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William & Anna Fritts (1795)

By Gail Fritts and other family members - December 1980

When writing Volume I in 1979 of The Fritts/Fritz Family Heritage, we (Greg & Patti) did not list William (1795) as a son of George, Sr. even though we had some material on him and had planned to place him at the back of George, Sr.'s line with a question as to where he fit! However, we went to press and overlooked getting it in--our error.



Gail and Paul Steven Fritts with children, Kristi Michelle and Steven Fritts. Picture made 29 Nov. 1981

Gail (Fritts) Fritts, who herself descends from William's brother, George, Jr. (1788) and Phebe Sarah (Byerly) Fritts, page 62, obtained a copy of Volume I, in reading it she and her husband Paul Steven Fritts were looking for HIS line--the only mention they found was the Grist Mill on page 25. We had statistical data for William, however, Gail went to the family for original land deeds and maps; and to the courthouse for additional records to prove William (1795) as a son of George and Mary (Wilson) Fritts (1753). Then she spent many hours recording names, dates and stories of the family lines from William and Anna forward. They are not complete yet but much further because of her. We wish to take this opportunity again to THANK Gail personally for all her work. She has given a gift to today's generations and to those of the future. THANKS Gail!

WILLIAM FRITTS, youngest son and tenth of eleven children born to George (1753) and wife Mary (Wilson) Fritts, was born about 1795, in Rowan (now Davidson) County, NC. He was married around 1824 to Anna (?) when William was about age twenty-nine years. It is interesting to note that all of his children did not marry until they were in their twenties to almost forty. According to census Anna (?) was born about 1805 in North Carolina and died between late 1862 and 1867, according to will and land deeds

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as did her husband William. Seven children: Eleanor, Mary Ann, Smith, Emsley, Henderson, John H., and Elizabeth Fritts were born to this union all in North Carolina, probably Davidson County.

William was a farmer and invested in land very successfully. The first record of land he bought was on 22 Jan 1834, when he purchased 150 acres from his father George Fritz, Sr., on the waters of Abbotts Creek, bounded by Peter Clodfelter for the amount of \$200.00. On 21 May 1836, William bought 124 acres from his father on Abbotts Creek bounded by the Crotts and Black Jack Kinney for the amount of \$90.00.

Being the youngest son, he was responsible for the care of his parents until their death. On 17 June 1837, an indenture between "George Fritz, Sen. and his son, William Fritz," selling 103 acres to William for: (1) the amount of \$20.00 paid to each of George's five daughters or their heirs within two years after the decease of George Fritz, Sen.; (2) his attending of the Grist and Saw Mills allowing George Fritz and his wife Mary half of the toll from the mills during their natural lives (this 103 acres was part of the original tract bought from Michael Beard and his wife Margaret on 2 Oct 1815, by George Fritz for \$1350.00, included 253 acres situated on both sides of Abbotts Creek including the Grist and Saw Mills known at that time as Beard's Mill. The name was changed to Frittz' Mill); and (3) \$1.00 paid to George Fritz, Sen. This tract was on the east side of Abbotts Creek and bounded by Philip Leonard, Reuben Fritz, and T. Phillips Allen. With this deed for 103 acres plus the land he bought in 1834, William now owned the complete tract of land of Michael Beard. Because of this large amount of land given and sold to William, it is believed George Fritz, Sen. felt this was William's share of his estate. Therefore, William was not mentioned in his father's last will and testament.

On 21 July 1854, James Perdue paid \$5.00 each to William Fritts, George Byerly and wife Katy, John Wilson and wife Mary, and Hannah's heirs (Eliza Sink, Mary Dancy and Onny Dancy). The land James Perdue purchased was 70 acres located on the waters of Flat Swamp adjoining James Elliott, Adam Rider and others--that William and his sister's had a common interest in. This deed mentions only three of the five sisters, Katy, Mary and Hannah, who is dec'd. It is possible Rachel died without heirs, but Sarah was still living until 1856. This land also is not the same land that George Fritz, Sen. sold to William and who was to pay the girls \$20.00. Flat Swamp is located in the southern corner of the county down by the Yadkin River near Jackson Hill Township.

On 17 Oct 1857, William bought 70 acres from Alfred Fritts for \$1200.00 bounded by Adam Fritts and the Everharts. Also he bought adjoining land of 54 acres bounded by Daniel Leonard and Alfred Nicholson.

At the on set of the War Between the States when in his sixty-seventh year, William wrote his will dated 21 Nov 1862, he states he is sound of mind and memory, but weak in body. He bequested to his wife Anna over 500 acres of land to be divided among his four sons at her death, all his livestock and farm implements, crop stock and growing crop. He left to James Quinn, his son-in-law, 14 acres which he was presently living on. In event of his death, it would go to his grandson John Quinn. William's daughter, Eleanor (Fritts) Quinn, died on 27 Mar 1855, leaving two children: John and Ellen Catherine Quinn. William left 4 rifles/guns to his four sons to choose among themselves. The one taking the George gun to pay \$5.00 to him that gets the Shaw gun. The one taking the little gun to pay \$3.00 to him who gets the old gun. William was very wise in working out the details to divide everything as equally as possible and also to see that his beloved wife was cared for. In those days it was highly unusual for a man to leave everything to his wife first then to have it divided after her death. It was more common for her to get support for length of time she remained a widow and permission to remain in the homeplace and use a room! He left to his son Smith his mule Jim, to John one mule 2 years old, to Henderson one mule 6 months old and one black horse called Sam, and Emsley one mare called Pigeon and colt and one horse called Ned, to use when his wife Anna may not necessarily want their services and then after Anna's death to be each son's absolute property.

After Anna's death the personal estate was to be equally divided between his two daughters Mary and Elizabeth and his granddaughter Ellen Catherine Quinn. The personal estate was to be divided by the following persons he chose: Mrs. George Kepley, Mrs. Henry Darr, and Mrs. Valentine Leonard. The granddaughter Ellen Catherine Quinn, was born in 1855, at or near the time her mother died. She evidently was raised by her grandparents. Her part was to be divided between Mary and Elizabeth if she left Anna before her death.

Anna and Henderson were appointed executrix and executor. Anna and William both died during the next five years, according to a deed of land dated 12 Sept 1867, when the land was divided

between William's three sons: Smith, Henderson, and John. Emsley had died during this five year period and his share was left to his daughter Sarah Letitia Fritts. The land was divided into four lots--lot #1 went to Emsley's daughter Sarah L. it contained 170 acres; lot #2 went to Smith Fritts it contained two parcels one with 84 acres and a house the other with 16½ acres and a mill; lot #3 went to Henderson and contained three parcels one with 22 3/4 acres and a house called Younts tract, another with 46½ acres called the Mill Creek tract, and the third with 42 3/4 acres called the Creek track; lot #4 went to John Fritts it contained 113½ acres and a house, this land was owned by Alfred Fritts at one time and had the railroad on one side and the Greensboro Road going through it.

At the old homeplace, lot #2, there is a marker with Anna Fritts and Wm Fritts listed on it. We have not been able to locate a church cemetery record with their burial dates, and that this time we feel they were buried on their own land.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ANNA (?) FRITTS

1. Eleanor Fritts, b. 27 April 1825; d. 27 March 1855, buried at Pilgrim Reformed Church Cemetery, Lexington, NC. She was married to James Quinn about 26 August 1847. He was born about 1820 in Ireland and was a tailor by trade. They had two children we know of. After Eleanor's death James was married secondly to Elizabeth Hubbard in the 1860's and they had one child. Elizabeth was born ca 1844 and died in 1904 and is buried at Holly Grove Lutheran Church Cemetery, Lexington, NC. We have not found James Quinn's final resting place.
 - a. John Quinn, b. 11 Mar 1849; d. 3 Aug 1915; m. Elizabeth Wagoner.
 - b. Ellen Catherine Quinn, b. ca 1855; d. 28 Jun 1901, buried near her mother.
 - c. Mary Ann Quinn, b. 2 Sep 1862; d. 21 Jan 1944; m. Charles A. Swing.
2. Mary Ann Fritts, b. ca 1827; m. Stephen D. Smith on 4 Dec 1852, according to Davidson County Marriage Bonds. However, in 1870 census she has returned to her maiden name and had two girls in her household, Elizabeth age 15y (who we believe is Ellen Catherin Quinn) and Sarah age 6y, who is Emsley Fritts' daughter.
3. Smith Fritts, b. 20 Dec 1829; d. 17 Feb 1905, buried at Pilgrim Reformed Church Cemetery. When in his thirty-seventh year he gave up bachelorhood and was married to the widow, Mrs. Anna Phebe (Frank) Burkhardt on 11 March 1868, by H. Adams in Davidson Co., NC. Anna Phebe was the daughter of Peter and Margaret (?) Frank, born 8 Oct 1839 in NC and died 25 Nov 1908. Anna Phebe's first husband was John Ward Burkhardt, son of Solomon and Emily (Whitaker) Burkhardt, born 4 Feb 1834 and was killed during the Civil War. John W. and Anna P. were married 29 March 1857. They had three children:
 - a. Christopher Columbus Burkhardt, b. 5 Sep 1858; m. Mattie (?). He was nicknamed "Dump". They had two children.
 - i. Nannie Burkhardt, she married Baxter Leonard.
 - ii. Claytie Burkhardt, she married Will Perrell.
 - b. Infant Son Burkhardt, b. 12 Nov 1860; d. 21 Aug 1862.
 - c. Andrew Johnson "Jack" Burkhardt, b. 6 May 1863; m. Dora (?); they had no children.



Smith and Phebe Ann Frank Burkhardt Fritts. Picture made early 1900's.

After Smith Fritts and Anna Phebe were married they moved to the land that was willed to Smith from his father William (1795) which was the house tract containing 84 acres and the Mill tract containing 16½ acres. They lived in a log house. Part of the rocks that the foundation were on are still visible. In the 1870's, when in his early twenties, Christopher C. Burkhardt helped build his mother and stepfather a new five room house. It was completed around 1880. This homeplace is still standing.

As the years went by the Grist and Saw Mill business slowed down. Part of the stone dam to turn water from Abbotts Creek to run the grist and saw mills is still standing. The raceway for the water to return to the creek is still opened. The dam of stones where the mills were are still partially standing. The front and back porches of the house use the mill stones for steps. Also the barn built in 1869 is still in good shape and being used today.

Smith and Anna P. Fritts had five children, all born in the homeplace--log cabin. The youngest son, Robert Lee Fritts, stayed on to care for his mother after his father past away in 1905. His mother died in 1908 and both are buried at Pilgrim Reformed Church Cemetery. Robert Lee was willed the homeplace for taking care of his parents.

Children of Smith and Anna Phebe (Frank) Burkhart Fritts were:

- a. William Martin Fritts, b. 29 May 1869; d. 23 Mar 1943; m. Fannie Myers. They had no children, but raised Fannie's nephew Zeb Myers.
- b. Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Fritts, b. 21 Apr 1871; d. 27 Dec 1915 in her forty-fourth year. Married Jacob Lindsay Lopp in 1894. They had nine children. He was married secondly to Ellen Young and they had one daughter. Jacob was employed with the railroad and also farmed.
 - i. Claudia Esther Lopp, b. 8 July 1895; d. 26 Dec 1978; m. Alfred N. Sink.
 - ii. Mary Annie Lopp, b. 7 Nov 1897; d. 16 May 1971; m. O. Lee Stoner. She was a practical nurse.
 - iii. Fannie Magnolia Lopp, b. 2 Oct 1899; m. I. Oustan Perryman.
 - iv. Sarah Alice Lopp, b. 16 Sep 1901; d. 4 July 1908, after being bitten by a rabid dog on Uncle Bob Fritts' place, she was eight years old.
 - v. Jacob Mathias "Tice" Lopp, b. 21 Nov 1903; d. 3 Feb 1973; m. Irene Tetter.
 - vi. Florence Corinne Lopp, b. 22 Feb 1906; m. Raymond Clodfelter.
 - vii. Pauline Lopp, b. 12 Apr 1908; d. 11 Feb 1936.
 - viii. Robert Roy Lopp, b. 4 Oct 1910; m. Vivian Hedrick.
 - ix. John Lopp, b. 16 Jan 1913; m. Marie Briggs.
 - x. Gerti Mae Lopp.
- c. John Henderson Fritts, b. 26 Mar 1873; d. 2 Jun 1953; m. Ida Catherine Tysinger, the daughter of Hense and Susan (Crotts) Tysinger. They both attended Burkhart School, a one-room log school, where they wrote on slates and studied from the 'Blue Back Speller'. The school was heated by a fireplace that was four feet wide. John H. and Ida lived in the Holly Grove community and spent many hours in the fields and gardens, planting and raising food for themselves and their eight children. They had many fruit trees and made cider juice and vinegar. They had horses and cows and Ida churned her own butter and sold it as well as the cream to the Lexington Creamery. In 1905, John H. went to work for Southern Railroad, where he helped lay the second set of railroad tracts. They did all the work by hand, using such tools as iron bars to pry with, sledge hammers for driving the spikes, and jacks.
 - i. H. Smith Fritts, b. 12 June 1892; d. 16 Mar 1900.
 - ii. Willie Belle, Fritts, b. 1900.
 - iii. Cornelia "Nelia" Fritts, b. 1903.
 - iv. Raymond Fritts, b. 1906.
 - v. Infant Daughter Fritts, b. 29 Feb 1908; d. 3 Mar 1908.
 - vi. Mary Fritts, b. 1909.
 - vii. Richard Fritts, b. 1911.
 - viii. Grace "Tootie" Fritts, b. 1913; d. 1930.
- d. Margaret Fritts, b. 19 Aug 1875; d. 21 Feb 1935, buried at Holly Grove Lutheran Church Cemetery, near Lexington, NC. She was married to William Byerly. They had seven children. We are not sure of the order of birth.
 - i. Infant Son Byerly, b. 31 May 1905; d. 1 Jun 1905, buried with his parents.
 - ii. Vonzo Byerly
 - iii. Gilbert Byerly
 - iv. Wittie Byerly
 - v. Otho Byerly
 - vi. Austin Byerly
 - vii. Tempie Byerly, b. 21 Dec 1911; d. 11 July 1934, buried next to parents.
- e. Robert Lee Fritts, b. 26 Aug 1878; d. 6 Feb 1969, at age 91 years, he is buried next to his wife, Frances Elizabeth Crotts at Mt. Tabor UCC Church Cemetery, near Lexington, NC. He and Frances were married 10 Oct 1909, she was the daughter of Andrew and Betty Louise (Swing) Crotts. Bob as he was called, worked most of his life as a section hand on the railroad and farmed his small tract of land, raising corn, wheat, cotton and a garden. He had cows, hogs and chickens. We used to kill a chicken on Saturday and put it in a concrete box next to the spring. The ice cold spring water ran through the box to keep the meat, butter, and milk cold. We always had fried chicken on Sunday for dinner. We had a wagon or buggy to ride in until cars came out. We carried water from a spring, later getting a pump to furnish water. We used oil lamps until the R.E.A. ran a light line close enough to put up power lines. Bob walked to work until he went to work at Spencer, then he drove a Model A. Ford. He also worked for Hackney Furn. before it was changed to Lexington Chair Factory. When WW II began he had 3 sons in service: Lloyd, Ralph and Fred. They all came back. We knew he looked up the road every time he went outside waiting for his sons to come home. Frances was a housewife helping with the farm as well.



When the children were small, they would take them to the Fair when it came to town. Bob and Frances had nine children, plus they raised a nephew, Jacob Mathias Lopp, after the death of his mother Mary Elizabeth, sister to Bob Fritts.

- i. Infant Son Fritts, b & d. 8 Oct 1910.
 - ii. Ann Louise Fritts, b. 23 Dec 1911; m. Peter Eugene Bowers.
 - iii. William Fritts, b. 12 Jun 1913; d. 28 Aug 1982; m. Susie Inez Beck.
 - iv. Robert Smith Fritts, b. 9 May 1915; d. 16 Jun 1916, buried at Mt. Tabor UCC.
 - v. Frances Kathleen Fritts, b. 4 Apr 1917; m. Simon Theo Conrad.
 - vi. Lloyd Franklin Fritts, b. 20 Jan 1920; m. 1st. Helen Inez Johnson; m. 2nd. Noble L. Walser Byerly.
 - vii. James Ralph Fritts, b. 15 Feb 1922; d. 28 Jan 1978; m. Norma June Harrison.
 - viii. Fred Garland Fritts, b. 21 Dec 1923; m. Nannie F. Wood.
 - ix. Paul Baxter Fritts, b. 23 May 1928; m. Elsie Brinkley.
4. Emsley Fritts, b. cal830; d. bef-1867; m. Lucretia Everhart (date of bond) 11 Feb 1862, in Davidson County, NC, bondsman was J. A. Sowers. We have no other record of her at this time. Emsley evidently died between 1862 and 1867, and his share of his father's estate went to his daughter.
- a. Sarah Letitia Fritts, b. cal864, according to census.
5. Henderson Fritts, b. 21 Apr 1834; d. 24 Dec 1908, buried at Pilgrim Reformed Church Cemetery. He was married twice and had one daughter by each wife that we know of. Married first, Elizabeth ?, she was born in about 1836. He married secondly Adaline Grubb, born 9 Jan 1846 and died 26 Feb 1927.
- a. Eliza E. Fritts, b. cal862.
 - b. Margaret T. "Rettie" Fritts, b. cal868; she was age 10 years when she attended the Pilgrim School in 1878.
6. John Henry Fritts, b. cal836; d. 16 Feb 1897. m. Laura Jane Hanner, she was born 21 Jan 1846 and died 4 May 1934. We presently know of only one son born to this union.
- a. Charlie Fritts, Sr., b. 13 Sep 1878. d. 28 Aug 1968, buried at the Memorial Church Cemetery along with his wife Julia Hedrick. Julia was the daughter of Thornton and Adaline Hunt Hedrick. Charlie was a farmer. He and Julie were charter members of Memorial Evangelical and Reformed Church, the church stands on part of the land that was once their farm. They had ten children.
 - i. Carlie Lee Fritts, b. 30 Nov 1898; m. Jock Moffitt.
 - ii. Infant Daughter Fritts, b. Jul 1900; d. 17 Jun 1901.
 - iii. John Davie Fritts, b. 9 Apr 1902; m. Pearl McNealy.
 - iv. Lloyd Wade Fritts, b. 13 Feb 1904, never married; lives at the Charlie Fritts homeplace.
 - v. Effie Adaline Fritts, b. 30 Jul 1906; m. Doctor Webb McCulloch.
 - vi. Laura Jane Fritts, b. 15 Nov 1908; d. 31 Oct 1981; m. Julius C. Darr.
 - vii. Sue Annie Fritts, b. 26 Oct 1910; m. Thomas W. Hedrick.
 - viii. Charlie Fritts, Jr., b. 26 Jun 1913; m. Lucille Craver.
 - ix. Minnie Fritts, b. 5 Sep 1917 (twin); m. Eldridge A. Blake.
 - x. Mamie Fritts, b. 5 Sep 1917 (twin); m. Allen W. Berrier.
7. Elizabeth Fritts, b. cal837.

Ref: Rowan & Davidson County, North Carolina Census records 1790-1900; Cemetery Inscriptions Davidson (Old Rowan) Co., NC, by Henry Reeves, 1970; The Heritage of Davidson County 1982, by The Genealogical Society of Davidson Co., NC; Davidson Co., NC marriage, land and will records, Bible records, military records; correspondence with Gail and Steve Fritts, Kathleen Conrad, Louise Bower, Fred O. McCulloch, Julia K. Umbel, Vivian H. Lopp, Ruth Sowers Owens & others.



HARRY FRITTS, descendent from John Henderson (1873-1953) and Ida Catherine (Tysinger) Fritts, is taking a break from his scouting activities, but an active participant in the scouting program for 18 years. Fritts has collected some 100 mugs bearing scouting symbols from scout camps and jamborees since he began to be involved in the program.

Fritts's collection includes mugs from Whitmont, N.M. scout camp, from jamborees in New Mexico and Idaho, and from woodbadge training camps he has visited.

One particular set of 12 mugs bears the emblems of the 12 scouting regions. This set was sold prior to a reorganization some six years ago which changed the organization to only six regions. (The Times Newspaper, Thomasville, NC, 27 Dec 1982).



Henry Wesley Fritts (1852)

By Mary C. (Fritts) Amberson - 7 June 1982



Henry Wesley Fritts
Taken 1925

HENRY WESLEY FRITTS, (p. 270), the fifth child of Isham Gordon and Eliza M. (Jordan) Fritts, born 4 Nov 1852, in Roane Co., TN about four miles south of Kingston. He had five brothers: Wiley H., Jacob, John N., Thomas W., and Benjamin F., and twin sisters: Matilda M. and Elizabeth. They were the grandchildren of Jacob and Sarah (Sexton) Fritts (1800) and the great-grandchildren of Henry (1770) and his first wife.

According to census Henry W. (1852) listed his occupation as an engineer and bookkeeper. He also owned his own business the--Henry W. Fritts General Blacksmithing and Heavy Wagon Work--located on the S.E. corner of Fifth and Broad Streets, Chattanooga, TN. He was thirty-five years old before he was married on 13 April 1887, to Mamie Jameson in Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., TN by Dr. Bachman a presbyterian minister. Mamie was born 29 April 1851, in Corington, KY, the daughter of Alexander and Maria (Arthur) Jameson. Mamie had one sister, Hattie who was married to Abner Jackson and one brother, Arthur who never married and died a young man.

During the next eight years this happy family grew with the birth of two sons and one daughter. Then on 1 Feb 1896, in her forty-fourth year Mamie passed away. She was buried in Chattanooga.

Henry W. was married secondly in 1900 to Mrs. Julia Dunn Gordon. Julia had a daughter, Margaret, Gordon by her first husband and two children by Henry W. Fritts. Henry W. loved all his children. He maintained two homes, dividing his time between the families.

Just when he sold his business in Chattanooga and moved to Birmingham, Alabama is not definite--but while in Alabama he had a blacksmith shop in West End and lived nearby. The place was sold in 1921. He then moved to Beaumont, Texas, near his son Henry Wesley Fritts, Jr. Opening a small shoe shop there in 1922. Henry W. Sr., died suddenly, with a heart attack, on 27 June 1926 and was buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Beaumont, Jefferson Co., Texas.

CHILDREN OF HENRY W. & MAMIE (JAMESON) FRITTS

1. Isham Gordon Fritts, b. 28 Feb 1888, on Poplar Street, Chattanooga, TN, the next year his parents moved to 243 Harrison Avenue and this is where 'Gordon' as he was called and his brother, Henry W., Jr. and sister Mary K. lived even after their mother's death with a housekeeper and cook. Around 1904 Gordon traveled to Bessemer, Alabama and boarded with Alma and Ike H. Lewis. Ike was brother of Gordon's maternal grandmother, Marie Jameson. Gordon attended Bessemer High School and was captain of their first football team in 1905. I have the original picture of the team and he is holding the football with the year on it. He graduated from Bessemer High School 31 May 1906. He worked in Lenoir, NC around 1908/10. He was an engineer and bookkeeper and worked for Tennessee Coal Iron and Railroad Co. in Bessemer. On 21 Dec 1910, Gordon was married to Myrtle Annie Williams, she was born 5 April 1892 in Bessemer, Alabama. She died on 31 Oct 1962. Gordon and Myrtle lived in Chattanooga, TN a short while with his father on Harrison Ave. They then moved back to Bessemer where four children were born on 8th Avenue. In 1919 the family moved to 1705 Berkley Avenue, where Gordon died 3 August 1922, after a long illness. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 458 and Woodman of The World. For sometime before his illness and death, he was employed at Jefferson County Fertilizer Co. Gordon and Myrtle were both very popular and well thought of in Bessemer. Before and after Gordon's death, Myrtle gave private piano lessons for several years. She taught school in the Bessemer Education System from 1922 to 1962. Gordon and Myrtle are both buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, Alabama.
 - a. Isham Gordon Fritts, b. 15 Mar 1912; d. 24 Mar 1971; m. Everette L. Craig.
 - b. Fred Copeland Fritts, b. 8 Aug 1913; m. 1st. Esther F. Gibson 26 Mar 1937; they had one son. Fred C. was married 2nd to Everette L. Craig Fritts, the widow of his brother Isham Gordon Fritts on 7 June 1981.
 - i. Fred Copeland Fritts, Jr., b. 16 Sep 1944, Fairfield, Alabama; m. Linda Diana Wright on 21 Aug 1971 at Arlington Antebellum Gardens, Birmingham, Alabama.



I. Gordon
FRITTS, Sr.

taken 1910

They have two children, Phillip Edward, b. 1976, and Leich Ann, b. 1979.

c. Henry Williams Fritts, b. 24 May 1915; d. 6 Jun 1970, buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, AL; m. Nettie Lenoir Maynard. They have two children.

i. Richard Henry Fritts, b. 5 Oct 1945; m. Brenda F. Roberts.

ii. Jacquelyn Anne Fritts, b. 27 Nov 1950; m. Robert Perry Street.

d. Mary Catherine Fritts, b. 2 Feb 1917; m. James W. Amberson. They have one son. We wish to thank Mary for the family stories and pictures. We did shorten them for the newsletter, but will have them complete in Volume II of the Fritts Family Heritage book.

i. James Gordon Amberson, b. 27 Apr 1938; Virginia Marie Schever. They have two children, James Gordon, b. 1965, and Mary Susan Amberson, b. 1970.

2. Mary Katherine Fritts, b. 30 Sep 1889; d. 25 Apr 1979, Suitland, Virginia; m. Edward Jones Glover, Jr. She had one son.

a. Edward Fritts Glover.

3. Henry Wesley Fritts, Jr., b. 4 Aug 1891; d. 12 Dec 1953, Beaumont, Texas; m. 1st. Florence ?, she died in 1921; they had one son. Henry W., Jr. m. 2nd. Mrs. Dorthy Young McGraw, she had a son by her first marriage also. Dorthy is presently married to a Mr. Hight.

a. John William "Bill" Fritts, m. Marylin Anderson.

b. Douglas McGraw.



L to R: Fred C., mother, Myrtle (WILLIAM), Isham G., Jr., Mary (FRITTS) AMBERSON and Henry W. FRITTS, taken 1950 rec. from Mary AMBERSON in 1982.



CHILDREN OF HENRY W. & JULIA (DUNN) GORDON FRITTS

4. Julia Elizabeth "Betty" Fritts, m. Mr. ? Easton and lived in Austin, Texas.

5. Joseph "Joe" Fritts, m. Amanda ? and had one son Dan Fritts. Joe lived in Birmingham, AL at one time. He is deceased.

Help....With Greg and Patti both working we are having trouble keeping up with reading all the newspapers. Could we ask that you please send us the announcements for births, marriages, anniversaries, deaths and any other news events for the newsletters....THANK YOU!



Crossed Over To Our Father's House

- Lottie Byers, d. 9 Apr 1981, age 99y, Zionville, OH, p. 47.
- Floyd C. Young, d. 15 Nov 1981, age 75y, Soddy, TN, p. 378.
- Vernon "Doc" Kirk, d. 14 Aug 1982, p. 344.
- Carrie (Fritts) Rainey, d. 8 Oct 1982, age 93y, p. 237.
- Helen M. (Fritts) Foster, d. 28 Oct 1982, age 57y, Lexington, NC.
- John Lee Fritts, d. 24 Dec 1982, age 66y, Lexington, NC, p. 64.
- Thomas Wiley Hedrick, d. 27 Jan 1983, Lexington, NC.
- Katherine (Tussey) Waitman, d. 27 Mar 1983, age 93y, Lexington, NC, p. 102.
- Paul Fritts, d. 1 Apr 1983, age 67y, La Follette, TN, p. 394.
- Freda (Fritts) Loman, d. 11 Apr 1983, age 72y, Lexington, NC, p. 37.
- Anna (Fritts) Rainey, d. 25 Apr 1983, age 94y, Huntsville, AR, p. 150.
- Malcolm Fritts, d. 25 Jun 1983, age 65y, Lexington, NC, p. 68.
- Nona (Fritts) Leonard, d. 29 June 1983, age 72, Lexington, NC, sister to Reba Ridenhour.
- Reba (Fritts) Ridenhour, d. 19 July 1983, age 96y, Lexington, NC, sister to Nona Leonard.
- Jennie (Fritts) Craver, d. 17 Aug 1983, Lexington, NC, p. 62, Jennie WOULD OF BEEN 100y on 28 Sep 1983!
- Colonel W. Merle Delaney passed away in 1983 in his 72nd year, we do not have the date.
- Pauline "Polly" (Fritts) Cutler, d. 23 Oct 1983, age 73y, Batavia, Ohio, p. 393.

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Over Eighties Club

1. Fannie (Fritts) Ivie, b. 6 Nov 1893, age 89y, a twin, (John 1762, p 237).
2. Annie (Fritts) Crawford, b. 6 Nov 1893, age 89y, a twin, (John 1762, p. 237)
3. Jennie (Fritts) ? , b. Aug 1895, age 88y, (Henry 1770, p. 290).
4. Una (Fritts) ? , b. Jan 1899, age 84, (Henry 1770, p. 290).
5. Rose (Fritts) Benningfield, age 82, (Henry 1770, p. 290).
6. Virgie (Grimes) Sechrist, b. Sep 1898, age 85y, (George 1753, p. 133).
7. Effie (Driskill) Thacker, b. June 1898, age 85y, (Henry 1770, p. 319).
8. Nellie M. (Fritts) Kindrick, b. July 1898, age 85y, (Henry 1770, p. 307).
9. Leta (Wise) Fritts, b. Feb 1902, age 81y, (Henry 1770, p. 298).

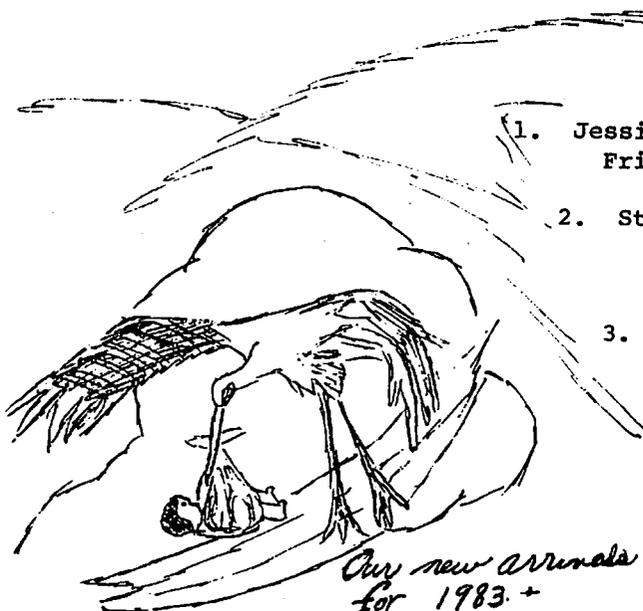


Weddings

1. Benny Ray Brooks and Janet Sue West, m. 9 Jul 1982, Fort Worth, TX, p. 316.
2. William A. Hartzell and Sandra Ruth Hammonn, m. 12 Jun 1983, at Artemas, PA, on top of the Mountain, Aunt Merkie Hartzell when to the wedding and it was beautiful, p. 297.
3. Kelley Timberlake and Andrew Ellis, m. 23 Jul 1983, Lexington, NC, p. 78.
4. Dr. William C. Hayden, Jr., and Susan W. Thomas, m. 20 Aug 1983, Acken, SC, p. 77.
5. Dennis Ray Fritts, and Leigh Ann Gaskey, m. 8 Oct 1983, Lexington, NC, p. 105.
6. David Hillie and Virgie (Grimes) Sechrist celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary at their home in Thomasville, NC on 2 Oct 1982, p. 133.
7. Baxter D. and Elsie S. (Fritts) Trogdon, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Lexington, NC on 12 Dec 1982.
8. Samuel W. and Grace (Sink) Fritts, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Lexington, NC in July 1983, p. 65.
9. On 15 Oct 1933, two couples were married in a joint ceremony, 50 years later they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary together--they are Carmon and Virginia (Wright) Fritts of Marion, KY and her brother and his wife, Curtis and Imogene (Clark) Wright, p. 365.



1. Jessica Leah Fritts, daughter of Timothy and Marcia Fritts, b. 29 July 1982, p. 301.
2. Stephanie Deann Fritts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Fritts, b. 29 July 1982, Marion, KY, p. 365.
3. Lisa Marie Sargent, daughter of Chris and Donna (Fritz) Sargent, b. 11 June 1983, San Jose, CA, p. 394
4. Jessica Naomi Fritts, daughter of Jeffery C. and Jennie L. (Perdue) Fritts, b. 27 Aug 1983, Thomasville, NC, p. 37.





L to R back row...Minnie TERRY & son, Clifford, Will TERRY, Lilly TERRY SPANGLER & Rose Lee, Joe IRONS, Rose TERRY, Lee CLARK, Ellen TERRY, Albert TERRY; second row...Edna TERRY, Louise TERRY, Mary Ellen CLARK, Ellen Jane FRITTS IRONS TERRY, Hagel CLARK, Ruth CLARK, Elenore SPANGLER, Beatrice TERRY, Grace SPANGLER; seated...William SPANGLER, Martin SPANGLER, Terry CLARK & Leonard TERRY. The reunion was about 1910 shortly after Ellen FRITTS IRONS TERRY suffered a stroke at Jellico, Tennessee. (Picture compliments of Eugene E. Fricks, Nov-1980, pp. 437-438 FFH1).

Ellen Fritts Irons Terry - - - daughter of Isaac and Franky (Fortner) FRITTS, was born 13 October 1844 in Knox Co., TN. In the 1860 Roane Co., TN census (4th Lenoir District), she is listed with the Archibald Morton family on page 88, as a boarder. She is also shown on page 90, with her parents but apparently enumerated as an afterthought at the bottom of the list of children.

She was married to Alvin Joseph IRON or IRONS (both forms are known in the records), on 7 March 1863 in Roane Co., TN. One son, Joseph P. Irons was born 28 January 1865. Alvin joined the Union Army in Nashville on 1 February 1865, becoming 2nd Lieutenant, Company I, 5th Tennessee Mounted Infantry. Alvin was born 31 May 1840, Monroe Co., TN. No record of his birth exists and his family is not listed in the 1850 census for Monroe, Roane, nor Polk Counties. In his pension application, Alvin stated his family's records were destroyed with the family home during the war. He gave his parents' names as William and Matilda IRON.

Alvin was discharged at Nashville 14 July 1865; he gave his occupation as artist. He apparently never returned to his family for Ellen divorced him for desertion at the May term, 1867 of the Roane County Court. He was married secondly to Sarah E. Flemons. In the 1880 Monroe Co., TN census, Alvin J. IRONS is listed as married to Elizabeth, age 30, with a five year old child, Minnie J., born 2 March 1875. Sarah died 30 August 1902.

Alvin was married a third time, on 25 February 1905, in Madisonville, TN to Martha J. Hicks by H. T. Franklin. She was born 26 October 1886. Two children were born to this marriage: Emma Leslie Mamie IRONS, on 21 October 1905 in Madisonville, TN and Alvin J. IRONS on 7 November 1910,

at Sweetwater, Monroe Co., TN. Martha died 26 January 1912 and Alvin (Senior) died at Madisonville on 8 August 1914. The younger Alvin drew a minors pension until 5 September 1926.

Ellen and Alvin's son Joseph P. IRONS was a river pilot on the Clinch and Tennessee Rivers. Roane Co., TN marriage records note a union of a J. A. IRONS and Nancy J. NEDDGE on 7 October 1883. Joseph P. IRONS died on 6 July 1918 and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Knoxville, Knox Co., TN.

Ellen FRITTS IRONS was married secondly to Jesse TERRY, on 18 April 1869 at Kingston, Roane Co., TN. Jesse TERRY was born in 1822 in Roane Co., TN. The TERRYS owned a farm on a bend in the Clinch River on Buttermilk Road near Paw Paw Creek about a mile from the Poplar Springs Church. A decess date and burial place for Jesse has not yet been found and help is solicited from Fritts Cousins in Roane Co., TN.

Ellen lived on Cornel Avenue, Knoxville, with her son William Isaac TERRY's family from shortly after stroke until her death on 17 July 1919. She is buried next to her son Joseph IRONS in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Ellen and Jesse TERRY had four children, all born in Kingston, Roane Co., TN.

1. Lillie TERRY, b. 20 Sep 1870; d. 13 Feb 1947, buried at Woodlawn Cemetery; m. Fred Spangler.
2. William Isaac TERRY, b. 28 Jan 1874; d. 11 Feb 1949, buried New Gray Cemetery, Knoxville, TN; m. Minnie Ann Courtney on 23 Dec 1896. William Isaac, who was named for his grandfather Isaac FRITTS, worked on the river steamboats, also.
3. Rose Ellen TERRY, b. 29 Aug 1875; d. 30 Dec 1930, Jellico, Campbell Co., TN is buried there at City Cemetery; m. Leondadus "Lee" CLARK on 26 Oct 1898 in Knoxville. Lee CLARK was a tinsmith. They lived in LaFollette until about 1904 when they moved to Jellico. Lee died 23 Apr 1923. They had eight children.
4. Albert TERRY, b. Kingston, TN; m. 1st Birdie ?; m. 2nd Jessie ?.

This family line is incomplete, it would be greatly appreciated if the names and dates of Ellen's descendents could be completed to present. If anyone is interested in providing a story or sketch of these descendents for Volume II of The Fritts/Fritz Family Heritage it is a treasured gift to leave for the future generations--a heritage to be PROUD of. (Gene Frick, 26 Windmill Drive, Clementon, NJ 08021, Aug, 1983).



We can not identify everyone in the picture! The Kingston Ferry photo has been the object of a minor controversy since a Roane County authority on local ferries is not certain that the pilot is Joe IRONS. If anyone can help to identify those in the picture it will be greatly appreciated, by all. (Picture rec. from Gene Fricks, Nov-1980, pp. 437-438).

November 1, 1983

REUNION 1984

Dear Cousins:



This year has gone by so fast! We were late in getting the June, 1983, Newsletter mailed--like August 11th--but it was worth it. BIG QUESTION--WHERE ARE THE QUESTIONNAIRES?? We must have the responses back by January 5, 1984, if at all possible.

We will be in Lexington, North Carolina at the Holiday Inn, Room 130, on December 27 & 28, 1983, to help co-ordinate the Reunion Committees, committee members are still needed so let us hear from you. For those who can not be in Lexington get us your input by December 20th. Otherwise, we hope to see you in Lexington in December.

We got the brochures on the Guilford Courthouse Park, Greensboro, NC - its beautiful! There is a twenty minute film on the Southern Campaign during the Revolutionary War and they will have a guide available to answer questions on the North Carolina Militia that Wooldrich and son, John Fritz served with at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on 15 March 1781. The tour itself is a self-guiding one either by car or walking. We will need to know how many want to take this tour and will plan it for Saturday, June 30th.

"TAKE A LEISURELY WALK THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE PAST" -- OLD SALEM AND HISTORIC BETHABARA, both of these attractions are in Winston-Salem, NC, 22 miles from Lexington. Historic Bethabara was founded in 1753 by the Moravian's in the wilderness of NC. Within a few years the community was a frontier center for trade, crafts, and medical care. Old Salem recreates the resourceful spirit of the 18th century, founded by the Moravians in 1766. We will plan these tours for Monday, July 2nd.

There will be a short June, 1984, Newsletter sent out with all the needed reunion time schedules. Since last Christmas' newsletter we have received contributions to help us with the mailing and other reunion expenses. We wish to thank everyone for their generous support this past year, it is greatly appreciated. God bless you all.

Richard E. Fritts
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We are adding two more libraries to the newsletter listing compliments of Eugene Frick--The Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, 1300 Locust Street, Phila, PA 19107; and Mr. L. B. Pope--The University of North Carolina Library, %Mr. H. G. Jones, Curator, N. C. Collection, Wilson Library, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514. We thank you gentlemen for your support.

BUSINESS

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Contributions received from the Fritts Cousins over the year 1983.	\$1,022.72		\$1,022.72
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Continue to send in donations to cover the cost of newsletters and the up coming reunion, send to Larry S. Fritts, 2105 Dane Lane, Bellbrooks, Ohio 45305.



THE FRITTS (FRITZ) FAMILY HERITAGE, VOLUME II's **DRAFT** has been STARTED -----

It will be a continuation of Volume I, pictures and stories are needed for all families. How long it will take us to complete the draft for printing will depend in great part on the completeness of the material sent in. The more complete the stories from the families the more time Greg and Patti will have to work on the DRAFTING OF THE BOOK. We will not be surpris to see the book or books cover 500 pages or more.

The format for those of you who can do so, please use the one used here in the newsletter, be sure to list your sources of information. If you do not feel comfortable with this format use your own. All corrections and updates from Volume I will be in Volume II. Those wishing pictures in Volume II will be asked to cover this cost, depending on size, they will cost \$7 to \$25 each. We are taking orders for those wishing to buy Volume II, but cannot give a price until we go to press--when we go to press--depends on how much HELP we get. We are also taking orders for Volume I now and as soon as we have about 25 more orders will run off a printing. You will need a copy of Volume I along with Volume II for a COMPLETE HISTORY.

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