

James Henry Wood Interview with his Grandparents

My name is James Henry Wood and these are the notes I made during a visit to my Grandparents' home in July, 1967 on their farm outside Mart, Texas. This was the summer Shelia and I were married (August) and by making this trip, I missed her birthday on July 14. These are typed from my handwritten notes and as such, there may be some spellings that are not perfect. As you read, please note any changes that should be made and send them to me. Any use of "Pappa" is in reference to my Grandfather, John Bunyan Wood and "Grandmother" is in reference to my Grandmother, Ida Tyler Wood. The "?" marks show where there may be a different spelling or a different date.

My Grandfather was named John Bunyan Cincinatti Wood. He was born on September 17, 1886 in Alpharetta, Georgia. When he obtained his official birth certificate later in life when he was living in Texas, the form had spaces for only three names and he dropped "Cincinatti" when he applied. His parents were:

Henry Park Wood (Father). He was born in Georgia and raised in Alpharetta Georgia. He was born on July 9, 1860 and died on June 24, 1936.

Louanna Perry Wood (Mother) She was born on May 1, 1867 and died on August 19, 1920. They had the following children:

Charlie Danile Wood born July 27, 1882 and died June 19, 1949
Rosalee Jamerson Wood born April 3, 1885 (Rosalee and Exerlee were twins)
Exerlee Jamerson Wood born April 3, 1885 and died November 23, 1886
John Bunyan Cincinatti Wood born September 17, 1886
Earl General Wood born February 18, 1889 and died January 27, 1956
Martha Mintora Wood born October 10, 1890
Henry Park Wood and Louanna Franas Perry married on November 25, 1880
(Pappa had a stepmother, Julia Blair Wood who died March 3, 1933. She and Henry Wood had no children)
Henry Park Wood was my (James H. Wood) Great Grandfather Wood

Henry and Louanna lived in Birmingham, Georgia and Pappa was educated in Birmingham, Georgia. Pappa moved from Georgia to Texas in August, 1905. He went to work pulling corn for \$ 1 a day and worked in Bynum, Texas. He went to work for a man named McComis. Pappa got to Texas on Sunday and went to church that night and meet Ida who would later become his wife. Pappa met Ida at church at Ash Creek Baptist Church, which is between Bynum and Rinezi, Texas in 1905 at church on his first Sunday night in Texas.

Pappa and Ida were married on December 6, 1908.

John Bunyan C. Wood was born September 17, 1886
Ida Tyler Wood was born September 20, 1890
John and Ida were married on December 6, 1908 and had these children

J. B. Wood born October 4, 1909
Henry Emory Wood born April 29, 1911

Ruby Inez Wood born May 12, 1914
 Vera Juanita Wood born April 30, 1916
 Woodrow Wilson Wood born November 6, 1918 (this is my father)
 Hazel Earlene Wood born December 28, 1920 and died December 28, 1920
 Ida Eith Wood born January 23, 1922
 Zelda Lois Wood born October 30, 1925

Tyler family history from Grandmother Wood (Ida Wood)

H. T. Tyler born October 10, 1868 and died November 19, 1946. (He came from Zwalle and Many , Louisiana)

Amanda G. Self born February 14, 1861 and died October 19, 1938

They had the following children

James Henry Tyler born October 30, 1876 and died June 26, 1949

John William Tyler born December 20, 1878 and died March 9, 1937

Issac Nath Tyler born February 3, 1881

Tom Tyler born July 28, 1883

Rosa Lea Tyler born January 9, 1886 and died August 17, 1887

Minnie Jimmie Tyler born July 5, 1888

Ida Tyler born September 20, 1890 (my Grandmother Wood)

Amanda Tyler born June 10, 1892

Hattie Tyler born May 24, 1894

Marshall Tyler born April 1, 1896

Beulah (Beulah?) Mae Tyler born February 1, 1900 (1899?) and died September 26, 1900

J. D. Tyler born January 3, 1901 and died November 24, 1904

Note (information on Ida Wood's history) Grandmother (Ida Wood) mothers' mother (her grandmother) was Matilda Self and was born in or around Zwalle, Louisiana. Grandmother's Grandfather Self is buried in Pineville, Louisiana Grandmothers mother and father came from Louisiana around Zwalle.

Note: (information on Pappa's family) His grandparents came from South Carolina and went from South Carolina to close to Anderson, Alabama. Pappa's father was born and raised in Georgia just outside of Birmingham. His mother (Perry) was raised in Alphareth, Georgia . The Perry's came from near Alphareth, Georgia. Pappa's grandfather (the one named Wood) was raised in Anderson, South Carolina

This information about Grandmother is recorded in Volume 83 page 480 in the records of Ellis, County, Texas.

Child: Ida Tyler born September 20, 1890 at Milford, Texas (RFD)

Father: Henry T. Tyler, RFD Milford Texas White, age 32, Birthplace, Louisiana, occupation Farmer

Mother: Amanda Geogianna Self RFD Milford, Texas White, age 29 Born Louisiana

Child born at 5:00 AM and physician Cora L. Milliams 303 North Commerce, Mart, Texas

Other information provided by Pappa on his birth and name;

His birth is recorded as: born on September 18, 1886 at Birmingham, Milton County (county of record),

Georgia and born at 5:30 AM. Father: Henry Parker Wood, residence of Birmingham, Georgia, race white, age at birth 28, Born at Milton County, Georgia and profession farming
mother: Louiana Perry, white, age 27, born at Alpharetta, Georgia and housewife. He was actually born in Fulton, County Georgia according to what I was told.
Pappa's actual birth certificate was obtained on February 3, 1944 in Limestone County, Texas. Since the form had only three spaces, the certificate shows the legal name on the certificate as John Bunyan Wood.

Pappa was a deacon in First Baptist Church in Mart, Texas. He was ordained at the Ash Creek Baptist Church. In the ceremony. the group questioned the wife (Grandmother Wood) to see if she was leading a perfect life. The first car Pappa ever owned was a Plymouth (?). Pappa bought his first tractor in 1941 and it was a Ford. Pappa bought the farm he was living on in the Fall, 1917 and made his first crop in 1918. He bought the farm from a man named Hallaske (?) which was a Boheman name. Pappa's Pappa (his Grandfather) talked about the Civil War and his experiences.

On the farm the first electric bill was dated July 1, 1939 and was from Limestone County Electric Co-Operation, Inc. Mart, Texas/ The readings on the bill were: Previous -- Present 26 kWh used 26 Net amount \$2.30 and Gross amount \$ 2.42. Note: This information was taken from the actual bill since Pappa had saved the first electric bill he ever received on the farm. The telephone on the farm was installed in May, 1959. (?)

An area which I still need to research is Birmingham versus Bermingham Georgia. "Bir" is a small town just north of Atlanta in Fulton County. However, my notes show Pappa spelled this town with an "e". It is also spelled with an "e" in the Tyler family history book. Alpharetta is a town in Fulton County just north of Atlanta, Georgia. I have been unable to find a Milton County Georgia.. I am not sure if there have been changes in the spellings over the years or if I wrote down what I was told incorrectly or if there have been government changes.