

## GENERATION SIX

Eli Mabry was born on February 4th, 1824 in Pickens County, Alabama to Walter and Elizabeth Mabry and died on December 30th, 1916 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. Eli was married to 1. Hailey ? and their children were: Margaret, Sarah, Rachael, Eliza, Lucinda and Josephine. 2. Nancy Vaughn. Nancy Vaughn was the daughter of John Vaughn and Harriet Unknown. Eli Mabry's occupation was that of a farmer. The children of Eli Mabry and Nancy Vaughn were: John W., William D, Martha E, Nancy L, Hattie Lee, Annetty (Nettie), Harriet, Albert E and Mary A (Mollie)

\*\*Eli married his second wife Nancy M Vaughn in Lauderdale County, Mississippi on May 2nd, 1858. Eli was 44 years old and Nancy was 17 at the time of their marriage. Eli and his brothers, Daniel and Joel settled west of Meridian, Mississippi in the hills along the Tallahatta Creek, north of present day Interstate 20. According to the 1858 Land Roll of Lauderdale County, Eli and Joel each had forty acres of land. Eli's forty acres valued at two hundred dollars, were in the southwest quarter of section 17, township 6, range 14. Eli's brother Daniel, had one hundred and twenty acres of land in the southeast and northeast quarter of the same section as Eli. Eli was on the west side of the road and Daniel was on the east side. Eli's brother, Joel, had forty acres to the

northwest of Eli and Daniel in section 7. He lived just a short distance down the road, but his land was located on the Bogue Flower Creek. This same creek was used as a camp by Civil War Yankee General William T Sherman on his march toward Meridian, Mississippi in February of 1864. A battle was waged against General Sherman by a group of Confederate Soldiers near the town of Suqualena. Eli served in Plesent P. Terry's Company in the Civil War along with Daniel Mabry, Ephraim Mabry, Joel Mabry, Sr., Joel Mabry, Jr., George Mabry and Newton Vaughn. Plesent P. Terry was a school teacher in neighboring Newton County, who organized a "local defense troop". Daniel Mabry died of pneumonia on his way home from the war. Eli Mabry passed away on December 30th, 1916. His wife Nancy, passed away almost a year later on January 24th, 1917. They are buried in Suqualena Cemetery, Suqualena, Mississippi. \*\*Source: P. Kimball

## MABRY HISTORY

By Raeburn & Ronald Mabry

### 1. Francis Maybury and Elizabeth Gilliam

Married in Henrico County, Virginia in 1684-85 - Francis Maybury was born about 1650-1660, probably in England. It is not known exactly when he arrived in Virginia or the name of the ship on which he came. We do know that he was in the Colony by October 1, 1679 when John Pleasants and Jno. Haddellsey were granted 548 acres on the north side of the James River as a result of their having paid for the transportation of eleven persons into the Colony. One of the eleven was, "Fra. Mawbury/"

Elizabeth Gilliam was born in Virginia about 1650-55, the daughter of Capt. John Gilliam and Margery Henshaw. She was first married to a Mr. West by whom she had two sons: Francis and John West. Her second marriage was to William Bevin by whom she had three more children: William, Matthew, and Elizabeth Bevin. William Bevin wrote his will on 11 May 1684. A few months later, Elizabeth, a widow with five children, married Francis Maybury.

Elizabeth and Francis Maybury had seven more children:

- Francis Maybury, Jr.; married Eleanor Wyche
- Anne Maybury; married 1<sup>st</sup> David Peebles; 2<sup>nd</sup> Abraham Burton
- Mary Maybury; married Gorge Fox
- George Maybury married Martha Bradley
- Charles Maybury; married Rebecca ?
- Judith Maybury; unmarried in 1713
- Hinchia Maybury; married 1<sup>st</sup> Frances Parham; married 2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Jackson; married 3<sup>rd</sup> Anne Courtney (nee Clack).

The Mayburys lived for several years on Swift Creek in Henrico County, just a few miles south of modern Richmond, Va. Later they lived briefly in Charles City County, before moving to Surry County in 1704. Francis Maybury wrote his will on 22 March 1711-1712 in Surry County. We know that he died less than three months later because his will was offered for probate in Surry County Court on 18 June 1712. Elizabeth Maybury's will, written on 6 June 1713, was offered for probate on 15 February 1715-1716 by her son, Charles Maybury.

Francis Maybury was the earliest Maybury/Mayberry immigrant to America and all his children lived to maturity. For these reasons the great majority of Mayburys, Mayberrys, Mabrys, Maberrys, Mabreys, etc. in the United States today descend from this southside Virginia family.

2. Hinchia Maybury b. ca 1697 Henrico or Charles City County, Virginia; md. 1<sup>st</sup> ca. 1719-1720 Frances Parham; md. 2<sup>nd</sup> 22 June 1747 Anne Jackson (widow of Ambrose Jackson); md. 3<sup>rd</sup> before 1 Jan. 1752 Anne Clack Courtney; d. ca 1761 Brunswick County, Virginia.

3. Ephraim Mabry b. Brunswick County, Va.; md. Mary Poole; d. 1789. Fairfield Co. South Carolina.

4. Joel Mabry (Ephraim, Hinchia, Francis); served from South Carolina; probably received bounty land in Georgia where he moved in 1789. He settled about 1800 in Franklin County, Ga. and probably died there sometime after 1830. His wife was Polly Wafer of South Carolina.

5. Walter Mabry (Joel, Ephraim, Hinchia, Francis) 15<sup>th</sup> Reg't (Johnson's) Mississippi Militia.

6. Daniel Mabry (Walter, Joel, Ephraim, Hinchia, Francis), b. ca 1808 Ga.; md. Sarah Anderson; served on Capt. P.P. Terry's Com. from Ms. (C.S.A.); d. 1865. Daniel married Sarah Anderson, and is believed to have died on his return trip from the Civil War, catching pneumonia from a rainstorm and dying near Toomsba, Ms. (Told by Aunt Mattie Reece, daughter of Norvelle). He was identified by his name having been stitched in the collar of his coat. Daniel and Eli inherited their father's property, Norvelle got 40 acres from Daniel, and passed it to the Peavey family of Meehan. It was passed to his youngest daughter Velma, and son-in-law, Walter Peavey.)

7. **Norvell Mabry** md. Julia Ann Ivey. Norvelle was a very intelligent, successful and respected man, who owned a general store, cannery and farm. His father was Daniel Mabry, who served in the Civil War, under Captain Terry who mustered his fighting group from the Enterprise, Ms. area.

8. **Marshall Mabry** md. Mary Vashti Davidson. Marshall was a farmer, owning land near Meehan, Ms. Fifteen of his children lived to be adults, with one son stillborn. Children were:

1. Aubon (Aubon Leslie)

2. Buddy (Hulon Audet)

3. Major (George Major)

4. Pete (Edward Earl)

5. Dude (Earnest Odell)

6. Bill (Otho Kyron)

7. R.C. (Reuben Coleman)

8. Vivian (Vivian Irene)

9. Buddy-Boy (Marshall Olen)

10. Grace (Willie Grace) *Mrs I.B. Alexander*

11. Etta (Mary Etta)

12. Wilma (Wilma Ruth)

13. Stillborn son, L.V. (Louis Vernon)

14. Gilmer (Donald Gilmer)

15. Teeny (Ruby Mae)

Marshall was the son of Norvelle (spelled several ways) Mabry, who married Julia Ann Ivey. 9. **Reuben Coleman Mabry** - Born August 16, 1924 in Meehan, Ms. to Marshall Mabry and Mary Vashti Davidson Mabry, the seventh son of sixteen children.

He was called R. C. by all except his wife, who called him Reuben. R.C. left home at age 15 with his older brother Otho Kyron (Bill) to work in Aliceville, Al. In a German prison camp. Upon arriving they entered a small cafe, penniless, to eat. Bill offered to swap a pocket knife for two cups of coffee and instructed his brother to load the coffee with sugar because of the uncertainty of their next meal. A local postman graciously fed and housed the young men until they could receive their first paycheck.

At age 16, R.C. began work at a shipyard in Mobile, Alabama, before being inducted into the Army at age 18. During World War II, R.C. was awarded the EAMETO (European, African, Middle Eastern Theatre of Operations) Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Purple Heart Medal, for battles and campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Mabry served 2 years, 3 months and 18 days, completing his service in the 735<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion.

After his military discharge, he returned to school for some time, and later traveled the U.S. working odd jobs from cooking, digging cesspools to picking hops. A restaurant owner told him when the blood came out of the meat to "flip it, you're letting the flavor out," and to flip the pancakes just when the last of the bubbles popped. After returning to Mississippi, R.C. subsequently took work in construction, in New Orleans with his brother Aubon on a new lock in Algiers, and Paducah, Kentucky and Tennessee, probably Oak Ridge.

In 1952, R.C. met Shirley Ann Williams, daughter of K.C. Williams and Polly Alexander Williams near Suqualena, Ms. The Williams family lived in the Bogue Faliah community, between Chunky and Suqualena, Ms., on property inherited through the Williams descendency. The Williams family believed in hard work and strong family values. K.C. was one of three children born to William Eli Williams and Alma Lela King Williams. His siblings were Stacy Everett Williams and Mae Belle Williams, neither of whom married. William Eli Williams was a farmer, blacksmith, and carpenter, who made coffins for the community. He was born to William Norman Williams who came to Lauderdale County area, moving south from Kemper County and from Georgia before that.

He stopped when his wife told him that she had traveled all she intended too! He was carrying a few simple tools; a handsaw, a crowbar and a foot adz that the family still has today. He was married to Lucinda Mosley Williams. Polly was born to Starling Elsberry "Lump" Alexander and Cornelia Cansada "Sadie" Mabry. Lump Alexander was born to Ira Byrd Alexander and Polly Johnson. Sadie was born to Jasper "Dape" Mabry and Haney Elizabeth Dollar. Jasper was the son of Daniel Mabry who was married to Sarah Anderson.

They married 23 April 1954, and R.C. began working at Flintkote Company in Meridian, Ms. They built a home between Savoy and Enterprise, Ms. in 1957 and 1958. They did not believe in borrowing money, in general, but took out a small loan to buy some additional land, after the house was completed on the original 5 acres. They accepted Christ and joined Rock Hill Baptist Church near Meehan. They were baptized about 2 September 1956, in Tallahatta Creek, off of Highway 80, near the Cains Restaurant in Meehan by Bro. Cecil Laird.

When four children, Shirley Gail, Reuben Coleman, Ronald Winn, and Raeburn Keith Mabry were born, they sold their home and property between Meehan and Savoy, and moved to Collinsville, Ms. in 1962. A new school was to be built in Collinsville, and the Mabrys felt that the bus rides to school (two hours each way) were too long and stressful on the young children. This was proven when the children failed to show one evening and Mabrys found the bus broken down near Stucky bridge, near the Chunky River, and the children swimming unsupervised in the cold river.

The house and land in Collinsville formerly belonged to Mr. Floyd Scitz. The Scitz property was located at the current junction of Hamrick Road West and Hamrick Road North, near the Collinsville Beach of the Okatibbee Reservoir. In 1967 the Mabrys built a brick home, adjacent to the original wooden frame home, which was sold to and moved by Percy Ross.

R.C. Mabry died in April 1972 shortly before his daughter Shirley Gail graduated from high school at West Lauderdale. Shirley Mabry and the children continued with the encouragement and support of the family, community, and the church. Shirley had previously worked during the construction of their home to help pay for it, but after her husband's death, the secretarial wage was not enough to offset the children's needs at home. She went back to work when Raeburn was a senior in high school, at Delco Remy in Meridian, and retired from there in 1996. She still resides in the home on Hamrick Road West.

Shirley Gail attended Meridian Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi, majoring in medical technology. Shirley married Mark T. Chandlee in 1976 and had two sons, Mark Thomas Chandlee, Jr. and Anthony Reuben Chandlee, and they reside in Collinsville.

Reuben Jr. attended Meridian Junior College, Mississippi State University, and Tulane University, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering. Reuben married in 1983 to Fay Vail of River Ridge, La. and had three children, Benjamin Lee, Emily Fay, and Katherine Elaine. They divorced, but still reside in River Ridge.

Ronald attended Meridian Junior College and holds an Associate of Arts Degree in drafting and design technology. He married Rita Marlene McNamee in 1980 and had three children; Jessica Brooke, Shannon Leah, and Ronald Winn III. After a divorce in 1986, Ronald met and married Lahoma Lynn Truhett Warren, in 1990, gaining a step-son, Dudley Earl Warren III. Ronald and Lahoma then had a daughter, Andrea Rachel. The Ronald Mabry family resides in Collinsville.

Raeburn attended Meridian Junior College and Mississippi State University and holds a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering. In 1982 he married Hope Maria Moyer, and they have four sons; Matthew Rae; Keith Tyler, Joel Philip, and Ryan Charles and currently live in Collinsville. )