indicate that they were the parents of at least 14 children.

The stories surrounding the death of Mary Eliza vary slightly; however, the common thread is that she went to take care of at least one of her sons who were in military service in the Civil War and who had developed camp fever. She developed the same illness and died on the way home at Sand Springs, according to one version of the story. She is buried in Decatur Cemetery. A review of facts indicates that she was at the bedside of her son Henry Woten Day when he died at Lauderdale Springs, Lauderdale County, Mississippi. She died two weeks later, we believe, having been returned to the residence of her daughter Rachel Day Gallaspy who lived in the Sand Springs community of Newton County.

Four of their sons, John Day, Andrew Jackson Day, Henry W. Day, and Zachariah Wroten Day all served in the Civil War, but according to a niece, Stella Puckett Gibbon, was recorded by

Daysidel Day Bruister Berryhill in 1978 the first three Day brothers died, unmarried, while in service, and were buried in Decatur Cemetery. Read **more on these soldiers later**.

### Children of Mary Eliza Wroten and Henry Day

1. Rachel Ann Day, born 29 December 1827, Lawrence County, Mississippi—died 1917; married John G. Gallaspy 9W33 L5see later.
2. Permelia Day, born 28 October 1830, Lawrence County, Mississippi—died 3 August 1910, Newton County, Mississippi, married Garland Miller Gallaspy (See later)
3. Mary Day, born ca. 1833, Lawrence County, Mississippi. No further information.
4. Elizabeth (Betty) Day, born 1834, Lawrence County, Mississippi—died 18 April 1920, Lawrence, Newton County, Mississippi; married Eli M. Pennington (See later)
5. John Day, born 1836, Lawrence County, Mississippi—died 31 Dec 1862, Battle of Stone's Creek, Tennessee, Civil War. John Day, was assigned to Company D (also E) of the 30th Mississippi Regiment, and was killed at the Battle of Stone's River, Tennessee. A memorial marker has been placed in Decatur Cemetery.
6. Andrew Jackson Day, born 1839, Newton County, Mississippi—died 1864 and marker placed in Decatur Cemetery. He was a Private, Company E, 48<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Infantry, CSA  
The third son, Andrew Jackson Day, served as a Private, Company E, 48th Mississippi Infantry, CSA. Having fought most of the war and malnourished and medically unfit Andrew was discharged from hospital to return home from Northern Virginia as medically unfit. He never made it home and his actual place of burial is unknown Through the efforts of Dr. Joseph C. Todd, a memorial marker has been placed in the Decatur Cemetery, Decatur, Mississippi
7. Henry W. Day, born 1842, Newton County, Mississippi; died 4 July 1862, Lauderdale Springs, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, while in military training, Civil War. This event documented (without names) by George Powell Clarke in his book, ***Reminiscences and Anecdotes of the War for Southern Independence***. (On the NCHGS website see the story **The Death of A Soldier**.)
8. Winnie Ann Day, born 24 August 1843, Newton County, Mississippi—died 17 November 1928, Hattiesburg, Forrest County, Mississippi; married Martin Vastine (Wastine) Addy (See later).
9. Susan Day, born 1844, Newton County, Mississippi. No further record.
10. William Jasper Day, born 1844, Newton County, Mississippi—died 1916. Jasper was raised by the John Gallaspy after the death of his parents. He later operated a mercantile store at Conehatta, Mississippi. . He reportedly died in 1916, but we have no cemetery marker of his grave. He never married.

11. Zachariah Wroten "Zach" Day, born 12 July 1849, Newton County, Mississippi—died 1 May 1935; married Emily Catherine Wansley
12. Pamela Day, born 1850, Newton County, Mississippi—died before 1860, Newton County, Mississippi. No further record.
13. Victoria Ann Day, born 12 October 1852, Decatur, Newton County, Mississippi—died 14 November 1930, Oakland community, Newton County, Mississippi; married John Pressley Puckett (See later).
14. Samuel Marion Day, born 3 May 1854, Decatur, Newton County, Mississippi—died 26 December 1936, Decatur, Mississippi; married Eliza Frances Puckett (See later.)

### **Descendants of Rachel Ann Day and John G. Gallaspy**

Rachel Ann Day, daughter of Mary Eliza Wroten and Henry Day, married ca

1848 to John G. Gallaspy, likely son of James Gallaspy and Elizabeth Guin. He was born 1818 in Madison County, Kentucky, and died of rheumatism in October 1880, Newton County, Mississippi, according to the U. S. Federal Census Mortality Schedule for 1880. His cemetery marker bears the death date of 2883 and is in error.



**Left: Rachel Day Gallaspy**

John G. Gallaspy, along with his brother Garland Miller Gallaspy, was among the first merchants in Newton County, often combining their business enterprises with farming. In 1850 John was operating a store in the now extinct town of Chunkeyville, Lauderdale County, Mississippi. He also was appointed post master for this town for the period 4 May 1848—23 June 1852. He later moved his store to the Sand Springs community between Hickory and Decatur at the present site of Little Rock M. B. Church. John operated a plantation and owned slaves and many of their descendants continue to live in this area.

John G. Gallaspy was appointed Postmaster, Hickory, Mississippi, on 9 Nov 1868 and remained in that position through 2 October 1869.

Although John G. Gallaspy and his brother Garland Miller Gallaspy had few children between them, they represent the first in four or more generations of Gallaspys in Newton County with business interests, not only in Hickory and Chunky, but in Newton, Union, and Decatur as well. They were also farmers also and approached their farming interests with the same level of efficiency as their other business enterprises.

### Children of Rachel Ann Day and John G. Gallaspy are

1. Mary E. Gallaspy, born 1845, Chunkeyville, Lauderdale County, Mississippi. No further informatin.
2. James Henry Gallaspy, born 31 October 1848, Chunkeyville, Lauderdale County, Mississippi—died 27 August 1882, Decatur, Mississippi; married Eliza McCormick Johnson, who following his death, married (2) Daniel Richard Mabry.
3. Mary Josephine Gallaspy, born 6 December 1853, Newton County, Mississippi—died 31 May 1914; married Henry Polk Scoggin
4. Garland Miller Gallaspy, born 12 October 1860, Newton County, Mississippi—died 10 May 1910, Decatur, Newton County, Mississippi. Often referred to as Garland Miller Gallaspy, he was a nephew of Garland Miller Gallaspy, Sr. He lived in Decatur and was married (1) to Roxianna Russell and (2) to Viola V. Virginia Horton.

### Descendants of Permelia Day and Garland Miller Gallaspy, Sr.

Permelia Day, daughter of Mary Eliza Wroten and Henry Day, married ca. 1850 to Garland Miller Gallaspy, Sr., likely son of James Gallaspy and Elizabeth Guin. He was born 08 Aug 1822 in Madison County, Alabama, and died 08 Mar 1894 in Decatur, Newton County, Mississippi.

On February 20, 1862 Garland Miller Gallaspy enlisted as a Private in Harper's Reserves in Meridian, Mississippi, this unit soon to be merged as Company D, 36<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Infantry Reserves and with the resignation of their commander, Dr. Charles Perry Partin of Decatur, he was promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. By the end of the war, Gallaspy had been promoted to the rank of Captain, a title that he carried into civilian life.



Markers for Capt Garland Miller Gallaspy and Permelia Day Gallaspy in Decatur Cemetery

Over the course of the war, the 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry met 19 engagements, the earliest of which were Farmington, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1862, Iuka, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1862, and Corinth, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 1862.. Gallaspy was wounded at Corinth and in the interval between Corinth and their next engagement, that of Vicksburg from May 18<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1863, a number of the exhausted and injured soldiers were sent to recuperate at a camp on Ponta Creek in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. Gallaspy by this time had been elevated to the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt., Company C, and was assigned as Provost Guard of this camp.

George Powell Clarke, a former neighbor from Chapel Hill in Newton County, and patient at the near-by Lauderdale Springs Infirmary gives an account of Gallaspy at the encampment at Ponta Creek in his **Reminiscences and Anecdotes of the War for Southern Independence**. This is part of his account:

“I made an application to the commander to go out to the camp of the Provost Guard where I had acquaintances. On or about the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, 1862, I bid farewell to the hospital, emaciated to the extent that I was only a shadow of my former self, and with my mind laden with sad memories, I went out to the camp, which was about two miles from the hospital. We will now bid farewell forever to Lauderdale Springs and if you will now go with me, we will go out to the camp of the Provost Guard...

“Beneath the umbrageous foliage of majestic oaks and spreading bush on the banks of the beautiful Ponta where the camp of the Provost Guard was located. Here I saw again the brave faces and heard the cheerful laugh of comrades, from whom I had long been separated. This was a much more potent factor in affecting my recovery than all the medicines could have been needed...after the selfish and indifferent treatment of the past two months.

“I remember, however, that the pleasure of the change was somewhat modified by the loss of my mate, my special comrade. One last tribute to his memory, and then I will not tax the reader’s patience further on this part of my subject. I have already chronicled his death. He sleeps his last long sleep in the Decatur Cemetery, whence I hope that when the trumpet shall sound the last reveille in the morning of the resurrection, he will rise to everlasting glory, and that we will meet where there will be no more such abrupt separations.”

**Notes on above passages:** We are led to believe by these passages that Garland M. Gallaspy, as brother-in-law of Henry W. Day, was likely present at the time of the death of Henry at Lauderdale Springs. Among services that Gallaspy likely provided at time was the placing of the body of Henry W. Day, along accompanied by Mary Eliza Wroten Day and a military escort on a military supply train to Meridian, then switched to a western bound train to Newton County where Mary Eliza and the body of her son Henry were transported to the residence of John G. Gallaspy.



Garland Miller Gallaspy served one term as Sheriff of Newton County, and like his brother, was primarily a merchant.

#### **Children of Permelia Day and Garland Miller Gallaspy, Sr.:**

1. James Asa Gallaspy, born 14 August 1851, Newton County, Mississippi—died 25 June 1882, Decatur, Newton County, Mississippi; married Susan Minerva Clarke. Susan moved to Newton, Mississippi, after the death of her husband and lived first with her daughter Lillie Gallaspy Hoye and later with her son Tracy Gallaspy who operated a store there. In 1890, she was joined by her father, Rev. N. L. Clarke, who published a newspaper, The Mississippi Baptist, from a back room in the Tracy Gallaspy Building.
2. William Henry Gallaspy, born 12 September 1853, Newton County, Mississippi—died 18 March 1905, Newton County, Mississippi; married Georgia Ellen Rowzee.

#### **Descendants of Elizabeth “Betty” Day and Eli M. Pennington**

Elizabeth (Betty) Day, daughter of Mary Eliza Wroten and Henry Day, married ca. 1858, Eli M. Pennington, son of Issac L. Pennington, Sr., and Martha Ann Humphries, born 12 July 1836, Attala County, Mississippi, and died 9 March 1910, Newton County, Mississippi. At age 90, Elizabeth suffered a broken leg from an accidental fall and never recovered. She is buried in the Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery near Decatur.

Children of Elizabeth (Betty) Day and Eli Pennington are

1. Sarah Pennington, born 1859, Newton County, Mississippi—died before 1870, Newton County, Mississippi.
2. Mary Alice Pennington, born 1863, Newton County, Mississippi—died 24 July 1920, Decatur, Mississippi; married Phillip Mann
3. Viola Keziah Pennington, born 24 January 1864, Newton County, Mississippi—died 27 December 1953; married Thomas Riley Sivils
4. Martha Isabella (Belle) Pennington, born 9 March 1866, Newton County, Mississippi—died 13 April 1940, Newton County, Mississippi; married James Thomas Roebuck
5. Emma Elizabeth Pennington, born 30 August 1868, Decatur, Mississippi—died 12 April 1933, Longview, Texas; married James Abraham Ledlow
6. Alma E. Pennington, born 18 January 1871, Newton County, Mississippi—died 25 July 1952, Jackson, Mississippi; married Perry Jackson Wash
7. Virgil Isaac Pennington, born 18 March 1875, Decatur, Mississippi—died 23 September 1954, Newton County, Mississippi; married Lena Leota (Middie) Smith.
8. Infant Pennington, d/y.

## Descendants of Winnie Ann Day and Martin Wastine Addy

Winnie Ann Day, daughter of Mary Eliza Wroten and Henry Day, married 16 December 1869, Newton County, Mississippi, to Martin Wastine Addy, son of John Simeon Addy, Jr., and Celia Taylor. He was born 22 Nov 1841 in Lexington County, South Carolina, and died 29 Feb 1924 in Hattiesburg, Forrest County, Mississippi



Left: **Winnie Ann Day Addy and  
Martin Wastine Addy**

According to Bonnie Morse, Martin W. Addy was originally named Martin Vastine Addy, but changed his name to Martin Wastine. He served in Company C, 15th Regiment, South Carolina Infantry, during the Civil War. According to his military records he was 6' 4" tall, had grey eyes and dark hair. He later moved to Newton County with his

parents.

Also, according to the family records of Bonnie Morse, Martin and Winnie were married on December 16, 1869 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garland M. Gallaspy. They lived most of their lives in Newton County, but moved briefly to Kentucky where three of their children were born. They later moved to Forrest County, Mississippi, and spent their final days with their daughter Mary Eugenia Addy Bryant. They were the parents of four children:

### **Children of Winnie Ann Day and Martin Wastine Addy were:**

1. Mary Eugenia (Genie) Addy, born 7 February 1871, Newton County, Mississippi—died 8 June 1955, Forrest County, Mississippi; married Ira Mullen (Bud) Bryant, Jr.
2. Marion Carson Addy, born 8 July 1873, Marion County, Kentucky—died 29 June 1935, Meridian, Mississippi; married Margaret Ada (Maggie) Vance
3. Martin Luther Addy, born 14 July 1875, Marion County, Kentucky—died 25 April 1947, Newton County, Mississippi; married Ella Eunice Reeve
4. Henry Miller Addy, born 4 October 1877, Marion County, Kentucky—died 1 October 1958, Union, Mississippi; married Mildred Caldonia (Donnie) Sheely

### **Descendants of Zachariah Wroten "Zach" Day**

Zachariah Wroten "ZZach" Day, son of Mary Eliza Wroten and Henry Day, married ca. 1869 to Emily Catherine Wansley, daughter of Reuben Ransom Wansley, Sr., and Martha Ann Henton. She was born 23 Mar 1848 in Elbert County, Georgia, and died 28 Jul 1896 in Decatur, Mississippi. Zach lived with various children following the death of his wife and died at the home of his daughter Mary Arvella Day Williams. In addition to the children shown, he is reported to also have had three other children: Marion, Lela, and Bessie; however, these have not currently been established by any census records

#### **Children of Zachariah Wroten Day and Emily Catherine Wansley are:**

1. Mary Arvella Day, born 28 February 1871, Newton County, Mississippi—died 12 November 1948, Decatur, Mississippi; married William Allen (Willie) Williams
2. William Henry Day, born 26 July 1874, Hickory, Newton County, Mississippi—died 2 Feb 1957, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana. In 1900, according to census records, he was working for his uncle William Jasper Day at Conehatta as a salesman. He later moved to Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana where he worked as a real estate agent. With his wife Dorothy, he had one son, Robert C. Day.
3. Martha A. (Mattie) Day, born 31 January 1880, Newton County, Mississippi—died 20 July 1971, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; married (1) L. P. Adams and (2) William Cleveland Little
4. Georgia Ora Day, born 1 March 1881, Newton County, Mississippi—died 28 February 1975, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; married James Wilburn Oden

#### **Descendants of Susan Victoria Ann Day and John Pressley Puckett**

Victoria Ann Day, daughter of Mary Eliza Wroten and Henry Day, married 6 November 1872, Newton County, Mississippi, to John Pressley Puckett, son of Richard Pressley Puckett and Emily Ann Lee, born 7 March 1851, Mt. Sterling, Choctaw County, Alabama—died 9 August 1940, Oakland community, Newton County, Mississippi. John was a step-son of the Rev. Nathan L. Clarke. Victoria was raised by the John Gallaspys after the death of her parents, as was her brother Zachariah Wroten Day. Both Victoria and John are buried in Oakland Baptist Church Cemetery, north of Chunky near the homestead that they farmed.

According to Elaine Puckett Graham, John Pressley Puckett had a "cleared off" place near his house at Chunky which was used to bury several infant children. Stella Gibbon described these as Jasper Day, twin to Harvey, another set of twins and two other children who died in infancy. Of the five children who survived childhood, their ages were Richard Marion (79), Harvey (85), Henry (88), Jennie (100) and Stella (103).



**Seated: John Presley Puckett and Victoria Ann Day Puckett; standing (L to R) Henry Garland Puckett, Richard Marion Puckett, Mary Virginia “Jennie” Puckett, Harvey Daniel Puckett, and Estella Permelia “Stella” Puckett Gibbon.**

**Children of Victoria Ann Day and John Presley Puckett are:**

1. Richard Marion Puckett, born 21 July 1875, Chunky Mississippi—died 2 July 1955, Meridian, Mississippi. Richard never married and suffered from a mental disability. He lived most of his life at East Mississippi State Hospital in Meridian
2. Mary Virginia (Jennie) Puckett, born 21 July 1877, Chunky, Mississippi—died 3 October 1977, Newton, Mississippi. Jennie never married and lived most of her life in the house that her father built in the Oakland community near Chunky.
3. Elizer Elizabeth Puckett, born 26 December 1878, Chunky, Mississippi—died 10 August 1888, Chunky, Mississippi.
4. Henry Garland Puckett, born 7 January 1879, Chunky, Mississippi—died 5 September 1867, Crossroads community, Newton County, Mississippi; married Laura Jane Gibbon
5. Permelia Estella (Stella) Puckett, born 5 August 1881, Chunky, Mississippi—died 14 July 1984, Meridian, Mississippi; married Jesse Byrd Gibbon
6. Harvey Daniel Puckett, born 26 June 1884, Chunky, Mississippi—died 19 January 1970; married Martha Elizabeth (Lizzie) Rainer
7. Jasper Puckett, born 26 June 1884, Chunky, Mississippi—died as an infant
8. Twin Puckett, died as an infant
9. Twin Puckett, died as an infant
10. Infant Puckett, died young
11. Infant Puckett, died young

## Descendants of Samuel Marion Day and Eliza Frances Puckett

Samuel Marion Day, son of Mary Eliza Wroten and Henry Day, married 14 September 1875, Newton County, Mississippi, to Eliza Frances Puckett, daughter of Richard Pressley Puckett and Emily Ann Lee. She was born 27 February 1857, Mt. Sterling, Alabama—died 7 December 1936, Newton County, Mississippi.

Samuel Marion Day was raised by Capt. Garland Miller Gallaspy and his wife Pemelia Day Gallaspy following the death of his parents. His future wife, Eliza Frances Puckett, was a step-daughter of Rev. Nathan L. Clarke and a sister to John Pressley Puckett. Their remaining sister, Martha Ann Puckett, married George Powell Clarke, son of Rev. Nathan L. Clarke and his first wife, Evaline Delia Powell. And the author of Reminiscences and Anecdotes of the War for Southern Independence.

According to Dr. Joseph C. Todd, their home in Decatur is still standing and is directly to the west of the East Central Community College campus.

### Children of Samuel Marion Day and Eliza Frances Puckett:

1. Richard Henry Day, born 28 April 1877, Decatur, Mississippi—died 29 January 1966, Decatur, Mississippi; married Maria Gertrude McCord. Richard Henry Day was an attorney who also served as Mayor of Decatur. His wife, Gertrude McCord Day, also served in the mayoral position, was among the first women in Mississippi to serve in that capacity. The Day home, demolished in recent years, lay just west of the East Central Community College campus.
2. Annie Lenora Day, born 6 January 1879, Decatur, Mississippi—died 7 June 1960, Decatur, Mississippi; married Charles William (Charley) McMullan
3. William Marion Day, born 10 April 1880, Decatur, Mississippi—died 12 April 1957, Homan, Arkansas; married Mary Gussie McDonald



4. Infant Day, born 3 October 1882, Decatur, Mississippi—died same day
5. Alonzo Jackson (Lonnie) Day, born 13 September 1884, Decatur, Mississippi—died 14 May 1946, Yazoo County, Mississippi; married (1) Lillian Elizabeth Martin and (2) Kathleen Martin
6. Walter Lee Day, born 5 October 1886, Decatur, Mississippi—died 22 July 1977, Yazoo County, Mississippi; married Pauline Logan
7. James Ozro Day, born 30 November 1888, Decatur, Mississippi—died 31 December 1969, Brookhaven, Mississippi; married Maude Barbara Reeves. They had one daughter, Daysidel Day.
8. Carl Anderson Day, born 13 September 1890, Decatur, Mississippi—died February 1968, Yazoo City, Mississippi; married (1) Virginia Johnson and (2) Willie Cherry.



#### **Descendants of Zachariah Wroten and Louisa Maria Clarke Wroten**

Zachariah Wroten, son of Isaiah Wroten, Jr., and Sarah Louisa (Winnie) Hickman, married about 1856 to Louisa Maria Clarke, daughter of Jehu Clarke and Mary Allen. She was born 1833, Caldwell County, North Carolina and died 1901, Temple, Bell County, Texas..

Zachariah came to Newton County during the 1830's as a child and lived with his mother Winny Hickman Wroten until her death in the 1850's. He was then in his forties and an "old bachelor."

According to Lee Elbert Johnson, Louisa's mother died when she was about 15 and she was called on to help raise six younger siblings. Her father would later move to Newton County to rejoin his older brother, the Rev. N. L. Clarke. Jehu (John) Clarke died in 1870 and is buried in Decatur Cemetery.

Zachariah and Louisa were the parents of four children--Mary Elizabeth Washington Wroten, Andrew Jackson Wroten, William Boone (Will) Wroten, and Nathan Clarke Wroten. Zachariah and Louisa moved to Texas apparently about the year 1897 in the company of their son Will and their daughter Mary Elizabeth Wroten Robinson and her husband Alfred Robinson. Of their four children, only Andrew Jackson Wroten remained in Mississippi.

#### **Children of Zachariah Wroten and Louisa Maria Clarke:**

1. Mary Elizabeth Washington Wroten, born 1857, Newton County, Mississippi—died 1942, Shawnee, Oklahoma; married Alfred Robinson

2. Andrew Jackson Wroten, born 29 June 1860, Newton County, Mississippi—died 27 September 1945, Decatur, Mississippi; married Susan Emma Crawford (See later.)
3. William Boone (Will) Wroten, born July 1866, Newton County, Mississippi—died 27 March 1940, Cisco, Eastland County, Texas; married (1) Frances S. Daniel
4. Nathan Clark Wroten, born 19 July 1870, Newton County, Mississippi—died 16 Jan 1924, Butler County, Alabama; married Robert Rosa Lee

#### **Descendants of Mary Elizabeth Washington Wroten and Alfred Robinson**

-Mary Elizabeth Washington Wroten b. 1857, Newton County, Mississippi, d. 1942, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma She married 14 Nov 1877, Newton County, Mississippi to Alfred E. Robinson, son of Abednego Robinson/Robertson and Emily Alexander, b. 1858, Newton County, Mississippi, d. 1927, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma They are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma.

Mary Elizabeth Washington Wroten had the tragic circumstance of having 11 children born, but only 3 sons to reach adulthood. They later moved from Bell County, Texas to Oklahoma where they established a restaurant in Shawnee. All three of the three sons worked there at various times.

#### **Adult Children of Mary Elizabeth Washington Wroten and Alfred Robinson:**

1. Andrew Pennington Robinson b. 8 Apr 1882, Newton County, Mississippi, d. 19 Feb 1966, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. Andrew married 21 Feb 1906, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma to Minnie Jewell Shaw b. 15 Jul 1882, Floral, Independence County, Arkansas, USA, d. 17 Dec 1941, Shawnee, Oklahoma Both are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma
2. John McClinton Robinson b. 4 Aug 1884, Newton County, Mississippi, d. 1939, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. John married Myrtle Bell Stahl b. 4 Apr 1880, Iowa, d. 15 Jul 1966, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma Both are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma
- 3- Virgil Leonard Robinson b. 18 Jan 1891, Newton County, Mississippi, d. 19 Mar 1962, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma He is buried in are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma No record of marriage.

#### **Descendants of Andrew Jackson Wroten and Susan Emma Crawford**

Andrew Jackson Wroten, son of Zachariah Wroten and Louisa Maria Clarke, married 15 October



1884, Newton County, Mississippi, to Susan Emma Crawford, daughter of Malachi P. Crawford and Stashia A. (Stacy) Barber. She was born 22 Aug 1866, Jasper County, Mississippi, and died 29 Sep 1917 at Decatur.

Following their marriage they bought farm land near Decatur from George Powell Clarke on what is now known as Wroten Road.

According to Elmer Wroten, his mother was fascinated by the letter “M” and would name all of her daughters using that letter (which in the case of her daughter Lora Mae later became reversed.)

**Children of Andrew Jackson Wroten and Susan Emma Crawford were:**

1. Myrtie Lee Wroten, born 29 July 1885, Decatur, Mississippi—died 29 September 1967, Newton County, Mississippi; married Walter Rayburn (Bud) Johnson
2. Mittie Belle Wroten, born 19 October 1887, Decatur, Mississippi—died 8 February 1970; married Joseph Theodore Glenn
3. Maude Anna Wroten, born 11 February 1889, Decatur, Mississippi—died 11 December 1911, Newton County, Mississippi; married Jesse William Freeman, who after her death moved to Oklahoma and remarried.
4. Jimmie William Wroten, born 8 August 1890, Decatur, Mississippi—died same day.
5. Raleigh Hinton Wroten, born 2 June 1892, Decatur, Mississippi—died 3 November 1975; married Jewel Osborne
6. Amos Melton Wroten, born 5 May 1894, Decatur, Mississippi—died 20 August 1895, Decatur, Mississippi.



7. John Elmer Wroten, born 20 October 1895, Decatur, Mississippi—died 29 July 1986, Decatur, Mississippi; married (1) Nellie Willie Catherine Cox (2) Ethel Barfoot and (3) Odessa Mae Nicholson
8. Lora Mae Wroten, born 7 June 1897, Decatur, Mississippi—died 19 May 1978; married (1) Sidney Francis Scarborough and (2) Thaddeus Cochran
9. Andrew Dewey Wroten, born 3 February 1899, Decatur, Mississippi—died 3 July 1990; married (1) Emma Lou Gaines and (2) Grace Johnson
10. Minnie Lou Wroten, born 26 August 1900, Decatur, Mississippi—died 3 March 1991; married Ollie Lue Wansley
11. Luther A. Wroten, born 10 December 1902, Decatur, Mississippi—died 16 July 1977, Atlanta, Georgia; married Esther Louise Heath
12. Burley A. Wroten, born 25 May 1905, Decatur, Mississippi—died May 1981, Jackson, Mississippi; married Carrie Mae Griffin
13. Marjorie Ann Wroten, born 1 March 1907, Decatur, Mississippi—died June 1987, Forest, Scott County, Mississippi; married Manuel Lester (Rusty) Russell
14. Madeline J. Wroten, born 25 May 1909, Decatur, Mississippi—died November 1986, Lena, Leake County, Mississippi; married Gilbert L. Lyle

Lee Elbert Johnson, in an undated letter to Daysidel Day Bruister-Berryhill, made the following comments:

?My mother Myrtie Lee (Wroten) Johnson was born and raised in the Chapel Hill community and they had the largest school that there was in Newton County, MS, and students came from all over the county and from other counties to attend school at Chapel Hill, and when they finished school there then they were able to start teaching. My mother was a school teacher before she married.

“I remember the old school house and I knew all of the people who lived in that community as my grandfather Andrew Jackson Wroten lived there all of his life, and we would get in my Dad’s wagon and go spend several days with Grandfather Wroten, and those were some happy days to me as I did love by Granddad, he was so jolly at all times with us children.

Your cousin,

Lee E. Johnson

### **Descendants of William Boone "Will" Wroten and Frances S. Daniel**

-William Boone "Will" Wroten b. 15 Jul 1867, Newton County, Mississippi, d. 27 Mar 1940, Ranger, Eastland County, Texas, USA He married (1) on 6 Nov 1890. Newton County, Mississippi to Frances S. Daniel b. Jun 1870, Mississippi, d. Bef 1920. She was the mother of all of his known children. He married (2) to Arvilla Graham. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Cisco, Eastland County, Texas

#### **Children of William Boone Wroten and Frances s. Daniel:**

1 Bertha M. Wroten b. 24 Aug 1891, Jackson County, Mississippi, d. 26 Mar 1961, Kalamazoo, Michigan +Andrew George Burns b. 10 Oct 1886, Denison, Grayson County, Texas, d. After 1940

2-William Bebery "Willie" Wroten b. 21 Oct 1892, Newton County, Mississippi, d. 15 Aug 1962, Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw, Michigan, USA He married Laura D. MNU

3, Lee Wroten (traditional)

4 Marie Ola Wroten b. 10 Jul 1898, Temple, Bell County, Texas, USA, d. 5 Jul 1971, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. She married (1) FNU Mackey and (2) Amasa H. Rhodes b. 15 Aug 1885, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, d. Nov 1969, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan

Arvilla Graham second wife of William Boone Wroten was born. 28 Dec 1881, Floral, Independence County, Arkansas, USA, d. 4 Mar 1944, Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas

### **Descendants of Nathan Clark Wroten and Robert Rosa "Rob" Lee**

Nathan Clark Wroten, born 19 July 1870,,Newton County, Mississippi.—died 16 Jan 1924, Butler County, Alabama, married 18 Oct 1893, Newton County, Mississippi, to Robert Rosa Lee, daughter of Daniel Harvey Lee and Harianne Allen and neice of Emily Ann Lee Puckett Clarke, second wife of Rev. Nathan L. Clarke. Nathan Clark Wroten was a namesake of Rev. Clarke. She was born 15 September 1874, Prairie County, Arkansas and died 7 July 1954, Decatur, Mississippi, as she was visiting family and friends Members of their family lived variously in Newton County and Jasper County, Mississippi, in Alabama and Florida. Both she and her husband are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Butler County, Alabama

#### **Children of Nathan Clark Wroten and Robert Rosa "Rob" Lee**

1. Clifton Roy "Bud" Wroten b. 14 Jan 1897, Lake Como, Jasper County, Mississippi, d. 15 Mar 1956, Lakeland, Polk, Florida, USA, married Adeline Isabel Barge b. 7 Nov 1898, d. 23 Sep 1989, Lakeland, Polk, Florida, USA Both are buried in Canal Point Cemetery, Palm Beach County, Florida
2. Elgie Lee Wroten b. 4 Sep 1897, Decatur, Newton County, Mississippi, d. 14 Jan 1971, Montgomery, Montgomery County, Alabama. She married Amos Ives Forehand b. 4 Jul 1899, Fort Deposit, Lowndes County, Alabama, d. 16 Nov 1975, Fort Deposit, Lowndes

County, Alabama. Both are buried in Myrtlewood Cemetery, Fort Deposit, Lowndes County, Alabama, United States of America

3. Rex Denson Wroten b. 9 Sep 1902, Bay Springs, Jasper County, Mississippi, USA, d. Dec 1964, Jackson County, Florida; married Lola L. MNU d. Dec 1965, Jackson County, Florida

4 -Nathan Leo Wroten b. 14 Jan 1904, Bay Springs, Jasper County, Mississippi, USA, d. 19 Feb 1984, Lake County, Florida He married Catherine Hazel E. Franklin b. 27 Jan 1904, d. 26 Oct 1974, Marion County, Florida Both are buried in Christian Church Cemetery, Salt Lake, Marion County, Florida

5- Ray Wroten b. Bef 1910, Bay Springs, Jasper County, Mississippi, USA, d. Bef 1910, Bay Springs, Jasper County, Mississippi, USA He is buried in Bay Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, Bay Springs, Jasper County, Mississippi

6. Mary Helen Wroten b. 24 Jan 1913, Jasper County, Mississippi, d. 13 Mar 2015, Dothan, Houston County, Alabama, USA She married Willis Donald "Rip" Hewes b. 10 Dec 1907, d. 3 Feb 1981, Dothan, Houston County, Alabama, USA Both are buried in Memory Hill Cemetery, Dothan, Houston County, Alabama.

7. -Maxine Wroten b. 13 Apr 1915, Jasper County, Mississippi, d. 12 Nov 1986, Leesburg, Lee County, Georgia. She married John Samuel Gates b. 9 Jul 1910, Lowndes County, Alabama, USA, d. 15 Aug 1972, Leesburg, Lee County, Georgia. Both are buried in Leesburg Cemetery, Leesburg, Lee County, Georgia



### **From the Past Into the Present**

When I first wrote and published the original version of Wroten, Day and Allied Families in 2007, I concentrated on what was known at the time. Thanks to the Internet and computer technology, much more can be learned in a shorter amount of time and I have taken advantage of these technologies to refine and expand the story of these families.

But that is only part of the story.

Young Jonathan Puckett brought many of us together in Day Family Reunions, then followed up in 2012 with the publication of the book History of the John Pressley Puckett and Victoria Ann Day Family.

Dickie Day and Dr. Joseph C. Todd have made extensive research into the Confederate military careers of three of the Day family members lost in the Civil War—John Day, Andrew J. Day, and Henry W. Day—which we have included in this update.

Dr. Joseph C. Todd has additionally secured Confederate markers for these three brothers and has supplied a joint marker for their parents in Decatur Cemetery.

The author is humbled by the responses to the story of our ancestors, not just in the context of fond remembrances, but in the context of keeping the memory of these loved ones alive by maintaining the places of their burial with dignity and tender loving care.

### In Memory of



**Henry and Mary Eliza Wroten Day**



**John Day**



**Andrew J. Day**



**Henry W. Day**



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