

WILLIAM SPIVEY DATA

THOMAS SPIVEY, will dated 23 Dec 1729, proved 5 Feb 1729, Chowan Co., N. C.

Sons: Benjamin, Jacob, Thomas, William
wf. Mary _____

GEORGE SPIVEY, son of Mathew Spivey and Sarah Winfield

m. Ester Stanley, had sons George, David, William, James

JAMES SPIVEY, B. _____, D. _____ 1817, Franklin Co., N. C.

m. 17 Oct 1796, Charity Frazier, b. ca. 1780; d. 18 Jan 1853, Franklin Co., N.C.

Children: John F., Harriet, William T. Marina, Pepsy, Thomas L., Elizabeth,
George & B., David Watford

CURTIS SPIVEY b. ca 1795 N. C.

sons , William b. 1829 ca, North Carolina, Amos M., b. 1831, Isaac
Wife name Lucy, daughters names unknown, *name of one clearly to be Melvie*

WILLIAM SPIVEY, B. ca 1788 N.C. - *brother to Curtis*

sons William, Caleb. Daughters names unknown

WILLIAM SPIVEY, 1820 Census Buncombe Co., N. C. had 1 son, 4 daughters & wife

Tax list 1812 Ga, Hancock Co. Wm Spivey, pg 39
Wm Spivey, Jr. pg 39

WILLIAM C. "CUTCH" SPIVEY m. _____ 1866, Martha Stovall, dau Carol Stovall
b. _____ b. 15 May 1843

D. Feb 1888 d. 28 Dec 1906

three sons, one daughter, married C. H. Hawkins

JAMES SPIVEY, son of ELISHA PERRYMAN SPIVEY b. 1810 in Ga and MARY ANN BA MORE
b. 1841 Ala

Wm, b. 1842, Ala " " " " " "

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THE SPIVEYS

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ELAJA SPIVEY, also known as E. J. SPIVEY, was my maternal grandfather. He was born August 9, 1866, approximately ten miles north of Broxton, GA, near the Ocmulgee River in Coffee County. His parents were JOHN DAVID SPIVEY (son of JOHN A. SPIVEY and MARTHA DAVIS) and his wife, ROXCEANN WOOTEN (daughter of BRYANT WOOTEN and his wife JINCY LEE).

When JOHN DAVID SPIVEY moved his family to Florida, one of his brothers, JAMES ERWIN (Irvin) SPIVEY and wife EMILY TROWELL (daughter of JOSEPH TROWELL and EMILY ANN WALL) moved with them to the southern edge of Hernando County, FL, which is now part of Pasco County, near what was later named Abbott Station, then shortened to Abbott, and in 1912 was renamed Zephyrhills. The decision was made to move due to so much devastation done to their farms during their service in the War Between the States. They loaded their few belongings and JOHN DAVID's three small children on a covered wagon pulled by oxen and walked to Florida, arriving December 25, 1875, per his application for a pension. It must have been sad to leave behind their three sisters, three brothers and families..

Both of the brothers served in the War Between The States. JOHN DAVID was in the 26th Regiment Georgia Infantry, Company E and wounded September 4, 1864 in the battle at Winchester, VA., which left him impaired for life. JAMES ERWIN was also in the same Regiment and Company as his brother. He was wounded in the right arm and shoulder by a bomb June 3, 1864 in the battle at Cold Harbor, VA, per his application for pension. He served under General JOHN B. GORDON and was known as "Gordon's Bull" due to his loud voice and could bellow like a bull. He used his "talent" to give signals to the troops. JOHN DAVID was home on furlough and was not with JAMES ERWIN when the 26th Regiment was surrendered at Appomatox by General ROBERT E. LEE.

ELAJA was married in Pasco County on March 15, 1888 to MINNIE MELISSA SMITH by his Uncle JAMES ERWIN, a who was a circuit riding preacher. She was born January 2, 1868, in Hernando County, near Lake Buddy, now in Pasco County. Her parents were ALLEN HENRY SMITH (son of WILLIS SMITH and SARAH GREEN and his wife VIANNA PATIENCE ROBERTS OVERSTREET (daughter of JOHN ROBERTS and PATIENCE ADAMS). VIANNA was the widow of WILLIAM RAYBURN OVERSTREET, who died in the Confederate service after having been wounded and taken prisoner at Gettysburg. VIANNA and first husband were parents of four sons.

ELAJA and MINNIE were the parents of nine children (two were stillborn) before moving to Hillsborough County about 1901 in the West Tampa area, in what is now the Drew Park area (which was the site of a military base during world War II). Another son was born in 1903. Years later ELAJA purchased 2,000 acres in the same area, only to lose it at the onset of the depression as he could not pay the balance in a lump sum per demand. This is part of the land the Tampa International Airport is on now. They had lost two more stillborn babies before selling the property near West Tampa and moving.

In 1905 they moved northwesterly to a place on the west side of Rocky Creek near what is now Citrus Park. He had purchased an old run-down farm of 40 acres with a three room house in 1893 before leaving Pasco County. It faced what is now Gunn Highway and is now bisected by the Veterans Expressway. He cleared the land, built another house about 100 feet in back of the existing one, plowed, planted crops, a garden, and in time an orange grove. During this time another son was born. This made a total of 13 children with 9 living to maturity.



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He was a good Christian man, well known and well liked. He was a farmer, foreman on a road crew for the county commissioners, surveyor, deputy sheriff for about 15 years under Sheriff R. C. JACKSON. He made caskets and conducted funerals when no preacher was available, burned charcoal from the stumps and trees cleared from his acreage to sell. He once ran for county commissioner and lost by fifty votes to JOHN T. GUNN, who the highway was named for.

TOM BEATTY was county surveyor and ELAJA worked with him surveying many areas of the county, including Citrus Park townsite. Another area was the western side of West Tampa including the today's McFarlane Park. Here's an interesting bit of information about this park: In the 1950-1960 years when the interstate highway system was in the planning stage, it was shown as going through the park area. The McFARLANE family went to court to get the property back. Originally the family had made a deed for the area to be made into a park for the enjoyment of many, with the provision that if the land was ever used for any other purpose it would revert back to the McFARLANE family heirs. The court upheld the original deed's provision and the interstate system was rerouted to the south of the park area.

When the Tampa & Gulf Coast Railroad tracks were laid through the area that later became Citrus Park, they ran parallel to ELAJA's acreage on the west side. The railroad bought a one hundred foot strip of land from property owners for the tracks. ELAJA sold ("gave") his strip for \$1.00 (I have a copy of the deed), while some others sold theirs for \$300.00. In today's time, the southwest corner of his property would be where Citrus Park Drive meets Gunn Highway as it curves north. A railroad stop was made a short distance north (not quite as far as the current entrance to Citrus Pointe). It was a small building with a bench for passengers and was also the stop for wood as fuel for the train. He also had the contract for supplying the wood.

He always went to "town" on Friday. He left home by daybreak, going into West Tampa with horses and wagon containing whatever he had to sell: produce, chickens, charcoal, etc., plus lists of items the neighbors had given him to purchase for them.

He did his banking at The Bank of West Tampa at the southeast corner of Main Street and Howard Avenue. The building is still there but no longer a bank. When he finished with his business there, he would leave his team and wagon on a lot owned by a storekeeper friend and ride the street car on into Tampa if he had personal business or deputy sheriff business to conduct; then return to West Tampa for his team and wagon, purchase the needed items and return home about dark.

The following story was told to me by my mother, ROXEY, one of ELAJA'S daughters. He had sold a crop for \$3,000 and hurried to the bank to deposit it. He was a little late; knocked on the door calling for them to open for his deposit. They finally opened the door and accepted his deposit, knowing they would not open the next morning Bank Failure!

He was Post Master in the General Store that was on the west side of the T&GC Railroad in the Citrus Park township, about a mile north of his farm and the railroad wood-stop "SPIVEY". The train also stopped there to discharge and pick up passengers, or leave freight. With the usage of coal instead of wood, the small stop at the edge of ELAJA'S acreage was done away with. The stop in the Citrus Park township by the General Store was then used. Of course today, the railroad is no more. Over the years, it was sold and resold a couple of times and finally the rails were removed. Part of the railroad bed is now a biking and hiking trail

A Mr. BECKER owned that General Store. It was on the northwest corner where the railroad and the dirt road, Ehrlich, intersected. ELAJA's teen-aged son, EBER, worked in the store for 50 cents per day.

THE SPIVEY'S, Cont'd.

The year 1917 brought sadness to ELAJA and MINNIE. A grandson, MORRIS, was born in July to son ZEAN and wife, EMMA McLEOD. She died 26 days later. ZEAN had already received his draft notice for service in World War I and had to go. The baby was left with the grandparents to take care of. About the same time another son, JOHN JEWELL, left for service, too.

ZEAN went into the Florida Militia, Company G, 124th Infantry and was sent to Camp Wheeler, Macon, GA. He went into the Infantry thinking he and JOHN JEWELL would stay together. But, it didn't work out that way. Since JOHN JEWELL had fired for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for awhile, he was later placed in the Engineers Division.

ZEAN was then placed in the 31st Dixie Division and the brothers were sent overseas together in June 1918. ZEAN was in the battle at Aragon Forest, St. Michiel, France, and was wounded. He was in the first wave going to the top of the hill; was wounded in the left hand; and almost there when orders were received to retreat as German soldiers were sitting at the top waiting on them. He was wounded in the legs when the second wave of the Allied Troops made it to the top and took the hill. Soon after, his parents received notification he was missing in action. About two weeks later another notice was received advising he was in England in a hospital. He returned home in 1919.

JOHN JEWELL was sent to Cherbourg, France. He and another soldier were in the railroad yards sitting on top of a boxcar eating lunch when a bomb landed nearby. Both were knocked off the top and to the ground, across the railroad tracks, and unconscious. From this, he had a busted knee and a cracked thigh bone. Both had problems for years from their injuries. They received a pension for their injuries.

Now, back to the General Store in Citrus Park. It was located on the north side of Ehrlich Road across from the present day Ballyhoo Grill restaurant, formerly the home of LONNIE SPIVEY and family. ELAJA later bought this store and eventually built a new one where the present-day Texaco service station is in the curve at Gunn Highway and Ehrlich Road. At that time there was no curve in the road; that was made many years later. He designed and built most of the new store by himself; hiring help when needed. He made small living quarters downstairs and lived there; later adding the upstairs living quarters. This construction was started in 1924. The store was soon known as "SPIVEY'S CORNER." It had general merchandise, groceries, meats, gasoline, kerosene, post office, barber shop, animal feed, etc.

He sold the home place on Rocky Creek for \$10,000 to a man who planned to cut the acreage up into lots for sale. When the new owner defaulted on payments, ELAJA had to take the property back. His son, JOHN JEWELL and his family then went to live in the old home place.

ELAJA suffered his first stroke in 1927, which left him partially paralyzed. Thereafter he walked with a cane. He then bought the little house across Gunn Highway on the north (where the veterinarian is now) and moved into it, selling the store to a Mr. BOSTICK. About a year and half later, he suffered a second stroke that left him completely paralyzed and unable to talk. He lived until June 11, 1931 and is interred in Keystone Cemetery.

After his death, MINNIE sold the old home place on Rocky Creek to son ZEAN. Son JOHN JEWELL bought the ten acres on the west side of the farm adjoining the railroad property. He also bought for back taxes some of the lots that the defaulted owner had sold.

MINNIE died November 13, 1937, from a ruptured appendix and joined ELAJA in Keystone Cemetery.

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Children of ELAJA and MINNIE that lived to maturity

Name	Born	Died	Married
Alonija ("L.J.," "Lonnie")	29 Jan 1889	15 Jul 1937	Alberta ("Bertie," "Bert,") Carmen BUZBEE He taught school for several years, was a deputy under Sheriff Hiers. He bought the SPIVEY store, operating it until he died. He was the father of two daughters.
Vivian Vianna	16 Jan 1890	25 Nov 1978	Victor Bertrand ("Bert") GANT She was the mother of seven sons and four daughters that lived to maturity. He was a caretaker of the Hillsborough County Courthouse in downtown Tampa, a forerunner of the current one.
Roxceann Rosa ("Roxcie", "Roxey")	17 Jan 1891	15 May 1957	James ("Jim") Arthur RODGERS She was the mother of a son and daughter that lived to maturity. She was a school teacher. He retired as an engineer for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad.
Zean Elaja	02 Feb 1892	30 Oct 1966	1/ Emma McLEOD, 2/ Mabel BRYANT He retired from the Florida Forest Service as County Ranger. He was the father of one son by first marriage, and 6 sons by second marriage that lived to maturity.
Martin Allen	01 Mar 1893	17 Dec 1967	1/ Annamay SHELHAMER 2/ Truea MASTERSON Dill He was a carpenter. There were on children by either marriage.
Irvin (no middle name) (used initials "I.S.")	29 Mar 1894	03 Jan 1976	Emma SMITH He retired from Great Southern Trucking Company in Jacksonville, FL. (It was later sold to Ryder Truck Lines.) They had no children.
John Jewell	28 Nov 1897	25 Jul 1966	1/ Isabelle HACKNEY, 2/ Myrtle Mae BRANCH He worked at Tampa Shipyards, and was a preacher. The first marriage was annulled. There were three sons from the second marriage. All lived to maturity.
Eber Bunker	08 Oct 1903	18 Jan 1983	1/ Kate McCARTY, 2/ Margaret Mae SHAW He retired from the U.S. Army on July 31, 1946, and retired a second time from the Florida Forestry Service as dispatcher on January 31, 1969. There were no children from either marriage.
Victor Betman	20 Jun 1906	03 Jan 1957	1/ Edith Pauline COURTNEY 2/ Opal Juanita BICKLEY He worked for Great Southern Trucking Company in Tampa and Orlando. He died after being transferred to Orlando, FL. He did not live until retirement. There were three sons and one daughter from first marriage and none from second one.

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WILLS

Some Definitions of Terms

HOLOGRAPHIC WILL: A will written, dated and signed in the testator's own handwriting. There are some differences in the statutes from one state to another, but such wills do not generally require witnesses.

NUNCUPATIVE WILL: A will declared or dictated orally by the testator. Such wills can usually only dispose of personal property and are valid only for persons in their last illness or soldiers in actual combat. They are valid only if given before sufficient witnesses. They are not allowed in some states.

UNOFFICIOUS WILL: A will made in disregard to natural obligations of inheritance.

REAL PROPERTY: It is land or real estate or anything attached to it, realty lands and tenements. In a will, it is devised.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: It is everything that is NOT real property. In a will it is bequeathed.

UNSOLEMN WILL: It is a will without an executor named. It will require that an administrator *cum testamento annexo* be appointed by the court.

QUALIFIED: The administrator or executor took an oath to discharge his duties faithfully according to law under bond with securities. The bond was usually set at twice the estimated value of the estate.

CODICIL: An addition to a will, dated and witnessed.

INFANT: Someone under the age of twenty-one, or, if a woman, unmarried. Marriage brought coming of age to young women.

ORPHAN: A child whose father is dead. The mother may well be living.

RELICT: A widow.

A.A.S.: Died in the year of his/her age (*anno actitis suae* - 86 y/o died in year 86).

D.S.P.: Died without issue (*decessit sine prole supersita*).

D.S.P.L.: Died without legitimate issue (*decessit sine prole supersita*).

D.S.P.M.S.: Died without surviving male issue (*decessit sine prole mascula supersita*).

UTL: Late (Ultimo).

NEPOS: Grandson.

UX or VS: Wife (Uxor).

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