

The following pages contain information the author acquired over the past several years. It is not intended to be anything other than a collection of notes about the individuals listed. Since I had this information, I felt others would enjoy reading it, rather than waiting for me to put together a book on the descendants of David Melton and Malissa Robinson.

I encourage all descendants from this line to share information with me about the individuals in this family. I welcome any type of information you are willing to provide, whether it be written, scribbled, or verbal. You will be given credit for the information that one day will be transformed into a book.

CHILDREN OF DAVID MELTON AND MALISSA ROBINSON

JOSEPH MILTON ROBINSON, SR. (JOE) was the first child of David Melton and Malissa (See Exhibit 5-16 for photograph). He was engaged in farming, along with running a sawmill and grits mill, located four miles south of Brookfield, Georgia. He resided in Berrien County, near Oakey Grove. He later sold his businesses and moved to Puddleville, now known as Adel, to start a General Merchandising Store.

At a reunion on July 22, 1979, Joseph Milton, Jr. and his first cousin, Arlie Snyder Robinson, recalled a trip they took in the fall of 1925 to a fishery in Florida. Those that went on the trip were William David Robinson, his sons Shannon, Jessie, Arlie Snyder, Roy, Joseph Milton Robinson, Sr. and his sons Joseph Milton, Jr. and Jerry. Also, William David's brother-in-law, Jim Congo, and Rube Peacock, a friend, went along for the trip. They left from Oakey Grove early one morning at daylight. Their mode of transportation was a 1923 "Model T" Ford truck that was owned by Joseph Milton, Sr. The truck was described as having a flat

Joseph Milton, son of David Melton
Robinson, Joseph's wife Camilla Walker,
and sons Joseph Milton, Jr., and
Archie Shannon (picture taken in
approximately fall 1900).



body and no windshield. Their destination was Doc Howell's place, near Perry, Florida. Doctor Howell owned the fishery which was located approximately two miles south from the little community which is now called Keaton Beach. Doc Howell's home was located one mile east of the fishery.

The roads they traveled on in Georgia were made of good clay and grated dirt roads. When they arrived at the Florida line, they took their first rest stop. They were able to observe the activities at the Florida-Georgia state line which contained a cattle gap in the road. People driving horse and buggies had to have their horses dipped or spray treated for ticks. This applied only to the people leaving Florida and going into Georgia. They ate lunch of swamp cabbage, gathered from the palm trees. William David ate some raw and it made him sick. While stopped, they met up with some others from Oakey Grove on their way to the fishery. This group consisted of Mitch Gray (Joseph Milton, Jr.'s brother-in-law) and Dan McClelland in Mitch's truck. Until this point, neither Mitch nor Joseph Milton, Sr. was aware of the other going to the fishery.

Arlie Snyder and Jim Congo transferred over to Mitch's truck for the remainder of the ride down to the fishery. From north Florida through Madison, and on to Perry, the roads were paved. From Perry on down, Dan McClelland prepared his rifle, hoping to shoot a wild turkey for their evening meal. Traveling was slow and monotonous. Dan finally laid down his gun because he got tired of holding it. He had just laid it down beside him and only moments later, a huge wild turkey was frightened from the brush. Needless to say, he was too late by the time he got his gun in place. However, he shot and missed. He rode the rest of the way holding the gun without any more opportunities for turkey. Needless to say, fish was on the menu for the next meal. From Perry to Shady Grove to Doc Howell's the roads were unpaved. Arlie Snyder recalls the road from Perry to Doc Howell's place being about 30 miles long and being a "little beat out road."

After traveling all day, they arrived late in the night and it was raining upon their arrival, so they built a fire and spent the night standing around the fire in the drizzling rain. The cab of the truck was the only shelter, however it had a tendency to really leak. Arlie Snyder, Jessie, and Jerry took refuge in an old abandoned chicken house. The next morning, they were happy to see daylight and they were blessed with a beautiful day of bright sunshine which dried out their clothes. That morning they purchased fresh mullet and salt mullet and a little moon shine (prohibition days). The fish weighed approximately one pound each and were five cents a piece. The water tasted terrible and was brackish with a red color. If you didn't want to drink moonshine, you had to travel to Tide City, a logging camp, that was three miles away to get drinking water.

On their return trip, between Doc Howell's place and Perry (a 30 mile stretch), they stopped at the only house on that road and asked to get some drinking water.

They came back on Old Coffee Road from Valdosta to Nashville. In Nashville, they stopped at a filling station to obtain gas for the truck. When they went inside, they were in for the surprise of their life. They saw this little box from which they heard voices of people talking. Today we know that this is a radio. This turned out to be Arlie Snyder's and others on the trip first experience of seeing and hearing a radio. Arlie Snyder had heard about them, but had never seen one. Radios were not very common in those days, because they were so expensive. In 1926, Charlie Howard Robinson bought a radio for \$250, which was almost as costly as a car. The price did not drop until 1930.

NANCY MARTHA (MATTIE), was their second child. When growing up, her and her brother, William David, had the responsibility of cooking breakfast for the rest of the family. They had to go out to the kitchen, which was a log cabin with a dirt floor; the kitchen was not attached to the house.

WILLIAM DAVID was their third child and was born on November 29, 1879 near Oakey Grove, in Berrien County, Georgia (See Exhibit 5-17 for photograph and Exhibit 5-18 for family bible records). He was the second grandchild of David Shannon and Nancy Carolina to be born at Oakey Grove.

He married Lou Alice Alexander on December 27, 1899 at her home in Berrien County, Georgia. They were married by M.J.L. Griner and it was witnessed by Jessie McMillan and F.B. Gray. Lou Alice was the daughter of William (Bill) Alexander and Susan (Williams) Alexander, both born in Georgia. William David and Lou Alice had nine children.

William David graduated from the seventh grade. He taught school at the present site of Oakey Grove as early as age 17, 18, or 19. He taught his younger sister Matilda Easter. He taught school and farmed at the same time. William was the trustee for collecting the local taxes that supported the schools in Berrien County. He was responsible for paying the teachers. William was paid by public contribution. He mainly farmed for a living and never had a public job other than teaching.

In the 1900 Census (dated July 28, p. 32A, Sheet #32, 1146 district, Berrien County, Dwelling #688-752), William was listed as head of the household and Alice as his wife. There were no children at this time. They owned their house and farm and it was free of mortgage. They both could read, write, and speak English.

William David and Lou Alice resided in Berrien County, Georgia their whole lives. Their first home was part of his father's place (David Melton's). William David share cropped with his father for the first year. This is where their oldest child, Shannon, was born. It was a log house and not very well sealed. On one extremely cold day in the winter, Lou Alice scrubbed the floors and the water froze on the floor. Some of the children remember their mother telling them about the bed at this house. It was made of wood and built right into the wall.



William David Robinson & Lou Alice Alexander
(Left-taken in Miami, Florida 1949)
(Right-date unknown)



From: Jessie J. Robinson
Highland City, Fla.

This Bible was copyrighted
in 1891 and belonged to his
Mother + Dad. see below.

"WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER."



This Certifies
THAT THE RITE OF
HOLY MATRIMONY
WAS CELEBRATED BETWEEN

W. D. Robinson of Berrien Co.,

and Alice Alexander of Berrien Co.,

on 27th of Dec. 1899 at home

by M. J. L. Griner.

Witness: { Jesse M. Millan
F. B. Gray.

She also told them about how she cooked spare ribs in a pot that hung over an open fire in the fireplace.

Their second home was located five miles east of Oakey Grove Church, near the Nashville-Tifton Road. They had purchased an old house from John Harper and it was always remembered as the "John Harper place." William David built a new house, their third home place, on this same property, just a short distance from his old house. Their other eight children were born at this house.

In 1914, several of William David's children attended Pine Level School, as shown in a class picture (See Exhibit 5-19).

William David's daughter, Bessie Merrill, remembers that her father would tie a rope to the cream can handle and then lower it down into the well to keep it cool. She remembers people in the community buying cream from her father and eggs from her mother. Also, her father always planted a garden and she remembers him selling strawberries to the grocery truck, which came by their house about once a week.

Arlie Snyder remembers his mother's, Lou Alice, good biscuits. She always made biscuits with milk for the family and she made biscuits for herself with water substituted for the milk. She did not care for any food that utilized milk or butter as an ingredient.

William David was a deacon of Oakey Grove Church. He lived a very honest and religious life. He never indulged in alcohol, but he did chew tobacco.

He always welcomed the traveling peddlers to stay overnight and eat the evening and morning meals. This was one of the best methods of receiving information about world affairs and also about the people in the community and their activities. Remember, this was before the day of radios and automobiles. The method of transportation was horse and buggy and a good day's travel at the turn of the century was only ten miles. A very long day's travel on good roads was 15 miles. (Author's note: Next time you are driving on the interstate, time yourself for a



Pine Level School-1914

This was Arlie Snyder Robinson's first school picture made on Friday in Oct. or Nov. 1914. His brothers William Shannon, Walter Mitchell, Jessie James, Uncle Charlie Howard Robinson, and cousin William (Willie) Lee Buckholts also appear in this photograph. This school was located on the same land, #502, with Ebenezer Church. Willie Britt was the school teacher.

Lot Berrian County, GA.

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| 1. Mitchell Hopson | 23. Ollie Gray |
| 2. Maybell Hopson | 24. Johnnie Hayes |
| 3. Richard Hopson | 25. Fannie Bell Buckholts |
| 4. Willie (Monkey) Welch | 26. William Shannon Robinson |
| 5. Maybell Hancock | 27. Ida McMillan |
| 6. | 28. Sam Welch |
| 7. Alice Buckholts | 29. Drucilla Hayes |
| 8. Bob Baker | 30. Olla Baker |
| 9. Florabell McMillan | 31. Sylvania Gray |
| 10. William (Willie) Lee Buckholts | 32. McMillan |
| 11. Maudie Lee Congo | 33. McMillan |
| 12. Clark Congo | 34. Essie Bell Gray |
| 13. Arlie Snyder Robinson | 35. Eva McMillan (Harnage) |
| 14. Amos Gray | 36. Mary Gray <i>→ married</i> |
| 15. Walter Mitchell Robinson | 37. Andy Welch |
| 16. Ollie E. McMillan | 38. Willie Britt |
| 17. Bill Baker | 39. ? Jessie Hancock <i>oldest girl in family</i> |
| 18. Ellsie Wilson | 40. Archie Hayes |
| 19. Jessie James Robinson | 41. ? <i>Johnnie Henson</i> |
| 20. ? Hayes | 42. Charlie Howard Robinson |
| 21. Jessie Welch | 43. Ethel Baker |
| 22. Maggie Hayes | 44. Estell McMillan |

ten mile trip and then think about your ancestors taking all day to travel the same distance).

William David loved his little dog, Spooner. The dog was given to William David's son, Jessie, by David Melton Robinson. David Melton and his wife, Malissa, had come to visit their son, William David in 1922. David told his grandson, Jessie, to come home with him because he had something for him. When Jessie got to his grandfather's house, it turned out to be the dog, Spooner. Jessie walked home (about five miles away) with the dog, and when he arrived home, Spooner was given a very unfriendly greeting by his father's dog, Old Shep. Even after their first meeting, Old Shep never did take a liking to Spooner. Spooner was a house dog that found security under William David's chair. It took him no time to figure out that no one would bother him, including Alice, while he was under the chair. In the morning, he always greeted William David and was ready to go inside and lay by the fire. At night, he would go outside when William David went to lock the door for the night. Spooner died in 1931.

William David named all the girls in his family. His sixth child was Vida Mae; her name, "Vida" is the girl name that is equivalent to "David." His seventh child, Mildred Lee, got her middle name "Lee" from her aunt, Bertha Lee (Robinson) Belflower. His eighth child, Bessie Merrill, was named after Bessie McMillan, her first cousin. Bessie McMillan's mother was half-sister to Lou Alice (Alexander) Robinson.

William David and Lou Alice sold their home and in 1926, they moved to his parent's home, after his father, David Melton, died. He purchased the farm from his mother, Malissa. This was their fourth home and it is where William David lived for the remainder of his life.

In 1932, William David made his best crop as recalled by his son, Arlie Snyder. Arlie Snyder and his father were share cropping 75 acres, of which 9 acres was tobacco, 6 acres was corn, and the remaining acres were various vegetables such as collards, beans, field peas, etc. They also had a 2 acre garden

for feeding the family. They cultivated the land and tended the crops with a two-mule walking cultivator. They had produced an abundance of collards that year, which were sent to market in Atlanta, Georgia. This was a very profitable year for William David.

In 1934, William David purchased his first tractor. This allowed him to increase his acreage of farming by taking in "new ground."

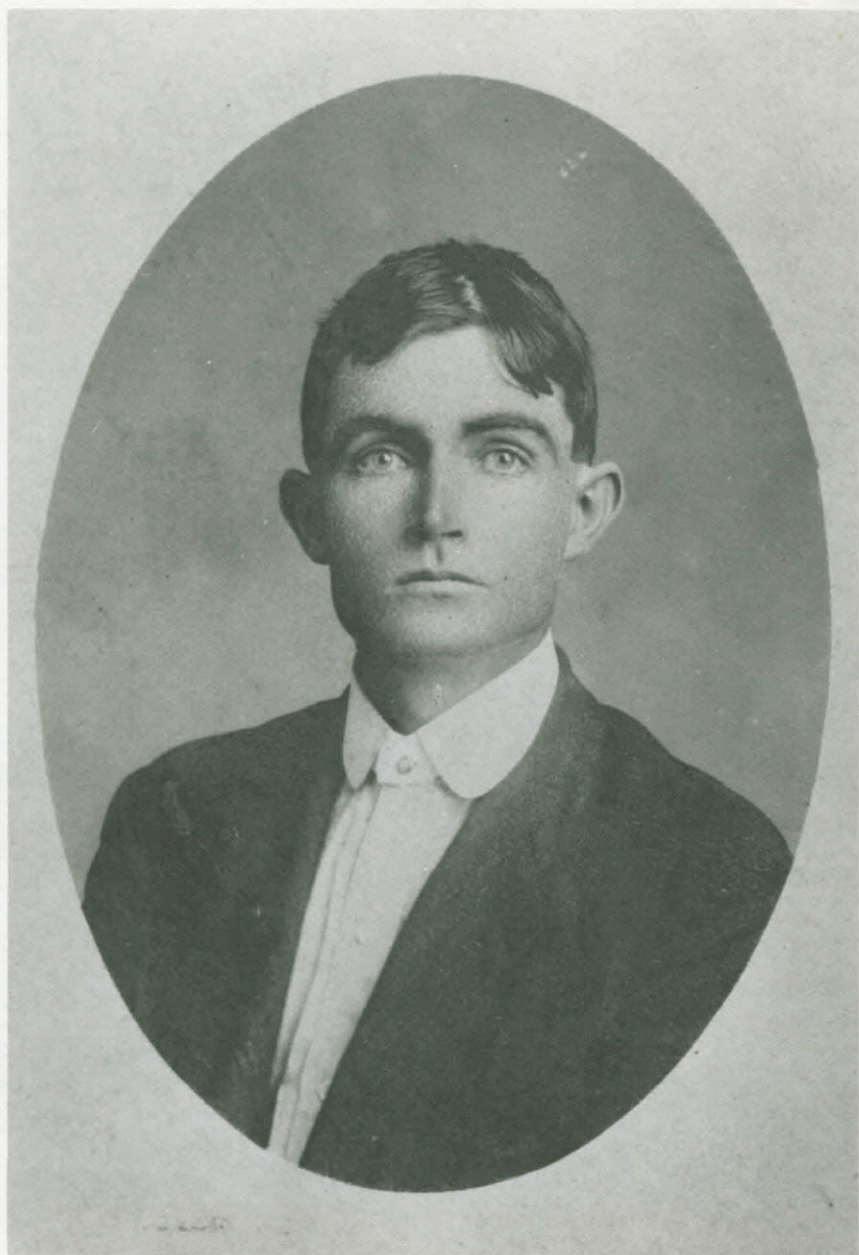
He lived on this farm and continued farming until his death on January 22, 1951 from a heart attack. The day he died, he had set on the steps of the house he was born in. Alice went to live with her daughter, Vida Mae. Alice died of natural causes on July 29, 1961.

ELIZA E. was their fourth child. She died just short of her sixth birthday.

JOHN WARREN was their fifth child. He and his wife moved from Berrien County, Georgia to Kathleen, Florida in 1923. Approximately five years later, they moved to a large farm east of Zolfo Springs, Florida, near the Peace River. There Warren did general farming and raised cattle. Warren was killed accidentally, in an attempt to pull an automobile out of a ditch. The tractor he was on overturned and he broke his neck.

ARREN ASBURY was their sixth child (See Exhibit 5-20). Arren never married. He was named after his mother's brother and his mother's father. In later life, he went by the name of Arren, which was pronounced as "Orron" by his relatives. He detested his middle name, "Asbury." This came about because his uncle, William Asbury Bennett, supposedly set fire to David Shannon Robinson's house and buildings in 1878, hoping this would force David Shannon into selling his property. William Asbury received \$10 as payment from Harmon Baker (neighbor to David Shannon) to do this dirty deed. This arson attempt failed and it

Arren Asbury, son of David Melton
Robinson (picture taken in 1905)



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caused hard feelings between the Robinsons and Bakers. When Arren grew up, he disowned his middle name because of his uncle's dirty deed, however it had no reflection on his grandfather, William Asbury Bennett. To the day he died, he did not want to be called Asbury.

Arren was known far and wide by all of his relatives. He came to visit often, usually staying two to three weeks per visit. He always had a good supply of chewing gum, which he would share with his nieces. Unfortunately, he had a problem with stuttering when he spoke and one had to be very, very patient when speaking with him. The ones that were patient found it to be very rewarding, because he was a very intelligent man. He had an outstanding memory, so he was full of knowledge.

He was a farmer with Tom Gray and he owned several stores (one at a time). Once he was arrested for selling food on Sunday to some boys who were hungry. He went to court and was fined; he walked out of the court and never paid the fine.

He went to Florida and tried real estate, but he eventually lost out due to the Florida real estate bust. He owned land around Avon Park, Winter Haven, and Lake Alfred. He eventually settled in Bowling Green, Florida. He spent his last days in a rest home.

When he died, his burial services were paid for by his burial insurance and from the remaining money of his brother's, William David Robinson, estate. The owner of the funeral home donated one of his best caskets, because he said Arren was deserving. His headstone and slab were paid for by contributions from all his descendants at the annual Robinson reunion.

MATILDA EASTER, their seventh child, married James Buckholts. He was well known throughout the community as "Uncle Jim." He made his living by selling Watkin's products from his horse drawn buggy. His buggy was very recognizable because of the advertisement that was printed on both sides of it to promote the products. *See Exhibit 5-21 photographs*



Jim Buckholts and his
Watkin's wagon being
pulled by "Old Rags."



Matilda Easter, and
her children, Willie
and Inez (baby).



Matilda Easter, daughter of David Melton
Robinson, and her husband, James (Jim)
Buckholts

Exhibit 5-21

TILLMAN WASHINGTON, their eighth child, was killed in World War I, in one of the most tragic occurrences of the war. Two transport vessels, the Otranto and the Kashmir, collided off the coast of Ireland. A large contingent of Berrien County soldiers were on board the Otranto. Berrien County lost more men on the Otranto per capita than any county in the United States; at that time Berrien County included Cook County and most of Lanier County (See Exhibit 5-22 for photograph).

Tillman was buried in a military cemetery in _____, France. After the war, David Melton requested that Tillman's body be returned to the United States for burial at Oakey Grove Cemetery. On August 26, 1920, military orders were issued for escorts to report to Atlanta, Georgia and escort Tillman's body to Tifton, Georgia (See Exhibit 5-23A through 5-23C for military orders). The body arrived on the train, accompanied by military personnel (U.S. Army), and was transported from Tifton to his father's home at the crossroads at Oakey Grove.

David Melton asked a very close friend of his, Mr. T. P. Hand, to come over and help verify that the body was that of Tillman. Mr. Hand was the father of Catherine Lucille (Hand) Robinson, the wife of Walter Mitchell Robinson, who was Tillman's nephew. When Mr. Hand arrived, David Melton gave him information about Tillman's dental work and the exact location of teeth with gold fillings which would provide positive identification. Mr. Hand opened the copper coffin which exposed Tillman's mummified body, wrapped in military issue Army blankets. Mr. Hand took out his pocket knife and cut the blankets away around Tillman's face so he could examine Tillman's teeth. He separated the jaws using the blade of his pocket knife and he found the gold fillings, just as described by David Melton. Then he covered Tillman's remains back up and told David Melton and Malissa that it was Tillman's body.

David Melton asked that Tillman's body be put on the wagon and then he hooked it up to his faithful, old, gray mule, "Old Tom" for transporting his body to Oakey Grove for services.

Tillman Washington, son of David Melton
Robinson, and his girlfriend, Liza Bennett
(picture taken in approximately 1910)



HEADQUARTERS
Camp Gordon, Georgia.

August 26, 1920.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NO. 239 }

E X T R A C T

1. In compliance with letter from Headquarters, Southeastern Department, dated June 23, 1920, the following named enlisted men will proceed to Atlanta, Ga., reporting upon arrival to Major C. M. Curren, Q.M.C., at the Chandler Warehouses, for further instructions reference escorting the remains of deceased soldiers set opposite their respective names to their destinations

<u>ESCORTS.</u>	<u>DECEASED SOLDIERS.</u>	<u>DESTINATION.</u>	<u>COMMUTATION</u>
Pvt. 1/cl Paul Fell, #6305779, 7th Eng.	Pvt. Garwell Deal, #2595720, Ft. Screven SARD, CAC Unit 1	Arcola, Ga.	3 days
Pvt. 1/cl Thomas M. Maxwell, #6305642, 7th Eng.	Cpl. James Williams, #2595708, Ft. Screven SARD, CAC Unit 2	Brooklet, Ga.	3 days
Pvt. Herman R. Heil, #6317561, Hqrs. Troop	Pvt. David Wingfield, #3993801, Co. A, 539th Eng.	Buena Vista, Ga. (Marion Co.)	3 days
Sgt. Luther Shelton, R-2390502, 14th M.G. Bn.	Pvt. Goldie Gibson, #4009927, Co. C, 437th Eng.	Climax, Ga.	3 days
1st Sgt. Joseph E. Wilhelm, #5502947, 6th Inf.	Sgt. David P. Hughes, #719460, Ft. Screven SARD, CAC Unit 2	Ludowici, Ga.	3 days
Pvt. 1/cl James H. Cotton, R-731055, 6th Inf.	Pvt. Willie Thom., #4009469, Co. C, 537th Eng.	Perkins, Ga.	3 days
1st Sgt. John W. Yarnell, R-1100075, 60th Inf.	Sgt. Mack M. Green, #719146, Ft. Screven SARD, CAC Unit 1	Oglethorpe, Ga. (Macon Co.)	3 days
Pvt. 1/cl Hervey Jacobsan, R-731361, 6th Inf.	Pvt. Joe Williams, #2595788, Ft. Screven SARD, CAC Unit 1	Summitt, Ga.	3 days
1st Sgt. James D. Pierce, #R-2382006, 60th Inf.	Pvt. Jack Jones, #4186353, Co. A, 546th Eng.	Tampa, Fla.	4 days
Pvt. Edward J. Hurbage, R-731865, 6th Inf.	Pvt. Aaron W. Weeks, #2595755, Ft. Screven, SARD, CAC Unit 2	Waynesboro, Ga.	3 days
Sgt. Rufus Huggins, #-732604, 6th Inf.	Pvt. Robert Eford, #1553935, Co. L, 150th Inf.	Webb, Ala.	3 days
1st Sgt. Charles Napier, #R-2383979, 60th Inf.	Pvt. David M. Bennett, #2595695, Ft. Screven SARD, CAC Unit 1	Woodcliff, Ga.	3 days

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<u>ESCORTS.</u>	<u>DECEASED SOLDIERS.</u>	<u>DESTINATION.</u>	<u>COMMUTATION</u>
1st Sgt. Wm. Hallisey, #R-2149121, 60th Inf.	Pvt. Henry J. Freeman, #2595686, Ft. Screven SARD, CAC, Unit 1.	Zeigler, Ga. (Screven Co.)	3 days
Cpl. Halman R. Cannon, R-1447956, 11th Inf.	Pvt. Leslime Harris, #3303552, Co. D, 805th Pion. Inf.	Edgard, La.	5 days
Pvt. Thomas A. Powers, #6046949, 60th Inf.	Pvt. Helmet C. Neill, #3875806, Bty. B, 138th F.A.	Utica, Miss.	5 days
1st Sgt. Arthur Clifford, #R-740105, 60th Inf.	Pvt. Ezra C. Ellis, #1571643, Co. I, 150th Inf.	Waynesboro, Miss.	5 days
Master Sgt. Frank J. Connolly, #R-2382729, 60th Inf.	(Pvt. George T. Hunt, #1314263, Co. B, 114th M.G. Bn. { Pvt. Fred T. Lyle, #2595551, { Ft. Screven SARD, CAC Unit 1.	Chattanooga, Tenn.) Chattanooga, Tenn.)	} 2 days
Cpl. Lewis F. Clancy, R-2382554, 60th Inf.	Pvt. Harvey Hughes, #1307031, Co. B, 117th Inf.	Blue Ridge, Ga.	3 days
Sgt. Ora E. Earls, #R-2383585, 60th Inf.	(Pvt. Ernest M. Gay, #2595449, { Ft. Screven SARD, { Pvt. Jasper H. Morris, #2595754, { Ft. Screven SARD, CAC Unit 2.	Augusta, Ga.) Augusta, Ga.)	} 2 d
Pvt. l/c Max Pesner, R-1197337, 6th Inf.	Pvt. Jim M. Boyett, #2585862, Ft. Screven SARD, CAC Unit 1.	Nashville, Ga.	4 days
Sgt. Harry Winetroub, R-735122, 11th Inf.	Pvt. Wm. Tucker, #4010536, Co. D, 539th Eng.	Parksville, S.C.	2 days
Sgt. Luther E. Forbes, R-733103, 6th Inf.	Pvt. Clifford Greenwood, #1563648, Co. D, 150th Inf.	Ellisville, Miss.	4 days
Sgt. George Hasty, R-733478, 6th Inf.	Pvt. Samuel B. Brown, #4294980, Bty C. 138th F.A.	Lake, Miss.	4 days
Cpl. Lionel Caldwell, #R-733810, 6th Inf.	Pvt. Samuel O. Cribb, #814763, Ft. Screven SARD, CAC Unit 2/	Jasper, Fla.	3 days

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<u>ESCORTS.</u>	<u>DECEASED SOLDIERS.</u>	<u>DESTINATION.</u>	<u>COMMUTATION</u>
Pvt. 1/c1 Charlie M. Barnett, #R-42722, 60th Inf.	Pvt. Mack Easters, #2595814, Ft. Screven SARD, CAC Unit 1.	Lenox, Ga.	3 days
Cpl. Willis Allen, E-1033129, 60th Inf.	Pvt. Morris L. Wallnau, #2595598, Ft. Screven SARD, CAC Unit 1.	Macon, Ga.	2 days
Pvt. Pleas H. Durham, #6305637, 9th F.S.Bn.	Pvt. Anthur Butler, #779136, Overseas Casual Co. #410.	Maxville, Fla.	4 days
Pvt. James A. Drake, R-2903323, 9th F.S.Bn.	Pvt. Robert Eaton, #4184530, Co. Bm 536th Eng.	Micanopy, Fla.	4 days
Pvt. Wm. E. McCallum, #6045919, 9th F.S.Bn.	Pvt. Oscar Evans, #4295455, Co. C, 151st Inf.	Oakman, Ala.	3 days
Cpl. Benjamin H. Snyder, #6426442, 9th F.S.Bn.	Pvt. James C. Sansing, #3874704, Bty A, 138th F.A.	Theba, Miss.	4 days
Pvt. Henry B. Richards, #6321932, 9th F.S.Bn.	Pvt. Lafayette Gaskins, #2595854, Ft. Screven SARD, CAC Unit 2.	Ray City, Ga.	3 days
Pvt. Wm. E. Richardson, 6418363, 9th F.S.Bn.	Pvt. Rufus Davis, 2595836, Ft. Screven SARD CAC Unit 1.	Sparks, Ga.	3 days.
Pvt. Aufrey E. Wilcox, 6305720, 9th F.S.Bn.	Pvt. Clifton Bestwick, 2923353, Unit 2, Jackson Brks. S.R.D.	Terry, Miss.	4 days.
Cpl. Layman T. Clark, R736164 11th Infantry.	Pvt. Tillman W. Robinson, 2595849, Ft. Screven SARD CAC Unit 2.	Tifton, Ga.	3 days.
Corp. Aurleon Reandez, R734560, 11th Infantry.	Pvt. Cleo J. Ealgout, 4157285, Ft. Screven SARD CAC Unit 1,	Lockport, La.	5 days.
Staff Sgt. Albert Grady, R1021617, 6th Inf.	Pvt. Henry E. Barthelmy, 4157444, Ft. Screven SARD CAC Unit 2,	New Orleans, La.	4 days.
Pvt. 1/c1 Wilton Holley, 6322036, 11th Infantry.	Cpl. Elmer J. Grant, 1604855, Hqs. Co. 114th Amm. Trn.	Pascagoula, Miss.	4 days.
Pvt. 1/c1 Paul R. Thorpe, R1447956, 11th Infantry.	Pvt. Paul F. Smith, 793373, Ft. Screven SARD CAC Unit 1.	Pensacola, Fla.	4 days
Pvt. Luie L. Beesly, 6305510, 11th Infantry.	Pvt. Tom McDonald, 4301044, Co. F, 816th Pio. Inf.	Richton, Miss.	4 days

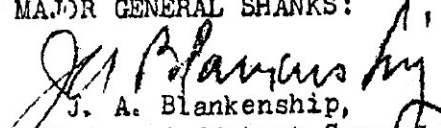
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Pvt. Edward C. Coffey, 6306195, 11th Infantry.	Pvt. Shellie J. Pool, 1925131, Co. Supply 328 Inf.	Roanoke, A la.	4 days
Pvt. Douglas Phillips, 6500504, 11th Infantry.	Pvt. Louis P. Lassigne, 3005230, Ft, Screven SARD CAC Unit 1,	St. Martinsville, La.	6 days
Pvt. Roy F. Taylor, 6306957, 11th Infantry.	Pvt. Raymond R. Knight, 2902433, Ft. Screvens SARD CAC Unit 1,	Pitts, Ga.	4 days

The Transportation Service will furnish the necessary transportation.
The Finance Service will pay commutation of rations, in advance, at the prescribed rate for the number of days indicated.
The journeys are necessary for the public service.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SHANKS:


J. A. Blankenship,
Major, Adjutant General,
Camp Adjutant.

CAMP TRANSPORTATION OFFICER,
CAMP GORDON, ATLANTA, GA.

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WQ-2649805, Atlanta, Ga. to Tifton, Ga., via Sou-GSAF
WQ2649806, Tifton, Ga., to Atlanta, Ga., same route.



G. D. GAMBLE, CAPT. Q. M. C.
CAMP TRANSPORTATION OFFICER.

Exhibit 5-23D

David Melton asked to go alone on the trip to the church, just to be by himself. This had to be a very difficult time for David Melton and Malissa, suffering the loss of a child, reliving the memories of the past three years since his death and burial in France, and then at last having their son come home. Services were conducted at Oakey Grove Church and then Tillman was laid to his final resting place at Oakey Grove Cemetery. His grave is located very near the church and has the tallest marker in the cemetery.

ELIZABETH RACHEL (BETTY), was their ninth child. She and her family resided in the Oakey Grove area. She lived there all of her life.

JANE (JANIE) MALISSA, was their tenth child. Her and her family moved to Plant City, Florida, near Mt. Enon Church, in 192___. She and her husband, Rowland Walker, resided there until their deaths.

CHARLIE HOWARD, was their eleventh child. He owned a grocery store, just west of Oakey Grove. In 19____, he and his family moved to Florida and settled in Plant City, Florida, near Mt. Enon Church. He owned a grocery store in this area. A road by the store, "Robinson Road," was named in his honor.

SALLIE MAGDALINE, was their twelfth child. She never married. She lived with her parents and took care of them until their death. In later years, she lived with her sisters.

ARIZONA CHARLOTTE, was their thirteenth child. Her first husband, Arthur Lipsey, was killed in an accident in 1945. Her second husband, Newton Roan, was a ship captain and they lived in Fort Myers, Florida. In 19____, she moved to Plant City, Florida, where she lived her latter years. She died January 8, 1978, while residing at the Masonic Home in St. Petersburg, Florida.

MARY EMMA, was their fourteenth child. She was married two times, but she never had any children. She resided around Oakey Grove and Lenox, Georgia, all of her life. After her second husband's death, she and her sister, Sallie, lived together for many years.

BERTHA LEE, their fifteenth child, always remembers her father telling his children that they were Scotch-Irish descendants. She and her family resided in St. Simons Island, Georgia. In 19___, she moved to Plant City, Florida, where she still resides today.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM DAVID AND LOU ALICE ROBINSON

William David and Lou Alice (Alexander) Robinson had nine children (See Exhibit 5-24A and 5-24B for Family Group Record #94 and Exhibit 5-25A through 5-25D for family bible records).

WILLIAM SHANNON, who went by "Shannon," was the first child of William David and Lou Alice (Alexander) Robinson. He carried on the name "Shannon," from his great grandfather, David Shannon Robinson, whose name was given after the Shannon River in Ireland, which is the area where our ancestors lived before immigrating to America. When William Shannon was 17, he asked his father's permission to marry his girlfriend, Beulah, who was 15. His father said to him, "Wait a year and come back again if you still feel the same." A year later, Shannon returned and his father agreed to the marriage. They were married on October 19, 1919 in Berrien County. His parents gave them a horse and buggy for their wedding gift. The horse was named "Old Bell" and she came equipped with a standard air horn.

WALTER MITCHELL (MITCH), their second child, chose to be a school teacher like his father. He taught for several years at large schools with two to three rooms, which were large compared

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Husband: WILLIAM DAVID ROBINSON 3-3*-19

Born: 29 NOV 1879 Place: DNR'S HOMESTEAD, TIFT-NASH HWY, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA

Chr.: Place:

Marr: 27 DEC 1899 Place: HER HOME, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA

Died: 22 JAN 1951 Place:

Bur.: Place: OAKY GROVE, TIFT-NASH HWY, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA

Father: DAVID MELTON ROBINSON 3*-5

Mother: MALISSA MATILDA BENNETT 3*-16

Parents' MRIN: 4

Other wives:

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Wife: LOU ALICE ALEXANDER 3-3*-342

Born: 13 AUG 1881 Place: BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA

Chr.: Place:

Died: 29 JUL 1961 Place:

Bur.: Place: OAKY GROVE, TIFTON, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA

Father: WILLIAM H. (BILL) ALEXANDER 3-3*-1650

Mother: SUSAN ELIZABETH WILLIAMS 3-3*-1651

Parents' MRIN: 600

Other husbands:

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Sex Children

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1. Name: WILLIAM SHANNON ROBINSON 3-3-1*-343 Spouse: BRULAH MCNILLAN 3-3-1*-352 MRIN: 95

---- Born: 14 AUG 1901 Place: ABOUT 5 MILES, E OF OAKY GROVE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA

M Chr.: Place:

Marr: 19 OCT 1919 Place: BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA

Died: 6 JAN 1967 Place: PLANT CITY, HILLSBOROUGH CO, FLORIDA

2. Name: WALTER MITCHELL ROBINSON 3-3-2*-344 Spouse: CATHERINE LUCILE HAND 3-3-2*-427 MRIN: 120

---- Born: 2 SEP 1905 Place: ABOUT 5 MILES, E OF OAKY GROVE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA

M Chr.: Place:

Marr: 8 SEP 1929 Place: ENIGMA, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA

Died: 13 AUG 1952 Place: BROXTON, COFFEE CO, GEORGIA

3. Name: JESSIE JAMES ROBINSON 3-3-3*-345 Spouse: ELIZA CORENE GASKINS 3-3-3*-437 MRIN: 123

---- Born: 20 JUL 1907 Place: ABOUT 5 MILES, E OF OAKY GROVE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA

M Chr.: Place:

Marr: 18 MAR 1928 Place: COOK CO, GEORGIA

Died: 6 SEP 1983 Place: BARTOW, POLK CO, FLORIDA

4. Name: ARLIE SNYDER ROBINSON 3-3-4*-346 Spouse: JULIA B (FENDER) COLLIER 3-3-4*-444 MRIN: 133

---- Born: 7 APR 1909 Place: ABOUT 5 MILES, E OF OAKY GROVE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA

M Chr.: Place:

Marr: 20 SEP 1933 Place: COOK CO, GEORGIA

Died: Place:

5. Name: ROY MELTON ROBINSON 3-3-5*-347 Spouse: JEWEL WEBB 3-3-5*-521 MRIN: 155

---- Born: 16 JUL 1911 Place: ABOUT 5 MILES, E OF OAKY GROVE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA

M Chr.: Place:

Marr: 25 JUN 1933 Place: COOK CO, GEORGIA

Died: Place:

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Name and address of submitter:

JOHN SNYDER ROBINSON

3531 KEYSTONE ROAD

TARPON SPRINGS, FL

34689-9498

Phone: 813-937-2719

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Husband: WILLIAM DAVID ROBINSON 3-3*-19
 Wife: LOU ALICE ALEXANDER 3-3*-342

Yr of Birth 1879
 Yr of Birth 1881

Sex Children (continued)

6.	Name: VIDA MAE ROBINSON 3-3-6*-348	Spouse: HUBERT WINDAL GAY 3-3-6*-578	NRIN: 173
----	Born: 3 OCT 1913	Place: ABOUT 5 MILES, E OF OAKY GROVE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
F	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 6 AUG 1933	Place: BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
	Died: 17 MAR 1973	Place:	
7.	Name: MILDRED LEE ROBINSON 3-3-7*-349	Spouse: JOHN RIED HAMILTON 3-3-7*-596	NRIN: 182
----	Born: 27 OCT 1915	Place: ABOUT 5 MILES, E OF OAKY GROVE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
F	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 18 SEP 1932	Place: BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
	Died:	Place:	
8.	Name: BESSIE MERRILL ROBINSON 3-3-8*-350	Spouse: BUREN PLEASANT OUTLAW 3-3-8*-624	NRIN: 191
----	Born: 17 APR 1919	Place: ABOUT 5 MILES, E OF OAKY GROVE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
F	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 17 APR 1937	Place: PREACHER LBS, REGISTAR'S HOME, NASHVILLE, BERRIEN CO, GA	
	Died:	Place:	
9.	Name: JOHN RUSSELL ROBINSON 3-3-9*-351	Spouse: HILDA CATHERINE WADSWORTH 3-649	NRIN: 200
----	Born: 17 MAR 1922	Place: ABOUT 5 MILES, E OF OAKY GROVE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
M	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 16 OCT 1943	Place: JUSTICE-PEACE'S, HOME, LAKE LAND, LANIER CO, GEORGIA	
	Died:	Place:	

From: Jessie J. Robinson
Highland City, Fla.

This Bible was copyrighted
in 1891 and belonged to his
Mother + Dad, see below.

"WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER."



This Certifies

THAT THE RITE OF

HOLY MATRIMONY

WAS CELEBRATED BETWEEN

W. D. Robinson of Berrien Co.
and Alice Alexander of Berrien Co.
on 27th of Dec. 1899 at home
by M. J. L. Griner.

Witness: { Jesse M. Millan
F. B. Gray.

Births

W. D. Robinson.

was borned NOV 29, 1879.

Alice Robinson

was borned aug. 13, 1881.

W. Shannon Robinson.

was borned aug 14, 1901.

W. Mitchel Robinson

was borned Sept 27, 1905.

Jesse J. Robinson.

was borned July 26, 1907.

Archie S. Robinson.

was borned April 7, 1909.

Roy W. Robinson.

was borned July 16, 1911.

Vida May Robinson.

was borned Oct 3, 1913.

Mildred Lee Robinson

was born Oct. 27th 1915

Bessie Mabel Robinson

was borned April 17, 1917

John Russel

Robinson

Born Mar. 17, 1922.

Marriages

W D Robinson	Married
Bulah Memilon	Oct 19, 1919
Jesse Robinson	Married
Couens Gaskins	March 18, 1928
Mitchell Robinson	Married
Lucile Hanz	Sept. 8 - 1929
Reid Hamilton	Married
Mildred Robinson	Sept. 18 - 1932
Roy Robinson	Married
Jewel Webb	June 25, 1933
Harriet Law	Married
Vida M. Robinson	August 6, 1933
Snyder Robinson	Married
Julia Collins	September 29, 1932
Bessie Robinson	Married
Brown Outlaw	April 17 th 1937
John Russell Robinson	Married Oct. 16, 1943
Hilda Cathrine Walworth	19
J. L. Robinson	Married July 29
Minnie J. Cribb	1939
R. M. Robinson	Married June 1
Ann Macdon	1957

Deaths

William D. Robinson

Jan. 22 1951

W. Mitchell Robinson

Aug. 13 1953

Tom Robinson

July 29, 1961

William Shannon Robinson

Jan. 6th 1967

Vida Mae Gay

MARCH 7th 1973

to one-room school houses. He was a school principal and he taught the sixth and seventh grades and maybe others. He taught at Glory, Livingston, Jordan (Pine Level), and _____.

In later life, he managed the town theater in Broxton, Georgia. He was known to his nieces and nephews as the uncle who could always give you free theater tickets when you went to visit him in Broxton. His life was cut short, at the age of 46, when he died of a heart attack.

JESSIE JAMES, their third child, was also a school teacher, like his father, William David, and his brother, Mitch. He taught for several years at the Rowe Schoolhouse. It was a one room and one teacher school and he had the responsibility for teaching all the children from primer to the seventh grade.

Jessie and his brother, Snyder, were known for their wild rides down the roof of the corn crib. They used a piece of roofing tin to form a one-person sled. To get up their speed, they would launch from the peak of the roof with the sled resting on corn cobs. When the sled was released, the rider would lunge forward, gaining speed until the supply of corn cobs ended. Then there was enough momentum for the ride to continue to the bottom of the roof, out onto the side shed roof, and onto the ground for the grand finale (We are lucky that Jessie and Snyder survived these rides and reached adulthood).

ARLIE SNYDER ROBINSON, their fourth child, was named after a German Jewish peddler, Arlie Snyder, that visited William David's house. Arlie Snyder Robinson received a little dress from the peddler for being named after him.

Arlie Snyder admired his grandfather, David Melton Robinson, so much that when he was a boy, it was his desire to grow up and be just like him. He admits that he used to buy and smoke a hand made cigar just like the ones David Melton occasionally smoked.

Arlie Snyder, as a youngster, was a famous bull rider, but he never made it to Hollywood to be in the movies. He tells the

story of how he liked to ride the one bull his father had. Arlie Snyder and his brother, Jessie, had made a pet out of this bull. The bull was held in the cow pen with all of the cows; the cow pen was utilized at night for the safety of the cows, to keep "varmits" (wolves, beers, foxes, etc.) away. Every morning, Arlie Snyder would open the cow pen so the cows could graze in the field. Instead of letting the bull go freely with the cows, Arlie Snyder would hold the bull back until the cows were down in the field. Then he would put a saddle on the bull and the bull would gallop over to the cows. When the bull met up with the cows, the ride was over. Arlie Snyder would then remove the saddle and carry it back to the barn on his back.

One day, Arlie Snyder and his brother were taking a trip to the town of Lenox from Oakey Grove. Their father, William David, was driving the buggy with a load of cotton to be ginned. William David told his boys how dangerous it was to be near the road that was next to the cotton gin. He said the cars would kill them. At that time, only an occasional car would come down the National Highway; the speed limit was 15 miles per hour. Arlie Snyder recalls (in approximately 1920) a group of tourists coming through Lenox in their cars. The group of people had assembled in Florida and were making their journey to the northern states as a group. The cars stretched out for over a mile when they passed through Lenox on U.S. 41, which was a dirt road at that time. This caused quite a turmoil in Lenox; everyone of all ages gathered to see the string of cars.

In 192__, Arlie Snyder, at the age of ____, drove a car for the first time. His grandmother, Malissa, was telling her son, William David, that she wanted to go see her daughter Nancy Martha (Mattie) Collier. Arlie Snyder was standing in hearing distance when the discussion was taking place. William David turned to his son, Arlie Snyder, and said, "Son, take your Grandma to see your Aunt Mat." Arlie Snyder says he never hesitated one second to jump in the car, right into the driver's seat. His grandmother never hesitated on accepting William's

offer and immediately got in the passenger seat. Being that Arlie Snyder had never driven before, he had to rely on his memory of what he had seen other people do while they were driving. He was now in control of a 1923 black Model "T" Ford, equipped with a band-type transmission. He was successful in getting the engine started and his next challenge was to get the transmission engaged and the car moving. He moved the car out of the yard and down the lane to the dirt road. This trip consisted of rough bridges and unpaved, sandy, and rutted dirt roads. They drove from Oakey Grove to Lenox and then crossed Little River to Colquitt County. The trip was a success there and back. He says that his grandmother didn't complain one bit during the trip.

On September 20, 1933, Arlie Snyder married Julia (Fender) Collier and they lived at her mother's home, which was two miles north of Lenox and just west of U.S. Highway 41.

In 1934 (his first year of farming), he used three mules owned by his mother-in-law, Polly Collier. Mack Hancock, a sharecropper, worked with him for two years (1934 and 1935) raising the crops.

In 1935, Arlie Snyder purchased a John Deere Model LA tractor. After that, he always had straight rows; he controlled the steering wheel, instead of following behind a plow being pulled by a mule.

Arlie Snyder and his family resided two miles north of Lenox, Georgia, off of U.S. 41. On November 1, 1954, he and his family moved to Highland City, Florida.

ROY MELTON, their fifth child, used to tease his sister, Vida Mae, by calling her "granny." At one time, Roy had a very stubborn mule. He was trying to plow the field and till the soil, but the mule would not move. He got so aggravated that he got in front of the mule and physically started shaking the mule's head.

VIDA MAE, their sixth child, was mild mannered, soft spoken, and always had a smile. Her mild manner was similar to her father and grandfather's mild manners.

MILDRED LEE, their seventh child, recalls her home life as being very happy times and full of childhood memories. Her earliest memory was how she used to play with her father. She liked to run into the kitchen area away from her daddy, knowing he would come pick her up and take her back to the table.

BESSIE MERRILL, their eighth child, is the baby girl of the family. When she was growing up, she was raised under the strict, high moral values of her parents. However, she found an "Outlaw" that she wanted to be her husband. When her parents found out that he was a good "Outlaw," that just being his last name, they agreed to the marriage. However, this marriage brought about the "Outlaw" now being brother-in-law to Jessie James. This name, "Outlaw," usually produces strange looks at the start of conversations, but after a short conversation one can see that she is the best "Outlaw" in the country.

JOHN RUSSELL, their ninth child, was the baby of the family. He always looked to his older brother, Roy, to repair his toys when they were broken. One day John got upset with Roy and said he was going to leave home. Roy said, "How are you going to do that?! You can't drive! And it's too far to walk." John responded, "Well, I can just 'thinger' a ride." John was trying to say that he would "thumb a ride," but it didn't come out that way.