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The Rowseys.



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1. By Miss Alice Freeman,
Sept. 11, 1956.

I went to Emmoris School, 28th & 4th Ave., in 1911, and retired in June 1942. Previous to this I taught 7th grade at Buffington, 3rd grade, & 6th & 7th at Buffington, I was at Holderby in 1891, at Cross Roads 1890. Isaac Crump lived there. I boarded there. Mrs. Ernest (Davis) Bradley, dau. of Beamer Davis, of Davis Creek. A gr. son of Beamer Davis, is Clarence Davis, phone -11th Ave, bet 9th & 10th Ave.

My father, was Wilkerson G. Freeman
My mother's name was Cordelia Gentry
My father lived in Richmond, Va.,
I came here in Christmas 1885. My
mother died in Dec., 1885, and my
brother brought me here. His name
was

There were 6 children who lived
and several died young.

Superintendents

James Lee

Mr. Sterling

Cole

Foulk (Wilson)

C. L. Wright

John Graham.

Oliver C. Nutter.

Holderby Teachers

Miss Frances (Fanny) Burgess, Prior at

Holderby

Miss Clara Eisenmann

" Leona Miller (Mrs. Summers)

" Nadie Carroll deid

" Bert Lallance (deid

" Mattie Wyatt (m. Williams)

" Sybil Staley

"

James Rousey

m.

"Kitty" —

In

early life, they lived, in Rock-
bridge County, Virginia, at Ben-
na Vista, near Natural Bridge.

Some time later, they moved with
their family, to Kanawha County,
W. Va., near Kanawha Falls, and
finally located, at Milton, Cabell
County, where they ran the Milton
Hotel, and continued to operate
it, for the remainder of their
lives.

To this union, were born
nine children:

1. Polina Rousey who married
Alex. Peyton, in the year
1854. At this time, she
was eighteen years old, and
soon thereafter, they established
their home, on a farm, in
this locality, and remained
there as long as they lived.

Here 13 children were
born to them:

2.

1. Isabella Peyton
2. Phyllis Peyton
3. Mary Peyton
4. Alzada Peyton
5. Alihue Peyton
6. Louwada Peyton
7. Elza Peyton
8. Myrtle Peyton
9. Ulysses Peyton
10. James Peyton
11. Nora Peyton
12. Charles Peyton
13. Dora Peyton

In addition to these, Mr. Peyton had two children, by a previous marriage, known so familiarly, to many of the family, as Uncle Lewis and Aunt Lucinda Peyton.

Of this number there are only two, who survive: Alihue, who is 82 years of age, and James, who is 75.

4. Martha Rowsey, fourth daughter of James and Kitty Rowsey, was born July 6, 1854, in Rockbridge County, and some years later, her parents moved to Cabell County, W. Va., in the late summer of 1865. About the close of the Civil War, a number of soldiers were marching ~~that~~ through that part of the country, a dark, handsome looking young man, stopped to ask her, for a drink of water, just as she was drawing it, from the well, and, of course, she very politely, gave him the refreshing drink, and somehow, that winsome personality, and sweet smile of hers, touched his heart, and instead of carrying out the plan that he and his soldier buddies had made to come back that night, and rob the

home, in which Martha lived, he said "Oh no, boys, we are not going to rob that house, for, if I ever get out of this army, that woman, that gave me the drink of water is going to be my wife, and sure enough, when he got his discharge, from the army, he kept his word, and came back, and found Martha still single, and waiting for him. Their courting days were soon over, and they were united in holy matrimony, on Feb. 11, 1866, in this county, and, for quite a number of years, made their home here. This home is still standing, and is known as the Old Bias Homestead. However, their latter days were spent in Huntington, W. Va. Mr Bias

preceded her, in death, by a
good many years, and Aunt
Martha, as she was known
to her many friends, passed
to her reward, on the other
side of Jordan Nov. 30, 1932.

To this union was born:
the following named sons
and daughters:

1. David A. Bias

2. James Andrew Bias

3. Riley M. Bias

4. Mary Emily Bias

6.

5. Crosby Bias

6. Luster ^{Jones} Bias

7. John W. Bias

8. Henry R. Bias

9. Theodore Bias

10. Elza Bias

11 William Bias

12. Oga W. Bias

7.

13. Bessie E. Bias

14. Golden Hays Bias.

Of these, only three survive

1. James, who is now nearing his eighty-second birthday.

2. William Bias, seventy-two

3. Bessie's age, she didn't say
James Rowsey, known as "Uncle Jimmy", son of James and Kitty Rowsey, was born June 29, 1850, in Rockbridge County, near Natural Bridge. He was just a small boy, when his parents moved to West Virginia, and settled in Kanawha County, and

later into Cabell County, near
 Millon. He was united, in
 marriage, to Delilah Irwin,
 August 6, 1853, and soon
 after their marriage, they
 built a little log cabin,
 which still remains, and
 is known as the "Uncle
 Jimmy Rowsey Home" and
 here they raised their family
 of children, and resided, in
 it, until they were called
 home.

Born to this union were:

1. Elihu Rowsey

2. Henry Jackson Rowsey

3. James Rowsey.

4. David Rowsey

9.

5. Johnnie Rowsey, twin to David.

6. Nancy Rowsey.

7 Willie Rowsey

8. Napoleon Rowsey

9. Lakin Rowsey

Of this number, only two survive

1. Nancy, who is now 68,

and

2 Lakin, who is 65.

children: Nancy Jane Rowsey, Wm
Elihu Rowsey, Henry Jackson Rowsey
Selena Rowsey, Nancy, Napoleon
5. Polina Rowsey ^{Elinor} Lavin Rowsey.
m Alex Peyton

Martha Rachel Rowsey d. Nov. 29, 1932 at 86-5-25.
~~b. July 6, 1846, in Emerson Co. Va. d. 1915~~
m. William Alfred Bias at 65-8-15
b. in Emerson Co. Va. d.
d. July 15, 1903, at 65-8-15.
David Amos Bias

6. ^{Lusta}~~Augusta~~ Jane Bias ("Gusta")
b. 1-15-74
d. 5-20-39, aged 65-4-4.
m. J. Tolbert Smith.

7. John William Bias
b. 8-2-76
d. 8-14-34, aged 58 yrs - 0 - 12 days.

8. Mary R. Bias
b. 2-16-78
d. 2-22-78, aged 6 days.

9. Theodore Bias ("Thee")
b. 1-29-79
d. 3- -35, Aged 46 yrs. 2 mos.

10. Elza Bias
b. 6-25-80
d. 10-10-93, aged 13-3-15

11. William Alfred Bias Jr.
b. 5-2-82, still living

12. Olga Waller Bias ("Oga")
b. 6-23-83
d. 7-15-26, aged 43 yrs.

13. Bessie Ethel Bias
b. 6-25-88, still living
m. Roscoe Newman.

14. Golden Hayes Bias (Hayes)

() . James Rowsey

m. 1.

Children:

1. James Cephus Rowsey,
m. Delilah Margaret Irwin,
sister of David and Ned Irwin,
who were children of Matthew
and Nancy Lycans Irwin.

Children:

1. Nancy Jane Rowsey
b. Feb 17, 1882. They had
* 3 Lillian Early Bryan * three children: 1 Della Gibson,
b. m. 1. John Woods Bryan, 2 Lloyd Dawson Rowsey
m. 2. Ellen Foster,

They had no children.

Seaton Rowsey } Brothers
James Rowsey (1) }
m. 1. (?) Mary Reed

Children:

1. Martha Rowsey

m. 1. Henry Glenn

Children

1. William (?) Rowsey (Glenn?)
m. in
Mason Co.

2. Henry Rowsey

m. 1. Crouch

3. John ^{Magellan} Rowsey

m. Jane Jordan.

4. James C. Rowsey

m. Delilah Irwin,
dan. of Mathew and
Irwin, and sister of
Ned and David Irwin

James Leonard Rousey

m. Ann

They were the parents of George J.
Rousey, who was

b. June 7, 1861, and

d. March 1, 1947. He married

Mary Ellen Pylon

b. June 7, 1861, and

d.

Work On Distribution Costs

On the 21st floor of a Madison Ave. skyscraper, a group of men sat around discussing your daily bread. There were 36 men. They were gathered in the conference room of the Economics of Distribution Foundation Inc., headed by a soft-spoken economist Dave Kaplan.

They are the men who head the big eastern bakeries and the men who work for them delivering bread and cake door-to-door throughout the area.

They had been called together by the Foundation, on the board of which were not only the owners of the giant baking companies but Dave Beck, leader of the giant Teamsters, and Jim Cross, head of the Baking and Confectionery Workers. Their problem was to cut the cost of delivering bread so wages could go up, profits could go up and maybe the prices of bread could go down—but never up again.

They had figures before them showing that six out of every ten dollars spent for bread and other foods goes for distribution. They knew that it sometimes takes a truck longer to cross the bridge from Brooklyn to Manhattan than it takes to roll over the road from Philadelphia to New York.

They knew that it costs more to move some fruit 20 blocks from a central market to a consumer than it costs to grow it, grade it, pack it and ship it from Cali-

fornia to New York.

They were gathered to try and do something to cut the cost of this distribution—this delivery.

Here then was a group of union men evincing a new kind of consciousness of the consumer's and the employer's problems. If this experiment succeeds, it will be easy for the Foundation to put together other conferences on the more efficient distribution of soft drinks, fruits, vegetables and milk.

The 36 men ended their conference by setting up committees to bring in reports and set aside certain areas for experimental "laboratories."

For example, one company official said that he would like the union delivery men to take a cut in commissions earned on door-to-door bread and cake delivery. Then his firm could use the money it saves by buying better ingredients and turning out a tastier, superior product. This would soon sell better. The men would earn more, even with a reduced commission rate. If this experiment failed, the company promised it would restore the pay cut.

The local union in that area agreed. We'll soon know what happens. If successful, the company will make higher profits. The unionists will get more pay. The consumer will get more for his money. Everybody will eat cake. Quite an experiment.

James Leonard Rowsey ^{mulder} (George Rowsey,
b. March 2, 1858 [?] of Va. Beunatha
d. Feb. 21, 1925
m. Mary Ellen Peyton, daughter
of Alex. and Polina, Sunday, June 6,
1879.

Mary Ellen Peyton

b. June 7, 1861.

d. March 1, 1947

Their children were:

1. Cora Belle Rowsey

b. Feb. 27, 1880

d. Nov. 1, 1921

2. James Alex Rowsey

b. Nov. 18, 1881,

3. Mattie Ann Rowsey

b. Sept. 18, 1883

d. Oct. 28, 1940

4. Lue Madie Rowsey

b. August 26, 1885.

d. Feb. 28, 1947, at 62

38 yrs. 5 mos. & 28 days.

5. George Leonard Rowsey
b. Dec. 15, 1887.
d. Nov. 26, 1887.

6. Ronie May Rowsey
b. Oct. 5, 1889
d. 10-12 yrs ago.
m.

7. Roxie ^{Ann} Ellen Rowsey. (7540)
b. June 23, 1889
m. Luther Lewis, owner
of a shoe shop, on Twenty-
first Street. Children:

8. Clara Sarah Rowsey
b. Feb. 22, 1893
m. Clark Allen Eblin
b. Nov. 4, 1854
d. April 29, 1933

They have three children:

1. Clark Allen Eblin

b. Feb. 18, 1913.

2. Harry Leonard Eblin - b. 2-7-

3. Carl Francis Eblin - b. 11-13-

9. Adelia Alice Rowsey

b. Nov. 23, 1894

d. Sept. 15, 1912. Killed
by a train. She was
engaged to be married

to Arnold Eastwood. Both
were killed, by a train, at
South Charleston, Sept. 16,
1912.

10. Alzada Rowsey

b. August 28, 1896

m. Quar Curry, of South
Charleston, W. Va. They live
at 2626 Mc Corkle Avenue.
and have three children:

1. Luther Curry

2. Bobby Curry

3. Mary Frances (Jarvis?)

11. Fannie Dora Rowsey

b. Sept. 8, 1898

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Adelia was engaged to be married to Arnold Eastwood but both were killed, Sept. 16, 1912, by a train, at South Charleston.

10. Alzada Rowsey
b. August 28, 1896
m. Oscar Curry of South Charleston.

11. Fannie Dora ~~Curry~~? Rowsey
b. Sept. 8, 1898
m. Early Jarvis, now living at 2646, Mc Circle Ave., South Charleston, W. Va.
They have three children:

1. Luther Jarvis

2. Bobby Jarvis

3. Mary Frances Jarvis.

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12. Edward Lee Rowsey

b. Dec. 3, 1900.

m. Stacia Smith, at
Cattlettsburg, Kentucky. They
now live, at 611, Mc Corke
Avenue, South Charleston,
and have three chil-
dren:

1. Edward Smith.

2. Edward Smith

3. Jannita Smith.

James Rowsey
m. "Kitty"

They resided in Rockbridge County, Virginia, near Natural Bridge, and some time later, they moved with their family, to a place, near Kanawha Falls, in Kanawha County, W. Va.

They finally located, in Milton, as it was then known.

Here, they engaged, in the hotel business, in what was known as the Milton Hotel. Here they spent the remainder of their days

The following children were born to this union

1. Polina Rowsey, married Alexander Peyton, in 1854. She was then eighteen years old. They made their home, on a farm near Milton, where they remained there the rest of their lives.

Their children were:

- 1. Isabella Peyton, 2. Phyllis Peyton
- 3. Mary Peyton 4. Alvine Peyton
- 5. Alzada, Alvine, Louwada,
Elsa, Myrtle, Ulysses, James,
Nora
- 2. William Rowsey

3. Elizabeth Rowsey

4. Henry Peyton

5. Jane Peyton

6. Martha Peyton

7. James Peyton

8. Mary Ellen Peyton

9. Johnnie Peyton